

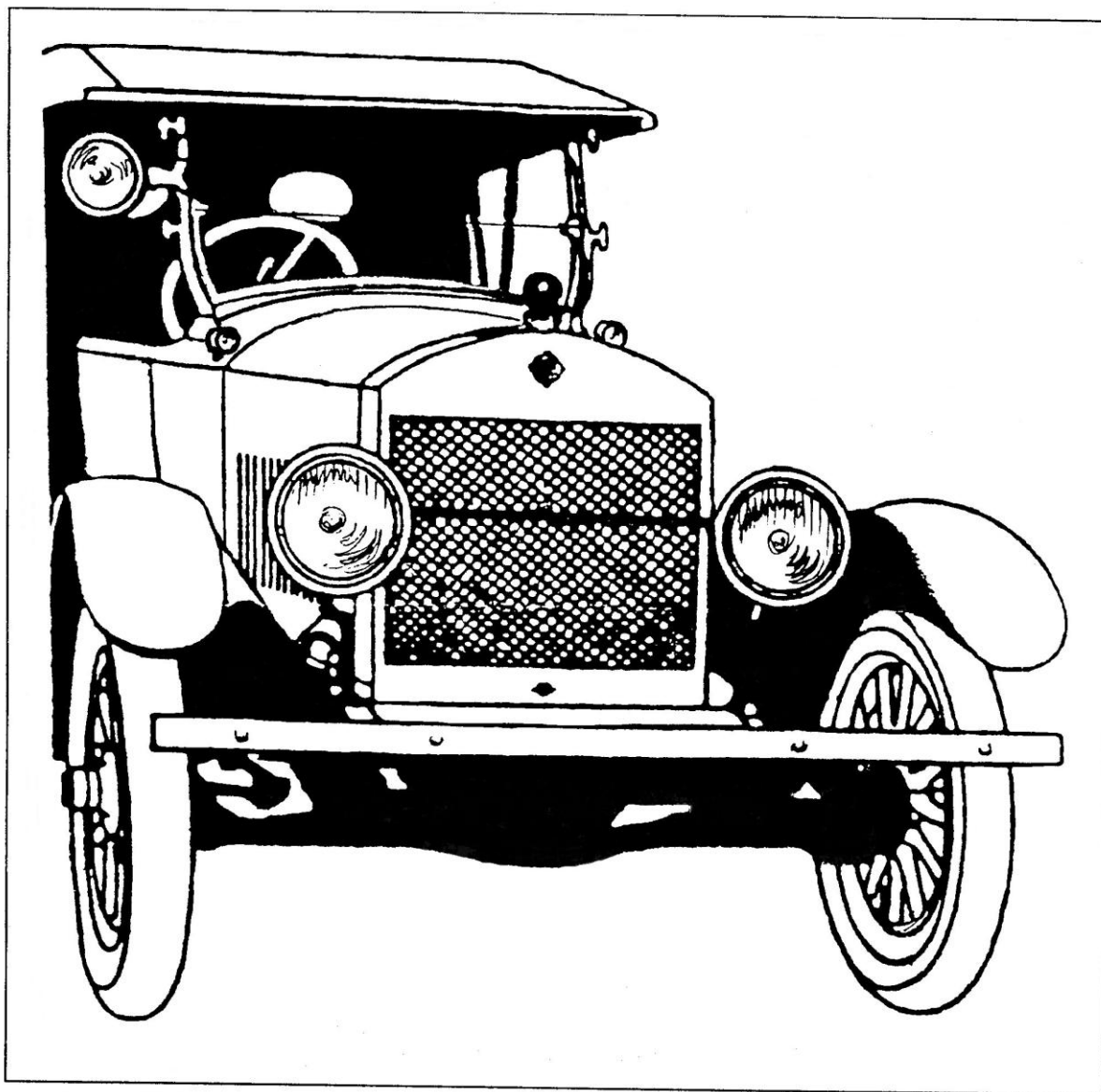
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Kerang and District Motor Club Life Members.

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

Kerang Car Club Meeting.

Apologies.

Ralph Arlt, Steve Bortolotto, Brenton Brooker, Peter and Jeanette Byrne, Glenda Day, Zennon Eaton, John Forbes, Shirley Fowler, Michelle Goddard, Trent Goddard, Dennis Greenwood, Jason Greenwood, Mat Greenwood, Gary Maconachie, Trevor Mowat, Marg Troy, David Randell, Les Thornton, Greg Wright.

Present.

