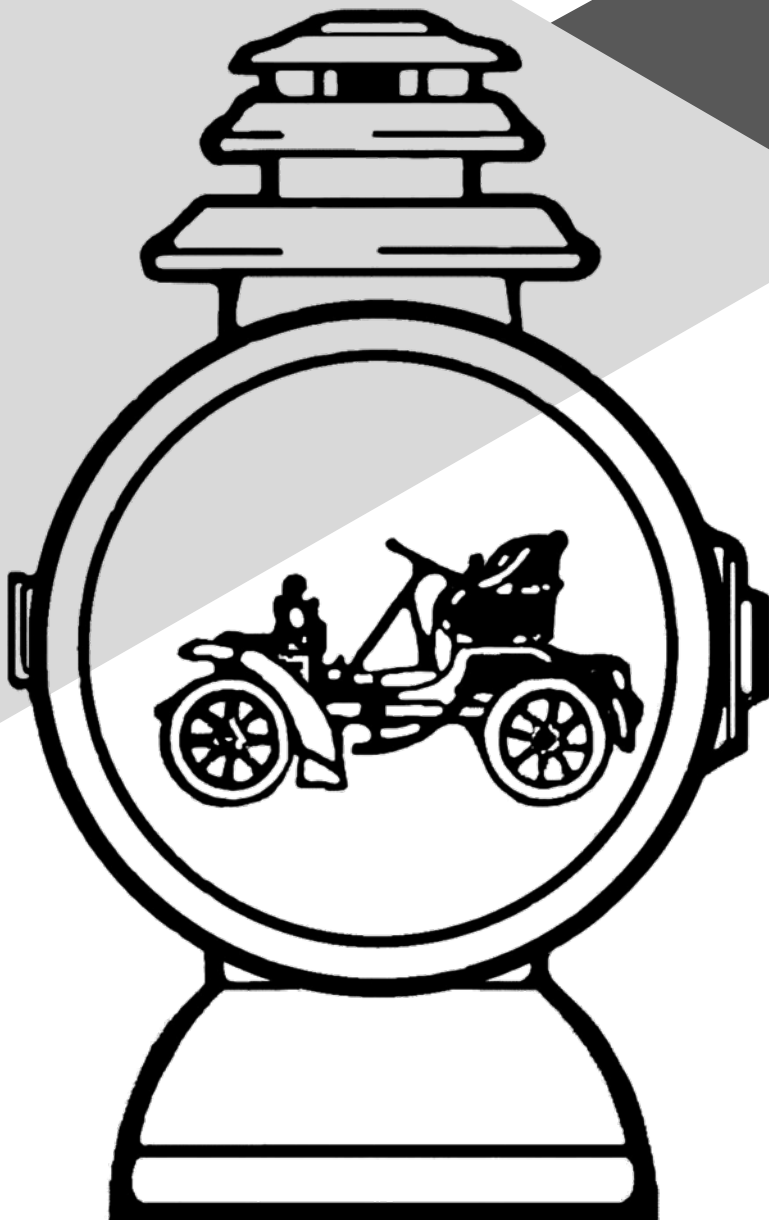


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“The Family Club”**

MAY 2025



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<u>SOCIAL EVENTS</u>	<u>CLUBROOM OPERATIONS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>MAGAZINE</u>	<u>JUNE RALLY</u>
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Pam Tarlinton		Neil Cole		

PUBLIC OFFICER Rodney Bredin

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" section of this newsletter for details. For all events it is necessary to complete your log book

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 2nd MAY 2025

Held at Duke of Kent Community Hall. Meeting opened by Vice President Rob LeLievre at 7.30pm

PRESENT: 23

APOLOGIES: 10

VISITORS: 0

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Leanne Thomas, 2nd James Clay that the minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 4th April, 2025, as read at the May 2025 meeting be accepted as correct. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

COMMITTEE MINUTES 28/4/25

Present – C Billingham, S Kelly, C Kelly, R Lelievre, S Lelievre, L DeBono, G Rainbird, L Thomas, R Harrison, M Thomas

