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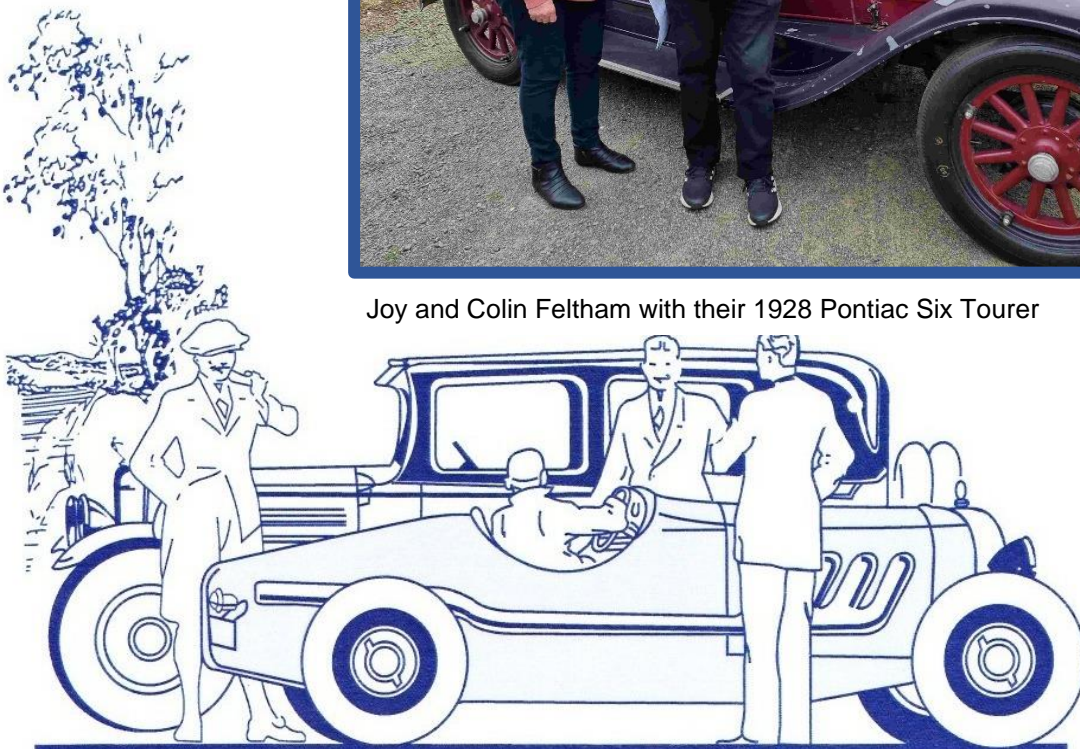
Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Joy and Colin Feltham with their 1928 Pontiac Six Tourer



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

Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM during Eastern Standard Time

NOTE: The next General Meeting will be held Friday, 16th June 2023 at the VCCC clubrooms

Life Members

Alan Firms, 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 and Gordon Roberts

Newsletter

Articles for the **July 2023** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 27th June 2023**

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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The Club Library will be open 10am until 12noon – 2nd Wednesday of each month – next is **14th June** then **12th July** and **9th August**

EDITOR'S COMMENT

In this month's issue you'll find the nomination forms and details for our upcoming Annual Meeting in August. Nominations close at the close of the July Committee Meeting. Please give due consideration to putting your hand up to help keep our Club running – it is your Club and it cannot run without your input. Also, in this issue are some great reports from recent events – together with photos. Hope you enjoy the reading.

Nerene Backhouse

HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations

We send our congratulations to Kate McKinnon and Rob Lindsay following the birth of Kate's grandson, Flynn Henry. And we also congratulate Bruce and Jean McKinnon – Flynn is their great grandson.

Welfare

Unfortunately, Glenn Barrett missed the Lake Bolac Camp Out for the first time in many years due to having had a hip operation just before that. We trust that his recovery is going well. Another one who has had an operation is Ken Hart who had back surgery last month. Our best wishes have been sent for a full recovery.

We continue to convey our thoughts to those with ongoing conditions, and hope your treatments are keeping you comfortable – we do miss having you about the Club.

Bereavements

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Rebecca Cole, the daughter of members Steve and Alison Cole last month. Rebecca is Les and Yvonne Cole's granddaughter, and Bob Cole's niece. Our sincere condolences have been conveyed to them all.

SECRETARY'S NOTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd May, 2023

1 New Member Applications

The following new Member applications were received from:

Ashley & Brenda Fithall from Magpie who have a 1938 Buick Special Sedan. They have been nominated by Rod Featherston and Greg Crick

Peter & Anne-Maree Nelson from Lockwood South who have a 1988 Mercedes 230E Sedan. They have been nominated by Brendan Stevens and Ron Damen

Gerard & Sally Ahern from Lal Lal who have a 1985 Mazda RX7. They have been nominated by Richard English and Graham Lambourn

Providing no objection to the above applicants is received by the President prior to the June General Meeting, and provided they are in attendance at that meeting, they will be accepted as Members.

