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Held on the first Friday of each month, except January. Start Time: 8.00pm

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Whkinson Hall
Cnr William Street &
Burns Street
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ON THE COVER

A Beautiful 1972 Holden Torana GTR XU1 Finished in original Cinnamon Brown.

Photo by Bob Jones



Editorial Time Constraints!

Could all members please note.

All contributions towards each Bulbhorn publication, including advertisements and committee reports are to be on the editors desk no later than the 20th of the month prior to the next general meeting.

Editor.

M.V.V.C. Inc is a proud member of "Federation (Victoria)" & The New South Wales Southern Motoring Association Inc.





Click on the links below to view the Federation and SMA websites http://www.federation.asn.au http://southernmotoring.com/

For information of members and guests: alcohol is not for sale prior to or during meetings.

Committee / licensee







February 2021

Friday 5th (No Club Meeting)

Tuesday 9th Midweek lunch at Crown Hotel in Wentworth, meet at the Crown for lunch at 12:00. (Venue had to be changed as the Royal Hotel is now operating mainly as a bottle shop). Bookings are essential due to capacity

restrictions so if you are planning to attend, please ring me on 0428 345862 by Thursday 4th February.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st Veronica is organising a group booking for the MVVC at the Bushman's Rest Caravan Park at Lake Cullulleraine. All members wishing to attend please book your own site quoting MVVC membership.

All other members are invited to join the caravaners for a picnic lunch on Saturday at approx. 12:00. This is a BYO event, meet at Merbein South weighbridge ready to depart at 11:00am.

March 2021

Friday 5th Club Meeting at 8:00pm. At the Clubrooms (unless somebody changes it).

Sunday 7th Picnic lunch at Lock 10 Wentworth, B.Y.O. everything, commencing at 12:00. Anyone wanting a coffee

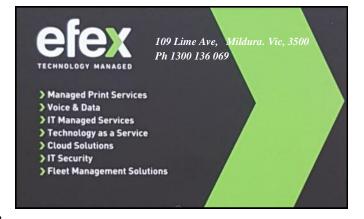
meet at Varapodio Estate at approx. 10:00am prior to heading to Wentworth at 11:00am.

FROM THE TREASURER

Member's membership cards for 2020 - 2021 will be available for collection from (Shane Downes) Sunraysia Garage Doors, Scott Crescent, Mildura, from Tuesday September 1st. The views and or comments expressed in this publication are those of the individual contributor and are not necessarily endorsed by the Club or the current Committee of the Club.

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A WINDY PICNIC AT JUNCTION PARK, WENTWORTH







Sunday December 6th, saw a good turn out of club members with their old cars at Junction Park, Wentworth.

Everyone took along a BYO everything picnic and shared in each others company.

It was a good day, although it was a bit cool and windy for the first week of December.





This could be the motor for the next East Family Oldsmobile restoration! (It could do with a new fan belt!)





Australia Day 2021









Australia Day 2021 turned out to be a good day for our club. Firstly the Traditional BBQ breakfast at the Buronga wetlands was off - on - and off again due to covid19 rules on gatherings. Then a gathering and a BBQ lunch was organised at our club rooms. Then our club was told we couldn't have a gathering with a meal there (due to covid 19 restrictions), so a change of location was agreed upon to the rotunda at Psyche pumps. Then on January 25th our region was blessed with 20mm of rain, making the road into the pumps impassable. The message went out to members informing them of yet another change, back to the club rooms.

About sixty members attended the BBQ which was followed by a meeting (which was in lieu of a February meeting.)



A huge "Thank You" goes to Frank and Rod who slaved over the BBQ on such a hot day!, to Leonie who coordinated everything, including preparation for the day, and in the kitchen, and to the members who supplied salads etc, and anyone else who helped the day go so smoothly.

Brent





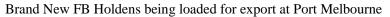


IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members with vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme must remember to produce their vehicle log book (for the previous year) to the Club Permit Officer / Registrar when requesting club verification for the following permit period.

<u>If the log book is not produced, the permit renewal will not be signed!</u>







The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it lets blind people know when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?'

