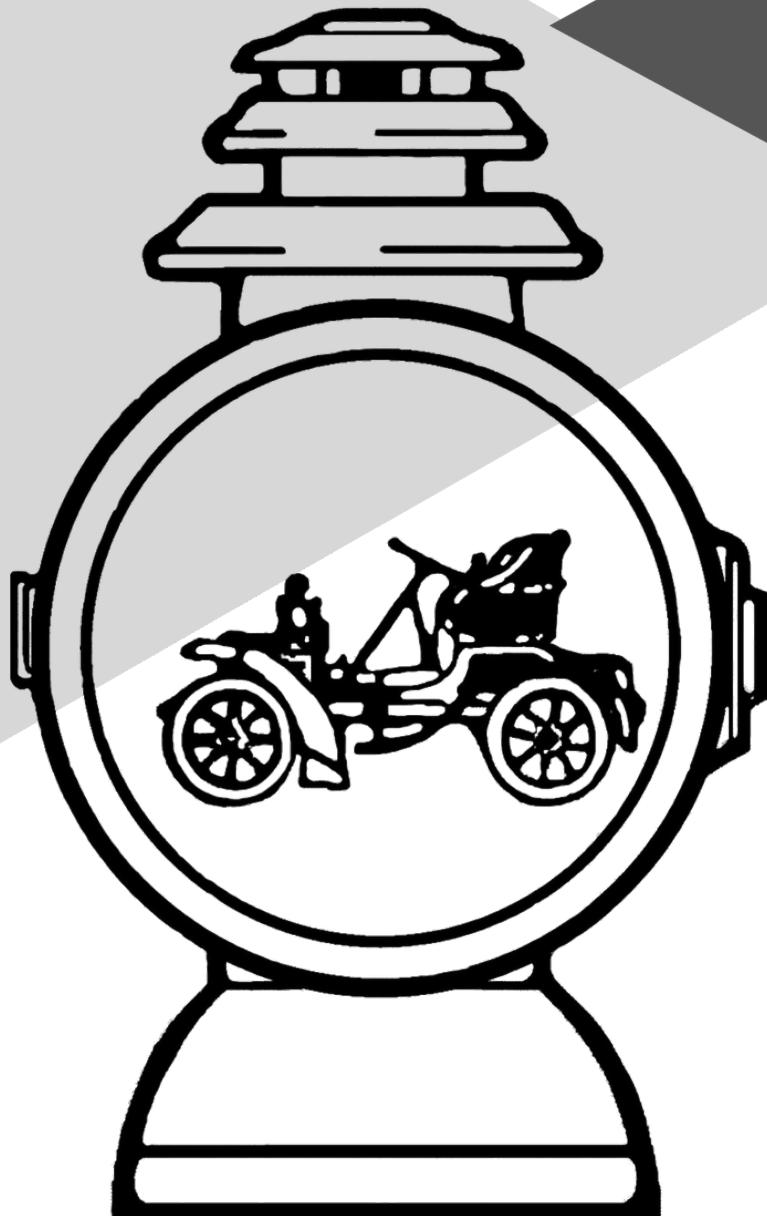


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“The Family Club”**

December 2025



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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
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| Stu Le Lievre | | TBA | | Pam Tarlinton |
| <u>PUBLIC OFFICER</u> | Janelle Clout | | | Robyn Petts |

MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Friday of each month at the Shaw Street Community Hall, Corner Shaw Street and Kent Crescent, Wagga Wagga. All members, guests and visitors are welcome.

CLUB EVENTS

Club events are held on various days during the year. Please check the "Coming Events" section of this newsletter for details. For all events it is necessary to complete your log book

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

The Club's Statement of Objects is as follows:

For the association of persons interested in Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Post Classic motor vehicles.

To encourage the restoration, preservation, use and display of these vehicles and associated literature, films, photographs, tape recordings and video tapes.

