

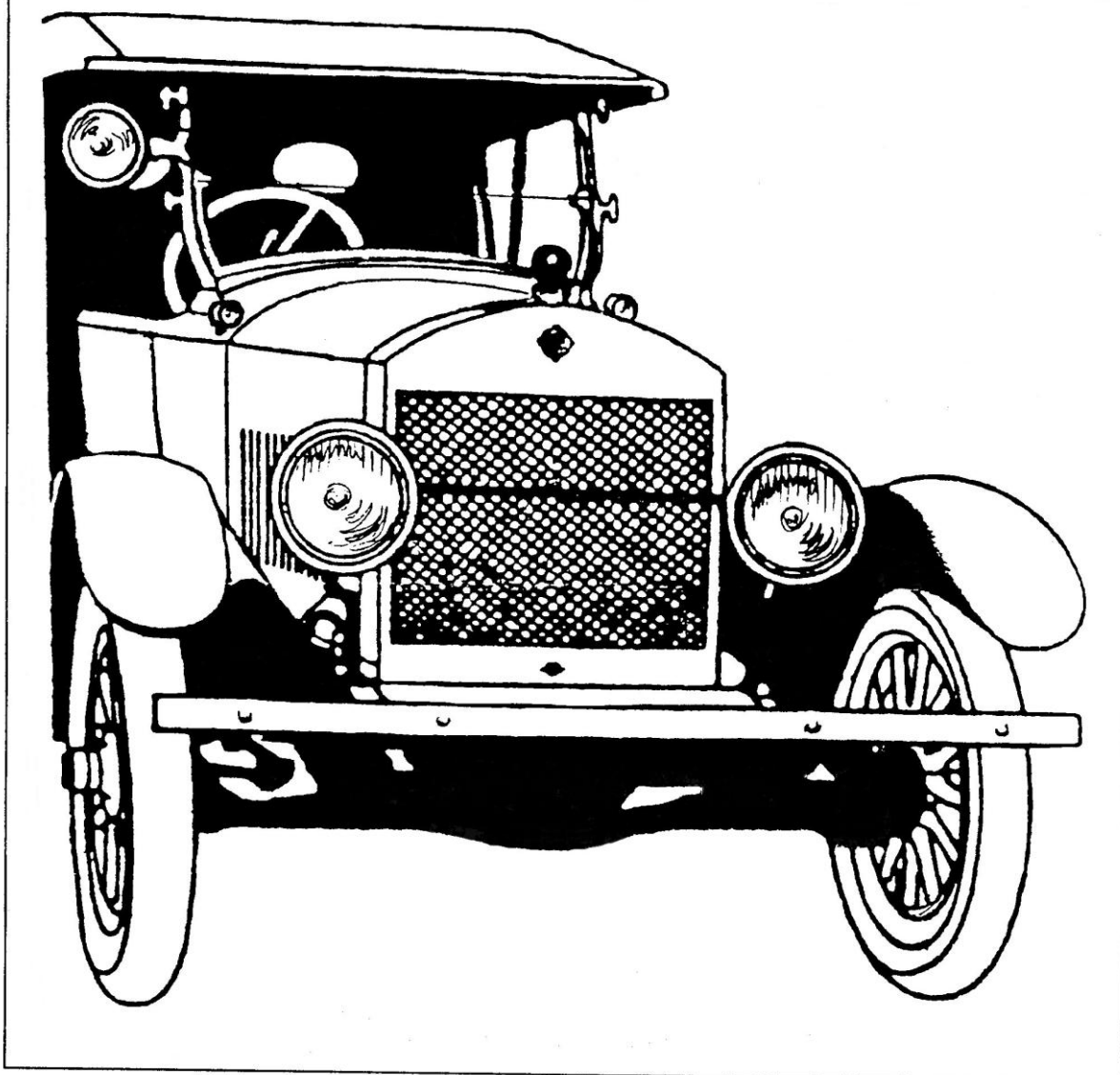
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Kerang and District Motor Club Life Members.

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

Kerang Car Club Meeting September 2023

Apologies. Steve Bortolotto, Brendan Brooker, Ken Charleson, Max Christian, Allan Davies, Ross Day, Nathan Donohue, Jason Greenwood, Dennis Greenwood, Mat Greenwood, Greg Henry, Wayne Hester, John Jakab, Margy Christian Trevor Keath, Gary Maconachie, Ryan O'Mahony, Chris Southern, Greg Southern, Jim Spark, Lindsay Taylor, John Webb and Bev Wilkinson.

