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Your ABCCC News

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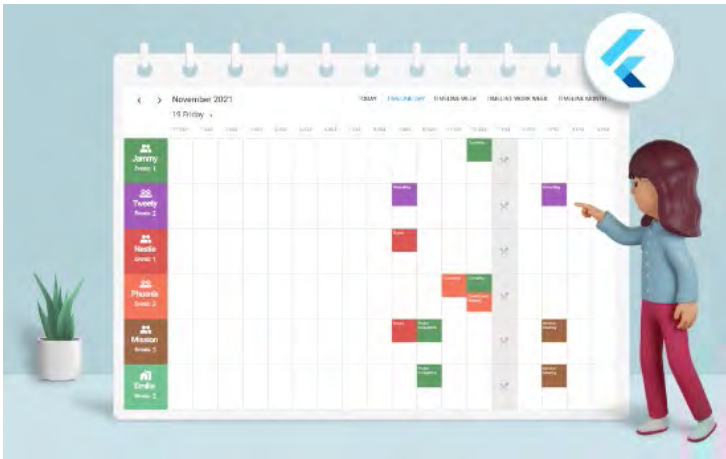


Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

1968 Aston Martin DBS – Lance & Adele Brazier

Photo taken by Mike Allfrey (thank you) at the event held 6 August at the Warby Hotel. Lots of other great photos from that event in this newsletter



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Club Calendar Planning Meeting Sunday 22nd October at 11am

The planning meeting for the 2024 year will be held on **October 22nd** at 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream.

This meeting is open to all members who wish to organise an event next year, the meeting will commence at 11.00am and lunch (either BBQ or pizzas) and refreshments will be provided by the Club.

It is hoped we will see some new faces, for this Club to continue in the same way we have for the past 25 years we cannot rely on the same people doing all the work, with some organisers doing two and sometimes three events per year.

Don't be shy, you can't keep taking out unless you occasionally put something back in and we have plenty of experienced people who would be willing to assist you if required.

Contact Maxine on 97391146 or 0425 789 997 to advise your attendance for catering.

Tony Pettigrew

President

CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

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 On Facebook www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub
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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September, 1997. The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1st January each year Please post or Transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your details as a reference. Renewal Form can be downloaded if required to update information, from the ABCCC Website. Thank you, Ed Bartosh



Baw Baw Picnic

Historic Vehicle and Engine Display

Sunday 29 October 2023
10am onwards

Darnum Historical Complex
48 Pedder Street, Darnum VIC 3822
(110km south east of Melbourne)


Free entry for all club vehicles, engines
and machinery 25 years and older

Sausage sizzle and drinks available

Hosted by Baw Baw Old Engine and Auto Club Inc.
www.bawbawvintage.com



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Bendigo National Swap Meet

Featuring:

- 4 Wheel Drive Display
- Barn Finds & Survivor Car Display
- Die-cast Models & Toys
- Over 1700 Sites

11th & 12th November 2023





Entry Prices

Saturday Only \$15
Sunday Only \$5
Children 15 and under Free
(if accompanied by an adult)

Gates Open to the Public

Saturday 6am
Sunday 7am
Sheds Open 7am

www.bendigowap.com.au
Site Bookings 0427 446 660
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ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.


ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2023

If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required
Further details will be provided closer to the event or updated on the website

				Wed.13th Sep.	Morning Cuppa in the Hills Deb Beal
				Fri.22nd Sept.- Sun.24th Sept.	Sandra's September
	Wed. 30th Aug.	A day out with the intelligentsia. Anne Tootell			
Sun.1st Oct.	Castlemaine Market and lunch Ian Terry	Sun.12th Nov.	A day out with the warm weather man Phil Cook	Sun. 10th Dec.	Christmas Lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Wed.18th Oct.	Morning tea at Como Gardens then visit private collection in Highett followed by lunch. Pat Hetrel	Fri.24th.- Mon.27th	Indulgence weekend Destination Echuca Peter McKiernan		
Sun.29th Oct.	A day out with a Morgan Phil Cook				

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January 2024	February	Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th Feb 2024	SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024 Marj & Brian Peper	March 2024

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook
link.....<https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/>



Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events

Wednesday 30 August 2023 Day out with the intelligentsia.

