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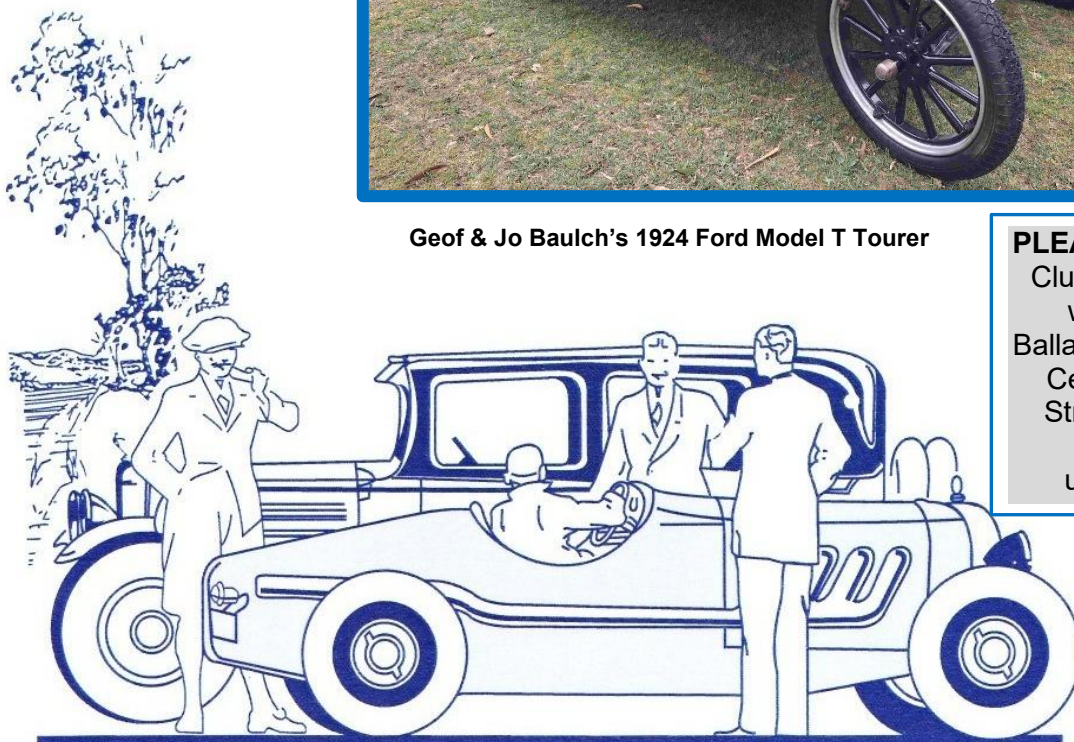
Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Geof & Jo Baulch's 1924 Ford Model T Tourer



PLEASE NOTE:

Club General Meetings
will be held at the
Ballarat North Community
Centre – 702 Walker
Street, Ballarat North
at 7:30pm
until further notice

Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM

NOTE: The next **General Meeting** will be held **FRIDAY, 17th OCTOBER 2025**

At Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North

Life Members

Alan Firms, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec),
Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto, Gordon Roberts, Bob Bennetts (Dec),
Ian Watson and Mark Border

Newsletter

Articles for the **November 2025** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 28th October 2025**
All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com
All contributions acknowledged.

Code Red Fire Rating Days

Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Code Red** is automatically cancelled, and Members and
Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

At the time of compiling this newsletter, the National Ford Model T Rally is in town, so I thought it appropriate to have Geof and Jo Baulch's T as the Cover Story this month – and what a story it is – hope you enjoy it.

Congratulations to Mark Border on his Life Membership Award – very well deserved, and reflects Mark's exemplary commitment to the spirit of being a member of the Club.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

CONGRATULATIONS – Mark Border – Life Member

With Mark's family present, Wayne announced the appointment of Mark Border as our newest Life Member. Mark and Gayle joined the Club in 2003 and Mark became quickly involved in Club activities including joining the Committee the following year. He was a Committee member until 2021 – this coincided with many other roles he has continued to hold right up until the present. Mark was nominated by Andy Burns and Tom Quinlan was the seconder. Prior to Mark arriving at the meeting, the members present voted unanimously in favour of Mark's Award.



President Wayne Lineker
pinning the Life Member badge
on Mark's lapel



Andy Burns, Mark and Daryl Crawley



Nominator Andy Burns presenting
Mark with his Certificate



A very proud Mark
displaying his Certificate
and Citation

Celebrations

Our congratulations and Happy Birthday greetings have been conveyed to **Maree Sherlock** on the occasion of her 90th Birthday – hope you celebrated well.

