



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

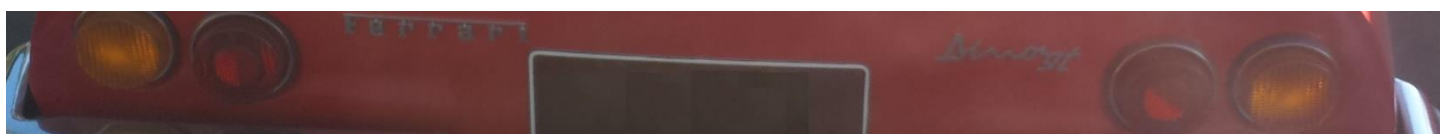
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WMHVS Annual Dinner at the White Hart Hotel, 16 August 2026



Next Meeting: September General Meeting
Thursday 10 September 2026 at 8.00 PM at Dooen Hall.
Members, Guests and Public welcome.

President's Report

Hello everyone,

As the weather starts to improve and the days become a little longer and brighter, we can look forward to the welcome arrival of spring.

Blue Skies, green paddocks everywhere and the yellow of the canola is looking fabulous, it's a beautiful time of the year to be out and about enjoying the countryside, which is what some of us did today with a drive to the Union Hotel in Nhill for lunch.

It was wonderful to come together for our Annual Dinner (lunch) at the White Hart and celebrate the achievements of our members. A highlight of the day was the presentation of our Life Membership to Rob Binns and the club person of the Year Award Peter Anthony- two very deserving recipients and a special moment for our club.

The turnout for lunch was fabulous, with a wonderful gathering of members enjoying good food, great company and plenty of conversation. It was fantastic to see so many people come along and make the occasion such a success.

Our Events Team works tirelessly behind the scenes to organise a wonderful range of events for everyone to enjoy. Their dedication, time and effort help bring our club together and make each event something special. If you have an event you would like to see on the club calendar, please let our Events Team know. We are always happy to hear your ideas and suggestions and make them happen. Your input helps us create a calendar full of events for everyone to enjoy.

Please read our future events listed in this newsletter.

Best wishes to all those who are not travelling well at the moment. We are thinking of you and sending warm wishes for better days ahead.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our events in the future.

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)

Car for Sale

For sale is a 1999 Honda S2000 2 door sports, powered soft-top convertible, 6 speed manual, powered by a 4 cylinder 2.0 litre DOHC VTEC petrol engine.

It is in excellent completely original condition with no modifications. Comes with a full service history and a very low 49,771 kms (04/08/2026). Build date is July 1999, is currently on club permit plates and will be sold unregistered (RWC on request). Price \$45,250. Contact Zac on 0447 282 922



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	Neil Smith	John Brack	Mauro Boddi		

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
10.00 AM Sat 5 Sep 2026	Motorbikes Run	Motorbikes and cars outing to Hall's Gap for lunch. Meet at Murtoa car park lake gates at 10.00am for 10.30am departure. Contact is Don Perry
9.00 AM Sun 6 Sep 2026	Horsham Car & Bike Show	Horsham Car & Bike Show. 9am to 12 noon. Display Vehicles in place by 8.30am. \$10 donation
8.00 PM Thu 10 Sep 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
6.00 PM / 7.30 PM Sat 12 Sep 2026	Entertainment Night	Entertainment Night at Dooen Hall. 7.30pm Screening. Dooen Hall open 6pm for BYO meal.
1.30 PM Sat 19 Sep 2026	Coffee & Cars	Coffee and Cars at Mr Chef, Firebrace Street, Horsham. Just turn up. Contact is Bruce Brody.
Thu 24 Sep 2026	Vintage Run	Vintage Run for the older vehicles. Contact is Neville Thomas
1 to 5 Oct 2026	National Douglas Gathering	National Douglas Gathering will be based in Horsham. Contact is Neville Thomas. More information below.
Sat & Sun, 3 & 4 Sep 2026	Murtoa Big Weekend	Car displays and more. Just turn up?
Thu 8 Oct 2026	Warracknabeal Show	More info at a later date.
8.00 PM Thu 8 Oct 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Thu 15 Oct 2026	Nhill Show	Rod Warrick will check out this year's theme and details of entry.
Sat 17 Oct 2026	Visit to Ron Shnieder	Located between Rupanyup and Marnoo Entry \$5.00 Contact is Jennie Mitchell
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)
Clem Duldig
Gary Knight
Don Perry
Alan Jolley

