



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

#409 – January 2026

P.O. Box 845, Horsham Vic 3402

Incorporated Number A0003335K

Member of the Federation of Victorian Vintage and Classic Vehicle
Clubs Inc. and the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc

Model T race car at Red Dirt Revival attended by Vic and Dell Ellis.



Next Meeting:

January General Meeting

Thursday 8 January at 8 PM

Dooen Hall. Members, Guests and Public welcome

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Dooen Hall Committee	Neil Smith	John Brack Mauro Boddi
Club Persons of the Year 2025		Doug and Jenny Mitchell

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
8.00 PM Thursday 8 January 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
9.00 AM Wednesday 14 January 2026	Mystery run for Vintage Vehicles	Meet at Hungry Jacks
7.30 PM Saturday 17 January 2026	Entertainment night hosted by Neil Smith	To be confirmed
9.30 AM Thursday 22 January 2026	Coffee and cars at cafe Local 165 Scott St, Warracknabeal	Convoy from Horsham departing Dooen Pub at 9.30am
7.30 PM Wednesday 11 February 2026	Events Meeting	Doug and Jennie Mitchell's
8.00 PM Thursday 12 February 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
9.00 AM Wednesday 18 February 2026	Mystery run for Vintage Vehicles	Meet at Hungry Jacks
Saturday 21 February 2026	Blue Ribbon Ball	Volunteers chauffeuring to the event. Refer Neil Smith organiser to volunteer.
Saturday 21 February 2026	Minyip Show n shine	8am to 10am for entries, \$15 per category. Flyer on Facebook.
9.30 AM Thursday 26 February 2026	Coffee and cars at Dimboola Store and Bakery, Lloyd St	Convoy from Horsham College, departing at 9.30am.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Life 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		

From the Editor

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026. I hope the New Year is happy and healthy for all members and your families.

When I was working, we would start many activities with a “safety share” and I would like to do that here. I have missed two meetings due to being injured. In short, I knew a trailer needed repair. I decided to postpone fixing it. The trailer bit me about ninety minutes later. My advice: if you know something needs to be fixed, don't use it until it is fixed. I was quite lucky. The surgeon who removed the dead tissue told me I could have lost my foot at the ankle. Stay safe out there.

I am looking for an Assistant Editor. I will be away from home occasionally during 2026. As an example, without help, the March 2026 newsletter will be mailed about a week after everyone else receives their email version. Please let me know if you can assist.

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.

Dean Robertson (Editor)

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1972 MGB Convertible
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Horsham Swap Meet

* 42ND ANNUAL HORSHAM AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET



Saturday April 11th, 2026
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
- Phone: Terry 0406 006 040
- Email: swap@wmhvs.org.au



What to watch on YouTube

Be warned, YouTube is a very good way of killing lots of hours with great entertainment. Here's a few channels to enjoy:

- [Dash Cam Owners Australia](#)
Compilation of terrible Aussie drivers.
- [Graveyard Carz](#)
MOPAR restoration business.
- [Duncombe House Diaries](#)
Restoration of an English Country Home.
- [Mat Armstrong](#)
Supercar crash repairs.
- [Full Custom Ian](#)
Amazing metal fabrication.

Let me know if you have an addition to this list.

President's Report

Hello everyone.

Well, Christmas is now over and by the time you read this we will be in 2026. I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and that Santa found you.

Rod and I travelled to Yarrawonga to have Christmas with my brother, we then returned home to celebrate with our children and grandchildren. It was wonderful watching the grandchildren open their presents and get excited by their gifts, it really is my favourite part of this time of year.

We started our December events with our Christmas Party on the 6th where 50 people attended, which was a great chance to catch up with everyone to celebrate. We played 'celebrity head' that was a lot of fun, thank you to James, Ken and Deb who were our contestants for the night. A big thank you to Helen who organised this event, and to Dean who helped set up the venue. Thanks also to Neil who organised the slide show that played throughout the evening, this brought back fond memories of people's cars and some of our members who are sadly no longer with us.