Sent in by Leonie Lyttleton



The photo above is from a time when almost everyone wore a hat. I say almost because there is one young lad without a hat, and that makes him look out of place!

2021 FEDERATION. GOLDEN OLDIES TOUR



2021 Federation Golden Oldies Tour

1919 – 1930 Vehicles only

29 August-5 September 2021

The Federation Golden Oldies Tour is only open to Vintage vehicles (1919-1930). This Tour will travel through North-Central Victoria and will cover 1100km/680mile taking in Echuca/Moama, Deniliquin, Rushworth, Avenel, Seymour, Mitchelstown, Nagambie, Heathcote, Kyneton, Castlemaine, Maldon, Dunolly, Wedderburn and Bendigo. This is an opportunity to renew friendships with fellow Golden Oldies and visit museums, private collections and enjoy fun evenings and beautiful scenery.

At this time, we are seeking an **Expression of Interest** for people who would like to attend the Tour – please only complete the below if you are genuinely planning to attend the Tour. The decision to go ahead with the Tour will be subject to obtaining a sponsor and COVID-19 restrictions, and if there is a risk to congregate 120 people, offer accommodation or travel into NSW we reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel the Tour. **We will confirm on 2 April 2021** or advise everyone of a new date.

ENTRY FEE is planned as \$240per vehicle (depending on sponsorship) and will be payable with the Entry Form (when the tour is confirmed) Entry will include 2 adults for lunch at Marong, the final dinner and breakfast in Bendigo, some entertainment, tour numberplate and assorted memorabilia. For only 1 adult a discount of \$75 will apply. Key dates – Confirm event 2/4/2021, Entry opens 2/4/2021, Entry closes 30/6/2021. Meal Orders close 18/7/2021 (meal costs will not be refunded once meals are confirmed). Entry fee is payable when entry is confirmed. Cancellation fee after 1 July 2021 will be \$50.

Once we are able to confirm the Tour, we will recommend accommodation so anticipate this will be booked between April and June 2021 (discounts will be arranged and the motels will hold rooms for this period). Booking accommodation ahead is not recommended as some venues are not refunding deposits.

Day	Travel
Sunday, 29 August 2021	Marong-Echuca/Moama
Monday, 30 August 2021	Echuca/Moama & surrounds
Tuesday, 31 August 2021	Echuca/Moama - Nagambie
Wednesday, 1 September 2021	Nagambie & surrounds
Thursday, 2 September 2021	Nagambie-Castlemaine
Friday, 3 September 2021	Castlemaine - Bendigo
Saturday, 4 September 2021	Bendigo
Sunday, 5 September 2021	Bendigo

EMAIL Expression of Interest to GoldenOldies-Tour@outlook.com.au or MAILTo: Golden Oldies Tour, 41 Faradale Drive, Faraday, 3451 Questions? Call/text Anne on 0412848797 or Glenda on 0418345499



Golden Oldies Tour: 29 August – 5 September 2021 Expression of Interest (EOI)

I/We wish to take part in the 2021 Federation Vintage Golden Oldies Tour

Information collected for the EOI will only be used for the purposes for which it is being collected: (i) planning the Golden Oldies Tour 2021; (ii) processing and managing your registration and associated administration (such as hospitality, events and accommodation) including correspondence with you; and (iii) analysis of attendance statistics for Golden Oldies Tour evaluation purposes.

Drivers Name	Club		
Passenger/s	Vehicle Make		
Address	Year	Colour	
Suburb/Postcode	Reg No		
Mobile	Model		
Email address			

1959 Customline Convertible

This article originally appeared in the Bulbhorn, back in 2009. I spoke to Bruce Anderson, the then owner of this beautiful vehicle, a couple of weeks ago. Bruce informed me that he had sold the car to an enthusiast in Perth WA a few years ago. Bruce and his wife, Joan were entrants in the 2009 Vineland Rally. As I recall the Customline convertible was a real eye catcher as the rally toured around the district. Bruce was kind enough to take Carolyn and I, and (special guest of our rally,) Bev Brock, for a ride in the convertible. It was memorable for me because I had never been in a convertible before. There was almost no wind noise, just all of us talking (without having to raise your voice) and the rumble of the 351ci V8 up front as we travelled along the Sturt Highway at 110km/h. Enough from me. This is Bruce Anderson's Story as told in 2009.