Fred Opprecht (dec)
Vic Ellis
Neville Thomas
Dave & Marge Barnard
Stewart (dec) & Cheryl Muir

Jack Gunn (dec)
John King (dec)
Bill Allen (dec)

Club Persons of the Year 2025

Doug and Jenny Mitchell



National Douglas Gathering Update



This Rally will be held from Thursday 1 October to Tuesday 6 October and is sponsored by our Club the WMHVS. As mentioned previously, I am keen for our members to be involved. Entrants will arrive from Thursday 1st October.

Our planned runs are:

- Friday 2nd October – Natimuk, Mt. Arapiles and return via Noradjuha.
- Saturday 3rd October – Murtoa, then on to Rupanyup for lunch, Woods Museum and return to Murtoa to display bikes at Dunmunkle Sump Oilers display area. Return to Horsham after 4.00pm

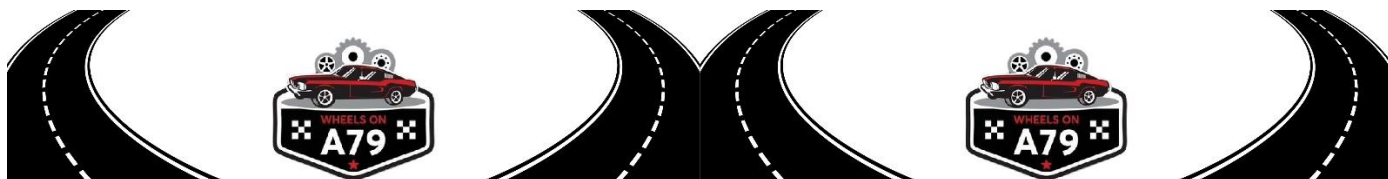
- Sunday 4th October – Horsham to Sailors Home Hall, morning tea and Wind Farm talk. On to Dimboola, explore the town, lunch, then visit James and Glenda Feery Motorcycle collection. Return to Horsham
- Monday 5th October – Wimmera Mallee Vehicle Clubrooms for morning tea, visit to a local business, lunch at Neville and Gayle Thomas, return to Caravan Park for bike display and walk to visit Military Museum. Wind up dinner at White Hart Hotel

I encourage any of our members who can help out, on any of the aforementioned days to please volunteer. You will meet some great people and any help will be an accredited Club attendance.

Contact Neville Thomas on 0419 385 242.

Neville Thomas

Promotion



SHOW AND SHINE

CAR, MOTORCYCLE, TRUCK AND TRACTOR



DATE: Sunday 27.09.2026

TIME: 10:00am

LOCATION: Charlton Park

All entry via main entrance on Calder Highway

COST: \$10 per person

(per vehicle with maximum of 2 people)

8:00am - 9:30am Entry

10:00am Judging (Trophies awarded for each category)

For more information 0439 911 083

We're looking forward to your participation!

3 x raffle prizes (Enter at the gate)



Wheels on A79



wheelsona79@gmail.com

Food vans
available

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creative

SHOW AND SHINE

Trophy categories:

- Wheels on A79 – Members choice
- Something appealing
- Encouragement award
- Car – Best original
- Car – Best modified
- Car – Non plastic bumper (Best three)
- Car – Plastic bumper (Best three)
- Motorcycle – Best pre 1985 (Best three)
- Motorcycle – Best post 1985 (Best three)
- Truck – Best pre 1950
- Truck – Best pre 1980
- Truck – Best post 1980
- Tractor – Best tractor
- People's Choice



Trailer parking area provided, along with unloading ramp

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Lloyd's Car Collection

We had the pleasure of being invited to Lloyd's Griffith Car Collection to raise money for Fiona Elsey Cancer. The idea was to wear purple in honour of Fiona as this was her favourite colour.

