



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

#415 – July 2026

P.O. Box 845, Horsham Vic 3402

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Member of the Federation of Victorian Vintage and Classic Vehicle
Clubs Inc. and the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc

Motley crew waiting to depart for Coffee & Cars, Murtoa (12 June 2026).



Next Meeting:

**June General Meeting
& Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 9 July 2026 at 8.00 PM at Dooen Hall.
Members, Guests and Public welcome.**

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Dooen Hall Committee of Management Representatives		
	Neil Smith	John Brack Mauro Boddi

President's Report

Hello everyone,

Hope that you're all keeping warm with the start of Winter, it has been lovely to see so much rain this month.

We've had some wonderful events again in June, starting with the Coffee and Cars held in Murtoa on the 12th. This saw a great turn up of members, but also some new faces which we love to see. Great coffee, delicious scones jam and cream – makes most people happy! These events are a great opportunity to have a chat and a lot of laughs in a casual setting, being able to leave at your own leisure. If you haven't attended a Coffee and Cars before, I highly recommend them!

Entertainment night at the hall was the movie Fracture, which was a great movie that kept you guessing the storyline right until the end. Thank you Neil for organising another great night.

I have come to the end of my term as President for the 2025-2026 year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role, and wish to thank everyone who had faith in me to undertake this position.

I would sincerely like to thank the people who reached out to me with guidance during my term, both from the executive committee and club members – I really appreciate your support.

I would also like to thank Neville Thomas our secretary, who was always there to help and offer advice when needed.

Our club may be built on vehicles, but it goes much further than that. It's about friendship, people who are willing to help each other and make the club the wonderful community that it is.

All positions will become vacant at our Annual General Meeting, so if you are interested in a role, please put your hand up at the meeting. You will find it a very rewarding experience and will have plenty of support along the way.

Look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)

Saturday Night at the Movies

Saturday night at the Movies – a song from long ago and very appropriate for our Car Club.

There were no Jaffas rolling down the aisles or sitting in the back seat (kissing and a hugging with Fred – or was that a drive in movie song??) but the Dooen Cinema on a Saturday night is a good place to be.

The club members thank Neil Smith for the time and effort (and sometimes a bit of frustration) that he commits to putting together the entertainment nights.

On Saturday 20 June we enjoyed the movie 'Fracture' which starred Anthony Hopkins and Ryan Gosling along with the usual supporting features.

These nights run two monthly with the hall opening at 6pm and the show starting at 7.30pm. They are a good excuse to enjoy the hospitality of the club – all that's needed is a small plate to share for supper. The option to bring your evening meal and perhaps a comfortable chair is always there.

Our monthly newsletter will keep you updated on these nights and the other outings organised by your club's events committee.

You are always welcome to join in.....

Helen Curkpatrick

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
10.00 AM Friday 3 July	Coffee & Cars, Caltex Roadhouse, Horsham	Stawell Road Caltex Roadhouse café, Horsham Meet at 10.00 AM.
8.00 PM Thursday 9 July	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Editor's note: The July meeting is also the Club AGM so please consider seeking an executive position. The minutes from the 2025 AGM will be published in the July newsletter.		
10.00 AM Friday 24 July	Apsley Pub Lunch	Meet 9.45 AM for 10.00am departure from Supercheap Horsham. Meals will be as per menu. Please phone or text names to Maureen Warrick on 0429 892 021 by 5,00 PM on 17 July
7.30 PM Wednesday 5 August	Events Team Meeting	Doug and Jenny Mitchells home
8.00 PM Thursday 13 August	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
12.00 PM Sunday 16 August	Annual Dinner Lunch, White Hart Hotel, Horsham	\$20 per person to paid into the WMHVS bank account. Please use " WHLunch – Your Surname " as the reference. Contact Bruce Brody and cost to be paid by 5.00 PM on Tuesday 11 August 2026. You can also pay at the July meeting.
Friday-Sunday 23-25 October 2026	Annual Rally (Bordertown)	Contact Bruce Brody for more information.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Special Members

Life Members:

Wes Atwood (dec)	Fred Opprecht (dec)	Jack Gunn (dec)
Clem Duldig	Vic Ellis	John King (dec)
Gary Knight	Neville Thomas	Bill Allen (dec)
Don Perry	Dave & Marge Barnard	
Alan Jolley	Stewart (dec) & Cheryl Muir	

Club Persons of the Year 2025

Doug and Jenny Mitchell

For Sale - 1975 MGB GT Coupe

1975 MGB GT Coupe Red.
Excellent condition.
Recent service, RWC.
Hard cover owners workshop manual.
Some spares.
\$22,000.
Phone Paul on 0414 318 563.



