



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

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Elaine Milbourne and Ken McMartin with guests for the Blue Ribbon Ball 2026 (photo by Lyn Eltze).



Next Meeting:

April General Meeting

Thursday 9 April at 8.00 PM at Dooen Hall.

Members, Guests and Public welcome

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Neil Smith

John Brack

Mauro Boddi

Club Persons of the Year 2025

Doug and Jenny Mitchell

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
Saturday 4 April	Warracknabeal Easter Parade & Car Show	9.30am assembly at Saleyards, 10.30am Grand Parade then car show in Woolcock St. Convoy from Horsham will leave Dooen pub 8.45am.
8.00 PM Thursday 9 April	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Saturday 11 April	Horsham Swap Meet	Volunteers required, see Terry Pollack
Thursday 16 April	Coffee and cars, Apsley cafe	Postponed for now due to fuel uncertainty
6.00 PM Saturday 18 April	Entertainment night hosted by Neil Smith	7.30pm screening, Dooen Hall open 6pm BYO Meal and plate to share
9.00 AM Thursday 23 April	Mystery Run for Vintage Vehicles	Meet Hungry Jacks Horsham
7.30 PM Wednesday 13 May	Events Team Meeting	Doug and Jenny Mitchells home
8.00 PM Thursday 14 May	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Saturday 16 May	Penrite Oil Company Visit	Talk at Dooen Hall. TBC
9.00 AM Thursday 21 May	Mystery Run for Vintage Vehicles	Meet Hungry Jacks Horsham
2.00 PM Saturday 23 May	Coffee and cars on Saturday, Capital Cafe	Corner Hamilton and Firebrace St, Horsham 2pm. Park alongside the Aquatic centre
Saturday & Sunday 30 & 31 May	Rainbow Tag along Tour	Overnight. Details to come.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Life 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		

Report: Coffee and Cars at Brads Coffee Van

Nineteen members attended and all seemed to enjoy this new venue for a local coffee and cars event, especially given the talk of the day, fuel prices. A great short run for the vintage cars too. **Peter Anthony**



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.

A note from the Executive Meeting

At the March executive meeting it was decided that we would make a change to the "Clubrooms Committee" that appears on the office bearers page in the newsletter.

The old committee was active when we were looking for clubrooms some years ago, but hasn't had a role in recent years. The group will be renamed the "Clubrooms Maintenance Committee".

We are looking for a group of members who will agree to be listed as contacts for small jobs around the hall that arise from time to time. As something needs doing, we will send out an email to members of the maintenance group and if the job suits your skills and you are so inclined you could put your hand up to do the work. You could do as much or as little as suits you.

Jobs that could be done at the moment include replacing a couple of termite damaged floorboards at the back of the stage, replacing a sheet of masonite on the north wall inside the hall, cleaning strainers on the tanks, paint on the graveyard fence, working with an electrician to replace a floodlight on the back wall of the hall etc.

We are asking all members to give the idea some thought and maybe put your hand up at the AGM.

If you have any questions or suggestions contact Neil Smith on 0417358092.

Swap Meet Volunteers Needed

HORSHAM SWAP VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

For our Swap on Saturday 11th April.

Thurs 9th Working Bee, 1.00pm,
Friday 10th from 8.00am - 6.00pm,
Saturday 11th 6.00am until 2.00pm.

A roster has been distributed. Please contact Terry if you can help or need to change your arrangements.

This is a major event for our club. We need your input. If you can help out for a 2 hour shift, please contact Terry Pollock 0419 871272



President's Report

Hello everyone,

Like the other months of this year, March has flown by with Easter and April on our doorstep!

Rod and I attended Bruce's 'Top Down' mystery run on the 22nd which was a wonderful day. As the name implies, Bruce kept it secret where we were going until we were ready to travel. After breakfast at the clubrooms, we travelled to Glenorchy to visit Linda's open garden and roadside art. Linda told us the history of her garden, answering questions and generously giving away cuttings – so I expect to see some beautiful flowers in the future! I didn't take any cuttings, as my garden is the place where plants come home to die. The next stop on our tour was the Stawell Railway Station, which now houses an art gallery. We dispersed for lunch before meeting up again for the final destination, which was Halls Gap for an ice cream. It was a lovely trip home across the Grampians via Zumsteins. The weather was hot, so some gentleman decided to join in on the 'Top Down' theme (please see photo below).



This month's 'Coffee and Cars' was held at Brad's coffee van in Horsham. We had a great turn out for this event, the coffee was great and luckily the rain held off.

The executive committee held a meeting this month, and amongst the discussion was the subject of membership fees. It was decided that as there had not been an increase of this fee for many years, we agreed to raise the fee to \$55 to assist with covering the costs of running the club. Just a reminder that you are required to attend 6 events to qualify for the \$55 fee, this includes meetings, events or outings that the club runs, which is not hard to achieve. Leigh Doolan has a record of how many events each person has attended, so please check with him if you are unsure. The purpose of our club is to socialise with fellow car enthusiasts, have fun and visit places that you would not normally see. If you are over 75, you are only required to pay the \$55 fee regardless of how many events you attend. As we don't have a record of your birthdates, please let Leigh know if you qualify for this.

