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Member Club



Brian Drennan with his 1969 VW Beetle



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YEARS

Meeting Start Time will be at **7.30 PM**

The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday 15th May 2026**

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, Bob Bennetts (Dec), Ian Watson and Mark Border

Newsletter

Articles for the **June 2026** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 26th May 2026**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

All contributions acknowledged.

Catastrophic Fire Rating Days

Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Catastrophic Day** is automatically cancelled, and Members and Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

This issue of the newsletter is not quite as 'busy' as previous months, but there is still a lot going on around the Club, especially with the Redevelopment of the Clubrooms – have you been and had a look lately? The building is starting to take shape – very exciting.

There is a very interesting and informative article from Brett Holloway on page 10 regarding the Joint Working Party.

Also, please note that very unfortunately and regrettably, Hamilton has had to cancel their annual Rally this year.

Other than that, sit back with your favourite beverage and enjoy the read.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

Health Matters and Celebrations

Celebrations

Tony Newman became an OBE last month – many happy returns and congratulations.

Merv and Maree Sherlock celebrated their **Platinum Wedding Anniversary** last month. Our heartiest congratulations to you both.

Welfare

Rick Thege spent some time in hospital last month and we wish him all the best as he recovers at home, and **Kevin Holloway** continues to struggle with trips back and forth to hospital. We send him our very best wishes with the hope that he will soon return to good health.

Glad to report that **Gordon Roberts** and **Bruce Kerr** are continuing to improve.

To all those members who have good days and bad days, we are thinking of you and hope your good days outnumber your bad ones. Take care of yourselves . . . and just keep that smiling face shining.

Bereavement

Sadness surrounds **Brendan & Gaida Stevens** on the passing of Brendan's dear Mum over Easter. Our thoughts and condolences are with them and all the family.

Our condolences have been sent to **Garry Hayward** on the sudden loss of his brother, Terry, and also to **Brian and Jan Drennan** on the passing of their son, David.



CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Clubrooms Volunteer Data Base

As the Clubrooms develop there will be work to do that needs assistance from time to time from basic helper/handyman skills through trade skills.

At the April meeting we collected some names and now wish to extend an invitation to those who didn't attend the meeting or don't attend meetings to make a contribution to this major project.

If you feel you can help, please email or text the following information to us.

First Name, Last name, Mobile Phone Number, Email address, any specific skills (and/or equipment you may have available) **and your availability** (ie: particular days etc.)

Please send emails to ntrengove@live.com.au (preferred) or text **0400 599 707**

Thank you in anticipation.

Noel Trengove
Building Committee

From the President

Hi all,

Not a lot to report this month but having said that, our new club rooms are really taking shape. I hope everyone has made the effort to go and check it out and I believe we got a great response from the members to help with whatever they can. Noel said he put my name down with the word useless as my trade.

Tombstone tour was another great adventure - thanks to Barbara Harris and Noel Trengove for their organisation, and I was surprised to hear a lot of members didn't know about the great recreation reserve at Glenlyon where we had morning tea - a hidden gem.

I am once again looking forward to the Lake Bolac camp out and I really hope the weather's good especially on the Sunday to get a few day trippers to venture out and join us for lunch. Better still if you have a caravan, tent, swag or even an old shag – sorry, panel van, come for the week - you will have a great time.

Well, that's me for now and I am sorry to report the Taxi has gone, sad I know but life will go on.

Keep on driving,

Wayne Lineker



AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE – Tuesday 28th April 2026

New Member Applications

- i) Greg Belsar and Michelle Dolan from Alfredton were nominated by Daryl Crawley and seconded by Noel Trengove. They have a 1988 Toyota Celica SX Liftback in original condition.
- ii) Kenneth Turnbull from Canadian was nominated by Doug Jenkins and seconded by Moyle Bunworth. He has several vehicles. 1971 Jensen Interceptor Coupe in original condition, 1973 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow Sedan in original condition and 1986 Jaguar Sovereign Sedan in original condition.