From the Editor

Hi Everybody

Welcome to this bumper July Edition of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter. I hope you find it interesting and submissions are always welcome.

This past week or so I have been contemplating on the nature of cars. I have three registered cars in my fleet and they are all very different in quite superficial ways. I accidentally pulled to the wrong side of the bowser when filling my everyday car. I realised none of my cars have the filler on the same side. I have one on the left (Falcon), one on the right (Forester) and one in the centre (Mustang). If my fleet was a political party, it would be very confused and disorganised.

The July meeting is coming up and all executive positions will be made vacant. Please consider

nominating yourself for a role on the executive to support the club. It is not too onerous and provides a great benefit to all members. A nomination form has been included below.

You might be aware the Victorian car registration rebate is now available. Emma Kealy MP's office is offering assistance to access the rebate if you need it. Claims must be submitted before 31 July and you can call Emma's office on (03) 5382 0097.

When you make a submission for the newsletter, please use the email editor@wmhvs.org.au. You can also text/sms via 0477 159 494.

The cut off for the August 2026 Newsletter will be Monday 27 July 2026.

Dean Robertson (Editor)

A report from the Secretary

With our Annual General Meeting coming up, I thought I would put pen to paper, (or maybe a couple of fingers on the keyboard !!). After accepting the role of Secretary in 2014, having completed the four previous years as President, I didn't dream that I'd be still Secretary in 2026.

It's been a fun 12 years with some challenges along the way, ie COVID and I have witnessed some significant changes over that period. Probably the most significant, being the transition to IT technology. In 2014, I would clear our mailbox of hard mail at least weekly, and many times, if overlooked for a single week, it would be bursting at the seams. We exchanged newsletters with a host of other clubs. Secs responsibility was to open, scan them and make sure any information that applied to our club, appeared in our newsletter. Now 99% of what used to be hard mailed is sent via email, and most of that direct to our Club members.

In 2014, Stewart Muir was elected President. In the ensuing years, I have worked with Club Presidents Andy Pope, Mauro Boddi, Neil Smith, Colin Kemp and Maureen Lister-Warrick, all of whom I

consider to have done a great job in a Club that's fast approaching 60 years since formation. The mere fact that we are continually inducting new members says it all about the success of the WMHVS.

As much as I have enjoyed the role, its time to step aside and encourage someone else to take on the job. Therefore, I will not be standing for re-election.

It's been a privilege to have served as Secretary and on the Executive Committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those Past Presidents mentioned previously and to all the members, especially members who take on Executive positions to keep our Club ticking along. That old saying – 'you get out of the Club, what your prepared to put into it' rings very true

I wish the incoming Committee all the best and once again – thank you!!

Neville Thomas
Hon Secretary



Peter Ryan Collection

It was a sunny start to the morning at Dooen Hall where we met up, then a short drive to Peter's collection of cars, motorbikes and tractors.



A big thanks to Lorraine for all the hard work she put in making sausage rolls and slices for morning tea to feed everyone.



Neville Thomas took Jenny Smith for a ride on Peter's trike.



Just as they started a small shower of rain passed through.



It was great to see 52 members attending this event which raised \$260. and was donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation.



It was also great to see a lot of the cars were on red plates.



Bruce Brody

Additional pictures from Lyn Eltze.



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society
Celebrating 50 Years 1968 - 2018



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Regalia

Jumpers		Hats		Shirts		Souvenirs	
LS Polar Fleece	\$50	Beanies	\$15	Dress Shirt	\$50	Grille Badge	\$20
Polar Fleece Vest	\$45	Bucket Hat	\$20	Polo Shirt	\$30	Lapel Badge	\$10
Windcheater	\$25	Wide Brim Hat	\$25			Stubby Holder	\$10
NEW Ladies LS Wool Cardigan	\$70	Cap	\$20			Teaspoon	\$10
						WMHVS window stickers	\$3

Contact Bruce Brody for any regalia needs.

Coffee & Cars Murtoa 12 June 2026



Photos from Lyn Eltze.



Dimboola Coffee & Cars

Note from the editor: This story republished with photos omitted from previous newsletter.

We have a day out at Dimboola.

It's Friday 8 May 2026 – the sun is peeping through the clouds so we know, even at 9 am, the drive to Dimboola will be worth it.



