



Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM

NOTE: The next General Meeting will be held FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST 2025

The Annual General Meeting will follow the General Meeting
At Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North

Life Members

Alan Firns, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec), Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto, Gordon Roberts and Bob Bennetts (Dec), Ian Watson

Newsletter

Articles for the **September 2025** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 26th August 2025** All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to **npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com****All contributions acknowledged.

Code Red Fire Rating Days

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

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, this month will see not only the General Meeting but also the Annual General Meeting. As you'll see on page 4, there are a couple of very important vacancies. For the Club to continue to operate so that members can have the privilege of being able to put their historic vehicles on the Permit Scheme, we need your HELP to fill those vacancies. Once again, if you feel you have some skills to contribute to the running of the Club, please PUT YOUR HAND UP at the meeting.

And again, the call goes out to fill the vacancy of a Rally Director, as well as some people to form a Rally Committee – it is very enjoyable and a great learning experience so why not come on board. The Rally cannot run by itself – it needs members to run it.

Please contact **Richard English** as soon as possible – **0418 355 338** to offer your assistance.

Something else – I'd like to acknowledge with gratitude the wonderful contribution of all the sponsors listed on the back page of our newsletters. They are not just names – all colourfully arranged to make the last page look pretty. No, they help to keep your membership fees at the price they are by paying to advertise their business with the Club. So, next time you require a service of some kind, take a look at the back page and see if there is someone on there that you can use. And, if you use them, please make mention that you have done so because of their ad. It is very helpful to them to know that they are not wasting their money. By supporting these businesses, you are also supporting your Club.

On that note - don't forget that your Annual Membership Fees must be paid by 14th September.

I'll leave you alone now so you can read the rest of the news in the newsletter.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

HEALTH MATTERS

Welfare

Our Get Well greetings have been forwarded to **Jan Tamis** and to **Colin Anderson** who have both had a stay in hospital, but are now recovering at home. And **Wayne Lineker** also had an unexpected stay in hospital while visiting his son in Queensland last month. He, too, is now home safe and sound.

Bereavement

Passing of a Club Member

Our condolences have been conveyed by way of a notice in the Ballarat Courier of the passing of **Pat McKee** last month. Our caring thoughts are with his wife, Joan, and all the family.

We have also extended our deepest sympathy to **Les and Beverly Lindorff** on the passing of Les' mother, Gwen.

AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE - 23rd July 2025

Annual General Meeting

The nominations for Committee are listed on page 4. There are some positions that will need to be filled on the night. Please give some thought to nominating someone that can fill these positions, or have a go yourself. The Club will provide a hot supper after the meeting.

New Member Applications

- Robert and Glenys Walker from Daylesford were nominated by Richard Thege and seconded by Andy Burns. They have 1906 Cadillac Tourer Model M, 1920 Rolls Royce Tourer 4050 and a 1976 Triumph Stag.
- ii) Robert Radke from Hillcrest was nominated by Graeme Bell and seconded by Barry Allison. Rob has a 1938 Dodge and a 1967 Holden HR.

Providing there are no objections received by the President prior to the August Meeting, and the applicants are present, they will be welcomed into the Club as members.

Annual Membership Fees

The Annual Membership fee of \$75 is now due and needs to be paid by 14th September. You need to be a financial member of the Club to vote at the AGM. Your membership also needs to be current if you have vehicles on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme.

Signwriting of the Events Trailer

Tim Emery has completed a fantastic job of signwriting on the trailer. Now when the trailer is used at functions, we have advertising ready made for our Club. Thank you Tim, for doing such a wonderful job. See page 13.

2026 Begonia Rally

A request was placed in the July newsletter for volunteers for a Rally Committee, and a Rally Director. Richard English is the contact person. So far, he has not received any calls. **Please contact Richard – 0418 355 338**

Club Person of the Year

At the AGM, there will be a new box and voting slips for this award. If someone has done something for you, this is a good way to acknowledge their deed, and who knows, the person you nominate could well be the Person of the Year at the 2026 AGM.

Loose Change for Peter Mac

At monthly Club Meetings a donation jar is on the front table for you to drop in your loose change. Federation is a proud sponsor of Peter Mac and this in one way we can support the important research they do towards eliminating Cancer.

