

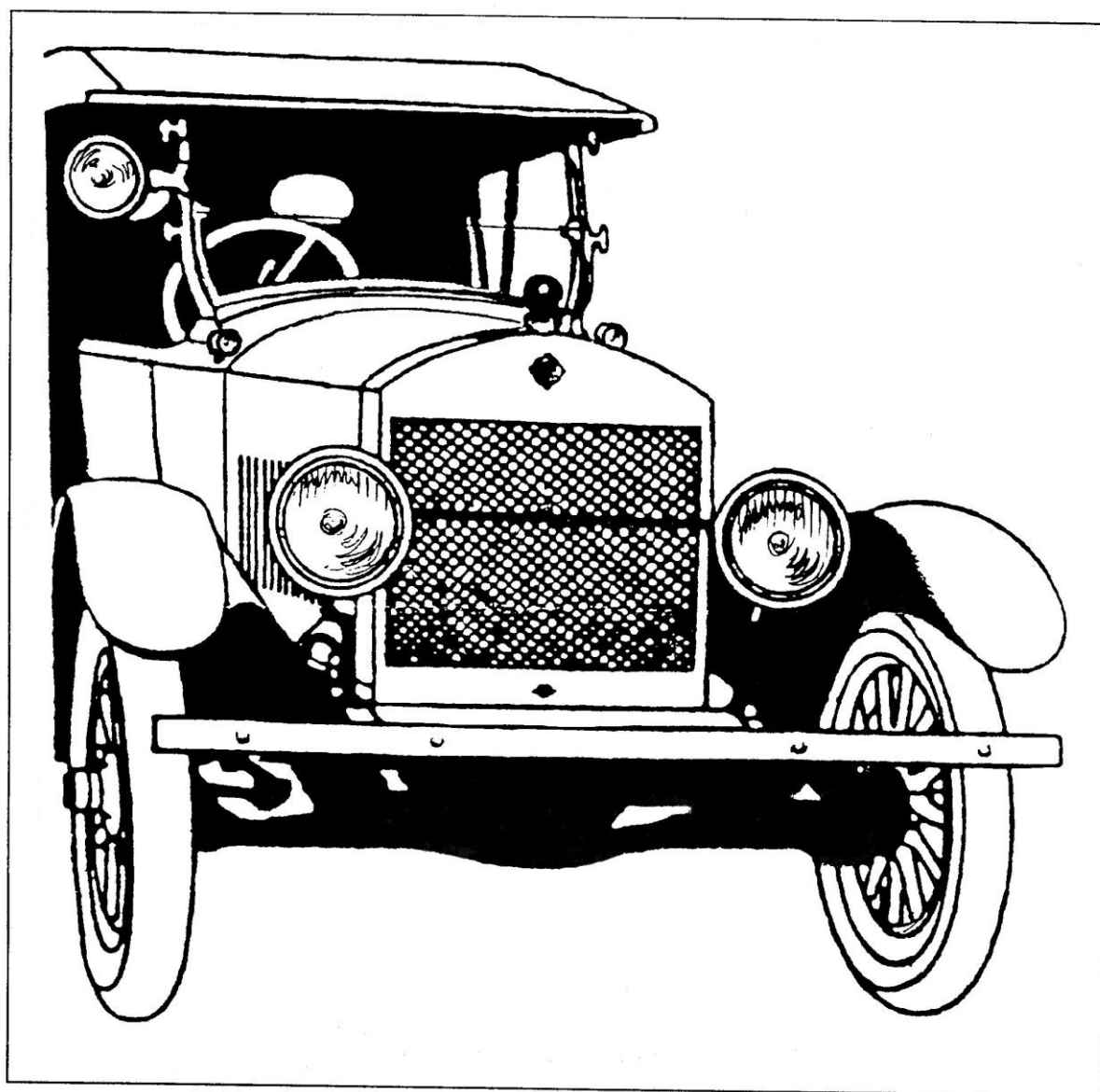
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**Colin Day - Keith Elliott - John Ritchie - John Mowat - Graeme & Glenda Rumbold  
Don Pascoe – Ross Hall.**