2 Moving Forward Workshop

Julie White is still collating the information collected and will forward back to the Club for distribution to those who attended when completed

3 Life Membership Qualification

An updated Nomination Form has now been compiled by Committee and is available for anyone wishing to nominate a Member for Life Membership.

4 Membership Fees

The Club Budget for 2023 – 2024 has been set and membership fees for the coming year have been retained at \$75 per member. Membership renewal forms will be included in the July issue of the Newsletter. Membership receipts and cards will be emailed to members. Please make sure your email address is included on the renewal form.

5 Second TV and PA System

A second TV to match the existing one will be purchased and set up in tandem with the one already in the Clubrooms. Both TVs will be set up so that they can be multi-directional.

Also, to be purchased is a PA system for use at any outdoor activities and events (ie Begonia Rally etc.)

6 Business style cards

Cards are in the process of being printed which can then be handed out at Club functions and outings. The cards will contain information about our Club with space on the reverse side to add extra details.

7 Inaugural Around Town Drive

The first Town Drive will be on Saturday 29th July. Further details will be available at the June General Meeting, as well as in the July newsletter.

8 Printed Yearly Calendar

Committee has received a proposal from Judy Hill of producing a yearly calendar with club vehicles on each month. The Committee has endorsed the idea with the proviso that she obtains permission from owners of the vehicles she will be using. She is wanting an idea of how many calendars to print, so contact her if you are interested in having a copy, cost \$15. It will only be available to members. Tel 0422 692 550.

Nancy Jackson,
Secretary

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday 18th August 2023. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a Nomination Form for Committee and Team Leaders positions for 2023 - 2024. Please give some thought to standing for a position, or for nominating somebody to fill a role as the Club cannot function without some willing leaders.

Closing date for nominations will be at the close of the Committee Meeting on Tuesday 25th July 2023

Committee Positions to be filled –

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Club Captain
Property Officer
Publicity Officer
Committee (3)

Vice President
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Treasurer

Team Leader Positions to be filled:

Editor
Librarian
Webmaster
Membership Officer
Social/Catering
Permit Officer
Federation Reps 1 and 2
AOMC Reps 1 and 2

Nancy Jackson
Secretary

Cover Story – how I came by such a nice car - purely by accident!

I came by this car via a very good friend who could not change the tyre on the rim.

He asked me to do it and after I fitted the wheel, it was still very loose so I thought that the wheel bearing needed adjusting. Big mistake taking the bearing cap off as the locking nut was blue and a number of ball bearings fell out on the ground. Further investigations led to discovering that the stub axle was almost cut through in two places. Not being a GMH man, I had to deal with a king pin for the first time, having to remove and refit it. My nephew, Wayne Feltham at Nimrod Engineering welded the stub axle and it was machined by Peter Hughes from Status Engineering. Surprising to me, a complete bearing set was available from Ballarat Bearings off the shelf.

After I had it all back together, I took Joy out to my friends as well and the owner said "Felth, you need this car", to which I replied, "no, I play with Jaguars". Then Joy said, "I like this" and it quickly turned out that we bought the car. As it was made the same year Joy's Mum was born, it has gained the nick-name of Gladys.



Previous history from the owners was that it was restored in 1970 and driven daily until 1980. The original owner was a WW2 veteran with shrapnel in his back and could no longer get in and out of it after 1980. His father owned a new one when he was a boy.

Luckily it was stored under cover for forty years so it only needed minor repairs to get back on the road. It has come with many spares - some have been used. A new headlight switch was fabricated by Peter Hughes, the Speedo was checked by Benny in Winter Street, the brakes needed adjusting and pivot points lubricated. This made an immense improvement to the ability to stop. A stop light switch was found, exactly the same as some old motor bikes. New tyres finished the project and it has completed two Naked Radiator runs.

While I had driven cars with conventional tyres and some steering wheel movement, it has taken some getting used to bump steering, having an accelerator pedal between the clutch and brake pedals, and bouncing down the road like a water bed. (It does not have shock absorbers). A new life experience driving this vehicle.

However, Joy likes the car and the car runs, so it is here to stay.

Colin Feltham

COMING EVENTS – June - July 2023

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

Saturday 10th June – Ladies Craft Afternoon 1.30 – 4pm

We have been completing some interesting crafty items so far this year. If you would like to join us for a relaxing afternoon, you will be most welcome. At the time of printing, it is undecided what we will do in June, but it will be something useful. We just ask that you bring a plate of afternoon tea to share please.

Contact Jenny Ure for further information – Tel 0409 954 077

Wednesday 14th June Club Library Open 10am – 12noon

Wednesday 14th June – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch Get Together at Clubrooms – 11am – 2.30pm

These get togethers are just that – people meeting for a catch up and having a chat, as well as a coffee and/or BYO lunch. There have been two so far with a good attendance, so why not come and check it out for yourself. They are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month – which means the second Wednesday is also the Library Open Day where you could look for a book to borrow. Check the Club calendar at the back of the newsletter each month for the dates, but you can put them on your calendar now – next one will be 28th June, and in July they are on 12th and 26th.