To demonstrate the capabilities of these vehicles by engaging in competitions including economy trials, regularity runs, observation events, motorkhanas, concourse competitions and vehicle rallies.

To encourage goodwill, friendship, and communication between members of this Club, and between members of this Club and all other persons, clubs and associations having like Objectives

President's Christmas Message

Thank you for "electing" me as your President, and I look forward to the next year or so, and the helpful advice which I know will be forthcoming.

This is a great club with great people.

Thank you to all the Office Bearers, and past office bearers, for all the work you put into making everyone else's lives easier. Also a thank you to the members for the good roll up at meetings and turn-outs at the various functions and runs during the year.

Thank you especially to Annie who has agreed to be the "Cruising Country Roads" Director for the King's Birthday long weekend in June 2026.

I know she can count on the help of all of us. I am looking forward to the new format which should be easier on everyone, (except possibly the breakdown rescue vehicle) whilst keeping the main ingredients of the weekend get-together.

Our club rego day was very smooth and successful, and an enormous thank you to Gerald and the team outside, and Chris and Colleen inside.

We have a few new members this year which is encouraging, and the new club rooms are working well.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and hope that you can all get your vehicles out for a few runs over the holidays.

Charles



*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all our members & their families*

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

5th December 2025

Held at Duke of Kent Community Hall. Meeting opened by President Charles Oliver at 7.33pm

PRESENT: 22 APOLOGIES: 12 VISITORS: 0

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Leanne Thomas, 2nd by Allan Fraser that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November, 2025, as recorded in the November 2025 Reflection Magazine be accepted as correct. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

COMMITTEE MINUTES 1/12/25

Were not tabled at Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

IN

*Magazines – Oil Rag, Klaxton, Weddin Motor News

*HMA Bulletin -AGM 23/11/25

*Request for Certificate of Currency from WWCC.

*Leeton Art Deco Festival – 10/12 July 2026

*Corowa Swim in & Military Vehicle Gathering 9-15th March 2026

*CHMC Delegates Meeting 21/3/26 at Newcastle

*2026 Federation Golden Oldies Tour 30th August – 6th September 2026

OUT

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Chris Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted. 2nd Rob Le Lievre. Carried **PAST**

***EVENTS**

Mid-Week Run to Temora to visit Temora Aviation

Museum & Temora Rural Museum on 19/11/25

Rob's Social Day 25/11/25

Bendigo Swap Meet 15-16/11/25

COMING EVENTS

*Christmas Party at Culcairn Hotel 7/12/25 *

December Mid-week Run Morning Tea & Lunch 17/12/25

* Christmas Lights Tour 7.30pm 18/12/25

*New Years Breakfast 18/1/26 at Yerong Creek

*Leeton Art Deco Festival – 10-12/7/2026

*Corowa Swim in & Military Vehicle Gathering 9-15/3/2026

See Reflections Magazine for more details.

RALLY - CRUISING COUNTRY ROADS

Cost \$50.00 per vehicle \$20.00 second vehicle

Entry form to go out next week.

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

Clubroom Booking Dates for 2027 to be booked

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Nil

EDITOR

Nil

ASSETS

Nil

REGISTRATION

Registration Day 8/11/25 39 Vehicles were checked on the day.

Garry Williams gave a talk on his Jowett Javelin

GENERAL BUSINESS

Banners – enquiries are to be followed from different suppliers.

CHMC AGM 25/10/25 – No Club events to be placed on the HVS Logbook Scheme. Must be recorded in Logbook from now on.

Geffery Holgate reported on Lachlan's Jeep

Restoration Project & they took the Jeep to show the meeting Meeting closed at 8.14 pm

Editor's Notes

Hello All,

As this is our last magazine for 2025 , I would like to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to those members that have been sending me through stories, reports and photos for our Reflection on a monthly basis. This was much appreciated. I hope that we can persuade more members to come on board and submit material for the magazine next year. - You know the story - any articles, stories, photos, jokes or recipes that tickled you fancy and would make our Reflection a little more interesting and diverse read for everyone.

