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Member Club



Linda and Ron Harris with their beautiful 1951 Buick Special



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

Note - Meeting Start Time will continue to be at 8.00 PM until further notice.

NOTE: The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday, 19th April 2024** at the 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 **May 2024** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 30th April 2024**

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 on Wednesday 10th April

These days will cease in May until further notice

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Quite a change is happening in the Club – as we progress the redevelopment of the clubrooms. Please take the time to read Brett Holloway's latest report – so that you stay informed.

PLEASE – also take the time to read a report from Daryl Crawley regarding a day of celebration on Sunday 28th April.

There are plenty of reports – and lots of photos – to keep you amused, so I hope you enjoy this very full issue.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations

We wish Alan Firms a very happy 90th birthday earlier this month. A great milestone – hope you had a great celebration - with all the trimmings of course!

Welfare

Our best wishes have been sent to Lorelli Huggins for a speedy recovery following a hip operation. There will be others in the Club who need our special thoughts while they recover from surgeries or are undergoing ongoing treatments. We do wish you well and hope your good days are getting better.

Vale – Marlene Littlehales

On Wednesday, 6th March the Club and the Brown Hill community lost one their treasures with the passing of Marlene Littlehales after a debilitating illness that saw the person that we knew quietly fade.

Marlene and Roy had enjoyed 59 years together and in that time were rarely apart, with Marlene having been the “office girl” and spare parts runner for their mechanical repair business from its opening in 1974 until Roy built her a Service Station just up the road in 1990.

Roy and Marlene joined the VCCC around 25 years ago, prior to that Marlene had been a vital part of the pit crew for Roy and their son's very successful speedway endeavours. Marlene accompanied Roy on many Club runs in their variety of beautifully presented vehicles.



Marlene's favourite was the blue VG Valiant Hardtop in which they attended many Club events and weekends away and it was fitting that that was the car that led the funeral cortege (behind the hearse) from Cashin's Chapel to her final resting place at the Bungaree Cemetery at Pootilla.

Over the years Roy was the go-to man for many of the Club members for repairs and roadworthy certificates on their club cars and Marlene greeted everyone with a warm smile and, if you were there at the right time, a cuppa and piece of cake. Roy and Marlene hosted many visits, from not only the VCCC but numerous other clubs, at their shed and workshop in Humffray Street North and again Marlene always had the urn on and a cuppa ready. She was always very welcoming and enjoyed the company of other club members.

The high esteem that Marlene was held in was evidenced by the large turnout of Club Members at her funeral service on 14th March. My memory was jolted during the service when mention was made of the Golden Fleece Petrol Bowser that Roy had given her for the lounge room. I remember her telling me that when the ladies of her CWA group saw it, they asked why it was there and Marlene's response was “well not everyone wants a grandfather clock.”

We extend our condolences to Roy, Mark, Mandy, Danny, Des and Frank and their families on the loss of a lady who was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Daryl Crawley

Bereavement

We have extended our sincere condolences to Maree and Merv Sherlock on the sad and sudden passing of Maree's sister, Irene, last month. Also last month, we passed on our deepest sympathies to Richard and Anne-Marie English on the sad passing of Richard's sister, Kerrie. Our loving thoughts are with you all.

A Note from Ian Watson

I would like to thank everyone for their tributes and well wishes following the passing of Sandra, and thank you to those who attended her funeral. I was particularly touched by the fantastic line up of cars – it was a very moving sight – thank you to those who organised it and participated. I appreciate all of your efforts.

Welcome New Members – 15th March 2024

We have pleasure in welcoming the following as members of the Club:

Alan and Lili Guy from Alfredton who were nominated by Warren Harris and seconded by Graham Lambourn. They have a 1943 Harley Davidson WLA Motor Cycle

Lawrence and Stephanie Voyce from Linton who were nominated by Arty Hughes and seconded by Frank Tamis. They have a 1963 Triumph TR4 Sports car and a 1929 Buick 29/44X Roadster.

Around the Committee Table – 19th March 2024

1 New Membership Applications

This month we have three applications –

Leslie and Margaret O’Hanlon from Alfredton who were nominated by Nancy Jackson and seconded by Colin Feltham. They have a 1966 Triumph Spitfire Roadster and also a 1974 Triumph Stag Sports car convertible.

Melville Ross and Carlene Oliver from Berringa who were nominated by Mark Frew and seconded by Bruce McKinnon. They have a 1963 Compact Fairlane and also a 1978 Leyland Mini

Colin Hancock from Canadian who was nominated by Richard English and seconded by Tom Quinlan. Colin has the following vehicles: 1969 Ford/Crayford Cabriolet Cortina Lotus 2, 1970 Ford Saloon Cortina 1600E, 1964 Holden EH station wagon, and 1996 Toyota 2 door coupe MR2 turbo

Providing there are no objections received by the President prior to the April meeting, and the applicants are present, they will be welcomed into the Club.

2 Peter Mac Charity Donations

Last year Federation raised \$6,000 in donations to the Peter Mac Charity. A donation tin will be on the front table at General Meetings for Members to donate their loose change over the coming year, and Committee has moved a motion to donate \$500 towards this year’s appeal, as well as the change collected.

3 Brown Hill Men’s Breakfast

On Saturday 16th March, our President Andy Burns spoke to the Men’s Breakfast at the Brown Hill Uniting Church, and members took their cars along to display. Our Club has been given a donation of \$250 to forward to a charity that we support. Our nominated charity will be the Peter Mac Charity.

4 Motion to remove the membership cap

At the April Meeting, Members will be asked to vote to rescind the Membership Cap of 550.

5 Volunteers to source Grants

There a number of organisations that give grants to Clubs for various reasons. If you would like to be part of a group to source these Grants, please see Andy Burns to offer your assistance.

6 Club Person of the Year and Life Member Applications.

Club Person of the Year is a very special award given to a member who has gone the extra mile to help.

Reward them by nominating them for this award. Forms are located on top of the votes tin, and the front table at Club Meeting nights.

If you wish to nominate a Member for Life Membership please contact the Secretary for an application form.

These are available on meeting nights.

Nancy Jackson

Secretary

Cover Story – 1951 Buick Special – Ron and Linda Harris

We purchased this car after seeing an ad in the local Courier in 2013, from Napoleons. It needed a little bit of work, like painting the bonnet and boot to bring it up to a better standard, and new tyres fitted with a larger white wall.

This Buick was built in Detroit, RH drive and one of 175 delivered to Australia that year. The engine powering this car is an OHV straight eight, developing 124hp with a 3 speed manual transmission. These engines were replaced by the new OHV V8 in 1953.

