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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
 (c) To facilitate socialising and the exchange of information and vehicle parts between members, similar clubs and interested people.

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FRONT COVER - TROPHY WINNERS AT THE DECEMBER 2024 CONCOURS

<u>BARRY COLLISON MEMORIAL TROPHY (PEOPLE'S CHOICE)</u>	1930 ERSKINE Model 53 Sedan	Lindsay Braybon
<u>JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST PRESENTED VEHICLE</u>	1955 AUSTIN HEALEY 100M	Fred & Elaine Williams
<u>DUSTY SHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT</u>	1972 FORD FALCON XA Ute	Roger & Lorraine Secomb
<u>JOHN HILL TROPHY FOR BEST MOTORCYCLE</u>	1974 ROYAL ENFIELD 500 Single	Terry Brennan
<u>ROLLS-ROYCE PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR CLUB MEMBERS OF THE YEAR</u>		Ken O'Connor

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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 from the Annual General Meeting in November.

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.

CLUB SHOP

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.

RED PLATE VEHICLE PERMIT RENEWALS

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 or 5823 5865 to arrange a time. Peter lives at 7 Cardinia Court, Kialla Lakes.

CLUB LIBRARY

A full listing of the Club's books, manuals and DVDs is available in the library at club meetings.

CAR PHOTOS

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 26th April.

**A DREAM WITHOUT AMBITION IS LIKE A CAR WITHOUT GAS.
YOU ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE**

President's Report

The Club's 'Coffee Run' will be a little different this month. We have been granted access by the Department of Justice and Community Safety (i.e. Corrective Services) to the Dhurringile Mansion carpark for a photo shoot. The photo shoot is to obtain some new and definitive photos for our new website, to be launched soon. To this end, we REALLY need a good turnout of members with their cars on the Wednesday April 16th run, and we REALLY need a good cross-section of club vehicles covering veteran, vintage, pre-war classics and post-war classics, where "club vehicles" means cars, trucks and motorcycles. So PLEASE, if you are able, bring your club vehicle and yourself along, and if you are in the unfortunate position of having a range of vehicles of all ages, we particularly need your veteran and vintage jobbies to ensure that we can capture photographs that are representative of the interests of our club.

Best regards / Rob Fletcher

From the Editor

Hopefully there will be no mistakes in the Journal this month. I will try to proofread before I print. The changes to the constitution have been added again as they were hard to read last month so the voting has been set back a month to the May meeting.

April is a month where there are public holidays with Easter and Anzac Day close together this year, therefore there is not a great deal happening with club events but there is one important day as mentioned above in the Presidents Report. What a great opportunity to tour a historic building in the area and to get your vehicle showcased on the web.

I would like to thank Phame McCall and Brendan Walsh for sending reports to share, and Neil Hammond for photographs. If anyone else has been to an event it would be great to hear about it.

The Secombs have provided an article on the restoration of their 1972 Ford Falcon XA ute which is an interesting read, and we learn more about our secretary, John Truman. Enjoy this month's edition.

Yours in Motoring,
Heather Drust



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Minutes of General Meeting held 13th Mar 2025 at the Clubrooms

There were 63 members & 1 guest in attendance, and 20 listed apologies.

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

New Member Robert Trinnick was welcomed & presented with his badge.

Rotary Club members, Geoff Long & Denis Muto (also a GVMVDC member) were welcomed.

Previous Minutes of the February 13 General Meeting as printed in the Journal were accepted following a motion from David Vibert and seconded by Lloyd Healey. No business arising.

President's Business: Rob Fletcher pointed out that the Club coffee run to Dhurringile on April 16th needed a good turnout of all categories of vehicles from the 1920's to 2000s. This is because we will be taking photographs of vehicles outside the mansion for use on the Club website.

REPORTS

Correspondence by Secretary John Truman Incoming by post: 8 club newsletters, 4 bank statements, letter from Federation with \$1000 grant.

Outwards by post: Thank you to John & Jenny Grieve.

Incoming by email: 14 club newsletters, 3 AOMC newsletters, 2 COGS newsletters, 3 event notifications, Aldi phone advice, thank you for attending Numurkah 150, thank you for catering for Werribee Car Club, response from Grahamvale School.

Outwards by email: Thank you to Federation for grant, thank you to Grahamvale School for use of grounds.