Welfare

Pleased to report that there are no new sickies to report on; but our thoughts are with those who are struggling with ongoing health issues and treatments, and we're thinking of **Bob Kennedy** at this time.

From the President

Hi all,

Well, my first meeting is done and dusted but what a meeting it was - it was an absolute pleasure to be a part of Mark Border's Life Membership presentation. He seemed half surprised, and it was great to have Gayle and the family there.

Then Brett in his Treasurers' report revealed that Frank and Carolyn Whitfield had made a \$10,000 donation to the Building Fund, and he said he made the donation because of how much pleasure the Club has given them; it was like family to him. Thank you, Frank and Carolyn for all the things you have done over your many years with the Club.

Then Andy Burns in his building report talked about getting his place ready to host the T Model Fords when they come to town the following week, and they wanted to give him \$400 for his time and effort, he told them they didn't need to do that, but they insisted; so, he has donated that to the Club's Building Fund. Fantastic Andy - much appreciated.

So, I can only dream to have donations like this happen every meeting from now on! We would have the new clubrooms paid for in no time.

One last thing – the plans for next year's Begonia Rally are making great progress, so look for the Entry Form and Details in November's Club newsletter.

Happy motoring
Wayne Lineker



AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE – 23rd September 2025

Nancy is having a well-earned break – so I'm on the job for the duration.

1 New Member Applications

- i) **Roger and Pam Curtis-Harding** from Delacombe who have a 1993 Ford XR2 Capri Convertible. They were nominated by Mike Simpson and seconded by Daryl Mitchell
- ii) **Peter and Tracey Reid** from Ross Creek who have a 1997 Suzuki Sierra Surf Wagon SJ80. They were nominated by Richard English and seconded by Mike Simpson.

Providing there are no objections received by the President prior to the October Meeting and the applicants are present, they will be welcomed into the Club as Members.

2 Name Badges

Following feedback and subsequent investigations, the Committee has decided that the Christian name on the badges be made slightly larger to make it easier to read. So, this is available to all members should they wish to 'update' their name badge at a cost \$10 per badge. This also applies to replacement badges if you have lost/misplaced same.

3 60th Anniversary of VCCC Ballarat

As reported in the last newsletter, our Club will celebrate this great milestone next year – November in fact. Special events will be arranged throughout the year culminating in a Gala Dinner. BUT! In order for this to happen, a working party is required. If you would like to be involved in this planning, please contact Publicity Officer, **Noel Trengove – 0400 599 707**.

4 Guest Speaker – October General Meeting

Sean Duggan is a MICA Paramedic from Ambulance Victoria and was scheduled to attend the July meeting but was unable to come due to an emergency. Sean has agreed to come to the October meeting to give us an informative and entertaining talk about AED/Cardiac Arrest.

5 VCCC Ballarat – Battery Drive

Have you got old/dead batteries hanging around your yard or shed taking up valuable space?

As a much-needed fundraiser to help fit out the new Clubrooms, we invite and encourage members and friends to support this venture for the benefit of the Club.

This had been put on hold until after the Clubrooms were built, BUT following a generous offer from Warren Harris, this will be put into place now. Warren has offered members to drop off their old batteries at his factory at 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree. There will be a pellet behind the shed so that you can go there whenever it suits you – you don't need to make arrangements with anyone.

Please contact **Warren – 0417 590 760** should you require further information.

6 Club Person of the Year

As we start our new Club Year, give a thought to nominating someone who has gone the extra mile for you. This is a good way to acknowledge their deed and who knows, the person you nominate could well be the Club Person of the Year at the 2026 AGM.

Nerene Backhouse, Assistant Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – 19th September 2025

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the Club:

Terry and Jeni Waldron from Kingston were nominated by Cyndy Allison and seconded by Richard English. They have a 1983 Toyota Celica XT 2 door hatch.

A warm welcome to you both – we hope you enjoy your time with us

URGENT



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW OVERDUE!!!!

**This will be your last newsletter
if you haven't paid by now!!!!**

**Also, please note that your Permit Renewals cannot be signed by
Permit Officers unless you are a financial member.**

**Contact the Membership Officer, Cyndy Allison – 0439 696 050
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Cover Story – 1924 Ford Model T Tourer – Geof and Jo Baulch

My earliest memories of our T are when my father spoke of it in 1966 when I was 7.