When new it was sold by Preston Motor Pty Ltd, Russell Street Melbourne to Reginald Ansett of Ansett Airlines. We have had the Buick for over a decade on original plates XB 111 which we still have because of its history, but decided in January last year to put it on Club registration.

Owning and driving this magnificent vehicle has been an absolute pleasure and joy to ride in.



Rotary Raffle Tickets – outstanding tickets need to be returned by Friday 19th April at the Club Meeting.

I will have tickets available on that night - they are \$2.00 each and the Club keeps 80% of ticket sales.

First prize is a Hyundai Tuscon valued at \$38,000 and second prize is a Bunnings Voucher for \$1,000.

This is a really good fund-raiser for the Club, and it also helps with our profile in the community.

The Raffle will be drawn on 11th May

Please contact me - 0419 020 140 if you have any queries.

- Ian Watson

VCCC Clubrooms Redevelopment – Update #3

Last month's report brought the timeline up to the January General Meeting. Members were reminded beforehand by email of the meeting, and advised there would be an update of the proposed redevelopment, and that the Club would be seeking approval to proceed.

At the meeting, President Andy Burns stepped Members through the background and all the work to this point. He thanked and acknowledged the work conducted by previous Committees and Subcommittees for their efforts and input, and the time spent looking at alternative sites and potential land purchase. They have been very accommodating in sharing information which has assisted the process and been formative to this point in narrowing the work that is now taking place.

Andy advised of the current available balance of funds, and an overview of the proposed costings. With this, we will be able to either buy land, or buildings, but with current costs, not both, so remaining on the current site is the option that makes it possible.

The proposed redevelopment was presented – from the external, including type of build, placement and orientation, façade, verandah, double doors and store room, to the internal, including toilets, alarms/cameras, store, open space, library with reading/meeting/copy room, kitchen, servery and appliances etc.

He further stepped through the timeline, including the process with Council, finalising meetings at the current site, the pack down and temporary relocation, construction of the building to lockup, followed by the fit-out.

Discussion ensued, with comments and questions around meeting venues during the redevelopment, storage (internal and external), library, solar panels, newsletter production and photocopier, encroaching on Gladstone Street, work scheme volunteers, external funding options, and access to the rear (including Scouts next door).

A motion “that the VCCC proceed with the redevelopment of the clubrooms on the existing site” was voted on by Members and ratified to proceed. I was pleased to be able move the motion, and equally pleased that it was seconded by a Life Member in Gordon Roberts.

And as the Club is staying on the current site, there was also a motion put to bring to an end all previous alternatives: “that the previous motion affirming the decision to purchase the proposed block in Yarramie Court Mitchell Park be rescinded, and that all previous alternatives by Committee and Building Subcommittees be discontinued”. Appropriately, this was moved by John Fisher who made the Presidential announcement at the time back in August 2019 at the General Meeting. The seconder was John Emery and the motion was carried unanimously.

Buoyed by this approval, we put together a formal proposal and arranged a further meeting with Council, that was attended by Andy and myself. We stepped them through the external and internal considerations, together with the survey plans. We discussed overlays, landowner consents, flood levels, timelines, and DDA compliance, together with the road closure of Gladstone Street.

This has been left with Council to circulate internally for review and comment. Following the meeting, and as requested by Council, I submitted a formal request for the road closure, in which there was a request that as soon as the City of Ballarat has control of the land, that it be made available to our Club by way of lease/licence agreement in conjunction with our existing site, and that further, Council arrange the longest lease available (which is 21 years) to be drawn up as soon as possible.

In conjunction with all of the above, there is also discussion taking place around the existing clubrooms. In the costings we have allowed for \$15,000 of demolition costs, however there is the possibility of selling the clubrooms (for \$2,000) on the basis the purchaser removes the building accordingly. This is subject to finding a suitable removalist, who can get the job done in a timely manner that fits with our timeline.



Redevelopment Committee members – Brett Holloway, Darren Miles, Warren Harris, Mark Border and Andy Burns

And finally for this update – **a request for assistance please**. As part of discussion with Council, from their Grants area, they have provided some guidance in relation to potential Grant Funding, for which we will need to apply for. Is there anyone who has experience or expertise in applying for Grants that would like to be involved?

Brett Holloway

On behalf of the Building Subcommittee

~ **A SPECIAL LUNCH TO FAREWELL THE CLUBROOMS – Sunday 28th April 2024** ~

According to my research, the first meeting at the Clubrooms was held on 21st May, 1982 and now it is time to say Goodbye to the building that we have called home for 42 years.

You have no doubt been following the developments in regard the new Clubrooms in recent months and, if things continue to go as planned, the present building will leave the site sometime in mid this year.

To celebrate the wonderful history of the Club in this building, we will be holding a lunch at the Clubrooms on **Sunday 28th April** (unfortunately May was not an option due to lots of clashes). The lunch will be a barbecue of hamburgers and sausages, along with some delicious salads that Jenny and the ladies will be preparing. Tea and coffee will also be supplied.

Cost for the lunch will be **\$10.00 per head** and to assist with catering we ask that numbers be advised to me by phone or email before 21st April.

To keep costs down, we are also asking Club members also please bring a dessert or plate of slices to share.

Older members are particularly encouraged to attend to reminisce about the good times that have been had there and a couple of members will be asked to say a few words. (This certainly is not intended to preclude newer members).

We are hoping to have a display of older club cars – majority of them being wooden / wire spoke wheel variety in the car park area reminiscent of typical club cars of 1982. All other club cars are welcome and we will park them at the back of the Clubrooms and behind the Scout Hall – I am also liaising with the Pigeon Club to see if we can overflow down behind their building if necessary. Marshals will be on hand to assist with parking.

Whilst it will be with a touch of sadness that we say Goodbye to our long-term home, let's get together and celebrate the fantastic times that we have enjoyed at the Clubrooms.

See you there!

Daryl Crawley Mobile - 0417 351827 or email daryl.crawley57@outlook.com



COMING EVENTS – April - May 2024

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 19

Wednesday 10th April – Club Library Open – 10am – 4pm – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

Wednesday 10th April – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Saturday 13th April – Ladies Crafternoon - 1.30 – 4pm at the Clubrooms

Contact – for this month – Karen Lawrence – 0438 136 246

Thursday 18th April – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12 noon – Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale

Make your own way there; bookings by Monday 15th April – contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770

Friday 19th April – Club General Meeting – 8.00pm at the Clubrooms



Tombstone Tour No. 7

Sunday 21st April - Club Run (Trophy Points) - 9.00am

Since 2011 the VCCC April Club Run has been a biennial Tombstone Tour (except for 2023), this year's being the seventh. This is always an unusual but never-the-less interesting run which tours the region stopping off to look at our country cemeteries. Through Barb Harris's research, we will tell you of the unique features of each site.

