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**V. V. C. DRIVERS CLUB**

Veteran Vintage Classic

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## NEWSLETTER May 2023

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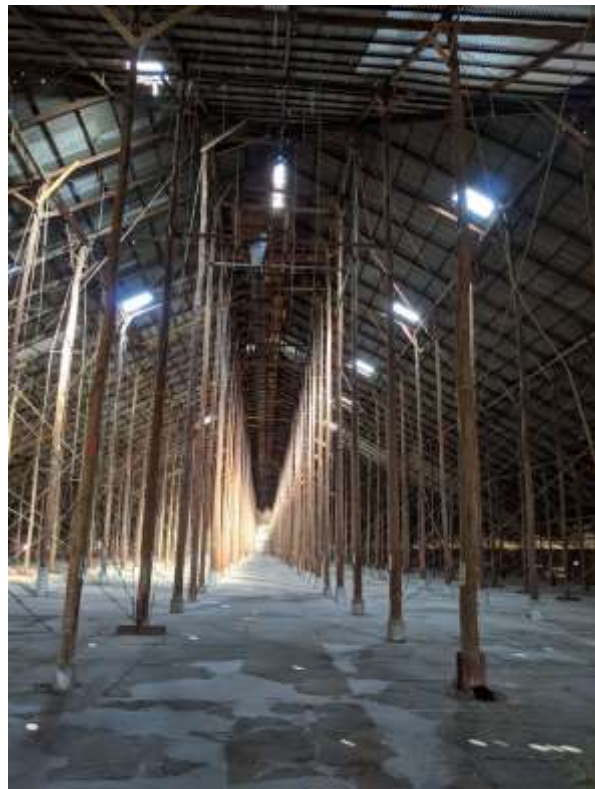
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**Murtoa Stick Shed**

The Stick Shed is a grain storage facility known as Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store. It was built over four months between September 1941 and January 1942 and filled with grain within six months of construction. It was the first emergency bulk wheat storage shed built in Victoria and is the only remaining shed of this type in Australia.

The Stick Shed covers 16,000m<sup>2</sup> under roof and measures 265 metres long, 60 metres wide and almost 20 metres high at its apex. It held 3.5 million bushels or about 92,500 tonnes of wheat.

Information source: <https://www.thestickshed.com.au/>

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## 2023 CLUB CALENDAR

### Meetings, club runs and events

**Clubrooms are situated at the Pastoral Museum in Hiller Lane Hamilton  
Meetings 3rd Friday of the month@7:30pm Bring some supper to share.  
Club runs are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY and then the FOURTH SUNDAY of each month.**

<b>Friday 19th May</b>	General Meeting, 7.30pm at the clubrooms. Please bring a plate to share.
<b>Saturday/Sunday 20th &amp; 21st May</b>	Pastoral Museum Open Days. Can members please support these days by bringing your car along for display or by volunteering your services. This can be manning our clubrooms and speaking to the public, being on the gate or helping in the kitchen. Ring Rob Brody or contact someone from the pastoral Museum.
<b>Sunday 28th May</b>	No run organised as of yet. If you have any ideas please get in touch with Richard or Pam.
<b>Friday– Monday 9th, 10th, 11th &amp; 12th June</b>	<b>WELCOME BACK TOUR!</b> Can members who are able to assist on this weekend please contact one of the rally committee. Pam, Richard, Jason, Margaret, Geoff, Peter C, Rob B, Dennis D. You may leave any donations of goods or food at the clubrooms or ring Pam.
<b>Wednesday 14th June</b>	No club run
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	General Meeting, 7.30pm at the clubrooms. Please bring a plate to share.
<b>Sunday 25th June</b>	An easy run for the "oldies". Bring some afternoon tea to share back at the clubrooms after the drive and to help set up for the ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT. Helpers will again be required so please give Pam a ring on 0419145452. We would like to see as many members as possible come along and enjoy the evening



