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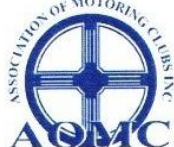
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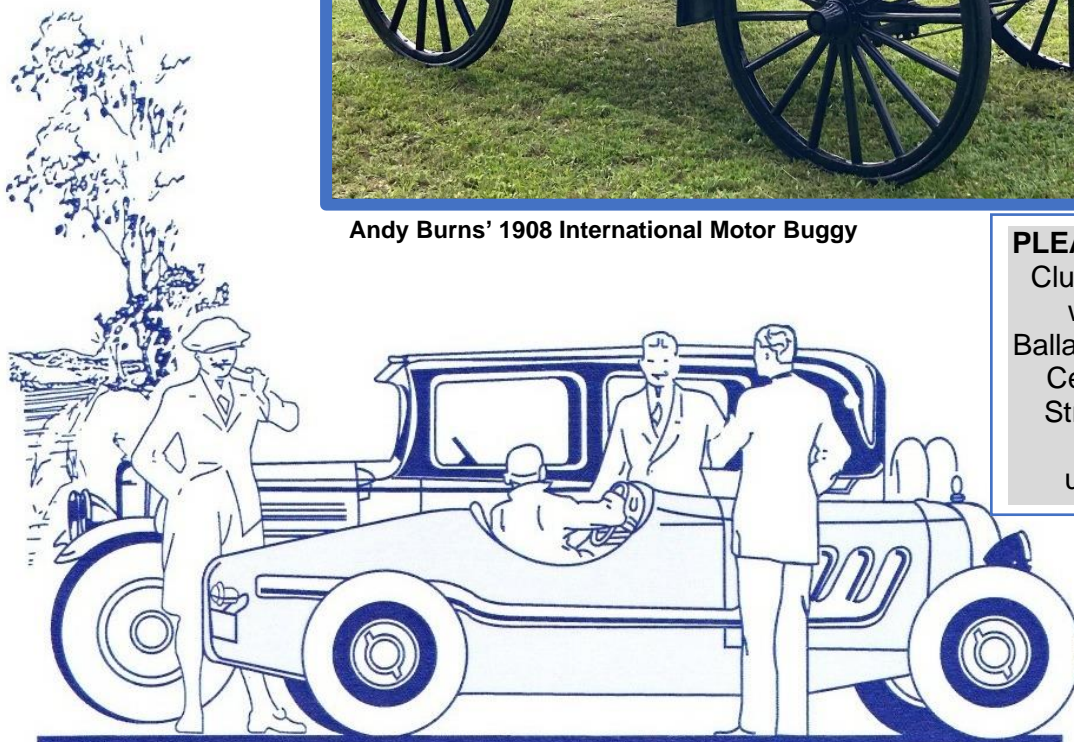
Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Andy Burns' 1908 International Motor Buggy

### 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



Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month at Clubrooms, Humffray St. Sth. (Cnr Gladstone St.), Ballarat

## Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM

**NOTE:** The next General Meeting will be held **FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

### Life Members

Alan Firns, 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 and Bob Bennetts (Dec)

### Newsletter

Articles for the **June 2025** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to **[npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto: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

It's amazing how things work out! This month's issue seems to have an International flavour – completely unplanned – Cover Story and Library Book Review. Hope you enjoy  
Brett has some very important news in his Clubrooms Redevelopment Update on page 5.  
There are plenty of reports and photos to keep you occupied over the now colder days.  
*Nerene Backhouse, Editor*

## HEALTH MATTERS

### Welfare

Our Get Well wishes have been conveyed to **Ian Watson** who was hospitalised last month with laryngitis and pneumonia – pleased to say that he is now back on deck. Things don't seem to be going right for **Jennifer Trewin** at the moment following a few setbacks so we hope our thoughts will brighten her days and lift her spirits. Another of our members under the weather at the moment is **Ron Gay**, who has had abdominal surgery and is now recovering very well at home.

For those who are finding the days are long and hard going – we send you our very best wishes for brighter days – and please - remember to keep smiling.

### VALE – Doreen Seager

Sadly, we lost Doreen last month. Doreen was the wife of our late Life Member Paul, and was a great support to Paul behind the scenes – as many were - especially when the 'old' clubrooms were moved to the Humffray Street South site. But before that, when Committee meetings were held in various members' homes, Doreen was noted for her scrumptious suppers.