Our "one family T" was purchased new in 1924 by my Great Grandfather from Wade Motors in Hamilton Victoria. The car remained in our family right through until it was given to my father in 1967. Throughout this time, it was driven around the Cavendish, Balmoral and Hamilton districts, and every time it left our property, it had to drive through the creek at the front gate which unfortunately, took its toll on the body work, as you can see in this photo. (That's me, behind the wheel in 1967.



I can remember when Dad was given the car - he and one of his mates setting to work, removing the head amongst other things. I obviously had an interest at a young age as I thought I was being helpful pouring diesel on the bonnet hinges to keep them working. The T stayed on our family farm for many years, and I remember the chickens roosting in it and pumpkins being stored in it. The hood wasn't on it and all the cushions, and ignition key were missing, but everything else was there.

In the 25 years that Dad owned the car, he dismantled most of it ready for restoration, but due to lack of time and other commitments it remained that way.

I received the car in 1992 as a trailer load of "junk", a giant jigsaw puzzle, and I steadily worked over the next few months carefully piecing it back together. It proved essential as it helped me establish what was missing and what was worn and needed replacing. I then took it all apart again ready to start restoration, something that seemed daunting at the time.

It took me about 10 months to realise that there really were only three main parts to the car - the chassis which I needed to get powder coated, the body that needed repairing and painting, and the engine and electrics that I felt I could tackle myself.

All the running gear, the diffs, springs and anything I decided would be black, went to be sand blasted and powder coated. The body went to a local sheet metal workshop to have the rust cut out and repaired ready for painting.



Then the body went to the spray painters to be painted. This, I decided, should be two pack. We knew the original colour and pin striping of the car from some parts of the body that were constantly covered and so were not rusted or faded.

Jackson's in Sydney were the suppliers of the new valance panels, as there was enough left of the originals to make a copy. The two front mudguards were irreparable and so new ones were purchased from East Coast in Sydney. The engine was then my challenge whilst all of the above was being attended to by others. I realised that the motor hadn't done many miles at all due to the small amount of wear on the bores. I replaced the pistons with aluminium ones when I put the engine back together. I didn't have the main bearings rebabbitted at this stage as they appeared to be okay. (2000 kms later, however, they

disintegrated and were replaced and rebored) I had the cam shaft reground and checked the valves were replaced with new ones, and adjustable lifters were also installed.

The big end caps were drilled and Chev dippers were installed to assist with lubrication. An outside oil line was also put in to help the somewhat inadequate oil feed system that is standard for 'T' Models.

The transmission was balanced, re-bushed and installed numerous times to get the air gaps on the magnets and pickup bobbins as close as possible, so that the motor, when finished, would run on its original system.

Once all the powder coated parts came home, they were reassembled to form a neat, well finished package. I was happy now as it really started to look like I had done something. The body came home next in its original state, nice and neat, so now I had to be extra careful with the spanners. The new guards and valances could now be fitted and everything lined up. Then to the painters for its makeover.



Next were the wheels and tyres, I could use the original wheels but second-hand felloes were purchased and plated. The tyres were purchased from Antique tyres in Melbourne.

Now that it was all on wheels, it was taken to a mate's place who is an upholsterer. We then worked on it together. The hood we copied from what was left of the old one and I could still use the original bows.

The windscreen was replaced with toughened glass to keep up to safety standards. The headlight reflectors were re silvered and the original glasses were reinstalled. All electrics on the car are 6 volts, as standard, and once started, the magneto is used for the spark.

Now that everything was finished and oil, water and petrol were installed in the correct places, I set about starting it. Like all restorations that haven't been started for many years, the first start usually takes some time, which results in a few blisters. But once started, it can be tweaked and adjusted to run smoothly. A new ignition key was sourced and purchased from America.

From the start it has taken 3 years, of which about only 2 years was work and 12 months thinking about it. I have now clocked up close to 10,000 miles without any major mechanical problems. The car is a 1924 Model 'T' Ford Tourer and has only 3 doors (no driver's side door) which is original. It is khaki green with a white pinstripe all the way around the top of the body. The guards, valance panels and running boards are black. The hood is cream coloured canvas. All colours are original as taken from the body and remaining hood remnants.



COMING EVENTS – October - November 2025

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 15.

~ Mid-week Twilight Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

These motorbike rides commence in October again and run through to the end of March (Daylight Saving months). The runs are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent) to a local pub for light eats and drinks. Club Eligible bikes only.

Please contact **Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001** to have your phone number included on his text message invitation list when a run is happening.