This report was accepted after a motion by John Truman and seconded by Colin Opie.

Treasurer Peter Vibert presented a four-page report which included the balances of all accounts. He gave a run down on the main transactions for the month. Then guest Geoff Long asked the customary "Bob Long" question – how much can we write a cheque for? There being no further questions this report was accepted after a motion from Peter Vibert and seconded by Chris O'Hara.

Club Captain Barry Croke thanked those who attended the Numurkah celebrations and reported that the Red Plate Day was successful but would like to see more attend and avail themselves of the free vehicle inspection. He also mentioned the need for vehicles to attend the Dhurringille coffee run day. There were 6 Club vehicles at the Swanpool Motor Festival. The Nagambie coffee run on March 19th to see the giant toys will leave from the trotting track at 9.30 am. The Federation picnic is coming up at Wunghnu on March 30th. If anybody has any ideas on what to do on National Motoring Day (May 18th) instead of the display at Victoria Lake please let Barry know.

Reports from the floor: Alan Lavis announced that the annual rally will take place 16th-24th September to the Victorian Goldfields. Details in Journal & first payment of \$750 due at end of March. Ian Wright advised members that Tiny Harrison's vintage pedal car collection would be on display at the Scout Hall at the Heritage Centre.

The Club's new banners are on display at the front door.

Swap Meet: No report.

Federation Delegate: No report.

Catering: Julie Mahoney reported that they will be catering for the Model A Ford Club of Victoria on their visit to Shepparton on 23rd-26th May.

Social Group: Trevor Dainton reported they will be having a BBQ at the Clubrooms on 15th March, let them know if you are coming so they can cater, but still come if you make a late decision, they will find something to feed you with.

Facilities: No report.

AOMC Delegate: No report.

Shepparton Rotary Club: Denis Muto spoke about their upcoming Motor Show at the Showgrounds on March 23rd. He invited our members to enter their vehicles in the show or come along and have a look. Geoff Long then spoke about their time capsule project. They have recently dug up their last capsule but will be burying another to be dug up in 2050. Geoff invited our members to take part – details are

available at the Shepparton Heritage Centre. **Guest Speaker:** Greg Sutherland introduced club member Don Brisbane who recounted some of his early exploits in motoring with his 250cc motorcycle, Morris Minor and MG TF. He also told of riding his bicycle at 65 mph using the family truck as a wind break – note the truck was flat out at 65.

General Business: Nil

Buy, Sell & Swap: Bruce Spencer had a vintage aero screen to give away.

Raffle: Ray Mullins conducted his raffle with assistance from Gwyneth Trevaskis and eight members went away with their lucky prizes.

Neil Hammond gave his presentation which covered the Brian Brigg's family involvement in Formula V Racing.

Next Meetings: General – 10th Apr 2025

Committee – 27th Mar 2025

Meeting closed at 8.57pm and members were invited to supper.

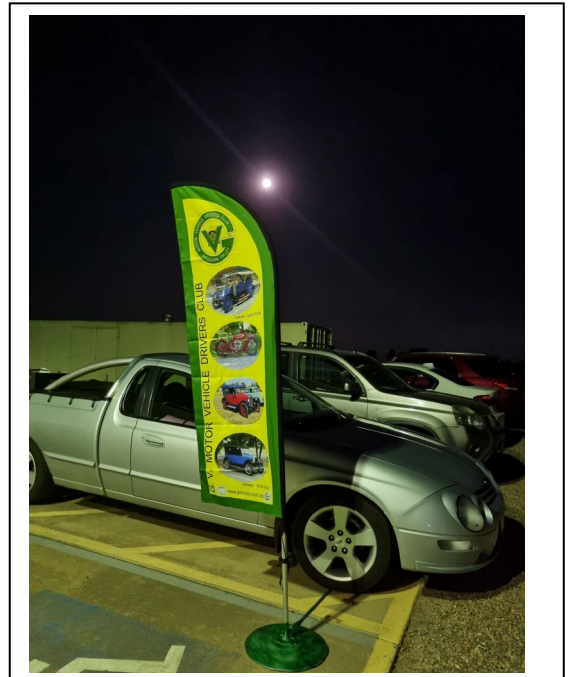
Catering Committee Report

Our committee members met at the Peppermill Hotel for our last meeting. Our agenda mainly focussed on organising the food for the upcoming Model A Ford rally at the end of May. Then it was our turn to enjoy a good catch up with each other over a delicious meal that was cooked for us.

