

SIDE LIGHTS



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MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB Inc.
A0001922T (MPHVC)
Member of the Federation of Vintage, Veteran & Classic Vehicles Clubs
and the Association of Motoring Clubs.

JULY 2025



1938 Pontiac's Sentimental Journey

UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

JULY

- * **Sunday 6th** **Breakfast Run - IMPRESSO HASTY CAFE 9.30am** (see details below)
- * **Sunday 13th** **General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn.** (see details back page)
- * **Wednesday 16th** **Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Inn.** (see details back page)
- * **Sunday 27th** **Last Sunday Run - TOORADIN SPORTS CLUB LUNCH** (See details below)

AUGUST

- * **Sunday 3rd** **Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe. 9.30am** (see details back page)
- * **Sunday 10th** **General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn.** (see details back page)
- * **Wednesday 13th** **Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Inn.** (see details back page)
- * **Sunday 17th** **Sunday Run - ACROSS THE BAY VISITORS** (see details below)
- * **Thursday 28th** **Hastings Bunnings - FATHERS DAY SALE EVENT** (see details below)

If for any reason we need to cancel a planned event, we will endeavour to email and text those members that have email and mobile numbers listed with the club. We will also put a post on Facebook re any updates or cancellations! Please feel free to ring a Committee Member if you need to ask a question.

MPHVC EVENT DETAILS

CHANGE OF VENUE- Sunday 6th July 2025. IMPRESSO HASTY CAFÉ 43 High Street, Hastings (next to Trotters Shoes) Because Pelican Societe is closed for renovation for the month of July We will have our monthly breakfast at a different location. We have only booked for a dozen members, but there are plenty of tables for us to spread out to.

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 27th July 2025. TOORADIN SPORTS CLUB LUNCH

62 South Gippsland Hwy, Tooradin. (30 min drive). Meet at Baxter Tavern ready for a 11.15 am departure.

Please let Dawn know if attending so we can book numbers 0414455989.

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 17th August 2025. ACROSS THE BAY VISITORS We have been invited to join with the Belarine Car Club, and take them on a tour of the Peninsula from the ferry in Sorrento, to the Tyabb Packing House. There will be approx. 18 members travelling on the 10am ferry which should arrive in Sorrento at approximately 10.30 am. Our members will be required to pick them up and drive them to the Packing House, where they will enjoy a lunch and a few hours to browse around the venue. They will then need to be taken back to Sorrento at about 3pm in time to catch the 4pm ferry.

Can all members interested in participating in this event **please let David Hunt know as he is co-ordinating the day. 0412175258.**

SAVE THE DATE- Thursday 28th August 2025. BUNNINGS FATHERS DAY EVENT. Hastings Bunnings have once again asked us to display some of our cars for their Sale evening. The sale is from 5pm to 9pm, and we are asked to be parked before 4.30. Bring your deckchair and join us to grab some bargains.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER END OF MONTH SUNDAY RUN PLANNED FOR AUGUST, DUE TO US HAVING FOUR EVENTS ALREADY.

CLUB NEWSFLASH

- We currently swap newsletters with about 28 other car clubs. I have a list of MPHVC members that have asked to be emailed with all those newsletters we receive. If you would like to be included on this email list.... let me know and I will add you! There are always interesting articles and amazing finds in the 'For Sale' sections!
- It will soon be the time of the year when we compare our Club Register with that of Vic Roads. We would like to remind all Members that it is imperative that you let us know if a Club Permit car, registered via our Club is sold, as we need to remove it from our Register. It is your responsibility to attend VicRoads to advise of disposal so they also remove from their records.
- **As of 17th of June, John Schipper (our Membership Officer) is still waiting for 21 membership forms. David will do a tally of the payments made into our bank account, and compile a list before the end of month. Receipts will be issued to members in July.**
For those members with a car on the Register.... Please remember that we are obligated to inform VicRoads within 7 days after the end of the financial year, if a member on club plates is not a financial member of our club. It is then your responsibility to rejoin the club and VicRoads will require a new Roadworthy when you re-register with them. I will email a list of those members outstanding a week before the end of June. We continue to remind you in your best interests.