Nominations for the 2025-2026 Club Year

The following nominations have been received as at the close of nominations on 23rd July 2025 -

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

		Nominated By	Seconded by
President	No Nomination		
Vice President	Warren Harris	Jenny Ure	Nancy Jackson
Secretary	No Nomination		
Treasurer	Brett Holloway	Mike Simpson	Tom Quinlan

COMMITTEE

Assistant Secretary	Nerene Backhouse	Bruce Kerr	Tony Newman	
Assistant Treasurer	Graham Lambourn	Richard English	Andy Burns	
Club Captain	Brendan Stevens	Chris Matheson	Bernard Brisbane	
Property Officer	Tom Quinlan	Mike Simpson	Nerene Backhouse	
Publicity Officer	No Nomination	·		

Committee Positions (3)

Warren Harris Tony Newman Bruce Kerr Ron Damen **Brett Holloway** Mike Simpson Jenny Ure Karen Lawrence Jenny Groves Richard English Graham Lambourn Andy Burns

TEAM LEADERS

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Editor	Nerene Backhouse	Tony Newman	Bruce Kerr
Librarian	Gordon Roberts	Tony Newman	Nerene Backhouse
Membership	Cyndy Allison	Brett Holloway	Nancy Jackson
Social/Catering	Jenny Ure	Ross Humphrey	Karen Lawrence
Webmaster	Karen Lawrence	Jenny Ure	Frank Tamis
Permit Officer	No nomination	•	
Federation Rep 1	Brett Holloway	Tom Quinlan	Mike Simpson
Federation Rep 2	Kevin Holloway	Tom Quinlan	Mike Simpson
AOMC Rep 1	Damian O'Doherty	Nancy Jackson	Nerene Backhouse
AOMC Rep 2	Ruth Wood	Nancy Jackson	Jenny Ure

Committee Positions - 4 nominations were received. As Warren Harris has also been nominated for Vice President, and there are no other nominations for that position. Warren is declared as elected in that position; therefore, no election will be required for the Committee positions.

Nancy Jackson, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - 18th July 2025

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the Club:

Nerrida Lewis from Ballarat who was nominated by Graham Lambourn and seconded by William Grubits. She has a 1965 Hillman Minx sedan.

Bill & Iman Rasheed from Torquay who were nominated by Wayne Lineker and seconded by Bruce Kerr. They have a 1994 Holden Commodore.

Keith Smith from Scarsdale who was nominated by Ian Trembath and seconded by William Grubits. He has a 1947 Triumph TR1 Roadster, a 1960 MGA 1500 Roadster, a 1961 MGA 1600 Roadster and a 1970 MGB Roadster

A warm welcome to you all – we hope you enjoy your time with us

Cover Story - My 1955 MG Magnette ZA

Since joining VCCC over 10 years ago my knowledge of classic and vintage vehicles has been expanded exponentially. My main interest was the marques of the BMW Bavarian kind, both cars and bikes and I've probably owned a dozen different models from 70s and 80s over the years.

However, 7 years ago whilst browsing Gumtree, only a few blocks from home in East Ballarat was an MG Magnette

that had been languishing in a shed for around 10 years and was now up for sale. After a good look around and removing all the rubbish that was stacked on it and in it, a price was negotiated, and transport to get it home arranged.

Our friendly tilt tray truck driver rolled up and I had worked around the car with a hand pump to get a bit more air in the tyres. We couldn't roll it so put the winch to work. 3 out of 4 wheels dragged up the road with brakes locked on. We manoeuvred it onto the tray for its 5-minute drive to its new home in Brown Hill. With a long screwdriver and a couple of taps with a hammer had brakes loosened up and it rolled into my garage. After much dismantling and draining of fluids I knew what was needed to get the old girl on the road.



Mechanically, it was very good. New fluids, filters, plugs and a good clean of the SUs and points and a new battery had it up and running nicely. I'm pretty sure the first few millilitres of petrol was bright pink "standard" fuel. The radiator and water pump showed no signs of leaking and seemed to function OK. Clutch and gears worked well, so now I could drive rather than push it around.

A fellow only 2 blocks away got onto refurbishing the seats and did a great job over 12 months. I was now working part time in Maryborough hospital, and it was through a chat with a patient that I got onto a local panel shop who didn't have a 3-year waiting list but only a few months if I wasn't in a rush to get it back. In the meantime, I attacked the very oxidized green paint with cut and polish. I was amazed how intact the under lying paint was.

I dropped the car out to the outskirts of Maryborough where the Panel Shop was situated. Covid was just starting to lighten up and I was planning the first of many winters caravaning in Northern Queensland. My panel man advised it would be his between big jobs challenge. It needed both front floors cut out and replaced plus some lower doors and quarters rust fixed. We decided to blend in a respray from the side chrome work down. I was thinking it would be a year, but I get a call in late September while we were still on the road that she was ready to roll.