Visit to 'Market Fair', Ferntree Gully, followed by Lunch at the Easting House Rowville. Market Fair is a large modern building which we found pleasant to browse through. They stock an extensive amount of second hand wares, clothing and Hand Crafts. Also a large amount of Old LP's for those who collect same.

Market Fair is located at 2/794 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully (approx 200 m. on the Melbourne side of Ferntree Gully Rd intersection. Look out for the bright orange "Pet Barn" which is nextdoor. If you arrive by 10.00 - 10.15, (for ease of Parking) and it should give ample time to firstly drop in next door for an excellent coffee at the Aroma Lily Cafe in the Wholefood building. We plan to leave around 11.30am.

If you would like to attend, please contact us by 25 August so catering arrangements can be finalised.

Anne Tootell 0412 549 906 annbry@optusnet.com



Wednesday 13th September 2023 Cuppa in the Hills

Morning Cuppa in the Hills – Wednesday 13 September at 10.30am FULLY BOOKED.....

My final morning catch-up will take us to a very quaint café – “The Patch General Store”. Nestled between Monbulk and Kallista, at 16 The Patch Road in The Patch; this friendly ‘bit of everything’ provides great food, coffee, bread, eggs, plants, post etc. etc. You may be tempted by brunch or a delectable cake from a large display. Order and pay at the counter. This is quirky. I think you will enjoy. There are a few parking spots roadside outside the café, or a short walk from the nearby Community Hall. Looking forward to seeing you soon

Deb Beal 0458 274 252 or worklife2@bigpond.com



Friday 22nd September to Sun 24th September – Sandra’s September weekend

Sandra's September is the 22/9/2023 until the 24/9/2023 in Maffra.

Hello to everybody who is coming along to Sandra's September 2023, we will see you all at Wendy May's Cafe , 49C Westernport Rd Lang Lang at around 10am for morning tea on the 22Sept.

Departing Lang Lang at 11am, on an exciting and scenic drive to Trafalgar. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a nice couple of days. Leigh & Sandra.

Leigh 0403243700 or Sandra 0402215367



A Tasty Tour of Castlemaine Victoria

An All British Classics Car Club Victoria Event

Sunday 1st October 2023

Introduction

Enjoy this Castlemaine foodfest and old-time country town scenery including the Sunday Farmers Market and feasting with a great lunch at the Railway Hotel. Sunday 1st October 2023.

Bookings: Ian Terry 0409 097 496

Email: ian.wfd1947@gmail.com

Schedule for Trip

Map Refs :RACV VicRoads N07
Country Directory

Meet at BP Servo / BP service Centre, M79
Calder Hwy just past Thunderdome
Time: 9.30am for 10.00 start
Map Ref: 78 D/4

Farmers Market: Western Reserve, Forest
St, Castlemaine, time range 9.30 to 1.00pm
Map Ref: 628 G/7

Railway Hotel: 65 Gingell St Castlemaine
12.30 pm for lunch Ph. 03 5472 1250
Map Ref: 628 F/6

Information for You:

Enjoy also in afternoon, time permitting, Buda Historic Home 42 Hunter St, Map 628 H/5
Have a look at the retro picture theatre as well. Castlemaine Gaol visit an option too.
Railway Hotel has options of Beer Garden and inside restaurants depending on weather.
Restaurant booked for up to 30 people but can accommodate more.

Hope all enjoy this day out. Lyn and Ian Terry, contact for attendance. : 0409 097 496

Sunday Farmers Market



Forest Street (Pyrenees Hwy)
Castlemaine

Lunch At Railway Hotel Castlemaine



Sunday 29th October 2023 – Phils run to Upper Valley RSL

We will meet up at Lilydale Lake, off Swansea Rd, at 9.00am for a 9.30 am departure

Our drive takes us up the Yarra Valley for morning tea, before heading to Yarra Junction. Here we will enjoy a lunch at the lovely RSL Club. A good menu will be on offer and drinks at Bar prices.

Please advise your participation so that I can advise numbers for catering purposes.

Further run details will be provided at the start.