Thursday 16th October – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12 noon – Crown Hotel, Buninyong

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 13th October

Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770

Friday 17th October - Club General Meeting – 7.30pm - Ballarat North Community Centre

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Sunday 19th October - Picnic at Mt Franklin — depart 9.45am from Mars Stadium, Creswick Road

The Vintage & Classic Car Club (Ballarat) Inc invites your car club to attend the 2025 Picnic at Mt Franklin on Sunday 19th October from about 10.30 onwards. All welcome.

This is a casual picnic day with no extras or frills, no trophies, no raffles. Just a casual day to meet with other like-minded car enthusiasts. Bring your own everything. There are toilets on site. We are looking forward to meeting you at 4 Powells Lane, Mount Franklin VIC 3461.

The VCCC will be leaving from near **Mars Stadium 711 Creswick Road**, Ballarat at approx. **9.45am** for a leisurely 70km drive through the countryside to arrive at the Mount about 11.15am. Toilets on site, but no drinking water.

After lunch feel free to continue your journey by visiting nearby Daylesford & Hepburn.

This is an annual event which began before covid and hopefully will continue.

Contact - Mike Simpson – 0419 935 147 or mikelynsimpson@bigpond.com for VCCC Ballarat

Tuesday 21st October – Club Committee Meeting – Traminer Court – 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October - Seniors Week Expo - new Ballarat Showgrounds – 10am - 2.00pm

The VCCC has been invited by City of Ballarat to display some vehicles and man a table where people can chat about the cars we bring as well as the club itself.

Please contact **Brendan Stevens on 0409 018 867** if you can help with a vehicle and on the day.

Friday 7th November – Twilight Sports Car Run – 6.30pm

We will be leaving from the Bus Exchange on Melbourne Road Ballarat East at 6.30pm. The run will be about 80 kms travelling through the canola area. At the end of the run, we will be calling into Maccas Wendouree

Contact John and Gayle Pickering – 0408 914 943

Saturday 8th November – Ladies Crafternoon – Ballarat North Community Centre – 1-3.30pm

You are invited to join us at the Classic Stitchers group – come with a project you are working on or just come for a cuppa and chat. Cost is \$6 to cover the hall hire. The next Crafternoon after this one is on 13th December which will have a Christmas theme – more details next month.

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077 if you require further information.

Thursday 20th November – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12 noon – TBA

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Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Sunday 23rd November – 2 Club Events on this day – both will be Trophy Points Runs

Event 1 Monthly Club Run – leave from the Brown Hill Bus Exchange, Melbourne Road at **9.30am**. We will be going to Blackwood/St Erth. BYO picnic lunch.

Event 2

VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR CLUB BALLARAT INC.

presents the

ANNUAL GEOFF HERKES MEMORIAL PRE '30's TOUR

~ Sunday 23rd November 2025 ~

Catering for Vintage and Veteran Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles
A casual day's drive/ride in scenic countryside with other enthusiasts
Trophy Points will be allocated as this event falls on the Club Run Day



ENTRY \$5.00 PER PERSON

Tour starts at the Haddon Lions Club Rooms and
finishes at the Haddon Recreation Centre (15km SW of Ballarat)

Arrive from 8.30am at the Haddon Lions Park for registrations

DEPART at 9.30am

Morning and Afternoon Tea provided – BYO Lunch or Takeaway shops available.

Fuel available in the town that we stop for lunch

Period Dress Optional

Tail End Charlie will have room for your BYO lunch and/or fuel should you wish

Further details – phone **Warrick Pitcher – 0408 508 303**

Looking Ahead and Other Events That May Be of Interest

Sunday 12th October – Colac Swap Meet – Colac Racecourse

Sat-Sun 18th-19th October – Goldfields Rally hosted by Dunolly Historical Vehicle Club

Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th October – National Veteran (pre-1918) Motorcycle Rally in Ballarat.

Home base for the week is at the Windmill Caravan Park. Old bikes and riders will depart each morning at approximately 9-9:30am and hopefully arrive back at the park at around 2:30pm. Members and friends are welcome to wander up to the Windmill Park later in each afternoon to catch up and see the century plus old bikes.

Saturday 25th October – 16th All Holden Day – held at Geelong Baptist College Lovely Banks

Sunday 26th October – Talbot Swap Meet at the Sports Reserve

Sat-Sun 1st - 2nd November – Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

Sunday 9th November – Skipton Spring Festival – Show and Shine – 10am – 2.30pm

Club member Dale McIntyre has invited VCCC to attend the Show and Shine at the Skipton Spring Festival Vintage & Classic Car Show – Skipton Golf & Bowls Club – Free Entry, Great Prizes, Public Vote.