Doreen was a very hospitable lady and well known for her generous and giving nature – she loved looking after people, and made sure all the new neighbours were welcomed into the street properly. There were always people in her home.

We've no doubt Doreen's 'up there somewhere' having a cuppa, and travelling in the sidecar with Paul at the helm.

*Rest in Peace, Doreen, with your beloved Paul*

*Nerene Backhouse*



## AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

As Nancy Jackson was an apology at this Committee Meeting, as Assistant Secretary, I'm presenting the report.

### 1 New Member Applications

There were two new applications received this month.

- i) Greg and Maxine Andrews from Bolwarrah who were nominated by Bruce Kerr and seconded by Graeme Musgrove. They have 2 1987 Mercedes 300D sedans
- ii) Tim Duncan from Nintingbool who was nominated by Ian Trembath and seconded by Graeme Johns. He has a 1972 MGB Roadster.

Providing there are no objections received by the President prior to the May General Meeting and the applicants are present at the meeting, they will be welcomed into the Club.

### 2 Annual General Meeting

Our Club Annual General Meeting is only a couple of months away – the June newsletter will include a Nomination Form for Committee and Team Leader positions for 2025-2026. Please give some thought to standing for a position or nominating somebody to fill a role, as the Club cannot function without some willing leaders.

### 3 'Old' Barbeque Trailer

This has been sold to a club member.

*Nerene Backhouse*  
*Assistant Secretary*

## Cover Story – 1908 International Motor Buggy – Andy Burns

In the early 1970s, I saw my first motor buggy at the Gippsland Motor Museum – I was fascinated by it. My passion is early veteran vehicles although my first car was a 1930 improved A Model Ford.

It took 23 years to find my buggy and it came from Mississippi in America. It was shipped out in a very sad state; over 8 years, I hand built it making many of the parts. To restore such a unique vehicle is incredibly satisfying but can be very frustrating as well – it often breaks down and brings all sorts of emotions – it's very cantankerous – joy - frustration – happiness – pain – serenity – are a few that come to mind.

It has two gears and reverse, no roof or windscreen and travels at 22kph. The engine is 2-cylinder horizontally opposed, and it has a total loss oil system, so it just dumps it on the ground once the engine has used it. If you love being cold, wet, hot or windblown, this is the vehicle for you.

## COMING EVENTS – May - June 2025

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

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30-4pm – Lilly's at Eureka, Eureka Centre**

With the winter weather on its way, we invite you to come to Lilly's for a warm and restful place as well as a warm welcome. Bring a craft item you're working on, or just come for a chat – lunch and coffee available.

**Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Display at Andersons Mill, Smeaton – Mother's Day Drive**

Invitation to display vehicles at the annual Andersons Mill Heritage Open Day Art and Craft show, Food Trucks, Music and some Market Stalls from 10am -1pm. Brendan will lead a group drive to leave from Brown Hill Bus Exchange at 9:30am. All welcome. **Please advise Brendan 0409 018 867 if attending.**

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Lake Bolac Campout**

Details for this relaxing event were in the April newsletter.

For any questions or further information, please contact – **Nerene Backhouse 0427 348 060**

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale**

**NOTE** – change of venue from last month's calendar.

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770**

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Club General Meeting – 7.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre**

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Display at Ballarat Airport – '30s – '50s vehicles**

As part of the Ballarat Heritage Festival, we have been invited to display some vehicles – 10am – 2pm.at the Ballarat Airport. Check out the Museum, watch the DC3 flying in and out, and the Pacific Belles will be performing at lunch time.

**Contact Brendan (0409 018 867) or Andy (0428 935 988)**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Club Run – (Trophy Points) - Lake Bolac Campout – 9.30am**

Leave from Latrobe Street near Bendix at 9.30am, travelling out through Carngham and turn left towards Streatham, and from there to Lake Bolac. Leader required or work it out on the day.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Heritage Weekend, Ballarat (Trophy Points) and National Motoring Heritage Day**

Vehicle Display in the closed Lydiard Street North precinct from 10am-3pm. Everyone and everything is welcome. Please **Contact Brendan 0409 018 867** - if you can help with a vehicle. Several people to assist with marshalling would also be very helpful. Theme this year is vehicles that may have appeared on the "big screen" in TV or Movies. Also, the 100 years of Ford Australia. Let's pray for a dry day.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm – 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Bus Trip to Winton Historic Vehicle Racing**

A 20-seater bus or 50-seater coach is being organised for the day trip to Winton. Leaving from Ballarat 6am.