As those that have been on previous runs will attest, this event is always an eye opener and explores places and our history that most would not normally visit.

This year we depart from **Karingal Carpets in Creswick Road at 9.00am sharp** and travel to explore cemeteries to the north of Ballarat. Total distance is approximately 140 kms.

Please bring morning tea to have along the way. You can also bring your lunch or you can purchase it in Newstead where the Bakery, milk bar and DIG café will be open.

Make sure you visit more than one cemetery in your life.....Come join us on the run.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Barb Harris on 0407 348 277 or Noel Trengove 0400 599 707

Tuesday 23rd April – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm at the Clubrooms

Thursday 25th April – Anzac Day – Lest We Forget

Sunday 28th April – Celebration Barbeque at the Clubrooms

See the information from Daryl Crawley on the previous page.

Bring the camera and all your stories of events held at the clubrooms. Also bring any old photos to share.

Sat/Sun 4-5th May - 123rd Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

Wednesday 8th May – Club Library Open - 10am – 4pm – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

Wednesday 8th May – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Saturday 11th May – Ladies Crafternoon - 1.30 – 4pm at the Clubrooms

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Wednesday 15th – Tuesday 21st May – Lake Bolac Campout

You are invited to join the many campers at the Lake Bolac Campout. People are free to come for the whole time or just a day or any time in between. The Campout is open to any members with any type of accommodation, vintage or modern or even a swag! Other clubs have also been invited.

Just a snapshot of the important details:

- the site is not actually at the Caravan Park - it is further around the Lake at Picnic Point. It is just a picnic area so there is no on-site power or on-site cabins, but power is available in the shower/toilet blocks. There are no camp fees as such, but to use the showers, a \$5 "coin-in-the-slot" token is required, which I will have at the camp site. There is a donation box at the shower block should you wish to contribute to help the Foreshore Committee with maintenance.

- there is no need to book - just turn up

- if you are there on the Friday night, you are most welcome to join us at the local Hotel for Dinner - bookings are required - could you please ring me **0427 348 060** before lunch time on that Friday? Thank you.

- a big feature of the Campout is everyone sitting around the one camp fire, which we have permission from the Foreshore Committee to have again this year. And it is also a great way to cook your meals in camp ovens. The wood for the camp fire is provided, so no need to bring your own.

- we ask members to wear their name badges to make introductions easier

For any questions or further information, please contact - **Nerene 0427 348 060**

Thursday 16th May – Rustless Wanderers Lunch - TBA

Make your own way there; bookings by Monday 13th May – **contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770**

Friday 17th May – Club General Meeting – 8pm - TBA

Sunday 19th May - Ballarat Heritage Festival Vehicle Display (Trophy Points)

This will be in the closed off section on Lydiard Street North again. It falls on National Motoring Heritage Day celebrated across the country. Our aim is again to fill the street with a broad range of vehicles, cars, bikes, trucks, and everything in between. If you are able to provide 1 or more vehicles, please contact **Brendan Stevens ASAP on 0409 018 867**. The display runs from 10am to 3pm

Sunday 19th May – Drive to Lake Bolac Campout (Trophy Points)

This drive will suit those looking for a day out away from the town gathering to visit the camping people. A leader is needed. The run will leave from Starbucks Car Park at Delacombe Town Centre at 9.30am.

Sunday 26th May - Ballarat Turf Club Heritage Raceday

The race club is inviting approximately 10 -15 VCCC members to bring a range of veteran, vintage and early classic vehicles to display on the day. 10 x double passes available.

Please contact **Brendan Stevens - 0409 018 867** to let him know of your availability

PAST EVENTS

Breakfast on the Mount and the Three Bobs et al Tour – Sunday 3rd March

A clear morning greeted me as I made my way to the top of Mount Buninyong a bit after 7:30.

The barbecues were already lit and the urns were well on the way to having the water boiling for a cuppa. The breakfast crew of Tom Quinlan, Bob Cole, Mike and Lyn Simpson, Karen and Peter Grose and Mark and Gayle Border (hope I haven't forgotten anyone) had things pretty well underway in preparation for the masses to arrive from the Clubrooms about an hour later.

As has become traditional, there was a large turnout of club members in a variety of club cars for this gastronomical event. Much chatter and banter ensued among the members whilst they tucked into the egg and bacon sandwiches, fruit juice and cups of tea and coffee.



One of the cooks, Tom Quinlan, and Ray Allen and Warrick Pitcher enjoying a chat

By ten o'clock everyone had full bellies and the clean-up was well underway when President Andy called everyone together to give details of the Annual Three Bobs et al Tour which, this year, had been organised by the wives of the Three Bobs (Ure, Eason and Jackson).

After directions were handed out, we headed down the Mount and headed off through Yendon and Dunnstown to Bungaree where we crossed the freeway enroute to Pootilla. From Pootilla we made our way through the picturesque farmlands of Dean and Newlyn to our first stop at Overwrought Gallery and Gardens at Blampied. Some partook in a snack (not sure why so soon after breakfast) while the majority enjoyed a coffee from the on-site café. We chatted and wandered through the gardens and sculptures on the property.

Leaving Overwrought, we continued on the Midland Highway to Daylesford where we made our way to the Wombat Hill Gardens and Lookout where more chatting and eating took place. Some of the more energetic members climbed the steps to the top of the lookout whilst others were content to relax in their chairs near the carpark.



President Andy Burns (standing tall) introducing the widows of the 3 Bobs – Nancy Jackson, Jenny Ure and Phyllis Eason



All eyes were on Andy

After lunch members disbursed at their leisure, with some going to the market at the railway station while others made a visit to the Mill Market or other attractions in the area.

Thank you to all who assisted with preparing breakfast, to President Andy who went up to the Mount a few days before and cut the grass, and to Jenny, Phyllis and Nancy for organising a pleasant, relaxing tour.