Before our general meeting we held a sausage sizzle, where 38 people attended. Thank you to Bruce and John who cooked the BBQ, and to everyone who helped out on the night.

Our last event for 2025 was a 'bring your own meal' to the river for a social night. The weather was beautiful, and the company was wonderful. As always there were a lot of laughs and rubbish spoken. Rod and I drove around Horsham afterwards to view the Christmas lights. Some people put in a lot of time and effort into their Christmas light displays, which are always outstanding to see!

I'm not sure how many of you set New Years resolutions, but I don't – I've got a good record of breaking them. But I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe year ahead, and looking forward to seeing you at our events in 2026.

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)



Picnic by the River - Sawyer Park

Saturday 20th December was the club picnic by the river. Attended by 30 members plus some young family visitors.

Everyone either bought, cooked or brought their own food and chairs in what was a great evening of socializing in what was beautiful weather temperature.

A great turnout of the older vehicles on the night, a great night to finish the year on.

Peter Anthony

Christmas Cheer at Westside, Horsham - Saturday 6 December 2025

The club received replies from 50 people to attend the Christmas celebration in the private room at the Westside facility in Bennett Road Horsham. Illness meant three of those people did not attend – Wendy, Keith and Venie. We send our best wishes to them all – especially Keith who was in hospital.



I thank President Maureen for her wonderful help (this evening certainly went beyond chairing a monthly meeting!) while Phil and I were travelling around South Australia and therefore not available for sorting out the final details (of which there were many – seating, decorations on the tables, lollies (thank you Dean for purchasing them and assisting with the table set ups). Our gratitude also goes to Neil who kindly made use of the screen in the room by setting up club photos taken over the years (some good nostalgia!).



I wish to thank the three people who participated in the club/Christmas themed Celebrity Head. It was a bit of fun for both participants and the guests trying to help them guess the name on their head (Santa, Peter Brock and Henry Ford – which, surprisingly, was the winning guess!).



As we look to 2026, your club's events committee are always open to suggestions for outings so put your thinking caps on and let us know. We have plenty of ideas but I'm sure there are many places, venues and the like that could be added to the list for consideration.

On behalf of the events committee - best wishes to you, your family and friends for a wonderful time as we head towards our next adventures in 2026.

Helen and Phil Curkpatrick



Red Dirt Revival 2025

On a recent trip to Western Australia, we decided to go via the Great Central Road. This road takes you from Ulara, Central Australia to Laverton in Western Australia. It is a 1,150 km dirt road, the condition of which varies from extremely corrugated to sandy and everything in between.



We took four days to complete the trip & enjoyed the ever-changing scenery considering it is a desert. From Laverton we travelled south to Kalgoorlie, where we heard that the Red Dirt Revival was being held at Lake Perkolilli. We decided that it was a good opportunity to go for a look & take advantage of the camping on site, together with hundreds of other campers parked in the bush around the lake.



The Lake, when dry is a very hard, flat claypan situated 30km east of Kalgoorlie. The Revival event is held every 3 years & runs for 7 days. Approximately 130 cars & 50 motorcycles participated during the event. Many of them were race cars & bikes in original condition & were a great spectacle as they sped down the track.



The criteria to enter the event is that the vehicle is to be pre 1940 & needs to be scrutinised for safety & authenticity. The event is not a race as such, but rather the chance to drive & test run motoring treasures. Unfortunately, this year's event ended suddenly on Saturday when 60 mm of rain fell on the area, flooding the claypan & the camping area. Many people, including the organisers, were bogged trying to leave. We were lucky to have been in the area at the time of the event & thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



History of Lake Perkolilli

Lake Perkolilli is a historic clay pan 30 km east of Kalgoorlie Western Australia that served as a major motor racing venue from 1914 until 1939. It's flat, hard packed surface made it ideal for speed.



