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Roly Bartlett's 1947 Alvis Tourer, Doug Sweetman's HT Holden Sedan and Kip Newbold's 1937 Reo Ute.

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# Last from this VP Desk

Hello fellow HMVC members.

This is the final VP Desk edition from me. I have done my time in office and now hand over the reins to the new committee.

It has been a pleasure working with a dedicated team of car enthusiasts who have looked over the running of our HMVC club. Things just don't happen in a club by chance. It is carried out by individuals like the Committee and others, who have an interest in seeing things improve and progress. Doing the same thing over and over again does not get you a different result.

This club is, without a doubt, a superb result of the continual improvement and achievement by many people. It's only those on the Committee that give their time freely two times a month to run meetings, but also to those who assist in other areas in the background.

Car events where you get to drive your pride and joy, can only be run by car enthusiasts, otherwise they are only car museums.

I encourage members to not only read the Steering Column, but to get out and meet other members. Camaraderie is a great thing.

Years ago, I started to write 2 children's books while sitting in the back of a C130 Hercules aircraft on long transit flights to the USA and back. I was the Loadmaster, a crew member. Now is the time for me to get back to it. It took me 3 days just to find it again. Now I know of every crook and cranny in my house, that it wasn't in.

Thank you

'Slow-down, Look-up, Listen & Stop for Trains.'

Andy VP

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## 2024 CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

### HMVC CLUB MEETINGS AT VICTOR HARBOR

General Meetings now have no covid restrictions regarding numbers, so please consider attending to build the attendance back up.

**General Meetings** - held at HMVC Clubrooms starting at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of the month.

♦ 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December

**Committee Meetings** - held at HMVC Clubrooms starting at 7:00pm on the last Thursday of the month.

♦ 29th August, 26th September, 31st October and 28th November

**Newsletter Nights** - held on the following Thursdays at the HMVC Clubrooms at 6:30pm.

♦ 8th August, 10th October, 14th November and 12th December.

# CARS 'n COFFEE

**Hi everyone. Here is the info for the next 'Cars 'n Coffee'.**

Please be aware of any cut-off dates as these are important for planning/catering.

**Tuesday 13th August:** Yankalilla Bakery 9:30 for 10:00am  
Booking cut off date - Evening of Saturday 10th August.

**Tuesday 10th September:** The Vault (formerly Hammer and Tongs), Strathalbyn. 9:30 for 10:00am  
Booking cut off date - Evening of Saturday 7th September.

**Please be aware that bookings need to be made through Jan Dunk on mob 0408 897 237 or email [treasurer@hmv.org.au](mailto:treasurer@hmv.org.au)**

***See you in the sunshine.***

***Cheers,***

***Jan.***

## Other Events happening around the place!

**Springtime Event** - Rob Makin is organising a visit to the Yankalilla Nursing Home so stay tuned for more information regarding this event.

**September 21st-22nd** (Sat & Sun) Rock 'n Roll Festival, Warland Reserve. More info in this Steering Column.

**September 22nd** (Sunday) Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic Day. 9:00am - 3:00pm. Macclesfield Oval & Sporting Complex Cnr. Davies & Kingrose Streets Macclesfield.

**October 20th** (Sunday) Bay to Birdwood\* B2B For all vehicles manufactured up to 1994

**October 26th-28th** Riverland Rendezvous, (Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club event) Tag along. Organised by the Rowley's. For information and registration contact Marj Rowley Ph: 0401 085 950

**November 3rd** Ashbourne Picnic / Graham Withers Memorial. Ashbourne Oval. Further details TBA. Events Coordination team.

**November 9th-10th** (Sat & Sun) Power of Past at Mt Barker Showgrounds.

**November 10th** Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show 2024. Yankalilla Showgrounds, 1 Jervois Road, Yankalilla, SA

## Swap Meets (etc) around SA

**September 15th** 39th The Legendary Gawler Mega Auto Swap Meet.  
Community Center, Nixon Terrace Gawler.

**September 22nd** Morgan Classic and Custom Car Club Swap Meet and Show and Shine.  
Morgan Sports Complex Oval Morgan Terrace, Morgan

**October 13th** Strathalbyn Auto Swap Meet.  
Strathalbyn Oval Complex, Coronation Rd, Strathalbyn

For additional information on swap meets and events visit ..... **[www.bevenyoung.com.au](http://www.bevenyoung.com.au)**



## **HMVC Library News .... August 2024!**

Another Club Year has passed, and with it, much restorative work very satisfactorily completed in the Library. The old side windows have been completely removed, 'rebuilt' with new woodwork and glass, and replaced. All the work was carefully done as the Heritage Architect had specified. And, wonder of wonders, the top sections now open and close neatly for the first time in c.60 +years!

The next task was to remove the wooden 'cube' shelving and replace it with 'Dexion' steel shelving. A hard-working band of HMVC member/workers managed to remove all the books, keep them in 'reasonable order', remove the shelving and replace it with stronger, more commodious, steel shelving, and finally, replace the books... all in one working day! Mind you, there was quite an inordinate amount of time later spent in 'finishing-of' the job with properly spacing the books, and providing new shelf signage.

Special thanks must go to our Acting President Andy Hislop, Club Building Maintenance Officer, Chris Rowley, Marj Rowley, Bruce Gilbert, Andy Moffett, Andrew Nicholls, and David Nixon. I, too, helped by maintaining 'order' in the book collection... not one item escaped!

