

SIDE LIGHTS



FOUNDED 1969
MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB Inc.
A0001922T (MPHVC)
Member of the Federation of Vintage, Veteran & Classic Vehicles Clubs
and the Association of Motoring Clubs.

FEBRUARY 2026



UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

FEBRUARY

* Sunday 1st	Breakfast Run - IMPRESSO HASTY CAFÉ 9.30am	(details back page)
* Sunday 8th	General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn. 12pm	(details back page)
* Wednesday 11th	Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Inn. 6.30pm	(details back page)
* Sunday 15th	BBQ at Andrew Simons	(details below)
* Sunday 22nd	Last Sunday Run -	(TBA)

MARCH

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If for any reason we need to cancel a planned event, we will endeavour to email and text those members that have email and mobile numbers listed with the club. We will also put a post on Facebook re any updates or cancellations! Please feel free to ring a Committee Member if you

MPHVC EVENT DETAILS

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 15th February Ray has organised a 15th of February visit to Andrew Simons. The venue is a converted mushroom factory—great shed and cars. 1880 Western Port Highway, Pearcedale. 5pm start, BBQ available if you would like to BYO food and drink.

UPCOMING—tentative events

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 22nd February Coolart Homestead (to be confirmed)

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 29th March Visit to Martha Cove (to be confirmed)

CLUB NEWSFLASH

Dawn Etccl is stepping down as editor of Side Lights

After 7 years as Editor and Assistant Editor of our monthly publication Side Lights, Dawn and Wayne Etccl have declined nominations for the roles this year. Dawn and Wayne joined MPHVC in 2019, and were swiftly recruited onto the committee. As the club was without an Editor, they were appointed as Editor and Assistant Editor. Dawn putting together the newsletter and Wayne looking for interesting stories and jokes, and getting the Sidelights printed.

Club President Chris Warwick said, “The club wishes to thank Dawn and Wayne for their stellar performance and dedication to delivering a top notch publication. Dan MacKeeman will take over the role as Editor of Side Lights this year.”

As always the success of Sidelights relies on contributions from our club members, so please keep those stories and photos coming in.

***MPHVC Members and Committee would
like to welcome our newest Members***

Darcy Miller-Stapleton



Upcoming Meets and Events



Lang Lang Hot Rod Custom & Classic Car Show 'N' Shine and Swap Meet

Sunday 8th February 2026
@ the Lang Lang Showgrounds

Entry 6am Swap Meet Stall Holders, all Show Vehicles
7am Public Entry and Trade Stalls / Site holders

Public Entry \$10.00 Per Person
(Children under 16 Free)

The Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang



Lang Lang Hot Rod Custom & Classic Car Show 'N' Shine & Swap Meet

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Sunday 15th February 2026
Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

British & European Motoring Show Sunday 15th February 2026 Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

Entry from Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen
You do not have to be a club member to attend this show.

Gate Opening Times

Gates open from 9.00 am for **display cars** and from 10.00 am for **spectators**.

Admission

Display cars \$15.00 (includes all

occupants) Motorcycles \$10.00

Spectators \$10.00 Children free

Pass outs will be available for vehicle occupants and spectators

Please bring the kids they will be tomorrow's enthusiasts.

Club Displays are welcome and encouraged. A trophy for the best club display will be awarded. To park together it's a good idea to arrive together. Please contact the Association to reserve your area.

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded for a number of categories and the presentation will be held at 1.30 pm.

General

Food and refreshments will be available.

There will be Children's entertainment and trade stalls.

Further enquiries for trade stall sites are welcome.

Please call 0473 832 277 to book your site

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mphvc.sidelights@yahoo.com.au

Upcoming Meets and Events, Continued

COME JOIN US IN 2026
MUSEUM OF VEHICLE EVOLUTION (MOVE)
SHEPPARTON



MARCH 6-9

FIND US ON FB "2026 VIC STATE RALLY"

GV BATTERIES | TOTAL TOOLS | FRED'S | QUAD LOCK | GV

The Vintage Drivers Club presents
YARRA GLEN
= 2026 =
SWAP MEET

VINTAGE & CLASSIC CARS, PARTS & ACCESSORIES
Garagenalia - Collectibles - Show & Shine



Sunday 8 March 2026

Yarra Glen Racecourse
Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen VIC

Gates Open:
Sellers: 6:30am Buyers: 7:30am Show n Shine: 8:00am
Entry - \$10 (children under 12 free)
Site Fees - from \$25

Online Site Bookings open mid November through **trybooking**
 or scan the QR code:

Enquiries - yarraglenswap@vdc.org.au or
 Iain 0473 832 277

www.vintagedriversclub.com.au



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DISPLAY

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seeing you.