Daryl Crawley

Attendees – Breakfast on the Mount – 3 Bobs et al

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| 1931 Ford Model A | Mark & Gayle Border |
| 1948 Buick Sedanette | Dale & Junie Collins |
| 1958 Holden FC Sedan | Andy Burns & Lee Day |
| 1959 Jaguar | Nancy Jackson |
| 1960 Ford Fairlane | Ron & Linda Harris |
| 1961 Thunderbird Convert | Bill Pearce |
| 1962 Daimler | Darren & Jono Miles |
| 1963 Studebaker Hawk | Jim & Narelle Kellett |
| 1964 Holden EH Premier | Jenny Ure |
| 1965 Galaxie Convertible | Daryl Crawley |
| 1966 Ford Mustang | Frank & Jan Tamis |
| 1966 Ford Mustang | Ken & Therese Hart |
| 1966 Ford T'bird Coupe | Neville Finch |
| 1968 MG Midget | Peter & Lyn Ure |
| 1968 Ford Executive | Mike & Lyn Simpson |
| 1969 Camaro SS | Ross & Robyn Wootton |
| 1970 MGB | Kevin Huggins |
| 1975 Mini Moke | Brett Holloway |
| 1976 VW Kombi | Geof Baulch |
| 1979 Peugeot 504 | Simon Nuttall |
| 1984 Falcon EFI | Daryl & Barb Mitchell |
| 1984 Jaguar XJ6 | Norm & Heather Darwin |
| 1986 Rolls Royce | Tony McDonald, Rick & Heather Thege |
| 1988 Mercedes Benz 300CE | Alan & Joy Rogers |
| 1988 Nissan Skyline | Nerene Backhouse, Brendan Collier & Ray Allen |
| 1988 Porsche 944S | Wayne & June Harrop |
| 1988 VL Commodore | Rob & Annette Ferguson |
| 1992 Holden Statesman | Andrew Brown |
| 1994 Lexus SC400 | John Peart |
| 1996 BMW K1100 | Warrick Pitcher |
| 1998 Mazda MX5 | Warren & Barbara Harris |
| Capri & VL Commodore | Alan, Marg, Maya, Rafi, Gabe Foss |

Modern – Amr & Heather Rasheed; Rod MacDonald; Phyllis Eason, Ian Watson & Ruth Garden; Steve Cole; Bob Cole; Bob, Tracey & Jonty Bennetts; Karen Lawrence & Bill Taylor; Steve, Kaye & Audrey Border; Peter & Karen Grose; Bruce Kerr & Ann Rasmussen; and Tom Quinlan with the barbeque, tables, urns etc

Guest - Mike Farrell – 1916 Talbot 4cy

Mid-week Twilight Motorcycle Run – Wednesday 13th March 2024

Another great turnout to the last of our midweek rides for the season. This time we ventured out to the Shamrock Hotel at Dunnstown - 32 bikes and riders attended.

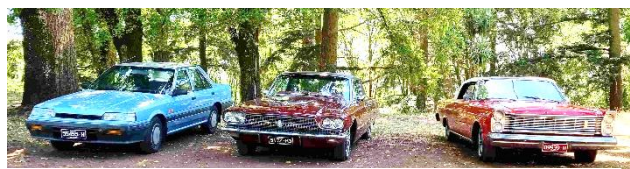
1909 Triumph was the oldest bike along with a 1928 AJS. Lots of '70's and '80's bikes. Peter Wilmot had his newly acquired Ariel Square 4 out for the first time. It's really good to see all these riders bringing their classic bikes out for a run.



Enjoying the sunshine on a cool day – Kevin Huggins, Ray Allen, Neville Finch, Ian Watson, Daryl Crawley, Ann Rasmussen, Phyllis Eason, Bruce Kerr



Ruth (Ian Watson's sister from Darwin), Barb & Warren Harris, Andy Burns, Lee Day, Frank & Jan Tamis, Jenny Ure



1988 Nissan Skyline, 1966 Thunderbird, 1965 Galaxie Convertible at Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens



Looking totally relaxed – Andy Burns and Lee Day

That's it for this Daylight Saving period. As you know, the weather dictates when these rides will be held, dates can't really be set so if you have a club registerable (25 years and older) motorcycle and would like to be informed of these rides during the next Daylight Saving period, please ring me on 0448 425 001.

Chris Ridsdale



L to r – Triumph, BSA, Vincent



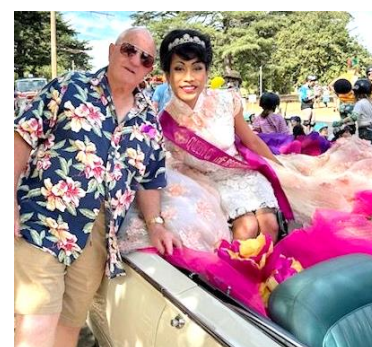
Ariel and 2 Hondas



BMW, Triumph & BSA

Ballarat Begonia Festival Parade – Monday 11th March

A big thank you must go to Bill Pearce for representing the VCCC in the Begonia Parade this year. With only a couple of weeks' notice, Bill made himself available for the parade. Bill carried the flamboyant Begonia Drag Queen "Scotty" in the open top Thunderbird along the parade circuit on what was the hottest day of the late summer. In Bill's words, "it was a fun day and he was a very attractive woman".



Thanks again Bill for flying the flag for VCCC and keeping our relationship with council event organisers intact. I hope it didn't take too long to get the decorations out of the car.

Brendan Stevens

Brown Hill Uniting Church Men's Breakfast - Saturday 16th March

The Brown Hill Uniting Church holds a Men's Breakfast in the meeting room behind the church 4-5 times a year on Saturday mornings. They try to have a guest speaker to add a bit of education/entertainment to these events. The main organiser, Louise, had approached our President, Andy Burns last year and the March Brekky fitted into his calendar.



Louise had promoted the morning in the local Newsletter, Church flyers and the Brown Hill Community Facebook page. The promotion obviously worked as the turn up was around twice the normal numbers. On top of that was the 12-13 club members who were good enough to get up early and roll their shining relics into the church grounds for display.



The ladies in the kitchen had cereal, porridge and fruit waiting for all as they arrived. Colin on the BBQ kept the bacon and eggs rolling out and the ladies slapped butter on toast as fast as they could. Louise did have to run to the nearby supermarket to grab some more eggs and no one went home hungry.



Andy delivered an entertaining 'off the cuff' speech and told the crowd a bit about the VCCC and its busy year or 2 ahead. He also explained the different classifications from Veteran to Modern Classic and the Red plate Permit Scheme. After taking a couple of questions from the floor and people sharing some anecdotes on their experiences in old cars, the crowd dispersed outside to look over the display cars. Bonnets were up and people sat in and looked around the variety of vehicles that were brought along. Plenty of memories were evoked and chatter surrounded the collection for their next hour or so. It was a great way to start the weekend on a beautiful autumn morning.

