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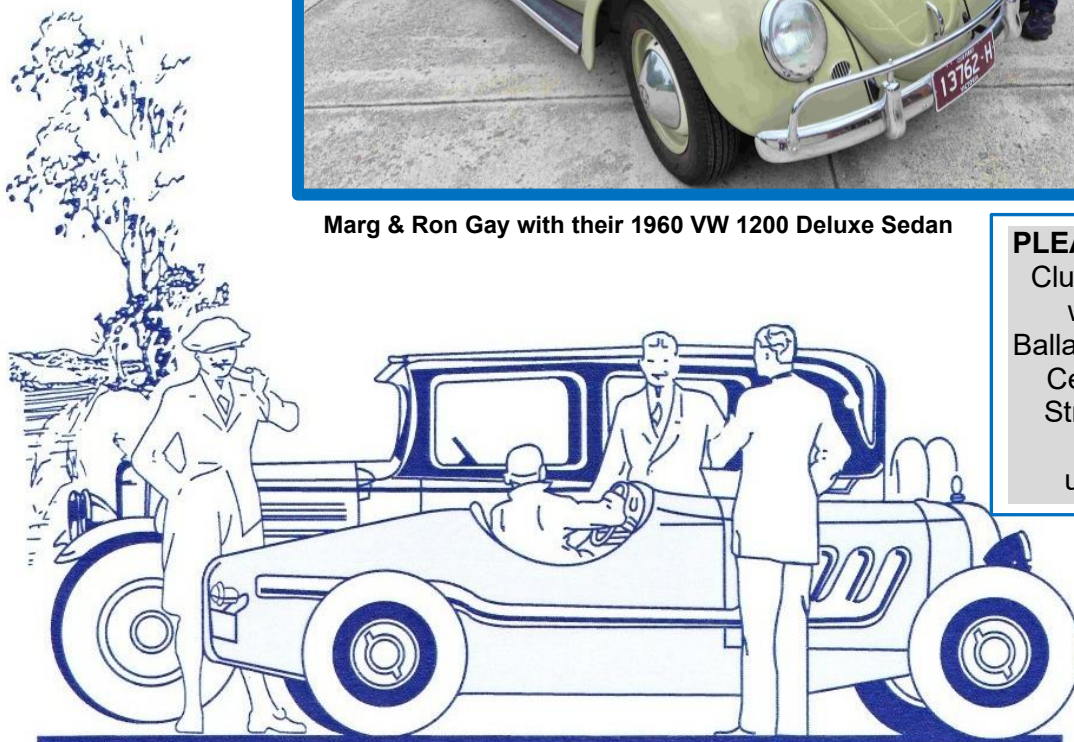
Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Marg & Ron Gay with their 1960 VW 1200 Deluxe Sedan

PLEASE NOTE:

Club General Meetings
will be held at the
Ballarat North Community
Centre – 702 Walker
Street, Ballarat North
at 7:30pm
until further notice



Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month at Clubrooms, Humffray St. Sth. (Cnr Gladstone St.), Ballarat

Meeting Start Time will be at **7.30 PM**

The next **General Meeting** will be held **FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2025**

At Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North

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Alan Firns, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec),
Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto, Gordon Roberts, Bob Bennetts (Dec),
Ian Watson and Mark Border

Newsletter

Articles for the **December 2025** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 2nd December 2025**
All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to **npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com**
All contributions acknowledged.

Code Red Fire Rating Days

Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Code Red** is automatically cancelled, and Members and
Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

You'll find with this issue, the Entry Form and Details for next year's Begonia Rally. There is a new Committee with new ideas, so I encourage you to enter and support this worthwhile Club event.

I hope you enjoy the articles and photos of events that have happened in the last month, together with an update about the Clubrooms Redevelopment – which is not much, but at least Brett is keeping us informed – there will be a building on the site one day – we just have to be patient.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

Celebrations

Our congratulations and very best wishes to **Andy Burns and Lee Day** on the occasion of their marriage last month. Another celebration last month – **Brian Drennan** had 90 candles to blow out – hope he didn't miss any. Our birthday wishes and congratulations were duly forwarded to him.

Welfare

We hope everyone is going along happily – putting one foot in front of the other. There will be some who are having treatments and recovering from procedures, and we wish you all well with a favourable outcome. Keep smiling – it's good for the soul.

STOP PRESS - Bereavement – VALE – Bob Kennedy

Very sadly, we have lost a character of the Club – **Bob “bloody” Kennedy** - on 29th October at the age of 85. Bob was a founding member of the Humber Car Club – 50 years this year and he'd been looking forward to celebrating the milestone with the Club the following week. He was a member of many clubs and joined ours about 30 years ago. After a stint in the Army where he learned a lot of trades, especially mechanics, he and his late wife ran an antiques business in Mornington until she passed away, and he moved to the Ballarat district. He was also a clock maker – in fact, he was very clever at whatever he undertook – one of those if he couldn't buy it, he made it. His last enterprise was a 'tag-a-long' outback tour business, which is why we didn't see much of him - he was always away! Our sincere condolences to his family. ~ RIP Bob ~

From the President

Hi all,

Well, another month down - where has the year gone, won't be long before the fat fella comes down the chimney, no not me - Daryl Crawley.