**Contact Brendan 0409 018 867** - as soon as you can to **book your seat**. Cost will depend on numbers.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Naked Radiator Run – leave 10.30am from the Bendix area in Latrobe Street**

BYO lunch and chair - **Contact Frank and Jan Tamis – 0475 192 372** (keep trying – bad area)

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30-4pm – Lilly's at Eureka, Eureka Centre**

Bring a craft item you're working on, or just come for a chat – lunch and coffee available.

**Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077**

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Rustless Wanderers Lunch – North Ballarat Sports Club**

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770**

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre**

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Club Run - Avoca Riverside Market (Trophy Points)**

We were planning on visiting the Lincoln Museum at Pomonal but the Museum is not available on this date.

We will be leaving about 9.30am from Latrobe Street near Bendix and travelling along the back roads for a toilet, morning tea stop in Beaufort. We are hoping to get the Vegemite Museum in Beaufort to open a bit early for us to visit. The cost of entry to the Museum is a Gold coin donation.

Then we will be travelling along good back roads to the Avoca Riverside Market. This is a large market of about 60 stalls. The market consists of local produce, wines and food vans. The cost of entry to the market is a Gold coin donation. For lunch, there are several food vans at the market, hotels and take away shops in the town. For BYO there is a large undercover area in the main street.

**Contact John & Gayle Pickering - 0408 914 943**

## Clubrooms Redevelopment Update #15

I reported last month that April would be a slower month, due to the reduced number of 'working' days - however this has not been the case!

Actions speak louder than words, and they say a picture is worth a thousand words. So, if you are able to, have a drive past the clubrooms site - pull up where safe to do so - and have a look (from the outside of the fence please!).



Andy Burns and Tom Quinlan removing the locks on the front doors

On approach, you will notice the temporary fencing around the perimeter (that has been up for a while now), and recently the back section came down, however a vigilant neighbour and prompt action from our Property Officer had it remedied in no time at all.

Then you might notice the site hut - there was a request for assistance to establish the work site - but to no avail, so we have needed to rent one for 3 months.



The excavator makes short work of the demolition

And then if you haven't spotted it already - the clubrooms are gone 😞.

As planned, the windows were removed on the Wednesday before Easter, and the demolition took place on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Easter, with all materials being separated and recycled as appropriate, including the metal and bricks/concrete. The stumps from the three trees on the verandah side were also removed.



What's left of the back corner – anyone need to use the loo?  
Too late now

As I write this, the site is being cleaned up and levelled, with fresh fill added as needed to fill in the holes. A big thanks to all involved in the operation, including those who helped and supervised - 'gate openers' and our photographers and recorder.

Next will be the retaining wall that is required on the south side - and pleasingly no permit is required for this one as it is lower than the threshold height. The pine posts along the drain have been removed and works have commenced on the retaining wall.

Did you know the bluestone drain does not run parallel to the fence line next door?

The manufacture of the new structure is now also complete, and ready to be shipped when we are ready to receive. The final progress payment (balance before delivery) in line with the schedule of works has been received. This will just leave the cost of the erection to be paid.

Separately, we are currently pricing the windows and doors, and working through the options available to us.

It is pleasing to see the number of members who are assisting in various ways with all parts of this project, from minor to major things, and all going about it in a quiet and unassuming manner. I have been deliberate in not specifically naming individual members - but you know who you are (and we know who you are too).



One last bite – and it's all over, red rover!



So this month's call for assistance is to extend on this. As we look ahead to the fit-out stage, do you have a trade and would like to be involved? e.g. we have the offer of a painter, and data infrastructure, and there will be many more needed. If you are able to help out, please let a member of the subcommittee know.

And lastly for this month, in relation to the road discontinuance and lease, I have checked in with Council. They advised the invoice has been paid for the surveying of the closed road. Further, they confirmed that DEECA has no issues with Council including the closed road area in the lease plan prior to it being formally gazetted. So, they are progressing with the lease.

The only other comment they had was that the adjacent Scout Hall has made a complaint to Council around the temporary fence protruding their access to the rear of their building! This has been attended to, as well as cleaning up their clutter that was slowing their access.