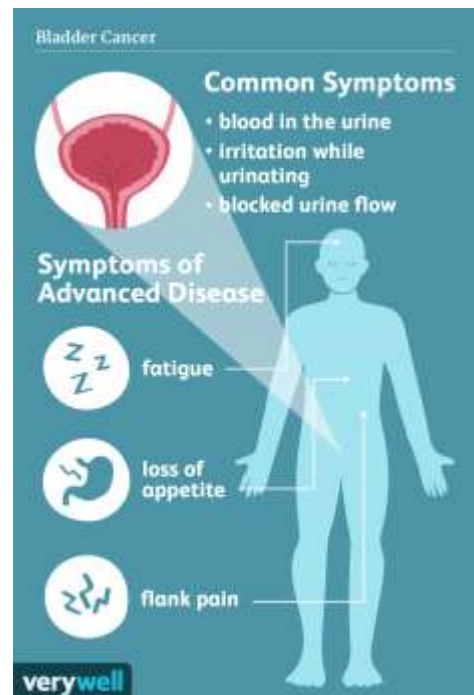
Well another month has come and gone and the weather has been quite pleasant, good for outdoor activities. Club member's travelled to Lake Bolac to help celebrate the Lake Bolac Hotel 150 year's anniversary. From all reports a great weekend of celebrations was had by all, a very large number of clubs attended, which presented a great variety of cars for the public to observe and enjoy. Our mid-week club run to Dunkeld was well supported and car numbers continue to grow. We visited the Dunkeld on Canvas Gallery of Mr David Baker and observed his very large collection of paintings. Also of interest was his of zoo art made from disused car parts very interesting pieces. Our next Midweek run called Wannan Delights will be a run to take on board so mark it on your calendar. With our Annual General Meeting approaching very soon I would encourage any member to nominate as all positions are open, so if you would like to make a change/changes to benefit our club this is your chance. For now happy motoring and good health.



**Health, Wellbeing & Welfare**

To all members, families and friends we hope you are doing well during this time. Please remember to reach out to anyone of us if you are struggling or need an ear to listen. We wish Peter Milburn well after his recent surgery in Melbourne and Jenny Watt who has had a second surgery on her foot.

This month is:



**Note From The Editor:**

I would just like to post a big thank you to those who have sent their well wishes over the last month; and also to those who send in all of these wonderful articles.

May your travels always be safe.

-Bianca Higgins

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO GET MORE DETAILS

Some events have been lifted from other car club newsletters. Mistakes may have been made, so please check details.

### MAY

- 13 Geelong Swap Meet secretary@wdhvcgeelong.com
- 17-23 Ballarat Club Lake Bolac Camp out Nerene Backhouse  
npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com
- 19-21 Pre-WWII Motoring Weekend, Bendigo https://veterancarclub.org.au
- 20-21 Hamilton Pastoral Museum Open Days "Celebrating a Century of Howard Cultivators". 0409 926 095
- 20-21 Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally Barb Cook 0428 480 524
- 21 National Motoring Heritage Day
- 21 **Cavalcade of Transport**, Ferntree Gully Rd., Scoresby 9558 4829 www.aomc.asn.au
- 21 Singer AGM and Show'n'Shine, Mornington RSL President 0414 520 441
- 27-28 46<sup>th</sup> Historic Winton www.historicwinton.org

### JUNE

- 9-12 Vintage Driver Club King's Birthday Bash to Erica events@vdc.org.au
- 9-11 Holden HD-HR Nationals, Benalla HDHRNATSBENALLA2023@gmail.com
- 10-11-12 HDVV CDC "Welcome Back Tour". handdvvcdc@gmail.com
- 10-11 Casterton Kelpie Festival
- 11 Maldon Swap Meet Text Mark 0414 244 842

### SEPTEMBER

- 4-17 Vintage Driver Club "Where the Rivers Run" 2023 Tour Chivers 0431 709 248  
Rhodes 0410 597 460
- 10 Shepparton Swap Meet GVMVDC

### OCTOBER

- 7-8 Hamilton Pastoral Museum Open Days 0409 926 095

# A SIGNIFICANT PRIVILEGE OF MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CLUB IS ACCESS TO THE CLUB PERMIT SCHEME.

We are required by VicRoads to maintain an accurate record of members and the vehicles that they have on Club Permits. With 180 members having a total of 240 vehicles on Club Permits IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THIS:

## CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- **Be aware of the renewal date of your Club Permit.** Vicroads issue renewal notices usually four to eight weeks before the due date. It is, however, the members responsibility to follow up with Vicroads if a renewal notice has not been received by the due date.
- **When renewing a permit please make an appointment** with one of the Club Permit Scheme Officers listed in the Newsletter before presenting your permit for endorsement.
- **If you sell a Club Permit vehicle** you are required to advise the Club accordingly. This is necessary to enable the CPS Register to be accurately maintained in accordance with State Legislation. Permits are not transferrable. Number plates must be returned to Vicroads.
- **If you choose to allow a Club Permit to lapse**, again you must advise the Club (Secretary or Registrar) and return the number plates to a Vicroads office.