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

Annual General Meeting

Our Club Annual General Meeting will be held in August. The June newsletter will include a Nomination Form for Committee and Team Leaders positions for 2026 – 2027. Please give some thought to standing for a position, or nominating someone to fill a role, as the Club cannot function without some willing leaders.

Catastrophic Fire Rating Days

Summer and the high risk of bushfires is now quite low. We are all aware of the warning for catastrophic fire days that all outside events are automatically cancelled, and we are advised not to leave home. Other categories to consider are Extreme – Take action now to protect your life and property. High – Prepare to act. Moderate – Plan and prepare. If a Club Run falls on a day where any of these warnings are in place, we need to think about where we are going and modify the run accordingly.

Other items of interest

Further on in the newsletter will be updated reports on the progress of the new Clubrooms and the Club's 60th Anniversary activities. The PA system have had some maintenance work done and is now working. Many thanks to Alan Rogers for this effort.

Bendigo Swap – Volunteers needed

The Bendigo Swap will be held on the weekend of 14th and 15th November, and there are a lot of roles that require volunteers.

Shifts are generally 2 hours long, and volunteers get free refreshments along with a quiet break space. There will also be the 50th commemorative badge for all volunteers.

For each shift the volunteer receives \$10 to cover their meal, and the Club they represent receives \$20 donation. The list for volunteers will be at the front table each meeting, or ring/email the Secretary with your details, your name, postal address, email address, telephone, preferred shift – day and time

Club Person of the Year

As we get closer to the Annual General Meeting, a reminder to all Members to nominate someone who has gone the extra mile for you. Put in your nomination whilst the deed is still in your mind. Come the end of the year, you won't remember why you wanted to vote for someone. And who knows, the person you nominate could well be Club Person of the Year at the 2026 AGM.

Nancy Jackson, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – 20th March 2026

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new member to the Club:
Judy Mason

A warm welcome to you, and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Cover Story – A VW Love Affair

My first sighting of a VW was about 1953. A crowd had gathered “What is this?” “Funny shape, looks like a pregnant party!” “No engine” “Oh, here it is – at the back end” “Call that an engine?!”

Well, as we all know, the Beetle became famous and we young people just had to have one.

Moving on . . . I was transferred to Ballarat in my job and got to know lots of folk in my age group, including an attractive young lady, Jan Gear, who had a very neat 1959 Vee-Dub!

Jan had purchased her Beetle from Craig Bros. in Ballarat. The salesman was Peter Stevens . . . apprentice, mechanic, salesman to ownership of the business – and the rest is history!!



My friendship with Jan blossomed - we were married in 1965 and went to live in Sydney. By this time, Jan had upgraded to a VW Hatchback which became the family sedan. Very handy with the front passenger seat removed and the baby's bassinet on the floor. No belts or restrictions, and Jan cruising the frantic Sydney stop-go traffic.

Fast forward to Ballarat some years later, we still had the desire for another Beetle in the garage, and a friend found a good one in Devonport, Tasmania.

This is now our Pride and Joy – a 1969 build, 1500cc motor and pretty much in showroom condition, with 29,000 miles on the clock.

An interesting note – it was owned by a 90-year-old man in Tassie, and is now owned by a 90-year-old man in Ballarat.

I have “friends” (???) who still claim that I married Jan for her VW!! Not correct chaps!!

We must have got something right as we are still very much in love after 60 years married! And we still love Vee Dubs.

Cheers, Brian Drennan

COMING EVENTS – May – June 2026

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

Saturday 9th May – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30pm – 3.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre

Wednesday 13th – Tuesday 19th May – Lake Bolac Campout

Just a reminder about the Campout (see April's newsletter for the details).

A request from Mark Border – if you happen to have any spare room, and you happen to have some wood you want to get rid of, could you please bring it with you for the camp fire? You don't have to – we usually have enough but it is an opportunity for you to have a clean up. Any amount will be appreciated.