CLUB NEWSLETTER

Help to make Sidelights a success by contributing material you consider will be of interest to fellow members. The deadline for material to appear in the next issue is the 20th of each month. Where possible, email material to the Editor at mphvc.sidelights@yahoo.com.au Email photographs in 'jpeg' format.



Vale Les Standing

MPHVC Members send condolences to the family of Leslie Standing. Les's family celebrated his life with a private family gathering.

Les and Pauline were long term members of the club, participating in most runs and annual trips away.

Always happy and smiling, Les was a pleasure to chat to ... especially about his beloved cars!



www.aomc.asn.au

To see all information from the AOMC, you can simply go direct to their web site. Up-coming events, minutes of Delegates meetings, newsletters and interesting articles related to the car industry in Australia.

FOR SALE

1938 Pontiac Silver Streak Sedan.

\$20,000. Side Valve 6 cylinder.

Engine No. 6445583.

For Sale due to ill health.

Very original Car, Low mileage.

Includes Spares.

Contact Geoff for more information:

0421 317 945



1938 PONTIACS **SENTIMENTAL** **JOURNEY**

Way back in the early 1980's, a friend told me about a 1938 Ponty abandoned in a backyard behind a two-story home in Prahan. I was given the address and on my first and second visits, no-one was home. On the third visit an elderly lady answered the door and she allowed me to see the Ponty. On walking through the house to get out into the backyard, I noticed a lot of boxes stacked to the roof in the hallway and some of the rooms. The lady told me her husband did not come back from the war so the car was put on blocks in the backyard, under a large tree and the boxes were from his chemist shop. She said I could have the engine and gearbox, but wanted the car to look complete as a reminder of her husband.



After several attempts to arrange to remove the engine and gearbox, along with any spares for my 37 Ponty, I gave up thinking it a lost cause.

In late 1992, I received a phone call from her son, asking me if I was still interested in the car, of course I said yes. The lady had passed away and he was cleaning up the property, to get it ready to sell. He wanted the car out ASAP.

I turned up a couple of days later with a friend, a car and a trailer, and four good wheels. The blocks under the car had sunk and rotted into the ground. The body was badly rusted everywhere the dirt had settled, especially between the guards, bonnet and front of chassis. As we were winching the car on to the trailer the front wishbone started to let go, so it was tied back together!

Arriving safely home at our old house in Frankston, the car was cleaned out. The front left hand guard and a couple of doors fell off. Inside the car there were a few boxes of chemist stock, from the old shop. I found about sixteen shillings and threepence in old money lying in the dirt on the car floor. After telling Margaret about this money, I noticed something wrapped in an old newspaper page on the floor, it had fallen from above the glove box under the dash. To our surprise, the parcel contained 10 pre 1952 five-pound notes.

We moved to Somerville in 1993 after I took a redundancy from the Herald & Weekly Times. The Pontiac was put under some trees. My son, David, and I decided to see if the motor would still run.

We put WD40 down the spark plug holes and turned the motor over a few times, changed the carby for a good one, a drop of petrol, 12 volts and ignition on and a loud buzzing noise, I quickly turned the 6-volt radio off, pressed the starter and on about the third go, it fired up and ran OK, there were no knocks or sticky valves. Not bad after sitting out in the weather for over 40 years.

This 1938 Pontiac now sits outside as a garden ornament. The motor has been removed and stored in our shed. The gearbox has now been installed in a friend's restored 1938 Pontiac..... So the memory of the husband who did not return home from war lives.

RAY GRIFFIN



COOLART HOMESTEAD AND GARDENS

Our end of month run was to Coolart Homestead. I arrived at the meeting place at Baxter around 9.45am in the 1934 Pontiac. Marion in a modern and David Hunt in a very large Ford LTD. Debbie in her SAAB, Bernie and Leonie in their XY Falcon.



We headed off about 10.05, Marion jumped in the Ponty with me for a ride of a lifetime to Coolart. Soon after arriving we found a nice place in the sun to set up camp, then headed off to look over the Homestead. Unfortunately, the main build was locked up, so we peaked through the windows. In the meantime, Tony and Satu arrived and joined us for lunch after a walk down to the beach.

Thankyou to Marion for sharing her cakes with us. I noticed some members going back or seconds and thirds. We did see Brian Crocker walking around the gardens. Soon after that the shade took over our sunny spot and it was time to go home.