Having said that make sure you keep Sunday 14th December free for our Christmas run and a lunch venue is being organised as I type. The club will be providing the meat for the BBQ and if members could bring along a salad or a dessert or both to share that would be great, BYO drinks and chairs. If you know of any members that maybe struggling to get there by their own means, reach out and offer them a ride as per Andy's suggestion at September's meeting.

Had a couple of events I attended since last report - Mt Franklin which was well attended and a great day as per usual - well done Mike Simpson; and the Senior's Day at the new showgrounds - where the club had some cars on display. Free food and coffee - the scones were magnificent - so another great day - thanks Brendan for organising that event.

Happy Motoring
Wayne Lineker



AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE – 21st October 2025

Not much happened at the Committee Meeting, but here are the main points discussed -

1 Name Badges

A reminder about the new design of the name badge - the first name on the badges will now be made slightly larger to make it easier to read. So, this is available to all members should they wish to 'update' their name badge at a cost \$10 per badge. This also applies to replacement badges if you have lost/misplaced same.

2 Guest Speaker – November General Meeting

Unfortunately, the Speaker from Ambulance Victoria is no longer available to come to one of our meetings. Instead, for the November meeting, an officer from the Ballarat Community Policing Squad will come and talk to us about Home Security and Safety Advice.

3 VCCC Ballarat – Battery Drive

Talking to people about this, it seems there are a lot of batteries sitting around in sheds – taking up space. So, it is very easy to dispose of them at your leisure. You can take them to Warren Harris' factory at 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree – he has put a pellet behind the office building – DO NOT LEAVE THEM ANYWHERE IN FRONT OF THE FACTORY OR THE OFFICE – PLEASE!

Please contact **Warren – 0417 590 760** should you require further information.

Nancy will be back on the job next month after her well-earned break.

Nerene Backhouse, Assistant Secretary

Cover Story – 1960 VW 40HP 1200 Deluxe Sedan – Marg & Ron Gay

Purchased new on 17th November 1960 from Peck and Etheridge in Blackburn

List Price £971 Sale Price £1045 due to 9 extras

Colour – Mango Green with Australian white flash

Current Mileage 199,000 miles with full-Service History

After Marg and Ron were married they lived in Castlemaine, where Marg taught at the High School and Ron taught at the Technical School. One Monday morning, in late 1966, Marg drove the VW to school dropping Ron off at the Technical School. Ron met Bob Skewes at the school front door, where he announced that a new Vintage Car Club was being formed in Ballarat. At the end of the year, Bob returned to Ballarat to teach, and Marg and Ron moved to Hamilton.

By July 1968, Bob became the Second Editor of the V.C.C.C. Newsletter, and he sent a copy to Marg and Ron in Hamilton. As a result, they became the only Hamilton members of the V.C.C.C. at that time. From 1968 until 1974, every two or so months, they would drive the VW to visit Marg's parents at Lake Goldsmith. Ron would then travel on the Friday night for the V.C.C.C. meeting and the Club Sunday run in his "modern" VW, driving back to Hamilton on the Sunday night.

Marg and Ron with their young family of four children moved to Ballarat in January 1974, together with their club cars – a 1925 Dodge 4 Deluxe Tourer and a 1939 Hillman Minx Sedan – as well as their very reliable 1960 VW Sedan. Then they were able to enjoy mixing with all the Ballarat young families in their Vintage cars on V.C.C.C. events. At the July 1974 Annual Meeting, Ron was asked to become the Club Librarian, but the library was only a cardboard box with seven manuals, a small pile of exchange newsletters and an exercise book. At the August Club meeting, a major discussion occurred regarding the future of the Club library. The members very enthusiastically decided to develop the library, so at the September meeting, a large quantity of books and manuals were donated, and it's still happening today – 50 years later. From that time onwards, the VW attended Club meetings and Committee meetings for many years - always with many loads of books and manuals.

About six months after the Club moved into its new Club Rooms in Humffray Street South, the VW was parked outside the Club Rooms during the monthly meeting. At the end of the meeting, Ron was last to leave after packing up the library. Approaching the VW in the dark, he was suddenly aware of somebody in the car, trying to hot wire it. Running towards the car, the young guy inside, escaped before Ron could catch him. The driver's side quarter window had been broken, but it was possible to replace it.

Only four months later, after another Friday night club meeting, Ron arrived home about 11pm, and due to a friend's car being in the driveway, the VW was left out in the street locked. About an hour later, after deciding to put the car away, Ron found that somebody had tried to steal it by damaging the driver's door lock. Fortunately, they could not get into the car. After that, the VW was never used after dark in Ballarat again!

Like most of our Club cars, the VW was displayed in our Motor Shows and after it turned 25 years old, it started to be used for some of the monthly runs as well.