If you are a new member or you haven't been before – and you have some form of accommodation – we would love to have you join us for this relaxing time. Or - why not come just for the day on the Sunday – the Club Run day and check it out?

Another reminder about going to the local Hotel for tea for Friday night – bookings are essential – through me. I need to let the Hotel know numbers by the lunch time on that Friday ie 15th of May – 0427 348 060.

For further information, contact **Nerene Backhouse - 0427 348 060**

Thursday 14th May – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Western Hotel, Sturt Street Ballarat

Make your own way there – Lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 11th May

Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770

Friday 15th May – Club General Meeting – Ballarat North Community Centre - 702 Walker Street – 7.30pm
Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Sunday 17th May – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Day Trip to the Campout at Lake Bolac
Meet at Dan Murphy's at DTC for a **9.30am** departure or make your own way to Lake Bolac – follow the directions in April's newsletter.

Sat-Sun 23rd - 24th May Heritage Weekend Display in closed Camp Street both days.

Details - **Saturday 23rd May - Pre 30's display** of 35-40 vehicles.

Theme is Industry in Ballarat so any vintage cars or trucks will be great.

There will be traction engines and historic stationary engines also running in Camp Street.

Sunday 24th May - Post 30's through to 1980's - display of approximately 70 vehicles including motorbikes - again in the closed Camp Street

Please contact Brendan Stevens – 0409 018 867 if you can assist with a vehicle on either or both days

Tuesday 19th May – Club Committee Meeting – 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree – 7.30pm

Sunday 31st May Winton – Bus trip to Historic Car Races – depart 6am SHARP from Morshead Park

A 20-seater bus has been organised – thanks to member Dale McIntyre – for the day trip to Winton.

Contact Tom Quinlan – 0405 644 696 as soon as you can to secure a seat.

Sunday 7th June – Naked Radiator Run – Depart 10.30am – Latrobe Street near Bendix

Contact Frank & Jan Tamis – 5342 0621

Thursday 18th June – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – TBA

Make your own way there – Lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 15th June

Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770

Friday 19th June – Club General Meeting – Ballarat North Community Centre 702 Walker Street – 7.30pm

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Saturday 20th June – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30pm – 3.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre

Sunday 21st June – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Miniature Railway at Harcourt – 9.30am depart

Please note: This run is about 100 kilometres each way.

We will be leaving from the Doctors / Centrelink car park on Learmonth Road at 9.30am.

There will be a morning tea / toilet break at Newstead.

This miniature railway complex took about 10 years to build and opened to the public in December 2025. It closed a few weeks later due to the fires and reopened in late February this year.

The Track is 2.7 kilometres long and costs \$5 per person for each ride. You have the choice of steam and diesel engines. It is run by volunteers.

For lunch there is a sausage sizzle on site and a large grassed area but no undercover seating. The other choice is to go back into town or go to nearby Castlemaine or Maldon. **Bring the grandchildren. They will love it.**

Contact - John & Gayle Pickering – 0408 914 943



Tuesday 23rd June – Club Committee Meeting – 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree - 7.30pm

Outside Events You May Like to Go To

Sat 9 th – Sun 10 th May	Smeaton Mill Heritage Weekend	Display opportunity if you want a day out
Sat 6 th – Mon 9 th June	Echuca Steam & Horse Rally	
Sunday 28 th June	Ballarat Road Rodders	Fridge Swap Meet Central Square Car Park



60th Anniversary Celebrations

We had published that Reg Rhook was going to deliver the April Reflections presentation but unfortunately this couldn't occur. However, Reg had made some notes so I had a bit of fun presenting these and reading from page 2 of his 21st (June 1991) 'Sermon from the Mount' reviving memories for some, informing on history for others and generally giving everyone a laugh. Let's see what we can put together for the May meeting.

The 60th Anniversary Tour is coming together with 16 cars and passengers likely to participate to date. We held a get together and have pretty much locked in (subject to bookings) June 14th through June 18th as the dates travelling to the Western Gippsland Region with a probable hub of Warragul. The return trip could be via ferry to Queenscliff, Geelong and home. A lot more will be locked in by the time you receive this newsletter, and we should be having another meeting of participants. There is still time join in and to get involved but be very quick.