The organising of “Cruising Country Roads” for the King’s Birthday Long Weekend (FRIDAY, June 5 to SUNDAY, June 7 , 2026) is progressing well and the concept is receiving good support - not only from our club members - but from those members of other clubs that have supported our June Rallies over many years. You should have all received your **Invitations and Entry Forms** via email earlier this month.

Annie is still looking for a person to take charge of the afternoon tea at Mangoplah Hall on the Saturday afternoon - so if you are interested - please contact Annie on 0427 544 150. I am sure she will appreciate your call.

Hopefully we will see you at our New Year’s Breakfast run to Yerong Creek on Sunday 18th January.

Don't forget names to Colleen by Thursday, January 15 for catering purposes.

**There will be no Monthly Meeting or Reflection for January.
See you at our first Monthly Meeting at 7.30pm on Friday 6th February 2026.**



Fishing for Kyan Community Fishing Day

2nd November 2025

The Fishing for Kyan Community Fishing Day returned to the Wagga Boat Club on Saturday, 2nd November, bringing together families, friends, and fishing enthusiasts for another unforgettable celebration of community, memory, and connection.

From the early morning setup to the final presentations, the day was a testament to what can be achieved when hearts and hands come together. With 218 registrations for the fishing competition and many more joining in for the atmosphere, the lake was alive with laughter, stories, and the joy of making new memories.

Event Highlights

- First aid, coffee van, BBQ, merchandise, drinks, and raffles supported our fundraising efforts.
- The CEO of the Brain Foundation attended to share information and lend support.
- Wagga's Mayor and Deputy Mayor showed their backing with a visit.
- Pam and Rocky in the Chev, Laurie with the Buick, and Annie in the Statesman.
- Our special guest lilih, runner-up of *Australian Idol 2025*, performed live and spent time meeting attendees, signing autographs, and taking photos.

Another successful event contributing to fund raising toward brain aneurysm research and the youth of Wagga.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our committee, volunteers, sponsors, Wagga businesses, and the Wagga community. Your support keeps Kyan's spirit alive and helps us build something truly special, year after year.

We'll be back the first Sunday of November 2026 to deliver another great day to share with everyone.

(Submitted by Graham Armstrong)



Temora Mid Week Run - Wednesday 19th November 2025

A full day out for our run to Temora to visit the Aviation Museum, check out the shops, then over to the Rural Museum. We had a 08:30am departure from the clubrooms, 17 members & 6 guests. Thank you to Janice from Adelong, Deb from Henty who travelled with Sue & Pauline. Carol and Kerri travelled with the Grainger's and Ruth and Ken Reeves in their Customline joined us adding to our 11 vehicle convoy.

Traffic at that time of the morning was kind to us heading out over Gobba bridge, Coolamon road, Marrar South Road, then onto Sebastopol and Temora.

Arrived at Aviation museum at 09:55 am, yep - wonderful timing for morning tea at the Guardhouse cafe. Our guided tour with Alan, a member of the volunteer staff was most informative of this amazing rich in history museum. Would highly recommend a visit.

At 12:00 noon we returned to the cafe and enjoyed lunch, plus a little rest prior to hitting the shops. Shoes were a popular buy for a few of us, with craft shops also proving a successful adventure.

Our next stop at 13:45pm was the Rural Museum. A HUGE thank you to the Temora Antique Motor Club members for providing and enjoying a fabulous afternoon tea with us.

Special treat for our members was the firing up of the fully restored 156 horsepower twin cylinder diesel engine. This working motor is the centrepiece in the flour mill. Again recommend a visit to the Rural Museum.

In one of the buildings ,a lovely red truck sits proudly in the centre of numerous vehicles. This was owned by Albert Le Lievre and donated to the Museum by the Le Lievre family. A lot of history and memories in this truck for Stu, Rob & Chris.