A total of 26 members met in Lloyd Street to enjoy the surrounds, the shops and, of course, the café and bakery. While our group sipped, ate and chatted our vehicles were parked proudly in the street.



If I give you a list of vehicles, maybe you can guess some of the participants?



Buick was represented by the year 1925, Ford had an XY ute, 1966 and 1968 Mustangs, a station wagon, 1961 F100 and XE Falcon, there was a 1989 TD MG, a 1969 Mercedes Benz, a Nissan Navarra, a VK Commodore, 1968 Chrysler Dodge, Leyland's 1974 model of a P76, a Toyota Landcruiser and ute and a Kia.



Thank you to those who attended, to Lyn for taking photos and, to those who were apologies and/or unable to make the outing, we will do it all again.

Helen Curkpatrick



Cars for Sale

1928 A Model Ford 4 door Softop – Original unrestored condition. A good goer. \$14,000.

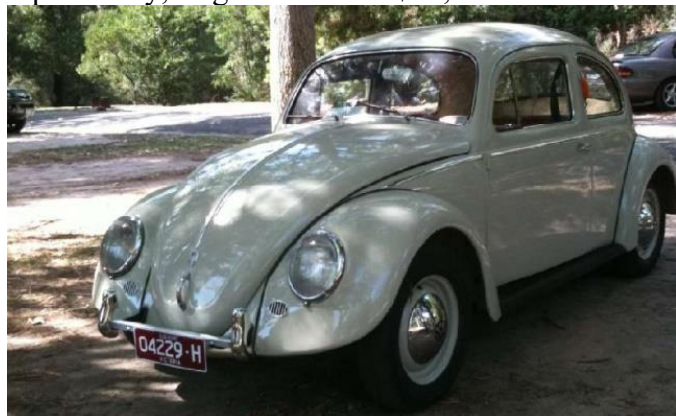


1943 Ford GPW Jeep. Older restoration, top condition. Lots of spares, including tandem transport trailer. \$27,000



1958 VW Beetle.

Excellent condition, matching numbers, 2nd owner, repaint only, original interior. \$28,500



1963 Chev Belair 2nd Owner, restored fully by 1st owner. V8, great performer. \$27,000.



1988 Toyota Corolla Hatch Twin Cam 16. One owner, original condition. Fun car to drive. \$7,500



All reasonable offers considered.

Contact Mark on 0427 887 311.



Minutes of the June 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Society – General Meeting No. 562 – MINUTES

Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 11th June 2026

Meeting Opened : 8.00pm

Visitors : President Maureen Lister-Warrick welcomed Les Hoy and Val Terry

In Attendance : D. Robertson, M. Lister-Warrick, N. Thomas, L. Doolan, C. Kemp, A. King, G. Streeter, N. Eltze, M. Griffin, R. Warrick, C. Duldig, S. Garwood, T. Pollock, D. Perry, B. Schilling, P. Anthony, J. Paydon, B. Brody, R. Wilksch, P. Curkpatrick, H. Curkpatrick, L. Hoy, V. Terry, B. Hicks, P. Sudholz, A. Jolley, V. Jolley, S. Hateley, R. Hateley, I. Walker, A. Lee, E. Merrit, E. Pargeter, K. McMartin, J. Feery, G. Feery, J. Brack, J. Taylor, J. Gaspirini, D. Cook, R. Davies, J. Thierry, J. Goodwin, J. Besselaar, S. Boddi, M. Boddi, G. Exell, R. Kotz, K. Duff, M. Watson, G. Mills, G. Smith, N. Smith, A. Macchia, J. Perrone.
(53 Members - 2 Visitors)

Apologies : R. Binns, I. Brown, D. Mitchell, K. Zacher, A. Saundes, E. Milbourne, M. Schilling, K. Taylor, R. Reicheldt, F. Turzi, T. Rudolph, R. Schneider, M. Zbierski, C. Thomas

Condolences: President Maureen expressed our Club Condolences on the sudden passing of our Senior Vice President Frank Miller. Rank had chaired our last meeting in the absence of Maureen and was in good spirits. His passing came as a shock to all. Maureen also thanked those Club members who attended Frank's funeral and formed a guard of honour at Horsham Church of Christ.

Minutes : Neil Smith moved that the minutes of the previous General meeting, as distributed to members via Newsletter, be accepted as correct. Don Perry seconded - carried

Secretaries Report : Secretary Neville Thomas reported that there was an influx of 'hard mail' this month, mainly Club Membership renewals. An invoice from Aus. Post passed to Treasurer.