Kind regards,
Julie Mahoney

Committee Meeting Notes

1. The Club will be printing a second batch of the 50 years History books.
2. The fire extinguishers have been updated.
3. Due to the change of the financial year subscriptions will remain the same with a proportion to be paid as it will be a shorter period.



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Coming Up

****GVMVDC General Meeting, Clubrooms – 8:00pm Thursday 10th April 2025**

Masks and sanitiser are provided for those who need them.

Guest Speaker – Hugh MacFadyen sharing Oscar Piastrì's success

There will be a raffle on the night so bring along your \$2 coin to get 3 tickets to go into the draw for several prizes.

This is not a fundraiser; it is to add interest to the meeting. You are not obliged to buy tickets.



**** Dhurringile Club Photograph Day – Wednesday 16th April 2025**

Our Club President has been negotiating with the Corrective Services Department of our State to have club photos taken at the former prison. The appropriateness of the setting could generate lengthy discussion among judgmental members!

However, the grandeur of the old homestead will provide a magnificent period background for an assembly of our old cars. It should be another step in progressing the idea of our members being the custodians of heritage vehicles in the region.

Hopefully the 'turn-out' will bring a good sample of vehicles from various past decades for a photograph that becomes part of our clubroom décor.

The visit will give members an opportunity to look around this facility. It will be interesting to see and hear about this extensive facility which our taxes helped create in recent years. Now that the prison is without a purpose, your imagination/foresight may assist in devising a newly purposed resource for our community.

A booking has been made with Hill Top Golf Club, Tatura for lunch, arriving at 12.30.

The intention is to be at the former Dhurringile prison by 10am. Members who can be part of the GVMVDC convoy can assemble on the side street east of McDonalds Mooroopna for a 9.30am departure.

With Easter (April 18-22) probably creating other calls on members' time it has been decided to restrict April to the one driving event.



The GV Rallye – Save the date 3rd & 4th May 2025

All ages and sorts of cars are welcome for a great fun filled motoring weekend which helps raise funds for Goulburn Valley Hospice.

Contact: - Kelvin Maude kelvin.maude@gmail.com 0418992270

Further information with application forms and accommodation details has been received. If you are interested in attending, please ask for further details.



Beechworth Drive Back in Time 3rd & 4th May 2025

Beechworth Old Cranks Club display of old cars, old engines and old motorbikes.

Sunday 4th May SHOW & SHINE FOR VEHICLES 25yrs & OVER

8AM: Entry cost \$5 per vehicle - No Pre-Entry required.

Entry to the display is at the Williams Street end of Ford Street.

Vehicles will be directed to designated parking areas.

Sponsors choice trophies to be won.

Public entry is by Gold Coin donation.

Contacts: David McKay President – 0407 057 894

Diane Ryan Secretary – 0412 286 683

**** Ladies Lunch Mooroopna Golf Club Friday 2nd May**

The ladies' lunch will be at the Mooroopna Golf Club, yes, we are going back there because it is such a good venue with great food and not too much noise. The date is Friday 2nd May at 12 noon. All ladies are welcome to join us for a relaxed day of food and friendship.



Please contact **Mary Apostol 0407848014** by Wednesday 30th April so she can book us in.

**** Saturday Social Day Clubrooms Saturday 17th May 2025**

Our next Social Saturday we will be having pies and homemade sausage rolls. Could everyone please bring a sweet to share.

Looking forward to seeing you all back after the Easter Break.
Could everyone please let Sandra (phone 0467313785) know by Wednesday 14th May 2025 or (John 0467313785) if you are able to attend.

Many thanks Sandra

***Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour Friday 23rd May 2025***

Bookings essential as limited places - enjoybenalla.com.au/events

Historic Winton – Winton Motor Raceway Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2025

Email – historicwinton@gmail.com

Website – <https://historicwinton.org>

Model A Ford Club Vic 50th Birthday Shepparton 23rd – 26th May 2025***** The Club Rally - Goldfields, 16th – 24th September 2025***

The Club Rally for 2025 will be run across the Goldfields of Bendigo, Castlemaine and Ballarat, departing two days after the SWAP – **note the dates!**

Departure - Tuesday 16th September
Home - Wednesday 24th September (8 nights)

Central Victoria in spring is of course delightful, and we have organized an interesting program including many sites that you are unlikely to see otherwise.
Accommodation has been booked, but is limited, so if you haven't already done so, put your name down with Hughie (0409 215 112) or Alan (0417 084 679). Please include your email and mobile phone number as well.