The fire engine building also displays an array of vehicles, Our own Bill Callinan maintained them to a high service level prior to them being decommissioned and placed for us to view. Also the ambulance vehicles reminded John Rockliff of numerous memories whilst working with the Ambulance Service. Another great day, fabulous weather & wonderful company for our "out and about" in the countryside.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas, good health and happiness. Hope you can join us in 2026. Cheers Pam T



Albert Le Lievre's 1928 Leyland Truck at Temora Rural Museum



Readers may remember a sketch of a 1902 Albion buggy that I posted in our September Newsletter which I came across when browsing through a copy of the April 1968 Reflection (David Bredin's first Newsletter for the club as Editor). David has since sent us a little more information on the sketch and why it appeared in his first edition - see below>

2/10/2025

WELL, WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT A DRAWING OF A 1902 ALBION CAR ON THE COVER OF A CLUB MAGAZINE FIFTY SEVEN YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS AGO WOULD MAKE A APPEARANCE IN THE SEPTEMBER 2025 REFLECTION.

PRIOR TO THAT SEPTEMBER 1968 MAGAZINE BEING PRINTED, TWO NEWSLETTERS HAD BEEN PRINTED AND MAILED TO CLUB MEMBERS REMINDING THEM OF COMING EVENTS AND MEETING TIMES.

BECAUSE OF THEIR SUCCESS IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A MAGAZINE BE PRINTED. MYSELF WITH THE HELP OF TWO COOLAMON MEN CLEM LUCAS AND COLIN LUCAS WERE NOMINATED.

I DID LIKE THE IDEA OF SOMETHING ON THE COVER TO INDICATE THAT IT WAS A MOTOR CLUB MAGAZINE. ONE PICTURE STOOD OUT, RIGHT SIZE ABOUT HALF A PAGE, EASY TO TRACE AND RIGHT AGE SO THE 1902 ALBION APPEARED.

THE LIGHT IN THE PICTURE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CLUB BADGE. I THINK THE BADGE HAD BEEN DESIGNED BY THEN. MY DIARY HAD NOT STARTED AT THAT TIME BECAUSE MY 1928 CHEVROLET WAS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS.

THE LIGHT ALSO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE LEADING LIGHT TROPHY. THAT IS ANOTHER STORY INVOLVING BILL HANRAHAN WHO WAS EDITOR IN LATER YEARS.

I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE WVVVMC INC. MAGAZINES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO SOME SORT OF MODERN CONVENIENT APPARATUS THAT CAN BE VIEWED IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN READING THEM.

DAVID BREDIN

McFEETERS MUSEUM TO CLOSE

The iconic McFeeters Motor Museum at Forbes will be closing down mid January 2026, as Bill McFeeters wants to retire. The museum is for sale, and if not sold now it will be closed, the vehicles all disposed of or returned to owners and the property sold.

Anybody wanting to visit this outstanding display

must hurry to Forbes by mid January! The vehicles will be auctioned by Burns & Co. Call them on 03- 8657

4292. (Website is <https://burnsandcoauctions.com.au/contact-us/>).



For Sale

1950 Austin A40 Devon

\$8,200 ono.

Phone Charles on 0438 252 242



THE DINKUM OIL # 35

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going.

KEY POINTS FROM CHMC MEETINGS, Cowra, 25 October 2025.

AGM

➤ **FINANCIAL REPORT** –CHMC is in a healthy financial position.

- CHMC Treasurer to be our Public Officer for AT O procedures.

➤ **2026 MEETINGS**

- **Delegates - 21 March 2026** at Club Macquarie, Boolaroo. Plus, Lake Macquarie dinner cruise option, bookings essential to: rjives1@bigpond.com (NDVCCC hosting).

- **Delegates and AGM - 24 October 2026** at Armidale Bowling Club (CSCCA hosting).