Brendan will lead a group drive leaving from Dan Murphy's Car Park at DTC at 9am. We could pick up people at Smythesdale, Linton etc along the way and others from different directions can make their own way there. We aim to have cars arrived by 10am and lined up for display behind the Skipton Bowling Club.

Please polish up your vehicles and support Dale

Contact Dale – 0428 838 201 or eventskiptonpa@gmail.com

Saturday - Sunday 15th - 16th November – Bendigo Swap Meet – Holmes Road - Bendigo

Contact Brett Holloway 0418 53 541 if you require further information

Clubrooms Redevelopment Update #20

This month is a shorter report, as we are in a holding pattern awaiting the Survey Report and OP plan from the Surveyor General. The holdup, as previously reported, is the entitlement to use the land, and issuing the title. You will have seen in the newsletter last month my detailed letter that was sent to the Surveyor General's Office.

We are progressing (although slowly) by adopting a two-pronged approach. While I am keeping in touch with Council (with nothing further to report), Andy has been in touch with the Surveyor General's Office, to follow up my letter, originally lodged via Council. This was 3rd September, with a follow up call received 12th September. He was to be contacted within 1-2 weeks with a timeline, but at the time of writing this, there has been no word.

The bills have at least slowed this month. I asked our contact at Council if they would consider waiving the rent and rates on our site for the year, given the delays. The rent has been waived already, and the rates are being considered by the revenue team, so this is a positive.

On a more positive note, at the last General Meeting, in my role now as Treasurer, I was pleased to be able to report on a substantial donation that has been made to the Building Fund. Frank & Carolyn Whitfield are pleased to have donated \$10,000, and with their consent, it gives me great pleasure to report this and recognise their generosity. At the meeting, Frank spoke of a lot of enjoyment over the last 20 years, they have made many friends, been on many good outings and tours, and enjoy the company and friendship of the Club. As Frank says: *"the Members make the Club"* and has always been impressed with the co-operation that makes the Club operate, and how well the Club is administered.

There will be a shortfall in overall funding for this project, and as the fit-out progresses, this will become clearer. There has been a Building Fund Donation form developed, so if you are in a position to contribute at some point, this form is available, please contact me for more information.

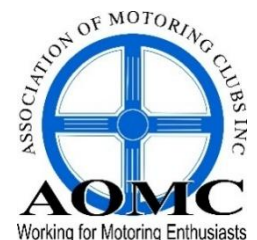
Brett Holloway – on behalf of the Building Subcommittee

PAST EVENTS

AOMC Delegates Meeting - 16th August, 2025 at the Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum

VicRoads/CPS report – Members of AOMC and Federation met with VicRoads staff on the 20th May, 2025. Issues discussed included: -

- A proposal to streamline the online CPS permit scheme whereby Club Secretaries pre-authorise/confirm Club membership of the applicant directly on-line to Vic Roads, so that the CPS applicant can then pay permit fees online without having to first have paperwork physically signed.
- Electronic logbooks are also under consideration.



A question from the floor enquired about the provision of short term permits to enable collector vehicles to participate in events. The Chairman advised he would take this up with VicRoads.

Apprentice & Business Support Grants: These were launched at the May meeting. If Members are aware of a business that supply vital services to clubs, then that business should be encouraged to apply for a grant. Similarly, if that business has an apprentice, he or she could also be entitled to a grant. Full details on the grants available are on the AOMC website.

Treasurer's Report. The AOMC as at the 31st July has \$281,000 in the bank, and remains in a sound financial position.

AOMC Events 2025

- **Club and Trade Expo Saturday 18th October** - This event will be held at Penrite's Factory at 110/116 Greens Rd, Dandenong South VIC 3175. There is room for 50 trade suppliers and more than 15 clubs with up to 3 cars each. See the AOMC website for details.
- **American Cars & Coffee Event:** to be staged at the Manhattan Hotel in October. Information will be on the website.

AOMC Events 2026

- **Festival of Motoring at Cruden farm – 16th January**
- **British & European Show - Sunday 15th February at Yarra Glen Racecourse**
- **National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 17th May** Clubs who are holding an event on NMHD and are looking for support are invited to apply to the AOMC through Howard in the office
- **Florence Thomson Tour:** The 2026 event will be based in Shepparton and will include the MOVE museum. Applications will open in September and close in November. (Be quick, likely to oversubscribe)

MembershipPLUS Club Insurance Scheme: -

The scheme was launched on the 1st of July and 30 Clubs have signed up as of mid-August. The package includes Public Liability and Voluntary Workers Insurance. A basic requirement is the development of Risk Management Plans for a Club's activities. Compliance with this requirement means substantially reduced premiums. AOMC is working on a simplified version of RMPs for smaller low risk clubs.

