



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

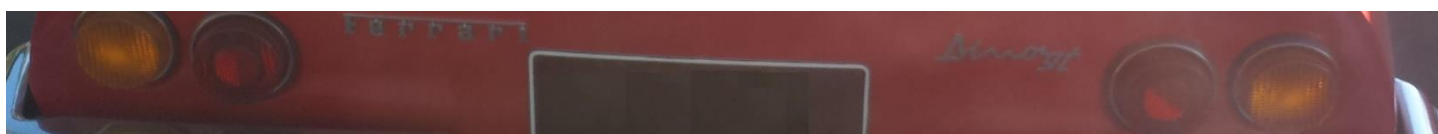
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Lunch at the Border Inn, Apsley, on 24 July 2026. A great day out.



Next Meeting: August General Meeting

Thursday 13 August 2026 at 8.00 PM at Dooen Hall.

Members, Guests and Public welcome.

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		Mauro Boddi

President's Report

Hello everyone, hope that you have all had a wonderful month.

As many of you know, I have been recovering from a gallbladder procedure. I'd really like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, visits and gifts – it's much appreciated. I'm feeling much better now, and am looking forward to getting out to our upcoming events.

I unfortunately missed our Annual General Meeting as I was unwell, but feel very honoured to be voted in as President for another term. I thoroughly enjoyed my first term, and would like to thank the executive committee and club members who had faith in me as President, especially Neville Thomas for your guidance.

Congratulations to all the office bearers for this coming year. Sue Boddi has taken on the role as Secretary, and will do a wonderful job. Neville Thomas has retired from this position and is now Assistant Secretary, and will help Sue if needed. Doug and Jennie Mitchell are the Events Directors, and have some wonderful ideas for upcoming events. If you have any ideas that you would like to see on our calendar, please contact Doug or Jennie who will share any ideas to the committee.

Rod and I attended the run to the Border Inn (Apsley) for lunch, which was a well attended event with 43 people in attendance. We were fortunate to have a presentation from Maureen Reader, who is a historian in the area. Maureen was very informative and was happy to stay after her presentation to chat with club members. Shane, Kath and his staff at the hotel did an excellent job serving meals, and always we had a lovely meal.

There was an email sent out earlier in the week about a coffee and cars on Sunday 2nd August at the Horsham Angling Club. This is now a club event, being held from 10am to 2pm – so hopefully with short notice people can attend.

Our Annual Dinner is being held at the White Hart Hotel on Sunday 16th August at 12pm. It will be a two-course meal with drinks at bar prices, the cost of the meal will be \$20 per person. Please contact Bruce Brody on 0428 825 353 by the 13th of August if you would like to attend. Numbers are essential please, as the hotel is opening only for this event.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our general meeting on the 13th August

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)



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Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
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.
8.00 PM Thursday 10 September	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Friday-Sunday 23-25 October 2026	Annual Rally (Bordertown)	Contact Bruce Brody for more information. See article in this newsletter (August 2026).

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

MOVE at Shepparton

We've been back to MOVE at Shepparton....(that's Museum of Vehicle Evolution)

Yes, we are off to Shepparton - sadly for Phil's 97-year-old aunt's funeral.

We needed to take advantage of the long journey so we booked the caravan in for four nights. Attend funeral, catch up with friends and family – what else is there to do in Shepparton? Well, there's always MOVE (just out at Kialla) says Phil!

We head off to see the museum for a third time – it's always a good and interesting place to visit – ever changing displays and information - even if you are not a vehicle enthusiast.

As I've said before, you'll need a full day so it's a thermos and packed lunch therefore giving a break to the huge number of displays to see in the museum.

Another interesting exhibit (for those who love women's fashion) is the Loel Thomson display which is conveniently part of the MOVE building. This section of the museum is included in your entry ticket and well worth seeing and reading the story of how the collection began. The volunteers are always happy to encourage your visit and answer any questions you may have.

To our many car/motor bike/bike/truck/bus enthusiasts – if you are in the area, why not take the opportunity to see for the first time or return for another visit to MOVE in Shepparton?

Helen Curkpatrick

From the Editor

Hi Everybody

Greetings from the editor's desk in Horsham where it is too damn cold. I am off to Queensland for a week and looking forward to some 30° days.