➤ **REGISTRARS REPORT** – 94 clubs; 8,000 members; and 9,000 registered historic and classic vehicles.

➤ **ELECTIONS** – as per Constitution, 3 positions this year. Confirmed: Vice President – Ray Ives; Secretary – Christine Hilbrick-Boyd; TFNSW Liaison Officer – Peter Wright.

DELEGATES MEETING Presentations and discussions on:

➤ **CHMC RALLY SURVEY & PROPOSALS** – Recommendations

for updating the Annual Rally into a simpler, less onerous event for host clubs, while fulfilling members Annual Rally expectations. Moved that CHMC Annual Rally be held the 3rd weekend in May, that is – National Motoring Heritage Day. Carried.

➤ **DIRECT ACCESS FOR CLUBS TO CVS APPLICATIONS** – CHMC proposal to TFNSW that Approved Clubs be able to directly approve vehicles for either HVS or CVS.

➤ **LOG BOOKS RECOMMENDATION** – the NSW peak bodies, CMC, HMA and CHMC agreed to recommend that, “*All clubs advise their members to record all vehicle use in the HVS/CVS vehicle's log book*”, thus avoiding administrative work for clubs involved in complying with Condition G094 Club Runs. Moved: CHMC support that all vehicle use is recorded in the vehicle's HVS/CVS log book. Carried.

➤ **JOTFORM RENEWAL** – Clubs can submit vehicle census statistics post membership renewals by later sending a Jotform in with the vehicle numbers.

Historic military vehicles added to the CHMC Census to provide data for Council's advocacy efforts with TFNSW on behalf of military vehicles.

➤ **2025 YOUTH AWARDEE**, Lachlan Holgate from Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club, displayed his 1952 Willys jeep restoration project and talked about the work he's done on it, and how he used the CHMC Grant. Lachlan was formally awarded his 2026 Youth Award Certificate. Delegates much appreciated the opportunity to meet Lachlan and see his vehicle.

➤ **“WHY WOULD THEY JOIN A CLUB, WHY WOULD THEY STAY?”** – research-based talk on what people look for in clubs; evolving club cultures; critical generational insights; encouraging younger people, what works; reaching and staying in touch – social media; challenges for historic vehicle clubs; and clubs that attract new members.

All clubs will be sent copies of the AGM Minutes and Reports, the Delegates Meeting Minutes and the supporting documents covering:

- Direct Access for Clubs to CVS -CHMC Position Paper
- Log Books Recommendation
- AEDs/Defibrillators

Annual Rally: See Dinkum Oil 34 Nov. 1, 2025. **Youth Awards: Information sent** on Sept. 1, 2025

More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council's website:

www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au



Registration Officer's Report

This year's Rego Day was held on Saturday, November 8 at our new clubrooms, with a few small changes introduced to help the day run more smoothly.

A total of 40 vehicles were presented for inspection on the day, with only one rejected due to a brake issue, which has now passed. John Rockcliff helped lighten the load by inspecting 25 vehicles prior to Rego Day, and eight vehicles were processed with pink slips. This brought the total number of inspections to 73 vehicles, including five motorcycles and three other new registrations — Joe Nichol's 1969 Austin 1800, Scott Payton's 1924 Buick Master, Garry Williams' 1952 Jowette and David Rainbird's 1995 XG Ute.

A big thank-you to John Rockcliff, Ian Condon, Mark Thomas, Craig Kelly, Ian Holgate and David Rainbird for their work on the inspection and safety team. Thank you also to Ray Harrison for organising the barbecue, supported by his team of helpers: Laurie and Annie Taylor, and Pam Tarlinton. And last but not least, thank you to Chris Billingham and Colleen Rainbird for taking care of the paperwork on the day.