In this newsletter you will find an order form for 60th Anniversary Memento Items which needs to be completed, lodged and paid by the July General Meeting, so don't delay.

The limited edition 60th Anniversary car badges will be individually numbered and allocated from lowest to highest based on the receipt and payment of your orders – the earlier you order, the lower the number you receive.

Planning continues for the 60th Celebration weekend October 24th and 25th so if you haven't already done so lock it into your diary.

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PAST EVENTS

Mid-week Twilight Motorcycle Run - 1st April 2026

The rain gods were unkind to us when we scheduled a mid-week motorcycle ride to a new destination, the Scarsdale Hotel, on 25th March had to be postponed at the last minute and re-scheduled for the 1st April. Just snuck in for the last Wednesday for Daylight Saving.

Thoughts were that the rain gods might have upset this ride also as the weather closed in during the day but the sun gods overcame the rain gods by 4pm, 25 classic and vintage motorcycles gathered at the Scarsdale Hotel for a very enjoyable evening.

Bikes to note - there was a very nice 1974 Kawasaki Z900 on its first ride with us. Also 3 triples, 2 Triumphs and a BSA. A very original 1942 WLA Harley that has been owned by the one local family since the end on WW2 also on its first ride with us. Two sidecar outfits, one was a 1940 Ariel with dusting sidecar.

My 1976 BMW R75/6 was also on the ride. It turned 50 years old this year and also turned over 50,000km on the odometer this month. I purchased this bike from Peter Blayney, now deceased VCCC Club Member, many years ago in pristine condition with 16,000km on the clock. Hopefully Peter would still be happy with its current condition.

This was the last Daylight Saving Midweek ride and we will be starting up again in October.

As the forecasted weather is the main instigator of these rides, please phone Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001 to be included if you have a bike eligible for Red Plates and the older the better.

Chris Ridsdale

Club Run (Trophy Points) – Tombstone Tour #8 – Sunday 19th April 2026

We left Karingal Carpets, Creswick Road with an impressive number of cars - 40. It was sunny and what would turn out to be a glorious Autumn Day. With the fuel situation in mind, a distance of 115km return was planned.

We travelled on the Midland Highway through Creswick to our 1st stop, Mt Prospect Cemetery. One of our members, John Peart, lives close by and had mown the grass between the graves to make it easier for walking - so thanks, John, for doing that for us.

Barbara Harris who organised the Tombstone Tour spoke about its history and how it was founded in the early days by the local Presbyterians. 500 are buried there, with many not having head stones. For the ones who do, they are quite impressive. Barb spoke about a family that had 18 children – the first only living a short amount of time, the next 3 were stillborn and the majority not making it to adulthood. Hard to comprehend the pain and suffering this family endured.

We stopped for morning tea 12km past Daylesford at the Glenlyon Reserve, before meeting up with the Secretary, Glenda Fleischer at the Glenlyon Cemetery which was established in 1867. The first site proved unsuitable because of the amount of rock, so the 4 acres where it is today was sought and the first burial was in 1873. There are about 3 burials every 2 years.



Barb Harris, Glenda, & Noel Trengove preparing to lay flowers on Bob Kennedy's grave at Glenlyon



Alicia with her hearse

After lunch at Victoria Park, Daylesford, we proceeded to the Daylesford Cemetery where we were met by Alicia who is the Secretary of the Cemetery; she is also a Funeral Director from Verrey Funerals. She had brought the shiny black '55 Chevrolet hearse. When asked if the hearse gets used for anything else, she replied that, yes – birthdays and weddings. Only hope it was for a photo opportunity as I wouldn't want to be jumping in the back.

She showed us the grave of the 3 lost children and explained what happened back in June 1867. How they wandered off in the Wombat State Forest and were found on 14th September 1867 in the hollow of a very large tree. The boys were aged only 4, 5 and 6 years. Since 1889, there has been an award at the Daylesford State School in honour of the boys.

