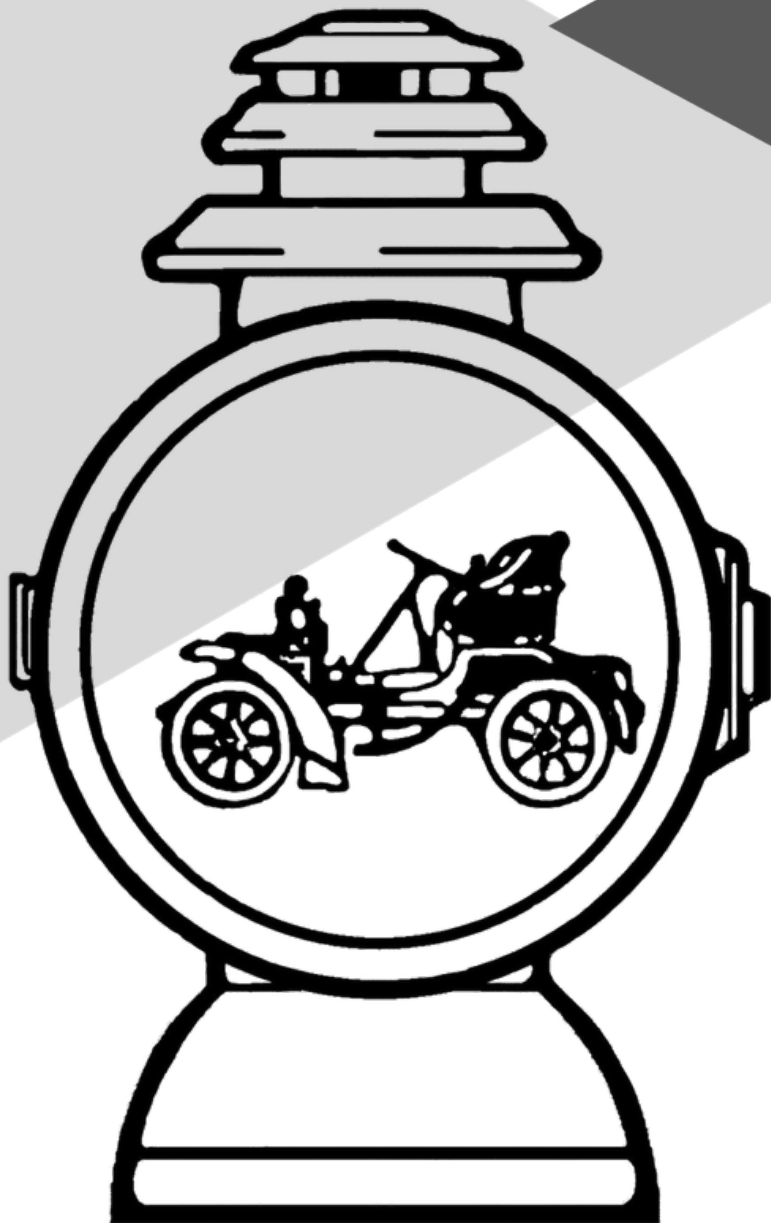


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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Friday of each month at the Shaw Street Community Hall, Corner Shaw Street and Kent Crescent, Wagga Wagga. All members, guests and visitors are welcome.

CLUB EVENTS

Club events are held on various days during the year.
Please check the "Coming Events Calendar" in this newsletter for details.

***It is recommended by our Club and supported by CHMC that you
COMPLETE YOUR LOG BOOK FOR ALL EVENTS***

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

The Club's Statement of Objects is as follows: For the association of persons interested in Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Post Classic motor vehicles. To encourage the restoration, preservation, use and display of these vehicles and associated literature, films, photographs, tape recordings and video tapes.

To demonstrate the capabilities of these vehicles by engaging in competitions including economy trials, regularity runs, observation events, motorkhanas, concourse competitions and vehicle rallies.