Big thanks must go to the Uniting Church crew, the owners of the display vehicles, Andy for his words and everyone who attended. Funds raised will be directed to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

Thanks to all, Brendan

Attendees at the Men's Breakfast at Brown Hill Uniting Church

David Clarke	1929 Ford	David Marks	1968 Camaro SS/RT
Gordon Roberts	1933 Dodge Coupe	Rod Gardiner	1970 Datsun Coupe
Brett Holloway	1935 Dodge	Norm Darwin	1970 Pontiac
Bob Bennetts	1938 Pontiac	David McHattie	1973 Mercedes 350
Warren Harris	1948 Commer Karrier	Frank Tamis	1973 Corvette Stingray
Andy Burns	1954 Vanguard	Harry Burns	1977 Holden Monaro
Brendan Stevens	1955 MG Magnette	John Conlan	1978 Holden
Kevin Holloway	1955 FJ Holden	Bernie Brisbane	1987 Suzuki Savage
Ron Gay	1960 VW Beetle	Barry & Cyndy Allison	1987 Nissan Silhouette
Bill Pearce	1962 Thunderbird Convert		

Sunday 17th March 2024 - "Tomato" Run to Mortlock Hydroponics in Carisbrook

On a beautiful autumn morning 35 club members left the old Master's carpark probably all asking the same question – "Where is the Club Captain taking us now on a "Tomato" Run"? Especially since most of the home gardeners amongst them have probably got a fridge full of tomatoes at home they can't get rid of. However, this is Tomato growing on a whole different scale.

40 minutes down the road just short of Carisbrook is Mortlock's Hydroponic Tomato Farm. We were greeted by Ian Mortlock the grower/manager and his son Tyson who had kindly given up their Sunday morning to show us around their very impressive indoor farm. The farm has been operating for around 15 years and expanded to its current size about 8 years ago.

The farm is a huge glass hothouse that covers 40 hectares with 4 huge growing sheds. Ian and Tyson walked the group through the shed with the most mature plants that were reaching their final few weeks of production. The other sheds are younger and just getting going and entry would require people to wash up and cover shoes to prevent the introduction of any disease or bug that could wipe out the plants in the shed.



Waiting for the starter's signal for the 'off';
- Ron Damen, Merv Sherlock, John Taylor, Rod Gardiner and Ray Allen

The sheds' temperature and humidity are computer controlled to allow maximum growth all year round. The glass roof opens and closes to allow fresh air through and heat out, the air is fogged with minute misters to maintain humidity at around 70% and shade cloth is moved across to remove the direct sun heating effect. In winter the sheds are warmed via gas heated water being pumped all around the floor under the plants. Unfortunately, the ever-increasing price of Natural Gas over the last couple of years has added enormously to the running costs.

The plants themselves grow from seedlings that are planted in water and nutrient soaked peat channels that sit a meter above the floor. There

are 30-40 employees that work continually to leaf prune and tie up the vine to reach for the sky about 3 meters above the channels. They grow very quickly and produce fruit from about 2 months of age to 6 months. Between the 4 sheds the farm has delicious fruit being available all year round.

They currently are the only growers of specialty fruit called Kumato that sell through Woolworths, Coles, Aldi and to the Melbourne and Sydney markets. They also have large Heirloom tomatoes that also go to the same outlets. 5-6 semi-trailers a week leave the large packing shed where all fruit is packaged by hand and kept cool. Fruit is usually delivered to shop outlets around 24 hours after picking. They currently work with a large tomato supply consortium that is based in South Australia.



Rod Gardiner's 1974 Yamaha enjoyed the day out (so did Rod!)



Our cars looked very small lined up against the enormous shed – and this was just a small portion of them!



Our group listened intently as Ian (with arm raised) explained how the glass roof opens and closes by computer operation



This is an example of the vine like root system in the peat channels and how high the plants grow. The railings are what the scissor lifts roll along between the rows for the pruners to do their work.

Ian and Tyson explained the workings of the farm well in laymen's terms and were very happy to answer any questions that were thrown at them. To say it was interesting is an understatement. This is modern farming on a huge scale and left us all full of chat and very impressed.

After a quick drink we went off to Natta Yallock to say hi to the people from the Pyrenees Historical Vehicle Club at their Annual Show and Shine. Unfortunately, because we went a bit overtime at the Mortlock's, it was approaching 1pm when we arrived. Even though the event was promoted to run to 3pm, many vehicles and owners had ventured off, but we happily parked under the trees and pulled out our chairs and lunch bags.

We had a chat with the vehicle owners that were still on site, and I personally apologized to Marg, the Club Secretary, for being a bit late. "No worries and enjoy your lunch", was the reply, "and thanks for coming out".



Lunch at Natta Yallock was a relaxed affair after the morning's lesson

By about 3pm we started moving on with quite a few pulling into Avoca for a cold drink or ice-cream. Nerene was a bit nervous about the Nissan getting the hic-cups on the way home but managed ok. Frank was giving the Corvette a good run as he was flying solo and didn't have Jan (the handbrake) to keep him inline.

Big thanks to all who attended and it was great to see a couple of vehicles not seen by me before, notably the Mini and Chev Pick Up that were beautifully presented. Thanks to Ron Damen for running tail end and watching out for Nerene.

Brendan Stevens

Attendees - "TOMATO" RUN Carisbrook- Natta- Yallock - Sunday 17th March - (Trophy Points)

Graeme Bell	1936 Ford Roadster	Tony Newman	1974 Rover P6B
Carl Peucker	1954 Chev Pick-up	Rod Gardiner	1974 Yamaha XS 650 B
Graeme & Kerryn Quemard	1954 Austin A40	Jenny & Scott Groves	1975 Mini S
Brendan Stevens	1955 MG Magnette	Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1984 Falcon EF1
Jim Kellett	1963 Studebaker Hawk	Tony & Lyn McDonald	1984 Jaguar XJ6
Merv & Maree Sherlock	1966 Rover Mk 3 P5	Barry & Cyndy Allison	1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette
Ivan & Helen Tarrant	1966 Mustang	Moyle Bunworth	1988 Toyota Celica
Neville Finch	1966 T'bird Coupe	Wayne & June Harrop	1988 Porsche 944S
Ron Damen	1970 VF Valiant Coupe	Nerene Backhouse	1988 Nissan Skyline
Ross & Robyn Wootton	1970 Mustang Mach 1	Gordon & Pam Roberts	1989 Mazda MX5
John Taylor	1970 MGB Mk 2	Karren Otto	1997 Ford Mondeo
Graeme Musgrove	1972 LJ Torana	John Peart	1997 Mercedes CLK 320
Frank Tamis	1973 Corvette		

Same Day as the Club Run – All Ford Day at Geelong Fords, Fords and more Fords

I had never been to an All Ford Day at Geelong but when a fellow club member Wayne Lineker invited me to go with him, I jumped at the invitation.