Geoff Aldred, Michael Bell, Andrew Borkowski, Peter Bortolotto, Ebban Boxall, Dick Boyd, Terry Brooker, Colin Brown, Bruce Campbell, Lawrance Cassidy, Ken and Marge Charleson, Max and Margy Christian, Keith Clough, Allan Davies, Colin Day, Bruce and Jenny Dehne, Ken Donat, David Donohue, Robert Eaton, Andrew Farley, Frank Finn, Gary Fowler, Stephen Geary, Adam Gelletley, Jeff Gitsham, John Goddard, Peter Greenwood, Myles Greenwood, Lee Guest, Wayne Gurnett, Wayne Hester, Di Moon, Trevor Keath, Michael and Jenny Kelly, Peter Lindsay, Andrew Maconachie, Paul Mason, Alan Mowat, John Mowat, Ben North, David North, Don Pascoe, Mark Powney, Lindsay Radcliffe, Alan Ridley, John Ritchie, Ken Robertson, Paul Robinson, John Rumbold, Arthur Scragg, Greg Southern, Ted Stalker, Don Sutherland, Michael Thornton, Craig Wallace, John Webb, Tony Websdale, Richard Welsh, Phillip Williamson, David McCalman, Joe Sciberras and John Coleman.

General Business:

Jenny Kelly thanked those who keep mowing the grass around the club rooms.

Easter Art Show on and a hand is needed on Wednesday to load stands.

Club rules for memberships and registrations.

Convertible Morris for sale see Colin Day.

Scrutineers are volunteers, so if you need one work in with them if you need to get a vehicle checked out.

Any member who works at the Bendigo Swap will get reimbursement according to the hours worked.

Marge Charleston talked about the annual run to Loxston in September, 5 days and four nights.

Terry Brooker won the meat pack.

Club Captains Report:

Wycheproof Show and Shine, seven cars from Kerang went and Alan Mowat won best Coupe.

Cohuna Show was on but the parking spot was not the best.

The Echuca run was well attended with 36 going to Gunny Coffee shop and 24 ended up going to Echuca.

Leaving at 8:30 for the Shepparton Motor Museum.

Thursday lunch is at Murrabit Tavern.

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COMING EVENTS.

18th April Mystery run Cohuna.

21st April Club meeting.

30th April Dinner Tudor Tavern.

28th of April North Haven ride for residents.

30th of April Club lunch Tudor Tavern 6:30 Pm.

May 17th Federation Murrabit Picnic.

19th of May Club Meeting.

29th of May Trivia and Pizza night at the Club Rooms.

November 8th & 9th Collectable Fair Bendigo (Bendigo Showground's)

November 14th & 15th Bendigo National Swap Meet.

November 30th Maldon Swap Meet.

I went for a drive a bit before Easter.

Last year the Historic Rally Association, a Victorian group, run a Tour of the Mallee. About 2000km from Red Cliffs south to Hattah via the backblocks and sand hills, west through the desert country to Renmark, north through the various parks to Yunta and onto Broken Hill. Then through Pooncarie and back to Swan Hill. Mainly on dirt roads. This was a tour not a competition. I got talking to a guy from a NSW car who said the Historic Rally Club of NSW and ACT was running a similar event this year – a Tour of the High Country. We were invited to join their mailing list. That guy was Dave Johnson, the president of the club. He has an interesting history – 1969 win in the Southern Cross Rally with Andrew Cowan in an ex-marathon Austin 1800, then again in 1970 with Barry Ferguson in a Torana. In 1969 he was part of David McKay's Holden Team in the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon finishing 12th. Both the NSW and Victorian clubs bring out rally royalty.

In 2003 I had just got my maroon Peugeot 403 on the road when I found out that the Peugeot Car Club was running a Rerun of the 1953 Redex Rally. I had to be in it. We followed a lot of the original route but had competitive sections along the way. I did hill climbs, motorkanas, autokanas, runs on a drag strip and timed laps of Hidden Valley in Darwin. This was everything I dreamed of as a kid.

Since then, I have entered a few night rallies but have decided I really like the multi day events. They seem more forgiving for amateur, hack, teams. I have done five BP Rallies (one had a dinner break at Kerang Racetrack) and a few others including a couple in South Australia. We usually finished somewhere mid field which I am happy with. My eldest son, Tim, navigated in all of these. He now has his own car, another Peugeot 504 and had his then thirteen-year-old daughter navigate for him in the Mallee trip and again in the High Country. That meant I needed a navigator.