Payment for the rally will be in four payments, which should be made to the Club's Rally 3 account: BSB 633 000, Account No 152464913.

First Payment/deposit, by end March, \$750

Second payment, end May \$750

Third payment, end July \$750

Final payment, end August to be determined.

We look forward to plenty of fun and enjoyment, which of course is what we expect on a GVMVDC Rally, isn't it?

Hughie and Alan

The Echuca Moama Steam Iron & Trades Revival is pleased to invite your club and members to be part of our upcoming event to be held on the Kings Birthday June Long Weekend on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June 2025 @ Rotary Park Echuca.

The Echuca Steam Preservation Society Inc (ESPS) have successfully run this event for the last two years running after more than 50 years being run in association with the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama.

The event will be open to the public from 10am – 4pm Saturday and 9am to 3pm Sunday.



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** GVMVDC Club run events



The Briggs Consulting and Engineering entry at Phillip Is.
Driver Dean Briggs Team Manager Brian Briggs

Ray Mullins with his Triumph showcased in the Shepparton News



Rally Report**Rally Report – Swanpool Motor Festival, Sunday 9th March 2025**

Eight GVMVDC members attended this event organised by the Swanpool community. As usual, it attracted the best part of a football ground of parked display cars, trucks and motor bikes. It is a great setting that seems to encourage people you have never known to come up for a chat.

The organisers obviously have skills which engage numerous generous sponsors. Several thousand dollars' worth of prizes go to lucky entrants, including money, motel stays, fuel and all manner of automotive supplies and services.

The number of families and young people in attendance is notable and it is great to see the genuine interest they have in vehicles that predate them by a few decades.

Barry Croke

Attending	Year	Make	Model
Tim Harris	1924	Moon	
Barry & Marg Croke	1968	Humber	Super Snipe
Julie Mahoney	1975	Falcon	GT 351
Jeni Monteleone	1981	Daimler	Soverign
Brian & Evie Boschetti	Modern		

Saturday Social Day**Saturday Social Day 15th March 2025.**

We had lower than normal numbers with several away and others unable to make it. We still had a lovely morning sharing morning tea, BBQ & salad followed by sweets. Thanks to all those that attended, shared their stories, bought along salad, morning tea or sweets. We always appreciate your contributions and your attendance.

Thank you to John and Les for cooking the BBQ, and all those that helped in the kitchen with dishes and packing up at the end of the day.

JUST A REMINDER THERE WILL BE NO APRIL SOCIAL DAY BECAUSE OF EASTER BREAK.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter Break

Kind Regards Sandra

Bragging Rights

I went to the Seymour & District car clubs Show & Shine on Monday 10th March with my 1958 Jaguar XK150 coupe in the company of around 370 other enthusiasts and was very fortunate to pick up best European, Best in Show and Shannons Vehicle of Show award.

Fred Williams

Rally Report

Nagambie LeTourneau and WABCO – Wednesday 19th March 2025

An excellent lunch with the great backdrop of Nagambie Lake at the Rowing Club Hotel followed a morning that generated considerable interest.

Norm Cornfoot made his collection of earthmoving equipment the focus of attention. GM/Detroit diesels, from 4 to V12 cylinders, powered on board 415V generators which energized electric wheel motors, elevator chains and bowl positions. Norm brought one of his mechanics and service trucks to the two locations so that some of these engines delighted those present with the sounds of two stroke diesels and their associated big old turbo chargers and roots blowers.

LeTourneau was the pre-eminent brand of earthmoving equipment in the first half of the twentieth century. This manufacturer was purchased by Westinghouse Air Brake Company who maintained the diesel/electric approach during the 1960s and 70s with hydraulic systems being introduced for some functions of this equipment, as were Allison transmissions.

Although Norm Cornfoot's collection is the nation's largest for this marque his enthusiasm continues to spur on drives in his low loader throughout Australia to bring another old machine to his Nagambie operation.

Members attended this run in at least 26 vehicles with several not registering their presence on the listing of 18 cars.

