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# Your ABCCC News



*The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club of Vic Inc*

## Front Cover

*Photo on front cover –*

Cuppa in the Hills

This year Debbie Beal introduced this mid-week event . the feedback has been great – Thanks Debbie. Fun catchup with members with non-stop chatter & congeniality (quality of being friendly and pleasant)

This photo was taken of the members at the last get-together at The Patch General Store on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## Club Calendar Planning Meeting Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 11am

The planning meeting for the 2024 year will be held on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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| The Association of Motoring Clubs Website <a href="http://www.aomc.asn.au/">http://www.aomc.asn.au/</a>                                    |                  |                |  |
| The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website <a href="http://www.federation.asn.au/">http://www.federation.asn.au/</a> |                  |                |  |

## CONTACTING THE ABCCC VIC INC.

On The Web <http://www.abccc.com.au>  
On Facebook [www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub](http://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub)  
Postal Address PO Box 190, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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




## Bendigo National Swap Meet

**Featuring:**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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.bendigo.swap.com.au](http://www.bendigo.swap.com.au)  
Site Bookings 0427 446 660  
General Enquiries 0434 730 822  
info@bendigo.swap.com.au





## 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](http://www.bawbawvintage.com)



Supported by Federation of Veteran,  
Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs



## 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



| October 2023   |   | November 2023         |   | December 2023  |                                  |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 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. | Private Car Collection Leigh & Sandra Wishart | 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                             |  | March 2024 |  |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|------------|--|
|              |  | Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th Feb 2024 | SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024<br>Marj & Brian Peper |            |  |

**Website:** [www.abccc.com.au/calendar](http://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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Castlemaine Tasty Tour with Lyn & Ian Terry

## A Tasty Tour of Castlemaine Victoria

An All British Classics Car Club Victoria Event

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**Bookings: Ian Terry 0409 097 496**

**Email: [ian.wfd1947@gmail.com](mailto:ian.wfd1947@gmail.com)**

### Schedule for Trip

Map Refs :RACV VicRoads N07  
Country Directory

### Sunday Farmers Market



Forest Street (Pyrenees Hwy)  
Castlemaine

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

### Lunch At Railway Hotel Castlemaine



#### 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*

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Updated to visit a Private Car Collection

We will begin the run at Ricketts Point Tea House, meeting at 9:30 - 10am for morning tea. The Tea House is located on Beach Road ( beach side ) near the corner of Reserve Rd & Beach Road Beaumaris with traffic lights directly at the front of the Tea House. Parking on Beach Road is for 2hrs with parking also available in a car park next to the Tea House ( meter parking )

After morning tea we leave to go to the private car collection in Highett.

After leaving the private car collection we will go on to lunch at the Cheltenham/ Moorabbin RSL which has been booked for 1pm. Lunch address is 289 Centre Dandenong Road Cheltenham, plenty of parking available in the service road beside the RSL.



Please note: The owner of the private car collection has requested that we bring our classic car, he will do his best to make room for the classics. There is a lot of memorabilia as well as the cars to see

**RSVP** 11th October 2023 please contact Leigh Wishart 0403 243 700 Sandra Wishart 0402 215 367

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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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



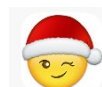


The indulgence weekend will take place in November.

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

### Last event of the year - keep a watch out for more information on this one

- Sunday 10th December – Christmas Lunch



## SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024

### 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](mailto:bmpepper1@bigpond.com)

Hope to see you in the Summer.

Marj and Brian Pepper

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### 2024 Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC that might be of interest

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| • 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024                       | Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm         |
| • 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                      | AOMC British & European Motoring Show       |
| • 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                         | Mortlake Picnic                             |
| • 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024      | Wunghnu Picnic                              |
| • 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr to 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Florence Thomson Tour – Ladies get ready!   |
| • 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024                           | Murrabit Picnic                             |
| • 9 June 2024   | Peter Mac Fundraising Display Day (Bendigo) |
| • 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2024   | Golden Oldies Tour                          |



All cars have pedals. Every driver knows that and once they learn to drive they promptly forget about them. But they are important, very important. There are either two or three in the vast majority of autos, even the new ‘sparkies’ (electric models) have them. For this little exercise we are only interested in the two right hand side ones. If the third pedal is present it doesn’t come into play in the following dissertation.