I'm now a convert to the Brits and their curves and lines and basic mechanicals that keep on getting you to your destination. Many older people have great memories of the Magnette as their family car. I love driving it, but 50 mph is the comfortable speed without a 5th gear or a MGB diff according to Ron Gay. What really amazed me was the quick delivery and availability of parts from the UK. I've knocked up around 3000 miles now and a little bit of oil is escaping from rear main seal but overall, she has been great.

Brendan Stevens

COMING EVENTS - August - September 2025

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

Thursday 14th August - Rustless Wanderers Lunch - Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale Make your own way there - lunch is at 12 noon - RSVP Monday 11th August Contact Rick Thege - 0428 518 770

Friday 15th August – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm - Ballarat North Community Centre
The Annual General Meeting will follow the Club General Meeting
Supper will be provided.

Saturday16th August – Ladies Crafternoon – Ballarat North Community Centre – 1 – 3.30pm

As notified in last month's newsletter, the Craft days are different to the normal ones. Just to refresh your memories, the dates for the remainder of the year are – 27th September, 8th November and 13th December (NOTE – there is no craft in October).

Cost is \$6 each day to cover hall hire – and could you please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share – tea/coffee is supplied.

Sunday 17th August – Club Run (Trophy Points) - Restoration Roundabout

We will depart from the **Selkirk Stadium car park at 989 Norman Street, Wendouree about 9.15am** to visit some sheds and collections. Bring or buy your lunch and we will depart Selkirk's again at 1.15pm.

Remember - this is a Members Only event.

Contact - Mike Simpson - 0419 935 147

Tuesday 19th August – Club Committee Meeting – 1 Traminer Court – 7.30pm

Sunday 31st August – Federation Picnic at Marong

A group of members will leave from **Selkirk Stadium car park at 989 Norman Street, Wendouree at 8.45am** for a leisurely drive to the annual Marong Picnic, planning to arrive by 10.30am. BYO lunch or buy from vendor on site. Always a reasonable day with plenty of vehicles that you probably haven't seen before.

The theme this year is "Celebrating 80 Years of Fordson E27N Tractors"

Contact - Mike Simpson - 0419 935 147

Thursday 18th September - Rustless Wanderers Lunch - TBA

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 15th September

Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770

Friday 19th September - Club General Meeting - 7.30pm - Ballarat North Community Centre

Sunday 21st September - Club Run (Trophy Points) - Ladies Drive Day - leave 10.30am

We will meet at McDonalds in Wiltshire Lane Delacombe for a coffee and chat and/or pit stop if needed, then it will be an hour and a half on good roads to a country pub for lunch.

Names and numbers for lunch bookings need to be advised to **Cyndy Allison – 0439 696 050** – via text or leave a message.

Looking Ahead -

Sunday 28th September - Sunday 4th October - National T Model Ford Rally in Ballarat.

Contact person is Geof Baulch for information - 0428 345 832

Picnic at Mt Franklin 2025 - Sunday 19th October - depart 9.45am from Mars Stadium

The Vintage & Classic Car Club (Ballarat) Inc invites your car club to attend the 2025 Picnic at Mt Franklin on **Sunday 19**th **October** from about 10.30 onwards. All welcome.

This is a casual picnic day with no extras or frills, no trophies, no raffles. Just a casual day to meet with other like-minded car enthusiasts. Bring your own everything. There are toilets on site. We are looking forward to meeting you at 4 Powells Lane, Mount Franklin VIC 3461.

The VCCC will be leaving from near **Mars Stadium 711 Creswick Road**, Ballarat at approx. **9.45am** for a leisurely 70km drive through the countryside to arrive at the Mount about 11.15am. Toilets on site, but no drinking water.

After lunch feel free to continue your journey by visiting nearby Daylesford & Hepburn.

This is an annual event which began before covid and hopefully will continue.

Contact - Mike Simpson - 0419 935 147 or mikelynsimpson@bigpond.com for VCCC Ballarat.

Sunday 19th - Saturday 25th October - National Veteran (pre 1918) Motorbike Rally in Ballarat

Just a note of interest – Bendix is celebrating 70 years in Ballarat and is having a factory Open Day in November – the date to be advised. We will keep you posted as details emerge for those interested.

Clubrooms Redevelopment Update #18

As reported last month, the bureaucratic process has taken over for now, so although not at the same pace, we are moving ahead slowly.

While the outside structure is at a standstill, we have been able to work on some of the inside detail. This includes the windows, with the balance now paid, and the windows have been delivered. Darren has been working on options for fitting the windows to meet regulations, allowing for insulation to meet the energy rating requirements, and is undercoating the reveals. The doors are still being worked out, and the plumbing set out design is being considered. There is also some tweaking of the layout of the toilets, and a more in-depth consideration of the kitchen space. The librarians have also been provided plans to work through.