Present. Geoff Aldred, Ralph Arlt, Michael Bell, Charlie Borg, Andrew Borkowski, Peter Bortolotto, Alan Boyle, Terry Brooker, Colin Brown, Peter and Jeanette Byrne, Bruce Campbell, Wayne and Charan Cason, Max Christian, Rod and Caren Coates, Colin and Glenda Day, Phillip Day, David Donohue, Frank Finn, John Forbes, Ken Fowler, Gary Fowler, Phillip Gawne, John Goddard, Colin Granter, Peter Greenwood, Terry Gregory, Nathan Henry, Norm and Carol Ison, Di Moon, Andrew Maconachie, Daryl McDonald, Colin McDougall, Adam Gelletly, Don McIntosh,

General Business: Gary thanked the members who displayed there cars for the book parade.

Marong picnic was well attended by members.

The Kerang show and Shine is on the 24th of April 2024.

Club Captains Report: Marong Picnic, numbers of cars down from previous shows but still a great day.

John Goddard thanked the club for putting on a great lunch for the Fed run.

Great day at the Kerang Museum open day.

Annual run to Lakes Entrance was enjoyed by all that attended and great weather.

Correspondence in: Date change Federation meeting now 14th of October.

Letter of thanks from the Federation North West Tour Committee for our hospitality on their visit at the end of August and a cheque for \$975 which went towards the costs incurred.

An invoice from Rotary for \$1058.78 which is 50% of the cost of the new wall.

An E-Mail from Kym McIntosh from the Ganna Shire L2P program, Kym is looking for fully licensed over the age of 21 and interested in road safety.

The program is looking for enthusiastic people who can commit 2-4 hours a month to help a learner driver get their car licence.

Rare Spares advised the have sent gift vouchers.

The car club has been added to Autos 1000 a leading online directory for automotive businesses worldwide.

Correspondence out: list of volunteers to Bendigo swap committee.

Letter to VIC Roads naming the members who have not rejoined the club.

Hi everyone!

It was great to see all of our members that were lucky enough to go on the annual trip to Lakes Entrance all got home safe and well. All reported that they had a great time together with mini golf being one of the highlights.

A special thanks goes to Caren, Ken and Dianne Moon for all their hard work to make the trip the success that it was.

The committee will be starting to put the 2024 calendar together in the next couple of months and also looking at destinations for our next annual trip. If you have any ideas for outings, events or the annual trip please let us know.

It has come to my attention that we have many members or family of members with significant health issues at the moment. If I, the committee or our many members can help in any way, please don't hesitate to call or let someone know.

The Kerang show and shine committee have now set a date for the 2024 event. It will be held on April 13th and 14th 2024.

The committee along with the AG Society, Turf Club and Park Trustees have spent \$20,000 to make the area all-weather so that we don't have a repeat of last years event.

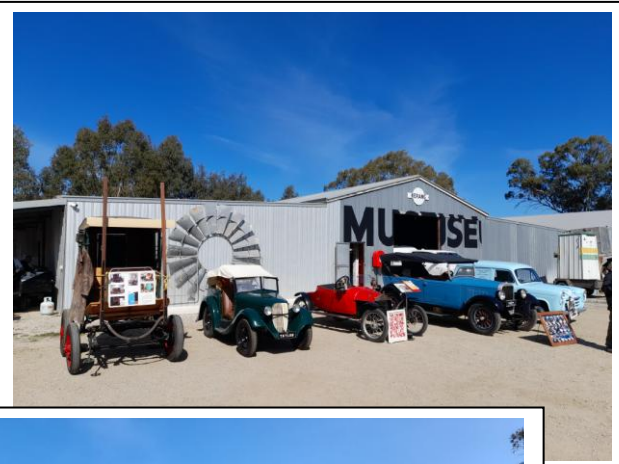
Feature vehicles will be Holdens from earliest to latest, so get those Holdens polished.

The Gannawarra toy run will be on the 18th of November 2023, please support this event if you can.

Cheers,
Serge.

Kerang Museum open day.