It hosted annual races that drew large crowds, before WW2 ended events. The 1920s' & 1930s' were considered the glory days with speeds reaching up to 110mph. In its heyday the lake attracted motor sport legends including Norman "Wizard Smith and the state's first female driver, Hilary Smith. Many Australian speed records were broken at the clay pan.



Among the stories was of a man who wanted to get less weight on his motorcycle. He stripped off & rode his motorcycle naked & set a national speed record.

The "Red Dust Revival" event began in 1997 & is held every 3 years. The chance to revive a piece of motor sport history has attracted participants from as far afield as England.

Vic & Delwyn Ellis

Minutes of the December 2025 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 556 – MINUTES
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms - Dooen - 11 December 2025

Meeting Opened: 8.02pm

Visitors: President Maureen Lister-Warrick welcomed Sharon Warrick, Cleve Ellis, Alan Lee and Elizabeth Merrett

In Attendance: N. Smith, M. Lister-Warrick, N. Thomas, R. Davies, I. Walker, R. Binns, T. Pollock, A. Macchia, R. Murphy, P. Anthony, M. Schilling, V. Ellis, K. McMartin, E. Milbourne, D. Hovey, R. Pilgrim, C. Smith, C. Ellis, P. Wood, D. Wood, J. Paydon, T. Rudolph, M. Atwell, A. Cannane, P. Curkpatrick, J. Brack, K. Jakobi, J. Gaspirini, A. Lee, E. Merrett, S. Boddi, M. Boddi, C. Duldig, L. Hogan, R. Schneider, J. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, R. Turzi, F. Turzi, R. Warrick, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, G. Smith, S. Warrick
 (40 Members – 4 Visitors/Guests)

Apologies: C. Thomas, L. Doolan, H. Curkpatrick, J. & G. Feery, R. Reicheldt, C. Kemp, D. Ellis, D. Robertson,
 K. Taylor

Minutes: Rod Warrick moved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting (No. 555) be accepted as correct. Seconded by Ian Walker - carried

Secretaries Report: Inwards Correspondence

Bank Statements, Invoices – Australia Post - Treasurer

Outwards - Minutes distributed via Newsletter

Neville Thomas moved that his report be received. Peter Anthony seconded - carried

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Treasurer Dean Robertson, Neil Smith presented an up-to-date report on the clubs finances and moved that it be received. Mauro Boddi Seconded - carried

Membership: Application from **Alan Lee** and **Elizabeth Merrett** to join WMHVS was approved. Maureen welcomed Alan and Elizabeth to our Club
An application from **Cleve Ellis** to join WMHVS has been received. Cleves application was tabled until January Meeting as per Club Rules.

Reports: Federation/AOMC - Nil report

Events: Peter Anthony gave an events update. Winding down a little coming to the end of the year. Christmas BYO Tea at Sawyer Park, Horsham down for Saturday evening 20 December. Members urged to keep a close eye on our Monthly Newsletter.

Maureen Lister Warrick extended a big thank you to Helen Curkpatrick, Neil Smith and all those who helped with the Christmas Dinner at Westside Horsham. She also thanked Bruce and Kerry Brody for organizing the 'Combined Clubs' Annual Tour.

Clubrooms: Neil Smith reported that investigation is underway with our grey water discharge from the Clubrooms. There is an anomaly with run off from the kitchen that needs to be sorted. Neil also reported that the DHCOM have purchased a ladder to be kept at the Clubrooms.

General Business: Members were reminded that our exit door on the North side can be temperamental. Anyone closing up the Hall after an event/meeting needs to make sure the door is closed properly and the lock is in its correct place.

Our guest Sharon Warrick then spoke on a Student Science Event to be held at Longerenong in March 2026. This event is designed for students to develop passion and skills in a scientific area. Sharon requires Adult volunteers to help with supervision of students during this event and has asked if members of our club can contribute. Names to Sharon or President Maureen. Sharon did mention that volunteers do require a working with children certificate which can be quite easily obtained online.

Meeting Closed: 8.28pm

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
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						WMHVS window stickers	\$3

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