Contact Phil on 0468 680 538

Sunday 12th November 2023 – Run to Healesville/Mount Dandenong

We will meet up at Lilydale Lake, off Swansea Rd, at 9.00am for a 9.30 am departure

Our drive will take us on a scenic route (not Maroondah Hwy) to Healesville. Here we will stop for tea/coffee.

After refreshments we will continue our journey to the Dandenong Hills, where we will enjoy lunch at one of the many establishments in the area.



Please advise your participation so that I can advise numbers for catering purposes.

Further run details will be provided at the start.

Contact Phil on 0468 680 538

Indulgence 2023

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 November 2023



The indulgence weekend will take place in November.

This year we will be travelling to Echuca in Northern Victoria with the format being somewhat different and more relaxed than that of previous events. If your plans have changed and you are now not attending pls contact me

Peter McKiernan on 0407 876 023.

SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024

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Tuesday 6th -Thursday 9th February

After a very successful seaside short break in 2022 we are inviting expression of interest for a three night adventure in and around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula , based in the Point Lonsdale / Queenscliff area.

We look forward to hosting you again. **Please email us now if you are interested in attending** bmpepper1@bigpond.com

Hope to see you in the Summer. Marj and Brian Pepper



Car seats of the 70s



Since they were made mandatory in the 1980s, children's car seats have made travelling by car significantly safer for kids.

The history of the car seat

To think that only 30-40 years ago, car seats were not only not obligatory, but used as a device to simply help children be able to see properly out the windows certainly boggles the mind. My own stories from my mother about my car seats involve simply putting a seatbelt around the capsule, or a little brown hard foam type seat I would sit on with a seatbelt around me. When I look at the car seats available now and see the age limits (until 7-8 years old!), I can't imagine actually driving my school age children around in them, simply because it wasn't that way for me (and this was in the last 30 years). In fact, it wasn't until 1962 when the first infant car seat was designed by Briton Jean Ames - rear facing and with the Y shaped straps you'll recognise today. The first forward facing car seat was designed around the same time in America. Today there are many types of car seats, and children progress to the next one based on their height and weight, with age used only as a general guide.

Between 1998-2006, tests were conducted and collated from car crashes in America, which showed two things - that the middle seat in the back was the safest position for a child's car seats to be in if the car was to be in an accident, and that the middle seat is also the least used position by parents. And while the original car seats were

made of nothing more than hessian, or some vinyl stretch over metal, the car seats of today are constantly evolving with the main and only concern being safety. While safety standards all over the world will vary, the manufacturing of car seats is very similar.

When car seats started to be designed and sold in Australia in the 1960's, there was very little information and research done and available to the public, so they were not fully embraced. It took around another 10 years for people to start taking a closer look at child and infant safety in the car, but I'm sure if you're a child of the 80's you'll have vivid memories of being free in the back seat or even tray of a ute and certainly not restrained how we do to our own children today!

The rear facing car seats is designed for babies from birth and they can stay this way until they outgrow it, which can be anywhere up to about the age of two. It is law in Australia than children under the age of 6 months must be rear facing - and in a child restraint which clearly shows the Australian Standard sticker on it. Many parents will turn their child before the age of 2, but there has been discussion for sometime now about making this the legal age a child has to rear face for, and this is due to many crash tests which shows that children's safety and stability is much better if they are facing the back of the car. A rear facing car seat can now either be a capsule, or a seat which will turn forward as well.

Legally, children between the age of 4 and 7 must be in either a forward-facing car seat or a booster seat - and as for sitting in the front seat, well you have to be over the age of 4 but only if that back seat is occupied by younger children in proper restraints. From the age of 7, the front seat is available, and legal.

These days, transporting children has never been easier. From capsules that click directly into a base in the car to avoid waking or unsettling a sleeping newborn, to the crazy all in one prams that basically click in and out of the car and grow like a transformer - last week I even saw a pram that held eight children! On planes children under 2 can either sit on your knee or lay in a bassinet, and over the age of 2 can sit in their own seat. You can actually take your car seat onto a plane which is ideal for parents who are uneasy about safety in the air, but do make sure you've properly checked and spoken to your airline before taking it all the way to the airport. Aside from being not restrained at all, the main concern of current transportation of children is the incorrect installation of child restraints. In fact a study in 2006 showed that 7 out of 10 children who were died in a vehicle accident were not properly restrained. Most child and baby shops where you purchase your seat from actually offer installation (at a cost) and there are some companies who's job is simply just to do this. It is so imperative for the booster seat, car seat or capsule to be properly fitted because otherwise it becomes quite futile.