Finally - the Building Subcommittee is also about to meet (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April) to look at progress to date, and costs to date versus budget etc.

*Brett Holloway – on behalf of the Building Subcommittee*



Bruce Kerr shedding a tear . . . . .



Nothing left! Those who have seen the empty block comment just how big it looks.  
BUT! Watch this space . . . . .

## PAST EVENTS

### Mid-week Motorcycle Run – Chris Ridsdale

The last midweek daylight saving ride for this season saw 30 riders and red plate eligible bikes ride out to the Snake Valley Hotel on Wednesday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Weather was very kind to us, beautiful evening, great display of bikes and a great bunch of riders including several VCCC members (on bikes).

A very rare unrestored 1923 AJS V-twin and my 1934 Ariel OHC Sq4 were the oldest bikes. Several Nortons, BMW's, BSA's and Kawasaki's plus a couple of Triumphs, Yamaha's, Honda's, etc. The next big event on the motorcycle calendar is the All British Rally on Anzac Day weekend. On the Saturday, the streets of Maldon will be filled with motorcycles of all different makes, models and years.

Remember . . . the motorcycle rides are determined by the weather. If you have a red plate eligible motorcycle and want to be informed of these runs, please call **Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001** to be added to the list to be advised.







### Naked Radiator Run – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

It's amazing how a run can clock up the kilometres without actually going too far out of town. Basically, this run of 60km ventured south to Bonshaw, and then towards Napoleons via Bowes and Lacys Roads. Just before Dereel, we turned towards Rokewood Junction and made our way to Cape Clear. We travelled along Ryans Road which brought us to the picturesque Happy Valley Reserve, before arriving at Linton for lunch. It was a lovely relaxed drive. Many thanks as always, Frank and Jan for a great day.



As our new clubrooms are undergoing redevelopment, we are gathering at various venues around Ballarat. We met at Morshead Park not knowing that the circus was there also!



There was quite a stiff cold wind at Morshead Park so Heather Gingell, Judith Bandy, Jan Tamis, Barb Harris and Rhonda Edwards were rugged up.

### Attendees – Naked Radiator Run

Rick Thege & Heather Gingell	1923 Rolls Royce
Bruce & Rhonda Edwards	1927 Packard
Frank & Jan Tamis	1929 Plymouth
Garry Hayward	1929 Ford Model A
Warren & Barbara Harris	1929 Marquette
Malcolm & Judith Bandy	1929 Delage
Peter & Judy Fitzgerald & Peter Littlehales	1929 Chrysler
Colin, Merrilyn & Catrina Sargent	1930 Ford Model A
Brad Mollison	1936 Plymouth
Mark Richmond	1938 Pontiac
Dale Collins	1940 La Salle
Nerene Backhouse	1956 Austin A30
Kevin & Lorelli Huggins	1956 Riley Pathfinder
Ivan & Helen Tarrant	1966 Mustang
John Taylor	1974 Triumph 2500
Ray & Marjorie Drury	1986 Jaguar XJ6
Barry & Cyndy Allison	1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette
Wayne & June Harrop	1988 Porsche 944S
Karen Otto	1998 Toyota Camry



Lunch was at Linton – under shelter and out of the wind.



## Club Run – Narrapumelap Homestead at Wickliffe – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Trophy Points)

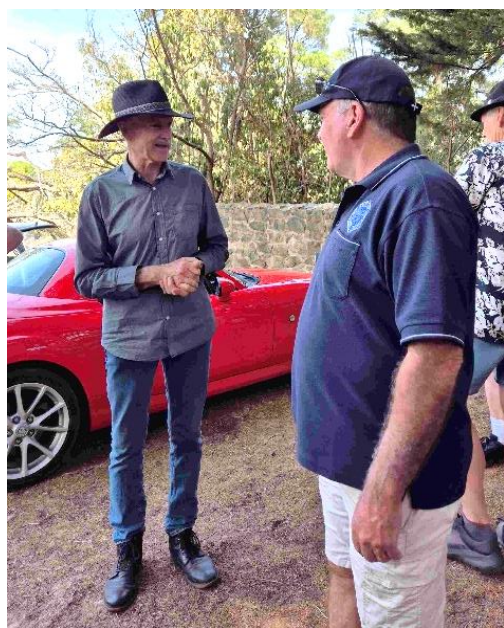
The Indian summer just seems to keep on with another warm autumn day predicted for our monthly run. Ron Damen had us all meeting up along the wide verge of Latrobe Street, so there was a straight run out Carngham Road to begin our drive to Lake Bolac and on to Wickliffe and the famous Historic House of Narrapumelap. Twenty-five cars lined up, a long queue, and after some signing in and instructions, we all headed off at about 9:45am.