Our President Maureen Lister-Warrick organized a wreath of flowers and condolence card for Frank Millers partner Karen. Only other outwards correspondence was the minutes of the previous General meeting

Moved by Mark Griffin, seconded by Alan Jolley, that the Secretaries report be received.
- carried

Treasurers Report : Treasurer Dean presented his financial report, asked for questions, and moved that it be received. Seconded Steve Garwood - carried

Membership : Les Hoy and Will Amos were voted in and welcomed as new members of WMHVS.

Michelle Watson was presented with her name badge

Application to join WMHVS has been received and tabled from Michael Haebich

Reports : AOMC/Federation - Nil report

Events - Peter Anthony reported on upcoming Club events. Our Annual Dinner (Lunch) will be held on Sunday 16th August at The White Hart Hotel in Horsham. Cost to members will be \$30.00 per head for 2 course meal. (our club is subsidising the normal \$40.00/head by \$10.00). If you intend to be there, please phone or text Bruce Brody – 0428 825353 by Thursday 13th August.

52 Members turned out for 'coffee'n'cars at Peter Ryans which was a great morning.

Minutes of the June 2026 General Meeting (continued)

Peter has recently sold out in Horsham and is moving back to Melbourne in July. He thanked members of the club and especially the Events Committee who have met regularly, for their support whilst he was Events Director. Maureen extended thanks on behalf of the Club to Peter for taking on the Events task and doing a great job.

Postscript : A farewell 'Coffee'n'cars is planned at Dimboola. 10.00am on Friday 26th June. Members are encouraged to attend.

Clubrooms - Neil Smith reported that the DHCOM have been successful obtaining grants for a. an extra tank and b. a kitchen upgrade. Bruce Brody and Rod Warrick have spent some time cleaning up the area around outside the hall and disposing of the waste. Neil thanked them for their input.

John Brack spoke briefly about a letter from a new Govt organization called OVIC, a apparent subsidiary of DECA – mainly to do with governing and responsibility of Committees in charge of reserves such as Dooen Hall.

General Business : Just prior to our last meeting, we received a generous donation from Marg Gunn (wife of Life Member Jack Gunn). Jack, Marg and the Gunn family donated our main Honour Board, which has reached capacity. Secretary Neville Thomas has spoken with Marg and she has agreed that the \$200 donation be put towards a new Honour Board. Neville moved that we accept Margs' offer and proceed with acquisition of a new Honour Board. Seconded by Rod Warrick. - carried

Ian Walker advised that a TV Crew had recently visited the Woods Museum at Rupanyup and could soon be featured on TV.

Before closing the meeting, President Maureen Lister-Warrick advised members that our next General Meeting in July will be followed by our Annual General Meeting. All Executive positions will be declared vacant and members are encouraged to 'step forward' and nominate for any position they may be interested in. It can be a rewarding experience being involved in the administration of our Club. Nomination forms will be in the Newsletter. Verbal nominations at the meeting will be accepted.

Meeting Closed : 8.36pm.

Car seen (almost) on the road

Recently spied this vehicle being transported. I think it is an early 1960's Lincoln Continental.



Minutes of the July 2025 Annual General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – Annual General Meeting No. 57 – MINUTES
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – July 10th 2025

Meeting Opened : 8.25pm

In Attendance : As for preceding General Meeting No. 557, which closed at 8.19pm

Apologies : As for preceding General Meeting No. 557

Minutes : The Minutes of July 2024 Annual General Meeting were circulated in the July Newsletter. Frank Miller moved that the minutes be received as circulated. Seconded by Peter Anthony
- carried

Secretaries Report : Secretary Neville Thomas said there was nothing further to add to his report at the General Meeting. Robert Binns moved, Nev Eltze seconded that this be received.

Treasurers Report : Treasurer Dean Robertson presented his Annual Treasurers report detailing a complete breakdown of the Clubs Financial position and asked for questions from the floor. He then moved that his report be received. Seconded by Mark Griffin - carried

Presidents Report : President Colin Kemp then gave his following Presidents report :-

Well, as we come to the end of my term as President for the 2024-25 year, I look back proudly at what this club has achieved. It has been me absolute pleasure to lead the club across the past three years, enjoying a range of different activities, knowing there were broad and varied events to keep our members involved.