Brent

found the 1959 Customline in Tumut, N.S.W. in April 2004. As I have a sedan of the same kind I thought I would like a convertible. Just chop the top off, leave it four doors. It would only take twelve months and \$15,000.00 total. Well - three years and \$30.000.00 plus, plus, here it is.

It sports a warm 351, with a auto F.M. gearbox, the original diff, disk brakes on the front, folding front seats, two doors made to fit after the post was moved back 7½ ins, careful to move them to match the length of the scuff plates of the American two door

I built my own version of an Electric top. I could have bought the full kit from the U.S.A. for \$8500.00 American dollars, or get a chap in Sydney to fit the same for \$16,500.00. Instead I bought just the proper canvas top, and then took months to design my own Electric Top.

The colours are Ford Blood Orange and Winter White. I imported the Rear Continental extension kit myself from Canada, I made the American Spats out of sixteen gauge, I bent them to shape over a gallon paint tin, and also made the rings inside and across the top of the windscreen and got them treated and chromed by a finisher in Dandenong. He took eight months to do most of the chroming; doing an excellent job with the diecast, due to the cost from different places, for all the chrome the cost was \$7000.00.

I got True fit Carpet Mouldings in Dandenong to dye the carpet, also an extra 7½ metres to do the boot and mats. \$700.00 the lot. I did 90% of the body work up to 2pack undercoat and got a local painter to apply the top coat only.

I have been asked a number of times where I found it, and did I convert it to right-hand drive?

I am very proud of what I have achieved and glad that I did take my time and do it as well as possible.

It is a delight to drive and cruising at 100kls on the open road is a whole new motoring experience.

Bruce Anderson - Swan Hill Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club.



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Limerick Ode To Our Pothole

I reported a pothole last week,
And the city did give it a tweak.
Have they fixed it? You're joking,
Or possibly toking.
Adding cones seems to be their technique.

By Madeleine Begun Kane









CLUB PERMIT OFFICER'S REPORT

New Members and their old vehicles!

Victoria: Scott Bobstchinski with a 1980 Datsun Utility

Frank Piscioneri with a 1966 Ford XP Utility

Gary Lipscombe with a 1939 Willys Overland Sedan

Adrian Gasperini with a 1979 Holden HZ Utility

Greg Scott with a 1965 Ford XP sedan

Maurice Gilardi with a 1986 Jaguar XJ Sedan

New South Wales: Sam Cross with a 1950 Armstrong Siddeley Whitley Sedan

Existing Members adding to their collection

David Screaton (1974 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow Sedan) David Blanch (1978 Jaguar XJ6 Sedan)

Interesting Things To Watch On The Tube!

Austin Motors Assembly Line (1930's) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxFemHWBHsE

Graham Paige Sedan (1939) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7GJGYp6US0

1923 Stutz Bearcat Roadster https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3m8hM9L867U

1914 Stutz Bearcat at Pebble Beach Motor Show 2019 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_teeeITyMMQ



Tyre pressure is often debated at length, and with so many tyre profiles these days, it's quite often difficult to get the answer you want. New cars have a sticker on the door pillar (driver's normally), giving the recommended pressures under various conditions. These pressures are suggested by the car manufacturer to give the most comfortable ride and may not be the same pressure that the tyre manufacturer will recommend. I remember some years ago, I was lucky to be enrolled in a driving course, paid for by my employer. After the theory session, we were taken out on the road in our work vehicles and instructed to call into the servo and inflate the tyres to 32psi (I think). We were told that at this pressure, which was higher than on the sticker, it was safer as the tyre was less likely to roll off the rim in an emergency manoeuvre.

I recently fitted new tyres to the Chev which are Coker Classic Radials but look like the original bias tyres. The supplier told me "about 32psi", and the tyre fitter gave similar figures. I have not been happy with this, so I sent an email to Coker in the USA, telling them of the size and vehicle on which they were fitted. 2 days later I received a nice reply, 41psi.

