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- (b) to facilitate events for the display of heritage vehicles and give members the opportunity to take the vehicles on club runs and trips, and in the process to increase to public's awareness of our motoring heritage; and
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<u>JOHN HILL TROPHY FOR BEST MOTORCYCLE</u>	1947 Triumph 100 Tiger	George & Matry Coad
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<u>PRESIDENTS AWARD</u>		Heather Drust

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held in the GVMVDC.Inc. Clubrooms, 40 Grahamvale Rd, Grahamvale (northeastern outskirts of Shepparton) on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 8.00pm. New members and visitors are welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE

Meets in the Clubrooms on the fourth Thursday of each month except December.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2025 **\$80** (**\$30** if not getting paper Journal).

Joining fee is **\$20**. Financial year is 1st July – 30th June

Subs can be paid directly into the Club's bank account **GVMVDC Inc.** at the Bendigo Bank.

BSB **633 000** Acct No **1366 25076**. Include your name and membership number as details.

MONTHLY RALLIES

GVMVDC Inc organises club runs every month, on both weekends and weekdays. Details of this month's runs are on the Coming Up pages of this Journal. Slower vehicles may leave earlier if they wish. Members without a rally car can come modern or turn up and get a lift with somebody. Members are reminded to fill out the rally attendance sheet sometime during the run.

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Lapel badges (members)	\$4.00	Wind jacket	\$50.00
(for non-members)	\$5.00	Windcheaters (depending on size)	\$20 - \$30
Car Badges (members only)	\$16.00	T-shirts (depending on size/style)	\$15 - \$25
Windscreen stickers	\$3.00	Caps	\$15.00
Embroidered patch of club logo	\$3.00		

Contact the club librarian.

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When your Club Permit is due for renewal, you can:

- bring the papers to a club meeting for signing,
- post them with a self-addressed envelope to GVMVDC Inc Permit Officer, c/- P.O. Box 6, Shepparton 3632 and the Permit Officer will sign them and return them, or
- post them to the Permit Officer with a cheque and an envelope addressed to VicRoads and the Permit Officer will sign them and send them on.

See the Permit Officers at a meeting for further details. You can also contact Peter Vibert on 0408 333 172 to arrange a time. Peter lives at 7 Cardinia Court, Kialla Lakes.

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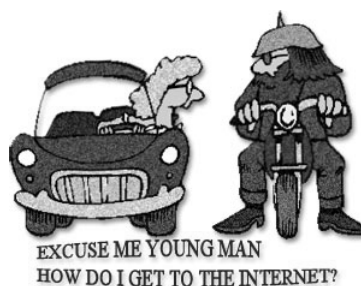
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Each member is entitled to have one car photo on the wall at no cost. Give your 220x140mm photo to Hugh MacFadyen with your details and the car's details. He will do the framing. Further photos can be done for \$10 each. See Hugh for details.

JOURNAL

Contributions for the next Journal should be to the Editor before **30th May 2026**.



President's Report

I've been spending some time recently starting to rebuild a 1970 MkII Mini Cooper S. Owned by my late brother-in-law, it is in remarkably good condition despite having spent the last five or six years (at least) hammering on the door of the garage and trying to get in out of the elements. So far, a little bit of rust in the front left guard, a few pin holes in the front left floor pan and the absence of the left side door pocket, so not too bad. I've also been practising panel beating, removing a cricket-ball sized dent from just above the right taillight; character building stuff for a certified desk jockey.

What has surprised me though are the prices Facebook-based Mini groups are asking for little bits of mini-nothingness. Unbelievable! I thought that, as a veteran of Alfa Romeo restoration I would be immune to little bits of nothingness price shock, but these Mini guys are experts in the art. I have looked really closely at door catches, badges and the like, but I am damned if I can see the deposits of gold that must be on them.

My thanks to Club Captain Barry Croke and his Events Subcommittee team, who are monitoring the fuel situation and planning club runs as appropriate. A reminder that the Club will recognise the National Motoring Heritage Day on May 17th with an overnight run to the Federation's Murrabit Picnic. If you are unable to join the overnight run (May 16 and 17) then perhaps the two-hour drive to Murrabit on the Sunday morning may be an option for you.