## Kerang Car Club Meeting January 2023

### Apologies.

Steve Bortolotto, Wayne and Charan Cason, David Donohue, John Forbes, Peter and Barbara Hildebrand, Murray James, Daryl McDonald, Alan Mowat, Jill North, Ryan O'Mahony, Andrea Otto, Chris Southern, Greg Southern, Jim Spark, Dot Muller, Troy Steains, Lindsay Taylor, John Webb and Peter Webb.

### Present.

Mark Arians, Robert Barr, Michael Bell, Charlie Borg, Andrew Borkowski, Peter Bortolotto, Max and Andrea Bowland, Alan Boyle, Colin Brown, Bruce Campbell, Kevin Cartwright, Rod and Caren Coates, Allan Davies, Colin and Glenda Day, Phillip Day, Ken Donat, Andrew Farley, Ken Fowler, Gary Fowler, Phillip Gawne, Colin Granter, Wayne Hester, Don Jenkins, Peter Lindsay, Brent McKnight, Colin McDougall, John Mowat, David North, Don Pascoe and Marg Troy, Ron and Carole Payne, Mark Powney, Adam Ridley, John Ritchie, Ken Robertson, Graeme Rumbold, Arthur Scragg, Daniel Spark, Ted Stalker, Don Southerland, Les Thornton, Gary Toll, Tony Websdale, Richard Welsh, Greg Wright, James Williamson and Jackson Hehir.

**General Business:** Ron Payne thanked members for their thoughts as they (Ron and Carol) spent 3 weeks living in a house surrounded with water.

Show and Shine committee want to display Holden's from start to finish, they also need parking and gate attendees.

John Goddard to find out the process with our \$500 donation and Mark Arians with our Hospital donation of \$500.

5 months before selecting a new committee, plenty of time to think about taking up a job.

Greg Wright talked about insurance on club plates with an L Plate driver RACV said the club has to ok it.

### **Club Captains Report:**

Club lunch on Thu is at the Exchange Hotel.

Centre State Swap is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> coffee run to the Barham Club.

18<sup>th</sup> Feb Antique Fair Maldon.

Daylesford Motor Show 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb (leaving time 8:00am)

12<sup>th</sup> March Wycheproof Show'n'Shine.

26<sup>th</sup> of March Wunghnu Picnic (leaving time 8:00am)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

It was great to see so many members at our January meeting as the weather was less than ideal, so thank you to all who were able to attend.

We have a very busy few months coming up with our usual club runs and lunches as well as one of the highlights of the year, the picnic at Frank and Di's at Lake Charm which is always a great day and enjoyed by all.

Another big event we have coming up is the Kerang Show and Shine on April 16th, 9am to 3pm. This is a great event that benefits our club both financially and with public exposure, I would like to encourage all of our members to support this event if you can.

The Show and Shine committee want to feature Holden's from the earliest to the latest, so if you have one or more they would love you to display them on the day.

We are also looking for some help with gate and parking attendants, so if you can help with this please let me know.

In closing I hope to see you all out enjoying the many events Ken and Caren have organised and as always if you have any suggestions for outings or how we might do things better please don't hesitate to let me know.

Cheers,  
Serge.

### **LAKES ENTRANCE ANNUAL RUN** **9<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The Annual Car Run this year will be to Lakes Entrance. We will be leaving the club rooms at 8am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and travelling to Warragul where we will stay one night. We will travel to Lakes Entrance on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September via the Gippsland Vehicle Collection Museum in Maffra. Monday thru to Saturday while in Lakes Entrance will include free days, a luncheon cruise and meeting up with the Riviera Lakes Car Club. When we arrive at the Big 4 Holiday Village we will hopefully see some of the entries in the Australian Tarmac Rally which will be staying at the Big 4 over that weekend.