Moral: if you are unsure/unhappy, ask the tyre manufacturer. They make them and know the figures.

I recently restored a couple of old 2-gallon petrol tins, one of which was a rare Alba. It had traces of blue paint on it, so I sent off an email to Roadside Relics asking for advice. Next day came the colour name with the standard number. Into Mildura Crash Supplies with the info and 10 minutes later, Neil had a tin of the right colour. How easy was that?

As I have often stated, ask the man (or should that be person?) who knows. It saves a lot of time and sometimes money. Remember, there are experts around.

Rig



Happy New Year members, welcome to 2021, the year of un-certainty? Meetings are still in the future, events such as rallies are in the neve-never, but we can still enjoy our vehicles on runs. The Australia day event at Buronga was just too hard for the organisers, so we are doing our own thing. We have an indicated 70 persons attending the Psyche Pumps BBQ for Australia Day, and it is planned to have a meeting after the lunch. A report on the day will be in next month's Bulbhorn.

The motor industry has undergone some big changes over the last couple of months, the biggest change is the forming of Stellantis. This is the name of the new company following the merging of Peugeot and Fiat Chrysler. Brands include Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Abarth and Maserati. The latter has had an interesting life, after being started 107 years ago by four brothers. In 1968, Maserati was purchased by Citroen, 5 years later, was sold to Peugeot. Later, Alejandro de Tomaso bought it, soon after Chrysler bought a share, then Fiat bought it and then sold half to Ferrari. They then sold it back to Fiat along with Alfa Romeo, and they then merged with Chrysler! Did you follow all of that? The hope, among other things, is to make Maserati great again!

Meanwhile, Toyota has announced that they will not be producing electric vehicles anytime soon, rather sticking with hybrids. Last year, nearly 70% of the top selling RAV4 vehicles were hybrids. Toyota claim that by 2025 there will be a hybrid version of every model. They are continuing research into fuel cell vehicles, as well as battery technology. The company claim the people will readily pay a \$2,000 premium for an EV, but not \$20,000.

Figures for EV sales in Australia are not easy to obtain, as Tesla doesn't release their figures. (Industry claims 1,769 electric vehicles were sold last year, plus the un-known Tesla figure.) It does not look like I'll be driving an electric Hilux for a while!

Rig

Club Permit

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Victoria

Could All Members Please Note!

Whilst the Covid19 pandemic rules are in force, you must ensure that your club permit/s are current. They are easily overlooked, especially if the vehicles are not being used.

NO SMOKING

IN THE CLUB ROOMS
OR ON THE GROUNDS
TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS
SET BY THE WENTWORTH SHIRE

If you are able to provide transport for those members unable to drive themselves to meetings, or are a member who is unable to attend a meeting and would like other members to assist with transport, please contact Jan Collins on the Monday prior to the meeting.

THE UNCLASSIFIED COLUMN

Bulbhorn Advertisements for Sale/Purchase of Vehicles or Parts will attract a \$15.00 fee for non members for three issues only Members Ads are free and will be advertised for 3 Issues then removed, unless resubmitted.

Please note: Government legislation requires that we publish the **registration number** or the **engine/chassis number** and **cash price** of any vehicles that are offered for sale in this publication.

Please Inform the editor if you sell or acquire what you have advertised in the Bulbhorn. Check your shed. Are there any unwanted spare parts? Help others restore their vehicles and advertise in this space.

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FOR SALE

A few items for sale by negotiation

- Ford Prefect engine with twin carbies
 - unknown radiator
 - collection of hub caps

Ian Cook 0428 165 355

02/21









Club Items Available From The Property Officer

Stubby Holder	\$ 8.00
Key Rings	\$ 6.00
Car Badges	\$ 15.00
Large Hat Badges	\$ 5.00
Cloth Badges	\$ 5.00
Caps	\$ 13.00
Polo Shirts	\$ 25.00
Polo Flash Shirts	\$ 27.50
Polar Vests	\$ 25.00
Polar Fleece	\$ 35.00
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