We met at 6.30am at Morrow Motor Group ready for the big trip. Pulled in at the truck stop at Dimboola to meet more car enthusiasts, travelled to Bordertown for fuel, food, toilet stop, then up to Pinnaroo for coffee, food, etc, then on to Lameroo at the meeting point, the Lameroo Silos (has purple artwork on it).

Left at 11.30am for Lloyd's place traveling along 10 kms of SA limestone road. What a collection around 350 cars and motorbikes in 5 Huge sheds, there was around 90 Holdens and 20 Monaro's.

Funny enough he didn't have a Zephyr or any Leylands. I was lucky enough to win a chocolate bar for wearing all purple.

We finally left and made our way back to Berri for the night. The next day headed to Mildura to the Holden Motor Museum for a look and then home to Haven.

Jennie Mitchell

Photos from Lloyd's Car Collection



From the Editor

Thank you to everyone making submissions to this month's newsletter. There was a lot to choose from and I hope you don't think I cut things back too hard.

A special shout out to Neil and Amabile Smith free camping (actually bogged) in Western Australia.



I guess they got out okay as they are on their way home.

An email crossed my desk about a 1998 Jaguar XJ8 Sport Sedan for sale in Werribee. If you might be interested, let me know via email and I will forward on the details.

You may have seen an email from myself asking if you receive the newsletter each month. One member has reported not getting it and I was gauging if this was problem. The question was sent to 120 different email addresses and the results are:

- 1 member did not get the newsletter.
- 51 members do receive it.
- 68 members did not respond.

At this stage I will try to help the one member fix the newsletter delivery. If you hear of someone not getting the newsletter, please ask them to let me know.

When sending photos, please use bigger files. 200 to 500 kb are usually okay with a bit of resizing. Photos under 100 kb are a bit limiting when I am trying to make space work.

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 October 2026 Newsletter will be Friday 25 September 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.

Halls Gap Motorcycle Run 5 September 2026

Hello fellow members

The events committee has programmed a run to Halls Gap for lunch on September 5th.

Details will be in the September newsletter but I'm sending this email in advance so as to give a little more time to plan your participation in the day.

Saturday 5 September 2026

Motorbikes and cars outing to Hall's Gap for lunch. Meet at Murtoa car park lake gates at 10.00 am for 10.30 am departure.

Contact is Don Perry M: 0427 861 247 or
E: dondalperry@gmail.com

I envisage that participants, if they wish, could organise their own lunch from one of the many eateries at Halls Gap.

However, I have booked for 25 people at Flame Bros Cafe and Restaurant if you wish to congregate together but people will need to let me know by 1 September so I can confirm numbers.

We are meeting at Murtoa to give people from the northern and eastern areas a more direct route to Halls Gap.

Naturally our members are welcome to leave and proceed on their own route and at their own pace. The motor cyclists in our club have been looking for a run to Halls Gap but all members are welcome to attend.

Cheers

Don Perry



Sunday, September 6th 2026

9am to 12noon
Public entry by gold coin donation
Horsham Plaza west carpark—racecourse end
Display vehicles set up by 8.30am—\$10 donation
Trade stands welcome

All proceeds to WACK

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Winton Festival of Speed “The Fitzy Cup”.

“A new Porsche racing category honouring the life and racing achievements of Australian Porsche racing legend, Peter Fitzgerald, will debut at the 2026 Winton Festival of Speed from 23 – 26 July.

The Fitzy Cup is a fever dream of Peter Fitzgerald who built and raced Porsches -saluting his most recognisable cars from 1990 to 2010.



Some of Fitzgerald’s most iconic Porsches include the pair of Falken liveried Porsche 968 Clubsports that raced in the 1993 Bathurst 12 Hour as well as the striking Porsche 993 RSCS that graced Australian circuits in the mid to late 90s.

Alongside cars with a direct association with Fitzgerald, category organisers welcome all other race-spec Porsches of the same era to join The Fitzy Cup for its inaugural event.

Additionally an invitational class for pre-1990 Porsches with an association with Fitzgerald has been established - opening the door to models such as G Series 911s as well as 944 Turbos.