By early 2005, the car was getting "tired" with up to four children in and out of it daily, the motor was tired, and the paint had been polished to the undercoat. It was taken to Volkshome in Melbourne to recondition the motor, repaint the body with new rubbers and fit new brakes and new radial tyres. Its first trip after these improvements was to Adelaide for the Bay to Birdwood Rally, the first time it had travelled to Adelaide since Marg and Ron's Honeymoon.

Unfortunately, after ankle-fusion surgery, Marg wasn't able to drive a manual car any longer, so a low mileage 2006 1.6 Miami New Beetle automatic was purchased for their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The original number plate – HGA 599 – was fitted on the 2006 model, while the older car was fitted with Club permit plates. The car continued to be used on Club events until July 2023, when the differential broke going around a roundabout. The car was taken back to Volkshome where the differential and gearbox were rebuilt with NOS spare parts. It appears that back in 1961, there was a recall from the Factory regarding the new 40HP cars having a problem with their differentials. Even though the car was being serviced in Melbourne at a VW garage at that time, Ron did not get the recall! So, the new differential should last longer than 63 years!



The VW was one of the feature cars at the Clubrooms Farewell Lunch in April 2024.



Left - Ron felt very honoured when the Club Library was unveiled in his name that the VW was etched in the plaque. His son Richard is with him.

As Nerene has been asking for photographs of Club vehicles to be put on the front of the Club newsletter and this car turns 65 years old this month, it seems perfect timing for the VW - especially since it has also been attending Club events for 57 years.

Marg and Ron Gay

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – 17th October 2025

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the Club:

- i) **Christopher and Jennifer Daly** from Ballarat East were nominated by Karen Otto and seconded by Barry Allison. They have a 2000 Nissan Navara D22 ute.
- ii) **Peter and Tracey Reid** from Ross Creek who have a 1997 Suzuki Sierra Surf Wagon SJ80. They were nominated by Richard English and seconded by Mike Simpson.

A warm welcome to you all – we hope you enjoy your time with us

Clubrooms Redevelopment Update #21

Not a lot more to report this month, as we are still waiting on the Surveyor General. At the time of writing the last report, we were waiting on a response with a timeline, and since then, we have received correspondence - on 15 October 2025. In this they advised:

"I can confirm that the Survey Assessment Report for the proposed road closure at the extension of Gladstone Street will be completed and sent to our DEECA client by the end of this week. We are also preparing the 'Work Order' and will be contacting survey firms on our Surveying Services Panel to provide a quote for the works. Once the fees are accepted and a Purchase Order received, we can then engage the survey firm to undertake the required field work and the preparation of the regulatory documentation. The survey component will take approximately 4-5 weeks. The documentation will then be examined by our office, and once requisitions attended to, the Plan of Crown Allotment will be recommended to the Surveyor-General for certification, which generally takes a further week or so"

Given that we farewelled the Clubrooms in April last year, and the dismantling commenced in February this year, with demolition and earthworks through to April, maybe in 2026 we will be able to progress this.

At least there has been only one bill to pay this month. Darren has done a great job with the doors, and has ordered (and we have paid for) the external steel doors and frames. These have a 6-7 week lead time, but that won't be a problem for us at the moment.

Brett Holloway

On behalf of the Building Subcommittee

COMING EVENTS – October - November 2025

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 15.

~ Mid-week Twilight Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

These motorbike rides commence in October again and run through to the end of March (Daylight Saving months). The runs are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent) to a local pub for light eats and drinks. Club Eligible bikes only.

Please contact **Chris Ridsdale** on **0448 425 001** to have your phone number included on his text message invitation list when a run is happening.

Thursday 20th November – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12 noon – Royal Mail Hotel, Sebastopol

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 17th November

Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770

Friday 21st November - Club General Meeting – 7.30pm - Ballarat North Community Centre

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Sunday 23rd November – Pre 30s Tour

VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR CLUB BALLARAT INC.

presents the

ANNUAL GEOFF HERKES MEMORIAL PRE '30's TOUR

~ Sunday 23rd November 2025 ~

Catering for Vintage and Veteran Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles
A casual day's drive/ride in scenic countryside with other enthusiasts



ENTRY \$5.00 PER PERSON

Tour starts at the Haddon Lions Club Rooms and
finishes at the Haddon Recreation Centre (15km SW of Ballarat)

Arrive from 8.30am at the Haddon Lions Park for registrations

DEPART at 9.30am

Morning and Afternoon Tea provided – BYO Lunch or Takeaway shops available.

Fuel available in the town that we stop for lunch

Period Dress Optional

Tail End Charlie will have room for your BYO lunch and/or fuel should you wish

Further details – phone **Warrick Pitcher – 0408 508 303**

Tuesday 25th November – Committee Meeting at 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree – 7.30pm

Sunday 30th November Club Run (Trophy Points)

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO AVOID CLASH WITH PRE 30s

Leave from **Melbourne Road Bus Exchange at 9.30am** and travelling to Blackwood to St Erth Heritage Garden and Nursery. Devonshire Tea available for Morning Tea. BYO Picnic Lunch.