Barry Croke

Attending	Year	Make	Model
Neil Hammond & Liz Capuano	1953	Sunbeam	Talbot 90 MK11a
Trevor Dainton	1955	MG	Magnette
Tom & Joy Maher	1962	Chrysler	Valiant"S"
Ross Organ	1962	Singer	Gazelle
Barry & Marg Croke	1966	MG	B Roadster
Greg Sutherland	1969	Falcon	GT
Barry Galvin	1969	Falcon	GT
Grahan & Marilyn Dicker	1975	Triumph	TC25
Peter Vibert & June Brewer	1976	MG	BGT V8
Ray Mullins	1978	MG	BGT
Ken Muston	1980	Lincoln	Mark VI
Ian & Annette Wright	1989	Honda	Legend
Brian & Evie Boschetti	1990	Mercedes	SL500
Judy & Bob Bedford	1991	Toyota	GLX Cressida
Alan & Patricia Lavis	1997	BMW	Z3
David & Jan Vibert	1999	Mercedes	C200E
and Bill & Glenys Holyman			
Maic Stelmach	Modern		
Fred & Elaine Williams	Modern		



Vehicles at Nagambie
Photos by Neil Hammond

Rally Report

Corowa Swim In Saturday 15th March 2025

Another year has come and gone. On Saturday the 15th of March Ray, Rodney and I attended the 45th Annual Corowa Swim – in and Military Vehicle Gathering.

We left Shepparton about 7am it was quite warm as we moved closer to the boarder the sun was raising, we had to put up with the sun in our face finally we arrived and headed straight to the swap meet where we found the swap was very healthy with many sites, Rodney picked up parts for his jeep and I finally found what I wanted as in military service memorabilia.

Every year they have a street parade on the Saturday morning there would have been about 200 vehicles ranging from Macks, Unimog, Jeeps, motor bikes and other Military vehicles after the parade they all head down to the swap meet to display their vehicles. The swap meet sites are mainly Military related. We left the swap hot, tired and happy with what we picked up.

This year was the year of the Macks and Unimog's.

Phame McCall



Rally Report

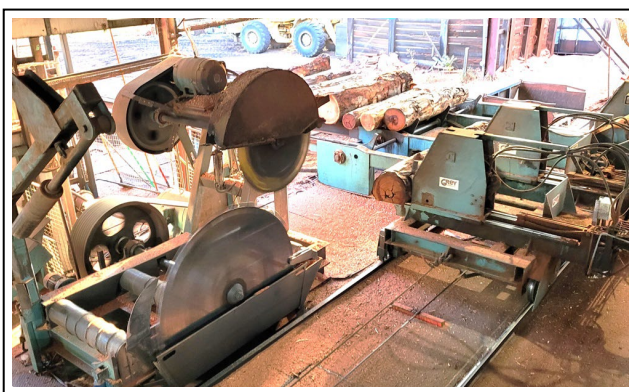
Veteran Car Club 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Koondrook – 13th-16th March 2025

The Veteran Club has five major rallies per year, and the one with the biggest attendance is usually the 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally. The little cars are usually cheaper to buy than bigger veterans and are easy to tow and handle. They're also great fun if conditions are good!

This year's 1 & 2 was held in the Koondrook and Barham area, along the Murray River. There were 67 entries listed, although a handful had to pull out just prior. Due to the expected weather (up to maybe 40°C), some attendees came in their modern vehicles or only did parts of the daily drives. Callum, Jason and I travelled together from Bannockburn, stopping in at Up The Creek workshop on the way – they've always got something interesting there.

The rally started on Thursday afternoon with a 20km round trip east from Barham, just to test the cars and make sure everything was running well. The evening meal was at the Barham Golf Club where the food was very good.

Friday's run started with a tour of the Arbuthnot Sawmill →, which looked as if it hadn't changed much for a long time! We then headed south to Cohuna for morning tea and then a lovely drive along the Gunbower Creek to Gunbower for lunch. Callum and I were "tail-end Charlies" so followed the last vehicle and helped a couple of others get going again. Only one driver had to be taken back to their motel to pick up their trailer – not a bad effort. During our lunch stop, attendees had the opportunity to ride a camel, which many did! The return trip included an afternoon tea stop at Cohuna again. The evening meal was again at the Barham Golf Club.



