



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

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Cars at Dooen Hall for the National Motoring Heritage Day Cruise



Next Meeting:

June General Meeting

**Thursday 11 June 2026 at 8.00 PM at Dooen Hall.
Members, Guests and Public welcome**

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	Neil Smith	John Brack	Mauro Boddi		

President's Report

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I'm very sad to report that our Senior Vice President Frank Miller passed away on Monday. Frank and Karen have been members of WMHVS since February 2016, and Frank has been Senior Vice President since July 2019. Frank was a quiet member who worked behind the scenes without seeking recognition. He chaired our May meeting in my absence and was always willing to step in and take over when these types of unexpected issues arose. On behalf of Rod, myself and all the club members, we wish to send Karen our love and deepest sympathy – he will be missed around our club.

The funeral service for Frank will be held at 2pm, Thursday 4th June at the Church of Christ, Horsham. For those who wish to attend, please wear our club shirt in honour of Frank.

I hope that you've all had an enjoyable month. Mine has been quiet, as I'm awaiting surgery at the end of June to have my gallbladder removed.

Rod and I attended the Naracoorte Swap Meet earlier in the month, and like our swap meet the stallholders and shoppers were down. The forecast rain luckily held off, and Rod was able to get a part for his tractor.

We attended the Coffee & Cars held at the Capital last weekend, which was a huge success with nearly 30 people attending. It was so lovely to see so many faces out, with a number of people commenting that they liked the idea of an afternoon event on the weekend.

Talking about events, Peter Anthony, our Events Director for the past two years, is moving from Horsham to Melbourne in July. Fortunately he is not resigning from our club, but we will not see him as much as we do now. Peter joined WMHVS in May 2021 and has been an active member, attending many events and volunteering his services within the club. He also volunteered his time, driving guests to the Blue Ribbon Ball in his beautiful Red Ford Falcon Coupe. Peter, you will be missed but we are very happy that you will remain a member of our club. We will be having a farewell dinner for Peter, and will advise the details of this when arrangements are made for those who would like to attend.

Look forward to seeing you at an event in the future.

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)

Photos from Naracoorte Swap Meet

Apparently, it takes two men to change batteries in a toy car.



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
9.30 AM Sunday 31 May	Peter Ryan Collection	Meet at Dooen Hall at 9.30am leaving at 9.45am for a short drive to Peter Ryan's property at Dooen for morning tea and view his collection. Numbers taken at May meeting or call/text Bruce Brody 0428 825 353 by 5pm Friday 15 May, \$5.00 per person.
8.00 PM Thursday 11 June	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
9.30 AM Friday 12 June	Coffee & Cars, Murtoa Neighbourhood House	Meet 9.15am at Dooen Pub for 9.30am departure.
7.30 PM Saturday 20 June	Entertainment Night at Dooen Hall	7.30pm screening, Dooen Hall open 6.00 PM for BYO Meal and please bring a plate to share.
10.00 AM Friday 3 July	Coffee & Cars, Caltex Roadhouse, Horsham	Stawell Road Caltex Roadhouse café, Horsham Meet at 10.00 AM.
8.00 PM Thursday 9 July	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Editor's note: The July meeting will also be the Club AGM so please consider seeking an executive position. The minutes from the 2025 AGM will be published in the July newsletter.		
10.00 AM Friday 24 July	Apsley Pub Lunch	Meet 9.45 AM for 10.00am departure from Supercheap Horsham. Meals will be as per menu. Please phone or text names to Maureen Warrick on 0429 892 021 by 5,00 PM on 17 July
7.30 PM Wednesday 5 August	Events Team Meeting	Doug and Jenny Mitchells home
8.00 PM Thursday 13 August	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
12.00 PM Sunday 16 August	Annual Dinner Lunch, Horsham TBA	Venue to be confirmed. Contact Bruce Brody by ph or text 0428 825 353 by 13th August.
Friday-Sunday 23-25 October 2026	Annual Rally (Bordertown)	Contact Bruce Brody for more information.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Special Members

Life Members:

Wes Atwood (dec)	Fred Opprecht (dec)	Jack Gunn (dec)
Clem Duldig	Vic Ellis	John King (dec)
Gary Knight	Neville Thomas	Bill Allen (dec)
Don Perry	Dave & Marge Barnard	
Alan Jolley	Stewart (dec) & Cheryl Muir	

Club Persons of the Year 2025

Doug and Jenny Mitchell

From the Editor

Hi Everybody

Welcome to the June 2026 editions of the WMHVS Newsletter. This is a wrap up of news from around the traps. Constructive feedback is very welcome. Page numbers were suggested after the last issue and I have implemented those.