Contact Brendan Stevens – 0409 018 886

Sunday 7th December – Naked Radiator Run – leave 10.30am from Bendix in Latrobe Street

Bring BYO Picnic Lunch and chairs

Contact Frank & Jan Tamis – 5342 0621 (please use this landline number – there is no mobile service)

Thursday 11th December – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12 noon – Cattle Yards Inn – Latrobe Street

Make your own way there – Xmas Lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 8th December

Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770

Friday 12th December – Club General Meeting – change of week due to Christmas – Ballarat North Community Centre – 7.30pm

Saturday 13th December – Ladies Crafternoon – Ballarat North Community Centre – 1 – 3.30pm

Christmas theme – bring a Christmas item to work on.

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Sunday 14th December – Club Run (Trophy Points) – leave at 10.30am from Dan Murphy's DTC

This is the Club's Christmas Breakup run. There will be about an hour's drive to end up at the Clarendon Recreation Reserve. Lunch will start at 12 noon – barbeque meat supplied – and we ask those attending to bring a salad or sweet (or both if you wish) to share.

PAST EVENTS

John Curtin Aged Care Hostel Residents Day Out – 2nd October



Ross Oliver's car is loaded and ready to go.

On Thursday the second of October we had the pleasure of the company of the John Curtin Aged Care Home residents.

The day was not the most pleasant being dull and showery, I shouldn't complain as it is the first miserable day in my twenty odd years of doing this run, but that did not concern our guests. The country was lush and green - the canola stood out against the dull sky, making the season look much better than it really is.

We travelled from Creswick to Pootilla on to Black Swamp Road to Blampied on to Smeaton and Clunes, returning to Creswick safely arriving and unloading our most appreciative guests. We enjoyed a generous afternoon tea.

My thanks go to the members who gave their time to give our guests an enjoyable day out.

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| Frank Whitfield | 1984 Mercedes Benz 380 SE |
| Brian Drennan | 1999 Jaguar XJ8 |
| Nerene Backhouse | 1956 Austin A30 |
| Merv Sherlock | 1966 Rover P5 |
| Bill Pearce | 1964 Chrysler Newport |
| Ross Oliver | 1963 Ford Fairlane |

Frank Whitfield



Nerene's A30 brought up the rear of the line up

Naked Radiator Run – Sunday 5th October

On an overcast and windy morning, 38 people in 22 cars met on Latrobe Street for the bimonthly Frank and Jan Naked Radiator Run.

There was a fantastic turnout for this run, the weather had improved and it is great to have Jan back. There were a few tired people this morning due to Daylight Saving Time turn-on overnight. It takes some of us 6 months to get used to losing an hour's sleep and then they give it back!

Leaving a little late, we travelled out towards Carngham, before turning off to Snake Valley and travelling through the bush to Linton.

Much needed spring rains have greened the paddocks beautifully, hopefully enough for decent hay and grain cropping for our wonderful farmers in the coming season. We saw plenty of horses on this wander, and in Linton if you don't have a dog to walk, you can always walk your horse.

We turned off in Linton to travel through Happy Valley to turn off to Cape Clear. You know it's definitely spring when the wattle is flowering. A reminder that hay fever season is here, wonderful, not!

It was a picturesque drive along the single lane roads, up and down hills and across creeks in this area. Back in the 80s my brother and I with friends would go gold detecting in this area, ending up usually at Devil's Kitchen. It was lovely to revisit the area and see not much has changed.

Reaching Cape Clear we turned off to Illabrook, and finally in Illabrook we saw our first Sunday morning car appreciator waving. At the Rokewood Junction it was a left turn and back towards Dereel. Then onto the main road, back through Enfield (where the pub is closed for renovations, still, hmmm or permanently perhaps?).

After Enfield we passed our second pedestrian waver of the morning, and there were more near our destination. Through Napoleons, we turned off to our final destination in Ross Creek for a picnic lunch.

Our lunch venue hosts, Brad and Helen Mollison, have an FJ Holden and motorcycle in their open living area, instead of a TV like the rest of us! Plus, a shed full of interesting vehicles.

Helen and Brad also have the most amazing picnic lunch set up around their front dam, with various areas set up to make sure visitors are comfortable.

Thankyou Brad and Helen for your wonderful hospitality, with the coffee and tea set out for us on our arrival.

And a huge thank you Frank and Jan for another great Sunday morning drive.

PS - Warren Harris - there are some old rusting tractors out at Happy Valley, not steam driven but perhaps worth a look on a drive by, or for whoever else may be interested in old farming equipment.

PPS Barry is truly grateful Jan is back - he really missed her range of cakes! And honestly this one was awesome. Yes, I had my annual piece of cake. Jan's caramel sponge cake was absolutely delicious. For those that didn't attend this run, you really missed out with this one. Unfortunately, no recipe can be given here. When Karen and I asked for a copy, Jan said she could but then she would then have to kill us. So, we compromised and she is leaving it to me in her will. Laughter ensued all round.

And if you haven't experienced a Naked Radiator Run, pack up some lunch and join Frank and Jan in whatever vehicle you want for the next run on 7th December. You won't be disappointed, a great drive with great company for lunch, always.

