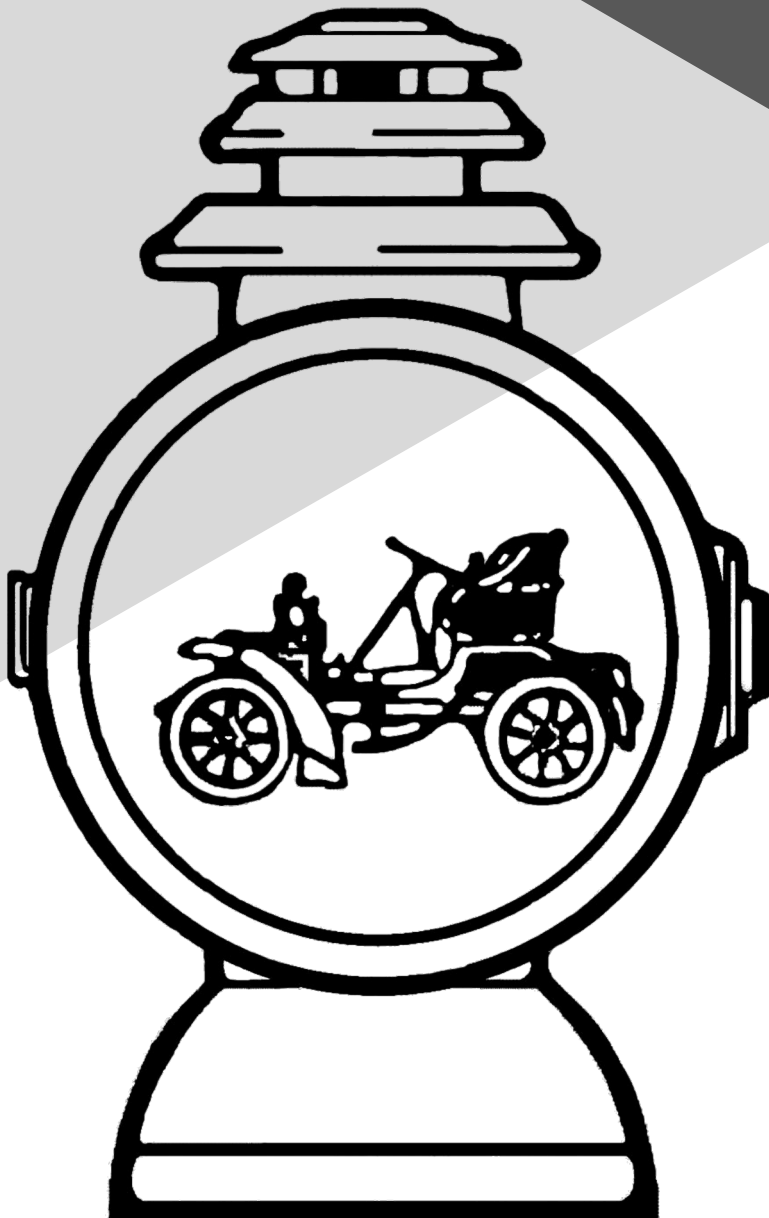


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October 2023



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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 6th OCTOBER 2023

Held at McDonald Park Rugby Rooms
Meeting opened by Vice President R. LeLievre at 7.35pm

PRESENT: 22
APOLOGIES: 6
VISITORS: 4

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by J. Clout 2nd C. Rainbird that the minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 1st September and as read at the October 2023 Meeting be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

*Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN

- * Notice of CHMC AGM 21st October in Armidale
- * Membership applications from 3 people
- * 47th Historic Winton 25/26 May 2024
- *NSW HMA roadshow Dubbo 4th November
- *NSW HMA Bulletin
- *Invite to Gnoo Blas Classic Orange 9-11 February 2024
- * Enquiries re membership

PLEASE NOTE: All invitations and entry forms are with the Events Director

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Membership reply

BUSINESS FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The membership applications from Jock Last, Matthew Armstrong and Bill Tipping were all accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT

C. Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted 2nd A. Fraser Carried

EDITOR

Sue is looking for more articles and stories for the magazine.