The swap meet is coming up on the 11th of April, and it's not too late to volunteer your time to help. Please speak to Terry Pollack if you are able to help, we are only asking to spare two hours of your time. The swap meet committee have been working very hard to make this event a success as they do every year, so please support these members where you can to make sure that it's a great day.

As you are all aware, the price of fuel has significantly increased over the past few weeks which comes at a cost for club events when travelling longer distances. The Events Committee are holding a meeting to revise our calendar of events, which will hope to have at our April meeting.

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter with your family and friends, please be safe on the roads with the extra holiday traffic. Look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)

From the Editor

Hi Everybody

I am well back from my Western Australia trip. Looks like I timed my trip well since fuel prices have risen considerably in the last few weeks. Before I left Perth I visited the Motor Museum of Western Australia. This is highly recommended and is a great collection of vintage classic and exotic vehicles.



The museum is run by a group of volunteers and most of the cars are put on display by the owners. I was told a 1971 Mustang was borrowed by the owner's son to attend a debutante ball. Some people are very lucky.



The cars and memorabilia are well displayed in two large sheds. Some items are in a setting as above but most are in long rows. The collection includes a Rolls Royce that visitors can sit in.

There is an open space between the two sheds with displays of classic dealer signage and other all weather items.

In what I would consider something of a coup, the collection includes the Red Bull F1 car in which Daniel Ricciardi won his first race (Montreal, 2014).



There are many marques on display. Lots of classic aussie muscle and European luxury. Selecting a top five or even just one to take home would be a very difficult decision. This bronze XY GT would fit nicely in my garage.



I will put a lot more photos on a slide show before the April meeting.

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 May Newsletter will be Sunday 26 May 2026.

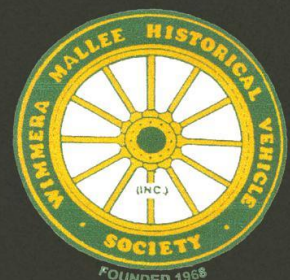
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- Generous site sizes, most 6m x 8m
- General public entry \$5, under 15's free
- Phone: Terry 0406 006 040
- Email: swap@wmhvs.org.au



Minutes of the March 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 559 – MINUTES Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 12th March 2026

Meeting Opened : 8.00pm

Visitors : President Maureen Lister-Warrick welcomed Les Hoy, Valerie Terry, Steve Pryor and Barry Mulraney

In Attendance : M. Lister-Warrick, D. Robertson, N. Thomas, L. Doolan, C. Kemp, T. Pollock, R. Binns, V. Jolley, A. Jolley, P. Anthony, S. Pryor, C. Duldig, L. Hogan, A. Cannane, S. Garwood, S. Hateley, R. Hateley, F. Miller, K. Zacher, G. Ussing, M. Griffin, R. Schneider, C. Thomas, R. Warrick, J. Feery, K. McMartin, E. Milbourne, D. Perry, M. Atwell, I. Brown, J. Taylor, L. Hoy, V. Terry, K. Grosser, R. Fidge, A. Fidge, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, D. Mitchell, I. Walker, J. Brack, P. Sudolz, B. Mulraney, E. Merrit, A. Lee, S. Friend, B. Hicks, G. Mills, G. Smith, P. Ryan, L. Hardy, J. Gaspirini, R. Wilksch, J. Besselaar, R. Pilgrim, N. Smith, O. Webb, D. Cook (54 Members – 4 Visitors)

Apologies : J. Payden, M. Schilling, K. Duff, W. Gunn-Duff, H. & P. Curkpatrick, B. Brody, N. Slocombe, F. Turzi, A. Saunders, B. Schilling, J. Mitchell, R. Reicheldt, C. Ladlow, M. Zbierski, M. & S. Boddi, N. Eltze

Minutes : Moved by Neil Smith that the minutes of the previous General Meeting (No, 558) be accepted as distributed. Seconded by Rob Binns - carried

Secretaries Report : Secretary Neville Thomas reported, that for the first time, our mailbox remained empty for the last month.

We have had a request from Judith Bysouth looking for judges for the Natimuk Show on 28th March. Any 'Volunteers' to contact Neville to be passed on to Judith.

Outwards Correspondence was limited to the minutes of the previous General Meeting distributed.

Moved Steve Garwood, seconded by Alan Cannane that the Secs report be received

Treasurers Report : Dean Robertson presented his Treasurers report, asked for questions, and moved that it be received. Seconded by Rob Binns - carried

Membership : Barry Mulraney was accepted as a member of WMHVS. Alan Lee and Elizabeth Merritt were presented with name badges

Reports : AOMC/Federation - Nil report

Events - Peter Anthony presented an events update. We had a good turn out at the recent WACK Car and Bike Show. Don Perry was congratulated on picking up the inaugural Keith Fischer Memorial Award for his Vincent Motorcycle

Autumn has arrived with some good weather promised. The 'Top Down' run is planned for 22nd March. Bruce Brody looking for numbers – book going round.