Best regards / *Rob Fletcher*

From the Editor

We have been so lucky to finally have some beautiful autumn days. Make the most of it before winter sets in.

Thanks to Brendan who has sent in a comprehensive report of the Veteran Car Club 1&2 Cylinder Rally in Ballarat. Also, Phame who has reported on the Wunghnu event. Without your input the Journal would not be such an interesting read so keep sending in any reports on events you have attended. If you have any photos on club events please send them to the Club Captain, Barry, so he can put them into his reports.

I have been looking through old Journals and have included some information from 20 years ago that may be of interest. Enjoy.

Yours in Motoring,
Heather Drust

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Minutes of General Meeting held 9 April 2026 at the Clubrooms

There were 50 members, 1 visitor & 5 listed apologies.

President - Robin Fletcher opened the meeting at 8.00 pm thanking those present for attending and ran through the Club's safety protocols.

New Members & Visitors, Trevor & Hazel Lee and Ray Martin were welcomed as new Members and issued with their badges. Sam Birrell M.P. was attending as a visitor and guest speaker.

Bereavements: Hughie & Robyn MacFadyen's son Scott and past Member Barrie Halliday had passed away since the last meeting. They were honored with a one-minute silence tribute.

Previous Minutes of the 12th of March 2026 General Meeting as printed in the Journal were accepted following a motion from Ray Mullins and seconded by Ken O'Connor. No business arising.

President's Business: Robin Fletcher pointed out that old car magazines that are surplus to the Club's needs were available for Members to take from the table up the front. He also reported that the Committee were reviewing the Club apparel. Samples will be obtained for Members to select from, then orders and payment will be taken, and the Club will then procure your apparel.

REPORTS

Correspondence by Secretary John Truman
Incoming by Post: 4 club newsletters, 3 bank statements, 1 A.T.O. installment notice.

Incoming by email: 16 club newsletters, 2 AOMC newsletters, 2 event notifications, invoice from Power Audio for microphones, membership application – John Heath.

Outwards by hand delivery: letter to M.O.V.E. informing them of our discontinuing to look at joint venture.

Outwards by email : Acknowledgement of membership application – John Heath, acceptance & welcome to Dan Lavis, acceptance & welcome to John Heath.

This report was accepted after a motion by John Truman and seconded by Allan Weeks.

Treasurer: Peter Vibert presented a three-page report which included the balances of all accounts. He gave a run down on the main

points, such as a new advertiser had come on board, \$1000 donation to Tractor Trek appeal in aid of MND, new microphones, Journal costs and electricity. Rally monies are still coming in. He went over the account totals and asked for questions – no questions.

This report was accepted after a motion from Peter Vibert and seconded by Margaret Croke.

Club Captain: Barry Croke reported that the Club has enjoyed a good month of events. The Katamatite 150 Year Celebration had six of our vehicles attend. The mid-week run to Winton Raceway saw 16 vehicles enjoy the run around the track. Wunghnu Picnic was a great show with many vehicles. Barry discussed the current fuel dilemma – see his article in the Journal and watch out for any last-minute changes. The April mid-week run will be on 15th April to the Olde Creamery at Numurkah and then on to lunch at the Barooga Sports Club. The Mystery Rally has 11 cars booked to attend and the Murrabit Tour has 7 or 8 cars booked for the overnight stay. Greg Sutherland's Motorcycle Run is all set to go with 3 pillion riders up for the task.

Reports from the floor: Bruce Spencer reported that he attended the Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival and he found it enjoyable with 60 vehicles taking part in the parade. He also enjoyed taking out the People's Choice award with his Jaguar.

Swap Meet: Lloyd Healey reported that the Swap arrangements are progressing satisfactorily.

Federation Delegate: Lloyd Healey reported that the Federation's Wunghnu Picnic was very successful with 68 cars attending. He thanked our members that attended and especially those who judged the vehicles. Lloyd forwarded a certificate of appreciation to the Club for their donation to the MND appeal. The next Federation delegates meeting is on 16th May.