The weather was perfect for the open day, the car club had a good display of cars on show to support the Museum.



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COMING EVENTS

- 8th of October Charlton show and shine (leave club rooms 8am.
- 14th of October The Boort show (free entry for driver)
- 15th of October after trip lunch at the Dingwall Hall, \$30 per head.
- 17th of October club meeting.
- 26th of October club lunch.
- 29th of October Moama Historic Vehicle Club Show and Shine.
- 11th & 12th of November Bendigo swap.

Nine members from the club attended the Euroa Show and Shine with 1200 exhibits it was a full day of looking at cars.



Lakes Entrance 2023

After a smooth, running day of travelling, coffee, lunch, and fun with friends we arrived at Warragul. We settled in and then had dinner out at the local club. An enjoyable night and good foods had by all.

Next morning, we all boarded our chariots and headed for Maffra. Some of us dropped in at a market and lunched at Stratford and others went straight to Maffra. We looked at the car museum and was given an interesting talk. The museum was once a dehydrated vegetable factory producing food for the war veterans. When it was purchased to be used as a museum, it had housed pigeons for years and needed a great deal of work. Covid although a pain to most of us allowed an opportunity to complete more renovations. The displays are run in themes that change every three months. We visited the 1970's theme and the next one is based on the working car. They have 10,000 visitors going through each year and 80 members. The model car display was donated and has 3500 models. It is valued at half a million dollars. After yet another coffee we travelled on to our cabins in Lakes Entrance. We ate dinner at the local RSL club. Due to being a small group we haven't really had any silliness to report yet!



The next morning brought a wander down the streets of Lakes Entrance and a walk across the foot bridge to the small island and down to the beach. Some of us walked on the sand and two even braved a paddle (Jock and Marj). There is always a couple sillier than others. We lunched in the park. Some eating healthy and others trying the local fish and chips. After lunch we went for a drive to see what Nowa Nowa had to show. Well as it turned out not a lot! We eventually found the bridge which was an amazing structure! We only had two of us breaking the rules and entering in the NO ENTRY area. (Jock and Trev) We spent some time finding the advertised sculpture walk only to find most sculptures have been stolen and you could drive the walk in one minute. We all bought an ice-cream and journeyed back to the cabins. The cabins have a lovely area, where like the old days of clubbing, we congregated for drinks and more chats. We ventured out to dinner at the Central Hotel, which proved to be the best meal yet.



The weather was perfect for our cruise on the Seabird. I paid the bill for all, as prearranged and was given the rights by the owner, to allow only those I wanted to board. I chose to let everyone on, with Shirly informing me as I counted heads that I was the best girl for the job, as I'm so used to counting kids. I said, "Maybe not as I seem to be missing one or counted wrong!" Yep, I'm the dill of the day as I'm used to counting kids but don't usually have to count myself. Thanks, Shirly, for putting me straight. We had a lovely Cruise, a nice lunch, and a short wander around Metung. The highlight was on the return trip we were treated to a huge line up of seals resting in the sun amongst the rocks. There was also a spectacular line up of pelicans overseeing the seals. Back to the cabins brought another congregation of chatter and then retirement to our own cabins for a night in.



Wednesday and 5 hadn't had enough of cruising so ventured out for the Winery cruise. They saw dolphins and had another lovely meal including wine tastings. The rest of us wandered around the shops, went for walks, went driving to look at the sites and some even saw dolphins from the shore.



Thursday brought our day with the Lakes Entrance car club. We were shown local sites, had a ride on the ferry and were treated to seeing 10 or so Koalas as we meandered around the koala trail. Thanks to Martin and Bev for being our guides.



We then travelled to the home of Carol and Rick. They had the most beautiful setting for us to relax in and owned 13 cars to keep the men enthralled. Their club provided us with a very tasty lunch, (some of us asking for recipes). We thank them for a lovely day and look forward to returning the favour. Dinner again at the Central Hotel. To my disappointment the chef was different, and my chocolate dessert was not as divine as Monday nights!