RALLY (2024)

Sat run will be a long one with lunch somewhere. Sunday will be back with a run before lunch then a display.
Looking at options

GENERAL

* The cushions we are donating to the Renal Unit have arrived, just waiting on the custom-made covers. They are in postal space somewhere.

RELOCATION

Change over pushed to late December. Waiting on installation of ovens, blinds, sound system. Swipe card readers and the car park and landscaping. Rob is getting quotes on a stainless-steel bench for the kitchen. Our cabinetry is being installed.

EVENTS PAST

Social day, Wangaratta Rally, Sunday run, Lake run n ride, Light Horse Monument unveiling.

UPCOMING EVENTS

** Registration Day is 29th October at BATTERY WORLD

9.00am start. Bring your paperwork!

*Miss Wagga Quest Crowning 4th November Call Rocky if you can help out with a car. It is generally a very pleasant, social afternoon.

*Christmas Party. Keep a look out for details.

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

Secretary

Janelle Clout

WANGARATTA RALLY 15TH TO 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

This year we had seven members travel to Wangaratta. We met up at Mangoplah, morning tea at Holbrook, lunch at Chiltern and continued our cruising down the highway to arrive in Wangaratta for arvo tea. Great start to a fun weekend and that pattern continued throughout the rally, lots of different spots to discover.




This years rally took us for fabulous drives through the beautiful King Valley. Plenty of wineries to visit along the route or on the return trip.



The picturesque Lake William Hovell provided a wonderful backdrop around the park for morning tea and lunch on the Saturday. The Vine historic pub was the venue for Friday & Saturday night activities for us all to enjoy.



 I was in a restaurant yesterday, when suddenly I felt the urge to pass wind. The music was really, really loud, so I timed my gas with the beat of the music. After a couple of songs, I started to feel better. I finished my coffee, and noticed that everyone was staring at me... Then I remembered I was listening to my ipod

Contributed Charles O



Sunday mystery run took us again through many little villages, winding through the countryside . We found a great coffee & cheese factory stop over slightly off the planned route .

Answers from the observation sheet from the drive created some fun over lunch time. A very enjoyable rally for the 74 entries this year.

Looking forward to attending next year.

Pam T

RAAF BASE WAGGA AIR FORCE WARRANT OFFICER LOUIS DEBONO HONOURED FOR HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE

A long-time Wagga Air Force officer (and WWVVC President) received a special honour as he marked half a century of service.

Warrant Officer Louis Debono, 67, was awarded the Third Federation Star for 50 years in Defence at a special ceremony attended by more than 50 people at RAAF Base Wagga on Thursday morning.

Mr Debono was presented the commendation by Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Robert Chipman, who he trained at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra in the early 1990s. Originally from Lake Eildon in Victoria, Mr Debono signed up to join the Air Force in Melbourne at the age of just 17 in 1973.



"I was going to join the army and my dad said 'Son, what are you doing?'" Mr Debono said. But his father was insistent, saying "I know I taught you how to shoot and live in the bush, but you're joining the Air Force".

In the end, his dad won the argument and Mr Debono said he's "still thanking him today". On entering the Air Force, he completed his 12 weeks of recruitment training in Edinburgh in Adelaide.

From there, he headed to the Central Flying School in East Sale as a general hand and to look after the pilots.



The Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman, presents Warrant Officer Louis Debono his Third Federation Star for 50 years of service on Thursday.

Picture by Madeline Begley

He said his time with the Roulette flight school there was one of the highlights of his career.

"They taught me to fly for fun," Mr Debono said. He spent 10 years there, with the first five at the flight school and the last five at the school of air navigation.

After that he came to Wagga where he trained to become a physical training instructor, before a stint in Perth and returning to Wagga in the late 1980s. He then spent four years at the academy in Canberra, where he trained the now Chief of Air Force while he was still a cadet.

"I took him as a physical trainer," he said.

After a short stint at Fairbairn in Canberra, he returned to Wagga and has remained here ever since.

"I've done five different jobs on this base in the past 32 years," he said.

While he officially retired at the age of 60, Mr Debono has remained at RAAF Base Wagga as a reservist ever since.



Warrant Officer Louis Debono has his Third Federation Star, recognising 50 years of service to Defence, pinned to his uniform by partner Wendy.