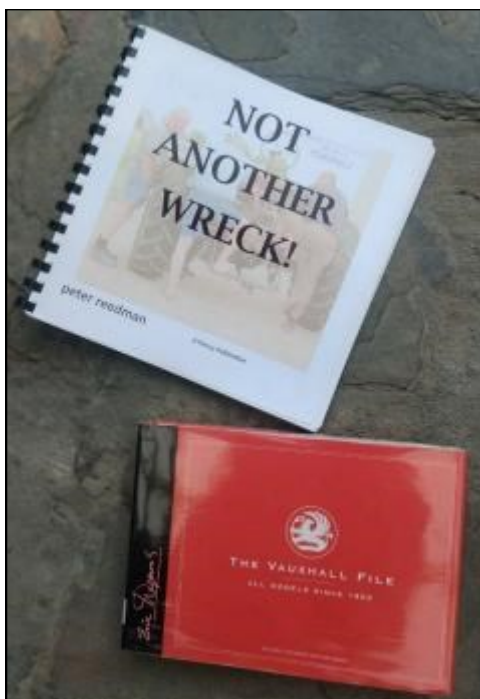
Our sadly missed, long time Club Member, Milan Prochazka, left a couple of very interesting books to swell our collection. The first I have already mentioned at a Meeting, but it was not then ready for circulation at the time. Milan's earlier passion was for Vauxhall cars, and he had several of them over the years, mainly utes. This Vauxhall book is extremely interesting as we can see the origin of several Holden series in the models covered. Milan paid \$70 for this authoritative item, originally, so it really is a 'must read' for UK car fanciers:

**DYMOCK, Eric: THE VAUXHALL FILE;** all models since 1903. On the shelf at **629.2222/VAU**.

The second book concerns our old mate ,Milan, once again, as he and his band at the Museum work miracles to restore an old Farmall tractor. Packed full of photos of Milan and his friends pulling the darn old thing apart, rebuilding it piece by piece, then finally painting and successfully breathing new life into a tired, old, machine! THIS BOOK (for those who sadly never knew Milan) is a story of the Master and his apprentices hard 'at work'! Every picture tells a story! Take it home; you will love it.

**REEDMAN, Peter: NOT ANOTHER WRECK!..The restoration of a Farmall tractor at the Port Elliot Historical Museum. Project leader: Milan Prochazka. 629.2252/REE**

**Leigh Blacket - Library Coordinator**



**New Shelving for the HMVC Library**

**REMEMBER, the Library is open to Members from 6.00pm on Meeting nights!**

# RIVERLAND RENDEVOUS RUN

HMVC members come along and join in the

## *Riverland Rendezvous*

With the Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club

For the Loxton Historical Run Oct 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday: Register and collect pack before 2pm at the Loxton Historical Village, there will be stalls to purchase lunch if you wish. 6 pm Dinner at the Historical Village (Roast and dessert \$25/ head pre-paid)

Sunday: 8.00 - 9.00. Breakfast at Aquatic site (\$10 egg and bacon roll)

Morning Tea at Paruna and judging of cars. Tour of car collection at Alawoona or optional visit to The Pines historic homestead and afternoon tea in Loxton. (\$20 tour and afternoon tea)

Sunday evening: 5pm. Display of cars and 6pm Presentation Dinner at "The Precinct" Loxton Oval in Loxton ( \$35/ head pre-paid)

Monday: 8.30. Breakfast and farewell at the Aquatic site (\$10 egg & bacon roll)

### Accommodation

I have reserved cabins at the Berri Caravan Park for 30 people to stay Sat and Sunday nights. (Check in after 2pm Saturday.) We have use of their facilities to hang out together.

Entry fee \$50/ car. Applications close August 30th with payment for meals etc.

**Call Chris Rowley 0414408196 or Marj Rowley 0401085950**

## A (final) Note From The Editor.

It has been two years since I took on the post of the HMVC Editor and it is now time for me to hand the reins over to someone else. It has been my aim to maintain the Steering Column in the great shape that it was passed on to me; and to be able to pass it on to the next Editor in the same shape.

There have been a couple of ups and downs along the way (operator error!) but, for the most part, I believe it has been smooth sailing. The process of getting the electronic version of the Steering Column to all our members is somewhat smoother now with the use of '*links*' compared to '*attached documents within emails*'. This has been achieved through the expertise of other members within your club. I am sure the general readership are very happy with this outcome!

I have received much needed help by leaning on the vast experience and knowledge of the members within your club. I thank those members that have helped me out when I have put out the call. Also, a thanks to all the folks that provide regular input into the Steering Column from edition to edition.

So, after two years, it is '*au revoir, bye-bye and ta-ta for now*'.

All the best and safe motoring. Yours, Bruce McAndie

## No current Editor and the Impact on Steering Column.

With no current Editor it will not be possible to continue publication of the Steering Column. At this point, until someone is prepared to take on the role of Editor, the bi-monthly update will now be produced and circulated on a monthly basis **to HMVC members**. These updates will be emailed to those members with email addresses and only posted to those members without email addresses.

If someone should wish to take on the role of Editor you will need some level of Microsoft Word. Please contact the Club Secretary (Stephen Spong), in the first instance, should you wish to take on this position.

The previous two Editors are available to assist in a transition to this position.



# CARS 'n COFFEE - Finniss - 11th June



Ann and I set out on a cold windy day in June in anticipation of hot coffee awaiting us at the Finniss General Store. On arrival there were many HMVC members already consuming various delights and their coffee, tea and even milkshakes. It was great to catch up with old and new members and a chat on all sorts of topics.

A lot had come in their historic registered cars. We ventured out in our latest purchase a bright red 1991 Audi 90. It has a few more comforts for longer rallies. When it was time to leave a certain MGB wasn't at all keen to go home. However after a drink of petrol it sparked into life.

For those who come along to these events it is a great time to give your cars a run and to get to know your fellow HMVC members. Peter Krichauff.





## CARS AND COFFEE - Middleton Tavern - 9th July



There is something special about a crisp morning, a good cup of coffee and historic vehicles lined up. That is exactly what HMVC members experienced at Middleton Tavern on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July for the monthly Cars and Coffee event with 40 members including 16 historic vehicles in attendance.