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### TAE RAK AQUA CULTURE CENTRE 12.4.2023

Pam Pollock



A large group of our members set out for a cultural afternoon and tasting delight on a sunny Wednesday afternoon in early April. After a leisurely drive out Digby Road and then over the back to Condah and across the highway we eventually found our way to the Tae Rak Centre. Many comments were made about how nice it was out there and how they had heard about it but never came. Or some had been and were pleased to come again. The meals were delicious and came quickly. The service was given with a smile and the staff very friendly and helpful. The photos above show Joan and David Lewis enjoying an afternoon out for David's birthday. We all sang Happy Birthday and embarrassed the heck out of him. The centre from the walkway out to the lake and the tasting plate which has foods made with eel and plants native to the area. Some stayed on for the very interesting tour and talk about the life cycle of the eel. Quite an amazing story. Others were quite enjoying themselves and stayed on for more coffee and lemon myrtle scones with cream.



### FUN FAMILY DAY 23.4.2023

Because of poor attendances at the last couple of the clubs concourse day, the committee decided that for this year we would try something different; so we organised a fun day in which all club members were invited to bring their children or grandchildren along. They competed in different competitions that secretary Pam spent many hours organising.

We started with a very nice BBQ and salad lunch provided by various members, then all different competitions for the kids; and to top the day off judging for the best presented car on the day for which the owner will eventually receive a trophy.

There were twenty cars and a motor bike on show and we thought that this was a great turn out for our 'first' time effort. It was a beautiful day and the kids had a great time trying out all the different activities and even had fun beating a certain adult kid that tried hard to beat them.



As the day wound down Pam presented the competition winners with a nice gift and gave out presents to the other “winners” which the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

We would like to sincerely thank Pam for all the effort she put into what turned out to be a great days outing and maybe in the future we could introduce some driving competitions that in no way could put any of the spectators at risk but that is in the hands of the ‘gods’.



Doug Palmer

This day was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and was previously the club concours. Twenty cars were judged for Best Presented Car on the Day and the trophy will be presented at the Annual Dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. There were many activities for all to participate in and the children certainly made the most of the fun to be had. Everyone received a prize and there were some real triers among the little ones who really got into the spirit. A BBQ lunch and salads were enjoyed followed by ice creams in a cone. I think some very tired children went home afterwards. The highlights of the day were the egg and spoon race and the sack race. Coming a close third was the scooter race.



Pam Pollock

### **ANZAC DAY 25.4.2023**

A big thank you to all members who made vehicles available on Anzac Day for the parade. I spoke with the president of the Hamilton RSL who is keen for us to continue this service. He says in the coming years there will certainly be more veterans who will be unable to or have difficulty marching on the day and appreciate that they can still be involved.

Pam Pollock

### **TWO DAY TRIP TO HORSHAM/MURTOA/RUPANYUP 10 & 11.5.2023**







On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, a small group set off for Cherrypool where we stopped for a laid back and most enjoyable picnic lunch before some of our group headed home and the remainder continued on to Horsham. We were given a very interesting time at the privately owned Military Museum in Horsham. The owner, Hartley, has a strong interest in military history and so has made replica vehicles of different campaigns and wars. He began as a hobby for his own pleasure, but more people wanted to see his collection. He then took his vehicles and uniforms to different shows and re-enactments. He now only shows them in the museum as the logistics of moving them around has become too much. There are terrific posers all around the museum with some local history which they have tried to include as much as possible. Altogether an interesting time.

Some of our group then returned home while others took some time for retail therapy and rest until time to meet more of our group for a delicious Chinese dinner. Up early to go across to Murtoa to look at the amazing stick shed erected in about four months during the second world war. It was built to hold grain, specifically wheat and was put on the heritage list in 1990. It is the only one of its kind still in existence. A truck would deliver two loads of 72 bags a day whilst a horse drawn cart would deliver 36bags. Imagine how many it would have taken to fill the shed. The shed is supported by 560 unmilled mountain ash for the supports was sourced from the Dandenongs.

