

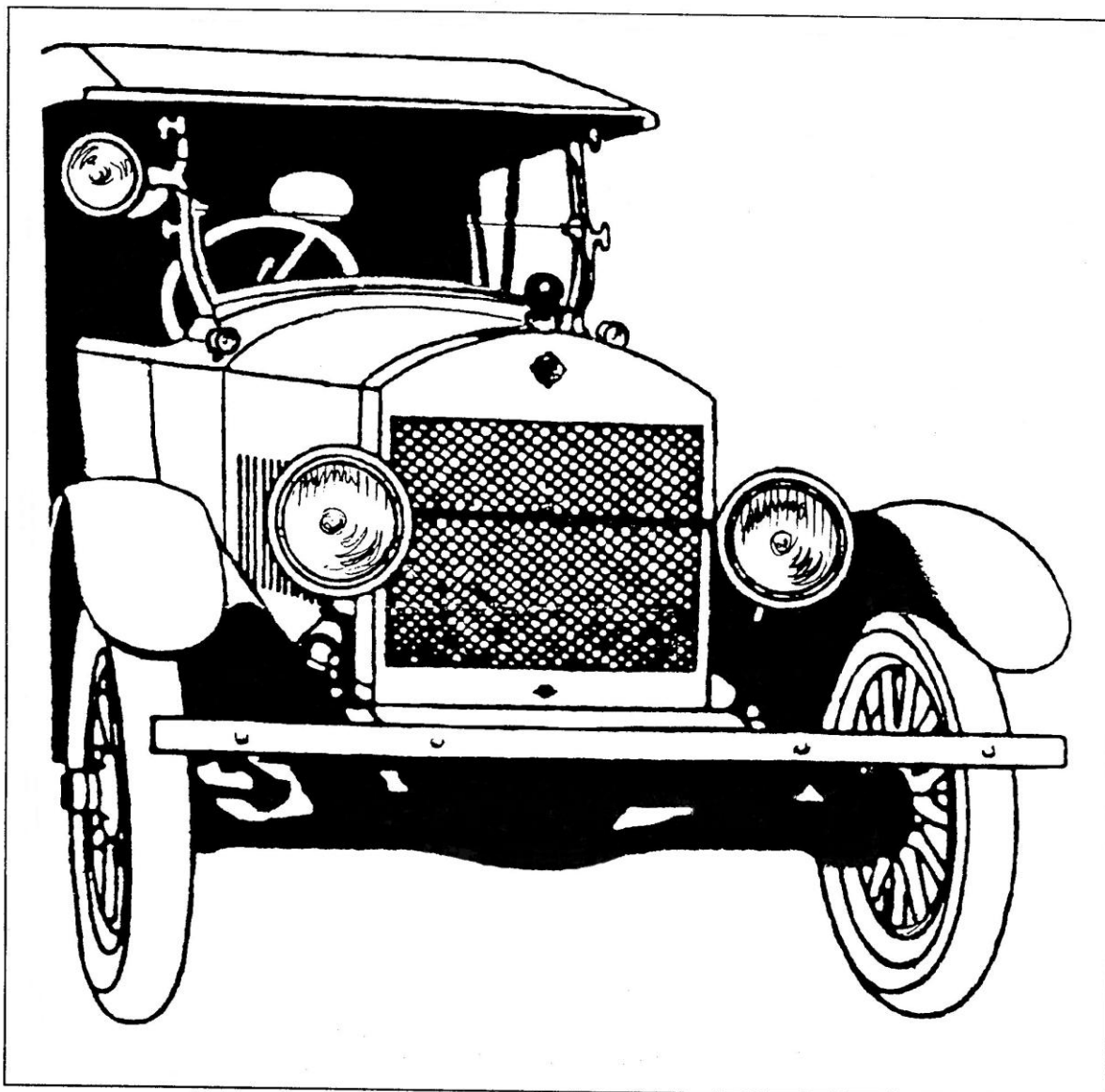
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Kerang and District Motor Club Life Members.

Colin Day - Keith Elliott - John Ritchie - John Mowat - Graeme & Glenda Rumbold – Don Pascoe – Ross Hall – Ken Fowler.

Kerang Car Club Meeting October 2025.

Apologies.