To encourage goodwill, friendship, and communication between members of this Club, and between members of this Club and all other persons, clubs and associations having like Objectives

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

1st May 2026

Held at the Duke of Kent Community Hall.

Meeting opened by Club Member

Rob Le Lievre at 7.30pm

PRESENT: 20

APOLOGIES: 13

VISITORS: 0

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was moved Chris Billingham, seconded Lou DeBono that the minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 10th April and as read at the May meeting be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 2 x companies have been contacted regarding car banners – ongoing enquiries to continue.
- Investment account No. 2 has been reinvested for a period of 6 months.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

- CHMC – Delegates Meeting minutes and report from from Newcastle on 21/3/26.
- NSW Historic Motoring Assoc Bulletin 2026/07
- WWCC 26/27 Annual Grants Program

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Sympathy card to Janelle on the passing of her mother.

COMMITTEE MINUTES – 27/04/26

- Were tabled at the meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Billingham moved, 2nd Alan Fraser that the report as tabled be accepted . Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

Nothing to report

Rob's Social Day – lots of activity, fun and giggles – Thanks Robyn for your much anticipated report.

PAST EVENTS

- Cars/Bikes n Coffee on the Green at Oura – Congratulations to Annie and Lawry for winning the “Best Pre 30's” trophy with their 1927 Buick.
- Anzac Day – A big thank you to our members who drove their vehicles in the parades at Wagga, Uranquinty and Coolamon and supported our veterans.

Lest we forget.

- National 1 and 2 cylinder Rally at Temora.

UP COMING EVENTS

- Please see full description in magazine for further details.
- With Pam Tarlinton away from June until her return in September, assistance will be needed to organise outings so the Mid Week Run can continue in her asbence .

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

Nil

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Very pleased to be receiving stories and photo's for Reflection – keep them coming.

ASSET and MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Nothing to report

REGISTRATION OFFICER

Nil

RALLY DIRECTOR

Cruising Country Roads.

- A Final Reminder will be sent out for registration.
- General planning is going ahead smoothly.
- Ray Harrison will be organising the Afternoon Tea – further info will be sent re catering.

Thank you to the members who have already offered their assistance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Lachlan Holgate was one of 4 recipients to receive funding for the 2026 CHMC Youth Awards - Congratulations Lachlan

MEETING CLOSED at 8.27pm

Chris Billingham – Treasurer(Act Secretary)

Editors Notes

- I would like to thank Chris Billingham for stepping in again and continuing to help out with our Secretarial duties while Leanne has been unwell. We wish Leanne a speedy recovery and know she is looking forward to being back on board with us.
- Our "Cruising Country Roads" event is now only 4 weeks away and all entries should have been received by now. Please give Annie a call on 0427544150 if you can help in any way over the weekend.

Wanted

Afternoon Tea for Saturday 6th June

We are asking if members could dust off their recipe books and supply some "goodies" to munch-on for our "Afternoon Tea" at Mangoplah Hall on Saturday (6th June) for our 'Cruising Country Roads' event.

Ray & Carol Harrison are organising the Afternoon Tea so please contact them directly on 0407145525 if you can help out.

We will keep track of the amount of goodies coming in from members so that we do not over cater - so it is essential to let Ray know what type of food you are bringing along.

The old story - A few small plates will make light work for everyone.

The afternoon teas can be dropped off at our Clubrooms on either Friday 5th June in the afternoon between 4 & 6pm - or on Saturday morning between 8.30 - 10.30am

- Don't forget that we will be looking for another Treasurer at our AGM in August. We are hoping that we have a member out there that is prepared to come forward and take up this very important role on our Committee. Same applies for any other position on the Committee - I am sure there are other Office Bearers that would love to have a break from their current positions – Maybe you're the person to step into one of these positions for a while?
- Remember the change of date for the coming June Meetings because of our "Cruising Country Road" event on the King's Birthday Long Weekend.
 - ** Committee Meeting - Monday 25th May - 6.00pm at Clubrooms
 - ** Monthly Meeting - Friday 29th May - 7:30 pm at Clubrooms.
- Thanks to our members that supplied their vehicles to carry our "Diggers" in the ANZAC marches in Wagga and surrounding towns again this year. Those in the Returned Services certainly appreciate your efforts on the day - and the old jeeps and motorcycles add extra colour to the parades.