Club Permit Scheme Handbook: -

A revision of the 2015 Handbook is nearing completion and soon to be sent to VicRoads for their imprimatur.

Guest Speaker – Alan Miller of the Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum

Site covers some 8 acres and houses a lot of large machinery much of it ex Thomsons Foundry in Castlemaine. An interesting and informative local museum preserving local history. Well worthwhile and potential future club visit recommended.

Ruth and Damian O'Doherty
VCCC Delegates

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree	Phone 5339 2056	Contact Neale
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat	Phone 53337206	Contact Henry

GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – Permit Officer, Richard English has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

First and preferred option – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

Second Option – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

Third Option – Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fourth Option – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fifth Option – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

VERY IMPORTANT – When applying for a new Permit - PLEASE make sure you have ALL the necessary documents. This will save both you and the Permit Officer a lot of wasted time.

NOTE* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.

Ladies Drive Day – Monthly Club Run (Trophy Points) - Sunday 21st September



Coffee was the go at Maccas, Delacombe before departing



Action Shot! Lyn Simpson at the wheel



After the fantastic 2-hour drive, we arrived at Lismore – Nerene Backhouse's A30, Dianne Gardner's Datsun and Brett & Kevin Holloway in Kevin's FJ outside the Hotel



Jan Tamis at the wheel with Frank as navigator



Dianne looks like she enjoyed swapping places with Rod



Lyn & Mike Simpson, Kevin & Brett Holloway, Tom Quinlan, Moyle Bunworth and Rod & Dianne Gardner



The organisers for the run – Karen Otto and Cyndy Allison getting ready to leave for home.



Question – who is the lady driver? Looks like it's Brett

Attendees:

Brett & Kevin Holloway	1955 Holden FJ
Nerene Backhouse	1956 Austin A30
Lyn & Mike Simpson	1966 Ford Cortina Mk 1
Dianne & Rodney Gardner	1970 Datsun 1200 Coupe
Thomas Quinlan	1972 Mercedes Benz
Moyle Bunworth	1988 Toyota Celica Liftback
Cyndy & Barry Allison	1989 Nissan Pintara Ti
Jan & Frank Tamis	1990 Bentley Eight
Karen Otto & Nerrida Lewis	1999 Toyota Camry Touring
John Peart & Margaret Giles	2000 Jaguar S-type
Modern - Gayle & John Pickering & Sarah & Levi	

Sports Car Run – Sunday 28th September

A small group of about 10 sports cars were greeted by a sunny but chilly morning at our departure place. The travel lists were handed out while Charlotte handed out the goodies. After some discussion by the group and a list of instructions about road closures, we headed off at about 9.40am.

We headed out along Gillies Street but soon struck the first road works. We followed the detour instructions before finally returning to Gillies Street to continue our journey. It was then off towards Clunes but there were a couple more roadworks to slow down and navigate along the way.

We passed through Clunes and headed towards Talbot. We did not enter Talbot but turned towards Lexton. There were many very bright yellow paddocks of canola along the way. These blended in with the green paddocks and yellow wattle blooms to provide a very colorful drive. There was very little traffic on these back roads. It was a very quiet Sunday morning. All of the roads we travelled on were in very good condition.

At Lexton, we turned towards Ballarat. Along the highway, there were many more paddocks of bright canola. We passed through Waubra and finished at Café 321 at Learmonth. This is an excellent café. The staff here were very efficient in serving coffees, teas and delicious muffins, cakes and snacks. We had an area to ourselves out the back of the café. Several of us chose to sit in the bright sunshine.

At about midday we all packed up and headed back home towards Ballarat.

Thank you to all who took part in the run.

John and Gayle Pickering

Attendees

1964 Sunbeam Alpine Roadster	Mike & Lyn Simpson
1965 Ford Galaxie Convertible	Daryl Crawley
1970 Chrysler Valiant VH 2 door	Ron Damen
1975 Chevrolet Corvette	Frank Tamis & Karen Otto
1986 Mercedes Benz 300SC	Daryl & Barb Mitchell
1988 Nissan Skyline GTSI	Barry & Cyndy Allison
1993 Ford Capri XR2 Convertible	Roger & Pam Curtis-Harding
Mazda MX5	Brian & Jan Drennan

Modern – John Peart and John, Gayle & Charlotte Pickering





Some Useless Information for You

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The words *racecar*, *kayak* and *level* are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious". Yes, admit it, you are saying a e i o u (do you know what they mean?)