It was quite an early start for obvious reasons with a rendezvous outside Buninyong IGA so we could travel and park together. I had no idea where it was held but one friend said “at Eastern Beach” where they hold the Sprints. No way I thought, that wouldn't hold many Fords, they are usually large cars.

Anyway, we just followed Mike Simpson, even though there was a double back included, and tacked on the end of a line of Fords at the site, eventually parking near a “VCCC Ballarat” sign. It was very well organised with clubs parking together, some setting up in tents offering their members BBQ and coffee. We had to contend with our sandwich lunch which is always OK and healthier for our aging bodies.

Then the trek started - I wandered off on my own, I usually don't hear instructions but was able to look around at my own leisure. I later got a call inviting me to join our group up on the oval so did and it was good – a great display starting with one of Alan Moffat's XY racing cars; it looked genuine but had obviously been restored as it was “too new”. In fact, there were many Fords of all models which were restored to “better than new” and obviously worth lots to their owners.



VCCC line up – Wayne Lineker's XY, Mike Simpson's Executive, Brad Mollison's XM Falcon Coupe, John Stevens' XR Fairmont, Colin Hill's Zodiac Mk III, 'out the back' is Daryl Crawley's XB John Goss Special



John Stevens with his Runner Up Trophy sitting on his XR Fairmont



As we moved around, we came across many clubs and groups with cars right up to the very latest Mustangs with all sorts of trinkets added on to make them individual and faster than fast but why would they? I guess because they can. John Stevens came back with a big smile on his face sporting a trophy for runner up in XR/XT class for his lovely original Fairmont.

Peter Hibbert, (pictured at left) a VCCC member from South Vermont, won his class for his 1956 Ford Fairlane Victoria, a car he restored over 20 years ago.

Overall, it was a great day rounded off with “refreshments” and a game of pool at the Meredith Railway Hotel on the way home.

The group consisted of Wayne Lineker, Mike Simpson, Tom Quinlan, John Stevens, Daryl Crawley, Colin Hill and Brad Mollison.

Bruce Kerr



Chilling out at Meredith – Tom Quinlan, Wayne Lineker and John Stevens



At Meredith – Daryl Crawley's Goss, John Stevens' XR Fairmont, Wayne Lineker's XY and Mike Simpson's Executive

Federation Picnic – Mortlake – Sunday 24th March

This year's Picnic was held a week early due to the proper date falling on Easter Sunday. Before setting off from DTC, I informed the gathering that Stuart Barrow had let me know that the road from Streatham to Mortlake through Woorndoo (the planned way) was in bad shape. So, everyone agreed to go via Lake Bolac – the long way - but at least everyone arrived in one piece.

There were ten vehicles at the starting stalls ready to depart at 9am; Stuart and Marlene joined us at Linton and Amr and Heather Rasheed tacked on the end at Skipton. We had a quick toilet stop at Lake Bolac before proceeding to Tea Tree Lake Reserve at Mortlake, arriving at about 11ish.

The first ones to greet us were Mike and Lyn Simpson's family, obviously very anxious to see Gran and Grandad. We were suitably marshaled into our club's parking spot, and after partaking of coffees and cakes, (or some had lunch then!) most set off to view all the cars. It is a really perfect location for such an event with very shady trees, green lawns – all beside the tranquil ambience of the lake.



1941 Buick, 1968 Ford Executive, 1972 Mercedes Benz, 1996 Jaguar



President Andy Burns with Roy Littlehales, Graeme Musgrove and Geof Baulch

On arrival, each vehicle was given the instructions for the day plus a raffle ticket. Then, each occupant in a vehicle received meal tickets for the CWA cake stall as well as the Lions barbeque. In his talk later, Club Delegate, Brett Holloway, explained that Federation had received a grant from the local Moyne Shire as part of their Festival and Events Budget, which we were all very grateful for.

There were 105 vehicles on display, ranging from something as early as former member, Russell Ward's 1911 Empire and Kevin Holloway's 1913 Hupmobile to trucks and to motorbikes and anything in between, showing some beautiful and well-loved vehicles in the classic era. Our Club's display consisted of 20 vehicles.

Brett explained – and indeed thanked – not only the Moyne Shire, but also the local sponsors who provided all the items for the raffle – and there were many!! And some of our members went home with some goodies.

In due course, everyone left on their homeward journey after a great – and long - day of viewing beautiful cars, catching up with people not seen since last year's event and promising to do it all again next year.

Many thanks to the Federation team/committee and all the hard work they do to organise such an event – it just doesn't happen all by itself – so thank you one and all. Next year's Picnic will be the usual last Sunday, which will make it Sunday 30th March.

Nerene Backhouse

Attendees – Federation Picnic, Mortlake

1913 Hupmobile	Kevin & Helen Holloway
1924 Ford Model T	Geof Baulch
1929 DM Delage	Rick Thege & Heather
1941 Buick Century Coupe	Dale & Junie Collins
1947 Dodge	Brett Holloway
1960 Morris Minor Woody	Stuart & Marlene Barrow
1965 Ford Galaxie Convert	Daryl Crawley
1965 Ford Mustang	Frank & Jan Tamis
1966 Ford Mustang	Graeme Musgrove & Roy Littlehales
1966 Rover Mk III P5	Merv & Maree Sherlock, Ray Allen
1968 Ford Executive	Mike & Lyn Simpson
1970 Valiant 2 Door Coupe	Ron & Sue Damen, Nerene Backhouse
1971 GS Fairmont	Wayne Lineker & Joan Dickson
1972 Mercedes Benz	Tom Quinlan
1984 Falcon GLi EFI	Daryl & Barb Mitchell
1986 Rolls Royce Spirit	Tony & Lyn McDonald
1989 Ford Fairlane	Andy Burns & Lee Day
1996 Jaguar	Amr & Heather Rasheed
1997 Ford Mondeo	Karen Otto
Modern – Gordon & Pam Roberts	



The Federation Marquee with Kevin Holloway, John Smith and MC Brett Holloway with the Mayor of the Moyne Shire, Cr Ian Smith on the right.

The Zephyr & Zodiac Owners Club Melbourne held their 50th Anniversary & 4th International Convention in Ballarat over Easter 2024.

They picked Ballarat because the very first club run in 1974 was a picnic at Lake Wendouree. There were over 60 cars entered this year, including Mk I, II, III, IV Consul, Zephyr, Zodiac, Executive, Granada, sedans, convertibles, wagons and a police van.

Meet & Greet was at Mercure on Thursday night. Then we did a run to Pomonal and Lincoln Land for the Good Friday Royal Childrens Hospital appeal and local Pomonal bush fire recovery fund. Jim & Karen have 36 Lincolns ranging from 1922 including Jackie Gleeson's 1968 stretched limo. With over 150 cars turning up for the day the ZZ group took out 3 awards including 2 by lady owned vehicles. Back to Ballarat and then show and dinner at Kryal Castle that night.