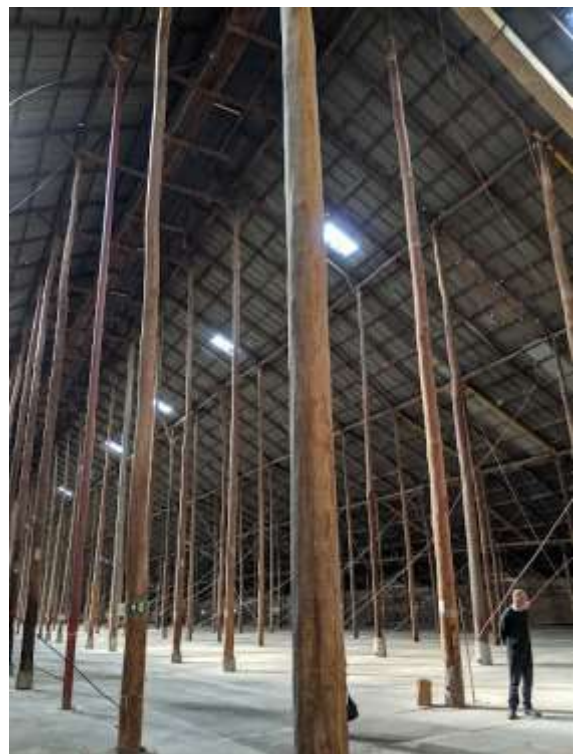
From the stick shed we had a look at the water tower museum and had a coffee at the bakery before heading across to Rupanyup where we ordered lunch at the street food van and went back to the museum to begin having a look around while we waited. I was told you would need a couple of hours at the museum and it was well worth going to see. I don't think anyone was disappointed. There really was lots to see and two hours was probably not long enough for some. Most of the displays and the museum itself was started and put together by two bachelors who wanted to preserve the local history. They



continue to be involved, but the museum has become a community project now. One of the brothers has built two miniature houses within the structure and brought his mother's and grandmother's whole house contents in and there you go back probably to something you would have been brought up in or visited when you went to see gran. A very large shed out the back for the boys full

of tractors. What else can I say about that!

After we had enough of that, we headed back towards home and again stopped at Cherrypool for a cuppa before completing our most enjoyable two days.





### **WELCOME BACK TOUR**

This event is coming up very quickly and will be here before we know it. If you haven't registered by now you are too late. Sorry you have missed out. We are very pleased that entries have been steady and are now up to almost 100. Could club members please think about volunteering over the weekend and fill out the request form if you're able to help in anyway. For those attending we hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy your stay here in the Western District.

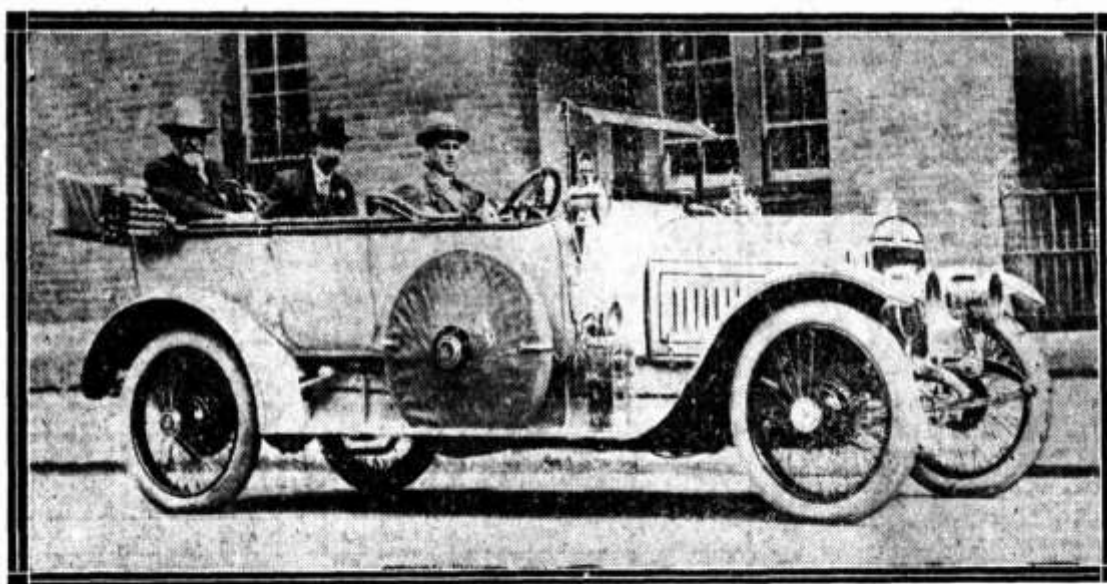
Hello to all, I hope you will forgive me for the shortness of this month's article as at the time of writing we have recently had a death in the family and some other health issues to overcome. As most of April has been taken up dealing with these issues, there has still been some time for car matters.