For further information, contact Ray and Marj Drury – 0417 840 623

Thursday 15th June - Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Park View Hotel, Sturt Street Ballarat

Make your own way there. Bookings required by Monday 12th June – ring Rick Thege 0428 518 770

Friday 16th June – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm

Sunday 18th June – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Cricket Willow

Leave from Doctors (Old Masters) carpark Learmonth Road at 9:45am. Morning drive out the backroads to Clunes for morning tea. We will continue on backroads to **Shepherds Flat, Cricket Willow** for lunch and if you are feeling energetic, a tour of the facility. Bring your own food. Coffee and tea will be available at Cricket Willow and a tour is \$6 per person. Might call into Daylesford Mill Market on the way home. Brendan 0409 018 867

Tuesday 20th June – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th June – Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 28th June – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch Get Together at Clubrooms – 11am – 2.30pm

See details above – contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Saturday 8th July – Ladies Crafternoon 1.30 – 4pm

Contact Jenny Ure for further information – Tel 0409 954 077

Monday 10th July – Fold and Label Newsletter

Wednesday 12th July - Club Library Open 10am – 12noon

Wednesday 12th July – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch Get Together at Clubrooms – 11am – 2.30pm

See details above – contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Thursday 20th July – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Wallace Hotel – Xmas in July

Make your own way there. Bookings required by Monday 17th July – ring Rick Thege 0428 518 770

Friday 21st July – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd July – Bingo Night – Xmas in July theme – 7pm – 7.30pm eyes down

Come dressed with your Christmas bling on or come in a Christmas outfit. Prizes for the best dressed.

Bingo books \$3.00 each - Tea/coffee supplied - BYO drinks and nibbles, and glasses. Start getting your table group organised now. **Bookings essential** – contact Jenny Ure 0409 954 077

Sunday 23rd July – Monthly Club Run – Metcalfe Holden Museum

We will be leaving from the Old Masters/Ballarat Doctors/Centrelink car park on Learmonth Road at 9.30am. The run will be just over 100kms in each direction.

Along the way, we will have a morning tea/toilet break before we arrive at the **Metcalfe Holden Museum** about 20kms east of Castlemaine. This is a small privately run museum that is only open to the public by appointment. It contains several historic Holden vehicles and a lot of memorabilia from a local family owned Kyneton Holden dealership. Outside is a large collection of early Holden cars in various states of repair - some of them are currently for sale.

The museum has requested a \$10 cash donation for everyone who enters the museum. This is the only fundraising they have to run and maintain the museum.

John & Gayle Pickering 0408 914 943

Tuesday 25th July – Committee Meeting; close of Nominations for the AGM

Saturday 29th July – Inaugural Around Town Drive with morning tea stop. Details in next month's newsletter.

Andy Burns 0428 935 988

PAST EVENTS

Lake Bolac Camp Out – 17th – 23rd May

Gus and I arrived on Wednesday 17th and came home on Tuesday 23rd, not quite the week.

Whilst it was quite cold and wintry (one night was particularly stormy), there was time to sit and chat around the cosy campfire, cook the Sunday roast; and enjoy the most delicious scones, jam and cream (everyone agreed they were awesome); and have a nice break away from our everyday lives.

I would like to thank Nerene for liaising with the Ranger on the club's behalf; her behind the scenes work cleaning the old brick toilets to a dazzling sparkle (both Gents and Ladies), and for being her cheery smiling self all week. Thanks also of course to those who provided the wood for the fire. Hopefully will see you all again next May, and maybe have a bit nicer Autumn weather! Cheerio, Heather Angow

Campers at Lake Bolac

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| Garry Hayward | 1975 HJ Holden; modern caravan |
| Nerene Backhouse | 1988 Nissan Skyline; 1947 Caravanette |
| Mark Border | Modern; 1971 Olympic caravan + firewood |
| Mike & Lyn Simpson | Modern; Vintage caravan |
| Peter & Judy Fitzgerald | 1998 Terios; motorhome |
| Heather & Gus Angow | Modern; Penguin caravan |
| Bruce Kerr | Modern; modern caravan |
| Wayne Lineker | Modern; modern caravan |
| Tom Quinlan | Modern; swag + firewood! |
| Trevor Madden | Modern motorhome |
| Noel & Glenis Trengove | Modern; modern caravan |



Plenty of helpers to unload the second load of wood

Visitors – Trevor & Faye Parry (Goldfields Club); Robert Frampton (Grampians Club) – thank you for coming.



This is called toasting the other side!



All hands on deck preparing veggies for the camp roast . . . and this is the result!



Wayne Lineker, Bruce Kerr, Garry Hayward, Gus and Heather Angow, and Faye Parry (Goldfields Club) enjoying the rare bit of sunshine we had.