Middleton Tavern was an excellent venue with plenty of room and separate tables which allowed everyone a great opportunity to mingle whilst enjoying that cup of coffee and delicious cheesecake. Kip and Lynne Newbold's dog, safely secured in the back of 'Ugly', was very well behaved while we were all inside enjoying ourselves!

Lorraine & Neville Merritt.





## CARS 'n COFFEE - Middleton Tavern - cont'd





# Member Profile - Michael and Fiona Smitham

## Fiona's Story:

I grew up in the Mid-North of South Australia, 30 kms east of Jamestown. One of nine children, I left home at 16 and moved in with my boyfriend in Jamestown. He was a very talented panelbeater and specialised in car restoration. This was the beginning of life around cars, especially V8's. We bought a house, married and had children; and not particularly in that order. We moved to Mount Gambier as our three children were about to start school. Cars were a big part of our life and Peter Brock was our idol. Our family car was a VK Brock Commodore and the new model Monaro. My son, Brad, has restored the Brock Commodore and it now belongs to him.



After 19 years, and separating from my husband, I traded the Monaro in for a Barina (yes, you read that right). I found a hair dressing job on the internet, packed the Barina and, with my 15 year old son, we moved to Clare, not really knowing anyone. Within a year I traded the Barina in on Brutus, my beautiful black, VE SSV manual V8 Ute. Many years later I traded that up to the VF Maloo.

I opened up my own salon in Clare within 2 years and one day Michael Smitham walked in the door looking for a haircut. We moved in together after 4 months and married within 18 months. We relocated down to the Fleurieu 3 months later. I sold my salon in Clare and purchased Harbor Hair in Victor Harbor.

At some point Michael's dad decided to have a farm clearing sale but didn't tell us. I did not have enough cash to keep either the FJ Ute nor the FX Sedan in the family. This is what spurred us on to buy our own classic car. We found a '59 Cadillac, Rodger the Dodge. He was a 59, had great fins and was affordable. He was aptly named "The Get F..... Merv car". Buying Rodger The Dodge, a red and white 1959 Dodge Coronet, was the best thing we ever did. This increased our love for everything 50's and 60's.



A few years later we purchased Harry, a '41 Chev Coupe Ute. Harry was beautiful to look at and challenging to drive with the old crash gearbox, which meant I had to perfect my double-clutching technique. I did take Harry to the Port Elliot Show and entered the Ute muster. I was hoping to take out the 'Best Chicks Ute' but won 'Best Historic Ute' instead. After a few years I sold Harry to a farmer in Kangaroo Island who had lost his original '41 Chev Coupe in the 2019/2020 Kangaroo Island fires.

I purchased my dream machine, the '59 Cadillac from Classic Motor Studio in Totness immediately after selling the Ute. After having watched this car for two years, seeing it in the Bay to Birdwood (and talking to the owners about it), and subsequently being advertised in magazines and on-line, I had the funds to buy it.

Over the years our collection of vintage clothes and costumes has grown. We have a room in our house dedicated to our hobby. We love dressing up in the 50's/60's era, getting into character and stepping back in time. Our biggest thrill was winning the 'Best Dressed Couple' at the National Vintage Fashion Awards at the Geelong Revival last year.

Rodger the Dodge has been sold. We will keep the Cadillac and have bought a 10ft Millard Caravan called Poppy. Life is about getting out there and having fun. So if you see a big white 19ft Cadillac towing a little 10ft caravan with a long line of traffic stuck behind it, it is probably just us heading off on a mini break.



## Michael's Story

Born as one of the last baby boomers at the end of 1964, I grew up on a mid-North farm near the then almost ghost town of Hart, just north of Blyth. I was the eldest son and child of three in a farming family that grew wheat, barley, sheep and eggs. Fortunately the last milking cow had departed when I was two. In the area, and nearby towns, a common sight in the 1960's and 70's were vehicles of advancing age, from all categories. Cars, utes, motor bikes, trucks, tractors etc. As long as I can remember I loved all things historical/vintage/retro, ESPECIALLY CARS.

As I waited for age to allow me to get my license I promptly started to save, over two years, my meagre farm hand wage in Year 12 and the first year home on the farm (a terrible drought, lucky me). In December 1981, for my 17th birthday, I picked out a car that I wanted but Dad would not let me have it as he thought it far too old, it wasn't Australian and that as I was hopeless with mechanics, he stated with conviction that I would be stuck in the middle of nowhere one day even with the help from the RAA. So, I had to settle for a 1975 Valiant Regal not the '64 Vauxhall Cresta that I had wanted. The Valiant was the last model BEFORE Regals automatically came out with Air-Con with the salesman pitching that it was the last model with 'springs in the seats'. But I loved that car. Poo brown in colour with a cream vinyl roof and the Chrysler emblem standing on the bonnet.



## Michael's Story cont'd:



But being 'Frank Spencer' on the farm was much too hard a job for both myself and my father and I moved to Adelaide at the beginning of 1984 to begin a teaching degree. In Adelaide my beloved Regal suddenly became very thirsty and was traded for a 39,000km, 5 speed 1981 Corolla. Goodness, what a size difference. And petrol saving! That car did an amazing job of city and country driving. Sold 5 years later, nearly 200,000, it never broke down. In 1989 it was replaced by a 1988 Toyota Seca as I had rashly got married too quickly the year before. I still, however, dreamt of a Classic Car.



In 1992, happily wifeless and with no Toyota Seca, my father encouraged me yet again to NOT get a classic but to be sensible so I purchased a 1984 Toyota Corona Avante. This was a great car, top of the range (ooohhh, an aerial that went up and down automatically/thick velour seats/aircon) but it made me restless. Luckily in 1993 my new fiancé's old Mazda 626 blew itself up. She loved my new car and bought it. So, after a short search I found a 1960 FB Holden Special, white bottom and roof, dark blue middle. It had done 90,000m. When we got married in 1994 it was the groomsman's car.