It has come to my attention that some people are not receiving the club newsletter via email but are receiving news from other clubs. This appears to be associated with hotmail.com email addresses. The operators of Our Car Club are exploring. We will get this fixed as soon as possible. If you are having this problem, please let me know by email.

The WMHVS Annual Dinner is at 12.00 Noon, Sunday 16 August at the White Hart Hotel. You must pay in advance by 5.00 PM on Tuesday 11 August 2026 to secure your place.

Also coming up is the Combined Clubs Tour on 23-25 October 2026 in Bordertown. I have included some information in this newsletter from the Bordertown Vehicle Restorers Club including the entry form. Entries close on Friday 9 October 2026.

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)

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.



Combined Clubs Tour – 23-25 October 2026

Members of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society are invited to attend the 2026 Combined Clubs Tour. The tour will be based in Bordertown and looks like a lot of fun. The following information was provided by the organisers, the Bordertown Vehicle Restorers Club.

To Entrants - Combined Clubs Tour 2026, For the weekend of 23rd to 25th of October

FRIDAY

- Meet and greet at our clubrooms from 7pm.
- Corner McLeod & Binnie Streets, Bordertown
Enter via Binnie Street
- Supper supplied

SATURDAY

Morning

- Meet at the clubrooms from 10.00am for Morning Tea
- Scenic Cruise – leaving clubrooms at 11.30am

Afternoon

- Lunch & visit at our newly developed Tolmer Speedway.
This is Australia's most banked racetrack. The Vision came from Club President Wayne Rowett, to replicate the famous 155 Pevely Missouri Track in the USA. Built and raced on for the first time in 2024. Created on a budget of over \$3M, and funded by the local town, local council and state government.
- We are organising an opportunity for you to travel in a vehicle to experience the severe bank angle of the track, for a lap.

- We plan to have our cars on display this afternoon for entrants to choose their favourite.

Evening

- Dinner - 6pm at Bordertown Horse Racing Club, Racecourse Road Bordertown
- Come dressed in the period of your car if you can.
- BYO drinks

SUNDAY

Morning

- 8:30-9:30am Breakfast at our clubrooms
- Tour of Blue Lake Milling - one of Bordertown's largest businesses, supplying oat products to the world.
- Lunch - at Clayton Farm, Clayton Farm Track, Bordertown.
- A gold coin donation would be appreciated, to go to Clayton Farm.

ACCOMMODATION

- Bordertown - Caravan Park 08 8752 1752
- Woolshed Inn Hotel 08 87 520 347
- Bordertown Hotel 08 87 521 016
- 105 On the Park Motel 08 87 520 922
- Bordertown Motel 08 87 521 444
- Google – Bordertown BnB's.
- Google – Mundulla BnB's

We understand that the Caravan park cabins are already fully booked. If you are having trouble finding accommodation please contact the secretary in a separate email and we may be able to find some billeted accommodation for you.

Secretarybvrc81@gmail.com

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.



Combined Clubs Tour – Entrant Form



23rd to 25th October 2026 Combined Clubs Tour

Entrant Form

Member of car club-Club Name: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Phone No: _____

Partner Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Phone No: _____

Other Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Phone No: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Costs Friday FREE

Saturday \$45 No. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Sunday \$25 No. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL TO PAY \$ _____

Please pay to: Bordertown Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.

BSB: 065-500

Account Number: 00900657

Reference: "your 1st Initial & Surname"

Or post cheque and entry form to PO Box 69 Bordertown SA 5268

Email this completed form to secretarybvrc81@gmail.com

Closing date for entries Friday 9th of October.



Fracture June 2026

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



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Coffee & Cars – Caltex Roadhouse