There have been various meetings taking place, some with the whole subcommittee and others piecemeal as needed for other items. There was a meeting in June (that I was unable to attend) to discuss updates, including groundworks, concrete, insulation, doors and windows etc. and mainly the issue of payment of accounts, as the bills haven't stopped coming in. The demolition was completed with minimal cost, but then there was a retaining wall to be built. Initial quotes received were high, so Andy priced up and provided a quote, with the club providing two volunteers for two days. The final invoice came in higher, plus there were unexpected costs to level the site and fill, which Andy attended to and invoiced accordingly.

There is now an additional member on the Building Subcommittee - Andy has appointed Noel Trengove.

There was a further meeting in July, and this was mainly to check and discuss the balance of requirements for the Building Surveyor. As reported last month, there were 7 points remaining to be attended to, of which 2 related to fire services coverage. The fire design is now complete, and shows the need for one fire hose reel, together with

placement of fire extinguishers and a fire blanket. This also specifies and now allows the application to be made to Central Highlands Water for the relocation of the water meter.

Of the remaining 5 points, these relate to the entitlement to use the land. You may recall we originally intended to rebuild on the same site, but the tree protection zone prevented that, so we flipped to now be building on the (former) road reserve (our old car park as such). The discontinuance of this road has been successful with Council, and is going well through the Department (DEECA), however we need the title to be formally issued.

Of these 5 points, the first point has been satisfied (the formal street address - as this won't change), and the last point is a request for a site feature survey, which will be contingent upon the land title details being issued.

This leaves 3 points that I am working through - the Government Gazette notice, a letter of consent from the land owner, and land titles for all allotments. Council have been very helpful in facilitating this process, and have met with DEECA to push up the chain to the Surveyor General's Office. DEECA needs to place the notice in the Government Gazette, and will provide the letter of consent.

However, this can't be done until the Survey Report is completed. You may recall some months ago that Council had ordered and paid for this, but it hasn't been processed or actioned yet. My latest correspondence with Council was positive, and they have requested a letter that can be sent to the Surveyor General's Office to potentially help expedite the process. So that is the next step for now. This may well take some time to get the Surveyor General to action.

Once we can get this resolved, and titles issued, the building permit can be issued, and we can line everything up again to return to schedule - in anticipation of the erection of the building.

We will finish up with sensational clubrooms, and have something to be proud of, we just aren't there yet. Brett Holloway – on behalf of the Building Subcommittee

The following has been around and around many times over decades, but it doesn't hurt, sometimes, to give it another airing:

The Demise of Someone Else

The Group was saddened to learn of the death of one of their most valuable members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Someone had been with the Club for a long time and did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, whether it be a function to organise, meeting to attend, or funds to be raised, one name was on everyone's lips
"Let Someone Else do it!"

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributors to the Club. Whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed Someone Else would volunteer.

Someone Else was a wonderful person – sometimes appearing Super Human, but a person can only do so much – And if truth be told – everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else has gone – what is going to happen? Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do what Someone Else did?

We can no longer rely on poor old Someone Else so – don't let Someone Else be just a memory – Let's all try to be that - Someone Else.

(Author and Source Unknown)

PAST EVENTS

President's Club Run (Trophy Points) - Sunday 20th July 2025

A good many of us gathered for the annual President's run - the Sunday drive would focus on churches. The day required a vehicle with a damn good heater, and thank goodness didn't need one with windscreen wipers. Out came the trusty Buick Riviera.



Ready for the 'off' - Barry Ronalds' VW. Rick Thege's Jaguar and Norm Darwin's Jaguar

A questionnaire was handed out based around churches. The Pres in a crappy old Ford with a broken heater, got cranky and preached that if anyone along the way got lost all hell would reign down upon them. Should have brought my Tesla! Only one fella strayed off course but was understandably forgiven, he owned a German car!

We meandered through the countryside through many exotic places - Mt Prospect, Blampied, Newlyn and then a cuppa at Daylesford gardens. Then onto Franklinford, Yandoit, Newstead, Carisbrook, and onto the Maryborough Highland Society for a lovely lunch. We had to focus on the marvellous

churches along the route filling out our questionnaire, noting types of building materials, their particular denominations, colours and other interesting aspects of these architectural wonders.

Floating along in the majestic Boat tail, I reflected on the Churchie theme and thought the Rolls Royce, Bentley and Jaguar owners would be better in church praying for trouble free motoring rather than looking on from afar, and pimped out Sunbeam owners, and rusty Holden owners should repent their sins.