Alan Cain's in his 1964 EH Holden Special Sedan.
Coolamon ANZAC Parade 2026.
Alan has been transporting Returned Serviceman in the Parade for many years

National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Temora

19th to 25th APRIL .2026

The rally consisted of over 65 vehicles from 5 states and territories across Australia. The oldest an 1901 Argyll 5 HP car through to an 1918 Harley Davidson motorcycle - both from VIC.

There were 7 motorcycles and the remainder were cars with Renault being the most popular make with 12 vehicles (18.5%)

The first day Monday 20th - we proceeded to Barmedman for morning tea and on to the Arian Park Bowling Club for lunch.

We then returned to Temora, 126 kms for the day.

Tuesday we had morning tea at Dirnaseer Memorial Hall and then progressed to Junee and visited the Junee Roundhouse Rail Museum. Lunch was at your own choice and we departed from the Licorice Factory for our return to Temora.

141 kms for the day.

Wednesday was a day in Temora visiting the Temora Rural Museum and then the Temora Aviation Museum.

Thursday we proceeded to Bectric Hall for morning tea and then on to Coolamon for lunch of your choice. We then returned to Temora via Bectric Hall.

144 kms for the day.

Friday we travelled to Lake Centenary for a picnic morning tea and jet boat display by Scott Krause, some of our rally entrants got the ride of their life in a jet race boat. We then proceeded to Springdale and had lunch at the Springdale Functions Hall and then returned to Temora. We travelled 84kms for the day.

Submitted by Nigel Smith





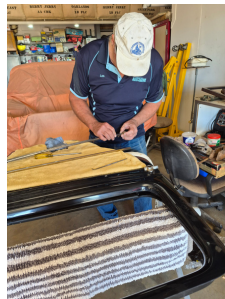
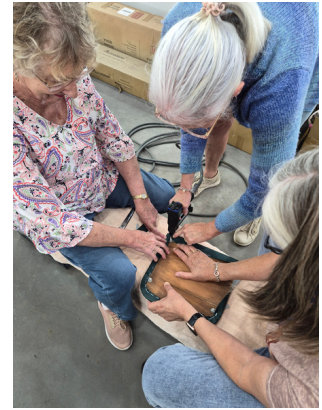
Rob's Shed/Social Day.

Tuesday 28th April 2026

Rob's Workshop was an enjoyable, productive day, as usual.

Lots of projects worked on and lots of help and advice from attendees assisting each other.

It's a very supportive workshop with knowledge and expertise gladly shared.



Les is working on the Humber, Chris is restoring a high chair, Sue is restoring a bridge chair and completed some photo framing, Robyn is restoring an antique gramophone and Craig, Stuart and Rob are assisting us all.

Morning tea and lunch time is a very important part of the day where most of the world's problems are solved, according to those present, and some wonderful stories are told, according to our memories!

All members are encouraged to go along to the workshop and see for yourself what a great productive and social day it is and we must say how grateful to Rob we are for making his shed available to us.

Submitted by Robyn Petts

We must all do our part for the planet. The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using.



Changes in Guidelines for retrofitting seatbelts to pre-ADR vehicles

The 'Guidelines for retrofitting seatbelts to pre-Australian Design Rule (ADR) vehicles provides advice for the installation of lap (2-point) or lap sash (3-point) seatbelts in vehicles that were not fitted with seatbelts by the vehicle's original manufacturer.

To jog our memory - in New South Wales, the key pre-ADR (Australian Design Rule) date for seat belts is 1 January 1969.

Before this date seat belts were generally not required for older vehicles.