Thank you to everyone who attended..... **RAY GRIFFIN**



We were hoping our Star Editor/Producer, Dawn, and Wayne would turn up to Baxter and see what great weather and property it is!

Cannot believe so few turned up. Good on David Hunt coming to Baxter to say "hello". Tony & Satu, (modern), Deborah with SAAB, Ray with Marion in his Pontiac Straight 8, and Leoni and myself in XY Fairmont V8. Cannot believe how under-utilized Coolart

Homestead is! Its only negative is a few hundred metres of dirt road.....Not a deal breaker! Such a magnificent property for all to use, and fee of charge!!!!!!!
Clean toilets, clean electric bbq's, magnificent gardens and historical museum pieces everywhere to explore.....

BERNIE VALENTINI



BERTHA BENZ

On a quiet morning in 1888, Bertha Benz left a simple note on the kitchen table. She was taking the children to see their grandmother. What she didn't mention was that they'd be traveling 66 miles—in the world's first car.

Her husband, Carl Benz, had invented the Patent-Motorwagen, a three-wheeled, gasoline-powered carriage. But the world wasn't convinced it could actually work. Carl was cautious. Bertha was not. So while he slept, she rolled the vehicle out of the workshop, so the engine wouldn't wake him. With her sons beside her, she started the engine—and history. They crossed hills, pushed through muddy roads, and navigated unknown terrain. When fuel ran low, she stopped at a pharmacy in Wiesloch—the world's first "gas station"—and bought ligroin. When the fuel line clogged, she used a hat pin. When the brake lining wore thin, she tightened it with her hairpin.

Bertha's 12-hour journey to Pforzheim wasn't just a visit to Grandma's house. It was a bold, brilliant test drive for humanity.

And it worked.

By the time she returned home, word had spread. The car was no longer a strange machine in a workshop. It was a revolution on wheels.

Bertha didn't just support Carl's invention—she proved it to the world. One woman. One engine. And a road that led to the future.



*Weird Wonders
and Facts*

She didn't ask permission. She just took the keys to the future—and drove.

[#BerthaBenz](#) [#AutomotiveHistory](#) - ~*Weird Wonders and Facts*



In 1896, Walter Arnold got the first speeding ticket for driving 8 mph in a 2 mph zone. A bicycle cop chased his Benz for 5 miles, leading to a fine and new traffic laws.

A family loading \$20 worth of groceries into their \$1,000 car before heading to their \$12,000 home in 1955.



HASTINGS BUNNINGS FAMILY NIGHT



It was only a few brave and fool-hardy members that ventured into the cold at the last Bunnings night! Well done to those few that did decide to rug up in their winter woollies and head down to Hastings. The winter months, and no daylight savings make this event only for those tough and determined members that are keen on getting in early for a bargain!!

Every few months our local Hastings Bunnings store hold a Family Sale Night from 5pm to 9pm.

Around the store they discount many items from all departments. Over the past year we have been doing this event we have had some great bargains. From tools to rugs.....

And many other items within the store.



MPHVC members are invited to display their car as an attraction to customers. The next Sale evening will be On 28th August in Celebration of Fathers day. Can all members participating please be parked by 4.40pm. The sale is from 5pm to 9pm. Don't forget your deckchair!



St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. 1962

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SUNDAY NOV. 30TH 2025

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MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting 08/06/2025.

Sanctuary Inn. Marine Parade, Hastings.

Meeting Opened: 12.00 noon

Apologies: as per book

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of the last meeting as per Sidelights.

Moved: Dawn Etccl Seconded: Lorna McDonald CARRIED

Treasurer's Report: David Hunt outlined the Clubs present financial position.

Moved: David Hunt Seconded: Graham Bedford CARRIED

Membership Report: John Schipper reported 112 current members and renewals coming in.

Secretary's Report: Nyree Parker reported membership renewals and bank statements received along with one resignation.

AOMC Report: Peter Anscombe referred to AOMC information circulated to members by Dawn, and in particular to the AOMC support for apprentices and businesses that support the historic and enthusiast movement. Also, the need to review RWC issues for older vehicles in the current hi-tech environment.