\*\*If you are interested in this run, **YOU** will need to book your own accommodation. It is first in best dressed to get the room you prefer at whatever cost or configuration. Please let me know when you have booked and whether you are interested in the luncheon cruise (approx \$65 pp)

#### **Accommodation**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September - One Night @ Comfort Inn & Suites (Warragul) book on 5623-2189 (Quote Kerang Car Club)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Seven Nights @ Big 4 Whikers Holiday Village (Lakes Entrance) book on 5155-1343 (Quote Kerang Car Club)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting me.  
(54567509)

Caren Coates

## RUTHERGLEN WEEKEND RUN

May 6<sup>th</sup> / May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

A weekend run has been planned, leaving the Club Rooms at 8am on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> to have morning tea at Katamatite and onto Rutherglen for some free time to explore this lovely area. Recommended is the Pickers Cafe & Collectables and the Caffeine n Machine.

**\*\*If you are interested in this run YOU will need to book your own accommodation. It is first in best dressed to get the room you prefer at whatever cost or configuration. Please let me know when you have booked.**

### Accommodation

May 6<sup>th</sup> - One Night @ Motel Woongarra (Rutherglen) book on 02 6032 9588 (Quote Kerang Car Club)

## Park 'n' Brag Lake Boga 12 March, 2023

Dear sir/madam,

You are invited to attend our Park 'n' Brag session to be held at the Lake Boga foreshore, Jacaranda Crescent, Lake Boga on Sunday 12 March, 2023 as a part of our Splash Down/ Rev Up day. The Sea Planes Association of Australia will be attending for the weekend. We also will have an engine start up day with motors from the Flying Boat Museum and the small engine club of Swan Hill. A Long Table event to raise money for Safe Shelter domestic violence homes will also be there with limited catering for lunch. An aerobatic display by Glen Graham in his Edge airplane will conclude the event at 2.30pm. There is no fee or need to book.

David Mark, Secretary, Lions Club of Lake Boga. Mob 0408941585

### Coffee run (Barham Club)

Around 50 members enjoyed a great day at the Barham club, with members turning up for breakfast and more members arriving for a cuppa. It came around to lunch time so we decided to stay for lunch at Don's Kitchen for a delicious meal.



Ever wondered the reason why we drive on the left hand side of the road? Well here goes, it could be as easy as humans are mostly right handed. Way back in days of old when knights were bold they to were mostly right handed, so to draw a long broad sword or later on a sabre while mounted, you would carry it on your left side and draw it across your body to attack, or defend oneself. The oncoming right handed foe or brigand also draws from the left with their right hand. So now you have the rains in the left hand and the sword in the right ready to attack or defend [I WONDER IF THIS COULD BE A REASON WHY THERE ARE SO FEW OF US LEFT HANDED PEOPLE ] anyway it made sense to ride on the left thus keeping the right side clear for sword play. A thousand or so years riding on the left because you are right handed ment when passenger coaches and later on cars drove the streets you stayed on the left so as not to have a head on with SIR LANCELOT riding toward you. The reason for the yanks driving on the wrong side of the road can be explored at a future date.

(Ron Payne)

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## Centre State Swap and Display.





# Coming Events

18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of February Maldon Antique Fair.

19<sup>th</sup> of February Daylesford MotorFest, leaving time 8:00am.

21<sup>st</sup> of February Club Meeting.

23<sup>rd</sup> of February Club Lunch Gunbower Hotel.

5<sup>th</sup> of March BBQ Lake Charm at Frank and Dianne Hughes.

12<sup>th</sup> March Wycheproof Show'n'Shine leaving time 8:00am.

21<sup>st</sup> of March Club Meeting.

23<sup>rd</sup> of March Club Lunch.

26<sup>th</sup> of March Wunghnu Picnic leaving time 8:00am.

Cars will leave the Club Rooms at 8am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March for the Wycheproof Show'n'Shine.