Fitzgerald was a much-loved legend of Australian motorsport. After winning the Production Car Championship in 1987, he remained a consistent front-runner and popular character in the Australian

motorsport scene before notably winning the maiden Bathurst 12 Hour in 1991.

Having left a lucrative accounting profession to focus on his fledgling Fitzgerald Racing Services operation, Fitzgerald continued his association with the Bathurst 12 Hour before competing in GT-P and Nations Cup pre and post millennium.

He featured in the inaugural season of Porsche Carrera Cup Australia in 2003 - racing in the popular one-make series until 2006.

Peter’s son, Christian Fitzgerald, has given his family’s blessing for the category to be named after his father - noting it will be the perfect platform to celebrate and honour his dad’s racing legacy.

“Dad’s connection with the Porsche community was more than just competition - it was about camaraderie, perseverance and a pure love of racing” Fitzgerald said. “His motto was ‘never say die’ - something that motivated him through tough races, business challenges and, ultimately, his health battles.

“Having The Fitzy Cup named after him at the WFOS is an incredible honour - one that the family and I know would have meant so much to him. It celebrates the values he stood for and the legacy he leaves behind.”

The Fitzy Cup is designed to honour and celebrate Fitzgerald’s legacy and achievements in a manner befitting the man – passionate, grounded, generous and, above all, Porsche obsessed.

It affords a unique opportunity to pull the covers off some of Australia’s most special race-spec Porsches and join forces on track in a way Fitzgerald would have wanted.

Entrants of The Fitzy Cup will receive a qualifying and racing schedule spanning Friday 24 to Sunday 26 July”



Helen Curkpatrick

Coffee & Cars, Warracknabeal



Peter's Fairwell, Dimboola



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Photos from Annual Dinner, 16 August 2026



Photos from Lyn Eltze

Photos from Hot Rod Show 1 August 2026



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Minutes of the August 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 564 – MINUTES
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – 12th August 2026

Meeting Opened: 8.00pm – President Maureen Lister-Warrick welcomed all present to the meeting

Visitors: No visitors or guests in attendance.

In Attendance: M. Lister-Warrick, S. Boddi, R. Pilgrim, D. Mitchell, R. Warrick, H. Curkpatrick, P. Curkpatrick, J. Taylor, O. Duff, K. Duff, N. Eltze, C. Thomas, A. Cannane, S. Hateley, R. Hateley, J. Buckley, N. Thomas, R. Binns, K. Lyons, M. Griffin, L. Hoy, V. Terry, G. Exell, J. Gasparini, A. Jolley, R. Fidge, K. Grosser, L. Hogan, E. Pargeter, A. Saunders, T. Pollock, C. Kemp, M. Boddi, R. Davies, B Williams, D. Perry, J. Schultz, D Cook, M. Schilling, J. Feery, R. Kotz, J. Brack, B. Brody, G. Smith, G. Mills. (44 members, 1 child)

Apologies: L. Doolan, D. Robertson, A. Lee, K. McMartin, E. Milburne, N. Smith, K. Taylor, D. Lupton, P. & D. Wood, P Sudholz, J. Perone, R. Schneider, J. Mitchell, V. Ellis, S. Garwood, M. Zbiersky, I. Brown, V. Jolley, T. Rudolph, R. Reichelt, W. Gunn-Duff.

Minutes: Moved Rob Binns that the minutes of the previous meeting be received as correct.
Seconded by Douglas Mitchell Carried.

Secretary's Report: Inwards Correspondence:

Bank Statement & Information letter: Referred to Treasurer.

2 Invoices from Aus Post: Referred to Treasurer.

Email from Blue Ribbon Foundation re: supplying vehicles for Ball to be held on 20th March 2027.
Referred to General Business.

Outwards Correspondence:

Minutes of previous Meeting.

Sympathy card to the family of member Kevin Plush who recently passed away.

Moved Sue Boddi that the Secretary's report be received.

Seconded Helen Curkpatrick. Carried.

Treasurers Report: Maureen Lister-Warrick tabled Treasurer Dean Robertson's Report, in his absence, detailing current finances and moved that it be received.
Rod Warrick seconded. Carried.