Robert Barr, Brenton Brooker, Alan Davies, Glenda Day, David Donohue, John Forbes, Ken Fowler, Colin Granter, Dennis Greenwood, Greg Henry, Murray James, Trevor Keath, Don Pascoe, Marg Troy, Lindsay Taylor, Craig Wallace, Tony Websdale and Trevor Mowat.

Present.

Geoff Aldred, Ralph Arlt, Michael Bell, Darren Berry, Charlie Borg, Andrew Borkowski, Peter Bortolotto, Steve Bortolotto, Ebban Boxall, Dick Boyd, Alan Boyle, Terry Brooker, Colin Brown, Bruce Campbell, Margy Christian, Graeme Clapham, Rod and Caren Coates, Colin Day, Phil Day, Bruce and Jenny Dehne, Andrew Farley, Frank Finn, Gary and Darna Fowler, Phillip Gawne, Adam Gelletley, Wayne Gurnett, Peter Greenwood, Lee Guest, Nathan Henry, Wayne Hester, Chris Hope, Don Jenkins, Dianne Moon, Peter Lindsay, Paul Mason, Brent Knight, Alan Mowat, John Mowat, Scott Murray, Gary Nicholson, Jacob Nixon, David North, Jill North, Mark Powney, Adam Ridley, John Ritchie, Ken Robertson, Graeme Rumbold, Arthur Scragg, Carol Spark, Daniel Spark, Troy Steains, Don Sutherland, Lindsay Taylor, Gary Toll, John Webb, Richard Welsh, Simon Jeffery, Dirk Nicholson and Keith Clough.

Correspondence In

Tickets for the Bendigo swap have arrived.

Email from Michelle Goddard regarding the Federation request for clubs to respond to a Vic Roads Survey.

The survey is designed to gather insights from car enthusiasts across Victoria to help us better understand their interests and preferences when it comes to custom plates.

Invitation from Lions Club of Charlton to their Annual Swap Meet on 12th Oct 2025

Notification from the Federation regarding their meeting to be held on 18th Oct 2025

Bendigo Swap information

Various Flyers

Various Newsletters

Correspondence Out

Email to Vic Roads relating to our non-financial members.

General Business:

Shed run was a great day with a good roll up of members (around 40)

Chopped festival was on with a few members attending having a great time.

Mount Tarrengower hill climb was on October the 26th several members went for the day having a good time.

BBQ trailer still being organised as to what is needed.

Glenarm residence are to be taken for a ride on the 18th of November if your available give Lee a ring for time and place.

Early start to the November meeting as we have a BBQ and road safety display.

Winner of the raffle was Alan Mowat, John Webb 2nd, Don Jenkins 3rd.

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COMING EVENTS

November 15th & 16th Bendigo Swap.

November 27th Club Lunch.

November 30th Day on the Creek (Southerners)

December 5th Christmas Dinner.

December 11th Club lunch.

December 16th Club meeting.

December 25th Christmas Day.

December 31st New Year Eve.



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the sad passing of our member and dear friend to many, Ken Fowler. Ken succumbed to his illness after a long battle last Tuesday. He fought so hard to stay with us all. He kept our outings going as Club Captain for several years and became close friends with many of our members. He attended our annual trips and even made it to Mildura this year. Ken will be missed by many, but none more than his wife Shirley, daughters Melissa, Prue and their families. Reunited with Joel. His extended family will miss his banter and the love he gave so generously. Heartfelt sympathy to all his friends and family.

The Car Club and its members were a special part of Ken's retirement. RIP mate!