In the '90s I found myself travelling from Littlehampton to Wirrina Cove five days a week as a Reception Supervisor. My faithful FB was such a pleasure to drive but family members worried about 'the poor old thing'. I resisted modernising for quite some time but on the way home one night approaching midnight the electrics ceased to work while doing 50mph on the road next to the Myponga Reservoir. Sliding to a halt in the pitch black I realised the front of the car was diagonal across the lane with a headlight half a metre from the actual guard rail. After that episode I bought a 1988 Colt GSR from a car yard in Woodside. Turned out to be a lemon and broke down a lot.



Meanwhile my father had restored some farm vehicles; the Diamond T truck back to its cherry red and cream paintwork with its beautiful pine board tray, the Fordson tractor was back to its bright dark Royal Blue and Canary Yellow, and because he had been brought back from the Pinaroo Hospital in one like it in 1934, he had purchased an in pieces 1930 Oakland 8, a short wheel base limousine, a model that was so expensive to make at the time it helped the Oakland Car Company go bankrupt before the end of the depression. The Oakland 8 underwent a massive restoration. Its funny, I had no idea that years later it would be our wedding car and that it would end up in my hands. But Oakland happily resides with a brother-in-law in Clare Valley so he can be tuned, admired and safely driven on outings as he should be.



After the appearance of sons Connor and Rhett, the GSR had to go and was replaced by the loved ex -RAA 1989 TP Magna. My brother-in-law, and parents-in-laws families were into road trips so we ended up with a black 1996 Limited Edition Jeep Cherokee followed a few year later by the longer wheel base 2001 Jeep Laredo. Many fun family holidays kilometres were travelled but I still miss my classic. Along the way I bought a 1993 metallic black EB Ford Fairmont Ghia. The Ghia looked and felt wonderful, but was unreliable mechanically.

In 2008, while I was a house Dad, working part time and putting myself through the rest of my Uni degree, Connor and Rhett and I, found overnight that there was no female under our roof, a woefully inadequate new income that could not hope to service the large mortgage and my transport unreliable for us. So everything was sold, including the attractive Ford, I ceased Uni and took full time work in Kadina but, just before starting, I was asked to work out of the Clare office instead. I arrived with 3/4 of a house of furniture, \$750 in the bank and a 2002 metallic blue Holden Cruze for us boys (nicknamed 'The Little Blue Box'). At the end of the next year I met Fiona, and of course, the amazing Brutus. I greatly admired that VE SSV 6Sp Black Ute with black and red leather trim. But I fell in love with HER.



## BACK WORDS - By Paul Murrell

### Cheating has always been a part of the game.

Motor racing lends itself to cheating and some of the greatest champions were guilty of it. It has a long history, too. In the 1932 Tripoli Grand Prix, the winner of the GP also decided who would be awarded a prize in the Italian national lottery (Libya was, at the time, an Italian dominion).

Piero Taruffi tells the story: "Two weeks before the race, 30 tickets were drawn and offered to a similar number of drivers.

The ticket associated with the winning driver would earn the ticket-holder first prize, and so on for the second and third prizes." Varzi, Nuvolari and Borzacchini were quick to see the potential and arranged with their corresponding ticket holders to split the prize money in the race and most of the first and second prizes in the lottery. Varzi and Nuvolari finished first and second, with a prize pool equivalent to \$2.8 million at current values. Nuvolari explained that verbal promises were made to other drivers to be cut in if they held back. Although a number apparently agreed, no money was ever distributed and strong feelings prevailed for a number of years. The most vocal protestor was Luigi Fagioli who used to threaten the defaulters before every race.



**Did it sell?** There have always been chancers, people who believe their car is worth considerably more than the prevailing rate. And as often as not, they get what they are asking. After all, as the old saying goes, there's one born every minute. While doing some research recently, I came across an ad in 1988 offering a Ferrari Daytona Spyder, the 365 GTB/4.

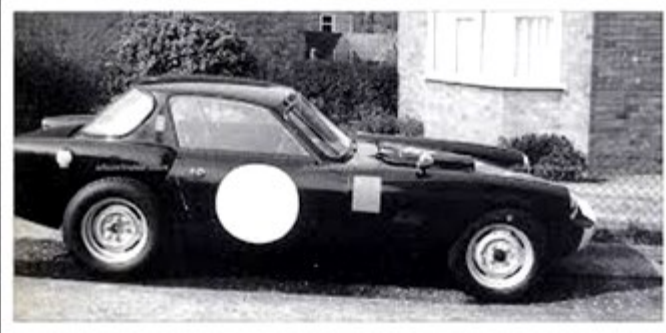
Admittedly, it was a desirable car: one owner in a dry US state, never damaged or in need of restoration and only months after the death of Enzo Ferrari. But "respectfully consider offers over \$2 million"? And remember, these were 1988 dollars, worth approximately \$5 million today. It appeared for a few months as a full-page ad, so presumably the owner wasn't swamped with offers, respectful or otherwise. Also in the same issue, a 1980 De Tomaso Longchamp was offered for "around £18,000" while a very similar-looking 1980 Maserati Kyalami 4.9 Auto, "with all the usual extra's (*sic*)" was on offer for £17,000. These days, a mint condition De Tomaso should be worth around £34,000 (\$A63,400) while a Maserati Kyalami is worth around £45,000 (\$A84,000).



### An earlier Triton.

Finding names for modern vehicles becomes ever more challenging, and most have appeared, in some form, in years past. Did you know, for example, that the big-selling Aussie Mitsubishi Triton ute wears the same name as a much earlier predecessor.

Triton was the son of Neptune and was represented as a fish with a human head. It was also the name chosen by an Englishman, David Johnson-Webb, for his own sports



car. Small world! It used a modified Peregrine body in glass-fibre. The Peregrine, in turn, was the short-lived venture by Peter Pellandine, who was responsible for the Ashley and Falcon bodies (and about whom I have spoken before).

And did you also know that "fibreglass" is a registered trademark (technically owned by Owings Corning) and not a generic term?