Federation Report: No report

Editor's Report: Dawn, various monthly newsletters from other car clubs, notifications of up-coming Swap Meets and Car Display/Shows, AOMC bulletins. There will be a process in place to ensure that members with cars on the Club Permit Scheme who haven't paid their subscriptions by 30/6/25 will be referred to VicRoads as unfinancial and their permits cancelled, irrespective of the permit expiry date.

Moved: Dawn Etccl Seconded: Ken Robertson CARRIED

Activities: As per Sidelights: Naked Racer, Tooradin lunch and Cherry Farm sausage sizzle. The President emphasised the need for all intending attendees to booked events to respond to the organiser to ensure a place. No response, no seat.

David Hunt mentioned the possibility of a return to the across the bay visits with Bellarine Club on 10th August. Committee to consider further.

Dawn mentioned the Pelican Pantry will not be open for our July morning run. Other venues were being investigated.

General Business The President mentioned that the Gippsland Vehicle collection was seeking financial support for repairs to their premises. Committee to consider making a donation. Chris Warwick thanked the Club for its sympathy on the passing of Noelene's father.

Ray Griffin mentioned low turnout to Coolart.

Bernie Valentini mentioned happy birthday for Leonie's 60th birthday.

Memorabilia: Nil

Raffle: Ivan Howard and Corey Kingdon

Meeting closed: 12.40pm

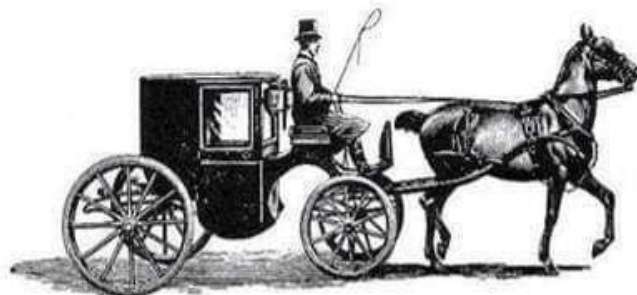
Next Meeting: 12 noon, 13th July 2025 at Sanctuary Inn.

Attendance: as per book

New Members: nil

Minute taker: Peter Anscombe

THEN



NOW



Do you have any car related items you would like to sell or give away?

Here is the perfect space to Advertise and get rid of those car related items cluttering up your sheds and garages. Our Sidelights magazine goes out to about 30 other car clubs. So a wide audience to view your unwanted valuables.

(All submissions for newsletter have to be received before the 20th of each month)



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OUR CLUB

The Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club Incorporated was founded in 1969 as a Family Social Club, aimed at assisting in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of historic vehicles, stationary engines and other mechanical memorabilia more than 25 years old. Particular emphasis is on veteran, vintage and classic eras together with later vehicles of interest. The MPHVC will also endeavour to assist local non-profit clubs and organizations by participating in their events when invited. Please address any correspondence to:

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AOMC Delegates: — Peter Anscombe, Mark Behr.
Federation Delegate: — Alan Saunders

- Preferred method of Red Plate Permit renewal signatory authorization, is to be done at a monthly General Meeting. Alternatively, post to Club and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

- New vehicles, to be submitted for registry with MPHVC, must be approved via Safety Officer before VicRoads paperwork is signed.

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MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Breakfast Run.

Meeting 9.30am at Pelikan Societe Café. Located next to the Hastings pier. 2 Marine Parade, Hastings. Full breakfast, toasted sandwiches or just coffee and muffins etc available. Indoor or outdoor seating available to choose from depending on seasons.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH General Meeting & lunch.

Meeting place: Sanctuary Inn.

Where: 126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 0359 79333.

When: 2nd Sunday of every month at 12pm.

Our monthly General Meeting for members, guests and potential new members.

The meeting commences at 12noon followed by lunch at approximately 1pm, for those that wish to stay. Please order your meal before commencement of meeting, stating your name and that you are with MPHVC.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH End Of Month Sunday Run.

Meet prior to 10am Baxter Tavern, depart 10am.

Destination planned on the day amongst those members that are present, or prior as printed in Sidelights.

BYO refreshments and chair. Alternatively we may end up at a café. Weather and numbers present on day will help decide where we end up! Members encouraged to suggest destinations for future months.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Wednesday after the General Meeting at Sanctuary Inn.

126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 03 5979 3333.

Meeting starts 6.30pm, followed by dinner for those that wish to stay. Please order meal before commencement of 6.30 meeting.

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