May Club Runs – National Motoring Heritage Day 21st May - 3 Events

1 Lake Bolac 21st May

At 10am, Frank and Jan Tamis departed the car park at Starbucks at DTC – all on their lonesome! It was an uneventful drive down along the Glenelg Highway to the Camp Out. A short shower of rain shortly afterwards sent everyone scurrying for cover, but by lunch time the sun came out for a brief while. The campers were happy to see their visitors and duly set about the usual banter and chatter. It was a great pleasure to see John Carroll and Claudia Morris from the Colac Collectables Club. With the weather being so troublesome, the visitors departed by about 3 o'clock.

Attendees - Sunday – Club Run

Frank & Jan Tamis 1990 Bentley Visitors – John Carroll & Claudia Morris (Colac Collectable Club)

2 Ballarat Heritage Vehicle Display – 21st May 2023

After the success of last year, the VCCC was again invited back by the City of Ballarat to organise the Heritage Vehicle Display for the first weekend of the Heritage Festival. The Council this year allocated the full length of Lydiard Street from Mair to Sturt as a closed road for the day, and we did our best to fill that area with a wide variety of vehicles to celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day.

As a slightly different theme this year the vehicles were arranged by country of origin. Not as easy as it sounds as there were 20's and 30's Chevs and Chryslers that were completely bodied in Australia with imported mechanicals. We did what we could without getting into a DNA test with a large number of British and US vehicles in the veteran class and plenty of Aussies from FX on.

A small range of Europeans with Ferrari and Fiat for Italy, some Citroen and Renault from France and one lonely Volvo from Sweden. The VW club assisted with representing the German group along with some BMW's from local owners. Some people were also surprised to see the Fords T and A model had come out of Canada.

There was a wide range of bikes from 1904 Peugeot up to Yamaha V Max from the '80's. The trucks also created some big interest ranging from Warren Harris' huge AEC with the Morris Ellis truck on board, down to Kevin Holloway's beautiful old '29 Chev. President Andy Burns also added to the variety with his Dodge truck and Vanguard with a wooden trailer, both loaded with farm implements.



The roll up of vehicles started in very cold, wet and windy conditions at about 8am. But thankfully the day improved greatly as the clock moved forward with some sunny breaks in the afternoon. The weather certainly didn't put the hardy Ballarat crowd off with the street full from the 10am start through to the 3pm finish. The atmosphere was also enhanced with terrific music from the Brass Band on the deck of the George Hotel and the outstanding singing trio of Ladies dressed in Second War Army Uniforms singing classics from the time such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy". Lydiard Street businesses and institutions like the Library and Mining Exchange were kept busy

as well with people moving around to get out of the cold and enjoy what was on offer.



This event would not happen without the generosity of members with both their vehicles and their time. Big thanks must go to the volunteers who helped guide vehicles into parks in the morning and stayed all day assisting the public and members with enquiries, and again traffic directing as vehicles began heading home after 3.

Also, to the drivers who ferried owners of several displayed vehicles back and forth to get all of them in and out without a hitch - thank you. To all the volunteers and owners, I hope you all enjoyed the day and thanks must also go to the "Event Organising Crew" from Council who did their best to get the right placards onto the right vehicles.

Brendan Stevens

Op Shop Roundabout – Friday 26th May

A group of 8 fun loving bargain hunters gathered at the clubrooms for the Op Shop Roundabout. After enjoying a quick cuppa, we headed out to Brown Hill following a recommendation from Brendan Stevens. Then it was out to Sebastopol visiting four op shops before lunch. We had a very nice lunch break at the Flying Horse Bistro, before setting off again to visit two more. We'd had enough by then, so called it quits. Stay tuned for when we are holding part 2, which will be in the Wendouree area. All in all, it was a great day's bargain shopping. Those who went were Jenny Ure, Jenny Trewin, Jenny Groves, Jan Tamis, Nerene Backhouse, Barbara Harris and Judith Bandy.

Jenny Ure

Winton Bus Trip – 28th May

Historic Winton Classic Car and Bike Racing and Display – 28th May

Historic Winton is Australia's longest running, all historic car and motorcycle meet. The Austin 7 Club does a great job every year to set up and run this event, rain, hail or shine. This year it was shine on Saturday and rain on Sunday but the light all day drizzle didn't deter the competitors from all over Australia.

The intrepid crew from VCCC set off in the mist at 6:30am from Ballarat Toyota and left their vehicles in the security of the fenced yard of the dealership for the day. (Thanks Daryl Crawley). Our 24- seater bus and lockable trailer (Thanks Colin Hill) rocked and rolled its way down the Western and up the Hume with a traditional morning tea and nature break at one of the big truck stops on the Hume. Our drivers (thanks Warrick and Rob) did a great job through the persistent precipitation to get us to the track and park close to facilities.