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 contact Sue on 0455 556 542



CRUDEN FARM MOTORING SHOW



The weather was sunning and warm on Sunday at Cruden Farm. As usual a great mix of exhibits from veteran to the 1990's. Such a great location, always a pleasure to stroll around the farm.



ABOVE LEFT . plenty of nice vintage examples.

ABOVE RIGHT. A few nice hot rods. This deuce was spot-on old school.

LEFT. Nice display of beautiful veterans.

BELOW. Always a good turnout from the Austin 7 club..



LEFT. The military vehicle were very well represented.

Thursday Morning at Tooradin

If you like old motorcycles you should head to the Tooradin jetty on Thursday mornings. You'll find a large gathering of bikes and old blokes that rode them there.



The event is hosted by the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club (VJMC), but it welcomes all types of motorcycles.



The Old Jetty Café seems to do well on Thursday morning.



ABOVE. A restored Harley Knucklehead.



RIGHT. A nice original 1958 Velocette.



ABOVE LEFT. Lots of chin waging going on. ABOVE RIGHT. The Editor's 1972 Honda CB 750 Four. If you're into bikes, you really should check it out—have a coffee and a stroll around.

The City of Casey Update

For anyone who's been following the City of Casey permit system drama. This is where the council began enforcing the permit system requiring people to pay permit fees for working on vehicle, storing unregistered vehicle, caravan and sea containers on their property. Here is what I found on the council's website:

"Following a community review in late 2025, the City of Casey clarified and updated rules for vehicles on private land.

- **Minor Repairs:** No permit is required for minor maintenance (e.g., oil changes, belt changes) on your own property.
- **Unregistered Vehicles:** The requirement to have a permit for storing unregistered vehicles on private property was removed in December 2025 to respect residents' rights.
- **Caravans:** You may park a caravan on your property for up to 14 days in any 60-day period without a permit. "



Matters relating to excess unregistered vehicles and vehicle maintenance will be managed through unsightly and noise clauses. So it looks like you can do as you like as long as your property looks tidy from the street and no one complains. There does however still seem to be a lot of rules around property use in the shire, so it would be a good idea to check with council regarding your specific situation.

Elsbeth Beard - Around the World on a BMW R60/6

In 1982, Elspeth Beard, just 23 years old, strapped her gear onto a second hand 1974 BMW R60/6 and set off on an adventure that would change her life, and inspire generations to come. With no GPS, no mobile phone, and little support, she began a solo motorcycle journey around the world, covering 35,000 miles across four continents.



Elsbeth Beard was the first Englishwoman to circumnavigate the world on a motorcycle, traveling 35,000 miles on her BMW R60/6. Her journey took 2 years, from 1982-1984.

It was a time when female motorcyclists were almost unheard of, and solo travel by women was considered unthinkable. But Beard wasn't looking for approval, she was chasing something greater. Her journey took her across Europe, into the vast deserts of Australia, through the challenging terrain of Asia, and across the U.S., all while dealing with broken parts, crashes, illness, and relentless solitude. She was robbed, got into accidents, and had to rebuild her motorcycle in strange lands using whatever tools and parts she could find. In places where female independence was often frowned upon, Beard had to rely on her wit, courage, and stubborn resolve to keep going.

When she finally returned to the UK in 1984, she had become the first British woman to ride a motorcycle solo around the world. But there were no parades or newspaper headlines. Her incredible feat was largely ignored, lost in a time that didn't know how to celebrate women like her. For years, her story remained untold.

It wasn't until decades later, when she published her memoir *Lone Rider*, that Elspeth Beard began to receive the recognition she deserved. Her journey not only broke barriers in adventure motorcycling but also challenged gender roles and proved that true adventure belongs to anyone brave enough to chase it. (story obtained from Facebook page "Historical Facts")

If you are interested in Elspeth's adventures, there are a couple of very good documentaries on YouTube. Here's the link to one that I watched a while back.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ao1RM4phqE>

The Cars We Knew

Coming in future issues of Side Lights:

Do you know this car?



I expect some of you will know this this little cheapy. These cars began life as a failed economy car, but ended up a winner on the drag strips.

The man behind these little cars was better know for building big things such as roads, bridges, dams and ships. In next months issue

of Side Lights we'll do a feature on Henry J Kaiser and the cars that bore his name.

Australian Fords of the 1950's



ABOVE LEFT. A 1955 Mercury Meteor. ABOVE RIGHT. A 1958 Ford "Star Model." In future issues of Side Lights we'll talk about the interesting history of the Australian Fords of the 1950's.