Apologies – C Rainbird, B Smith, R Bredin

*Events Survey – Ray Harrison & his sub committee have the survey ready to go out

*A form will be sent to all members annually to update membership details

*Term deposit has been reinvested for 6 months

*Coming events Walla 4th May, Culcairn 22nd June more details to come

*2 new regos this month

*Guest speakers needed for club meetings

CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT

IN

*Magazines - Bike Torque, Klaxon, Backfire, Still Smokin, Corowa Capers, Dinkum Oil

*Echuca Steam, Iron & Trade Revival

*CHMC – Advising the Club that Lachlan Holgate is the recipient of the CHMC Youth Award in 2025 & has been granted \$1500 towards his restoration project

*HMA General Meeting on 31st May at Yass. We require a delegate

OUT

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted 2nd Craig Kelly Carried.

The 2nd Investment account, \$15,000 has been reinvested at 3.12% for a term of 6 months.

30 Banners have been ordered

PAST EVENTS

* High Wheeler Rally at Corowa 6/4/25

*Mid-week run - 13/4/25 Combined Run with Classis Motoring Club Wagga Wagga to Tootool – Morning Tea at Siviours The Rock, visit to Toronto Homestead, Tootool, BBQ lunch at Tootool Rest Stop followed by a visit John Rockcliff's former family farm "Simla" at The Rock

*Robs Shed Day - 29/4/25

*12-13/4/25 Maitland Steam Fest was attended by the Holgates & Rainbirds

COMING EVENTS

*Sunday 4th May, Walla Walla Car Show

*Wednesday 21st May Mid-Week run to Kapooka Base visit & lunch

* Echuca Steam, Iron & Trade Revival 6-8th June

*Sunday, 22nd June Combined run with ACCAW to Culcairn Hotel for lunch.

Please refer to club magazine for further details.

EDITOR

Nil

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

Nil

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Website running smoothly

ASSETS

Nil

REGISTRATION

Two new car registrations this month

GENERAL BUSINESS

* Due to a Club Run being held over the June Long Weekend the June Monthly Meeting will now be held on Friday, 13th June.

* Annual Event (Rally) Sub-committee Ray Harrison, Geoffrey Holgate, Mark Thomas, Charles Oliver have volunteered for this sub-committee. The survey was handed out to all present at the meeting & will be posted to all other members to return with their suggestions by the next general meeting on Friday 13th June.

* Phillip Lelievre will be giving a presentation on AI in Education at a future monthly meeting.

* An Updating Membership form will be sent out with the June Reflection Magazine. It is most important that it is returned to the secretary by Friday 4th July as by law we must have up to date records.

* Robyn Petts restored a lovely 116-year-old family heirloom a carving of the Lords Prayer at recent Social Days.

Meeting Closed at 8.37pm

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JULY **MONTHLY MEETING – 4th July**

ALL THINGS AI

What is AI you may ask? Come along to the July general meeting to find out all about “Artificial Intelligence” and how it is already in our everyday life.

Speaker: Phillip LeLievre, Corowa High School

ROBS WORKSHOP DAY

Contributed Robyn P

The story of my restoration.

My paternal Grandmother travelled as a paying passenger from England to Australia in her late teens or early twenties, around 1909. Her voyage was by sailing ship which took approximately 6 months.

Whilst on board another passenger carved the framed 'Lords Prayer' for her.

I don't know the name of the person who created the beautiful piece of work.

I wish I did.

I estimate it to be about 106 years old.

The delicate carved frame had been damaged over the years and with Robs help it now looks complete again.



CHMC YOUTH AWARDS

CHMC youth awards honour young historic vehicle enthusiasts

The Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW Inc. recognises the dedication and enthusiasm of young people for historic vehicles, and encourages their passion, talent and efforts in vehicle restoration or conservation, or in studies of vehicle history in writing or photography. Our Annual Youth Awards aim to inspire young enthusiasts to preserve or restore historic vehicles with their own projects in preservation, restoration, research or photography. Grants are offered to assist with current projects, for example, for tools, materials or parts; or to gain skills or training; or to pursue heritage vehicle studies. Grants may also Award Excellence in a recently completed historic vehicle project.