Ron kept a nice easy pace and the row of cars kept up nicely through Chepstowe, past Mt Emu and on to Streatham where we picked up Neville Finch in the Thunderbird.



We arrived a bit after 11am at Lake Bolac for a refresh and Coffee. The Willaura Lions Club (right) got a nice surprise as their small BBQ trailer cooking up Snags in Bread was suddenly invaded by 30 hungry people. A delicious unplanned morning tea.

Another 12kms west and we reached Narrapumelap, and drove through the massive iron gates marked with a large W in the centre standing for John D Wyselaskie, the pastoralist who built the home in the early 1870's. We all parked up at the main gate of the entrance to the main house, and were greeted by Kevin McIntyre, the owner of the homestead and whose passion it has been to restore the mansion to its former glory since he was a child. Since it was about 12:30pm, it was decided to set up the picnic tables in the shade and enjoy our lunch before embarking on a tour of the main house and outbuildings.



Brendan Stevens (right) introducing Kevin McIntyre

After lunch, Kevin led us up through the gardens, and explained the façade and amazing topiary work he has done to frame the main entrance. From there it was in and around all the rooms of the house with more stories and before and after photos of each room. Some rooms are still a work in progress but his attention to detail and self-taught artisan skills are a tribute to his vision for over 30 years of rebuilding and restoring without losing the original character of the home.







His highlight is the restored and only recently crane lifted top of the main tower over the front entrance. Our group was allowed to wander freely around and climb the tower to take in the vista from the elevated 360-degree view. The tight winding stairs were a bit of a challenge but there was no

stopping Maree Sherlock who ascended on hands and knees, gave a “woohoo” at the top and came down the same way. (ps Maree will be 90 in a few months’ time – so a great effort!)

The rear courtyard and modernized kitchen area blend in with the elderly structure, and there is a B&B style unit extending into the former stables area with views over the rear courtyard.

Over Easter and the Melbourne Cup long weekends, the house is open for visits and morning and afternoon tea. Kevin will again be hosting the tours, and he could literally talk passionately for hours about the stories and characters who have been through these elaborate hallways.

Soon enough, it was around mid-afternoon, and people began to make their way home, some like us stopping at Skipton or Linton for a drink or an ice cream. The farmers in the area were all raising dust as they were dry seeding with the hope of some rain in the next week or two. We love the fine weather, but no one will begrudge a decent bit of precipitation before the cold of winter does set in.

A big thank you to Ron for leading and to all the drivers for keeping a good spacing and sticking to etiquette guidelines as the procession of twenty-six filled the road on the way out.

*Brendan Stevens*

#### Attendees – Club Run 13<sup>th</sup> April

Colin & Merralyn Sargent	1958	Triumph TR3
Merv & Maree Sherlock	1966	Rover P5 Mk 3
Neville Finch	1966	Ford Thunderbird Coupe
Richard English	1967	MGB
Jim & Narelle Kellett	1970	Fiat 850
John Taylor	1970	MGB
Ron Damen	1972	Valiant Coupe
Tom Quinlan	1972	Mercedes Benz
Simon & Liz Nuttall,	1972	Buick Boattail
Martin & Lisa Shannon		
Tony & Pauline Newman	1974	Rover P6
Kevin & Ena Connell	1984	Volvo 240
Rick Thege & Heather Gingell	1984	Jaguar
Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1986	Mercedes Benz



Above, Ron Damen letting us know he made it – and what a view! (below) Sorry Maree – no photo of your efforts!