**And that's how the fight started...** My wife made coffee for me this morning, and winked at me when she handed me the cup. I've never been more scared of a drink in all my life



## CLUB CLOBBER PRICE LIST

Hi everyone from Marj Rowley. Thank you all for your support of our clobber, we are really looking great in our teal and black. Get ready for our winter runs and events with our fleecy range of Club Clobber.

Vehicle Windscreen Banner. Black on Silver 2.0m long with print over 1.0m	\$10.00
Ladies Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (teal) Sizes - 12/14,16/18, 20/22	\$33.00
Mens Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (teal) Sizes - S to 3XL Larger sizes available to order.	\$33.00
I have added the option of a pocket for the polo shirt. These are available for \$41.	
Jacket - Unisex - All sizes to 5xl available to order. Pay on order and collect next meeting. All prices include GST and are 'each' prices.	\$83.00

Sew on Badge	\$7.00
Stick on Badge	\$1.00
Lapel Pin	\$6.00
Metal Car Badge	\$25.00
Bucket Hat	\$18.00
Black Cap	\$19.00
Number Plate Surrounds (pair)	\$8.00

Club Clobber is available  
by contacting Marj Rowley  
Ph: 0401 085 950

A micro fleece sleeveless  
vest with club logo is now  
available for \$40.00



## NEW SHELVING FOR HMVC LIBRARY COLLECTION

Recently a group of studious HMVC members worked to install the new shelving to house the HMVC Library Collection. Looks like just the right combination of bosses and troops on this job!



Just hold it for another ten minutes while I get this hole  
lined up!



Looks like Leigh is asking Andy to bring that end up just one more  
millimetre, else the books might fall off the end of the shelf!



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# ROCK 'n ROLL Festival - 21st-22nd September

The 2024 Rock 'n Roll Festival planning is well underway.

Meetings between your planning committee, Fairy Pig (overall event managers) and the Victor Harbor Council having been conducted to ensure a great event for 2024.

This year there will be two dance floors, one at Warland Reserve and the other in Ocean Street. The Ocean Street stage will be licenced and fenced, with assistance from the Grosvenor Hotel. There will be stalls throughout Railway Plaza as well as on Warland Reserve.

Ocean Street is planned to have predominantly historic Motor Cycles / Hot Rods.

Once again the event will be a two day event with a twilight run, hosted by Coast Rodders (VH) on Saturday Evening.

This year, entry for Rock 'n Roll era vehicles (those manufactured between 1950-1979) will be free. Hot Rods are exempt the age restriction. Please consider nominating your vehicle for the Rock 'n Roll festival. This year all correspondence is by email with information/number emailed to entrants on acceptance of their vehicle.

Vehicles that are outside of the 1950-1979 dates will be able to park; however, there will be a \$10 per day parking cost (please see the website for where this parking is).

Please visit the website [www.rocknrollfestival.com.au](http://www.rocknrollfestival.com.au) for all the on-line information you will need regarding this event.

You can also contact any of your HMVC Rock 'n Roll event coordinators via mobile phone:

Malc or Jen Haythorpe on 0488 528 331,  
Jan Dunk on 0408 897 237,  
Jeff Farmer on 0408 897 018,  
Marj Rowley on 0401 085 950,





# BUY SELL SWAP

## FOR SALE

Steel gantry +2t block and tackle.  
Flat jarrah timber tray for Morris Minor Ute includes brackets and mudguards.  
4 Morris Minor wheels 5 1/2" x13" . Morris Minor Ute/panel van Bonnet (rare item)  
2005 Suzuki Swift complete engine, 160,000 ks, +fuel pump , head lights ,and other odds and sods.  
**Roger Yates Ph: 0417 806 991 for more details and prices**

Does anyone want to buy my Ford Pilot? Please call...  
**Ray Klecko Ph: 0438 364 870**

1992 Mazda MX-5 (NA Series). In good, mostly original, running order. For more info contact  
**Malcolm Ph: 0411 557 181**

Mercedes Benz, circa 1980 240D Diesel, 4 sp man, car is complete, some rust. \$500  
1978 Mini Minor, Leyland, complete car, alloy wheels, some rust, SA rego WAT533. \$500  
Toyota Corona, shovel nose, RT40, Toyota glide trans, complete car. SA rego RWK907. \$500

Cars are in Murrayville, Vic. For more info contact. **Len Oxenham Ph: 0427 606 539**

1946 Buick Straight Eight. **Steve Hall Ph: 0418 826 028**

Covered Car Trailer was converted from a boat trailer, the dimensions are: L 3.6m, W 2m, H 1.8m,  
The cover is weatherproof & made from heavy duty rip stop pvc. It is registered in SA until Feb 2025.  
The lights and wiring are all new and operating. Brand new aluminium car ramps for loading vehicles  
are included in the asking price of \$6,950. The trailer can be inspected in Goolwa.

**Peter Maxwell Ph: 0427 692 695**

2 Round Gas BBQ. **Chris Ph: 0414 408 196**

4 Firestone Whitewall tyres in good condition. 16 x 650 with tubes. Make me an offer. **John Taylor Ph: 0408 835 082**

## WANTED

1930's REO hubcaps. **Kip Newbold Ph: 0407 728 099**

Pair of 2v closed chamber heads suit Cleveland 302. **Alex Terlaare Ph: 0408 360 469**

Subaru Brumby chrome tailgate trim **Mark Miller Ph: 0418 801 961**

Pair of rear suspension springs to fit 1970's Holden Sedan. **Doug Ph: 8554 2286 or 0448 542 286**

## INFORMATION REQUEST

Does anyone know the person in Victor Harbor who freshens or creates narrow (1970s) whitewalls on ordinary tyres? Thanks. **Ph: 0434 623 039**