Carol put up her hand. The only time she has navigated for me was in the Redex and that was completely different to the High Country. She kept saying that she could not watch the scenery because every time she took her eye of the Roadbook or Terratrip another call came up. We were two real novices in a very standard car.

We had two days based in Albury.

The first day took us to Mt Beauty, Bright and Beechworth. Sounds very ho hum. We lived in Mt Beauty in the early 70s, and I assure you I have never taken so long to get there from Albury. I mean in hours and kilometres. If there was a side road it was probably our route, if it was gravel it definitely was! We had lunch in Bright and then headed into the pine plantations. Just on the outskirts of the town the road turned to gravel and headed up! And I mean up! Mainly a second gear grind through the dust from other cars. The surface was large stones probably for the logging trucks but for me it was the worst road of the trip. The bonus was incredible views into the valleys.

The next day took us back to Mt Beauty and then up and over Falls Creek into Mitta, Bethanga and back to Albury. There wasn't much gravel this time but sensational driving roads. The road to Falls Creek was closed the following weekend for a tarmac rally. We saw one of the cars, a Nissan, getting unloaded. I gather some of them were reaching 200kph heading across to Omeo. That wasn't me!

It was time to head into NSW. Again, it was a very long way to get to Corryong but really enjoyable particularly across Mt Lawson and into Walwa. We must have driven past Dezi Freeman! Lunch at Khancoban and the thunder and lightening started. By the time we got into the high area of the Snowy Mountains it was bucketing rain. And that stayed all the way into Tumut. We really could see nothing of the scenery.

The final day we were well and truly back into the forests. The first stage was a 109 km loop winding us high up into the tall timber. Although the rain had stopped the mist persisted again hiding a lot of the views. We started the second stage which would take us to Adelong. However, we were only a few kilometres into the forest tracks when we met a BMW coming back put. A tree had fallen closing the road. That meant a challenging U turn in wet, slippery, narrow conditions. We bailed and headed back to Adelong. I spat the dummy after this and decided we would follow the tarmac route for the final leg. It was a pleasant drive on lots of back roads, and we did get to see the scenery.

I gather a second tree came down in the forest blocking the final leg.

The organisation of the trip was superb. There were two distinct options, the Regular Route which included the dirt roads and the Tarmac version. It was easy to swap from one to the other if you wanted to.

We had a celebratory dinner on the last night. Several of the NSW crews spoke of the Victorian scenery, I would have like to say the same for the NSW scenery. We had two Porche crews on our table and a guy running a replica London to Sydney Rally Hillman. Obviously, we talked about our cars, and I was asked if I had rally tyres in the Pug – no just road tyres.

We are slow but I am pretty pleased that we mixed it with some real rally legends, travelled some great roads in amazing country.

At the dinner, Bob Watson, another legend from round Australia Trials and Bathurst, spoke. In the 70s he worked for GMH as a test driver and was responsible for improving the suspension the GM cars. He was driving a Rodeo this time. It developed a scrapping noise in the front end. New brake pads were needed and replaced. Not long after a scrapping started in the rear – more brake pads! I cannot even imagine how he was driving on those roads to wear out a set of pads! Home again after 2500km and I do admit that I will have to replace the front shockers. Now what will be the next drive??

Glenn Hall





April

2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3 Good Friday. Easter	4 Easter	5 Easter
6 Easter	7	8	9	10	11 Kerang Show & Shine Weekend	12 Kerang Show & Shine Weekend
13	14	15	16	17	18 Mystery Factory visit @ Cohuna Details to follow	19
20	21 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25	26 ANZAC Day 2 cars required for the Kerang march
27	28 Northaven – Ride for the residents 1:30 pm	29	30 Club Dinner Tudor Tavern 6:30 pm			



May

2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Federation Picnic @ Murrabit
18	19 Club Meeting 7:30	20	21 Club Dinner Venue TBA	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Automotive trivia at the clubrooms & Pizza night 6:30 pm start (Prizes)	30	31