- From 1 January 1969: All new Australian cars were required to have seat belts fitted (specifically front outboard seats).
- From 1 January 1971: Seat belts were required for all seat positions, including rear seats.
- From 1 October 1971: The mandatory wearing of seat belts was introduced in NSW.

Retrofitting seatbelts to these (pre-ADR) vehicles in 2026 requires compliance with state-specific vehicle standards, typically involving engineered anchor points and road-approved belts. Installations on vehicles lacking original anchorages must be certified by a qualified engineer (e.g., VSCCS in NSW) to meet safety standards.

Key Guidelines for 2026 Retrofitting

- Engineering Certification: If the vehicle was not originally fitted with seatbelts, anchorage points must be engineered, installed, and certified by an authorized signatory to ensure they withstand necessary loads.
- Seatbelt Standards: Installed seatbelts must meet approved standards (e.g., ADR 4 or equivalent safety regulations).
- Anchorage Strength: Seatbelts must not be attached directly to seats without reinforcing the seat anchorages to the vehicle structure to prevent failure during an accident.

Historic and classic vehicle owners are encouraged to review the updated resources ahead of 1 July 2026 to understand how the new requirements apply and plan any upgrades with confidence.

Use the link below.

[Guidelines for retrofitting seatbelts to pre-ADR vehicles 2026](#)

(Part extract taken from Transport NSW: Drive Lite Historic and Classic April 2026)



Orange Pre-31 Rally

Thursday 30th April

The Clouts and the Holgates set off from Wagga at 7.30am, as this year the rally had an afternoon observation run starting at 2.30pm. We had 3 planned stops along the way to reach Orange by 1.30pm (if only). We didn't know about all the roads works, we went through about 15 lots and of course we got the red light at them all. This added about an hour to the trip.

We eventually rolled into Orange at 2.30pm, checked in, had a cuppa and met up with some familiar faces. We decided not to do the observation run, instead heading for our Motel.

Thursday night Ian and Chris attended their granddaughter Lily's school production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Friday 1st May

A slow start today, we started with morning tea (scones) at the Orange Clubs clubrooms. We met up with Colleen and Gerald who for a change had a leisurely drive leaving Wagga late Wednesday afternoon, staying in Cowra that night, then into Orange on Thursday.

We departed from the clubrooms around 10.30am to travel to Blayney. There was an optional short run which about 30 vehicles opted to do. The long run took us past Cadia Gold Mine, which is still not operating under ground due to the earthquake. Then over a lot of hills.

Our lunch stop was Blayney High School, where the Hospitality Students provided us with wraps, sandwiches and grazing boxes for lunch. This was great experience for the students catering for 200+ people. All the students were given the chance to look at all the vehicles and ask the owners questions and they also got to vote for their favourite vehicles.

We finished at the school about 2.30pm and had the rest of the afternoon free. Before leaving the Buick owners took the opportunity to get a group photo, with 17 vehicles in the photo.

Dinner that night was at the Orange Bowling Club where each table of 14 were given puzzle pages to do through the night. With a lot of talking (and cheating) by the entrants, no table got 100% of them co



Saturday 2nd May

An earlier start today at 9.30am. We travelled to the Orange Model Aircraft Club, where we were treated to a CWA morning tea. While we were eating our yummie treats, members of the Aircraft Club were flying their models, which were replicas of a Cessna with a wing span of around 2-2.5 meters, he was very good at the aerial manoeuvres. A spitfire, which was very fast but unfortunately will need repairs after he missed his landing. The views from this Club were unbelievable, on top of a hill, but very windy.

Leaving the club grounds we travelled onto Molong where we were free to purchase our lunch at one of the eateries and check out the shops, cars and talk and make our way back to Orange. The Clouts and Holgates did a detour to the ice cream shop to catch up with Matt and his family.



The final dinner was held at the Ex Services Club and trophy presentation, with the following winners.