Three Kevins together on the day – club members Kevin Connell and Kevin Huggins with property owner,



Brendan & Gaida Stevens	1986	BMW 320i convertible
Barry & Cindy Allison	1987	Nissan Skyline Silhouette
Nerene Backhouse	1988	Nissan Skyline Executive
Wayne & June Harrop	1988	Porsche 944S
Alan & Joy Rogers	1988	Mercedes Benz 300 Coupe
Kevin & Lorelli Huggins	1989	Toyota Cressida
Karen Otto	1998	Toyota Camry

Modern – Chris Matheson plus one, Ron & Jenny McLean and David Barclay, Trish McMahon & Carolin Ettary

### **Easter Saturday – Display at the Wendouree Neighbourhood House for their Market Day**

We received an invitation from Simon Dwyer from the Wendouree Neighbourhood House to add a bit of interest to their Market Day – this was in Holly Grove where the Men's Shed and Soccer grounds are. We had a good roll up of vehicles but unfortunately there were not many people about – maybe because it was Easter. We were very grateful to the Men's Shed through our club member, Ray Allen, for giving us a guided tour of their premises which was most interesting. The display was from 10am until about 12 noon.



Visitor's car, Bill Payne's Hudson, Jenny Groves' Austin A30, Clive Phillips' Toyota Crown (both hidden), visitor's car (Kaiser Manhattan), Bill Pearce's Chrysler Imperial and Moyle Bunworth's Model A



Jenny Groves set herself up with a little picnic table and chair to have her coffee



Jenny's 1955 Austin A30, Clive Phillips' early 1980s Toyota Crown, and visitor's Kaiser Manhattan



Clive Phillips bought this Toyota Crown Royale whilst holidaying in Japan some years ago.



It just happened that three green cars were parked together – David Clark's A Model, Brendan Stevens' Magnette and Nerene Backhouse's Austin A30



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***How to Restore Farmall Tractors (1902-1958)***

By Tharran E. Gaines

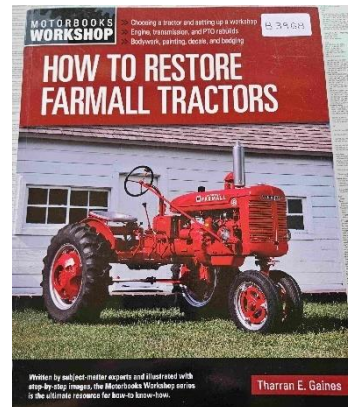
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This new book promoted as the only complete Farmall Tractor Restoration Guide starts with the detailed history and models sold by International as Farmall Tractors and McCormick-Deering Tractors.



Like a number of tractor manufacturers in the 1900s, International Harvester was formed as a merger of two major farm equipment companies that were forced to become partners to both survive. This merger of the McCormick Harvester Company and the Deering Company in 1902 led to still producing the Titan and Mogul Tractors. Most of their early tractors, however, were designed for ploughing and belt work, leaving jobs like cultivation, planting and mowing to a team of horses. By 1917, the engineers of both companies were working together to produce smaller tractors to compete with the new Fordson Tractor. As a result, the company introduced the International 15-30 model in 1921, which was as up-to-date as any tractor on the market at that time.



As successful as farm tractors had become by the 1920's, there was still a desperate need on a farm for a tractor that could do it all. Every tractor to date was either heavy and powerful for belt work and for pulling large implements, or it was light and manoeuvrable for cultivating raw crops.

Recognising the demand for a machine that could fill both roles, International Harvester began working on a suitable machine. By 1923, they developed this type of machine and called it the "Farmall". As the name implied, it could do all that a farmer wanted it to do.

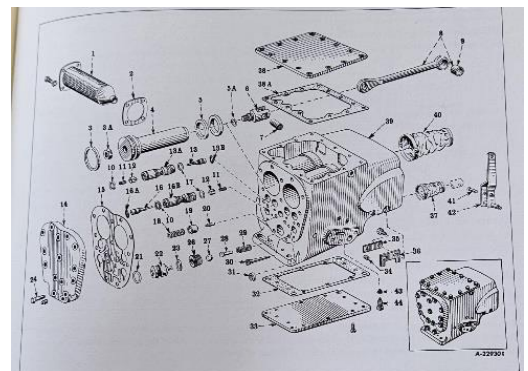
In short order, the Farmall tractor changed not only the future of the International Harvester Company, but the future of the entire tractor industry worldwide!

Now the main purpose of this book!

It is packed with more than 300 step-by-step photos, proven tips and techniques, and money-saving advice from experienced restorers, who know what works – and what doesn't.



Tharran Gaines' book walks you through the restoration of your red tractor. From disassembly to engine rebuild, electrics, painting, and final detailing. There are even sections on choosing which model to choose, setting up your workshop, and sourcing parts, including the interchangeable parts of different models. All the different series of tractors are covered from the Farmall Letter Series, the Cubs and the Number Series tractors, up until 1958.