Cyndy Allison



Brett Holloway in the Roadster and Kevin Holloway in the Tourer receiving instructions from Jan Tamis



Kevin Holloway in his 1928 Chev Tourer ready for the 'off'. This car hasn't been out for a quite a while – nice to see it.



Attendees – Naked Radiator Run – Sunday 5th October 2025

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| Bruce & Rhonda Edwards | 1927 Packard Phaeton |
| Kevin Holloway | 1928 Chev Tourer |
| Brett Holloway | 1932 Chev Roadster |
| Frank & Jan Tamis, & Judy Mason | 1929 Plymouth |
| Tom Quinlan | 1929 De Soto |
| Gordon & Pam Roberts | 1929 Chrysler |
| Neville Finch | 1930 Ford Model A Coupe |
| Damian & Ruth O'Doherty | 1930 Ford Model A Coupe |
| Dale & Junie Collins | 1940 Cadillac La Salle |
| Nerene Backhouse | 1956 Austin A30 |
| Ivan & Helen Tarrant | 1966 Mustang |
| John Taylor | 1970 MG B |
| John Stevens | 1976 Holden Premier |
| Rick Thege, Heather Gingell & Tony & Lyn McDonald | 1984 Jaguar |
| Ray & Marj Drury | 1986 Jaguar |
| Daryl & Barb Mitchell | 1986 Mercedes Benz 300SE |
| Barry & Cyndy Allison | 1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette |
| Wayne Linker & Jocelyn | 1990 Mercedes Benz 300SE |
| Roger & Pam Curtis-Harding | 1993 Ford Capri XR2 |
| John & Gayle Pickering | 1994 ED Falcon |
| Karen Otto | 1999 Toyota Camry Touring |
| John Peart | 2000 Jaguar S Type |
| Hosts – Brad Mollison, Helen Mollison | |



John Taylor, Damian O'Doherty and Neville Finch catching up.



A very restful and peaceful spot to have lunch



Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. Delegate's Report

Federation Report

The latest Quarterly Delegates' meeting was held on Saturday 18th October in Llanelly, originally a Welsh settlement that was largely occupied by Welsh speaking miners. At their peak in the 1860s there were 20,000 in the area, a bit different to the current situation if you have been through that way. We were hosted by the Bendigo Historic Motorcycle Club, and they occupy the old school building, which they acquired in 2007. Established in 1980, they have 330 members with 700 motorbikes, and are the largest motorbike club in Victoria to have permanent clubrooms. They fund their club by running a motorcycle only swap meet - this year on 6th & 7th December, held at their clubrooms. If you are going through that area, they would love to see you and they offer camping - with external power to plug in to, as well as toilets and showers etc.

After a great lunch (that was backed up by a delicious afternoon tea after the meeting), there was a full meeting agenda. In attendance were new delegates representing Bendigo VVCC, Bay City Chryslers, and Maryborough Historic Car Club. I have identified the following as being of interest from the meeting:

Trophy Donations:

Request from VCCC Ballarat - for Begonia Rally February 2026 - approved

Thank you from Model T Club - a letter, together with an excellent update from Geof on their adventures for the week-long rally in Ballarat, with an estimated \$730,000 injected in to the Ballarat economy!

Capital Grants:

Deniliquin Collectors Club - purchase of laptop computer - paid.

Hamilton Veteran Vintage Drivers Club – contribution to replace split system - paid.

Events:

Picnic at Marong - another great day, thank you for attending, next year will be 30th August

Baw Baw Picnic – Sunday 26th October, with the large engines on display

Picnic at Mortlake – Sunday 29th March 2026 (save the date!)

Wunghnu Vehicle, Machinery and Collectable Display - Weekend of 28th – 29th March 2026

Picnic at Scoresby – 26th April 2026

Golden Oldies Tour (2026) – Save the Date! Vintage Vehicles only (1919-1930), leaving from Picnic at Marong Sunday 30th August 2026 for a week in the Swan Hill area. Tentatively in Bendigo 2 nights, Barham 3 nights, Swan Hill 2 nights.

Peter Mac Fundraiser – funds are flowing in, and we are hearing more of the need and the impact. As the fundraising has now topped \$10,000 there will be a spot on the Peter Mac honour board for Federation on behalf of Clubs. A reminder that clubs have tins, and the VCCC has one on the executive table if you have some loose change to contribute.

Bendigo Swap – 15th-16th November 2025

By the time this newsletter arrives the Swap will be imminent! All is in motion and I hope that if you are a site holder you have a great weekend. If you aren't a site holder, come along and have a look. You will notice some differences inside the ground, especially inside the main gate with building works.

Volunteers should have received an envelope with information.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF)

The AGM was held 3-5 October, and was hosted by Federation. Delegates attended from around the Country, with representatives from SA, WA, NSW, QLD and VIC. Friday night tour and dinner, Saturday meeting at the Newport Steam Rail Museum Workshop. Guest speaker Melissa Horne (Member for Williamstown and State Roads Minister), emphasis was on road safety. Discussion around lack of fuel supplies and only holding 24-31 days in Australia. National Motoring Heritage Day was well supported across the country. The editor of Spoke n Hub is seeking articles that might interest the movement nationally, if you have something, please send through.