Warrick Pitcher and Rob Lindsey took turns to share the driving



From here on, it was rug up, grab your brolly, find a coffee and food, and catch up with a few people and sights that you hadn't seen for a year or 2. The competitors rolled out all day on vintage, veteran and classic vehicles with quite a few getting a bit agricultural and visiting the sand traps and grass surrounds of the track in the slippery conditions. The food and merchandise vendors were kept busy keeping people warm, dry and fed with a few rare bargains coming home in people's backpacks.

The best place to keep warm and dry was by wandering the undercover pit areas. The owners are always very happy to have a chat about their rare vehicles and let their fellow enthusiasts get up close and throw a question or 2 their way.

It never fails to amaze me the technology that was being used in some of these 70-100-year-old cars and bikes to get the maximum performance and handling from the old beauties.

The highlight of the day is the grand parade of competitors and private vehicles around the track in the early afternoon with the bikes, cars, trucks and buses from all eras on show (pictured below). We also caught up with a couple of locals who put in the full weekend. Merv and Maree Sherlock were there and the O'Doherty's who gave the Perkolilli Model A Ford a few laps on the tarmac on Saturday. Damian thought better of it on Sunday with the slippery conditions and the - how can we say? - variable brake performance between each wheel. Their main worry was whether the motorhome would get out of the camping area.



Our bus loaded up again after the last race with the heater cranked, and steam rising from all the wet jackets. After a fill of fuel at Benalla we proceeded back down the Hume with a tucker stop half way home to refill the bellies a little bit more. It was after 9:30pm when we got back to Ballarat Toyota and people headed off home. A long but as usual, an enjoyable day with non-stop action on track and chatter all the way on the bus. We look forward to next year and perhaps some sunshine.

Brendan Stevens



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

The latest Quarterly Delegates' meeting was held Saturday 6th May in Bendigo and was hosted by the Veteran Vintage & Classic Club of Bendigo, who provided lunch and afternoon tea. The Club was introduced and provided some of the history behind their clubrooms and facilities.

It started in 1984 when the Club purchased a trailer for use by members, and there was nowhere appropriate to store it. Land was secured and the original clubrooms built, followed by a mechanics pit, a sandblaster and other machinery. Over time there was an extension (to the front) to increase the meeting capacity, then the kitchen. As the Club has evolved, they added a hoist (which needed an extra shed) which has recently been replaced with a new hoist, together with various machinery and workshop tools. This is all in and around the existing building.

There are also now two additional sheds, one which holds the tandem car trailer (in its 3rd iteration now), together with barbeque trailers, tables and chairs etc, and the other is the Swap shed which houses all the equipment needed for the Bendigo Swap.

The Bendigo Club manages the Bendigo Swap on behalf of the Federation and shares the proceeds, which they have been able to put to good use for the benefit of their members.

It was good to be able to meet and mix with the Bendigo members in their own environment who are involved with the Swap.

The meeting included all standard Agenda items and finished with afternoon tea before heading for home. The items I have identified as worthy of reporting are as follows:

Picnic Days:

All the completed picnic days from March were reported on. There was also an update on the fundraiser in support of Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation. From the collection tins returned so far, and other donations, currently we have collectively raised \$3,500, and this figure will increase as more tins are returned and other events finalised.

The next one is the biggest Picnic Day - at **Marong** (Bendigo) being held on Sunday 27th August, which is also the start of the Federation Tour (see below).

Bendigo Swap – 11th/12th November 2023. All outdoor sites are now booked out, all indoor sites in the BEC centre are booked out, there are a few remaining in the REC centre. The feature in the middle of the BEC centre this year will be Barn Finds or Survivor Cars (carried forward from last year). Advertising will commence soon, and flyers are now available (I have left some at the Clubrooms, if you would like some to distribute around let me know). There will be no show and shine this year.

Volunteers – the request for volunteers has arrived at the Clubs. Shifts are for 2 hours (you can do multiple shifts), for this you will receive a weekend pass, a volunteer badge, and a \$10 refreshment payment. Plus, the VCCC also receives \$20 per shift. There are shifts available from 8am Friday through to 1pm on Sunday, please let Nancy know if you can spare a few hours. The first draft of the rosters will be complete in July so get on it. A reminder that volunteers are important as the Swap is owned by Federation, run “by the movement” and “for the movement”, with proceeds used to fund Federation activities and therefore return to the historic vehicle movement as well.

Federation Tour (2023)

Federation Tours are for the enjoyment of member clubs and their members, this year is the *Open Tour* (for vehicles 25+ years old) and will be the “North West Tour”, starting at Marong Picnic, heading to Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton, visiting and supporting areas affected by the recent floods in Northern Victoria. Further information and entry forms available at www.federation.asn.au

Trophy Donations & Capital Grants – there was an application from Hamilton Club for a trophy for their King’s Birthday Long Weekend rally in June, which was approved. Gippsland Historic Automobile Club was successful in applying for a Capital Grant to support the purchase of a laptop, and Dandenong Valley have enquired for a Capital Grant to purchase banners, which needs some further information and pricing.

AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation) – Newsletters are becoming frequent - titled “Spoke’n’Hub Torque”, previous editions can be viewed on the Federation website (under the Affiliates tab). if you have any articles that you think would benefit the movement, please send them in.

There has been an interesting publication put out by OHA (Operating Heritage Australia) in relation to emissions and calculations of comparatives.

National Heritage Motoring Day – the aim is to be seen and heard, please feedback any reports that show the movement in a positive light.

There has been a request for AHMF to again take up the sharing of information when the event of a stolen vehicle or collection occurs.

There has also been a request to regenerate the services directory that was published many years ago by the VDC, the most recent request being for someone to restore gauges (for pressure equipment).

ATO Activity – the Treasurer was asked for an update and advised that although the ATO have continued to publish not-for-profit news, the focus since August last year has been many and varied, but little regarding the new requirements. The latest edition stated that with the new reporting requirements coming into effect 1 July 2023, this provides a timely opportunity to review purpose and activities, and those with an active ABN will be required to lodge an annual self-review return to access income tax exemption. It goes on to say “we’re currently designing the return that will need to be lodged, from 1st July 2024, for the 2023-24 income year.” This is not too much different to the advice the ATO issued in August last year where they said “we’re currently developing the administrative infrastructure to make lodgements quick, easy and simple. This will include how the form is designed, collected and used. We anticipate developing new guidance that will provide clear examples of reporting requirements and transitional arrangements that may need to be put in place.” So still a work in progress, and no clearer for Clubs that may need to alter the way they keep records from 1st July 2023.

Federation Website

The new Federation website is constantly being updated, with more and more information. Check it out at www.federation.asn.au and as it is now easier to upload documents, please feed anything through that might be of interest to the movement.

Joint Working Party - meeting with AOMC

The focus of the most recent meeting was to discuss the formation of the Consultation Group with VicRoads/Department of Transport. They have agreed to meet, the date has been set, the meeting worked through items to be covered, the approach to take etc.

Still waiting on separate engagement regarding the issue around the rights of number plates and special interest plates etc.

Next will be to look at engaging with other stakeholder groups.

If there are any topics to be taken to these meetings, please advise your Federation or AOMC rep.

Other Club Events

Hamilton Club rally is back on again in June 2023 - King’s Birthday Long Weekend.

Trafalgar Truck Restorers reported on a Hay Run they were able to do to Rochester, to support farmers flooded in that area.

The Federation prize for car on display was awarded to a 1959 Austin Healey ‘bug eye’ Sprite, owned by a young enthusiast, who was also showing recognition of support provided during the restoration project by the Robert Shannon Foundation via the AHMF.

The next Delegates’ meeting is scheduled for August in Hobsons Bay, which will include the AGM as well.

Brett & Kevin Holloway
Federation Delegates

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BLUEBIRD AND THE DEAD LAKE

June, 2023

The Story of the Strangest Record Ever Won!
By John Pearson

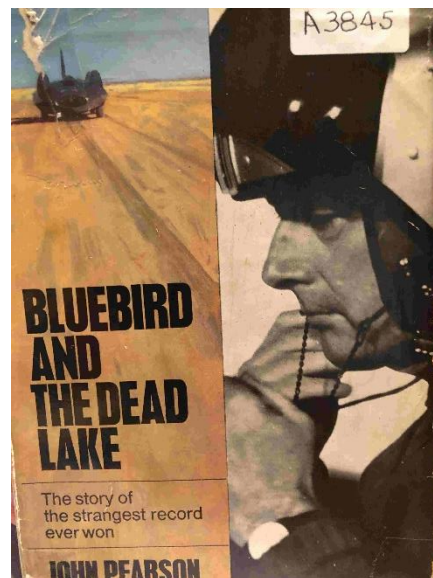
Published in 1965

188 Pages

This book is the detailed story of Donald Campbell's Land Speed record at Lake Eyre, South Australia in 1964. The story is that supreme rarity – a story of heroism that is frank about its hero, and a true respect of events which reads like a thrilling adventure story.

A salt lake in the dead heart of the South Australian desert; an aborigine's curse; a wife who had to watch her husband risk his life day after day; the memory of a crash nobody mentions and never forgets; and a last chance to snatch a land speed record after nine years of disaster - these might be the ingredients of a novel. In fact, they form the background to the actual drama of Donald Campbell's successful fight for the land speed record at Lake Eyre in July 1964 in his Bluebird CN7 car at 403.10mph.

Prior to this record attempt, the existing record at 394 mph had been set by John Cobb in 1948. Since then, Craig Breedlove had reached 412mph in a jet-propelled car with three wheels. But Breedlove's speed had not been a world record. At that time the Federation Internationale d'Automobile in Paris was still refusing to recognise jet – propelled vehicles for land speed records. Only a car like Bluebird, driven through its wheels, was eligible. This was to change years later.