Longest highways overall [\[edit \]](#)

Automotive Trivia

Name	Length	Location	From	To	Notes
Asian Highway 1	20,557 km (12,774 mi)	Eurasia	Kapıkule, Turkey	Tokyo, Japan	Broken up by the Sea of Japan .
Highway 1	14,500 km (9,000 mi)	Australia	Loop route		Longest route within a single country by joining partial roads. Not a straight single road.
Asian Highway 2	13,177 km (8,188 mi)	Asia	Denpasar, Indonesia	Khosravi, Iran	Broken up by Bali Strait , Java Sea , and Karimata Strait .
Pan-American Highway	11,500 km (7,100 mi)	Americas	Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, United States	Yaviza, Panama	Together with the southern section, the entire length is 30,000km, however, the roads are not connected due to the 100km Darién Gap
Trans-Siberian Highway	11,000 km (6,800 mi)	Russia	St. Petersburg	Vladivostok	Longest non-loop route within a single country.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 30/11/2025

Sanctuary Inn. Marine Parade, Hastings.

COMMENCED: 12.06 pm.

ATTENDANCES: As per the Christmas Luncheon attendance forms.

APOLOGIES/ ABSENTEEISM: Nil

VISITORS: Nil

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

CHAIR OF MEETING – President- Chris Warwick

-Overview of the year – President Chris Warwick

-Successes listed covering 2025.

-Membership numbers

-Activities covered were listed.

-Donations – support through Bunnings and Middendorp, Nepean Cellars.

TREASURY REPORT – David Hunt

-Read out Annual Summary

-Printed version offered and supplied to members present.

-Provided a summary of: Income, Expenditure, Bank Reconciliation Balance. Closing balance 30 June 2025 \$31,477.78.

-Signature on Accounts – Treasurer, President, and Secretary.

-Consumer Affairs documentation to be paid and completed in December 2025.

Moved: – David Hunt Seconded: Burnie Valentini Carried: Yes

AGM – Eddie Reynolds

-Committee positions – vacated for the AGM

Club Nominations for 2026

-President – Chris Warwick

-Vice President – Ray Griffin

-Secretary – Nyree Parker

-Treasurer- David Hunt

-Assistant Treasurer – Graham Bedford

-Editor of Sidelights – Dan MacKeeman

-Publisher – Noelene Warwick

-Membership Officer – John Schipper

-Memorabilia Officer – Colin Gardener

-Permit Register Officer (once a year commitment) – Darren Crerer.

-Safety Officer – Ray Griffin

-Activities Officer – Vacant and available

-Committee Members - Stephen Rand, Colin Gardner, and Noelene Warwick

-AOMC Representative – Peter Anscombe

-Federation Representative – Alan Saunders

Red Plate Registration Signatories

-David Hunt – Treasurer

-Darren Crerar

-Nyree Parker - Secretary

-Ray Griffin – Safety Officer and Vice President

-Doreen Madeley – Club member.

AWARDS

The President—Terry Capon Award recipient — was Ivan Howard; Marian Capon presented the award.

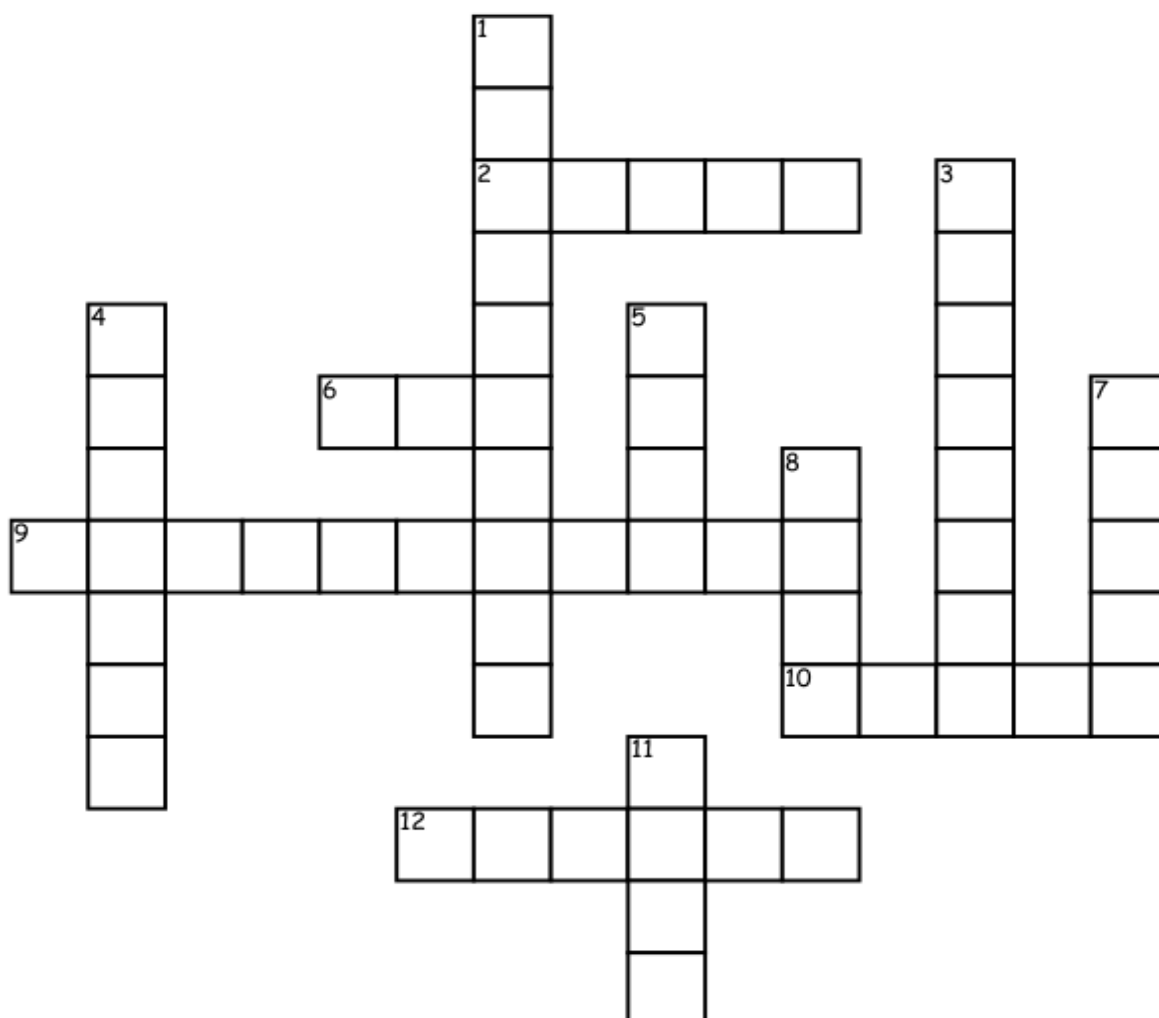
The meeting concluded, followed by the Christmas luncheon.