It was great to have a number of new members onboard and I am sure they enjoyed the fun and frivolity that our club enjoys. Please note I don't own a Tesla, thank God! Once again, another great club day out. Amen. Simon Nuttall



Morning Tea at Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens Daylesford - Jenny Ure and Barb Harris deep in conversation, Roy Littlehales and Bruce Kerr

Andy announcing the answers to the

questions about the churches

we went past.

Attendees:

1928 Chevrolet Sedan 1955 MG Magnette

1964 Holden EH Premier Wagon

1964 Sunbeam Alpine S4

1966 Rover 75 Mk 5

1968 Morris Cooper S

1970 Chrysler Valiant VF 2Dr

1972 Buick Riviera

1972 Mercedes Benz

1974 Triumph 2500

1975 Holden HJ Wagon

1975 Volkswagen Beetle

1978 Holden HZ Ute

1984 Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign

1986 Jaguar

1986 Jaguar

1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette

1988 Mercedes Benz 300CE

1988 Nissan Skyline Executive

1988 Porsche 944S

1998 Toyota Camry

1988 Toyota Celica SX

1989 Ford Fairlane

1990 Bentley Eight

1998 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit

1999 Subaru STI

2000 Jaguar S Type

Brett Holloway

Brendan Stevens, Chris Matheson

Jenny Ure & Rod MacDonald

Mike & Lyn Simpson

Merv & Maree Sherlock

Bruce Kerr

Ron Damen

Simon & Liz Nuttall

Tom & Julie Quinlan John Taylor

Garry Hayward

Barry Ronalds & Lyn Webb

John & Gayle Pickering

Norm & Heather Darwin

Ray & Marg Drury

Rick Thege & Heather Gingell

Barry & Cyndy Allison

Alan & Joy Rogers

Nerene Backhouse

Wayne & June Harrop

Karen Otto

Moyle Bunworth

Andy Burns & Lee Day

Frank Tamis

Warren & Barbara Harris

Graeme Bell

John Peart

Modern - Bernie & Liz Brisbane, Ivan & Helen Tarrant, Nerrida Lewis & Joe, Roy Littlehales & Phylis Eason, Les & Margaret O'Hanlon, Graeme & Karin Johns

Werribee Escapade - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

President Andy invited members to join him in a visit to the Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club inc.'s July club meeting. The club had recently moved to a new venue for their club meetings and we were keen to see this.

Our trip started with eight members meeting at Burnsville at Scotsburn - Andy, Mike Simpson, Warren Harris, Merv Sherlock, Les O'Hanlon, Tom Quinlan, Wayne Harrop and myself. Warren was feeling uncomfortable with broken ribs and myself with a bruised rib.

We headed off in two cars and met at the Racecourse Hotel at Werribee for an enjoyable dinner. I think the waitress was expecting the usual mundane diners but we brightened her day.



A group photo taken after the meeting – our Club President Andy Burns, Werribee Club President, Col Pearce, Warren Harris, Tom Quinlan, Bruce Kerr, Les O'Hanlon, Mike Simpson, Wayne Harrop and Merv Sherlock.



About to enjoy their Dinner – Andy Burns, Les O'Hanlon, Wayne Harrop, Warren Harris, Mike Simpson, Bruce Kerr, Merv Sherlock and Tom Quinlan

The WDCVC clubrooms are located in a sports park and are similar to the Seniors clubrooms we are using at the moment but they only share with a tennis club. Most club runs will start from there. Club cars are 60's,70's & 80's and later, more suitable to their conditions – we are spoilt being 5 minutes from country roads and maybe having to negotiate two traffic lights – imagine going through a couple of suburbs on every club outing

The meeting started on time at 7.30 and although following an agenda (as we do) was quite light hearted with members participating. Andy was invited to speak and told of the various activities we had. I'm sure he had many mouths drop when told of what we were undertaking. Afterwards, we had a coffee and

talked with their members who were keen to hear about our cars and tell us about theirs.

More visits to other clubs are being planned – watch this space. *Bruce Kerr*

<u>GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED</u> – 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.

<u>VERY IMPORTANT</u> – 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.