Gifts of appreciation was given to both Glenda and Alicia.

Thank you, as always, to Barb for the effort you put into all the research to make the Tour as interesting as it is, and to Noel Trengove for his part in organising the run.

Laurelyn Hill



Noel laying flowers for Bob



Alicia, Barb and Noel in front of the monument of the 3 lost Graham children

Attendees - Tombstone Tour April 19th 2026

Brett Holloway
Barry & Ann Ronalds
Dale & Junie Collins
Richard English
Bill Payne
Mark & Judy Richmond
Nerene Backhouse
Ron & Linda Harris
Bill Pearce

Darren & Jono Miles
Tony Newman
Jenny Ure & Rod MacDonald

Colin & Laurelyn Hill
Mark & Gayle Border
Jan & Frank Tamis
Merv & Maree Sherlock
Joanne & Richard McCutcheon
Noel & Glenis Trengove
John Taylor
Ron Damen
Malcolm & Judith Bandy
Daryl Crawley
Simon, Liz and Pam Nuttall
Wayne Lineker & Jhoy Oga
Frank Whitfield
Daryl & Barb Mitchell

1928 Chevrolet
1929 Chevrolet
1940 La Salle Convertible
1950 Riley RMB
1953 Hudson
1954 Chevrolet Belair
1956 Austin A30 (Annie)
1958 Zephyr
1962 Ford Thunderbird

Convertible

1963 Daimler
1963 Mk2 Jaguar
1964 Holden Premier Station Wagon

1964 Zodiac Zephyr
1965 Ford Mustang
1965 Ford Mustang
1966 Rover P5 MkIII
1967 MGB
1970 Rover P5B Coupe
1970 MGB
1970 Valiant VF 2 door Coupe
1973 Pontiac Grand Safari
1975 Ford Falcon John Goss Special
1979 Peugeot 504
1982 XE Ford Falcon Wagon
1985 Mercedes-Benz 220CE Coupe
1986 Mercedes-Benz 300SE



An impressive headstone at Mt Prospect

Warren & Barb Harris
David Barclay & Trish McMahon
Barry & Cyndy Allison
Wayne & June Harrop
Alan & Joy Rogers
Brad Mollison & Helen Mollison
Karen Otto
Brian & Jan Drennan
John Peart & Marg Giles

1986 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost
1987 Mercedes-Benz 300SE
1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette
1988 Porsche 944S
1988 Mercedes-Benz 300CE Coupe
1988 Mercedes-Benz 300SE
1999 Toyota Camry
1999 Jaguar XJ8
2000 Jaguar 'S' Type

Modern - John & Gayle Pickering, Ron & Jenny McLean, Judy Mason, Ron & Marion Smith, and Wayne & Wendy Drew

Clubrooms Redevelopment – Update #25



The roof complete and waiting for the lift



Cranes in position – ready for lift off!



It only took a few minutes to lift and it's actually beginning to look like a building



The first meeting for 2026 of the *Joint Working Party* between Federation and AOMC with Vic Roads was held on 26th March 2026. These are normally held in Gisborne as a central location, however with the fuel 'crisis' unfolding at the time, and the feeling that we should be setting an example as motoring organisations, this one was switched to an online meeting.

You may recall from the meetings last year I spoke about the *Modernisation Project* being undertaken by Vic Roads. This is the underlying reason for the 'privatisation' back in 2022 that formed the 40-year public-private partnership involving the consortium of Superannuation Funds etc. to transform Victoria's registration, licensing and custom plate services, to improve digital capability, system reliability, and ultimately improve customer experience.

As part of this process, Federation also met with two Senior Service Designers to look at the end-to-end process and opportunities, which unearthed a raft of issues to be resolved, together with a wish list of things that we would like to see in the future. This included a database upgrade, improved access for permit officers, the move to a portal login and live data, a streamlined renewal process, electronic log books etc.