Robert Shannon Foundation (RSF)

This year's scholarships were awarded and included two Federation member clubs - Mildura and Woorinen. In support of this, at each Federation meeting a raffle has been held, this time raising \$285 (and \$1,055 over the last year) with plenty of prizes distributed. I managed to win a third prize! As our Clubs were well supported with scholarships this year, Delegates approved a donation of \$1,500 from Federation to the RSF, in a hope of being an exemplar, encouraging other clubs to do the same - hold a raffle, make a donation, maybe even match it.

Vic Roads

Not a lot of activity this time, you will have seen the number plate survey (Custom Plates) and might have had your say. CPS renewals are generally received 4-6 weeks in advance. There was feedback at the meeting some are arriving late, either right up until renewal, or even just after. I recommend you check your MyVicRoads account (if you have one - if not get one!) and you can check the status - before, during and after renewal, to make sure it has been uploaded properly.

The prize for vehicle on display went to a lovely 1935 Triumph motorcycle (appropriate for the day).

The next Delegates' meeting is in February in Geelong.

Brett & Kevin Holloway, Federation Delegates

Sunday 19th October – Club Run – Mt Franklin (Trophy Points)

With the wind blowing a gale, we left Ballarat at 9.45am and travelled through Invermay, past the White Swan Reservoir, out to Dean then backtracked on narrow country roads to come near the back of Kingston. Then we made our way to Blampied where we travelled along the Ballarat/Daylesford Road before turning left onto West Street which took us to Hepburn Springs and left towards Hepburn and through Elevated Plains, past Lavandula and Cricket Willow onto Franklinford then to Mount Franklin.

By the time we arrived in sunny, warm and calm weather there were quite a few vehicles from a number of other invited clubs so we spread ourselves around the large central area and set up our picnic gear. Lyn & I spent the next hour or more wandering around welcoming and chatting with other clubs' members our own whilst checking out their varied selection of cars before rejoining our members for a picnic lunch. We were one of the last to head off at about 3pm.

We had 23 cars which left together from Mars Stadium in the morning with a total of 28 VCCC cars & 51 members attending. It was a successful day and I received a lot of positive feedback about the event, so am looking forward to doing it all again in October next year.

Thank you to every one for joining in the day's fun

Mike & Lyn Simpson



Glen & Pauline Whitbourne's Austin Lancer
with Brendan's BMW behind



John Clonan, Kevin Holloway, Tom Quinlan, Roy & Mandy Littlehales



Brett Holloway's lovely Dodge



Lyn Simpson, Jan Tamis, Karen Otto, Judy Mason, Barb Harris



Nerrida Lewis (& Charlie), Glen, Danielle & Lila Barrett



John Peart, John Paas and Barry Allison



Jack Walker ably assisted by daughter Shani Clark, Michelle Walker with Gayle Border

Attendees - Mt Franklin

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mark & Gayle Border | 1931 Ford A Model Victoria |
| Dale & Junie Collins | 1940 La Salle Convertible |
| Brett & Kevin Holloway | 1947 Dodge Sedan |
| Kevin & Lorelli Huggins | 1956 Riley Pathfinder |
| Jeff & Kerry Morecombe | 1957 Ford Customline |
| Glen & Pauline Whitbourne | 1958 Austin Lancer |
| Michael & Rachel Grose | 1959 Cadillac |
| Mike & Lyn Simpson | 1964 Sunbeam Alpine |
| Tom Quinlan | 1965 Peugeot Sedan |
| Nerrida Lewis | 1965 Hillman Minx |
| Daryl Crawley | 1965 Ford Galaxy Convert |
| Glen, Danielle & Lila Barrett | 1965 HD Holden Wagon |
| Merv & Maree Sherlock | 1966 Rover P5 Mk 3 |
| Richard English | 1967 MGB |
| Wayne Lineker & Jhoy Oga | 1970 Ford XW Falcon (Taxi) |
| Rod Gardner | 1970 Datsun 1200 Coupe |



Jeff & Kerry Morecombe's beautiful Customline

Roy & Mandy Littlehales
 Peter & Karen Grose
 John Clonan
 Brendan Stevens
 Warren & Barb Harris
 Barry & Cyndy Allison
 Frank & Jan Tamis, Judy Mason
 Roger Curtis-Harding
 Daryl & Barb Mitchell
 Karen Otto
 Jason & Harrison Wallis
 Graeme & Karin Johns

1970 Valiant Coupe
 1970 HG Holden Ute
 1978 Holden HZ Premier
 1986 BMW 320i Convertible
 1986 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit
 1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette
 1990 Bentley
 1993 Ford Capri XR2
 1996 Mercedes Benz 200SL
 1999 Toyota Camry
 1999 VS Commodore Ute
 2000 Mercedes Benz 200C



Beatrice (Nerrida Lewis) showing off her hardware

Car Display at Seniors Expo at the New Showgrounds on Wednesday 22nd October

Several months ago, the City of Ballarat Community Welfare Team asked me if we could perhaps put a few vehicles on display at the new showgrounds on Creswick Road for the Seniors Expo during the many events that were organised around the month of October for the Victorian Seniors Festival.