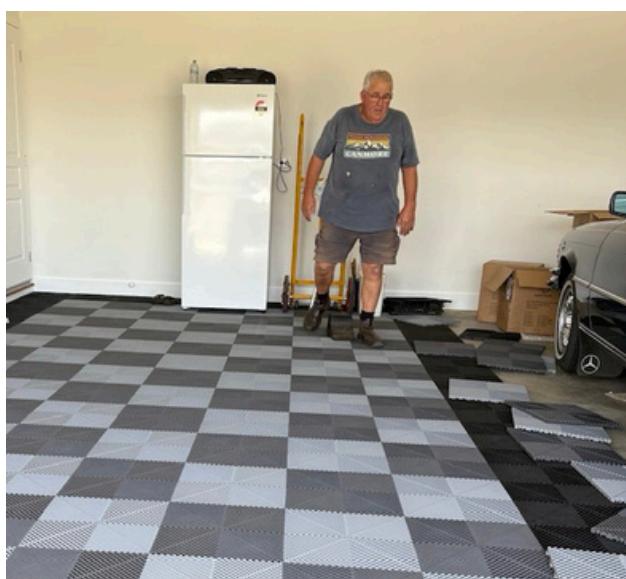
Thank you for all club members who made the day run smoothly.

Gerald Rainbird

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God love Ya!

*In my day sheds only had dirt floors.
They had a little used sump oil thrown
on them to keep the dust away
and
you didn't care if the car leaked oil
on the floor or not!*



GETITOUT & GETITGOING

ComingEvents– Events Calendar

December 2025

Events Director Colleen Rainbird 0429202 379 events@wwwvvcmc.gmail.com

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CLUB EVENT

| Date | | | | |
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| Date | Organiser | Details | | |
| Wednesday Dec 17 | PamTarlinton | Mid-Week Run – Meet at the clubrooms at 10:00 am for a relaxed drive, food, and a chat. | 1 | 1-3 |
| Thursday Dec 18 | Colleen | Christmas Light Tour Meet at the clubrooms at 8:15 pm. Depart around 8:30 pm for a tour of the Christmas Lights, finishing at Macca's for an ice cream. | 1 | 1-3 |
| 2026 | | | | |
| Sunday January 18 | Colleen | New Year's Breakfast – Yerong Creek, Meet at the clubrooms for an 8:00 am departure to Yerong Creek. Enjoy a BBQ breakfast supplied by the Club. Please bring your own: Eating utensils, Cups, Plates, Chairs Names to Colleen by Thursday, January 15 for catering purposes. | 1 | 1-3 |
| Monday February 2 | | Committee Meeting. 6 pm Clubrooms | | |
| Friday February 6 | | Club Monthly meeting 7:30 at Clubrooms | 1 | 1-3 |
| Sunday February 8 | | Club run to check on Lachie Holgate's progress and visit to Rob's shed for morning tea. More detail to follow. | 1 | 1-3 |
| Friday February 13 | | Craft Morning at 10 am. All welcome to come to club meeting room and craft or chat. Please bring a small plate to share for morning tea. | | |
| Tuesday February 24 | | Rob's Shed/Social Day. Bring a long a project, some morning tea and lunch. This is a great social outing- starts 9:30am | 1 | 1-3 |

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

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| Feb 27- March 2 | Kalimna rally |
| March 9-15 | Corowa Khaki vehicles and swim in |
| August 30- Sept 6 | Golden oldies tour for vintage cars- see email |
| July 10-12 | Leeton- Art deco |
| October 17 | Calvary Open day display |

SWAP MEETS

Remember to fill out your logbook before you leave your driveway

Watch your emails for last minute information and events!! AND check for cancellations, email or call organiser.

PLANNING AHEAD

Are you planning beyond the Club's Calendar? Here is how it works unless it is affected by Public Holidays/ Rally.

General Meeting: First Friday of the month, excluding January

Committee Meeting: Monday prior to General Meetings

Sunday Run: Sunday following the general meeting

Mid-Week Run TBC **Rob's Social day** last Tuesday of the month

Craft Morning: Friday after meeting 10am club meeting room