At the recent meeting, it would seem this vision has been hit by delays and has not progressed. Vic Roads are keen and supportive, and have had early talks with DTP (Department of Transport and Planning) as this will mean a change of regulations, but there have been no measurable deliverables, as the Department are keen to progress, but the State Government won't (being an election year).

At the meeting, I asked for three items to be placed on the Agenda. Two of these were in relation to Veteran and Vintage CPS plates, the first being the issuing of Veteran and Vintage plates, and reports received in relation to the processing times and not being processed in branches; the second being in relation to current supply of these plates and if a new series needs to be considered.

In combining these two items, we were advised that it was unclear to Vic Roads as to what stocks of Veteran and Vintage plates were out there, and so they recalled all these plates from the branches, to be able to sort out and re-allocate. They recognised this was not communicated and the issues it created. Processing was therefore centralised and should have a one-day turnaround; however, some have been caught in a queue and processing times have blown out. The proposal is to put these plates back into the branches, or major branches at least.

I have seen some high numbers in each of the series of Veteran and Vintage so have been concerned they will run out of plates available, which will either further delay the issuing of plates, or result in a hasty decision to replace the series. They advised there are currently about 60 Veteran plates left, which they believe will last 2 years (I challenged them on this!) and about 200 Vintage plates left, with plenty of motorcycle plates available.

The remaining item I raised was in relation to 're-issuing' or 're-assigning' of plates. This would aid with the impending shortage of plates (especially for Veteran and Vintage), and also preserve the heritage of some vehicles. For example, a Veteran vehicle that has been on the road since the 1970s changes hands, and the plate that has been assigned to that vehicle (an early number) is lost due to a change of Club or being laid up for a while. The response is that they will consider it, and recognise it will create capacity, however there is an administrative issue where it creates another record, and the database as it is now can't handle it, as it is messed up enough. Plus, it needs DTP approval for the change in process, so I can't see this happening anytime soon.

With these covered off, there was other discussion around members passing away and transferring of vehicles, vehicles being issued the wrong category of plates, modifications, custom plates etc.

The next meeting is expected to be held in June. If you have any high-level issues that you believe would be worth raising in this forum, please send me the details.

Brett Holloway

Federation Delegate - VCCC

Federation Treasurer

Joint Working Party Member - Federation

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May 2026

The Restoration of Vintage & Thoroughbred Motorcycles

By Jeff Clew

Published in 19762

10 Pages

Book donated by Lester Welton

The popularity of old motorcycles is increasing even faster than the increase in the purchase of new motorcycles. The percentage increase of the prices reached in the sale of old or interesting more recent motorcycles is also increasing confirming the supply and demand adage. So, we have an explosion of interest in old motorcycles.

When this book was published in 1976, there was very little reference material available on the restoration and preservation of motorcycles. This book gives a fully comprehensive, profusely illustrated, experienced guide to the purchase, restoration and preservation of any motorcycles considered by its owner worth restoring, no matter the age, type or state. Jeff Clew has produced a book as the fundamental "works" for an old motorcycle owner.

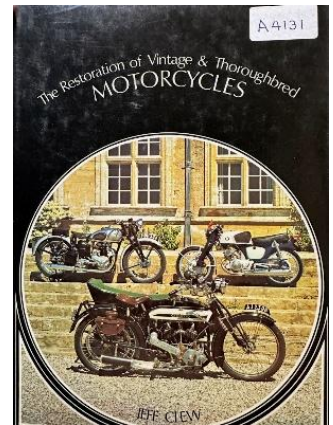


Each stage is covered completely. Repair work is explained in detail so that even the most inexperienced owner can adapt the right approach to achieve the best standards. Not only will an owner be able to build his machine into a fully rideable state, but, if so desired, go on to produce a fully accurate 100 points Concours restoration with the help given in these pages.

Whether you own a 1914 Triumph, a 1931 Ridge, a 1948 Indian or even a 1962 Ducati, this book is essential reading for you. The book also has a complete chapter of photographs of motorcycles from 1911 to 1956 models.