Picture by Madeline Begley

He is now second in charge of the RAAF Wagga Aviation Heritage Centre where he meets many who formerly served at the base.

Speaking at Thursday's presentations, Air Marshal Chipman said he had only handed out one other Third Federation Star and that was earlier that same day.

"It's such a rare occasion for us to see someone complete 50 years of service in any of the three arms of our services and it's a wonderful achievement," he said.

Congratulations President Louis

Article from Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser

LADYSMITH RUN

A very enjoyable out and about on Sunday 24th September,

Seven members met at new clubrooms for morning tea and chat



On departure we travelled Bourke Street, Holbrook Road, Featherwood Drive, Plumpton and Gregadoo Rd. We were pleased to follow Ray H in the 27 Chev to try and avoid the " craters " along Gregadoo Rd after the tip to the Ladysmith turn off. Sure, would know if you have any suspension issues.



We enjoyed our lunch in the park at Ladysmith. Home trip was by the Highway.

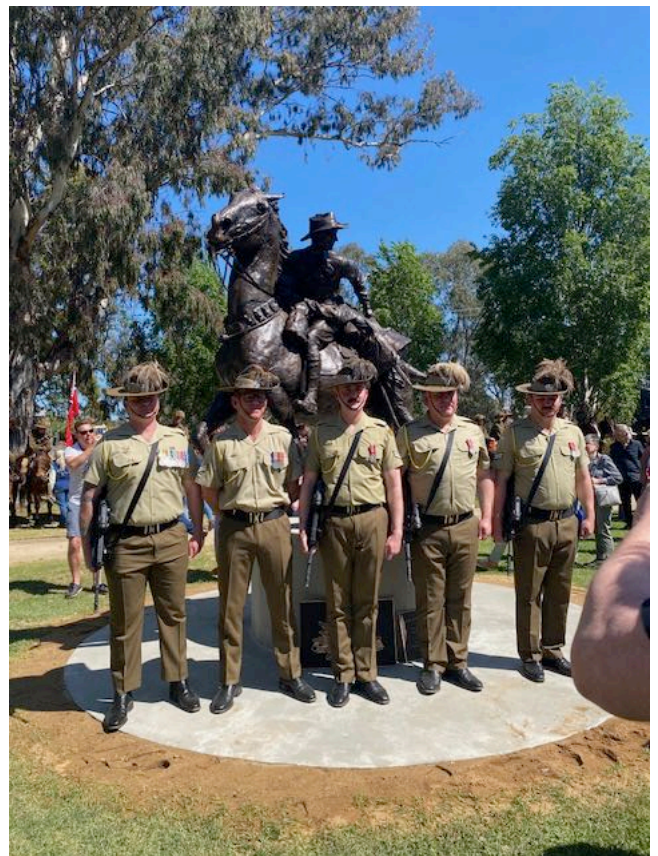
PamT

THE UNVEILING OF THE LIGHT HORSE STATUE

There was a good representation of club members at Victory Memorial Gardens on Saturday 16th September for the Riverina Light Horse Associations, unveiling of a life size statue in memory of our past fallen brave soldiers from the First World War.

The Daimler Bus was there as it has a lot of war history connected to it, unfortunately there was not a good photo with it in it.

Ian Grangers grandfather Bill, and his brother Andrew both joined the 1st Light horse Brigade serving in the Middle East in World War I, fortunately they both returned.





Bill Granger (Ian's grandfather)



Rodney and David Bredin



Ian standing proud in front of the statue.



*The door in my new flat works by voice recognition,
but only when I sing.*

*Got home the other night and the bloody thing
didn't open.*

I then realised I was using the wrong key...



Fishing for Kyan Competition SUNDAY

8.30am to 2pm
Catch and release
competition for
Senior and Junior
Trophies/ prizes for
biggest fish.

26 / 11 / 23

Raffle tickets \$5
Over 50 prizes
Drawn 5pm Facebook live

Sausage sizzle ,
Drinks and
Merchandise
EFTPOS

Registration via
Fishingforkyan.com.au
\$5 per person
Photos to be
uploaded on website
With live leader board.

Clean up Lake Albert
With most CARP
Caught competition.

Wagga Wagga Boat Club Lake Albert

2.30pm at Boat Club
Competition presentation



Maddish coffee van will be available



SUDOKU 82 SOLUTION

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Les repairing the original lead wiped sections.