As illustrated in this exploded view drawing, there are a number of seals, bushings and springs in the Touch-Control cylinder block that are subject to wear.

As usual the large Appendix at the end of the book covers general parts and specialised parts supply, component part rebuilders, seats and gaskets, magnetos, injection pumps, decals, cab interiors and wheels, rims and tyres. Finally, the source of tractor manuals, magazines and club newsletters are all listed as well.

This book is an excellent addition to our large tractor section of our Club Library.

By way of interest, I found out a couple of years ago that Nerene Backhouse and Warrick Pitcher's father had an International A414 tractor, so I have asked them to write something of that tractor.

Ron Gay



From Nerene - Dad purchased the A414 in 1964 from Howard Lockett & Sons in Ballarat – the salesman was Ken Belsar. Dad had won the State Tractor Driving Championship in 1963 which was held at Dean, and was part of the Begonia Festival - Howard Lockett's provided the seven tractors for the competition and the International Harvester Company provided £200 prize money. After driving the A414, Dad decided a new tractor was needed.

From Warrick – When the tractor was delivered, I was a sticky-beak 8-year-old, and just had to get up on the trailer and sit in the seat – this was while Dad and the driver were talking. In due course, the driver told me that I'd better get down so he could back the tractor off the trailer. Dad said, "the young bloke'll do it". I duly backed the tractor off the trailer to the amazement of the driver.

That tractor did a power of all sorts of work in the time Dad had it. When the laws came in about putting a ROPS on tractors, Dad and I devised a plan to incorporate a cabin as well. That cabin ended up saving my life the first time we used it after finishing it. In the 1982 drought, Dad and I were cleaning out some dams while they were dry.

I was on the Inter when all of a sudden, the tractor slid side-ways and ended up on its side. If the cabin had not been on the tractor, I would probably have been crushed. We righted the tractor with the Fergy – it was good as gold and so was I, so we continued our work. The 'Inter' was finally sold at a community clearing sale in Elaine in 1984.



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#### 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.**

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – [nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto:nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com)***

#### **For Sale –**

Shelley Vintage mechanical Jacks X 3	\$20 each
1968/69 Mercedes Benz full wheel covers set of 4 v.g.o.	\$100
1968/69 Mercedes Benz 280 headlight lenses & taillight Clusters	\$100
Metal trunk 600 x500 x300 deep	\$30
Vintage spotlight with mirror in back windscreen clamp on	\$150
1 amber 1930's fog light 6 ½" diam	\$50
Vintage Wilmot Breedon motor metre with radiator cap Morris/Austin	\$100
Set of Piston Rings Repco Flexite to suit 6cyl Austin Healey, Chrysler,	
Dodge, Plymouth 3. 7/8" 020 oversize 2 sets	\$80 each

**Contact - Gordon Roberts - Ph 0409 773 464**

#### **For Sale - 1937 Pontiac Parts**

Rolling Chassis with Holden body, all original doors, panels, upholstery, flathead straight 6 (original and a spare), gearbox X 3 (I think), Diff X 2

Numerous other panels and parts including spare nose cone, doors, B pillars etc.

Sundry other parts, workshop manual etc. Sold as a complete package only, not parting out.

Original wiring harness still in place.

Original Victorian registration plate rights available if the vehicle is restored.

Located Geelong, price negotiable.

**Contact - Bruce Newell - 0419 357 479**

#### **Request re Star Vehicles**

With 2026 just around the corner, I am about to embark upon the restoration of a 1926 Star of Wolverhampton 14/30 tourer. I have been advised that Graeme Birkett, who sadly passed away late last year, restored several of these Star cars and I am very keen to see some of these and meet their owners.

My mobile number is **0419 371 787** and my email address is [tuckerrobert1@me.com](mailto:tuckerrobert1@me.com)

I thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer,

Kind Regards,

Robert Tucker

#### **Wanted – Holden V8 Parts**

1. Bell Housing and 2. Cam Shaft

**Contact Brett Halliwell – 0413 662 758**



**For Sale - 1992 VP Commodore V6 3800**

Spent \$5000 on parts etc

Original motor – 342,000 kms

\$7,500 or best offer. On club rego.

Prefer to go to club member.