Catering: as per the Journal.

Social Group: As per the Journal.

Facilities: No report.

AOMC Delegate: No report.

Guest Speaker: Sam Birrell MP – National Party member representing Nichols in the House of Representatives was the guest speaker. He spoke about the subjects he was

striving to bring to parliament that were connected to our motoring movement. His talk was very informative and well received.

General Business: Nil.

Buy, Sell & Swap: Allan Weeks is looking for a ute for around \$6000 for a friend who was burnt out in the recent bushfires. Ray Mullins has a mate with a 1958 Dodge starter motor he needs to sell.

Raffle: Ray Mullins conducted his raffle with assistance from Bill Winters, and seven members went away with their lucky prizes.

Next Meetings: General – 14th May 2026
Committee – 23rd April 2026

Meeting closed at 9.13 pm and Members were asked to stack the chairs, then adjourn to supper.

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Remember to include your name and/or your membership number.

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Important note: If you have a vehicle on the Club Permit Scheme (Red Plate) it is essential that you renew in time. It is a VicRoads requirement that your membership is current to maintain a valid permit.

Contact Treasurer Peter Vibert if you have a query 0408 333 172

Coming Up

GVMVDC General Meeting, Clubrooms – 8:00pm Thursday 14th May 2026

Masks and sanitiser are provided for those who need them.

Guest Speaker: John Bendell - Laser Cleaning Service

There is a monthly raffle with a number of prizes so have your \$2 coins and get 3 tickets at the door. Any profit is donated to Charity; it is not a fundraiser.



Saturday Social Day 16th May – Clubrooms 10am – 2pm

We will be having soup and toasted sandwiches.

Could everyone please bring a sweet to share.

Could you please notify myself on 5823 1410 or John 0467 313 785 if you are able to attend.

ALL WELCOME

Kind Regards Sandra



Coming Events for May 2026

Contact Barry Croke (0488058 231) if you need any more details of the following events.

Wednesday : May 13 : Toolamba Hotel & Mooroopna Rodney Park Retirement Village

These monthly runs are organized a few weeks in advance. This month's run considered some of the possible implications of the fuel situation and is much shorter than usual. It involves members in finding their own way to the Toolamba Hotel. Past visits have shown it is a good place for lunch, and we virtually have the place to ourselves.

For most this will be a short drive.

Plan on arriving by 12.30pm.

After lunch I have planned a visit to Rodney Park Retirement Village at 30 Knight Street, Mooropna. Many of the residents have indicated a wish to see our cars and have a talk to us. Ample off-street parking will be available. This visit involves arrival by 2.30pm and as it is weather dependent any variation to arrangements can be indicated at our lunch gathering.

National Motoring Heritage Day 16th and 17th May

Details for the overnight trip to Barham and Murrabit,.

Meet in the service lane opposite McDonalds in Mooropna in time for a 9.15am departure.

Travel to Echuca via Kyabram, members from Kyabram will be waiting to join in at the memorial gardens in Allan St.

Morning tea will be at Johnny and Lyle's cafe, 433 High St. Echuca.

Following morning tea we will continue on to the Border Flywheelers, 9 Jamieson Ave, Barham.

You will be able to purchase lunch at the venue.

When you have seen enough at the Border Flywheelers our motel is the Comfort Inn Clubaram, 45 Murray St, Barham. PH.5451 1800.

Dinner will be over the road at the Clubarham, 6.30pm.

Bring your own breakfast, - toaster and kettle in the rooms or have breakfast at the club or local cafes.

Sunday, 9.40am. Drive out to Murrabit for the Federation Picnic. On site catering available.

Head home in the early afternoon after the drawing of the raffles.

Note. Balance of \$100 due by 10.05.26.

Any questions,

Leigh Johnston 0409 645556.

Ladies Lunch Stanleys Café Friday 19th June at 11.30am

More information to come. Save the date.