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

Play-Doh was first manufactured as a wallpaper cleaner.

You share your birthday with at least 9 million other people in the world.

Now you know (a little) more than you did a minute ago!!!!

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BACK ROADS – THE GREAT AUSSIE ROAD TRIP

Where to go; When to go; What to pack; What to see

By Heather Ewart

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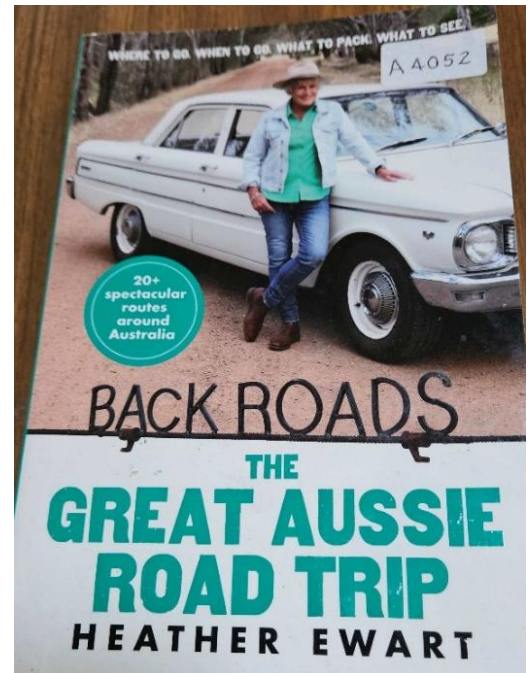
There is no better way to see this vast country of ours than hitting roads along the coastline or heading inland to the mountains, deserts, and wide, open plains. As host of the “ABC TV’s Back Roads”, Heather Ewart has travelled thousands of kilometres over a multitude of roads – some bitumen, some little more than rough, dirt tracks – to bring a taste of life beyond the cities to viewers.

At a time when Australians are embracing the country they live in and wanting to explore our richly diverse landscapes more than ever, Heather has some fabulous suggestions to get you started. From the dusty Oodnadatta Track to the spectacular Great Alpine Road, to byways along the sparkling and pristine topaz waters around Esperance, Heather’s road trips reflect her own distinct experience and come with personal tips on getting the best out of our journey.

You will learn what sites are a must-see, where to find the town characters, when the festivals and big events are on, and what preparations she considers essential. While no selections can do justice to the glorious uniqueness of Australia, Heather’s recommendations showcase some absolute ripper road trips in each state, along with some well-kept secrets.

Needless to say, there are many trips that members of the V.C.C.C. have travelled over the years on club runs and personal trips. The colour photography in this book is excellent!

Ron Gay



Library Report – October 2025

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Gordon Roberts

Librarian

CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED

All advertisements under Classifieds must include a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.

Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.

Deadline for articles – Tues 28th October 2025 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

WANTED

Cast Iron Powerglide Transmission for mid 50's Chevrolet with 'Bell House' mounting. Prefer in good working order but will consider ones that may require overhauling. Engine No. VOI31TYG

Contact: Peter Rhodes - peter.r@databar.com.au or Ph. 0438 524 929

For Sale - All original Owners' Manuals -

1935 Chevrolet	\$40.00
1934 Standard 9 - 72 pages	\$80.00
1925 (circa) Jewett - 66 pages (no cover)	\$50.00
1947 (circa) Wolseley 14/60 - 96 pages	\$60.00
1959 Standard Vanguard series 111	\$30.00
1931 Morris Minor - 104 pages	\$80.00
1950 (circa)Vauxhall Wyvern - 54 pages	\$40.00

Contact - Graeme Edward – 0409 850 192

For Sale - 1968 MG Midget Roadster

Runs well and very good condition Vin no. Y657877 \$18,000 ONO

Contact Peter Ure - 0419 118 837

For Sale - 1982 VH Commodore SL 3.3i Auto.

Colour is "Oyster" metallic Reg BFL-858, Vin J782463,
Eng # VL293049 Only 2 owners. 137,000 km's
Original plates & books. Interior is in immaculate condition.
Car is totally original and not molested in any way.
5 x SLE wheels plus original wheels. 4 new tyres & RWC. Ready
to drive anywhere. Price \$15,000

Contact Rob Nicholls - 0432 104 121



For Sale – 1930 Essex Super Six Sedan

From Deceased Estate – Engine No 959705

Good entry level vintage car, has belonged to a long-term Club Member for many years and covered a lot of miles on Club events.