Ironically if you're traveling in a taxi, there are no legal obligations to be in a car seat. Children under the age of 1 must be sitting in the back seat, and children over the age of 1 can actually sit by themselves (but with a seatbelt). You can of course take your own car seat and install in in the vehicle for your journey, as law dictates that each taxi must have the correct anchorage for a seat to be hooked onto. All car seats must be fitted with a 5 point harness (and you'd be hard pressed to find out with the old 3 point harness), and things like extra padding around the head and air protect are becoming more common and sought after among parents. This is definitely a step up from the original seats which were still used as little as 30 years ago!

Seat belts were not standard equipment in a car until sometime in the 1960's, so we have certainly come a long way! Make sure you do your research on the best car seat for your family, and always remember - you don't need to settle for second best, don't buy a car seat second hand if it has been in an accident (and in turn, if you're in an accident immediately replace the carseat and do not use it again), and always keep your child properly restrained according to their height and age!

Source: <https://www.safety1st.com.au/blog/the-history-of-the-car-seat/>

The Alvis and the Bunyip

Article by David Horrocks our QLD correspondent

Some of the readers of this piece may not know what an Alvis is or was. It is in fact a make of classic British car – a marque of good pedigree and interesting history. The Bunyip also mentioned in the title is of course a creature entirely Australian in origin.



The Alvis name came into being in the early 1920s and continued in existence as a car make until the last ones were built in 1967. An early advertising slogan used to run “Less cash than a Bentley, more class than a Jaguar” showing that the marque was once held in high regard. The Alvis Company was financially saved by the start of WW11 after in the late 1930s the then managing director took the risky decision to build an aero engine manufacturing plant. That was what in later times became known as a ‘just in time’ decision! The Alvis brand still exists but in later times became more noted for the design and construction of military vehicles such as armoured personnel carriers and light tanks the most famous of which used Jaguar engines. By the time Alvis gave up making cars in the late 1960s the division so engaged only represented 7% of the company turnover and so was of low value, hence the shut down.

There have been many distinguished Alvis car owners including amongst others Prince Philip and the WW11 fighter pilot Douglas Bader. Of less distinction has been the writer of this little story. I would point out that the particular model being referred to in this article and the accompanying photograph is a model TE21 DHC. I always considered this to be a quite beautiful design however El Supremo, my lovely wife was oft quoted as saying “Its like a high class call girl, look but don’t touch”. I believe there to have been an element of the green - eyed monster in this remark.

During some of our own time of ownership we were resident in Tasmania, a part of the world well suited to the enjoyment of driving classic older cars so of course we took the ‘Duchess’ with us to the island. Rather than have the car sit in a garage over on the east coast where we lived we lodged the car at the auto

museum in Launceston where anyone interested could inspect her. Phil Costello the very friendly curator of the place at the time featured the car in several themed exhibitions. One day he surprised us by asking if the car could become their sponsored vehicle in the Targa Tasmania Rally in 2011. This was the tenth anniversary event. The following little adventure concerns one of the memorable times during that week of competition.

The other item referred to in the title mentions the Bunyip, a critter known in Australia and once of great interest. Researching the illusive creature on the internet will reveal several different explanations covering the maybe mythical, maybe real creature. Early settlers learned of the beastie from Aboriginal people they encountered. These indigenous people reported sightings of the Bunyip often in the vicinity of billabongs or water holes. The native people were afraid of the creatures and held them in great awe.

The Bunyip was first thought to have been described by the Wemba people– and given the name that translates as ‘devil or evil spirit. The idea that they were just figments of vivid unsophisticated imagination was dispelled when early European settlers reported sightings. These varied in description some stating that the Bunyip was a snake like creature, others that it more resembled a creature with a dog like face and dark fur such as that image seen in the photograph.