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

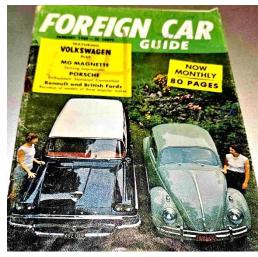
Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree Phone 5339 2056 Contact Neale
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat Phone 53337206 Contact Henry

FROM MY LIBRARY SHELF

Foreign Car Guide for the Volkswagen Enthusiast Magazine

January 1960 - Volume 5, Number 1 - Whole Number 23
Published by Harle Publications Inc. Ohio, USA
Price 5 Shillings Australian

We have a large quantity of Australian and International One Marque Magazine Sets in our club library. Some have been purchased from our library budget, but most have been donated by club members or friends of the club. At the time of writing, there are many different magazines published in Australia and overseas, all specific to a particular make of vehicle. It hasn't always been like that! If we go back to just after the Second World War and were to check the typical Australian Newsagents, the only magazines for sale would be the English "Autocar" and "Motor" magazines. Around 1946, the Australian Motor Manual Magazine was launched by a couple of ex-army personnel, who had been writing the Workshop Manuals for the Australian Armed Forces. If you look at the early copies in our library, the paper was poor, there was not much about new cars – as there were not many available, and most of the articles were about maintaining Prewar vehicles, because that was what most people were driving!



Back in 1955, I started my tertiary Mechanical Engineering Course and discovered the Technical Book Shop in Melbourne, in Swanston Street

discovered the Technical Book Shop in Melbourne, in Swanston Street, near RMIT. This was the main source for textbooks needed for our engineering course. On my first visit, I was very pleased to not only find my necessary textbooks, but there was also a very large section of motoring books, manuals and international motor magazines, in the store. This shop became my source of motoring books and magazines, to create my own personal "Motoring Library".

Early in 1960, I drove my blue, 1956 Volkswagen Sedan into Melbourne and the first edition of this American Foreign Car Guide was for sale in the shop. I obviously purchased it, and have quite a few of the later issues, that I purchased as they became available. This was the first one-make car magazine that I had ever seen. Most of the articles were on maintaining, improving and road tests of various Volkswagen vehicles. In this issue, there was also a road test of a MG Magnette Mark 3 Sedan and an Australian Ascort Coupe, based on the Volkswagen mechanical components.

Back in August 2024, I wrote a book review on Gavin Farmers' book on the Cars of the 50's, that were built in Australia. This book featured the Ascort Coupe, and detailed that 19 vehicles were produced before the Volkswagen Company stopped supplying the necessary floorpan. There is very little information available on the

Australian Ascort Coupe in our Library or elsewhere – which is why this book review is from my own personal library.

The title of the American article is "THE ASCORT, an Australian VW-based Grand Turismo Coupe – Has get-up-and-go of a kangaroo!" Looking like a Porsche, Karmann-Ghia and some Italian iron thrown in, the Ascort TSV-1300 GT is a beautiful, plush package of plastic magic, born in the 'Down Under' Continent. Construction is courtesy of Porsche, with Volkswagen and Okrasa parts and a new fibreglass spraying process imported from Germany.

The man responsible for this GT Coupe is one Mirek Craney, a plastic Engineer, Director of Continental Coachwork Pty Ltd, in Australia. He is a perfectionist, and his GT is reported to handle, accelerate, and ooze quality like the product of a perfectionist should.

Construction is started with a new Volkswagen platform chassis and running gear with the K-G sway bar. On top of that comes a body made of fibreglass with polyester and epoxy resins, of double



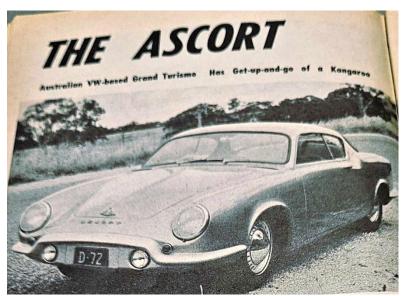
shell, prestressed construction, with a light steel tubular frame bonded into it. It is mounted on a 1.5-inch rubber seal. From the outside it looks like a two-seater, but the car seats four people comfortably. An 8-inch-thick wall of polyurethane between the engine and the passenger compartment produces the quiet swish of a luxury car with the VW engine.

The Okrasa Kit with different heads, 7.5 to 1 compression, two Solex carburettors, separate intake manifolds, and long stroke Crankshaft produces 54 horses at 4300rpm from the modified engine's 1300cc. The car's performance is 0 to 60mph in 16 seconds and a top speed of 88mph. Inside, all four seats are very comfortable and adjustable for rake and fore-and-aft movement with quality materials.

Except for the Porsche steering wheel, the controls are all Volkswagen. On the dashboard are gauges for rpm, oil pressure, oil temperature, electricity, manifold vacuum gauge, electric clock, speedo and fuel gauges, for the two 8-gallon tanks. Safety belts and fire extinguisher are standard. Wraparound windshield and back window make for outstanding visibility, the back windows being from the Austin A105 Sedan. The car is designed with 50-50 weight distribution, when travelling at 60mph.