The motivation for inviting us along was to try and get more Senior men to these events. There were around 60 stalls as well as VCCC with give aways and advice in Aging Well, Support services, Volunteering, Hearing Checks, Exercise groups, Dancing, Health advice as well as all the Council Assistance that is available in Ballarat and Grampians region.

Despite the atrocious weather, we got 16 cars in early before the public started to arrive. We all spent the first hour drying the vehicles off (pictured right) but inside was warm and dry. There was some amazing free food and drinks, plus plenty of nick nacks being given away. The centre stage provided a variety of entertainment, singing, dancing of several varieties and group exercises such as Yoga and sit down exercise.



Warren Harris, Trevor Madden, Tom Quinlan and Wayne Lineker

Outside, the wind howled and rain fell for most of the day but the event attendance was up on last year according to the organisers. By about 2:30pm it was all over and we braved the drive home without leaving a drop of oil on their nice new floor. Big thank you to all those that assisted with vehicles and support.

Brendan Stevens



Warren's Marquette, Mark Frew's Plymouth, Nerene's A30 and Moyle's A Model



Above – Wayne's taxi, Mark Border's Model A and Bruce's Morris Minor



Drivers lined up in front of the display

FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

There will be a Book Review from Ron next month.

Library Report – November 2025

A 25/17 Vintage Drivers Club Newsletter Nov 22 to July 24
A 4052 Back Roads Australian Road Trips from ABC/TV series
A 4076 Ferguson Tractor Club Newsletter Aug 2009 to May 2015
A 3612 Avanti Magazine (Studebaker) Issue 203 and 204 2023
A 3612 Avanti Magazine (Studebaker) Issue 201 and 202 2023
A 3612 Avanti Magazine (Studebaker) Issue 199 2022
B 3987 The Hillman Minx Handbook 1932 to 1952
B 3988 Hillman Minx Sedan 1946
B 3989 Simple Car Repairs 1951 by E P Willoughby
C 1303/245 Australian Classic Car March 2013 and April 2013
C 1303/248 Australian Classic Car June 2013 and August 2013
C 3601/156 Australian Muscle Car Issue 153
C 7847 Wheels Magazine March 2025, August 2025, Jan 2026
C 7845 Wheels Magazine Oct 2024, July 2024, June 2024
C 7842 Wheels Magazine Feb 2024
C 7841 V.W. Magazine May/July 2025
C 7839 Beaded Wheels N Z Vintage Car Club Aug/Sept 2025
C 7840 The Automobile U.K. March 2025

*Gordon Roberts
Librarian*

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:
Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree Phone 5339 2056 Contact Neale
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat Phone 53337206 Contact Henry

GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – Permit Officer, Richard English has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

First and preferred option – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

Second Option – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

Third Option – Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fourth Option – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fifth Option – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

VERY IMPORTANT – When applying for a new Permit - PLEASE make sure you have ALL the necessary documents. This will save both you and the Permit Officer a lot of wasted time.

NOTE* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.

Australian Made – Who Knew??

1943 – Splayd or Splade – This is the combination of a knife, fork and spoon, and was invented by William McArthur after seeing ladies struggle to eat at barbecues with standard cutlery from plates on their laps. (Can you still buy them?)

1889 - Electric Drill - Arthur James Arnot patented the world's first electric drill while working for the Union Electric Company in Melbourne. He designed it primarily to drill rock and to dig coal. (I bet you didn't know it was that long ago!!)

CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED

All advertisements under Classifieds must include a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.

Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.

Deadline for articles – Tues 2nd December 2025 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

WANTED

Cast Iron Powerglide Transmission for mid 50's Chevrolet with 'Bell House' mounting. Prefer in good working order but will consider ones that may require overhauling. Engine No. VOI31TYG

Contact: Peter Rhodes - peter.r@databar.com.au or Ph. 0438 524 929

For Sale - All original Owners' Manuals -

| | | | |
|---|---------|--|---------|
| 1935 Chevrolet | \$40.00 | 1959 Standard Vanguard series 111 | \$30.00 |
| 1934 Standard 9 - 72 pages | \$80.00 | 1931 Morris Minor - 104 pages | \$80.00 |
| 1925 (circa) Jewett - 66 pages (no cover) | \$50.00 | 1950 (circa)Vauxhall Wyvern - 54 pages | \$40.00 |
| 1947 (circa) Wolseley 14/60 - 96 pages | \$60.00 | | |

Contact - Graeme Edward – 0409 850 192

For Sale - 2000 Toyota Avalon Grande

3.0Ltr V6, Power steering, Climate Control, Power Sunroof, Leather interior, Electric seats, 6 Stacker

7 Speaker CD player, Remote central locking, Power mirrors, Power windows, Trip computer, Remote Boot Release, New Alternator, New Battery, Fog lamps, Dual Front Airbags, Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Remote Keyless Entry, Engine Immobiliser, Cruise Control, Electric Adjustable Steering Column (Allows for tilt and telescopic adjustment)

VIN: 6T153XH1006012383 \$4,800 Ono

Contact - Amr 0417006111



For Sale - 1982 VH Commodore SL 3.3i Auto.