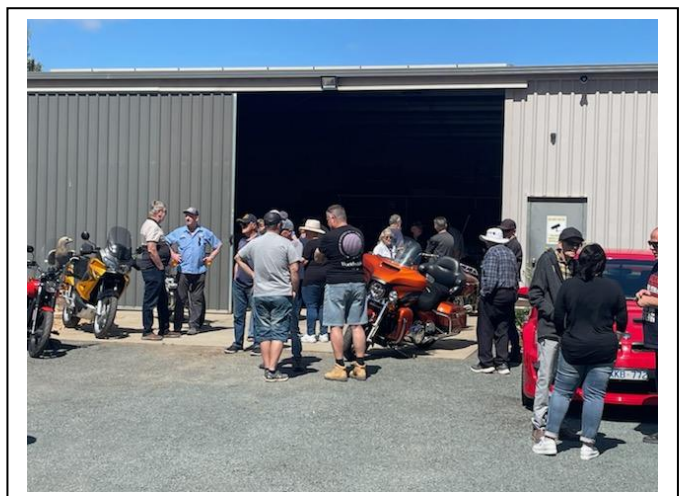
interesting Ford facts

1. Ford is the second largest family owned company in the world. Henry Ford's great grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr. currently resides as the company's executive chairman.
2. The very first Ford sold was to Dr. Pfennig in 1903, for a grand total of \$850. The "Model A" had a 2-cylinder engine, and could reach a max speed of 30 mph
3. Ford's current CEO, William Clay Ford, Jr., or Bill Ford, currently owns the first Ford vehicle ever sold in 1903.
4. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford, Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."
5. Ford's signature blue, oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had already been in production.
6. In 1914 Ford offered its employees double the current market average, creating Henry Ford's "\$5-a-day." The new salary, accompanied by a shorter working day and company profit sharing, minimized employee turnover, and was significant in growing the middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted saying he wanted to help his workers to a "life" not just a "living."
7. In 1964, after Ford debuted the Mustang, 94,000 pedal-powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season.
8. In 1965, a Ford Mustang was transported in 4 separate pieces to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, using resident elevators, where it was reassembled and photographed by helicopter. The car was later reassembled inside the building, until it was eventually taken apart and removed from the building 5 months later.

Shed Run 11th October

The shed run was well attended, the first shed was David North, with a few finished and a few unfinished projects for everyone to look at.

The next shed was Colin Bray's with several great looking bikes and a few of his other toys to look at everyone had a great time, it was then time to put the nose bag on, people then split up and went to several different places. A big thanks to David and Colin for opening up their sheds.



Joke of the month.

So back in the day around 1948, a business man was driving through the country in his new Cadillac and ran across an old boy in a model A sedan with a bad fuel pump, the business man asked if he could help and the old boy asked for a tow to the next town, they decided he'd honk if there was any trouble. Well the business man turned on his radio and after a while got it up to a pretty good speed, and flew by a gas station. The gas station attendant called the sheriff and told him about a Cadillac that passed his station doing about 80 mph, the sheriff said "so what", to which the attendant replied well there was a guy in a model a right behind him honking try to pass, you should pull him over.

AN OLD MG LIVES AGAIN

Many club members would have been aware of Alex Taylor's 1950s MG (in many pieces) in the premises of the former panel beating/spray painting business run by his father (also named Alex) – a restoration project that never really got off the ground. I am not sure when Alex acquired the MG but one of his contemporaries (Colin Day, a former President of our club) has told me that Alex was talking about it while they were still at High School – which is a long time ago.

Without going into too much detail, Alex senior died in 1993 and the panel beating business closed. Alex junior developed other interests until he also succumbed to ill health and passed away in 2021. Members of the Taylor family agreed to donate a number of old vehicles including the MG (model TD) to the Kerang Historical Society & Museum.

The story could well have ended there, except for the talents of the team of volunteers at the Kerang Museum. These guys had already restored several old cars and were up to the task of bringing the collection of MG parts (the remains of three cars) back to life. It would be unfair to mention names because many members of the Museum group participated in the project, but K & D V M C members will recognise one of our Life Members, Don Pascoe in the 'before' photograph.

In just four years the Museum team have completed the daunting task of restoration, and the Kerang Historical Society Museum now has an excellent example of a mid-20th century English sports car on show.

FOOTNOTE: As mentioned, Alex Taylor had over the years collected the remains of three MG TDs and the Museum has an assortment of surplus parts for sale.

For more information contact Ross Hall 0427 089 885 or at ross.h@lizzy.net.au



Peel P50: A tiny three-wheeled microcar from the 1960s that was only 54 inches long.

The Peel P50 is a three-wheeled microcar originally made from 1962 to 1965 by the Peel Engineering Company on the Isle of Man, and then from 2010 to present.

Powered by a 4.2 horsepower engine, and reaching a top Speed of 38 mph.