Such reports appear in 19th century newspaper articles; these varied sightings could indicate that there may have been a range of such creatures of the same genus. One investigator of the time stated that “in truth little is known respecting its form covering or habits as the native people have such dread of it as to have been unable to take note of its characteristics”. Although sightings were not uncommon up until the 1930s in some remote regions, lately the Bunyip has been more retiring and has seldom been seen. Or at least this was the case until during the Targa Tasmania car rally in 2011 when the photo shown here was taken.

It could be said that the Bunyip has particularly good taste when it comes to choice of motorcar and is discerning enough to have a preference to ride in the back seat of a fine Alvis open top touring car. The Bunyip also would seem to enjoy a fast drive and was caught on camera in a rare moment of pleasure during a fast run down the west coast of Tasmania. This part of the world is sparsely populated which explains why this particular Bunyip has maybe never been sighted before until it was snapped on camera by the photographer covering the event. This moment of pleasure for the Bunyip has resulted in us poor mortal observers being permitted to gain a glance, albeit on film of the rare beastie. When the processed pictures were presented to the driver it came as a complete surprise to see the creature freeloading a ride, as the car occupants had not noticed its presence whilst speeding along the highway. Maybe the Bunyip only rode for a short time as the car passed through his home territory and being all involved in the rally with the wind in their hair and the engine roaring in sympathy the car occupants just failed to notice him.

It does seem to be the right thing to do to publish this information and accompanying picture so that the greater community can enjoy the experience of observing a fine specimen of Bunyip, obviously in high enjoyment during his exhilarating Alvis ride.

The author wishes to point out that the photo shown has not been photo shopped or in any way tampered with and is exactly as presented to him by the professional photographic house covering the event. There was nothing in the back seats of the motor at the time. The photography people were unable to offer any explanation of the image. All manner of later technical examinations, including even when all else failed, submission of the images to the American society of the Paranormal has failed to provide any explanation of the image.

When we returned ‘The Duchess’ to her home in the Launceston museum and later showed the photographs to the staff they made the comment, “Well, you were on the West Coast”. Tasmanian residents will understand this comment.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

Sunday 6 August 2023 – Brian’s Pub Run

Attendees-

Robyn and Robert Joiner, Sandy and Peter Hibbert ,John Provis and Dawn, Jenny and John Mason, Marge and Barry Collett, Dianne and Nello Mafodda, Geraldine and Greg Anglin, Gary Dickinson, Adel and Lance Brazier, Mike Allfrey, Judy and Geoff Birkett, Maxine and Tony Pettigrew, Shirly and Jack Craven, Greg and Lilly Margetts Michelle and Peter Flavelle, Ron Rogers and Glenda, Phil Cook and Ann, Phil and Greg Howe, Arnold Thomas, Pat J Douglas, Joy and Colin Brown Plus Christina and her Friend. Anne and Bryan Tootell



It was not too cold a day for our winter Pub Run to the "Warby"Hotel, and as organisers planned to be early for a meet and greet. We pulled up at 11.50am and were just about the last to arrive. Newer Members were absorbed into the throng and all settled onto the long tables. By electing for us all to order off the menu, some were served immediately and others had quite a wait, however, the food is enjoyable and excellent value. The staff looked after our needs and after about 3 hours chatting, we took our leave. Several applicants were unable to attend due to illness, and we trust you will soon be well and join us at a function in the near future.









ABCCC ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH

Club Annual Lunch held Sunday August 20th 2023 at Eastwood Golf Club in Kilsyth South

Great venue and turn out for the club Annual Lunch.
Lots of fun dancing and entertainment by “Pete Bel Air” a solo artist who entertained us









NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION.

REPORT ON THE FEDERATION DELEGATES MEETING AND AGM - 5th AUGUST 2023.



The above Meeting was held at the Masonic Centre, 223 Watton Street, Werribee and was hosted by the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Motoring Group and was represented by Club Delegates Tony Pettigrew and Bill Allen.

Federation President, Neil Athorn welcomed all Delegates present and thanked our hosts for providing such an excellent lunch. Minutes of the previous Meeting were passed and there was one new Delegate present. Correspondence was presented and included two Grant Applications one from the Western Victorian Restorers Club and one from the Central Victorian Restorers Group and was moved and passed. There are still ten Clubs still to pay their Federation fees.