Mini golf was booked for us Friday morning. Because of our numbers, our booking included a free ice-cream cone at the end, even if you played lousy. Tam was our scorer and she confirmed that none of us were to become champions. The lack of ability and the cleverness of the green design produced many bouts of laughter! Some even had their photo taken for the local paper! They are soon to be our, 'more famous no hopers!' We all zipped out the road to the Kalimna Hotel for a delicious lunch. Dinner was planned, bring your own to the rotunda and Ken Charleson was to entertain us. Ken developed a tickle in the throat and felt it good manners to not share his bugs. We thank you for the consideration. Meanwhile I had planned, 'How well do you know your fellow travellers quiz?' Thirty questions and a few laughs later we found that Brownly didn't exactly know how many trucks he had owned and Jock actually knew Tams birth month! Trev fluked how long Brownly and Maz had known each other, and Tam knew the most about us all. Tam was our winner (22) beating Margi and Shirley's score of 21.



Saturday found us pretty much having seen all there was to see in Lakes Entrance, so we travelled out to the Water Wheel Hotel at Lake Tyers. The meal and the scenery were both lovely however there was no water wheel to be seen. Back to the ice cream shop, some of us taking the scenic trip back past Red Cliff lookout. After a yummy ice-cream, most of us decided on another game of Mini Golf. More laughs as some of us really did some bad golfing! We had our last meal out at the Lakes Community Club. I was informed during dinner that Shirley saved Margi's life on the walk to the club. Apparently, Margi thought it a good idea to test a young girl's brakes and step out in front of a car. Shirley pulled her back to safety. The young girl's brakes worked well, and we got to enjoy our dinner out. Thank goodness for Shirl!



We tried to win Tattslotto as a holiday group, but sadly we came home Sunday poorer not richer! We all had a lovely time and thank Caren and Ken for all their work organising us.

By Di Moon

Menagerie of trip photo's



Federation & RACV'S North West Tour 27th August to 2nd September 2023

Federation V V & C V C Inc & RACV'S North West Tour August 27th to September 2nd 2023 started at the Marong Picnic and travelled to the towns of Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton over the week, viewing private memorabilia, tractor and bowser collections, museums, Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Centre, Quambatook Historical Centre, Sir John Gorton Library/Water Tower Kerang, Border Flywheelers Barham, Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum, Ron Dehne's Fordson Tractor Collection Nyah, Hornsby Irrigation Gas Engine Project Benjeroop Hall, Great Australian Squeeze Juice Factory Koondrook, Great Aussie Beer Shed Echuca, National Holden Museum Echuca, MOVE Shepparton and Car Restoration Business's Shepparton.

Thanks to Troy Steans of Kerang, Malcolm Morrison of Beverford and Tim Harris of Shepparton for opening their collections to the tour group, Emma Salter and Glenn Hammond at the Great Australian Squeeze juice factory for the guided tour and samples provided for the group, Maskell's Customs & Classics and Southern Rod and Custom Shepparton collections for their informative presentation on car restoration work to the Tour Group.

Special thanks to the Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club, the Echuca & District Vehicle Club and the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club for opening their club rooms to the tour group and hosting meals.

Sponsorship was received from Federation, RACV, Autopro Kerang, Burns & Co Bayswater North, Repco Shepparton and Penrite and Medco Fuel Kerang, Mac's Shortbread Kerang, Kerang & District Health and Greater Shepparton City Council, thanks to Tim Christie who collected donated goods from Burns & Co Bayswater, Neil, Brett and John Smith for supplying items for the Tour Bags and John Goddard for sourcing fuel vouchers, tour bags and items for the bags.

Special thanks to Lindsay and Glenn Braybon Numurkah for supplying folding chairs, an esky and car cleaning items and gifts used at the dinners each night as free raffle prizes.

Dr Norm Darwin gave a presentation on the Arthur Bishop Story (Australian Designer of steering racks and boxes) at the final dinner in Shepparton, donating one of his books for the nightly raffle.

Federation Trophy awarded at the final dinner in Shepparton was presented to Colin Maginnity for his 1927 Amilcar C4, Colin also received the people's choice gift award.

The Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Club further provided support by the use of their clubrooms for the breakfast supplied and cooked by the committee on the final day of the tour, with help from Glenn & Annette and Lindsay Braybon, thanks to all for your help on the day.

To Lloyd & Kris Healey, your help over the months leading up to the Tour was tremendous, I would like to thank you both for your support before and during the tour that you both provided.

Michelle Goddard



Photo by Colin Pierce: Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club.