Jeff Clew over a period of 30 years has restored 27 motorcycles himself, from a 1911 Premier through to a 1956 ES2 Norton! So, you would expect that he would be very knowledgeable about motorcycle restoration!

In addition to donating this excellent book, Lester has also donated the second book listed below, which is one of the same series:



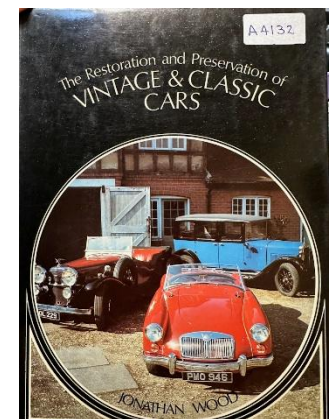
A4132 – The Restoration and Preservation of Vintage and Classic Cars (1920/1975) by Jonathan Wood. Published in 1997 with 297 Pages.

Ron Gay

Library Report – May 2026 – Gordon Roberts - Librarian

- A4094 Vintage Drivers Club of Victoria History 1958 – 1985
- A4095 Hendersons Springs Company History 1852 -1990
- A4097 Hamilton & District V.C.C. Drivers Club History 1970 – 2011
- A4102 VicRoads Centenary History 1913 – 2013
- A4103 Ford Falcon G.T. Cars 1967/2014, South African Fairmont G.T. 1969/1971
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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 26th May 2026 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

For Sale – 1950 Riley Saloon – owned by the late Quentin Turner

Chassis number 60 S 6701 Rego 15040-H club plates
 66,649km Burgundy in colour \$25,000

We have all documents from sale brand new through to current day car is in excellent condition

Contact Garry - 0419 598 857



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L.H.D 289ci 3 speed T Bar Auto
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 All receipts available for work done
Russ Adams – 0401 739 534



For Sale

1963 Falcon steering wheel in very good condition,
 complete with chrome horn \$300

Contact Jeff Morcombe – 0402 112 030



For Sale – 1983 Suzuki GR 650

55,581 km Unregistered With Manual
 VIN GP51A103068 Engine No. P501111859
 \$2,800 Very good condition
Contact – Jenny - 0408 950 091



FOR SALE – 2000 Mercedes Benz C200 Elegance

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Club plates - 097H34
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VIN WDB2020202F963470
Advertised last year for \$15,000
Will sell for \$13,000 ONO
Contact - Graeme 0438 355 922



For Sale - Workshop manuals all A4 size

Chrysler master maintenance manual all models from C1 to C17 and C Z etc.
6&8 cylinder, all 1930" models approx.400 pages \$200.00

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Model PJ cylinder approx.100pages \$100.00

Large English workshop manual of 900 pages on all UK vehicles from
1930 to 1950 Alvis to Wolseley \$250.00.

1940 Oldsmobile models 60,70,90 series
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Bound together in a binder

Covers A models to Ford V8 of 1937model 79 also Lincoln-Zephyrs and 4cylinder
models from UK approx. 400 pages. \$250.00.

1963 Mack truck model F607 RT. Service manual
Appr. 200 pages \$40.00.

Contact - Graeme Edward - Ph. 0409 850 192

For Sale – items below Contact – Helen – 0450 634 721

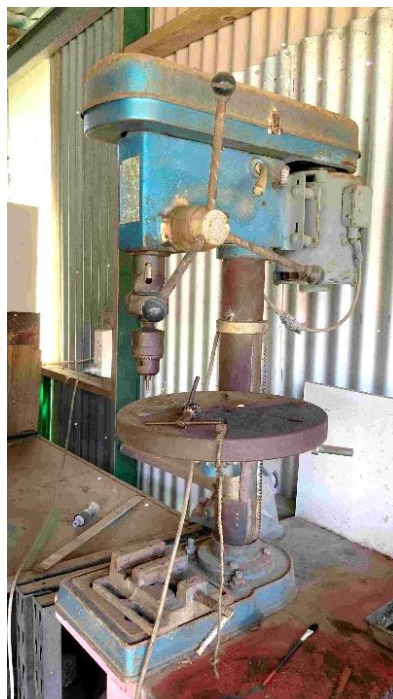
Vintage Wheel \$10



Singer K6 Industrial Sewing Machine
with walking foot \$1,200



Bench Drill \$60



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.