Now of important note here is that every time you push down with your foot onto one of the mostly rubber coated devices it’s costing you money and the harder you push the more money you’re parting with. There are environmental concerns at play as well especially if you are green inclined. If that’s of importance to you well again the more often you push and the more vigorous the application the more you pollute. See you don’t have to spend millions on a new ‘Sparkie’ to help save the world, just modify your actions.

The car will proceed if you don’t have a foot on a pedal – uh! That’s what is called ‘coasting’ or ‘free wheeling’. Note the term ‘free’ because although it is not completely free travel, it is as near as you can get in this world. In days of old some cars had a control on the dashboard actually marked ‘free wheel’. I once travelled in I think, a 1948 model Rover so equipped. By turning this knob you engaged or disengaged this facility; a modern car we have just acquired has this feature but it works automatically – no fancy knob these days – all done with electronics now.

The two pedals we are talking about are the accelerator (the ‘go’ pedal) and the brake (the ‘wo’ pedal). If whilst moving along you take your tootsies off both and just concentrate on the steering you will still proceed albeit at a slowing pace. Now if you put thought into this ability you can save the planet (a bit) but more importantly you can save cash – why?

All the time you are pushing the go pedal you are pumping fuel into the engine and the harder you push the more you pump. You may have noticed that especially of late this fuel stuff doesn’t come cheap so it’s worth thinking about all this, unless you’re super rich of course.

Same thing applies when you push the ‘wo’ pedal. In this case your pushing makes some wearing items like brake pads or linings start to ‘wear’ by pushing them onto items made from steel, a substance that doesn’t wear, at least not very much anyway. This activity on your part causes friction that effectively slows down the car. The energy displaced goes into heat – don’t put your hand onto the inner wheel area of your car if you’ve driven and stopped a lot, it might hurt!

These ‘wearing bits’, often called ‘sacrificial elements’ by engineers – get the idea - they ‘sacrifice’ themselves to achieve a result - a lot like mothers do, with kids. Again the harder you push the more the wear occurs so the nearer you get to receiving a bill for the repair work to replace them; again if you’re mega rich go read another article.

Now how do you get to win out with this ‘free wheeling’? Well if you do what a lot of folks do and drive always with a foot on either pedal so that you push the ‘go’ right up until the instant you push the ‘wo’ pedal then you’re a loser. If you’re a thinker and a winner then look ahead of the car, way ahead, and look what’s going on a distance ahead. If you see a round about, a red light or a build up of traffic then lift your size nine off the ‘go’ and rest it on the floor as the car still runs ahead but slows getting ready to handle the coming obstruction. Be alert of course and be ready to apply the ‘wo’ if something unexpected happens.

Now there’s a side effect to saving dosh and saving the planet (a bit). If you put mental effort into planning ahead with your car control it keeps your mind on the driving and away from the myriad of other

worries in your life. Tell a lie here and swear that you never let your mind wander as you drive and sometimes can't remember how you got to where you are right now. I'll tell a truth and admit that when I was working and was trying to make the world a better place (that's maybe a little exaggeration but I'm writing this so let's call it poetic license) I would often drive half way to work with no recollection of the journey.

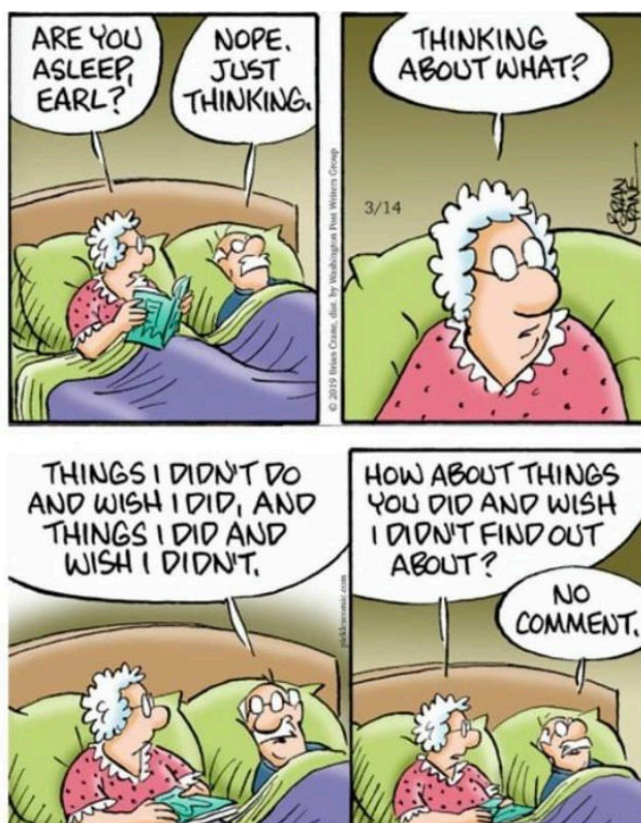
Now if you believe the boys and girls in blue it's speed that kills. I reckon that it's inattention; if it is speed then why is there not mayhem on the German autobahns. I've been in the Fatherland and driven at over 180kph – it's exhilarating to drive at very high speeds and believe me your mind is so alert you notice everything.