**Contact Mark Frew – Email –**

**mark.frew@hotmail.com or Mob - 0400 602 279**

**For Sale – 1990 Ford Tourer Red**

Vehicle is in good condition, has been stored undercover for the last 10yrs, manual, comes with soft top & hard top -however the soft top has a broken clip to hold it. A small piece of trim is missing from the base of the rear window & has a small leak at the top of the radiator. Currently has 116679km's on the clock, prefer to sell as is without roadworthy & price can be negotiable.

Registration number 3598H6 (Club Permit)

(TZK469 Previous Rego)

Engine number ULO1526134

VIN OR chassis number 6FPAAAUL01LS26134

Cash price \$6,000 – 7,000

**Please contact Sharon Lorimer on 0409 503 944 for viewing**

**For Sale – 1969 Mini Cooper S**

Includes Twin fuel tanks, Front disc brakes, 1275cc motor with oil cooler, Twin Su carbs, 4 speed box, 120 MPH speedo, and Smiths tacho, Vintage style driving light, Sitting on 10" mini-lites with Dunlop formula-R rubber. Period correct radio. Painted in BRG with white roof, \$48000.00 ono.

**Contact 0408 523 899.**

**For Sale - 1978 Leyland Mini 998cc**

Starts and runs well. One of the very last off the assembly line in '78 and first registered in March '79. Regretful sale to fund other projects. No Rego

Engine No. 99H889AJ-H001727

Chassis No. XNPAB18Y-100054

\$10,000

**Contact Ross - 0419176812**

**For Sale**

NOS Radiator Hose (bottom) to suit EH Holden 179 cu in motor (Mackay brand – pack no. CH590 \$10

NOS Radiator hose (top) to suit Ford Cortina TC or TD 1972-1975 200/250 cid motor

(Dunlop brand pack no. CH024

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**Contact Ray Reynolds – tel. (03) 5331 7029**

**For Sale - 1958 Triumph TR3A convertible**

2.2 litre 4 cylinder engine 4 speed gearbox with electric overdrive on 2nd, 3rd and 4th gears.

Full ground up restoration in early 2000's. Presents extremely well and lovingly maintained.

Currently fitted with a hardtop that can be removed if required.

Won the prestigious People's Choice Trophy at an all - Australian Triumph TR Concourse competition.

No rust, recently serviced and runs well. Will not disappoint. On a non-transferable Victorian Club Permit. \$40,000 neg.

**Phone:- 0414 559 661**





# CLUB CALENDAR – MAY - JULY 2025

For the Details of Events, see Pages 4; also refer to the 12-month calendar.

MAY		What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	10th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Sun	11th	Vintage & Classic Display	Andersons Mill Smeaton	Brendan	O409018867	9:30am
Wed-Tues	14 <sup>th</sup> -20th	Campout (Trophy Points)	Picnic Point Lake Bolac	Nerene	O427348060	
Thurs	15th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch – <b>NOTE change of venue</b>	Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	16th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat	17th	Heritage display 30s-50s	At Ballarat Airport Museum	Brendan	O409018867	10-2pm
Sun	18th	Heritage Day (Trophy Points)	Display in closed Lydiard Street North	Brendan	O409018867	10-3pm
Sun	18th	Club Run to Lake Bolac Campout (Trophy Points)	Depart Bendix – Leader? Decide on the day!			9.30am
Tues	20th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Sun	25th	Bus Trip - Classic Car Racing	Winton Historic Racing	<b>Brendan - asap</b>	<b>O409018867</b>	Bus leaves 6am
<b>JUNE</b>						
Sun	8th	Naked Radiator Run – <b>NOTE change of date</b>	Depart – Bendix Latrobe Street	Frank & Jan Tamis	O475192372	10:30am
Sat-Mon	7th-9th	King's Birthday Rally	Hamilton ( <i>entries close 26th May</i> )	See Nerene for an	entry form	
Sat	14th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Thurs	19th	Rustless Wanderers	North Ballarat Sports Club	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	20th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	22nd	Club Run to Avoca (Trophy Points)	See Coming Events	J & G Pickering	O408914943	9:30am
Tues	24th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Sun	29th	Fridge Swap Meet	Multi-Story Carpark Ballarat			
<b>JULY</b>						
Sat	12th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Thurs	17th	Rustless Wanderers	Xmas in July at Wallace Pub	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	18th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	20th	Presidents Run (Trophy Points)	TBA	Andy Burns	O428935988	
Tues	22nd	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm

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





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