Sad news that Frank Miller has left this mortal coil. Best wishes to all who knew Frank. Details of his service are below.

Just a reminder the July general meeting will also be the club's Annual General Meeting where new office holders will be nominated and elected. Please consider nominating for a role to help support the club for the following year.

Also, membership renewals have been sent out. As treasurer, my preference is for payments via direct deposit as per the instructions on the renewal. I will be able to accept cash and cheques at the June meeting and I can write receipts. Just be mindful I will also be setting up for the meeting.

Victoria Registration Rebate

From 1 June you will be able to seek a 20% rebate on vehicle registrations. This is part of the state

government's measures to address the cost of living. Try here for the process:
<https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/transport-and-driving/registration/rego-rebate>

Bendigo Swap Meet Volunteers

Organisers have put out a call for volunteers. If you are interested, please email:
volunteers@bendigotswap.com.au

Electric Vehicles

Apparently, AOMC had a presentation from Revival EV (convert old cars to electric?). You can download the presentation here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/684a6ba0afd71f6831570288/t/6a0d1d87dc55c43c21a3ea80/1779244423386/AOMC+Presentation+2026-05+2.pdf>

When you make a submission for the newsletter, please use the email editor@wmhvs.org.au. You can also text/sms via 0477 159 494.

The cut off for the June 2026 Newsletter will be Wednesday 27 May 2026.

Dean Robertson (Editor)

Funeral Notice

Funeral Notice

The Funeral of
Francis Arthur "Frank/Mick" Miller
will take place at the
Horsham Church of Christ
on Thursday, 4 June 2026 commencing at 2pm.
Private cremation.

The service may also be viewed online at
youtube.com/live/fnTsKtut0nc

Wimmera Funerals



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Regalia

Jumpers		Hats		Shirts		Souvenirs	
LS Polar Fleece	\$50	Beanies	\$15	Dress Shirt	\$50	Grille Badge	\$20
Polar Fleece Vest	\$45	Bucket Hat	\$20	Polo Shirt	\$30	Lapel Badge	\$10
Windcheater	\$25	Wide Brim Hat	\$25			Stubby Holder	\$10
NEW Ladies LS Wool Cardigan	\$70	Cap	\$20			Teaspoon	\$10
						WMHVS window stickers	\$3

Contact Bruce Brody for any regalia needs.

For Sale

Holden HQ (1975) ute, VN V8, no rust, tilt tray to access fuel tank, \$35,000, Phone Peter on 0438 043 739.



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Celebrating 50 Years 1968 - 2018



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Dimboola Coffee & Cars

We have a day out at Dimboola.

It's Friday 8 May 2026 – the sun is peeping through the clouds so we know, even at 9 am, the drive to Dimboola will be worth it.

A total of 26 members met in Lloyd Street to enjoy the surrounds, the shops and, of course, the café and bakery. While our group sipped, ate and chatted our vehicles were parked proudly in the street.

If I give you a list of vehicles, maybe you can guess some of the participants?

Buick was represented by the year 1925, Ford had an XY ute, 1966 and 1968 Mustangs, a station

wagon, 1961 F100 and XE Falcon, there was a 1989 TD MG, a 1969 Mercedes Benz, a Nissan Navarra, a VK Commodore, 1968 Chrysler Dodge, Leyland's 1974 model of a P76, a Toyota Landcruiser and ute and a Kia.

Thank you to those who attended, to Lyn for taking photos and, to those who were apologies and/or unable to make the outing, we will do it all again.

Editor's note: Photos in next issue

Helen Curkpatrick

Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 17 May 2026

Here's a few photos from the Motoring Heritage Day cruise.



Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 17 May 2026 (continued)



Minutes of the May 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 561 – MINUTES
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 9th April 2026

Meeting opened: 8.06pm. Senior Vice President Frank Miller in the chair (Maureen Warrick

Visitors: Snr Vice President Frank Miller welcomed visitors Les Hoy and Val Terry

In Attendance: D. Robertson, F. Miller, N. Thomas, R. Binns, B. Brody, T. Pollock, I. Brown, L. Williamson, K. Zacher, N. Eltze, S. Hateley, R. Hateley, K. McMartin, P. Anthony, I. Jarred, T. Rudolph, J. Paydon, B. Schilling, M. Schilling, L. Hoy, V. Terry, L. Hogan, A. Cannane, K. Hutchinson, J. Buckley, I. Walker, N. Slocombe, D. Mitchell, D. Cook, K. Grosser, R. Fidge, R. Kotz, C. Hood, G. Ussing, C. Thomas, J. Gaspirini, B. Williams, V. Ellis, P. Kelly, P. Sudholz, D. Perry, J. Besselaar, M. Boddi, S. Boddi, B. Hogan, Q. McLean, G. Mills. (45 Members – 2 Visitors)

Apologies: L. Doolan, M. & R. Warrick, N. Smith, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, S. Garwood, E. Milbourne, A. & V. Jolley, C. Kemp, J. Mitchell, J. Taylor, P. & H. Curkpatrick, R. Schneider

Minutes: Bruce Brody moved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting (No. 560) be accepted as circulated to members. Seconded by Ian Walker - carried

Secretaries Report: Correspondence In - Aus Post - Invoice

Donation of \$200 from Life Member Marg Gunn

Outwards Correspondence – Minutes of previous meeting

Secretary Neville Thomas informed members that Ken Woollorton passed away recently. Ken was a Club member for many years. A celebration of Kens life will be held at Horsham Golf Club at 1pm tomorrow.

Moved by Bruce Brody that Secretaries report be received. Seconded by Rob Binns - carried

Treasurers Report: Dean Robertson presented his report on current Club finances, asked for questions and moved that it be received. Seconded N. Thomas - carried

Minutes of the May 2026 General Meeting (continued)

Membership: Michelle Watson was voted in as a member of WMHVS

Application to join WMHVS has been received from Les Hoy and Will Amos

These were tabled until the June General meeting.

Reports: AOMC/Federation – Nil report

Events - Peter Anthony gave an events update

17th May - Mystery Run. Meet at Hungry Jacks 9.00am

23rd May – Coffee’n’cars - Capitol Horsham 2.00pm onward

31st May – Visit to Peter Ryan collection (\$5.00/Hd – charity)

Swap Meet – Terry Pollock reported on the 2026 Swap Meet. We finished with a nett profit of approx. \$3,200. Terry extended his thanks to his Committee Andrew Saunders, Col Kemp, Russell Davies, Rob Binns and Nev Thomas for their help. He thanked Neville Thomas for organizing the vehicle display which was well received.

Terry also thanked all the Club Volunteers for their contribution on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as without their help the Swap wouldn’t happen.

Our Swap is locked in for Saturday 3rd April 2027. After negotiation, we will remain at our ‘new’ site at a cost of \$800. We are hoping for some improvement on power availability toward the north end of the grounds.

Rob Binns reported that on a recent trip to Kerang he came across some vintage Overland parts which are available if anyone wants to follow up.

Rob also posed a question he came across. The automobile has now been around for over 125 years. In all that time and with exponential technological development, one single part of a motor vehicle remains basically unchanged. Can you name the part??

General Business:

Barry Schilling advised members that although he had renewed a Club Permit vehicle (and had receipts to prove), he learnt later that VicRoads had cancelled his permit – which was corrected. He urged members to be diligent with their Club Permits to make sure they are current.

It was moved by Bruce Brody that we write a letter of thanks to Marg Gunn for her kind donation of \$200 and offer to keep her informed as to how we use the money. Seconded by Johnny Paydon
- carried

Bruce Brody advised members that on 31st May at Peter Ryan coffee morning, members will have an opportunity for a ride, as a passenger, on Peters “Boom’ trike.

Answer to Rob Binns question - the Tyre Valve!!!

Meeting Closed: 8.50pm

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Saturday 3rd April 2027

Horsham Show Grounds

- Ample sites available, no pre-bookings
- Site fees \$25 (admits 2 people).
- Site holders admitted from 9am Friday 10th
- Trading hours 7am - 2 pm, Saturday 11th
- Generous site sizes, most 6m x 8m
- General public entry \$5, under 15's free
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