The Awards are offered in four categories:

- Preservation and Conservation: Encouraging young people to engage with scientific techniques and methods for conserving a vehicle's originality
- Restoration: Supporting efforts and skills in the repair and renewal of a historic vehicle
- Research: Promoting inquiry into historic vehicles or automotive history in NSW
- Photographic: Recognising creative projects that capture the essence of historic vehicles and the communities that support them.

Applicants must be aged between 10 and 30 and nominated and supported by a CHMC member club.

In February this year our club sent off a supporting letter for Lachlan Holgate in support of his application for the CHMC Youth Award.

This month we have received correspondence from CHMC – advising the Club that Lachlan Holgate is the recipient of a CHMC Youth Award (Restoration) in 2025

Congratulations Lachlan –



*President Louis, congratulating Lachlan Holgate,
with proud Dad, Geffery*

1953 WILLYS CJ-3B JEEP RESTORATION

By Lachlan Holgate

Below is part of the application that was put forward to the CHMC for my application for the 2025 Young Restorers Youth Award with the story

of how I came to get my jeep and where the restoration is currently up to.

Introduction:

My name is Lachlan Holgate. I am fifteen. I am writing to seek support for my first restoration project involving a 1953 Willys CJ-3B Jeep. My family has a collection of classic vehicles which have been restored over many years. The project aims to preserve and restore this piece of automotive history, thus contributing to the broader community's appreciation for classic vehicles and their historical significance. My local community is represented in this project by the members of the Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club Incorporated. They have assured me of their support and enthusiasm for this project.

Project Overview:

The restoration project focuses on a 1953 Willys CJ-3B Jeep, a vehicle that holds a special place in automotive history. This particular vehicle was not just a means of transportation; it had a distinctive design. Notably, the 1953 Willys CJ-3B was equipped with the Hurricane engine, featuring an F-head configuration. Its unique design necessitates a taller hood to accommodate this engine, adding to the historical significance of this classic Jeep. The project will encompass a thorough restoration process, including bodywork, engine refurbishment, and ensuring the vehicle complies with contemporary safety and environmental standards.

I have chosen to restore this vehicle because I have a particular interest in military history. I am in my third year as a Royal Australian Air Force Cadet. This vehicle was used by RAAF as a runway taxi vehicle and VIP parade ground vehicle.

Project Log:

My father and I have spent two years trying to find a suitable vehicle for me to restore with his and my grandfather's help. This has involved attending car rallies, keeping an eye out on advertisements in various locations, speaking to military vehicle clubs. We have also looked at several vehicles within the state and interstate.

In December 2023, the chosen vehicle became available in Ballarat, Victoria. In January 2024 we travelled from Wagga Wagga to Ballarat to pick the vehicle up.



Jeep as purchased



Works to date **Engine**

- When we brought the jeep home from Ballarat the engine was found to be seized, we decided to see if we could get the engine to run before started anything else
- We proceeded to remove the head off the engine and poured kerosene on top to soak the pistons. Dad machined a lump of steal to the size of the boar and with a tapping on the top and

levering on the ring gear of the fly wheel the engine broke free.

- Afterwards we dragged around the yard using the tractor to get the pistons moving free.
- The head has been reconditioned with assistant from a fellow club member, Les Dunn.
- We drained and removed the sump to clean it out the sump was slightly damaged, so my Pop repaired it. After we pressure washed the vehicle and put the sump back in place
- We have repaired the started motor and generator to a working condition.
- We have reassembled the engine using a new water pump, new fuel pump and a new distributor the engine was able to start and run and we drove it around the yard at home.
- We then removed the engine, putting it on the engine stand and then started work on the gearbox/transfer case. They are now both reconditioned. While doing this we also replaced all the main wearing components they were seals bearings gaskets and wear plates.