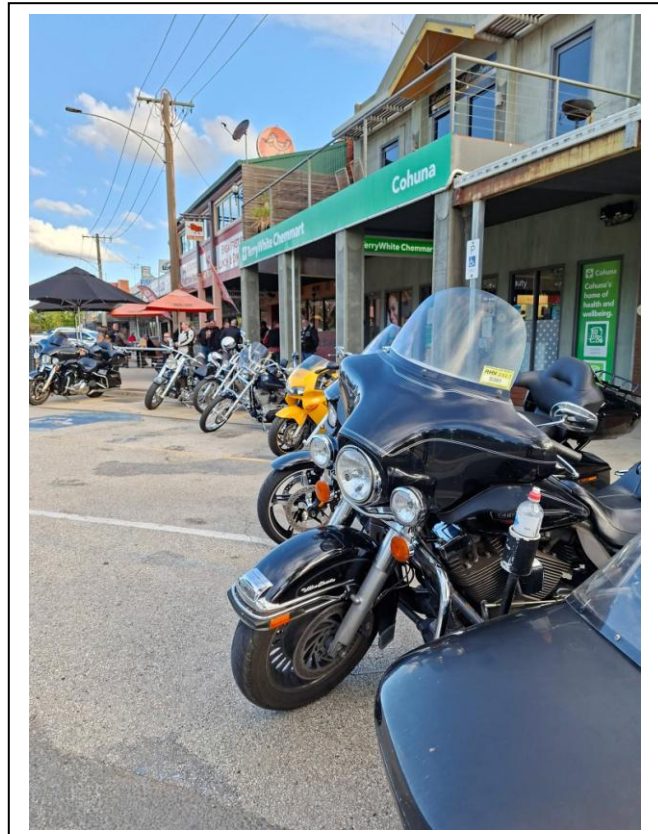


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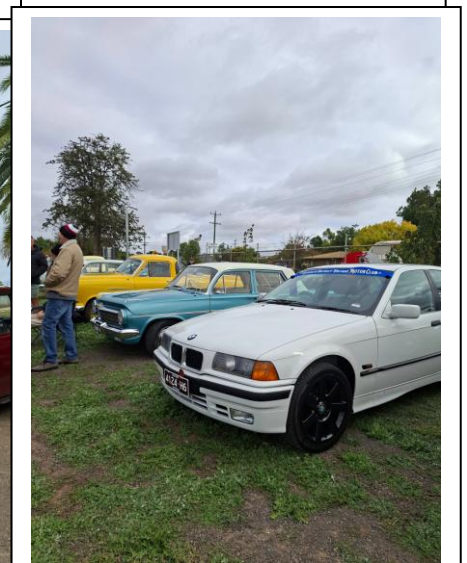
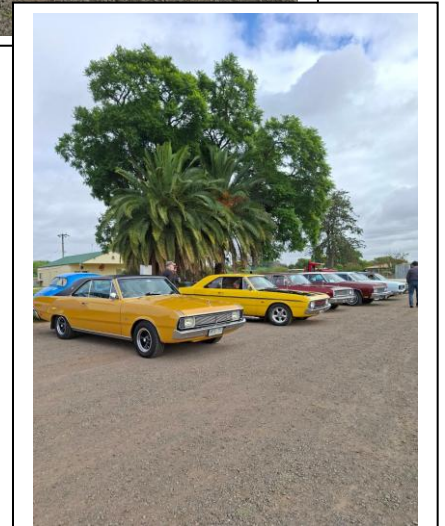
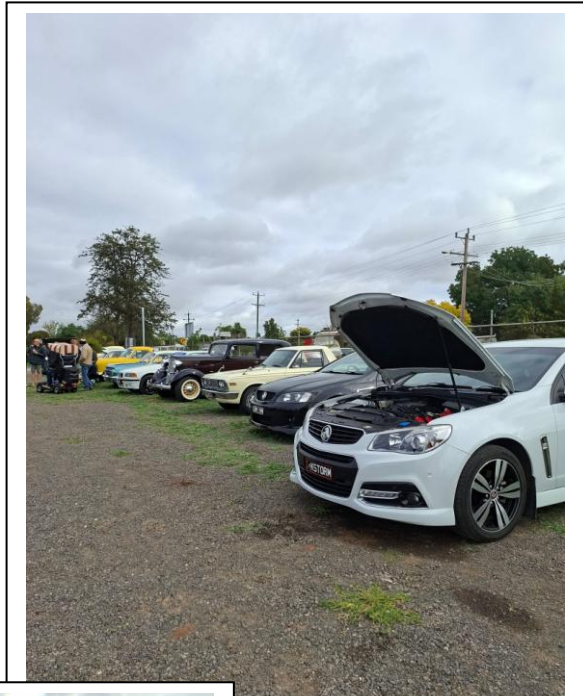
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8 King's Birthday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Club AGM 7:30pm	17	18	19	20	21 Mystery Shed & Coffee run Kerang area.
22	23	24	25 Club lunch – Venue TBA	26	27	28
29	30			Change-over dinner Friday July 3rd		

Kerang Show and Shine 2026 Poker Run.



Kerang Show and Shine 2026





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