The other thing is, that it's fun to see how accurate you can become at judging distances and seeing how your ability improves over time. You don't get bored, frustrated or agro when you are using your skill to smooth the way. Aeons ago when I lived in NSW and travelled very often to visit a business friend in ACT – a boring drive before the advent of motorways the friend who also did the same journey and I had a competition to ease the boredom. We competed by noting the moment we passed the Liverpool highway sign and the moment we entered ACT at the border. The competition needed sportsmanlike honesty (that did exist in those far off days) to declare how few times you touched the brake pedal over the journey. To take part in the game you had to be on full alert all the time. It was amazing how successful you could become.

Drive safe, save money and maybe the planet (a bit).



Gotta have a laugh....





## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

### Wednesday 30 August 2023 Day out with the intelligentsia.

#### Attendees

Deanna and Rex Hall, Michelle and Peter Flavelle, Glenda Duncan and Ron Rogers, Geraldine and Greg Anglin, Darryll and Peter Jones, Judy and Geoff Birkett, Maxine and Tony Pettigrew, Adel and Lance Brazier, Peter McKiernan, Shirly and Jack Craven, Anne and Robin Jervis-Read, Jenny and John Mason, Anne Carty-Salmon and Phil Cook, Sandy and Peter Hibbert, Robyn and Robert Joiner, Anne and Bryan Tootell

With a cold day, typical of this time of year, our Group spent a lot of time chatting, and devouring the free home made biscuits on offer at the Aroma Lily Cafe. We then moved next door to "Market Fair" which contained a huge assortment of good quality merchandise and most of our group found items to their liking. It was then a short drive to our Lunch venue where many portion sizes could not be consumed and doggy bags were readily available.



Picture below of the carbon filament globes very interesting





## Wednesday 13th September 2023 Cuppa in the Hills

### **Cuppa in the Hills – The Patch General Store - 13 September 2023**

Given this dear little treasure was limited in capacity, a small group met for morning tea on this, a lovely Spring morning. We literally took over the outside veranda and were very well looked after by the friendly team offering all sorts of home-made goodies. They made us feel most welcome, even down to local flower posies on the tables. Such a local community feel, sharing our chatter with passing dogs, walkers, primary school excursion, postie, and an earlier birthday celebration for the owner/'boss'. A few of us stayed on for lunch, which again was relaxing and enjoyable. A most pleasant outing. Thank you to all who have supported my events throughout the year. Great to have you along.



### **Deb Beal**



Take care on our roads.....

Sharing the road with oversize, pilot and escort vehicles – so take care!

All drivers need to be aware of how to share the road safely with oversize vehicles.





## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Sun 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sandra's September weekend

### Attendees

|                           |                           |                             |                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tony & Maxine Pettigrew   | Brian & Annette Aiken     | Trevor & Jill Beaumont      | Ken & Sue Moulton     |
| Leigh & Sandra Wishart    | Leon & Judy Cousins       | Ian & Mary Hodge            | Michael & Jill Justin |
| Terry Grigg & Gail Minter | John & Jenny Mason        | Robin & Ann Jervis-Reid     | Arie & Val Veermas    |
| Greg & Geraldine Anglin   | Peter & Michelle Flavelle | Graham Talmage & Kate Senko | Robin & Freya McCann  |

Departed from Lang Lang taking in the scenic drive to Trafalgar for a BBQ lunch

Dave & Angie looked after us at the Maffra Motor Inn, everyone enjoyed Happy Hour !

Saturday morning we went to the Maffra Motor Museum where the theme is going to be cars from the 70s.