Next General Committee meeting: 11 January 2026 at 12 pm at Sanctuary Inn.

Meeting Closed: 12:30 hrs.

Don't Strain Your Brain

A crossword on Cars



Across

2. Japan's largest-selling make of premium cars.
6. What company was founded in Munich, Germany
9. An Italian brand and manufacturer of luxury supercars and sports cars
10. The most renowned electric car company

12. Fastest selling car (brand)

Down

1. The full name of the company known as 'VW'
3. A global automobile manufacturer, headquarters in Stuttgart, Baden-Württemberg
4. What car brand has a model called - - - - - veyron
5. A member of the Volkswagen Group
7. Jujiro Matsuda is the founder of what car company?
8. What company is the model - - - - Doblo from?
11. Second largest family owned company in the world



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OUR CLUB

The Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club Incorporated was founded in 1969 as a Family Social Club, aimed at assisting in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of historic vehicles, stationary engines and other mechanical memorabilia more than 25 years old. Particular emphasis is on veteran, vintage and classic eras together with later vehicles of interest. The MPHVC will also endeavour to assist local non-profit clubs and organizations by participating in their events when invited. Please address any correspondence to:

The Secretary
MPHVC Inc.
PO Box 7056
Karingal Centre, Frankston 3199

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OFFICE BEARERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS & DELEGATES 2025 / 2026

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— Doreen Madeley
— Nyree Parker - 0401 806 448
— David Hunt - 0412 175 258
Safety Officer: — Ray Griffin - 0409 216 273
AOMC Delegates: — Peter Anscombe, Mark Behr.
Federation Delegate: — Alan Saunders

- Preferred method of Red Plate Permit renewal signatory authorization, is to be done at a monthly General Meeting. Alternatively, post to Club and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

- New vehicles, to be submitted for registry with MPHVC, must be approved via Safety Officer before VicRoads paperwork is signed.

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MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Breakfast Run.

Meeting 9.30am at Impresso Hasty Café.
43 High Street, Hastings (next to Trotters Shoes).
Full breakfast, toasted sandwiches or just coffee and muffins etc available.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH General Meeting & lunch.

Meeting place: Sanctuary Inn.

Where: 126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 0359 79333.

When: 2nd Sunday of every month at 12pm.

Our monthly General Meeting for members, guests and potential new members.

The meeting commences at 12noon followed by lunch at approximately 1pm, for those that wish to stay. Please order your meal before commencement of meeting, stating your name and that you are with MPHVC.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH End Of Month Sunday Run.

Meet prior to 10am Baxter Tavern, depart 10am.

Destination planned on the day amongst those members that are present, or prior as printed in Sidelights.

BYO refreshments and chair. Alternatively we may end up at a café. Weather and numbers present on day will help decide where we end up! Members encouraged to suggest destinations for future months.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Wednesday after the General Meeting at Sanctuary Inn.
126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 03 5979 3333.

Meeting starts 6.30pm, followed by dinner for those that wish to stay. Please order meal before commencement of 6.30 meeting.

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