**You can contact the Editor direct if you have items for sale or wanted, and they can be included here.**

**Please advise the Editor when you have sold your 'for sale item' or found your 'wanted' item.**

**Advertisements will now be run for two consecutive editions then withdrawn unless an extension is requested.**

## Attendees lists for Cars 'n Coffee - Middleton & Finnis

### Finnis - 11th June

Deidre Solly	Datsun 120Y
Gill&Martin Thornhill&Jeff	Jaguar Mk II
McEvoy	
Lee Blair-Jenke	Daimler
John & Carolyn Reid	Modern
Roly Bartlett x 4	Austin Sheerline
Shane Gray	2010 Corolla
Joy & David Nixon	Modern
John Taylor	Modern
Bill & Margaret Ellis	Valiant R
Sonia & Warren Jamieson	Ford "RipCurl" Ute
Peter & Ann Krichauff	Audi 90 Sports 1991
Philip & Melissa Ball	1980 Chrysler Regal
Frank Rismondo x 6	Modern
Tim & Elizabeth Dunstan	MGB 1966
Jan & Jeff	Modern
David Gratton	Modern
Robin & Lyn Puckridge	1960 Humber Super Snipe
Kevin & Colleen Griggs	Modern
Leigh & Zofia Phillips	Clubman 7

### Middleton Tavern - 9th July

Jan & Jeff	Modern
Jenny & Trevor Hutchesson	MGB
Deidre Solly	Austin A35 Van
Shane Gray	2010 Corolla
Doug & Vivienne Hill	Austin 7
Marj & Chris Rowley	Toyota Cressida
Lyn Cameron	Modern
Cathy & Brenton Tozer	VW
Peter Jones & Bev	Jaguar
Chris & Leigh Blacket	Isuzu
David Gratton	Mini
Jane & Mark Andersson	Modern
Peter Mathews	MGF
Roly & Denise Bartlett	Alvis
Doug Sweetman	Holden HT
Brian Caire	MGB
Neville & Lorraine Merritt	Modern
Philip & Melissa Ball	CM Chrysler Regal
Robin Rodd	Morris 1955
Bob & Elaine Sellar	Modern
Reinhard Klaebitz	Mercedes
Karen Green	VW Beetle
Carolyn & John Reid	Modern
Kip & Lyne Newbold	Reo Ute
Brigid & Thor Scholden	Renault

## Guess the Steering Wheel - Answer from February 24

The Subaru XT wasn't just strange-looking on the outside - the interior had its fair share of quirks as well. The steering wheel is the most obvious, with an asymmetrical pistol shape and a square center.

This steering wheel is from the mid-late 1980's XT.





# Annual General Meeting Minutes - 1st August 2024

**Opening:** Acting President Andy Hislop at 7.00 pm

**Apologies:** Robert Hall, Ron Cook.

**Minutes of the AGM held Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** were accepted as a true and correct record on Motion from Malcolm Haythorpe, sec. John Taylor.

**Matters arising from these Minutes:** nil

**President's Report:** Acting President Andy Hislop thanked the Club, esp. the Executive, and Committee, for its support. Noted that the older Members' experience was appreciated. He thanked individual Members of both Committee and Club their input during the past year. He said that vacant positions must be filled to ensure continued success of our Club.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer, Andrew Nicholls, in his Annual report, outlined another financially successful year for the Club, considering major outlays in repairing the windows in the Library, and an inc. in recurrent service costs. There was a small but satisfactory increase in funds at the end of the year.

Reports, as above, were received on Motion from Malc Haythorpe sec. Meg Klecko.

**Auditor's Report:** no report was available for presentation at this Meeting.

**Life Membership:** Leigh Blacket was asked to leave the Mtg, and in his absence was elected to 'Life Membership' by the Members of the Club.. On his return Meg Klecko read a summary of his almost 30 year involvement in the Club, with special focus on dev. of the Club's Library. He served on Committee several times, being Club Sec for some years. Acting Pres. Andy Hislop presented Leigh with his L.M.'s certificate and badge. Leigh responded thanking the Acting President and the Club for the honour bestowed. He felt very humbled and extremely grateful for the recognition. Developing the Library had been both a challenge and a joy. It was an absolute pleasure to have served the Club he loves. He thanked Acting Pres. Andy Hislop, his sponsors, and the Club membership sincerely.

**Election of Temporary/Presiding Officer** for the purpose of conducting the Elections: Past Pres. Malcolm Haythorpe was elected unopposed. Acting President Andy Hislop then vacated the Chair in favour of the elected Presiding Officer.

**Elections for Club's Executive positions** for a two-year tenure. (Years 2024-2025/2025-26) The following officers were elected to Office for the tenure relevant to the position.

**Club President:** Steve Hall, Nom. by John Taylor, sec. Meg Klecko.

**Vice President :** Andrew Nicholls. Nom by Leigh Blacket, sec Meg Klecko.

**Club Secretary:** Stephen Spong, Nom. by Malc Haythorpe, sec. Barbara Harrington.

**Club Treasurer:** Jan Dunk, Nom. by Jeff Farmer, sec. Leigh Blacket.

**Election of Committee Members (2-year tenure, 2024-2026):** (up to 7 in all, may be elected, reserving one seat for the Editor. Glen Haythorpe resigned his position.)

**Continuing Committee members are:**

Andy Moffett (elected 2023 AGM for 2-year term to Aug 2025)

Marj Rowley ( " " " " " " " )

Chris Rowley ( " " " " " " " )

**New Committee Members are:**

Ray Klecko, Nom. Steve Hall, sec. Leigh Blacket. (2-year tenure)

Karen Green Nom by Marj Rowley, sec Malcolm Haythorpe. (2-yr. tenure)

Dean Solly, Nom. Leigh Blacket, sec. Andrew Nicholls.