Lots of patina (paintwork could be original) but it's a running, driveable club car in very original condition. May need some work for RWC / Safety check, previously on Club Permit 4-642 which has recently expired.

Selling unreg and without roadworthy. Offers above \$8,000.00

Please call **David Whiting 0408 300 691** to arrange inspection.

WATTO'S CLEAN OUT SALE - Contact Ian Watson – (Watto) – 0419 020 140

1950 Daimler DB18 Saloon

Engine No 2856415401 2.5lt 6 cyl engine

Restored in the late 1960s by my mum's partner, then wrecked by one of his relatives, restored again in the 1980s by me. Unusual pre-select gearbox (forerunner to modern automatic box). Presents well - Jaguar Regency Red over black guards, gold pinstripe, excellent whitewall tyres and dress rims, very reliable, lots of spare panels. Has been on Club Permit. Silly price \$12,000.00

1930 DeSoto Straight 8 Sedan

Engine No BCF79130 Tan over black guards, tan interior. New radiator, rare car in Australia – believed to be one of only 12 to come here, 6 new whitewall tyres, luggage rack and big trunk. Priced to Sell \$20,000.00

1928 Ford Model A Tourer

Engine No CA47058 Now 12 volt with new starter, five near new white wall tyres, blue with black guards, bone interior, luggage rack with box. Presents well. \$17,500.00

1926 Rugby Tourer

(virtually identical to a Chev of same era). Engine No 372818 Blue over black guards, luggage rack on near side running board. Best offer around \$10,000.00

All vehicles to be sold unregistered but with Safety Check or Roadworthy Certificate (as applicable)

2 x 10" Steel Mini Rims - \$50 pair

CLUB CALENDAR – OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025

For the Details of Events, see Pages 6, 7 and 8 - also refer to the 12-month calendar.

~ Twilight Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

NOTE: These runs will recommence again in **October** with the start of Daylight Saving. They are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent). Club Eligible bikes only.

Contact Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001 if you would like to be included on his list to be notified when a run is happening.

		What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
OCT						
Sun	12th	Bathurst 1000	Mt Panorama			
Thurs	16th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	Crown Hotel Buninyong	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	17th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat-Sun	18-19th	Bay to Birdwood	Held in Adelaide			
Sat-Sun	18-19th	Moto GP	Philip Island			
Sun	19th	Club Run (Trophy Points)	Mt Franklin Picnic (see events)	Mike Simpson	0419935147	
Sat-Sun	18-19th	Goldfields Rally	Dunolly Historic Vehicle Club			
Tues	21st	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Wed	22nd	Seniors Week Expo	New Ballarat Showgrounds	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	10-2pm
Sun-Fri	19-24th	National Veteran Bike Rally	based at Windmill C'Van Park			See events
Sun	26th	Talbot Swap Meet	Talbot Football Oval			7am-3pm
NOV						
Sat-Sun	1st-2nd	Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally	Lake Goldsmith Showgrounds			10am-5pm
Fri	7th	Twilight Sports Car Run	Melbourne Road Bus Exchange	John & Gayle Pickering	0408914943	6.30pm
Sat	8th	Ladies Crafternoon	Ballarat North Community Centre	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1-3.30pm
Sun	9th	Skipton Festival	Show & Shine	Dale McIntyre	0428838201	See events
Sat-Sun	15-16th	Bendigo Swap	Bendigo Showgrounds			
Thurs	20th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	21st	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	23rd	Geoff Herkes Memorial Pre 30's Run	See Coming Events	Warrick Pitcher	0408508303	9.30am
Sun	23rd	Club Run (Trophy Points) Blackwood/St Erth	Melbourne Road Bus Exchange – BYO Lunch	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9:30am
Tues	25th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
DEC						
Sun	7th	Naked Radiator Run	TBA	Frank & Jan Tamis	5342 0621	10:30am
Thurs	11th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	Xmas lunch - TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	12th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat	13th	Ladies Crafternoon	Ballarat North Community Centre	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1-3.30pm
Sun	14th	Club Run (Trophy Points) – Xmas Run	TBA			
Thurs	25th	Xmas Day	Happy Xmas to everybody !!!			

Events in italics are hosted by other clubs/organisations. Calendar info to Brendan Stevens by **25th of each month**



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