Prior to each run of Bluebird, an Australian Elfin Racing Car was used for high-speed testing of the lake's surface. Chrysler Valiant cars were also used at up to 90mph on the service track parallel to the main Bluebird track during each test run.

In addition to bringing his Bluebird CNT car to Adelaide, Donald Campbell had also brought out his ten-year-old Bluebird K7 boat. It was decided to try to be the first person to achieve a new land speed record and water record in the same year. The Bluebird Hydroplane was taken to Lake Bonney, near Barmera in South Australia, but only achieved 216 mph as the lake was too small. This occurred on November 23rd 1964. They then took the boat over to Lake Dumbleyung in Western Australia where a new world water speed record of 276.33 mph was achieved on December 31st 1964. This part of the story is not in the book, but all the details are on the internet.

This very interesting second-hand book was donated by an ex-Club Member for our Library, and, in it were 4 photographs attached. The first was a signed black and white photograph of Donald Campbell; the second is a photograph of the Bluebird Hydroplane boat at Lake Dumbleyung with a Valiant station wagon; the third is a photograph of a commemorative sign for Donald Campbell CBE for the K7 Bluebird Project for fifty years 1964-2014 in Australia. The final photograph is of the metal plaque at Lake Bonney.

After leaving Australia, Donald Campbell took his Land speed record car and hydroplane back to England to



prepare the boat for another water speed record on Coniston Water – a long lake in the English Lakes District. His father, Sir Malcolm Campbell, had been the holder of both land and water speed records in the 1930s. During the summer of 1939 Malcolm Campbell had set a new water speed record of 141.74 mph using a number of Bluebird Hydroplanes over the years.

At 8.42 am on 4th January 1967, world speed record breaker Donald Campbell commenced an attempt on Coniston Water to break his own Australian water speed record of 276.33 mph. On the first of the two obligatory runs Bluebird K7 Hydroplane was recorded at an average of 297 mph. On the return run at a speed estimated to be in excess of 320 mph Bluebird soared into the air, somersaulted and crashed, disintegrating on impact with the water surface. Donald Campbell died in the impact.

At Holker Hall, near Coniston Water, there is the large Lakeland Motor Museum, with the very extensive Campbell Exhibition, paying tribute to speed ace Sir Malcolm Campbell and his son Donald Campbell who, between them, had captured 21 world land and water speed records for Great Britain.

Postscript - On September 29th 1952, travelling at 206mph on Loch Ness in Scotland, in another attempt to gain the world water speed record, John Cobb also lost his life after holding the land speed record of 394 mph achieved in 1948. There is a John Cobb Memorial Cairn on the edge of the Loch Ness 3.5 miles from Drumnadroicht.

Ron Gay

THE 1937 PACKARD 115 C

CLIVE CARMICHAEL

From an early age I remember my old Dad saying Packard motor cars were the best. This was during the latter stages of WW2 when private cars were almost non-existent on our roads. Petrol was unavailable to private motorists and their cars were put in their garages “on blocks,” unusable because of the lack of fuel. And there they sat until after hostilities ended. Still my old Dad, remembering the early thirties, often spoke of his never to be realised passion, to own a Packard.

As we all know the war did end and with it came car manufacturers bringing out their new models. A lot of these were no more than “prettied up” pre-war models and as a ten-year-old at the time, cars were ‘my thing’. I lived and breathed them. To see a new model parked somewhere in the street was a cause for great excitement. Of course, to be able to tell Dad I had seen a new Packard just made his and my day.

Time passed on with lots of new models of every make gracing our roads. And many years later the old car movement stirred into existence. Along with others it held more than a passing interest for me having spied a 27 Packard 526 parked in the street. I managed to talk the owner into selling it to me and so my ownership of a Packard came into being in 1967.

About this time the Vintage and Classic Club was formed in Ballarat presenting opportunities for the Packard to be used, running up many enjoyable miles. A workmate friend told me his uncle in Bendigo had a 37 Packard which he wanted to sell. Of course, I was interested; who wouldn't be?



Off to Bendigo to check this out and there was a very nice straight 37 115 C, painted grey, standing in the shed. Well, I just had to have it and we drove it home to Ballarat 70 odd miles away, my second Packard! So, when the rallies came around, I had the choice of either car.

One of these rallies was through Central Victoria passing through a country area called Bridgewater. This is where things got interesting as in the instruction book of the '37 was the name A H Denhart, Memsie Estate, Bridgewater. With one or two queries we were able to find this estate and drove the Packard onto the property. The car was immediately recognized by its former owner who went on to say its original colour was Iridescent Bronze.

Mr Denhart went on to tell me it had been ordered from the USA. He had gone to the docks in Melbourne to see it, still in its crate, placed onto the wharf, fitted with its wheels, fuel, oil, battery and driven home to Bridgewater!

The car was probably used for going into town and other farming type duties, eventually being traded on a new Mercedes Benz in the forties or fifties.