Saturday's run was into New South Wales, heading to Caldwell for morning tea. Callum and Jason were on duty while I travelled in an original, unrestored ← 1908 Renault AX with John. They had some excitement when they stopped to help Graeme in his 1912 Little Midland (or LM) cyclecar. It had dropped a drive chain and coasted to a stop right beside a Brown Snake! → The car was carefully towed down the road a bit before attempting any repairs! Lunch in the



Wakool Hotel was very welcome after a bumpy trip over 12km of gravel road in 40° heat. We motored back to Koondrook after lunch and had a very enjoyable kayak paddle in the Murray River later in the afternoon.

Saturday night's meal was the main rally dinner, held in Club Barham Services Club. The optional theme was "Op Shop – Dress to Impress", which brought out some very interesting outfits!

Sunday was the last day of the rally and started with a short scavenger hunt (looking for information) along Apex Park, Koondrook. Then we had a short run around the north of Barham to end up at the Barham Hotel for a BBQ lunch. It had cooled down quite a bit and we even had a shower or two. Everyone said their goodbyes and headed off home after a great weekend.

Brendan Walsh



↑ 1903 CARLTON rear-entrance tonneau



1903 HAYNES-APPERSON Model I, with an original leather number plate.



↓ 1903 HUMBERETTE 5hp roadster



↓ 1908 AC Tricar (the ancestor of the AC Cobra!)



↑ 1907 DARRACQ voiture legere

↓ Daryl's 1910 DELAGE Model F



↑ 1909 SCHACHT buggy

↓ 1911 LE ZEBRE



Member News***Another Walsh Wedding – 7th February 2025***

You might remember that Callum and Francesca were married in 2018 using our 1965 Jaguar as a bridal car (see *Drivers Journal May 2018*). The Walsh household (especially Melissa) has been busy over the last couple of months preparing for Alex's marriage to Cam Mynard.

Once again, our Jaguar was to be the bridal car, paired with a similar S-type hired from the same company that supplied the two Mark VIIIs that Cal and Francesca used. We had done a test drive a week before – the Jag didn't like that it took 25 minutes to drive the eight blocks across the Geelong CBD in 34° heat, but it cooled down on the open road!

The day went very well, with the weather being fine but a bit windy. The venue for both the ceremony and reception was



Baie Wines in Curlewis on the Bellarine Peninsula. The backdrop for the outside ceremony was Corio Bay, with beautiful views across to Geelong, the You Yangs and (on a clearer day) Melbourne.

The reception also went very well, with everyone having a great time. It's not often you see a fiberglass zebra on the dance-floor, but that's another story!

We're sure they'll have a very happy life together.



Brendan Walsh



Some photos from Neil Hammond.

Getting to Know Me

I grew up in the Bayside suburbs of Melbourne and bought my first car, an A Model Ford, when I was 15. This was stripped, rebuilt, used as a paddock car at our country property and then became my first registered car. In April 1965 I joined the Vintage Drivers Club as I drove a vintage car for my everyday vehicle. In July 1965 I purchased my first Mini, a 997cc Cooper, which was a road registered highly modified racing car. This proved costly, as I soon learned. A race car was not suitable for everyday road use.

In the following years I owned several A model Fords and Minis. While employed at GMH, I was a member of the General Motors Holden Motoring Club. As situations changed, I varied my activities between these two clubs. I had a lot of involvement with the running of Australian and Victorian Championship Rallies for the GMHMC and major touring rallies for the VDC.

Whilst living in Melbourne and a member of the VDC, I got to know a few of the members who also belonged to the GVMVCC. But in 1982 my involvement in organising events led me to attending my first GVMVCC General Meeting and a joint rally between the two clubs subsequently took place. On the June Labour Day weekend in 1982 I bought 43 cars from the VDC to Shepparton and together with many GVMVCC cars we had a number of activities including a trip to the Echuca Seam Rally.

In 1983 I moved with my wife Pauline and children to Shepparton. In July 1983 I joined the GVMVCC as Member No.223 and participated in club activities in a 1929 A Ford Tourer. I also continued to attend some VDC events. In April 1989 we won the VDC Spirit of the Twenties Rally which was a 10-day event made up of a number of different competitive events. I also owned an unrestored 1930 Improved A ford Roadster. From 1977 till the 1980's we also rallied my father-in-law's 1926 Chevrolet Tourer in a few events. One event was a National Rally in Tasmania, two weeks in a vintage car with three generations of a family was quite an experience.