On Saturday, we held a free public display in the North Gardens area of Lake Wendouree where about 10 VCCC members carried out the massive job of judging of various categories. There were 20 trophies to be won. The VCCC also catered a barbecue lunch for 130+ people and they were fed in a very efficient and short time. A plaque was presented by the ZZOCM to President Andy Burns (pictured) on behalf of the VCCC for the great job done. Jenny Ure and Tom Quinlan had an excellent crew of assistants. No names in case I miss someone.



After lunch it was off to Sovereign Hill for a guided tour then back for a nap or drinks or chats. Dinner was at the New York Bakery with a journey through time Aura Light Show after the meal. Very good show about the origins of gold digging and Eureka Rebellion in Ballarat.

Sunday saw us drive to Cricket Willow and park on the hallowed oval for a boxed lunch and a light-hearted chat from our host Ian. Some attendees had a car boot sale whilst we were there. Back to the Mercure to prepare for the official dinner where we were entertained by a magician and his beautiful assistant, then the trophies were presented, some 40 and 50-year certificates were handed out and the widow of the founder of the Melbourne club was made a Life Member for her 50 years of work and loyalty to the club.

On Sunday, we had a brunch at the Mercure then Watto led a few of us out to VCCC member Keith Elliot and Andy Burns' collections.

I am very proud to have won the trophy for Most Outstanding Mk IV with my 1968 Executive. Makes all the hard work and expense over the past couple of years worthwhile.

An excellent effort put in by VCCC members with marshalling (at show & shine), judging, catering and garage visits. Thank you all.

Mike Simpson



The above 1968 Ford Executive Mk IV and the Trophy on the right go together and will live happily ever after! Mike and Lyn Simpson are absolutely pumped with this prestigious INTERNATIONAL Award – and it happened here in Ballarat. Congratulations – well done!

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Douglas Motorcycles: The Complete Story.
by Mick Walker

176 Pages

Published in 2010

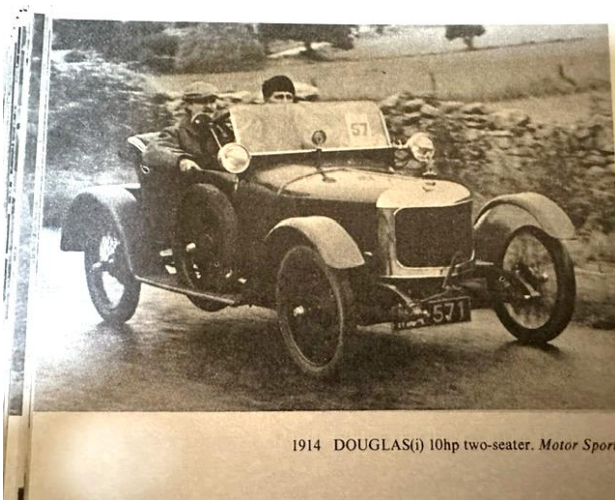
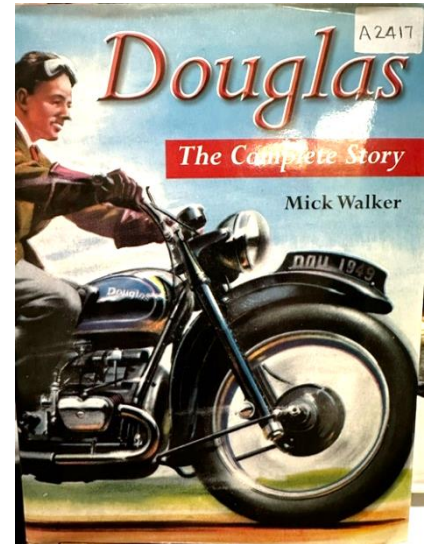
For almost half a century the Bristol-based Douglas Marque was a stalwart of the British motorcycle industry, and was famed for its flat-twin engines.

William Douglas had set up a foundry business in Bristol in 1882 and began motorcycle production in 1907 in an attempt to strengthen his Company's position. The first Douglas Motorcycle was designed by Joseph John Barter and was virtually identical to Barter's previously constructed Fairy Machine. Between then and the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 Douglas not only produced motorcycles for everyday use, but was also successful in motorcycle sport – the British Company winning their first Isle of Man TT victory (the Junior Section) in 1912.

After providing the British Army with thousands of military bikes in the First World War, Douglas entered a golden decade during the 1920's when it not only garnered three more TT victories (including the very first sidecar event in 1923), but produced some outstanding motorcycles. The 1930's brought the Depression and financial problems, including several changes in ownership.

After the Second World War Douglas produced one of the first all-new British motorcycles and went on to build several other models, including not only the Mark 3 and Mark 5, but the sporting Plus 80 and 90 machines.

Their final motorcycle, the Dragonfly, debuted at the end of 1954 and production ended in 1957. But a license agreement with the Italian industrial giant, Piaggio, meant that Douglas was to continue with the Vespa motor cycle – joined by the building of Gilera motorcycles from the early 1970's. The Company of Douglas finally closed down in 1982.



This book is profusely illustrated with colour and black-and-white pictures throughout, and details all the activities of the Douglas Company. This includes building Stationary Engines, and Electrical Generations Sets for the Marconi Radiotelegraphic Company. Douglas cars were also built between 1919 and 1932, as well as components for aircraft. The final Douglas four-wheel association came in 1951 with the use of a Douglas flat-twin motorcycle engine in the short-lived Bristol-built Iota Car. Douglas also built some light commercials from 1928, as well as some electric commercials from 1946.

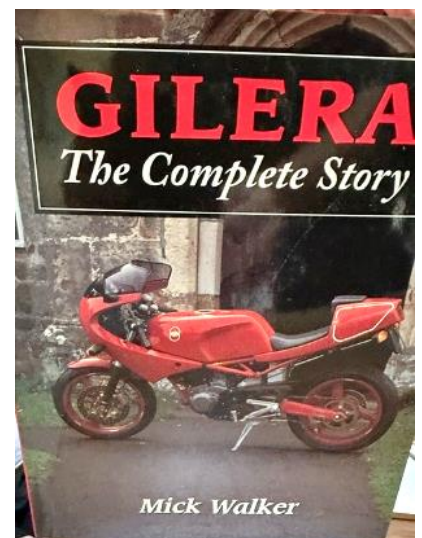
While this excellent book covers the history of the Douglas Company, it also covers all their motorcycles in a very detailed manner.