For the astute readers, you might have read the previous month, I mentioned that I was returning from Sydney with a Toyota Yaris full of Berliet parts, so let me fill you in. After my accident, I said to dad that I am selling all my non-running cars and buying a turn key, reliable old car that I can tour in. Well once mobile that promise lasted a whole 2.5 months but I did try "at least". Being advised of a Mk2 Jaguar that had been dropped at a work-mates wives, bosses garage (stay with me here) and him being later told by the owner that he no longer wanted it, I petitioned very solidly for a chance to purchase same as the boss "wanted it out of his garage". 3 months later with no return contact at all that campaign was given up.

So sitting at the computer one afternoon browsing, I see an ad posted for a c1913 Berliet Tourer for sale, unbelievably on an American site. I thought to myself, that looks like Australia and after some short searching, I located the ad. So as they say, the rest is history, I am now the owner of a c1913 Berliet 4.2 liter 25-30 HP (tax rated 22HP) Tourer. The seller just outside of Sydney was downsizing and had selected 3 cars from his collection to let go, my Berliet, a Phantom 1 Rolls Royce and a c1919-20 Hudson Super 6. The Berliet has been sitting in a garage since 1961 and is about 95% complete, missing 1 door, guards and brightwork (head & side lights) which were stolen in the 1970's.

It looked like a big car in the ad and subsequent pics but I was taken back on just how big it is when I drove up to Sydney to have a look. Just a touch under 5 meters long. So X - for buying another project & Tick - for achieving a life-long dream of owning a Veteran Car. (see photo below).

So another French car - still not quite sure how this has happened after starting with an Auburn. Speaking of French cars, those of you will remember a very reluctant to run Chenard et Walcker from a previous article. Well with some choice "non-French" words, it finally fired to our short-lived joy and was trailered down to Hamilton for the B-40 Rally in March and then decided not to start unless a spray of Start Ye Bastard was applied each time to the rear intake of the carby. When running it motored so nicely until we achieved probably the worst fuel economy on record running out after around 45kms of driving (yes keeping the Palmer tradition alive), being re-fuelled from the Jerry and then pump at Coleraine, re-Jerried at Hawksdale and barely making it back to Hamilton almost dry. I know it is a 3 Liter engine but I didn't think that meant 3 liters of fuel every Kilometer!! One of the activities on the B-40 rally was being placed into teams of four for a find and gather competition. The further you went to gather items the more points your team got but it had to be completed in an hour and a half.



**22-H.P. Berliet,**

Purchased by Mr. J. Wilson, of Leura, from the agents, Messrs. Howens, Ltd. A similar type of car is exhibited at the R.A. Show.

So a little bit reluctantly I volunteered, because we had the fastest car, to take the task of Coleraine - Merino - Hawksdale - Hamilton. Well we made it back to Hamilton just in time with the Chenard comfortably (not the driver & passenger) cruising at 60mph on the way back from Hawksdale, only for 20 minutes later it refusing to start again. Some more choice "non French" words expressed. Overall a very fun weekend had by all.

And lastly and on a happier note, after around 6 years of slumber we have been able to coax Doug's 1939 Standard Flying 9 back to life. It was found to be firing at top dead center which was permanently retarding the engine and was causing the excessive heat. The points were also worn and some new plugs required. It has now idled for 20 minutes at around 70 degrees and should be seen at the June Rally.

Next is the gearbox of the XJS - does it ever end?. Happy motoring.



For the 4th time my Grandson, Callum Walsh, asked me to help him out with the 'Tail-end-Charlie' job during the above rally which started from the RACV Resort, Cobram. We had done this job for three previous rallies so we knew what we were getting ourselves into again.