Car Club Social Lunch for February will be at:

Gunbower Hotel

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 (booking has already been made)

Cars will be leaving the Club Rooms at 8am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February for the Daylesford Motorfest, cars can also meet at Durham Ox where Kerang cars will pass thru at around 8.30am.

**SUN  
19TH**

## **DAYLESFORD MOTORFEST**

### **LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS**

Gates open at 8am for display vehicles and close at 12pm

\$20 per vehicle and \$10 per motorcycle. Open to all collectable vehicles.

Clubs - If you want to park together turn up to the gate together as we cannot hold space aside.

Gates open at 9am for members of the public without display vehicles

Offsite public parking is available with shuttle buses running from 9am till 2pm including Main Street stop.

\$5 per person children under 16yrs Free

Proceeds from the day are donated to local charities, community groups and clubs, see website post event for details on the recipients.

# Hands off: the dawn of the new age of driverless cars

Computers face a huge challenge replicating the human ability to see. The journey begins conventionally, with the driver turning the wheel to ease the car out of the driveway.

But then he flicks a switch and raises his hands in the air. The laptop in the passenger seat is in charge now. On a busy Saturday evening in suburban Berlin, the modified Volkswagen Passat drives itself down a tree-lined street crowded with pedestrians.

Spotting a woman on a bicycle ahead, the car veers left to give her a wide berth, and then slows as a minibus filled with children pulls out from the kerb. The car's machine driver judges the minibus' speed and decides on a surge of power to overtake. Germany is at the forefront of a global race to develop the world's first driverless car. Devised by a team at the Free University of Berlin, the Passat is a highly advanced autonomous car, capable of navigating a safe path through unpredictable city traffic.

It sees the world through a spinning silver cylinder mounted on the roof, a laser scanner, which generates a million data points per second to give the car's computer a real-time map of its surroundings. Cameras and radar sensors provide further detail, alongside an ultra-precise GPS based on the navigation systems used in aircraft. It will be many years before a car this sophisticated is commercially available.

But Germany's luxury car makers have begun introducing an array of autonomous features that enable some of their leading models to drive and steer themselves. Rather than the sudden advent of robot vehicles, car makers believe autonomous driving will be introduced gradually. Daimler, which owns Mercedes-Benz, predicts that at low speeds – such as in traffic jams or parking – cars will operate with full autonomy “in a matter of years”.

At higher speeds, several manufacturers plan for highly automated driving within the structured environment of a motorway. The latest Mercedes S-Class is the most significant advance yet in automated driving for the mass market. The luxury sedan comes equipped with a camera that scans the road ahead and an array of radar sensors. The images it captures are analysed by an algorithm, allowing the car to alert the driver to danger and take corrective action itself if necessary.

There are still technical barriers to the mass production of automated cars. The key problem is vision. The laser scanners used by the Free University's car cannot pass through a solid barrier, so a pedestrian stepping out from between two parked buses would be invisible until the last moment. An automated car “does not just need to watch out for other cars”, Professor Herrtwich says.

“It needs to check for pedestrians and cyclists, for lanes, stopping lines, traffic signs, and traffic lights. It needs to understand that a lane ends in a few hundred metres or that there is a stalled vehicle on the highway ahead of it.” This technology does not just need to be reliable, but affordable within the budget constraints of a typical mass production vehicle.

Another vital question is legal liability, as a BMW spokeswoman says: “Who is responsible for an automated driving system in case of an accident or failure?” Before fully driverless cars become a reality, there is one more problem to solve. The relationship between automated vehicles and human road users is the greatest challenge of all. Machines lack our social skills.

Computer-driven cars cannot judge, for example, whether a pedestrian waving at them from the kerb is urging them to stop or go. “That's the last frontier: predicting human behaviour,” Professor Rojas says. “Nobody can do it yet, in a reliable way, but it has to be done for autonomous cars to be safe.”