The next owner was Mr John Filby who owned it for a number of years until I came along. It seems its main use during his ownership was to sit in it and watch the local football. At this stage it was registered 75 333 with enamel plates.

Since that time, I have enjoyed my years of ownership of the Packard. The comment I had from Mr Denhart about the car's original colour gave me the vision of returning it to that colour. Unfortunately, I was unable to find a sample of the original until I removed the radiator mascot revealing what I was looking for. Actually, that mascot can only be removed if the radiator is out.

I did take a bit of licence deciding to colour the wheels, bodyline and luggage carrier in a complimentary darker colour. An artist friend selected the final colour, being an expert in what colour ties in with the original bronze. I am pleased with the result.

The original interior leather upholstery is still in good presentable condition although the carpets have been replaced.

As things stand at the moment, and at age 87, I feel some 'downsizing' is in order. That is if I am not to leave my "estate" in a total mess for my two children to sort out!! So, and speaking of Packards, my 27 526 has gone to new owners in South Australia.

If and when the '37 goes, I hope its new owner will get as much pleasure from it as I have done. (See page 14 for sale details)

Long live the Packard.

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
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GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – once again a friendly reminder from our Permit Officer

Please follow this update re getting permits signed:

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.

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.

Something Light Hearted to Finish Off With

The motor roared into life. The throaty exhaust sounded the neighbourhood. We were off, the vibration was evidence of the power unit in front of me.

Down the straight to negotiate the first corner. Perfect traction, a slight tail drift found us safely back on the straight we gathered speed the next left-hand curve, no difference in speed this time, holding on to brace myself we readied for the next tighter right-hand bend.

Braking to ensure safety and accelerating away again down the straight. We knew no bounds it seemed full throttle now all the way to the next tight right hand again quickly altering attitude for a very sharp right hand and back accelerating to maximum velocity.

The occasional wheel slip made quick correction necessary to get in-line for the long straight. Speed increased greatly and was held right up until the braking area, throttling down and around the corner. This routine ongoing, it lasted for at least one and a half hours.

A splutter and then the engine continued speed. Another cough, the motor signalled dying. Silence, we wheeled to a halt. What now, it was so hot today. To go for petrol? No. I emptied the mower catcher into the bin and put the mower away.

Anon.

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 – Tuesday 27th June 2023 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1937 Packard – I've owned it since 1974 – beautiful car to drive but it is now time for a new owner to care for it.

It is not currently registered/permitted.

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PARTS WANTED

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Lee Mills 0428 500 796

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Contact Mark Smith 0409 681 790

CLUB CALENDAR – JUNE – AUGUST 2023

For the Details of Events, See Pages 4 and 5

JUNE	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	10th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30-4pm
<i>Sat-Mon</i>	<i>10-12th</i>	<i>Hamilton Clubs 50th Rally</i>			<i>0427348060</i>	
<i>Mon</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>King's Birthday Holiday</i>				
Wed	14th	Club Library open	Come for a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Wed	14th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Thurs	15th	Rustless Wanderers	Park View Hotel Sturt Street Ballarat	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	16th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			7:30pm
Sun	18th	Monthly Club Run (Trophy points) Lunch at Cricket Willow	Doctors Car Park, Learmonth Road	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9.45am
Tues	20th	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7:30pm
<i>Sun</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Road Rodders Fridge Swap Meet</i>	<i>Central Square car park</i>			
Tues	27th	Newsletter Deadline		Nerene Backhouse	0427348969	5pm
Wed	28th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
JULY						
Sat	8th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30-4pm
Mon	10th	Fold and Label Newsletter	Clubrooms			
Wed	12th	Club Library Open	Come for a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10am-12pm
Wed	12th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Thurs	20th	Rustless Wanderers	Wallace Hotel – Xmas in July	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	21st	Club General Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Sat	22nd	Bingo – Xmas in July theme	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	7 for 7.30pm
Sun	23rd	Club Run (Trophy Points) to Metcalf Holden Museum	Doctors Car Park Learmonth Road	John & Gayle Pickering	0409914943	9.30am
Tues	25th	Club Committee Meeting Nominations close for AGM	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Wed	26th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Sat	29th	Round town drive and morning tea	TBA	Andy Burns	0428935988	9am
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Tues	1 st	Newsletter Deadline		Nerene Backhouse	0427348060	5pm
Sun	6th	Naked Radiator Run	Clubrooms	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10.30am
Mon	7th	Fold & Label Newsletter	Clubrooms			
Wed	9th	Club Library Open	Clubrooms	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10am-12 noon
Wed	9th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Sat	12th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409914943	1.30pm-4pm
Fri	18th	Club General & AGM Meetings	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Sun	20th	Monthly Club Run – Restoration Roundabout	Clubrooms	Mike Simpson	0419935147	TBA
Tues	22nd	Club Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Wed	23rd	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
<i>Sun</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Federation Picnic - Marong</i>				

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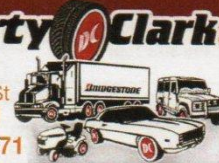
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