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Cars for Sale

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

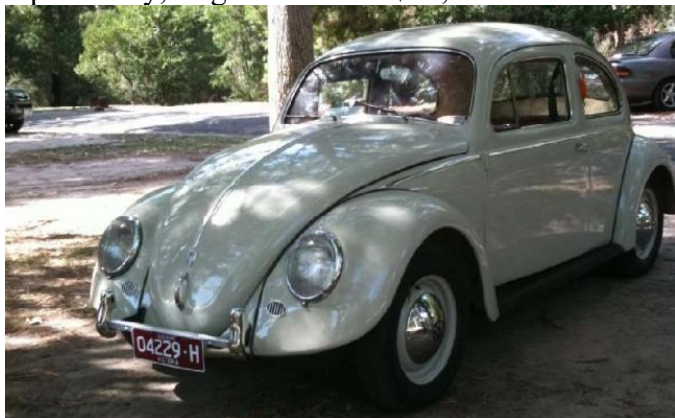


1963 Chev Belair 2nd Owner, restored fully by 1st owner. V8, great performer. \$27,000.



1958 VW Beetle.

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



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 July 2026 General Meeting

*** Please note, minutes from the AGM will be published in the July 2027 newsletter prior to the next AGM.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 563 – MINUTES

Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – 9th July 2026

Meeting Opened : 8.03pm – Junior Vice President John Brack presiding in the absence of President Maureen Lister-Warrick

Visitors : John welcomed visitors Mike Haebich and Oliver Duff

In Attendance: Dean Robertson, John Brack, Neville Thomas, Colin Kemp, Elaine Milbourne, Ken McMartin, Ian Brown, John Taylor, Keegan Duff, Oliver Duff, Neville Eltze, Colin Thomas, Greg Gibson, Rob Binns, Charlie Smith, Johnny Paydon, Robert Murphy, Vic Ellis, Wendy Gunn-Duff, Les Hoy, Peter Wood, Dawn Wood, Mandy Kirsopp, Helen Curkpatrick, Phil Curkpatrick, Ian Walker, Jennie Mitchell, Doug Mitchell, Don Perry, Sandra Hateley, Raymond Hateley, Paul Kelly, Roger Pilgrim, Peter Sudholz, James Feery, Rodney Fidge, Quinn McLean, John Gaspirini, Mike Haebich, Mick Schilling, Michael Atwell, Shane Friend, Mauro Boddi, Sue Boddi, Neil Smith, Aurelio Macchia, Russell Davies, Terry Pollock, Barry Schilling (48 Members – 2 visitors)

Apologies : B. Brody, M. Griffin, L. Doolan, S. Garwood, A. Saunders, K. Brody, M. Zbierski, M. Lister-Warrick, R. Warrick, M. Watson, A. & V. Jolley, T. Rudolph, I. Jarred, J. Buckley, P. Anthony

Minutes : It was noted that the minutes recorded the cost of our upcoming Annual Lunch/Dinner was \$30 per head to members. This was incorrect – the actual cost to members is \$20 per head. Wendy Gunn-Duff was an apology for last meeting. Phil Curkpatrick moved that apart from the above aberrations, the minutes be received as correct. Seconded by Neil Smith - carried

Secretaries Report : Inwards Correspondence : Several Memberships renewals

Bank Statements - Treasurer

Invoice Aus Post - Treasurer

Correspondence Outwards : Minutes of previous Meeting

Elaine Milbourne moved that the Secs report be received. Seconded Johnny Paydon – carried

Treasurers Report : Dean Robertson tabled his Treasurers report detailing up to date Club finances, asked for any questions and moved that it be received. Ian Walker seconded – carried

Membership : Membership Secretary Leigh Doolan absent. Mike Haebich's application to join WMHVS was tabled at our June Meeting. Mike was present and should have been voted in as a member. Although he will be an apology for our August meeting, Mike was happy for his application to be carried over.

Reports : Events – Helen Curkpatrick gave a brief update on upcoming events. Lunch at Apsley on 24th July. A sheet passed around members to indicate attendance.

Members were also reminded of our Annual Dinner/Lunch to be held at White Hart Hotel, Horsham on 16th August. Cost \$20/head (Discounted)

Clubrooms - Neil Smith reported that some serious work had taken place on our sign out front of the Hall. Power to the sign has been reconfigured and it now appears to be working well. Neil extended thanks to Aurelio Macchia, Bruce Brody and Ken McMartin. He also thanked Nev Thomas son, Matt Thomas for his donation of a 12v power supply.

General Business : Rob Binns reported that he had unearthed a laminated copy of our earlier Swap Meet layout, and suggested that as we have now moved from that site, we should store it in our archives

Meeting Closed : 8.16pm

Photos from Border Inn, Apsley – 24 July 2026



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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

