

# SIDE LIGHTS



**FOUNDED 1969**  
**MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB Inc.**  
**A0001922T (MPHVC)**  
**Member of the Federation of Vintage, Veteran & Classic Vehicles Clubs**  
**and the Association of Motoring Clubs.**

## JUNE 2025

### POOR ALBERT !!!!!



**ALBERT FORGOT TO PAY HIS ANNUAL  
CAR CLUB FEES ..... FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY  
THAT HIS CAR WAS THEREFORE NOT OFFICIALLY  
REGISTERED OR INSURED !**

## UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

### JUNE

- \* Sunday 1st Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe. 9.30am (see details back page)
- \* Sunday 8th General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn. (see details back page)
- \* Wednesday 11th Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Inn. (see details back page)
- \* Sunday 29th Last Sunday Run - **THE NAKED RACER CAFÉ/MUSEUM** (see details below)

### JULY

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

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

## MPHVC EVENT DETAILS

**SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 29th June 2025. THE NAKED RACER CAFÉ** - Join us for lunch at a favourite café/museum members have visited before. We must have exact numbers to book, so please call .....

**Amanda Beasley who is organizing, to book a seat. 0406 330 677**

Meet at Baxter Tavern and be ready for a 11.30 am departure, or meet us there 12 noon.

THE NAKED RACER CAFÉ is a 1 Grange Road, Cheltenham.

**SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 27th July 2025. TOORADIN SPORTS CLUB LUNCH** - 62 South Gippsland Hwy, Tooradin. (30 min drive). Meet at Baxter Tavern ready for a 11.15 am departure. **Please let Dawn know if attending so we can book numbers 0414455989.**

## CLUB NEWSFLASH

- Many members have asked if we are having our annual Camp-out trip away this year. Unfortunately without an Activities officer or another member volunteering to organize something... it sadly looks like it will not happen again this year. If any member would like to organize a few days away for the club, please let Chris know. We would all be very grateful as we sure do miss the fun, games nights, trips, activities, casseroles nights and laughter!
- It is that time of the year when memberships need to be renewed. You have already received a renewal form with the April edition of Sidelights. Please add or remove any vehicles which you may have sold or purchased, and enter your current personal details so we can update any changes to the register.  
**ON THE FEE FORM ..... PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ONLY LIST THOSE CARS THAT ARE ON THE MPHVC REGISTER.**
- Payment is only valid if we also have the FORM. **Payment and Form are due before 30th JUNE .....**
- We have not had a fee increase in the last 4 or 5 years, and it is now apparent that we need to keep up with inflation and continue to provide the necessary insurance etc. Fee's will increase by \$5. New members that joined before 31st December 2024 are required to pay membership for the up-coming year.
- The VicRoads rules of contract will be adhered to re "Payment of club fee's must be by 30th June, and non financial membership of Club Permit **Members notified to VicRoads within 7 days**".

## CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 15th June 2025

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## SWAP MEET MALDON Vic.

SUNDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025

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## **THREE AU FORD FAIRMONTS IN ONE DAY !**



I'm a fairly regular visitor to Harvey Wreckers in Langwarrin, often to get parts I need for our cars.

I also like wandering around their facility looking at all the cars. We have bought a few cars from Harvey's over the years including a BA Falcon wagon 10 years ago, that is currently my daily driver (now with over 500,000ks on it).

Earlier this year I received a call from Darren at Harvey's (who knows what car's I'm into) to let me know about an AU Fairmont that had just been sold to them, in case I was interested.

The owner had sadly passed away and his son decided he would simply sell it to Harvey's. It's a "Sparkling Burgundy" AU2 Fairmont sedan, 6 cylinder petrol motor with around 200 thousand k's on the clock. Hardly worn in for one of those! I had a look at the car and whilst not in perfect condition, it was a nice and very well cared for example.

Anyhow, when I had arrived at Harvey's and whilst driving into the carpark, I also noticed a "Congo Green" AU2 Fairmont Ghia sedan behind the fence in the holding yard, awaiting its fate as a parts donor. I thought I might look at it as well since I was there, Congo Green is my favourite colour for Fords of that era.

It was also a nice example, with 198,000ks on it, but not nice enough to necessarily save it from being parted out. The Burgundy Fairmont was certainly a better example. As I was walking out of that part of their facility having inspected the green Fairmont, I noticed a gold "Amoretto" AU1 Fairmont sedan, that from a distance looked pretty nice. So I wandered over to have a look at it also. This car had been well looked after and seemed too good (in my hoarder's opinion) to become a parts car.