For the first day the entrants were allowed to do a "warm up run" which took them on a short tour of the Cobram area and most got through this without any breakdowns. Prior to starting out for Tocumwall on the 17th Callum and his father, Brendan, disappeared from our cabin as soon as daylight lit up the area and returned to our cabin in a beautifully restored 1906 Star and then took it for a run around the many resort roads before handing it back to the owners.

Prior to leaving the resort we had plenty of time to photograph the rare cars assembled for the run. Including:

- a totally original 1910 Renault and never been restored since it was sold at the Province museum, Camperdown many, many years ago.
- A very rare 1909 Mertz Friction-drive vehicle.
- An extremely rare 1913 enfield.
- A 1908 Captial AC Tricar which offered any passenger a very breezy trip, not to mention what would happen to same in case of an accident.
- A 1909 Sizaire-et-Naudin Tourer in which my son, Jason, hitched a ride to Tocumwall.
- A very early 1904 motorbike called a 'Maldon' which was really a pedal cycle with a motor attached
- A very early 1899 De Dion Bouton.



It was the biggest rally ever conducted by the Veteran Drivers Club 1 and 2 Cylinder section and had some 69 entrants.

Callum and I left before everyone else and stopped just across the Murray River, at Barooga to photograph the cars as they went past our viewing area. This didn't last very long as one of the cars "conked out" just after crossing the main bridge; and as we couldn't get it started again we had to drive the owner back to the Cobram resort to pick up his modern car and trailer. We no sooner got back to his vehicle when we saw another car parked on the side of the road and the driver underneath it trying to find out what was wrong with the newly repaired gear box. He didn't, so back to Cobram to pick up his tow car and trailer.



By the time all this happened, we got a call from the rally director at 12.30pm asking where we were because all the other entrants were having lunch at the Tocumwall Golf Club and he promptly 'got told', but he then asked us to pick up all the road signs seeing we were the last vehicle heading in that direction; so subsequently by the time we got to Tocumwall our lunch was a 'burnt ruin' so we didn't get much to eat as everybody was packing up to leave.



Our next point of call was to the Tocumwall Aviation Museum (an ex Australian– American air base during the second world war, which was the largest in Australia at the time) and here Cal- lum and I at least got something to eat and drink. The Ameri- can's used it mainly to train crews for the very many B24 Lib- erator Bombers that were stationed there. We had a look at the historical photographs on the surrounding walls and as I am a war time air craft nut I noticed that there was no photo of 'S' for Sugar there. This air craft was donated to the Aus- tralians, by the RAF, after it had completed over 100 bombing missions and wing commander Peter Isaacson (and his crew) flew it back to Australia for a War Bonds Tour and just before this had finished he flew this huge bomber under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It finished its days at Tocumwall, and after sitting there for many weeks it was scrapped.



The director of the museum listened to my story re this air- craft and asked me to supply a photo, and the story of the bomber, so that their records can be adjusted and this I have done.



On the way back to Cobram we got a call that another car had broken down, but by the time he had arrived the owner had done a temporary repair so we stayed with him for a while to see that he didn't break down again and then had to answer a call for Motor Buggy that had run out of petrol on the outskirts of Beruga. By the time we got to him another entrant had supplied him with some, so we stayed to see if he could re-begin his journey and we then followed him home. The dinner that night was a "help yourself" which we had back at the RACV Resort.



On Saturday, the 18th, we set out for a very old homestead called 'Byramine' which was settled by the Hume Family in 1842 and the large main building held very unusual octagonal room and encircling veran- da. Every room facing outwards had provision for a fire arm to cover the area in front of it to help ward off any bush rangers or Aboriginals trying to attack it. Some 10 years later Mr. Hume was attacked, and killed, by bushrangers but his wife stayed on with her children and continued to run the property. The bushranger who killed her husband was caught and hung some years later. It has the oldest Elm tree in .

Australia and this was planted in 1842, and is still healthy.



We were allowed inside the building and the cooking house and laundry that was situated a little a way from the main house. The thing that staggered me, and many others, was the hundreds of acres of land sown for, and growing pumpkins, and nothing else. The rows extended as far as the eye could see.