Membership: Sue Boddi presented Membership Secretary Leigh Doolan's report in his absence.

Greg Bourke and Maurice Tuohey have resigned from WMHVS.

The following members have not paid subs as yet: Adrian Gamble, Bill Shepherd, Ian Puls, John Brack, Paul Dillon, Paul Flaherty, Peter Miller, Ray Woods, Shirley Glover, Steven Wik. If they remain unfinancial as at 31st August, their membership will lapse, and VicRoads will be notified accordingly.

Mike Haebich's membership application (carried over from June) to join WMHVS was voted on. All were in favour. Welcome Mike.

Minutes of the August 2026 General Meeting (cont)

Reports: OAMC – Neville Thomas – nothing to report.
Federation – Colin Kemp – nothing to report.

Events: Douglas Mitchell gave an update on upcoming events.

Note from Editor – Events in Calendar Above

Regalia: see Bruce Brody after the meeting for regalia enquiries and purchases.

Rally: Bruce Brody spoke about the Combined Clubs Tour Bordertown. Entry forms on back table. 14 members have said that they will attend so far.

Clubrooms: Mauro Boddi – nothing to report.

Neville Thomas spoke further about the National Douglas Motorbike Rally. 50 people will be attending from all around Australia. Events are planned around the Wimmera for the weekend of 1st to 5th October. Neville is looking for volunteers to be corner markers for each of the runs, supply morning tea one day and lunch on one day. Contact Neville if you wish to assist. More details will be in the September Newsletter. Rob Binns added that Kevin Hutchinson is running an event on the same weekend for another pre 1930s antique motorbike club in the Wimmera. An opportunity to see even more old motorbikes.

Maureen Lister-Warrick advised that the WMHVS Annual Dinner is on this Sunday at the White Hart Hotel. Today is the cut off for RSVP. Contact Bruce Brody and pay \$20pp to club bank a/c.

Douglas Mitchell and a group of 49 others travelled to South Australia recently to look through a number of sheds and displays, then home via Mildura. Well worth the trip.

General Business: Mauro Boddi reported that WMHVS members have volunteered their vehicles to transport patrons to the Blue Ribbon Ball for a number of years as a fundraiser for the Ball Committee, and we have again been invited to participate. The next Ball will be held on 20th March 2027 which will be the 20th anniversary of the Ball being held. Interest was gauged via a vote of members present at this meeting. All present were in favour of participating again and Mauro will now contact the Ball Committee to confirm our participation for the next Ball.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm.

A Blast from the Past

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A ride to the past!

Now that's another thing you have to watch out for!

Mr Vic Ellis left, points to some of the detailed work on a restored 1924 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Receiving tuition is Paul Creek, 11, of Horsham.

Mr Ellis, of Horsham is president of the Wimmera-Mallee Historical Vehicle Society.

The two were at a vintage car and steam rally in Horsham on Saturday and yesterday.

The motor-cycle was used for police work.

■ ANOTHER PICTURE: Page 9.

HISTORY SHINES AT DISPLAY

All aboard a 1929 Ford!

The four youngsters pictured were among many people who looked at Australian motoring history in Horsham at the weekend.

The history was a Horsham Jaycees display of stationary engines and vintage cars.

This group of children was delighted with Mr John King's 1929 Ford which is partly restored.

The history-watchers are, from left, Allister Bunworth, 8, Ross Bunworth, 11, Andrew Duldig, 11, and Leigh Bunworth, 8, all of Horsham.

Mr King, of Warracknabeal, estimates his Ford will need another 18

months' work before it is completely restored.

The Mayor Cr Jan van Veldhuisen judged exhibits yesterday.

She gave awards for: Car with most appealing finish, Stan Williams; most advanced restoration, Peter Creek; biggest restoration ahead, Wayne Schneider; most appealing bike, Bill Allen; best static display, Robert Binns; stationary engines, Eric and Les Schultz; Jaycees prize, Eric and Les Schultz.

Jaycee officials yesterday thanked Wimmera-Mallee Historical Vehicles Society for supporting the display.

**CLASSIFIED ADVTs.
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Rob Binns

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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
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