Colour is "Oyster" metallic Reg BFL-858, Vin J782463,

Eng # VL293049 Only 2 owners. 137,000 km's

Original plates & books. Interior is in immaculate condition.

Car is totally original and not molested in any way.

5 x SLE wheels plus original wheels. 4 new tyres & RWC. Ready to drive anywhere. Price \$15,000

Contact - Rob Nicholls - 0432 104 121

For Sale – 1930 Essex Super Six Sedan

From Deceased Estate – Engine No 959705

Good entry level vintage car, has belonged to a long-term Club Member for many years and covered a lot of miles on Club events.

Lots of patina (paintwork could be original) but it's a running, driveable club car in very original condition. May need some work for RWC / Safety check, previously on Club Permit 4-642 which has recently expired.

Selling unreg and without roadworthy. Offers above \$8,000.00

Please call **David Whiting 0408 300 691** to arrange inspection.



WATTO'S CLEAN OUT SALE - Contact Ian Watson – (Watto) – 0419 020 140

1950 Daimler DB18 Saloon

Engine No 2856415401 2.5lt 6 cyl engine

Restored in the late 1960s by my mum's partner, then wrecked by one of his relatives, restored again in the 1980s by me. Unusual pre-select gearbox (forerunner to modern automatic box). Presents well - Jaguar Regency Red over black guards, gold pinstripe, excellent whitewall tyres and dress rims, very reliable, lots of spare panels. Has been on Club Permit. Silly price \$12,000.00

1928 Ford Model A Tourer

Engine No CA47058 Now 12 volt with new starter, five near new white wall tyres, blue with black guards, bone interior, luggage rack with box. Presents well. \$17,500.00

All vehicles to be sold unregistered but with Safety Check or Roadworthy Certificate (as applicable)

2 x 10" Steel Mini Rims - \$50 pair

CLUB CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

For the Details of Events, see Pages 6 and 7 - also refer to the 12-month calendar.

~ Twilight Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

NOTE: These runs will recommence again in **October** with the start of Daylight Saving. They are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent). Club Eligible bikes only.

Contact Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001 if you would like to be included on his list to be notified when a run is happening.

| | | What | Where | Contact | Phone | Time |
|------------|---------|--|--|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| NOV | | | | | | |
| Sat-Sun | 15-16th | <i>Bendigo Swap</i> | <i>Bendigo Showgrounds</i> | | | |
| Thurs | 20th | Rustless Wanderers Lunch | Royal Mail Hotel Sebastopol | Rick Thege | 0428518770 | 12 noon |
| Fri | 21st | Club General Meeting | Ballarat North Community Centre | | | 7:30pm |
| Sun | 23rd | Pre 30's Run | See events on page 6 | Warrick Pitcher | 0408508303 | 9.30am depart |
| Tues | 25th | Committee Meeting | 1 Traminer Court Wendouree | | | 7.30pm |
| Sun | 30th | Club Run (Trophy Points) NOTE CHANGE OF DATE | Blackwood/ St Erth BYO lunch – Depart Melbourne Road Bus Exchange | Brendan Stevens | 0409018867 | 9:30am |
| DEC | | | | | | |
| Sun | 7th | Naked Radiator Run | Depart from Bendix | Frank & Jan Tamis | 5342 0621 | 10:30am |
| Thurs | 11th | Rustless Wanderers Lunch | Xmas Lunch Cattle Yards Inn | Rick Thege | 0428518770 | 12 noon |
| Fri | 12th | Club General Meeting | Ballarat North Community Centre | | | 7:30pm |
| Sat | 13th | Ladies Crafternoon | Ballarat North Community Centre | Jenny Ure | 0409954077 | 1-3:30pm |
| Sun | 14th | Xmas Break-Up | See Events page 7 | | | |
| Thurs | 25th | Xmas Day | Merry Christmas to all !!! | | | |
| JAN | | | | | | |
| Thurs | 1st | Sports Car Run | Melbourne Road Bus Exchange | Ray Reynolds | | 8:30am |
| Thurs | 1st | <i>Muckleford Picnic VSCC</i> | <i>Muckleford South Cricket Oval & old School for lunch</i> | | | From 11am |
| Fri | 16th | Club General Meeting | Ballarat North Community Centre | | | 7.30pm |
| Sat | 17th | Country Canter | TBA | Brendan Stevens | 0409018867 | 9:30am |
| Sun | 18th | Club Run (Trophy Points) | Kirks Reservoir Picnic | | | 4-7pm |
| Sun | 18th | <i>Show N Shine</i> | <i>Colac Motorfest</i> | | | 9-3pm |
| Mon | 26th | Australia Day Breakfast | Lions Park at Haddon | | | 8am |

Events in italics are hosted by other clubs/organisations. Calendar info to Brendan Stevens by **25th of each month**



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