Anyhow the Burgundy Fairmont was clearly the best example and hadn't even left the public car park yet. Darren had me on the hook so I enquired what he wanted for it. The price seemed a little high but not unreasonable (6 cylinder AU Fairmonts and Falcons are not commanding much currently).

I decided I'd think it over. I casually also asked what he would want for either the Green or Gold Fairmont, just for my info. They were cheaper of course.







An idea came to my mind (inspired by the show American Pickers), and with Zana's reluctant blessing I threw an offer out for all 3 Fairmonts, as a bundle!

After a little negotiation, we found a price that worked and I bought all 3. The Burgundy one (which I'm still surprised someone would simply take to the wreckers) and a "rescue" for both the Green and Gold Fairmonts, which I feel great about!

I was very excited when it came to picking them up and driving them home. I'm pretty sure Zana wasn't as excited as me, my daughter Bridgette was furious and my son Robbie shared my excitement, however wondered whether I may now be an endangered species!

The Gold Fairmont is now back on the road, and already earning it's keep including towing the boat, it drives well and the air conditioning is crispy cold! I'm looking forward to the other 2 joining it back in use in a few months!



Happy driving and next time you see an AU Ford Fairmont on the road, honk and wave in case it's me!

David Hunt.



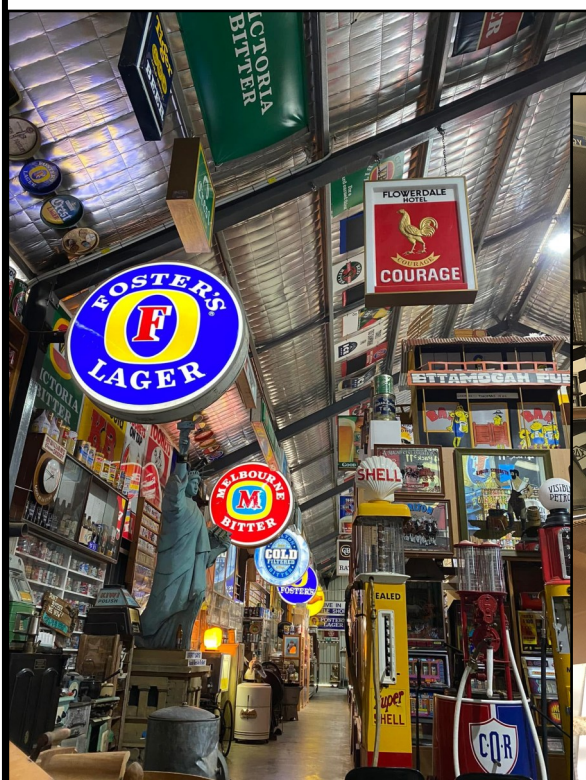
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# THE GREAT AUSSIE BEER SHED & HERITAGE FARM MUSEUM

On a recent trip the Echuca/Moama, Wayne and I decided to look up what local attractions were around the area we were staying. We had already done all the other well know tourist attractions such as a steam boat ride up the Murray, exploring all the local shops and antique places and of course enjoying all the local café's and bakeries! We saw a brochure for The Beer Shed Museum, and thought it would be worth a visit as in all the times we have been to Echuca... we have never been there! We expected simply what the title implies.... "Beer cans and related items". Boy... were we surprised and in awe at the size of the collection and other interesting memorabilia. It was simply overwhelming the amount of things to look at. And what a character the owner is!!



Neil was happy to give us a guided tour as a bus load of tourists had just shown up at the same time, so we tagged along. It was a narrative of history lessons and the visual of items from the era's he described. From items such as war relics, to memorable petrol browsers, to the original safe from Flemington Racecourse. Many organizations ring Neil and are happy for him to buy items for his museum, such as the safe... or many items are donated.







Opening in 2003, The Great Aussie Beer Shed and Heritage Farm Museum is one of the most unique and entertaining tourist attractions in Australia. Situated only 3km from the busy town of Echuca your visit will take you down memory lane with an unbelievable display of Aussie icon paraphernalia including over 20,000 beer cans from Australia and around the world. Other interesting and related items include tap tops, handles, barrels, bottles, signs, brewery manufacturing equipment and machinery. As you stroll through the museums you will also see a huge assortment of iconic Aussie products, brand names and machinery such as old petrol bowsters, washing machines, a Coca Cola collection, kitchen and laundry items, even a partially restored WW1 canon.