In 1990 I approached the GVMVCC committee and asked them if they had planned any event to celebrate the 21st birthday of the club. The outcome of this meeting was the forming of a Rally Committee of me, John Grieve, Lloyd Healey, Bob Long and Ian Malcolm to run the 21st Birthday Rally for 11 days to the Barossa Valley. This was the Club's first major rally and the beginning of an annual tradition. Every year since, a major rally, and in later years, sometimes two rallies have been held.

Towards the end of the 1990's, I lost interest in my A Fords. About 1998, I sold the 1929 Tourer to Ray Parry and the 1930 roadster to John Hill. John Hill restored the roadster, and both cars are now well used Club vehicles. Following my father-in-law's death, his 1926 Chevrolet was purchased by Lindsay Drust.

However, my interest in Minis still existed. On 1st August 2001 I read an advertisement in Unique Cars magazine which led to me phoning the advertiser in Sydney. It is a very involved story, but 27 days later I transported a brand new 2000 Rover Mini Cooper Sports S Works home to Shepparton. This car came from the John Cooper Garage in England and is approx. 3600 cars before the last Mini produced (Mini production ceased Oct 2000 at Longbridge, England). I have participated with this special interest vehicle in both GVMVDC and Victorian Mini Club events.

In 2019 I became Club Captain and with a small committee began running the Club's events. But little did we know - along came Covid which made it difficult to run events, but we soldiered on. Because of a major health issue, I firstly stood back whilst others did the work but eventually resigned from the Committee in July 2022.

At the 2024 AGM I again joined the Committee, this time as secretary, and so continue to help the members keep an excellent club "on its wheels".

John Truman Secretary

Notice of Proposed Changes to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws

In accordance with Rule 33 of the Club's Constitution [Monthly General Meetings], Notice is hereby given to all club members of the Committee's intention to propose a number of Special Resolutions at the Club's May General Meeting, to be held at the clubrooms on May 10th, 2025, commencing at 8:00pm.

In accordance with Constitution Rule 38 [Special Resolutions] and By-Law 19 [Changes to these By-Laws], the adoption of these propose changes is contingent upon at least 75% of financial members present at the May 8th General meeting voting in favour of each Special Resolution.

Introduction

The Constitution and By-Laws define the rules by which our Club operates. These rules require periodic review to ensure our Club is operating effectively, efficiently and within the requirements of the law.

Proposed Special Resolutions #1, #2 and #3 are to introduce the changes necessary for the Club to conform to the standard business year (1st July to 30th June) as required by the Australian Taxation Office.

Special Resolution #4 is proposed to clarify the status of the five subcommittees defined in By-Law 8.

Special Resolution #1

Rule 3 Financial Year

Proposal:

Change the definition of the Club's Financial Year from "ending on 30th September" to "ending on 30th June" to align with the standard business year.

Special Resolution #2

Rule 12 Annual Subscription

Proposal:

a) Amend Rule 12(1): The Committee will determine the annual fees payable by members, including membership fees, for the following financial year no later than the ~~July~~ April committee meeting.

b) Amend Rule 12(2): The recommended fee scale determined in subrule (1) is to be presented to members no later than the ~~August~~ May general meeting for ratification.

Why:

It is proposed to align the Club's membership year with the revised Club financial year. These proposed changes are to facilitate the alignment.

Special Resolution #3

By-Law 2 Meetings

Proposal:

a) Amend By-Law 2(1): The annual general meeting of the club shall be held on the second Thursday in ~~November~~ August.

b) Amend By-Law 2(2): The club year commences on the day of the annual general meeting on ~~November~~ July 1st and for the purposes of the annual report and club finances the financial year concludes on ~~September~~ June 30th.

c) Amend By-Law 2(3): Member subscriptions are due by the annual general meeting each year July 1st and the amount for annual subscriptions is determined at the ~~July~~ April committee meeting to enable members to be financial by the annual general meeting July 1st.

Special Resolution #4

By-Law 8 Permanent subcommittees

Proposal:

- a) Replace the word 'permanent' with the word 'operational' in the By-Law title and subrule 8(1).
- b) Amend By-Law 8(1): The Association has five (5) permanent operational subcommittees established by the Committee annually in accordance with Rule 42.

Why:

The current wording may be construed to mean the five operational subcommittees are independent of the Committee's authorised delegation.