Found on a card – some people are just so clever with words!!!



Hello. **AUDI** you do.
Are you **CITROEN** comfortably
Then **LEXUS** begin.

OK, I **CEED** it's your birthday,
so you can **RELIANT** on me
to **FIAT** a **MULTIPLA** of puns
on your **CAR**-d.

Hey, what's the **MAZDA**?
VAUXHALL the fuss?
UNO like puns?
Be **BRAVA**, there's no **PUNTO**
in trying to **DODGE** them!...

Yeah, I bet you're secretly **IMPREZA**
by this **SUPRA** card!

Well it **WRX** for me, anyway.

Come on, let's be **SMART**,

FOCUS on your Birthday and have a **FIESTA**!

People will **PANDA** to your every whim!

You're **SHOGUN**-a have a great **DAEWOO**.

This card **ASTRA** be some sort of a record!

And it's not **ROVER** yet!

Feeling old and **BENTLEY**?

Of **CORSA** you are! But don't **CHRYSLER**,

just **SEAT** down and

pour yourself a stiff **FORD KA** and tonic!

Ah yes, I'll keep going until

you **ROLLS HONDA** floor,

pleading for **MERCEDES**!

Sorry about all the puns,

but I couldn't

a **FORD** a **PORSCHE** card,

just this **JEEP** one!

CLUB CALENDAR – MAY – JULY 2026

For the Details of Events, see Pages 5 & 6 - also refer to this year's 12-month calendar

		What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
MAY						
Sat	9th	Ladies Crafternoon	Ballarat North Community Centre	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30-4pm
Wed-Tue	13-19th	Lake Bolac Camp-Out	Lake Bolac – Picnic Point	Nerene	O427348060	
Thurs	14th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	Western Hotel, Sturt Street	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	15th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	17th	Club Run (Trophy Points) to Lake Bolac Campout	Leave from Dan Murphy's DTC			9.30am
Tues	19th	Committee Meeting				7:30pm
Sat	23rd	Heritage Day Display	Camp Street Ballarat Pre 35's	Brendan Stevens	O409018867	8:30-3:30
Sun	24th	Heritage Day Display	Camp Street Ballarat 35-90's Classics	Brendan Stevens	O409018867	8:30-3:30
Sat/Sun	30-31st	<i>Bus Trip to Winton Historic Racing</i>	Leave from Morshead Park	Tom Quinlan	O405644696	6am SHARP
JUNE						
Sun	7th	Naked Radiator Run	Latrobe Street, near Bendix	Frank & Jan Tamis	O475192372	10.30am
Sat-Sun	6th-7th	<i>Hamilton Rally (Kings Birthday weekend)</i>	CANCELLED			
Sat-Sun	6th-7th	<i>Echuca Steam Rally</i>	<i>Echuca</i>			
Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	TBA	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat	20th	Ladies Crafternoon	Ballarat North Community Centre	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30-4pm
Sun	21st	Club Run (Trophy Points) to Harcourt Mini Railway	Leave from Doctors Carpark Learmonth Road	John & Gayle Pickering	O408914943	9.30am
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court			7:30pm
Sun	28th	<i>Fridge Swap Meet</i>	<i>Central Square Carpark</i>			7am-1pm
JULY						
Thurs	16th	Rustless Wanderers lunch	Xmas in July at Wallace Pub	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	17th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	19th	Club Run (Trophy Points) President's Run	TBA	Wayne Lineker	O437612809	TBA
Tues	21st	Committee Meeting	Close of nominations			7:30pm

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



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