After a superb morning tea we departed for a little township called Tungamah which is situated on the edge of the Boosey River and here we enjoyed a very picnic lunch. While having

lunch the heat built up and the trip home became a huge problem, especially for the friction drive vehicles.

By this time my son, Jason, had joined me in the “Tail-End-Charlie” vehicle and we had many stops to help out those stuck on the side of the road, but luckily most were able to help themselves as their relatives and friends were on their way to where they were situated. The only major problem we had was where a very elderly driver had missed a right hand turn and went further on when further on he realised what had happened and tried to turn his vehicle around, but unfortunately he drove into a ditch. By the time we got to him members of the public had stopped to help him but unfortunately as one was trying to push the front of the vehicle, the car rolled forward and ended up rolling on top of him. He was lying between the front wheels, luckily, and when we got him out he was not badly injured.

Jason asked me to take the driver back to the Cobram Resort while he arranged to remove the vehicle, which I did, and much later the car arrived on a trailer. Guess where the rally dinner was that night? You got it right– back at the Tocumwall Golf Club, so by this time we knew every bump on the road.

It was a fabulous rally and we enjoyed the company of all who participated, so we cant wait until the next one which will be held in Echuca. The final day was a run to Shepparton to visit the “Move” Motor Museum which was on the way home for the majority of entrants and others going the “other way” they left from the RACV Resort



**A PRETTY LADY**

Alice has been looking a little shabby after a couple of small incidents. Some paint scraped off the front left guard allowing a look at the original colour. Turquoise. Not too pretty. Then the right door spring decided to leave the scene with an almighty bang resulting in a split in the door and more paint removed. Some bubbling under the paint behind the rear right window (there upon purchase almost eight years ago) and this was quite enough to seek out a beauty parlour for my lady. I did not look far as I had had good results and was most pleased with a young fellow in Portland who had repaired the kangaroo damage to my bonnet some time ago.

A pleasant run down to Portland where she was given the once over, we had a talk and agreed on when and how long the job would take etc.

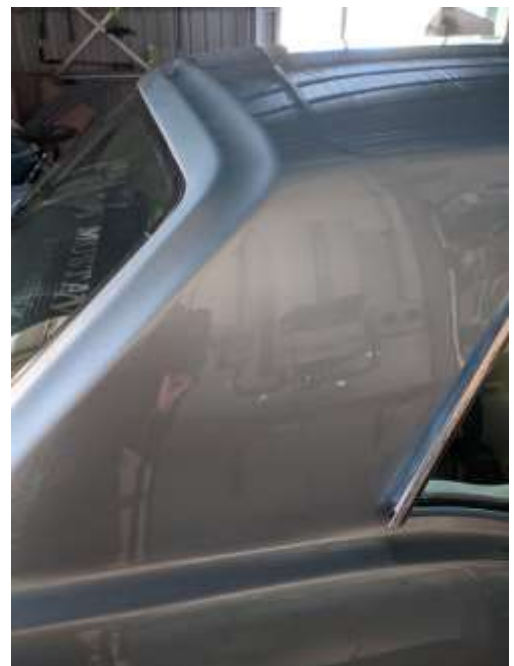
Back again for the work to be done.

Photos-found a bit more than we thought, what do you want done. Might as well continue, no point leaving things to get worse.

All done in the time set. No "bullshit". Price is right. Excellent job.

Now Alice is back to her sparkling best and those little ponys can gallop with their heads held high.

Thanks Brent.



Before and after shots. You cannot tell where the repair was done and the paint has been matched perfectly even though he says it was a shitty colour to match.





The May Federation meeting was Held at the clubrooms of the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Club of Bendigo. The Bendigo Club was established in 1969 and currently has 180 members. They have impressive clubrooms constructed and expanded the years to include a workshop with machine tools, a hoist and accommodation for their own tandem trailer.

**BENDIGO SWAP:** Work is well underway for the swap which is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 after a three- year absence. All outdoor sites are sold. (750) A limited number of indoor sites remain available. There will not be a Show and Shine due to a table tennis stadium being constructed on the area previously used for this. There will be an interesting display of “barn find” vehicles.

Volunteers are required for gate duty. Each volunteer receives free entry and a refreshment allowance and their club receives a payment of \$10.00 for each hour worked. Each Federation member club has been sent a registration form for volunteers. It was pointed out that in the unlikely event of another natural disaster (flood!) emergency services would have priority over the Swap committee.