Bumpers are fibreglass with steel tubes bonded into it. Luggage space is incredibly roomy for this type of vehicle, with the front compartment housing the spare wheel and battery.

Production of the Ascort Coupe is under way and sales are from Continental Coachwork, Box 609, G.P.O. Sydney. The cost of this excellent new Coupe is in the neighbourhood of \$4,500! I don't know if any Ascort Coupes were sold overseas. It appears that there are at least 12 Coupes currently in Australia. Recently there was an article on the Australian Internet of the total restoration of an Ascort Coupe, completed very recently.





Ron Gay

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Gordon Roberts, Club Librarian

Contributed by Brendan Collier

I work behind the counter In an automotive store Sometimes I'm called a "genius" Sometimes I'm called much more.

I claim I'm no mechanic But when the job goes sick The mechanic comes and asks me What makes the damned thing tick?

I'm supposed to know the numbers Of bolts and nuts and gears For every car that was ever made For more than forty years. I'm an engineer and machinist And what not, Oh, my Lord I'm supposed to be Edison Combined with Henry Ford.

But life would be a pleasure And I'd grin from ear to ear If the customer would tell me The Model Make and Year.

Do You Know

.... how the shipping container came to be? Malcom McLean was the one responsible. Note the spelling of Malcom – he was actually born with the usual spelling of Malcolm – ie with the second 'l', but preferred Malcom later in life. He is noted as an Inventor and Entrepreneur and "the Father of Containerization".

He was born in Maxton, North Carolina in the United States in 1913. Upon leaving school in 1935, he started working at a petrol station and saved enough money to buy a second-hand truck, beginning his journey in the transportation business. Eventually, he formed his company – McLean Trucking Company.

However, Malcom was acutely aware of the inefficiencies of maritime shipping. At the time, goods were transported loosely in cargo ships, requiring manual and time-consuming loading and unloading processes at ports. These delays often extended to weeks, drastically increasing shipping costs.

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Citation accompanying this image – Malcom Mclean at the railing at Port Newark 1957

The idea of transporting goods in 'boxes' on ships began in

the early days of shipping, then trains in the mid-1800s, and subsequently trucks, with the military being one of these manufacturers. But they were not a uniform size, and therefore not packable nor stackable to make usable space profitable. Nor was the idea of loading trucks on to ships with the boxes, called 'trailerships' because of the large waste in potential cargo space on board the vessel.

In 1955, McLean worked with an engineer to develop a standardized 'box' or container for this purpose that could be used on trains, trucks as well as ships.

Thus, the shipping container was born.

McLean secured a bank loan for \$22 million and, in January 1956, he bought two World War II tankers, which he converted to carry containers on and under the deck. He also bought the Pan-Atlantic Steamship Company, later renamed Sea-Land, to implement his vision. In April 1956, he conducted the first shipment: 58 containers transported from Newark to Houston.

The success of this shipment was astounding. McLean not only shortened shipping times but also transformed the logistics of goods movement from "port-to-port" to "door-to-door". This innovation reduced labour, port stays, and shipping costs.



The containers are made from Corten steel, a durable material designed to withstand harsh conditions at sea. A well-maintained container can last for 10-15 years. When they do become beyond useful for transport, they are, quite often, sold to the public. These can be used for storage, or they are increasingly being used for more affordable housing – they can range from compact, single-container structures to multi-container, multi-story dwellings, as pictured at right. This house is built entirely from shipping containers.

In 1967, Sea-Land was invited by the U.S. government to start a container service to South Vietnam. This service produced 40% of the company's revenue in 1968/69. McLean realised that, instead of returning with empty containers, the ships could stop in Asian ports and bring goods back to the U.S., thus opening new trade routes.



In December 1999, Maersk acquired Sea-Land international container business. By 2000, Maersk Line adopted the global trade name Maersk Sealand, cementing McLean's legacy in the shipping industry.

Despite his invention's profound impact on the world, McLean's contribution has never been fully recognized, and remains relatively unknown to the general public. Tributes flowed following his death in May 2001 aged 87 – "Malcom revolutionized the maritime industry in the 20th century" and "he was one of the few men who changed the world".

On the morning of his funeral, container ships around the world blew their whistles in his honour.

Thanks to Warrick Pitcher for the heads up on this article





Source: Wikipedia

Below - The Club Events Trailer looking resplendent with its new logos and sign writing.