Chassis

- The chassis had sustained severe damage through its life. The front bumper, front crossmember and gearbox crossmember, a frame strengthens crossmember and rear bumper bar have all been replaced and have all being hot riveted back in.
- In addition, we have also replaced body mounts and spring hanger brackets.
- We have replaced all the shackles and bushings. The spring packs have all been inspected and cleaned and painted.
- The chassis has been undercoated.
- The springs, shackles and chassis has now been reassembled.

Front/Rear Diff

- The rear diff has been disassembled, and it looks to be in good condition, should be just of case of replacing bearings and seals and reassembling.
 - The front diff is be inspected.
- With being awarded the CHMC Youth Restorer grant of \$1500 – I plan to use this money towards bearing seals, gaskets and brake components for the 2 diffs to build up a rolling chassis.



The following work will still be necessary:

- Wheels and tires - Find 3 correct CJ rims and 5 tires
- Body trim and roof will require a full replacement as it is beyond repair. I hope to locate another original body in some repairable condition. Charlie Baron has donated some jeep body parts.
- The engine will need to be re-ringed and new mains and big ends fitted, and a gasket kit put through it.

Peter Fitzpatrick a current club member has gifted me a set of instrument gauges to be used in the vehicle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club for their support in my nomination to the CHMC Youth Awards and I look forward to work with my mentors from the club.

Editor: Lachlan has sent me numerous photos of the progress he is making. Look forward to seeing them in coming editions of Reflection.

TOOTOOL RUN 13/4/25

On April 13 Chris Billingham & Jann Lelievre, Rob Lelievre, John Rockcliff & Pam Tarlinton, Chris Mooney, Alan Fraser, Ros Auckett & Leanne & Mark Thomas went on a combined run with Classic Motoring Club of Wagga Wagga that was attended by 13 cars & organized by John Kingston.

The run left from Collins Park & travelled to The Rock for morning tea at Syviers Coffee House.



Toronto

We then travelled to the historic homestead "Toronto" at Tootool organized by Chris Mooney.



Toronto

The two-story homestead was built for James Bolger & his Canadian wife (hence the property name Toronto) in 1903. The property was purchased by the Vennell family in 1926 & remained in the Vennell family until 2021 for a total of 92 years. The current owners Simon & Jane

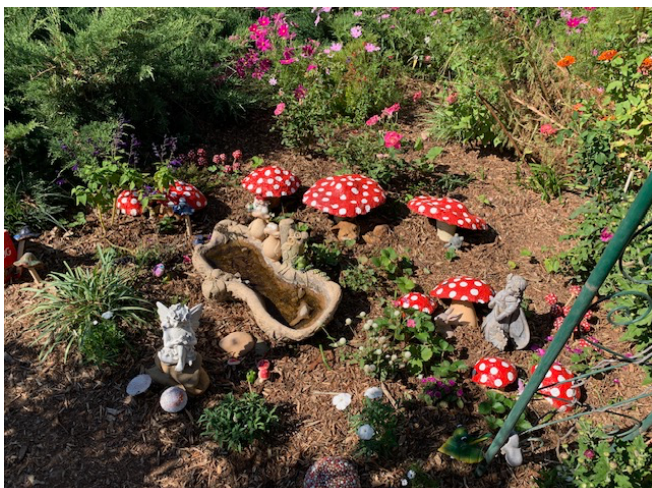
Bonny have renovated the homestead & gardens & have returned them to their former glory.



Tootool rest area



After a short drive we arrived at the Tootool rest stop for a BBQ lunch. The Rest Stop was created by the local community & is beautifully maintained & consists of an extensive garden including a fairy garden along with an information board on a WW11 Training Incident involving a Wirraway plane crash that happed nearby. There are picnic facilities & conveniences as well.



Tootool rest area fairy garden



After our lunch break, we travelled back towards The Rock to a nearby property "Simla" which is currently owned by John Kingston's family. Many years ago, the property "Simla" was owned by John Rockcliff's grandparents. John brought along an old family photo album with photos of the old homestead in its heyday as well as other farm activities of yesteryear. John's grandfather passed away in his early 40's & as a result John's father had to leave school at the age of 14 to run the farm as he was the only son of six children.