Owner Neil Thomas, has collected this amazing array of Aussie collectables for over 45 years and is on hand to provide you with an enthusiastic and entertaining guided tour highlighting the history and uniqueness of some of the items in this massive 5,000sq ft. shed. In 2012, the Heritage Farm Museum was completed with an extensive display of old farming equipment from the late 1800's including almost an entire range of Furphy farm water carts. There is also a blacksmith workshop, shearing shed, milking shed, saddlery and an old kitchen with 100 year old ovens built locally in Echuca.







The Museum keeps improving and growing. In September 2017 another section to the Museum was opened known as the Beer Stein and Horse Drawn Carriage Museum. There are approximately 4000 Beer Steins on display. The carriages include an 1890 Dabb and Co Royal Mail Coach, 1920 Milk cart, 1920 Butchers Cart, 1930 Bread Cart, 1895 Station Buggy built locally in Rochester, 1900 Taxi Cab from Melbourne and a Gentleman's Sulky built in Grafton in 1905. All are in fantastic condition.

Recently, the latest edition being a Car Museum known as Jack's Shed was opened. There are 9 Vintage Veteran and Classic Cars on display. Two vehicles are permanently displayed and the other 7 vehicles change on a rotational basis. Many thanks to the National Holden Museum in Echuca who supply a minimum of 3 cars at a time.



After your tour you can relax in the indoor function centre or just sit around with friends and enjoy a beer or two. Group tours are welcome and can provide catering if needed. The Great Aussie Beer Shed and Heritage Farm Museum are licensed premises and available for private functions. They have become a popular venue for Weddings, Engagements as well as Birthday parties and Christmas functions.

It is definitely worth a visit if you are ever in this area. Be prepared to be surprised as it is so much more than you expect !!

The Museum is located at 377 Mary Ann Road, Echuca Vic.

Dawn & Wayne.







## ELVIS AND HIS CADILLACS

On a warm summer evening in Memphis, July 27, 1975, Elvis Presley made headlines yet again—not for his music, but for his generosity. At the Madison Cadillac dealership on Union Avenue, Elvis splurged \$140,000 to purchase 14 Cadillacs for friends, family, and even a stranger. The King of Rock 'n' Roll wasn't just buying cars; he was creating unforgettable stories. Among those stories was an encounter with Mennie Person, a 33-year-old bank teller who had no idea her life was about to change.

Around 9:30 p.m., she was admiring Elvis's custom limousine parked outside the dealership when, to her shock, Elvis himself walked over. "Do you like my car?" he asked. When Mennie expressed her admiration, Elvis replied with a grin, "That one's mine, but I'll buy you one."

Mennie was floored. At first, she politely declined, explaining that she and her husband already owned a Cadillac and didn't need another. But Elvis wouldn't take no for an answer. Taking her arm, he guided her to the lot filled with brand-new Cadillacs and said, "Go ahead, pick one out."

Still in disbelief, Mennie chose a stunning gold and white 1975 Cadillac

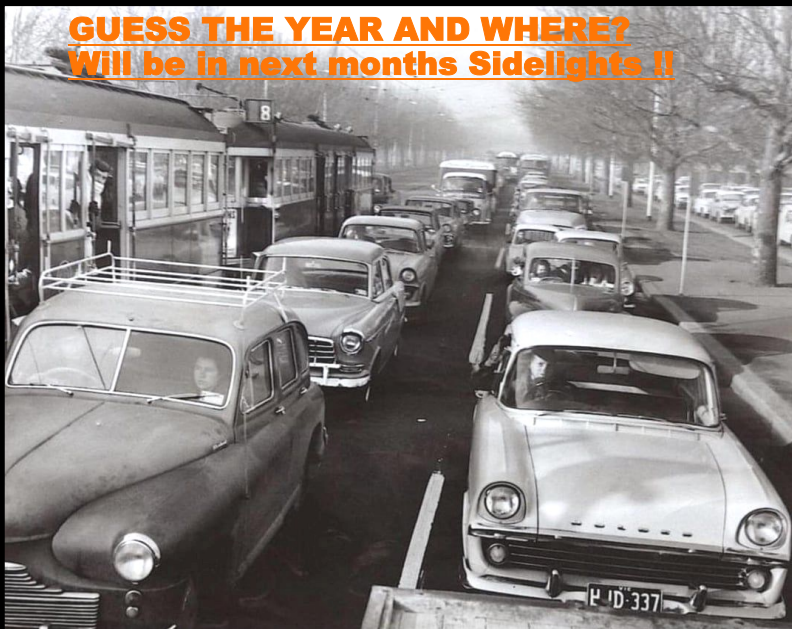
Eldorado, valued at \$11,500 (equivalent to nearly \$68,000 today). Elvis then added an extra personal touch—when he learned that her birthday was in two days, he handed her the keys and wrote her a check for shopping. "Buy some clothes to go with the car," he said with a smile.