A great addition to the Club – many thanks to Tim Emery from Signarama Ballarat (John's son)





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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 August 2025 Editor, Nerene Backhouse - npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

For Sale

1983 Mercedes 280 SE
Eng no 11098922025686. 6 cyl Auto. 2nd engine.
Car runs well. New battery. Roof resprayed.
New Price - \$2,500 or swap for something of interest.
Contact Doug Jenkins - 5332 3309

For Sale

1967 MGB. Completely Restored and Club permitted 2021.
Comes with G & S GTB hardtop. \$25,000. ONO Contact - Richard English 0418 355 338







With the G & S GTB Hardtop

. and as a Roadster

~ ~ BARGAIN SALE ~ ~

MAGAZINES @ \$1.00 per COPY ONLY AT AUGUST CLUB MEETING

Magazines for sale are:

Vintage Truck & Commercials Magazine Australia. 59 Copies 2010 – 2021

The Old Machinery Magazine Australia 72 Copies 2012 – 2025

Restored Cars Magazine Australia 96 Copies 1974 – 2025

The Classic Motorcycle Magazine England. 34 Copies 1992 – 1995

See The Library Team at the August Meeting - Bring your spare change and grab a bargain.

CLUB CALENDAR - AUGUST - OCTOBER 2025

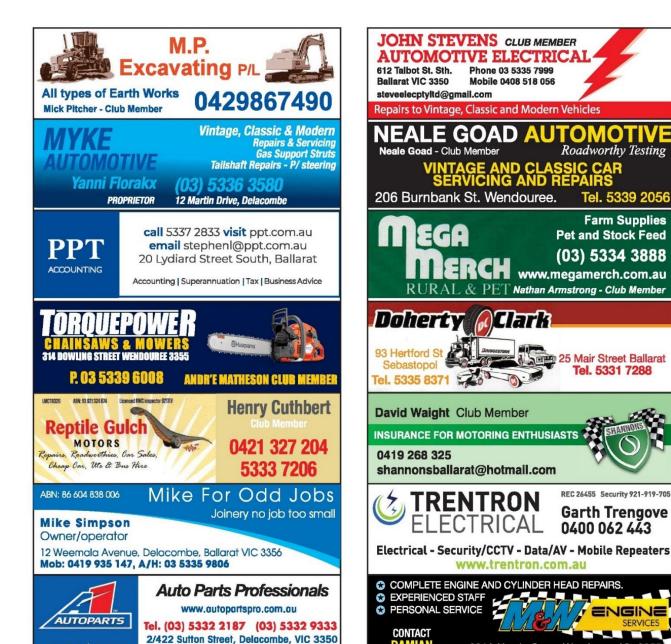
For the Details of Events, see Pages 5 & 6; also refer to the 12-month calendar.

Twilight Classic Motorcycle Runs

NOTE: These runs will recommence again in October with the start of Daylight Saving. They are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent). Club Eligible bikes only. Contact Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001 if you would like to be included on his list to be notified when a run is happening.

AUG		What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Thurs	14th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	15th	Club General Meeting followed by AGM	Ballarat North Community	Centre		7:30pm
Sat	16th	Ladies Crafternoon	Ballarat North Community Centre	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1-3.30pm
Sun	17th	Club Run (Trophy Points) Restoration Roundabout	Depart Selkirk Stadium 989 Norman Street	Mike Simpson	O419935147	9.15am
Tues	19th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Sun	31st	Federation Picnic, Marong	Club depart Selkirk Stadium	Mike Simpson	0419935147	8.45am
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Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	Venue TBA	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community	Centre		7:30pm
Sun	21st	Club Run (Trophy points) Ladies Drive Day	Depart McDonalds, Wiltshire Lane Delacombe	Cyndy Allison	O439696050	10.30am
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Sat	27th	AFL Grand Final				
Sat-Sat	27 th - 4 th Oct	T Model Ford National Rally	Ballarat and District	Geof Baulch	0428345832	
Sat	27th	Ladies Crafternoon	Ballarat North Community Centre	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1-3.30pm
Sun	28th	Sports Car Run	ТВА	J&G Pickering	O408914943	
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Sun	5th	Naked Radiator Run	Bendix in Latrobe Street	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10:30am
Sat-Sun	4-5th	Buangor Motor Show	Community Sports Centre			
Sun	12th	Bathurst 1000	Mt Panorama			
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Sat-Sun	18-19th	Bay to Birdwood	Held in Adelaide			
Sat-Sun	18-19th	Moto GP	Philip Island			
Sun	19th	Club Run (Trophy Points) Mt Franklin Picnic	Depart near Mars Stadium Creswick Road	Mike Simpson	O419935147	9.45am
Sun-Fri	19-24th	National Veteran Bike Rally	Ballarat and District			

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





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