The Western Victorian Restorers Club requested a Grant to purchase two banners to display at Events and the Central Victorian Restorers Group requested theirs to purchase new batteries for their defibrillator. They also needed it to assist their tractor plowing day in which the land is plowed for free and has grown from 25 acres to 140 acres. The Mildura Vintage Vehicle Club also requested a grant to upgrade their computer system to enable them to record all their data from the commencement of their Club and to keep it at the Club rather than at various office bearers homes etc.

All the grants were for \$750.00 and all were approved.

There were no requests for Trophy Grants and there were no new clubs requesting to join the Federation.

Neil, in his President's Report, advised that the Mortlake Picnic will be held on the 24th March 2024 and will their 20th Anniversary. They are applying for a grant from the local council, which offers up to \$5,250.00 per grant. Neil thinks they are likely to receive \$3,000.00. Capital Grants are available from many councils and range from \$2,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and are well worth applying for by clubs to assist with the running of their events. He hoped more would attend the Mortlake Picnic next year than this year. The Marong Picnic will be held on 26th August 2023, the Baw Baw Picnic on the 29th October 2023 at the Darnum Historical Precinct - details on the Federation website - and the Bendigo Swap on the 11th and 12th November 2023.

The Swap has applied for a \$20,000.00 Grant from the State Government, heard nothing from them as yet. As the Commonwealth Games have been cancelled the construction of the Table Tennis Centre and the proposed Velodrome in the centre of the oval remain uncertain at this stage. The Show and Shine has been cancelled this year. Most Sites have been booked out and the Barn Find vehicle section has been organised for this year and the next couple of years. Whilst some Clubs have responded to the request for volunteers, they are still short of around 150 desperately needed volunteers.

The Just Cars Magazine Group are advertising on Life TV and have made flyers available.

Insurance costs, through the Agricultural Society have increased slightly, there is no need for cover for sheds. Sanitisation and Terrorism requirements are still being investigated.

Site holders will be mailed out windscreen stickers shortly, three years supply has been ordered.

Contact Neil if any further information is required.

David Berner advised that the AHMF Survey is being followed up and recommended that people do not respond to the recent AHMF Survey currently on line also. He considers this will cause a great deal of confusion. He stated the AHMF Survey seeks to find out the total value of the movement to the Community and would like to receive responses from owners of all vehicles 25 years and older whether on CPS or full registration. To this end he is seeking details from both VicRoads and Insurance companies, neither of whom have replied to him as yet. He said that the AHMF are holding more Meetings now and requested a show of hands who was receiving their Magazines. A majority of Delegates indicated that they were. He advised the AHMF AGM was coming up shortly. The National Motoring Heritage Day will be held on the 19th May 2024 and needs to be promoted as much as possible. It is requested any Club arranging an Event send details, flyers and a report to Rebecca who will include it on the Federation's Website. It has been 3 months since the last Meeting with the AOMC and as John Lewis is now doing a different job at VicRoads and no responses are coming from them, there is really nothing much to discuss at the moment.

The new Taxation arrangements with the ATO were due to come into force from 1st July 2023, however no revised updates have been issued and currently only old forms are available at this stage. A self review questionnaire of 10 to 15 questions is still being user tested and further information is likely to be issued in October this year. These Taxation arrangements will apply only to Clubs that have an ABN.

Anne Davis advised that the Golden Oldies will be leaving the Marong Picnic next year - the Event is only held every two years. Anne is looking for places of interest to visit and is seeking a new assistant to help her organise the Event. Entry forms will be sent out in November. Contact Anne through the Federation if able to assist.

John Godard spoke about the Open Tour, details on the Federation's Website.

Max Hobson spoke about receiving registration renewals online, maybe take back and discuss at Club Meetings.

There has been no further action from VicRoads regarding Electronic Log Books. The Federation does not want them!

The issue with “old” number plates has not been resolved and needs to be sorted out.

A 1976 Kombi Van won the prize for the best vehicle at the Meeting. Owner stated it was a great vehicle for camping in.

Remaining Meeting For 2023. 14th October 2023. Echuca and District Historic Vehicle Club.

MEETING CLOSED:- 2.37 PM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEETING OPENED 2.28 PM.