Entrant Vote	Student Vote
Best Veteran - 1916 Overland	1926 Rolls Royce
Best Vintage - 1927 Dodge Tourer	1930 Buick
People's choice - 1929 Packard Roadster	1928 Studebaker

Rainbirds took out 2nd place for the observation run.

The hard luck went to a 1925 Chrysler who did a head

Some facts : 108 entrants, 45 clubs represented from S.A, Vic, NSW, ACT, Qld

21 Buicks, 18 Chevs, 15 Fords, 14 Dodges, 10 Chryslers with 17 other models making up the rest. The weather was beautiful and Orange really turned on the Autuum leaves.

Next year the rally will be called Pre 31 Rendezvous Rally and be held in Stanthorpe Qld and will be a 7 day rally from Tuesday 27th April – Monday 3rd May 2027.

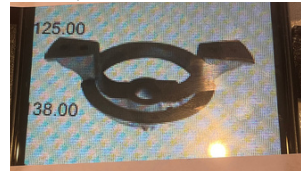
Submitted by Janelle Clout



This young fellow was over-the-moon when he found a Special Parking Bay allocated for charging his EV at the Museum of the Riverina !

WANTED

Steering Column Stationary Bracket for 1929-30 Buick SB-30 (same bracket for all models).
Chasing this part for a friend from Wollongong
(South Coast Historical Car Club).
Contact Annie Taylor on 0427 544 150



Can't be late for
Princess Charlotte's Birthday D.T

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Sunday 10th May 2026



GETITOUT & GETITGOING

ComingEvents – EventsCalendar

May 2026

Events Director **Colleen Rainbird** **0429202 379** **events@wwwvmc.gmail.com**

Date

CLUB EVENT

	Organiser	Details	P O I N T S	B O N U S
Wednesday May 20	PamTarlinton 0429966684	Mid-week run. Meet at clubrooms at 10:00 am, for a short drive to a morning tea venue. Depending on your time frame - this will also extend into lunch time. Come along and enjoy great chatter and drive		
Friday May 22		Craft Morning at 10 am. All welcome to come to club meeting room and craft or chat. Please bring a small plate to share for morning tea.		
Monday May 25		Committee Meeting . 6 pm Clubrooms		
Tuesday May 26		Rob's Shed/Social Day. Bring along a project,some morning tea and lunch. Great day out - starts 9:30am	1	1-3
Friday May 29		Club Monthly meeting 7:30 at Clubrooms Note: Meeting has moved forward because of Cruising Country Roads	1	1-3
Friday June 5-Sunday June 7	Annie Taylor 0427 544 150	Cruising Country Roads		
Sunday June 28	Colleen Rainbird	Combined lunch with Albury club at Jingellic pub. Names to Colleen by June 21. Lunch will probably be an alternate drop of roasts and dessert, probably sticky date pudding and cheesecake for approx. \$25-28 per head.	1	1-3

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST		
May 17	Peter Thompson 0427 517 543	National Motoring Heritage Day- Albury Wodonga
May 23-24		Bathurst Historic Car Club Tour
October 31-Nov	Hoppey Hampel 0409 624 716	Detonator's Tiddler's Motorcycle Rally- Griffith
March 19-22		22 nd Morris Minor national Rally- Benalla
2027 SWAP MEETS- There is a facebook page for Swap meets		
Sunday July 19		Wagga Swap Meet
November 14-15		Bendigo Swap Meet

Remember to fill out your logbook before you leave your driveway as per our Club suggestion.

Watch your emails for last minute information and events!! AND check for cancellations, email or call organiser.

PLANNING AHEAD

Are you planning beyond the Club's Calendar? Here is how it works unless it is affected by Public Holidays/ Rally.

General Meeting: First Friday of the month, excluding January

Sunday Run: Sunday following the general meeting

Craft Morning: 3rd Friday of the month 10am club meeting room

Committee Meeting: Monday prior to General Meetings

Mid-Week Run: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Rob's Social day last Tuesday of the month