This wasn't a one-off act of kindness. Elvis was known for his penchant for giving away Cadillacs—over the years, he gifted more than 100 to friends, family, staff, and even strangers. The Madison Cadillac dealership honored him with a plaque crowning him the "World's Best Car Buyer," listing 31 recipients of his generosity. Elvis Presley wasn't just a music icon; he was a legend whose kindness left an indelible mark on those lucky enough to cross his path. Mennie Person's golden Eldorado wasn't just a car—it was a symbol of Elvis's heart, as big as his talent.

[Story obtained from the Facebook page "Weird Pictures and Incredible Everything"](#)



**GUESS THE YEAR AND WHERE?**  
**Will be in next months Sidelights !!**






**MUSTANG CRUISERS  
VICTORIA OPEN DAY**



**SUNDAY 20 JULY | 10:30AM - 3PM**  
SHANNONS SHOWROOM MELBOURNE



# **MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB**

## **Minutes of General Meeting 11/05/2025.**

### **Sanctuary Inn. Marine Parade, Hastings.**

**Meeting Opened:** 11.07 am  
**Attendance:** as per book  
**Apologies:** as per book  
**New Members:** nil  
**Visitors:** nil  
**Minute taker:** Noelene Warwick

One minute silence for past member – Stan Fear. Very few members present as it is Mother's Day.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting as per Sidelights.

Moved: Marion Capon      Seconded: Graham Bedford

**CARRIED**

**Treasurer's Report:** \$100 for printing.

Moved: Graham Bedford      Seconded: Lorna McDonald

**CARRIED**

**Membership Report:** No report

**Secretary's Report:** No report.

**AOMC Report:** No report

**Federation Report:** No report

**Editor's Report:** Supplied by Dawn, read by Noelene

#### **EMAILS**

- Various monthly newsletters from other car clubs and affiliations. (sent to select members)
- Various notifications of up-coming Swap Meets and Car Display/Shows. (Have put in Sidelights & forwarded to Committee.)
- AOMC re monthly bulletin (sent to members)
- Email from members wanting another membership form emailed or posted. (sent to Noelene)
- Emails from various members with articles for newsletter.
- Emails from 3 members with annual membership re-newals. (sent to John)

**MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES**— Nil

**PHONE CORRESPONDENCE**—Nil

**OTHER**— Nil

#### **Memorabilia:**

Colin has ordered shirts  
 Found a bottle of wine – raffle?

#### **Activities:**

As per Sidelights      Naked Racer  
                                  Gliders  
                                  Coolart  
                                  Cherry Farm/sausage sizzle  
                                  Steam train in August

#### **General Business:**

- Ivan spoke re tractor run
- Marion made ANZAC biscuits (enjoyed by all!)
- Photos to Dawn re Bunnings (Joe)
- Enjoy the remainder of Mother's Day

**Raffle:** Joe Vetesi and Graham Bedford

**Meeting closed:** 11.30 am

**Next Meeting:** 12 noon, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Sanctuary Inn



# ALL JAPANESE DAY

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Monday 10th June 2024

Kings Birthday Weekend | 8.30am-1pm

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## SHEPPARTON AERODROME

(Goulburn Valley Highway Kialla 3631)

Entry: \$5.00 per vehicle | Gold coin donation for individuals  
 (all gate proceeds to Shepparton Search & Rescue Squad)

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 Food, Drinks and Coffee Available  
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Trophies for Best Car, Best Bike and  
 8 other categories presented at 12.30PM.

Event run by: Goulburn Valley Muscle Car Group & GV Aero Club  
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I suspect his dad  
was a mechanic....



Tenmil Sokhet

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

**The Secretary**  
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Club Email Address: [mphvc@live.com.au](mailto:mphvc@live.com.au)

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

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

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## MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Breakfast Run.

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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH General Meeting & lunch.

Meeting place: Sanctuary Inn.

Where: 126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 0359 79333.

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 12pm.

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

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

### LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH End Of Month Sunday Run.

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

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

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

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Wednesday after the General Meeting at Sanctuary Inn. 126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 03 5979 3333.

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

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