The author, Mick Walker, is acknowledged as one of the world's leading motorcycle authorities, and over 50 years, has written 110 books. He has also been a successful racer, tuner, team manager and talent scout. Mick has been involved in virtually every aspect of the motorcycle industry, even acting as the British importer of Ducati, Moto Guzzi and Cagiva motorcycles. During the 1980's he was the Editor of the Motorcycle Enthusiast Magazine, and, in 2019, he was made President of the British Italian Motorcycle Club.

Ron Gay

Postscript: As mentioned above, there is also a lot of information about Douglas in our Gilera book:

A1382 "Gilera Motorcycles – The Complete Story " by Mick Walker



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

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 30th April 2024 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

For Sale

1949 Austin Truck. Originally a fire truck, now has a new wooden tray.
Runs very well. Was a feature in our farm supplies store, but we have run out of space.

Body number 4259 Chassis number 148864 \$12,000 neg.

Contact Alan 0414 432 790



From Paul Jenkins

3 Bridgestone tubeless steel belted radial tyres B249 P 175/75 R14 865

I know that these tyres are too good to just retire.

I have just replaced the tyres on my 1967 MGB because one had shredded to bits, (son over from Broome driving).

As the existing could not be matched I have had 4 new tyres fitted.

As a result, I have 3 good tyres which I would like to unload to a club member/s for a donation to the Building or Club funds.

I have no idea what they are worth but if a member wished to gain for a donation to the Club, I would be happy.

Contact Paul - 0408 343 053

For Sale

1966 Sandrover Mini Caravan 10'6" 3 berth with full annex & awning, 2 new spare L/T wheels and tyres \$4000

Vintage Morris Radiator cap and Wilmot Breedon Temp gauge in working order \$250

Pair of 1960's Miller Driving Lights excellent condition \$250

Vintage clamp on running board luggage rack \$120

1955 Howard Yeoman Rotary Hoe with Villiers Mk 40 7H.P. in running order with operating manuals \$350

1955/6 Daimler Conquest Century bumper bars front and rear, good usable condition \$100 pair

Contact Gordon Roberts - 0409 773 464

For Sale

- 6x4 cage steel trailer. CARAC brand built 06/2007. Check plate floor with front and rear drop tailgates, removable rear swing cage door. Good tyres with side mounted spare 205/65R15. Fixed swing dolly wheel with 5 pin circular plug.

Tows really well. \$800

- Home style Spear & Jackson small Compressor 2.0 hp - 24 litre. Ideal for tyre pumping or home painting. Runs well but no hose or extras - as per photo.

\$50

Contact - Steve Rattle – Delacombe - 0411 386 399



For Sale

Austin A40 Ute (1954) - Aluminium Tray Type 40,000 miles - Barn find, car is 100% complete

No rust or dents, original paint with Patina - Runs well - Chassis No. 541675 - Engine No. IG 574155

\$4500.00

Contact - Chris Grose – 0417 378 063

For Sale

Singer 1927 14/34 2-Seater 6 cylinder 1776cc OHV
This was a Queensland car for many years, first registered April 1930, Qld rego Q129-564. Went off road in late 1970's and came to Victoria in 2010.

Full body off chassis restoration (kept as original as possible), the only component that has not been overhauled is the steering box which is in good condition. Engine rebuild by Edge Engineering, Dookie Burgundy leather interior to match original colour. The car exterior colour was originally all black, later blue. Has 5 new Lester tyres. Comes with original owners, spare parts and other manuals, Leather tool bag, period jack and tool set.

Including Singer oil can and Singer fuel can. Also, spare engine, gearboxes, complete rear axle assembly, plus many other extras. Located in Northern Victoria at Ruffly (near Euroa).

Selling due to pending downsizing and loss of shed space. Offers over \$20,000

Contact Marilyn Threfall singercarclub.secretary@gmail.com or Mob. 0429 300 783



For Sale

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VIN GHN5UE365989G \$16,000

Contact John – 0418 351 211



For Sale – Morris Minor Parts

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Many other parts, all second hand but some better than the parts you don't have.

Contact Bruce Kerr – 0438 394 026

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.

CLUB CALENDAR – APRIL - JUNE 2024

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

APR	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	13th	Ladies Crafternoon	Clubrooms	Karen Lawrence – this time only	0438136246	1:30-4pm
Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers	Court House Hotel Smythesdale.	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	General Meeting	Clubrooms			8pm
<i>Sat</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>All British Bike Rally</i>	<i>Maldon</i>			<i>9-12midday</i>
Sun	21st	Tombstone Tour (Trophy Points)	Karingal Carpets Creswick Road	Barb Harris and Noel Trengove		Depart 9am sharp
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7:30pm
Wed	24th	Chat, coffee, lunch	Clubrooms	Ray Drury	0417840623	11am
Sun	28th	Celebration BBQ	Clubrooms	RSVP - Daryl Crawley by 21st April	0417351827	12midday
MAY						
<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>4/5th</i>	<i>Historic Machinery Rally</i>	<i>Lake Goldsmith</i>			
<i>Sat</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Geelong Swap Meet</i>				
Sat	11th	Ladies Crafternoon	TBA	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30-4pm
<i>Wed/Tue</i>	<i>15-21st</i>	<i>Lake Bolac Campout</i>	<i>Lake Bolac</i>	<i>Nerene Backhouse</i>	<i>0427348060</i>	<i>All welcome</i>
Thurs	16th	Rustless Wanderers	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	17th	General Meeting	TBA – see May Newsletter			8pm
Sun	19th	Heritage Display (Trophy Points)	Lydiard Street North, Ballarat	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	10-3pm
Sun	19th	Lake Bolac Day Drive (Trophy Points)	Starbucks Car Park at DTC	A leader needed please		9.30am
Tues	21st	Committee Meeting	TBA			7:30pm
Sun	26th	Heritage Display at Races	Ballarat Racecourse	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	TBA
<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>25/26</i>	<i>Winton Historics</i>	<i>Winton Racetrack</i>			
JUNE						
Sun	2nd	Naked Radiator Run	TBA	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10:30am
<i>Sat-Mon</i>	<i>8-10th</i>	<i>Hamilton Rally</i>				
<i>Mon</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Kings Birthday Holiday</i>				
Thurs	20th	Rustless Wanderers	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	21st	Club General Meeting	TBA			8pm
Sun	23rd	Club Run (Trophy points)	TBA	John & Gayle Pickering	0408914943	TBA
Tues	25th	Committee Meeting	TBA			7:30pm
<i>Sun</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Fridge Swap Meet</i>	<i>Multi Storey Carpark Dana St</i>			

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



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