Contributed Craig K

HUMBER NUMBER ONE IS COMING ALONG NICELY

Four doors, two guards and sunroof have all been fitted to the body ensure it all fits back together before painting.

Everything has been totally stripped of paint and the boys are getting excited that the painting will soon begin.



GET IT OUT & GET IT GOING

Coming Events – Events Calendar - 2023

WOULD MEMBERS WHO ARE INTENDING TO ATTEND AN EVENT PLEASE NOTIFY THE SOCIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR BY EITHER PHONE OR EMAIL, HOPING YOUR NAME MAY ENTICE OTHER MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

POINTS SCORE

BONUS POINTS

CLUB EVENTS

Sunday 15th October 2023	John Rockliff 0428 254 009	Substitute Mid Week Run. Marrocka Emu Farm on the outskirts of The Rock. Time: 0845 for a 0900 departure. Place: MEET AT NEW CLUB ROOMS, SHAW STREET WAGGA WAGGA. Cost: \$25 per person, which includes, entry, guided tour of the farm and morning tea comprising of cakes, slices, scones, sandwiches, tea /coffee. CASH MONEY \$25 per person paid prior to departure as one payment per group is required.	1	1
Tuesday 31st October 2023	Rob Le Lievre 0419 445 625	Rob's Social Day 9.30am start 10 Willow Tree Place, Springvale. Bring your own morning tea, Craig will be providing a sausage sizzle for lunch, and whatever project you want to work on. Furniture restoration is currently popular. We will be celebrating ten years of "Social Days" come along and celebrate/ reminisce	1	1
Sunday 29 th October 2023	Reg. Gerald	Registration Day. At Battery World, Pearson Street, starts 9.00am. All members with vehicles on Historic Registration need to attend. Bring your Historic Declaration which was emailed to members on 9 Oct. Members with pink slip need to bring that along for processing please.		
Monday 30 th October 2023	Sec. Janelle	Committee Meeting 6.00pm, Rugby League Rooms, 150 Copland Street East Wagga.		
Friday 3 rd November 2023	Sec. Janelle 0418 253 010	General Meeting. 7.30pm. Rugby League Rooms, 150 Copland Street East Wagga. Please bring a plate for supper. Don't forget show and tell – get your thinking caps on	1	1
Saturday 4 th November 2023	John Rockliff 0428 254 009	Miss Wagga Quest Crowning dsfgdrgdfh		
Sunday 5 th November 2023	John Rockliff	Sunday Run	1	1
Monday 27 th November 2023	Sec. Janelle	Committee Meeting 6.00pm, Rugby League Rooms, 150 Copland Street East Wagga.		

Tuesday 28 th November 2023	Rob Le Lievre 0419 445 625	Rob's Social Day 9.30am start 10 Willow Tree Place, Springvale. Bring your own morning tea and lunch and whatever project you want to work on. Furniture restoration is currently popular. This is the last Social day for the year!	1	1
Friday 1 st December 2023	Sec. Janelle 0418 253 010	General Meeting. 7.30pm. Rugby League Rooms, 150 Copland Street East Wagga. Please bring a plate for supper.	1	1
Saturday 9 th December 2023	John Rockliff 0428 254 009	Christmas Party, Mary Kidson Hall, Macleay St, Wagga Wagga (Just downhill from Fernleigh Road intersection).	1	1

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

March 29 th 2024 – 1 st April 2024		THE 2024 CHMC ANNUAL RALLY will be held at Parkes over the Easter Weekend, CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES Friday 15th March 2024 http://heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/resources/2024%20CHMC%20Annual%20Rally%20PARKES%20Entry%20Package.pdf
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SWAP MEETINGS

Sunday 15 October 2023		Albury Swap Meet, Albury Showgrounds
11-12 th November 2023	www.bendigoswap.com.au	Bendigo Saturday / Sunday. Site bookings 0427 446 660

LONG TERM PLANS

		We will post something here when plans are underway
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Watch your emails for last minute events and information!

Please remember to fill in your logbook the moment you leave your driveway. (Police and WWVVMC Inc prefer logbook for Club Events).

It is wise to check all events for cancellations.