Neil advised that things were getting back to normal after COVID. The Federation needs new Clubs, no new Clubs for two years. Canceling the Swap for three years was unavoidable.

Further report as per printed Report issued.

Treasurer Brett advised that the Federation was in a strong position despite not having the contribution from the Swap Meeting for three years. Things are not quite back to normal at this stage but are definitely on the improve. Even without the Swap - this is the third year running the Federation has generated another surplus. This year the surplus was \$46,314.84, last year \$34,178.64 and the year before \$46,261.66. Brett stated we all take pride in what we do. All in all another successful year.

The Committee then all stood down and Rebecca took the floor and advised the following had been re elected unopposed :-

President.	Neil Athorn.
Vice President.	John Kennett.
Treasurer.	Brett Holloway.
Secretary.	Rebecca Dempsey .
Minute Secretary.	Michelle Goddard.

All other Committee positions remained unchanged.

Neil thanked everybody and looked forward to an excellent coming year.

It was decided that :-

- Subscriptions remain at \$100.00 per year.
- Grants to be increased from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Refreshments to be increased from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.

MEETING DATES FOR 2024 :-

- 10th February 2024. Melbourne (Venue to be advised)
- 18th May 2024. Kerang.
- 3rd August 2024. Mildura (Including AGM).
- 19th October 2024. Darnum (Baw Baw Club).

Bill Allen,
Delegate.



SHEPPARTON SWAP MEET

Sunday Sept 10, 2023

SHEPPARTON SHOWGROUNDS,
HIGH ST, SHEPPARTON
(MIDLAND HWY A300)

6m x 6m OUTDOOR SITES **\$20**

ENTRY **\$5** (Children under 14 free)

Gates open at 6.30am for stall holders.

General public 7.30am.

No alcohol. No camping. No dogs allowed.

Lunch and refreshments available.

Parts Pick-up service available.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: to BSB 633-000, Acct 1366-25076, Acct name: GVMVDC

Reference to be "swap" and your name. Please advise Kris by phone.

MAIL: Send stamped self-addressed envelope and booking fee to:

Shepparton Swap Meet, P.O. Box 1206, Shepparton. 3632.

CHEQUE: Please make cheques payable to G.V.M.V.D.C.Inc.

www.gvmvdc.com.au/GVMswp.html

For further information contact:

Lloyd or Kristine Healey on 0438-294 351

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ITINERARY

11th Gateway to Gippsland Rally

Friday 3rd November 2023

04:00pm to 07:00pm - Registration at Masonic Hall Korumburra Rd. Warragul

Meet up with old friends and make new ones (tea/coffee/snack food)

Saturday 4th November 2023

08:30am – Completion of Registration at the Masonic Hall. Morning tea provided.

09:30am - Official opening of the Rally and flag off before we take a scenic drive to Noojee.

Lunch will be at the Noojee Pub.

The evening will be free for participants to do as they wish.

Sunday 5th November 2023

09:00am - Morning tea/coffee at the Masonic Hall.

10:00am - A briefing will be given prior to the commencement of the Show and Shine event at the Masonic Hall.

12:30pm – Commencement of a short run to visit and have lunch at the Holden Museum in Trafalgar. Those not keen to visit the museum can take themselves to Old Gipps town at Moe or Yarragon to seek out something of interest to themselves.

6:30pm for 7:00pm – Pizza/Movie Night at the Masonic Hall.

Monday 6th November 2023

09:30am – Meet at the Masonic Hall for morning tea/coffee

10:00am – Briefing followed by a drive to the Bryant Park Hill Climb venue in the Yallourn Haunted Hills area, this being described as the best Hill Climb track in Australia! Participants will be able to drive around the track for a bit of fun, but **THERE WILL BE NO RACING!** Tea coffee and lunch will be available at their clubhouse. We will return to Warragul in the region of 3:00pm, and you can make your own way back having a look around the area possibly including a stop off in Yarragon.

7:00pm – Dinner Dance at the Drouin Golf Club (Cash bar available) Tea/coffee provided.

Dress Code: Appropriate garment/s which would suitably compliment the make and year of your vehicle! i.e. “Dress for the era”

There will also be an Auction of Motoring Memorabilia.