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If you have an item to buy, swap, give away or sell please let me know. It will be published for 2 months then taken down. If it doesn't sell and you wish to put it in again just post it through to the club email which is on page 2.

Rotary Club of Shepparton Time Capsule

First buried in 1973, raised and buried in 2000 with 480 articles.
Now being raised again on the 27th February 2025 at 10am in the John Pick Playground opposite the Parklake Motel.

After it has been opened the capsule will be taken to Neatline Homes in Melbourne Road near the Peppermill Hotel for de-gassing and opening. After sorting, the public will be admitted from 2pm to collect their treasures.

The capsule will be reburied on the 31st May 2025, and raised on the 26th January 2050.

Envelopes for purchase and then burial will be available for purchase from the 14th February from the following business –

- Everyday Supplies, 28 – 36 New Dookie Rd
- Traffic Boutique, 69 Fryers St
- Lovell's Newsagency, 246 Wyndham St.

Costs vary from \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 depending on the size.

Envelopes for sale will be available on the day of opening at Neatline Homes. Uncollected envelopes not picked up on the 27th from Neatline will be available on the 28th February from GMR Engineering, 164 Maude St from 2 -4 pm. And after that date by ringing Rotarian Angie Talarico on 0408312559 to arrange collection.

The Club encourages the community to get behind the reinternment of the capsules and purchase an envelope whether it be family writing a letter to future generations, school kids writing a letter to themselves 25 years in the future. Or it could be business and institutions passing on their experiences.

The Club would like to thank council's Andrew Hepworth for organising the excavation of the capsule.

Proceeds from the event will go to local charities.

Letter of Thanks

Hello,

On behalf of Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc members who recently enjoyed a number of days in and around Shepparton visiting classic car focused businesses, we sincerely appreciate all efforts Lloyd and Kris Healy along with ladies from GVMDC who put on a lovely lunch for our members at the MOVE Museum.

Llyod was extremely helpful with setting up special access and Car Parking at MOVE and visits to local collectors.

Llyod also put aside his own personal time on Saturday to be a tour leader in his very nice Maroon XW Falcon to Tim and Marie's property.

Thank you all very much.

Kindest Regards

Colin Pierce

President

WDCVC

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Restoration of Ford 1972 XA utility by Roger and Lorraine Secomb.

In 2019 Lorraine and I went on a trip to Queensland with a trailer load of parts for our son. We could not come home with an empty trailer. So, we looked around and found a 1972 XA ford utility in a very rough condition. This reminded us of our first car a 1972 XA station wagon. This started our restoration. We stripped the utility down to the shell, soda blasted the chassis, bonnet, guards, doors, tailgate etc, Found rust in sills, floor pans, rear chassis rails, bottom of guards, tub floor, and seat back panel. We even found a loaf pan being used as a drain pan in the plenum!



We then made a frame to bolt the chassis to, so to keep it straight when parts were cut out and new ones welded in. Bought a rotisserie, and fitted the frame with chassis to it, so we could get to all areas that needed welding.

We had 3 welders to help us, over the covid period, this took a long time. We have been able to source all parts for repairs, new and old from 10 different suppliers.

With all parts welded in, the rotisserie and chassis were sent off to the painters, who tapped out small dents, creamed and sprayed with the under coat. Back to the workshop where we fitted diff, rear springs (reset), new front springs, stubs axles, new bearings, disc pads and rotors, steering, wheels, a 351 motor and C4 gearbox (which were both fully rebuilt as these were originals and needed to be upgraded). Then the chassis was removed from the rotisserie, to set the body line when doors, tailgate, bonnet were fitted with the wheels to make the body easier to move around. Back to the painters for final preparation to shell and tub for painting.

Then in November 23 the utility was ready to be picked up from the painters. Fit out was started in the engine bay with all new wiring, brake booster and brake lines, fuel lines, power steering, alternator, starter, radiator, fan shroud, headers, twin exhausts, fuel tank, holly carby, new oil cooler lines from auto gearbox etc.

At the same time, we started in the cabin with dash, gauges, wiring (old style new wires) head lining, windscreen, seats, carpet, lights, indicators, consol, etc. And a new tonneau cover.

We have used many of the original parts, some rebuilt, some restored and a lot have been purchased as far as possible to keep the utility as original as it was in 1972.

After getting a RWC, the utility was finally ready for rego in August 2024.





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