**FEDERATION PICNICS:** Picnics have been back on the agenda for 2023, with generally good support forthcoming. Mortlake was reported as successful, but attendance numbers were disappointing. It seems that some other events were scheduled by clubs that clashed with the picnic. Clubs were requested to promote and support these Federation sponsored events.

**MARONG PICNIC:** This will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023, preceded by the Bendigo to Castlemaine run on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**FEDERATION NORTH WEST TOUR:** 27<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. will commence from the Marong Picnic on 27<sup>th</sup> August and visit Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca, and Shepparton. Entry forms available from clubs or Federation website.

**NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY:** This is 21<sup>st</sup> May. Clubs are requested to make a special effort to promote the Historic Vehicle movement on this day and to advise the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) of the success of such events.

**FEDERATION WEBSITE:** Clubs are encouraged to submit flyers for upcoming events for inclusion on this website. There is no charge for this.

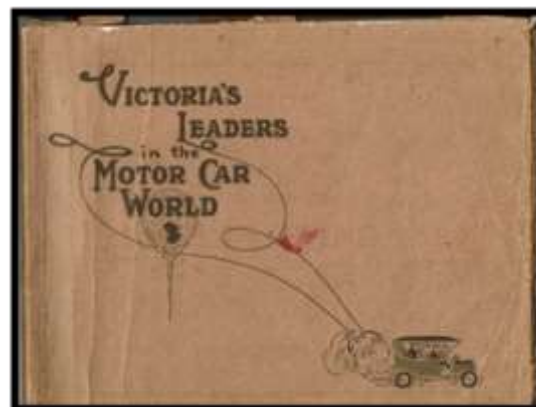
**PETER MAC CANCER HOSPITAL APPEAL:** Clubs were thanked for the return of collection tins. There will be more details forthcoming on amounts It is intended to repeat this worthwhile exercise in 2024.

**THE FUTURE:** Federation, AOMC, AHMF, VicRoads and other connected groups continue to meet and discuss such issues as the environmental impact of Historic Vehicle as we use them. the Club Permit Scheme, alternative fuels, Responsibilities of Clubs and individuals as well as state and national bodies. There will be much information forthcoming as various meetings take place in coming months.

**OPERATING HERITAGE AUSTRALIA:** This is a lobby group which. Among other things, collects and analyses data in support of the long- term viability of the Historic Vehicle movement. Some interesting details on CO2 emissions are attached Which highlight the minimal impact of a typical Historic vehicle.

## Exhaust Notes

Why are we all enthusiasts where old motor cars are concerned? Some of us grew up with, others became interested in later life and yet others seem to have that enthusiasm in their genes! Researching details in a book titled "Victoria's Leaders in the Motor Car World" published in 1911 we find reference to Mr W. D. Baxter and a photo of him in his C1910 Dennis car. Mr Baxter is Lorraine Rye's grandfather and was prominent in the automotive industry in Victoria in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. He imported various items including motor cycles and supplied side cars from his business in Brighton. Also featured is Mr Herbert Thomson. His car is not identified. Apparently Mr Thomson worked closely with Mr Baxter.



This Daimler 15 Saloon was observed in Noosa Qld. The owner was relaxing with a glass of champagne by the beach. It was great to see him relaxing while passers by admired his fine machine. This is a 1936 model four door saloon. Two litre capacity, with the famous Daimler pre selector gearbox and fluid flywheel. The 15 with its overhead valve motor replaced the tried and true sleeve valve models of the 1920's.



Congratulations to Brian Simkin on receiving life membership of Hamilton Lions Club- many years of service to the community suitably recognised! Nice to see he had time to polish the Statesman for our April club outing!

This rather rare Veteran FIAT Tipo 1 appeared in Bendigo last November on a FIAT Club rally on the weekend of the cancelled Bendigo swap, It is a C1910 model and had been rescued from under a bridge in NSW where it had been coupled to a water pump.

Pedals had been cut off and many other parts were missing. Two owners and many painstaking restoration hours later, it is back on the road.



### Reminder



Just a reminder that we have a beautiful extensive library for our members to use. There is a vast range of books and memorabilia for you to enjoy. So feel free to pop in and have a look, if you need access contact Richard or Pam, they will be more than happy to come and open the doors.

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