**Election of Members to Specific Club Duties (1-year tenure: 2024-2025):**

**Newsletter Editor:** Vacant

**Events Co-ordinator:** Karen Green Nom by Marj Rowley, sec Malcolm Haythorpe.

**Sponsorship, Special Projects, Publicity:** (Malc Haythorpe to assist in this position.)

**Events Committee:**

Chris Rowley, Nom, by Malc Haythorpe, sec. Andy Hislop.

Marjory Rowley, Nom. by Malc. Haythorpe, sec. Andy Hislop .

Ron Cook, Nom. by Malc. Haythorpe, sec. sec. Andy Hislop.

**Membership Officer:** Andy Moffett, Nom. by Bruce McAndie, sec. Andrew Nicholls.

**IT & Support Administration Officer:** Andy Moffett.

Nom. by Andrew Nicholls, sec. Bruce McAndie

**Building Maintenance Officer:** Chris Rowley, Nom. Jeff Farmer, sec. Andy Hislop.

**Welfare Officer/Club Clobber Officer:** Marjory Rowley, Nom. Jeff Farmer, sec. Andy Hislop.

**Historic Vehicles Registrar:** Deidre Solly (as presently appointed, nomination not required)

**Assistant Registrar:** Ray Klecko (as presently appointed, nomination not requ'd.)

**Vehicle Inspector/s:** (as presently appointed, nomination not required.)

Glen Haythorpe (Victor Harbor Region)

John Taylor (Northern Region)

Ray Neal (Goolwa Region)

**Assistant to Secretary:** Leigh Blacket, Nom. Andrew Nicholls, sec. Andrew Nicholls.

**Assistant to Treasurer:** Malcolm Haythorpe, Nom. by Chris Rowley, sec. by Marj Rowley.

**Federation Representative:** John Taylor

**Library Coordinator:** Leigh Blacket, Nom. by Andrew Nicholls, sec. by Andy Hislop.

**Assistant to Library Coordinator:** David Nixon, Nom. by Leigh Blacket, sec. by Dean Solly.

**Photographer/ Publicity Officer(s):** Jeff Farmer, Nom. by Jan Dunk, sec. Leigh Blacket

**Catering Officers :** Jan Dunk and Jenny Haythorpe vol. to assist.)

**Cars and Coffee:** Jan Dunk, Nom. Steve Hall, sec. Leigh Blacket

**Hall-Hire Coordinator:** Jan Dunk, Nom. by Jeff Farmer, sec by Andy Hislop.

**Raffle Coordinator:** John Taylor Nom. Steve Hall, sec. Leigh Blacket.

**Appointment of Auditor for 2024/25 and Adviser to the Club re. Compliance Issues**

*Auditor:* Mathew Walker of 19 Clark Street Port Elliot was re-appointed on Motion from Meg Klecko, sec. Andy Hislop. and carried.

*Adviser to the Club re. Compliance Issues:* Meg Klecko was appointed on Motion from Steve Hall, sec. Andy Hislop and carried.

**Subscriptions and Joining fees:** Recommendation from Committee in lieu of increasing Annual Membership Subs, that the 'Joining Fee' be increased from \$100 to \$120. After a wide ranging discussion on the Committee's Recommendation, a Motion from Andy Moffett, sec. Steve Hall that the increase in Joining Fee be adopted was put and carried.

**Other Business:** Installing Officer, Past President Malcolm read a Statement to the Meeting regarding a recent issue in the Club. A copy of that Statement is appended to these Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

**Closure:** There being no further business, President closed the AGM at 7.45 pm. President Steve Hall then proceeded to open the August 2024 General Meeting number 592.

# General Meeting (592) Minutes - 1st August 2024

**Meeting opened at 7.45pm by Steve Hall**

**Apologies:** Robert Hall, Ron Cook.

**Minutes of the last General Meeting** held Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 were adopted on Motion from Andrew Nicholls, sec. Andy Hislop.

**Business Arising from the Minutes of the July General Meeting:**  
nil

**President's Report :** Steve Hall urged all Members, as a group, to move forward for the well-being of the Club. He added that the Committee existed to hear and assist members, exhorting those with a concern not to hesitate in contacting the Committee. He commended the direction taken by the Rock 'n Roll Festival committee in working with Council and event coordinators. During his term President Steve said that he wished to see 'Job Description' generated for all Club positions. He wishes to be seen as the 'chair' on wide ranging discussions.

**Treasurers Report:** Andrew Nicholls - Reported on the Club's very satisfactory financial standing as at July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Treasurer's report adopted on Motion from Malc Haythorpe, sec. Bruce Foote.

**Secretary's Report:** Leigh Blacket (Actg. Sec) *Inwards:* Federation of HMC S.A. Inc: Minutes of Gen. Mtg. Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Yankalilla Classic Motor Show, Sunday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. 2024.

Registrations now open. *(flyer to Notice Board)*

Gawler Mega Swap Meet: September 15<sup>th</sup>. *(flyer: to Notice Board)*

Lambert Estate, Barossa Valley: invitation to visit, etc.

Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers "Power of the Past" 9-10 November *(flyer: to Notice Board)*

Club magazines: (digital editions) Ford 8 & 10 club "Second Gear Chatter", Warrnambool & DHVC n 'letter, Mt Gambier Vet. & Vintage. CC "Southern Border Torque" Vet CCSA 'Bulletin', all July editions. Maitland's 'MAP, July, Barossa Valley 'Klaxon', Aug., Goulburn Valley M.V.C. "Rally of the Valley", 1-5 November 2024. Direction to website for entry form.

Motors and Masterpieces; Art and Photography Comp., Melbourne Showgrounds 22-24, 2024. *(Notice Board)*

Shannons Adelaide Rally, 8-10<sup>th</sup> Nov. '24: call for volunteers.

*(Notice Board)*

Various Club Newsletters (hardcopies) have been received via email. Members requiring a copy of any particular Newsletter should let me know and I will forward them to Members.

*Outwards:*

Sunbeam National Meeting, 2025: Advising HMVC support in principle, and recommending that the Sunbeam group contacts relevant officers of the VH City Council and Alexandrina Council at an early stage.