October 2-9: GVMVDC Hub Rally around Griffith NSW

This year's Rally shall be concentrated around Griffith, the food bowl of NSW. This will be a hub rally entirely based in and around Griffin. We have lined up many interesting activities and attractions to see and participate in over the seven nights we will be visiting Griffith. The club rallies are an excellent way to get to know your fellow car enthusiasts, and we would encourage new club members to join in and have some fun.

The payment schedule:

Please be sure to add your name when you make a payment.

To make a booking call Leigh on 0409 645 556 or Julie on 0400 810 054.

Bank details: BSB 633000 Acc.139718027

First instalment of \$750 March 15th

Second instalment of \$750 May 15th

Third instalment of \$750 July 15th

Fourth instalment TBA

Rally committee: Leigh and Lynne Johnston, Lynn and Julie Tyrrell

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Rally Report**Goulburn Valley Vintage Tractor and Farm Machinery Club Rally –
Wunghnu 29th March 2026**

On Sunday March the 29th Rodney and I left Shepparton for Wunghnu. Rodney drove his 1943 Willys Jeep.

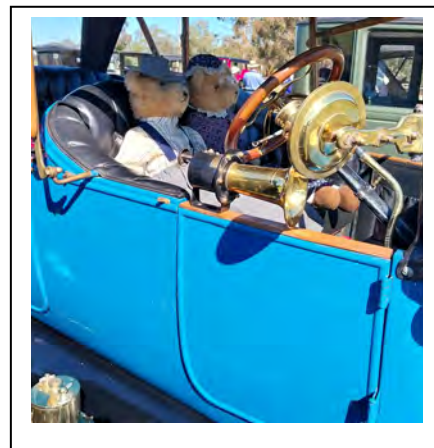
After missing a few potholes we arrived to find the grounds were very busy with tractors and trucks galore at a guess there would have been 200 on display we then went to the stationary motor section where they had the stationary motors running. I would say there would have been about 100 on display.

We wandered into the sheds where they had ladies doing lace making as well as a woodworker a raffle and a display of dolls prams

Finally, we went to the oval where they had the car clubs displaying their cars, there were many to look over and to top the car display off a large quantity of T Model Fords came rolling in it was a wonderful site to see. Grandma and Grandpa even come for the ride in the family T model ford.

It was a wonderful day and to top the day off it was even free entry as well as free tea and coffee

Phame McCall



Saturday Social Day – Saturday 18th April 2026

Our Social Day was well attended with a few of our regulars unable to attend due to sickness.

We had footy food for lunch consisting of party pies, cocktails, homemade sausage rolls and scalloped potatoes.

Thank you everyone for bringing a sweet to share. It was very much appreciated.

Regards Sandra

CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE JOURNAL REPORT FOR MAY

We catered for our biggest luncheon yet, when we provided lunch for the Cadillac Club at M.O.V.E. on Wednesday, the 15th of April. 180 lunches were made at our clubrooms and were taken to M.O.V.E. and served from their new kitchen. We did a lot of preparation the day before, as we knew it would be a very busy morning getting ready for a 12-noon lunch. On the day, individual boxes were made up with a choice of fresh chicken or ham salad rolls, slices/cakes and a variety of fresh fruit. We received lots of lovely feedback about our food and its presentation and this was very rewarding.

A huge thank you to Helen Paul and Lorraine and Roger Secomb, who helped us prepare the lunches on Wednesday. Your willing contribution helped to make sure all the food was ready on time.

Congratulations to all the catering team on a job well done!

Kind regards,

Julie Mahoney

Ladies Lunch – Cricketers Arms Hotel Friday 1st May 2026

Ten ladies met for lunch and welcomed Denise Singleton who joined them.

Two ladies are heading off for winter so won't be seen for a few months.

Parking was a problem on the day so it is not a preferred venue.

Rally Report

Motorcycle Rally 12th April 2026

Five enthusiastic riders and three pillion passengers were all eager to leave the meeting point for the day trip through Avenel, stopping for a short break at the market and to check out the water closets!!