Annual 4 Clubs Tour. This event is locked in for the weekend of 23rd – 25th October this year and is being organized by the Bordertown Club

Swap Meet - Terry Pollock reported that organization for the Swap is going well.

Most of our advertising this year will be via Social Media. However we have committed to a \$1,000 package with 3WM. We also intend to conduct a survey this year with a few basic questions ie. where have you come from – how did you hear about our Swap etc.

Volunteers for the Swap are still required. The volunteer sheet was circulated at the meeting and Terry hopes to have the Rosters out by 19th March

Minutes of the March 2026 General Meeting (continued)

The new Swap site was recently inspected by Terry, Neville and Rob. Some patches of Bindii were located. Col Kemp has offered his spray unit and the plan is to spray the site this coming Sunday

Clubrooms – Neil Smith reported that the DCOM had recently had a HR representative inspect the Hall. Some suggestions were made, nothing mandatory, including upgrading to a double bowl sink, upgrading the taps in the toilets

Blue Ribbon Foundation - Neil Smith reported that the event went well. The input from our Club is still appreciated. The organizers are looking at changing the date of the event to a more suitable time of year.

President Maureen thanked Neil and Mauro for their input to make the event a success.

National Australian Douglas Rally. Neville Thomas gave an update on the Douglas Rally to be based out of Horsham 1st – 6th October. This Rally is being sponsored by the WMHVS. To date we have 20 confirmed entrants with enquiries from as far as Hervey Bay in Queensland. Planning for runs from Friday through Tuesday are well under way, with visits North, East, West and South of Horsham, limited to a max 100km per day.

Neville is looking for involvement from our Club members ie. to help out with corner marking, some catering etc.

General Business : The question was raised if our Club could be of more assistance to the WACK Car & Bike Show. It was observed by several of our members that a lot of the public that attended did not offer any donation and more money could possibly have been raised for what is a great local cause. Neil Smith commented that he was on the WACK Committee for some time. He agreed that the event could do with some refreshment.

Meeting Closed : 8.35pm

Pictures: Garden Art from Top Down Tour (by Lyn Eltze)



WMHVS Assists with National Science and Engineering Challenge

Members of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society (WMHVS) were proud to support the National Science and Engineering Challenge, held on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th of March at the Alan Heard Pavilion, Wimmera Events Centre, Longerenong. This well-attended regional event brought together students from a range of schools to participate in hands-on science and engineering activities designed to encourage teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving skills.



A number of WMHVS members generously volunteered their time over the two days, assisting with the smooth running of the event. Those who contributed were Doug Mitchell, Neil Slocome, Neville and Gail Thomas, Don Perry, John Brack and Robert Binns. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by event organisers and participants alike and reflect the club's ongoing commitment to supporting local community initiatives and education.



Participating secondary schools included St Brigid's College Horsham, Warracknabeal Secondary College, Kaniva P-12 College and St Arnaud Secondary College, with Year 10 students taking part. At the primary level, Grade 6 students attended from Dimboola Primary School, St Patrick's School Nhill, Horsham Primary School 298 Campus, Horsham Primary School Rasmussen Campus, Kaniva P-12 College, Horsham West and Haven Primary School, and Wimmera Lutheran College Horsham Campus.



The event was a great success, providing valuable educational experiences for students across the region. WMHVS is pleased to have been involved in supporting such a worthwhile initiative and looks forward to continuing its involvement in community activities in the future.

Rob Binns

For Sale: 1999 Honda S2000 2 door sports

For sale is a 1999 Honda S2000 2 door sports, powered soft-top convertible, red (because they go faster) 6 speed manual, powered by a 4 cylinder 2.0 litre DOHC VTEC petrol engine which redlines at 9,000 rpm. This car is a sensation to drive, something that has to be experienced to be truly appreciated.

It is in completely original condition meaning no modifications. With a full service history and a very low 49,615 kms on the clock this superb car is currently on club permit plates so will be sold as unregistered.

Price \$56,750.

Contact Ian on
0447 282 922



For Sale: 1991 Bentley Mulsanne S

Regretful sale of a 1991 Bentley Mulsanne S. Luxurious Sedan in immaculate Condition. It features a 6.8L V8 engine, 3 speed automatic transmission, electronic fuel injection and rear-wheel drive. Has travelled only 115,873km. Unmarked woodgrain and cream leather interior with many luxury features. Must see to appreciate.

Have owned the vehicle since 2015. Passed a roadworthy in 2015 and placed on club permit. Has been driven sparingly and lovingly since. Has been on Club Permit but has now expired. It is offered with a RWC but unregistered. \$45,000 ONO. For further information or an inspection please contact mob: 0407 862 486.



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