A great day was had by all that attended.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION from the CHMC website



A big thank you to John Kingston & Chris Mooney for organizing the day. It was great to see the interaction between the two clubs.

Mark Thomas

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CHMC for over 50 years, has worked closely with the NSW Government's motor transport Departments on all matters related to the operation and registration of historic vehicles. Council monitors State and national transport legislation, regulations and trends that affect our member's vehicles, and responds to ensure that the interests of Affiliated Clubs, their members and their vehicles are not disadvantaged. The CHMC Committee has direct contact with senior TfNSW staff and is actively involved in all discussions on historic vehicle policy, registration, vehicle standards, compliance, etc.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS IN NSW FOR HISTORIC VEHICLES

Unconditional (Full) Registration

Conditional *HISTORIC Vehicle Scheme* (HVS)
Registration for original or restored vehicle 30 years and older

Conditional *CLASSIC Vehicle Scheme* (CVS)
Registration for **significantly** modified vehicles 30 years and older requiring professional Certification as defined in NSW VSI 6

BOTH Conditional HVS & CVS Schemes offer the 60 Day Log Book option.

The table following this page compares these options

Q. Who can drive a conditionally registered vehicle, e.g. a HVS or CVS registered vehicle?

A. To drive a historic or classic vehicle you need a vehicle licence appropriate to the vehicle type. Any person who is the holder of the appropriate licence can legally drive a conditionally registered vehicle.

The driver **DOES NOT** have to be the operator/owner of the vehicle and **DOES NOT** have to be a member of a recognised historic vehicle club.

This also applies to drivers of vehicles on Log Book use and on Club Runs. The HVS & CVS Log Books are Vehicle Log Books, not Driver log books.

COMPARISON OF UNCONDITIONAL (FULL) REGISTRATION, CONDITIONAL HISTORIC VEHICLE SCHEME (HVS) REGISTRATION

UNCONDITIONAL NSW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. (FULL REGISTRATION)

ALL CHMC Affiliated Clubs accept fully registered vehicles that conform to the Club's criteria.

Eligible vehicles There is no age limit on vehicles eligible for unconditional registration, **vehicles 100 years or older can be fully registered.**

If you have questions concerning unconditional (full) registration for vehicles over 30 years old contact your local heritage or historic vehicle club or the Council's Registration Liaison Officer can also offer assistance.

Cost – Usual TFNSW registration and renewal fees apply, plus weight tax, and compulsory insurance costs.

For more information on the HVS and CVS contact your local heritage or historic vehicle club, or Council's Registration Liaison Officer.

Email pjwright18@bigpond.com

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HISTORIC VEHICLE SCHEME (HVS) FOR CARS, MOTORCYCLES, TRUCKS, TRACTORS AND TRACTION ENGINES 30 YEARS AND OLDER

ALL CHMC Affiliated clubs are TFNSW Approved to offer HVS registration to their members.

Eligible vehicles - 30 years or older AND in as close to as practicable vehicle manufacturer's specifications, either original or restored/repared ("like for like"). Permissible safety features include turn indicators, period accessories and options. Left Hand Drive Historic vehicles converted from left to right-hand drive before 1999 can be conditionally registered, if they meet the requirements of the Historic Vehicle Scheme. LPG conversions are acceptable providing approved by the club and the relevant LPG certification is maintained.

Registered operator must be a member of an TFNSW Approved historic vehicle club.

Cost – approx. \$50 p.a. includes Compulsory Third Party Insurance

Annual renewal Inspections - some clubs have their own vehicle scrutineers for HVS and do not require an AIS (pink slip) report. Others require a current safety check inspection AIS report. New registration and renewals must be completed in person at a SFNSW Centre

Number plates – blue on white, 5 numbers ending in a letter. (Personalised plates not available)

Vehicle usage is subject to mandatory TFNSW requirements - 'Use only in conjunction with an authorised club event or maintenance' or up to 60 days if the vehicle has a historic or classic vehicle Log Book. HVS with Log Book option From October 1 2015 operators of eligible vehicles can opt to use a Log Book which provides for one 60 day period of general use each year. Each day's use must be recorded in a Log Book.