Secretary's Report received on Motion from Andy Moffett, sec. Jeff Farmer.

**Membership Report:** Andy Moffett

Family:200 Single: 91 Life: 12 Total: 505. A 20 year Membership badge was presented to Glen Haythorpe.

**Registrars Report:** Deidre Solly: no report

**Federation Report:** John Taylor: no report

**Events Co-ordinators Report:** Marj Rowley advised that the R&R Festival is progressing well, through the coordinating body 'Fairy Pig'. No response yet to hand from Bendigo Bank re. major sponsorship. New plans for the Festival including new dance floors, Warland Reserve display, Ocean St hosting m/cycles, cars 1950-79 needed for display, others may be parked on Soldier's Memorial Gardens. Initial response from entrants has been exceptional.

Club Raffle arranged. Major sponsors will support prizes. Club can expect to do well financially. Other events: Car's n Coffee runs well supported.

Reminders to Club re forthcoming runs. Visitors from Whyalla V&C C.C. expected to visit Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. Members invited to attend, display cars. Possible hosting of SCCSA.

**Welfare & Club Regalia Report:** Marjorie Rowley: Requested that Members be more pro active in reporting sick Members to her for contacting. She is very awe of ageing Membership and illness. Clobber: plenty of stock on hand. Sight of Members wearing the new Club regalia was very pleasing.

**Editors Report:** Jeff Farmer/Bruce McAndie: Urgent Request to Membership for someone to offer to take over position. Jeff and Bruce offered to provide much assistance. Microsoft experience an advantage. Suggestion that Club considers selling advertising space in, perhaps, a smaller newsletter carrying basic details of Club affairs, reports and future events.

**Vehicle Inspection Reports:** Glen Haythorpe: Fairly constant rate of inspections. Glen always happy to assist and advise Members re. registration issues.

**Building Maintenance Report:** Chris Rowley: Pleased with smooth running of the Library shelving project. Very pleased with the support rec. from Members. He expects to complete Clubrooms stormwater project soon.

**Sponsorship and Special Projects:** Malc Haythorpe agreed to investigate question of selling advertising in the 'Steering Column'.

**Library Report:** Leigh Blacket:

Library 's 'Dexion' shelving installation project . . mission accomplished! Special thanks to Bruce Gilbert, Andy Hislop, Andy Moffett, Andrew Nicholls, David Nixon, Bruce Foote, Marj and Chris Rowley. Major work done in one day; clearing-up work followed. Invitation extended to all Members to visit and use the improved facilities. *Books:* 'Not another wreck: the restoration of a Farmall tractor.' Project Leader: (late) Milan Prochazka, and 'The Vauxhall File; all models since 1903' a very expensive book, and extensive study of a famous UK make with Australian connections. Several new items donated at this Meeting.

**General Business:**

Act'g Sec. reported that Bill Ellis has presented the Club with complete history of the Clubrooms/auditorium extensions. These historical materials to be safeguarded by the Club. Kip Newbold advised that FARMS expected to hold a Meeting at the Clubrooms Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. Members invited to attend. Possible clashing of events: Kip and Marj to resolve and advise agreed arrangements.

**Raffle:** Marj Rowley conducted the Raffle, as John Taylor recuperating from surgery.

**Closure of Meeting:** Before closing the Meeting, President Steve thanked the outgoing Committee members for their assistance to the Club, and wished the incoming team a successful year.

President Steve Hall thanked all for their attendance and requested assistance in clearing the Room for supper. He also thanked to the Catering staff, and Harbour Bakery, for their most generous assistance to our Meeting supper.

**Meeting closed** by President Steve Hall at 8.40 p.m.



## JEFF'S JOKES

My wife came home yesterday and said "Honey, the car won't start, but I know what the problem is". I asked her what it was and she told me it had water in the carburettor. I thought for a moment, then said "You know I don't mean this badly, but you're not mechanically inclined. You don't know the carburettor from the radiator".

"No, there's definitely water in the carburettor" she insisted. "Ok, honey, that's fine, I'll just go take a look.

**Where is it?" "In the lake".**

A man and a little boy entered a barbershop together. After the man received the full treatment -shave, shampoo, manicure, haircut- he placed the boy in the chair.

"I'm going to buy a green tie to wear for the parade " he said. "I'll be back in a few minutes".

When the boy's haircut was completed and the man still hadn't returned, the barber said "Looks like your daddy's forgotten all about you". "That wasn't my daddy " said the boy. "He just walked up, took me by the hand and said,

**'Come on, son, we're gonna get a free haircut!'"**

A young Sydney woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the harbour. Just before she could throw herself from the docks, a handsome young man stopped her.

"You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we are off to Italy tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day and keep you happy." With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Italy, the woman accepted.

That night the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a small but comfortable compartment in the hold. From then on, every night he would bring her three sandwiches, a bottle of red wine and make love with her until dawn.

Two weeks later she was discovered by the captain during a routine inspection.

"What are you doing here?" asked the captain. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied. "He brings me food and I get a free trip to Italy."

"I see," the captain said. Her conscience got the best of her and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me."

**"He certainly is," replied the captain, "This is the Manly ferry."**

The manager of a liquor store gets a midnight phone call at home: "Hello!" "At what time does the store open?" "At ten o'clock sir".

At two in the morning, the phone rings again: "HELLO!" "Ya (burp), at what time does, euh, the store open?" "AT TEN IN THE MORNING, sir".

Again, at four, the phone rings: "HIE!L!O!" "Ya, euh, (burp), at ...time, euh, does the euh store open?" "At ten in the morning sir, but I am not sure that, since you are so drunk, I will let you in".

**"I (burp) don't want, euh, to get in, euh, I want to get out!"**

*Cop- Anything you say can be used against you..      Man- I know, I'm married!*

## The Tin Shed Café, McLaren Vale - Cars 'n Coffee in May



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