A bus will be provided to pick up and drop off participants for this event from specified points in Warragul and Drouin – please advise on your entry form, as to whether you wish to take up this offer. Exact time and location will be confirmed at the time of registration on the 3rd November, 2023.

Tuesday 7th November 2023

08:00am to 09:30am - BIG BREKKY - Say farewell to all your mates.

West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.

ENTRY FORM

11th Gateway to Gippsland Rally

3rd to 7th November 2023 (Melbourne Cup Weekend)

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the vehicle entered complies with the Eligibility Rules of the given Entrant's Club. Please accept my entry in the 11th Gateway to Gippsland Rally 2023, and note that in consideration of this acceptance, I agree to be bound by the Rules and Instructions that may be issued from time to time by the Organising Committee, all Road and Traffic Laws and Regulations, including speed limits, By-laws and Regulations and agree to show due courtesy to all users of the roads. The owner of the vehicle entered, the driver thereof and the passengers, whilst participating in the Rally, shall do so on the condition that they will have no claim against the West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc., of the Committee Officials, servants or agents. Any condition not governed by the Regulations of the Rally, will be adjudicated by the Rally Director, whose decision shall be final.

ENTRANT'S NAME:

PREFERRED NAME TO BE PUT ON LABELS:

PASSENGER'S NAME:

ADDRESS: POST CODE.....

PHONE NO.: EMAIL:

VEHICLE MAKE: YEAR: MODEL: REG NO.....

PREFERRED CRUISING SPEED: 60 KPH 80 KPH OTHER KPH

ENTRANT'S CLUB DETAILS:

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE: DATE:

Please make cheques payable to: **West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.**

And Post to: **West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.**
11th Gateway to Gippsland Rally
P.O. Box 566, WARRAGUL, VIC 3820



Or: Direct Debit to: BSB **633 000** Acc. No. **129699450** Ref. **GGR/Surname**

Email completed entry form to: Robyn <admin@wgvinc.com.au>

ENTRIES CLOSE: 12th October 2023 – NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

PLEASE NOTE: ENTRIES WILL BE MADE "FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" BUT DUE TO LIMITED SPACE AT SOME VENUES THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRIES.

Enquiries only to: events@wgvcinc.com.au Mobile: **0409 452 170**

11th Gateway to Gippsland Rally

3rd to 7th November 2023 (Melbourne Cup Weekend)

RALLY ENTRY FORM

RALLY ENTRY FEE - \$65.00 - (per vehicle - includes Rally Pack, morning teas and Rally Badge)

FRIDAY 3rd November 2023 – Registration (tea/coffee/snack food)

..... @ **\$65.00** per vehicle - Rally entry \$.....

SATURDAY 4th November 2023

..... @ **\$30.00** per person – Lunch - Noojee Pub \$.....

..... @ **\$15.00** per child – Lunch - Noojee Pub \$.....

SUNDAY 5th November 2023

..... @ **\$10.00** per person – Entry fee - Holden Museum \$.....

..... @ **\$2.50** per child – Entry fee - Holden Museum \$.....

..... @ **\$15.00** per person – BBQ Lunch - Holden Museum \$.....
(Children under 12 – no charge)

..... @ **\$12.00** per person – Pizza/ Movie Night – Masonic Hall \$.....

MONDAY 6th November 2023

..... @ **\$15.00** per vehicle - Entry fee - Bryant Park \$.....

..... @ **\$15.00** per person - Running Board Lunch - Bryant Park \$.....

..... @ **\$50.00** per person - Rally Dinner Dance (tea and coffee included) \$.....
Cash Bar available

Bus ride to/from the venue: YES/NO – no charge

TUESDAY 7th November 2023

..... @ **\$10.00** per person – Breakfast – Masonic Hall \$.....

ENTRANT'S NAME: **TOTAL: \$.....**

If you have any Dietary Requirements please make your own arrangements.

Cheques to be made payable to:

West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.

P.O. Box 566, WARRAGUL, VIC 3820

Or: Direct Debit: BSB 633 000 Account No. 129699450 Ref. GGR/Name

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: ___/___/___ DIRECT/CHEQUE/CASH Receipt No. Rally No.....