GETITOUT & GETITGOING

Coming Events – Events Calendar

May 2025

Events Director **Colleen Rainbird** **0429 202 379** **events@wwwvmc.gmail.com**

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CLUB EVENT

Date	Organiser	Details		
Wednesday May 21	Pauline Hopkins	Kapooka Base visit and \$16:00 lunch (NO cash - Card accepted only) in the Sargent Mess on	1	1-3
Monday April 28		Committee Meeting. 6 pm Clubrooms		
Saturday & Sunday June 7 and 8 2025		The Echuca Moama Steam Iron & Trades Revival @ Rotary Park Echuca. Event will have exhibitors of all types of Vehicles, Machinery, Traditions & Trades of yesteryear to celebrate our heritage, and the role that these amazing machines, vehicles and people played in the local area of years gone by. Exhibitor Entries can be made online or downloaded from at https://www.steamrevival.org.au/exhibitor-application . (More details in emails). We are staying at Meninya Palms Motel in Moama	2	2-6
Friday June 13		Monthly meeting. 7:30 pm Clubrooms Bring survey forms to meeting	1	1-3
Friday June 20		Club 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.		
Sunday June 22		Combined run and lunch with Albury Antique Club. Lunch at Culcairn Hotel at midday Meet at clubrooms ready to depart at 8:30am. Travel to Lockhart via Old Narrandera Rd and Collingullie. Morning tea in Lockhart and depart for Culcairn via Walbundrie at 10:30am. Need numbers by June meeting	1	1-3
Monday June 30		Committee Meeting. 6 pm Clubrooms		
Friday July 4		Monthly meeting. 7:30 pm Clubrooms	1	1-3
Sunday July 6		Drive to Adelong Falls		

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST		
Sunday May 18	Stephen 0408 494 864	Wodonga car club at Gateway Village Circus space Wodonga
Sat & Sun May 31 and June 1	Greg 0415 258 512	Bathurst Historic Car Club Gold Country Tour
Sunday June 8		CHACA Motor Show – Riverina Playhouse car park 9:30-2
Sunday June 8		FB and EK Nationals Temora
Sunday June 8	Mark 0407 265 562. Numbers Appreciated	Young Car Show at the Pit Stop barbershop and the Brock memorabilia Museum. there will be a barbecue and cold drinks and tea and coffee and cappuccinos or provided. it's a gold coin donation and \$10 for all your food and your hot beverages. Chance to have everyone altogether and bring some clubs to our town to look around into our town.
Fri -Sun July 11-13,		The Australian Art Deco Festival – Leeton cordially invites any interested members of your club to join us at this year's festival in Leeton, to display your stunning vintage vehicles and help us bring the elegance and charm of the early 20th century to life!
August 3 to 9	Michelle 0409 185 906	Federations Mallee Wimmera Tour- Kerang to Horsham
September 26 to Oct 2	Chev 4 Rally	Queanbeyan
Sunday October 5		Coolamon Fire Engine Muster 10 th Anniversary 10am -4pm
Saturday and Sunday October 18&19		Urana Vintage Machinery Rally and Truck Show. Sat Tractor trek and pull Vintage engines Sun: Tractor pull Truck show Show and shine and Fete. \$10 entry
SWAP MEETS		
Saturday June 25	0473 662 142	Wombat
Sunday September 7	Barry 0488 421 976	Father's Day Swap. Cootamundra showgrounds

Remember to fill out your logbook before you leave your driveway

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

Committee Meeting: Monday prior to General Meetings

Sunday Run: Sunday following the general meeting

Mid-Week Run TBC

Rob's Social day last Tuesday of the month

Craft Morning: Friday after meeting 10am club meeting room