We arrived in Seymour and met Tony Hubbard at his private collection of race cars and amazing collection of trophies he's won and memorabilia. He still attends and participates at race meetings from Adelaide to Sydney.

After this we went to Araminta's café in Seymour for lunch. The food there was delectable, ranging from toasties to very tasty desserts and cakes of which all are made in house.

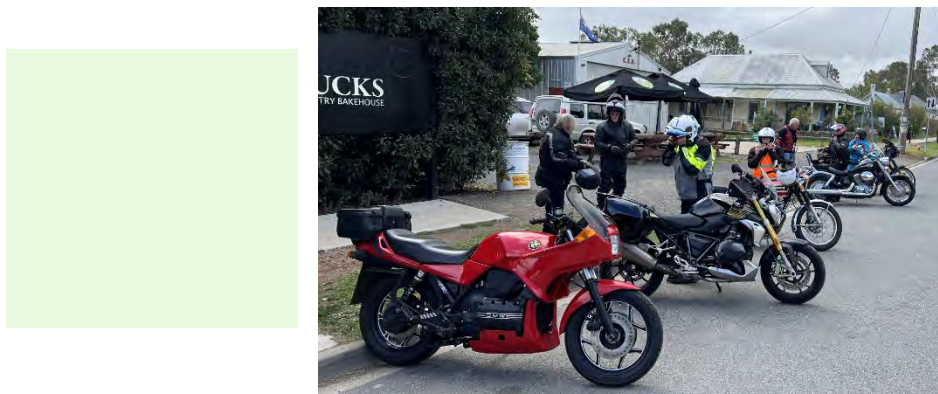
Leaving Seymour, we rode the Highlands Road which took us through the bushfire country that was burnt earlier this year. The countryside was devastated by the fire; homes, sheds and farm machinery and fencing left in ruins. The fire crews saved many homes but could not be everywhere. Nature works in wonderful ways; the paddocks have all greened up and the trees sprouting new growth.

We then arrived in Yarck, having a stop to stretch our legs. We headed for Euroa stopping at Colin and Glad Grace's place. Here, we were made very welcome and invited in for afternoon tea. Of course, Colin showed us his vehicles and tried to sell us one. We are still contemplating the deal; we will get back to you Colin!

Our greatest gratitude to Greg Sutherland for organizing the run and selecting such interesting roads and countryside enjoyed by all.

There is another run in the planning, probably for September, shortly after the swap. Watch this space. There are many other riders in the club so why not get the machine out and come along, you're most welcome.

GVMVDC Event Attendance			
	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL TYPE
Brian & Evie Boschetti	1976	Honda	750 Four
Peter & Elizabeth Schultz	2019	BMW	R 1250 R
Greg Sutherland	1992	BMW	R 100 PD
Terry Brennan	1988	BMW	K 75 S
John & Sandra Pozzobon	1997	Honda	Shadow



Rally Report**The Olde Creamery Farmlet – April 16th, 2026**

The Olde Creamery farmlet provided a wonderful example of how to generate income on an acre or so of land. Many hundreds of dahlias were in bloom. These provide the material for a flower market that is showing high demand. The nursery side of the enterprise processes a few thousand orders annually for tubers and increasingly dahlia plants generated from both cuttings and seeds. Jamie and Gareth treated us with morning tea and home cooked goodies to top off a quite different and enjoyable visit.

The drive along the Murray Valley Highway through Strathmerton and across to Tocumwal provided one of our regions interesting drives before lunch at Barooga Sporties Club.