As with most organizations, it takes more than one person to run the club, and I have been extremely lucky to have such a supportive executive to support me through my terms as President. I wish to sincerely thank all the executive team, both current and past for their support and guidance whilst I have been in the chair. You have made my job easy and kept our club running smoothly. It has been really good to see a couple of new faces over the three years, take on different roles to support our club. I hope this continues shortly when we seek to elect our 2025-26 Executive. Please don't be shy – if you have an interest in a role, put your hat in the ring for the chance. Believe me, you will find it very rewarding.

I would also like to thank all members who go above and beyond, undertaking different important roles to make sure the Hall is clean, the yard and surrounds kept tidy and the dishes getting done after our various events. Your support has not gone unnoticed. Its people going the extra mil that makes our club what it currently is, a friendly group of people enjoying our motoring passion.

I wish the incoming Executive all the best for the coming year anf know that they will be supported well by all members. Thank you for the opportunity to lead the club. It has been an absolute pleasure and an enjoyable experience.

Colin then declared all positions vacant.

Senior Vice President Frank Miller then took he chair and called for nominations for the coming year :-

Election of Office Bearers :

President : **Maureen Lister-Warrick** nom. by C. Kemp, seconded by R. Binns - elected

Snr. Vice President : **Frank Miller** nom. by S. Garwood, seconded by P. Anthony – elected

Jnr. Vice President : **John Brack** nom. by N. Thomas, seconded by A. Cannane – elected

Secretary : **Neville Thomas** nom. by T. Pollock, seconded by L. Doolan – elected

Assis. Secretary : **Colin Kemp** nom. by N. Thomas, seconded by A. Cannane – elected

Minutes of the July 2025 Annual General Meeting (continued)

Treasurer : **Dean Robertson** nom. by M. Boddi, seconded by I. Brown – elected
Assis. Treasurer : **Rob Binns** nom. by J. Buckley, seconded by N. Thomas – elected

Note : It was overlooked that Neil Smith, although absent had officially nominated for the position of Assistant Treasurer prior to the meeting. Subsequently after consultation and to avoid confusion, Rob agreed to step aside and Neil Smith accepted the position.

Membership : **Leigh Doolan** nom. by N. Thomas, seconded by C. Kemp - elected

Permit Registrar : **Mauro Boddi** nom. by P. Wood, seconded by C. Kemp – elected

Newsletter Editor : **Dean Robertson** nom. by M. Boddi, seconded by S. Boddi – elected

Events Director : **Peter Anthony** nom. by N. Thomas, seconded by L. Doolan – elected

Swap Meet Director : **Terry Pollock** nom. by R. Binns, seconded by N. Thomas – elected

Tour Director : **Bruce Brody**

Federation Representative : **Colin Kemp**

AOMC Representative : **Neville Thomas**

Regalia : **Bruce Brody**

General Business : There being no General Business, the meeting was closed

Meeting Closed : 8.52pm

Tractor Push at Peter Ryan's



Office Bearer Nomination Form

You are encouraged to nominate for a role on the executive. Nominations will be accepted on the night of the Annual General Meeting but it would be preferred if people nominated in advance. Please send your nomination to the outgoing Secretary, Neville Thomas, via email nevngayle@bigpond.com.



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Inc Office Bearer Nomination Form

I,
(Print Name)

being a full financial member of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society hereby

nominate:
(Print Name)

for the position of:

NOMINATOR:
(Signature)

SECONDER:
(Print Name) (Signature)

NOMINEE:
(Signature)

Date:



Iconic Movie Cars

How about some nostalgia to fill a page in the newsletter? Here are some iconic cars from movies and tv. What's your favourite?

Let me know which iconic cars to include next time.

The A-team Van

1983 GMC Vandura



General Lee

1969 Dodge Charger



The Bluesmobile

1974 Dodge Monaco



Mad Max Interceptor

1974 XB Falcon Coupe



Mutt Cutts

Ford Econoline



Ferris Bueller

Ferrari 250 GT (replica)



American Graffiti

1932 Ford Deuce Coupe



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Saturday 3rd April 2027
Horsham Show Grounds

- ▶ Ample sites available, no pre-bookings
- ▶ Site fees \$25 (admits 2 people).
- ▶ Site holders admitted from 9am Friday 10th
- ▶ Trading hours 7am - 2 pm, Saturday 11th
- ▶ Generous site sizes, most 6m x 8m
- ▶ General public entry \$5, under 15's free
- ▶ Phone: Terry 0406 006 040
- ▶ Email: swap@wmhvs.org.au