GVMVDC Event Attendance	The Olde Creamery April 15 th		
Daryl Williams	1948	Sunbeam Talbot	MK1 GO
Ross Organ	1964	Humber	Vogue
Leigh & Lynne Johnston & Lyn Tyrell	1967	Holden	HR Premier
Barry & Marg Croke	1968	Humber	Series Va Snipe
David & Lea Grant	1968	Jaguar	240 Sedan
Patricia & Alan Lavis	1976	BMW	528
Denis & Meryl Zanelli	1982	Ford	Fairlane ZK
Ian & Annette Wright	1989	Honda	Legend
Judy & Bob Bedford	1991	Toyota	GLX Cressida
David & Janet Vibert	1999	Mercedes	C200E
Ken & Joy Cuthbert	2004	Mercedes	Kompressor
Peter Flavell & Somchai	2007	Mazda	MX5



Rally Report

Mystery Rally – April 18th & 19th 2026

At 8.30am the members almost dutifully accepted their directions to places that only became known on arrival. The first stage took us through Euroa then up through the Merton Gap and down to Yarck.

The overwhelming conversation centred around the damage due to the January 8/9 bushfire, the subsequent regeneration and the work remaining to be done.

At Yarck Alan Lavis had the temerity to ask members to enter a competition indicating where they thought they would be by nightfall. Subsequently only two submitted the correct answer and Gwyneth Trevaskis and Lorraine Tainton were rewarded with the prize.

In Alexandra our needs were well satisfied at a café, then the Corner Hotel for the evening meal, and the nearby motel for our stopover.



Saturday afternoon involved a drive to Marysville. The main entertainment came at Bruno's Art Gallery just out of town on the Steavenson Falls Road. His establishment consisting of a gallery and meandering pathway through the fernery/jungle by the Steavenson River had been wiped out with the 2009 Marysville fire. Today some 195 sculptures, with many made from materials left from the fires, are placed around almost every corner of the track

amongst some two or so acres of dense plant life. The comedy and artistry was well worth the visit.



The Steavenson Falls then provided the view of one of our Goulburn River's significant tributaries.

Sunday's visit to Alexandra's tramway museum was much more than old gear mainly associated with the timber industry and haulage both in and out of the forest. The enthusiasm of the volunteer group, often confronted with most convoluted bureaucratic demands, gives confidence that people might continue to be able to see how this part of the world once operated to provide us with locally produced and processed timber.

Many of the group concluded the trip with an Eildon visit.

Thanks to the members who made this rally an enjoyable experience.

Welcome new member – Dan Lavis who has a Subaru WRX

GVMVDC Event Attendance	Mystery Tour 18 & 19th April		Model
	Make	Year	
Neil Hammond & Liz Capuano	Morris	1957	Minor
Ruth & Ross Organ	Singetr	1962	Gazelle
Barry & Marg Croke	Humber	1967	Super Snipe Series V
Alan & Denise Singleton	Holden	1970	Premier
Peter Vibert & June Brewer	Triumph	1976	Stag
Patricia & Alan Lavis	BMW	1988	735i
Lorraine Tainton & Gwyneth Trevaskis	Mercedes	1988	CL300
Brian & Evie Boschetti	Mercedes	1990	SL500
David & Jan Vibert	Mercedes	1999	C200E
Ken & Joy Cuthbert	Mercedes	2004	Kompressor C180





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Rally Report

Veteran Car Club 1&2 Cylinder Rally, Ballarat – 12th-15th March 2026

This year's rally, specifically for vehicles with only one or two cylinders, was held in Ballarat with the Big 4 Windmill Holiday Park being the base for the weekend.

About 45 vehicles entered, with quite a few coming from interstate. This number included about 12 motorcycles, one high-wheeler and a couple of three-wheeled cars.



1911 SCOTT motorcycle

The rally started with attendee registration on **Thursday** 12th before a short shake-down run out to Haddon to make sure everything was functioning correctly. I scored a ride in one of the three-wheelers, a 1908 AC Tri-car. It's a strange feeling being a passenger with the driver behind you and absolutely nothing in front of you! The evening meal was not pre-organised, although a good crowd got together in the park's "great room" for fish and chips.

Friday was the first of the longer rally days, although for 1&2 rallies 110km is considered a fairly big day! We headed north via some quiet back roads to Lexton and then on to Mount Mitchell Estate. This is a winery with a magnificent homestead that was built around 1860 and has had substantial extensions done over the years. The current owners bought the property about 10 years ago and have carried out some restoration work since then. We didn't go through the home but did have a tour of some other buildings on the site. After lunch we headed back along the same route. I made a quick trip to Ararat to catch up with an old school mate whose band was playing at the Jailhouse Rock Festival – well worth the trip!



Saturday's run headed to the north side of Ballarat to avoid going through the middle of the city. We travelled along some quiet rural roads, past the White Swan Reservoir, crossed the freeway that goes to Melbourne and ended up at a private property a few kilometres east of Buninyong. The property belongs to a member of the Ballarat club and includes several large sheds filled with various collections – veteran and vintage cars, stationary engines, tractors, lawn mowers, chain saws, farm machinery, enamel signs and models of various machinery. A lot of attendees had severe shed envy!



1910 BUICK roadster



1926 STAR 14/40 tourer



1928 SUNBEAM saloon

1946 FORDSON Major tractor with side seat

part of the mower collection



The rally dinner that evening was held at the Ballarat Golf Club, not far from rally headquarters. The highlight of the night was seeing Veteran Club member Tess have her long hair shaved off to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. She was aiming to raise \$10,000 and got a fair proportion of that just from donations at the rally – well done to everyone who supported her.

Sunday's run is usually much shorter to give everyone a chance to head home straight after lunch. The run was west for about 7km to Cardigan Village then back via a different road before doing one (or more if you liked!) laps of Lake Wendouree. The only downside of urban travel is the need to stop at traffic lights – the “run and jump” motorcycles → have to stop and restart at them!

The non-motorised traffic around this lake is like what you see around the lake in Shepparton – lots of families with pets, cyclists and joggers. The coffee shops on the route were doing a roaring trade! We headed back to rally HQ for our boxed lunch and then packed up to go home.

It was a great weekend – good weather (mostly), good cars and good people. We will definitely go to next year's 1&2 rally.

Brendan Walsh





1906 CADILLAC Model M
1909 SCHACHT Model K high-wheeler



1907 DARRACQ rear-entry tonneau
1910 RENAULT AX



1912 BRUSH Model F runabout
1913 CHAMPION motorcycle



1913 HUMBERETTE cycle-car
1915 MORGAN Grand Prix



It is interesting looking back on the Journals in 2006 which was 20 years ago.



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**1926 1200cc and 1924 1000cc
Indian Chief motorcycles**
John and Peg Hill



**1926 Chevrolet
Superior tourer**
Lindsay and Heather Drust

**1974 Citroën
DS 23 Pallas sedan**
Bob and Joy King



**1966 Ford
Falcon XP wagon**
Max and Colleen Pethybridge



Club Member of the Year **Hugh MacFadyen**

Other interesting information is the following:

Secretary Peter Vibert

Treasurer Alan Lavis

Committee Lloyd Healey

Public Officer Peter Vibert

Librarian Neil Hammond

Catering Committee Kris Healey

Swap President Lloyd Healey

Swap Committee Glenn Braybon, Lindsay Braybon, Kris Healey.

Now look at the Office Bearers Committees and Librarian for 2026, 20 years later and there are the same names still involved with the running of the club. Most of them are Life Members so it is easy to understand why they have been awarded.

*"No, they left the money, but
they syphoned all the gas..."*



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And who would have thought this cartoon was printed in 2005?

It is very appropriate for today's situation.

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	01-May-	Ladies Lunch - Cricketers Arms
	07-May-	Opening Bush & Bay Bruce Hargrave 2.30pm
	13-May	Club Run Toolamba - Rodney Park Mooroopna
	14-May	General Meeting Clubrooms 8.00pm
2	16-May	Club Run - Murrabit overnighiter
	16-May	Saturday Social Day
	28-May	Committee Meeting Clubrooms 7.30pm
2	30-May	Historic Winton
	11-Jun	General Meeting Clubrooms 8pm
	19-Jun	Ladies Lunch Stanleys Cafe
	25-Jun	Committee meeting Clubrooms 7.30pm
	09-Jul	General Meeting Clubrooms 8.00pm
	23-Jul	Committee Meeting Clubrooms 7.30pm

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