## Ombudsman finds Victoria's electric and plug-in hybrid vehicle charges administered unfairly

Date posted: 27 Sep 2023

Today Victorian Ombudsman Deborah Glass tabled her *Investigation into the Department of Transport and Planning's implementation of the zero and low emission vehicle charge*. The report details a range of failures in the State Government's implementation of the road-user charge for electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (ZLEVs) under the *Zero and Low Emission Vehicles Act 2021 (Vic)*.

The Ombudsman received more than 30 complaints about the application of the ZLEV Act. These complaints concerned two main issues – whether the charges were unreasonably applied, considering how owners used their vehicles, and whether additional charges imposed after submitting a late odometer declaration were wrong.

One driver of a plug-in electric hybrid, a vehicle that can use either fuel or electric power, reported travelling thousands of kilometres in remote parts of Australia using fuel, as there were no charging stations. Despite the driver paying fuel excise on those kilometres, the Department did not waive the additional hundreds of dollars payable under the ZLEV charge.

“We found an unreasonable lack of policy guidance to those administering the legislation, inflexible handling of complaints, and an unwillingness to exercise discretion. It is also wrong to charge penalties not provided for in legislation, and the money collected under this ‘penalty’ should be repaid.” Ms Glass said.

Drivers must generally provide photographic evidence of kilometres travelled at the start and end of each registration period. One case in the report highlighted the unfairness faced by a driver who was late providing the required photo of their vehicle's odometer because they were overseas. Instead of responding flexibly, the Department cancelled her registration.

If an odometer declaration becomes overdue, the Department estimated a charge based on the ‘average travel’ of Victorian vehicles. This occurred even where people told the Department this estimate exceeded the distance the ZLEV had travelled in its lifetime, as a ‘penalty’ charge.

In five complaints made to the Ombudsman, the Department initially refused to amend invoices where the estimated kilometres exceeded the total distance the vehicle had travelled, describing it as a ‘penalty’ for lateness. There is no provision in the ZLEV Act for the Department to impose a penalty charge.

“As the Robodebt inquiry showed us, there are dangers in making assumptions and using average calculations to charge people. Assumptions have been made about how people will use their electric vehicles, which plainly disadvantage people with older vehicles or those who have less access to charging stations.

“And while this report focuses on the actions of the Department of Transport and Planning, there are broader lessons for the public sector about the dangers of making policy on the run (or not making it at all), and the importance of exercising discretion.” Ms Glass said.

### Background

In July 2021, the new road-user charge for ZLEVs was introduced in Victoria under the Zero and Low Emission Vehicle Distance-based Charge Act 2021 (Vic) (‘ZLEV Act’). This legislation was the first of its kind in Australia. Its validity is currently being challenged in the High Court.

This investigation does not touch on the validity of the legislation, which is a matter for the High Court. Nor does it consider whether it is good public policy to impose a charge on electric vehicles.

The Victorian Government's rationale for introducing the charge was that ZLEV owners pay little or nothing towards the maintenance of Victorian roads. Owners of traditional fuel-powered vehicles pay for public road upkeep through the Commonwealth fuel excise.

ZLEVs are grouped into two categories – battery electric vehicles (‘BEVs’) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (‘PHEVs’).

1. BEVs include vehicles that use only electric power from a battery and vehicles that use a hydrogen fuel cell.
2. PHEVs have two independent engines: a PHEV can operate as an entirely electric vehicle or an entirely fuel-propelled vehicle. PHEVs can travel varied distances using electric power, from around 40 to 80 km per charge.

Hybrid vehicles, which have a fuel motor that is simultaneously assisted by an electric motor, are not considered to be ZLEVs and owners of hybrid vehicles are not charged under the ZLEV Act.

### By the numbers

- 19,200 ZLEVs registered in Victoria
- Over 180 complaints made to the Department
- 67% of these were about unsatisfactory process or policy
- Over 240 ZLEV registrations cancelled

*Thanks to J.A.R Craven for this article*

# West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.

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## ITINERARY

### *11<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023.***

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

# West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.

## ENTRY FORM

### *11<sup>th</sup> Gateway to Gippsland Rally*

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**  
**11<sup>th</sup> 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@wgvrinc.com.au>**



ENTRIES CLOSE: **12<sup>th</sup> 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@wgvinc.com.au](mailto:events@wgvinc.com.au) Mobile: **0409 452 170**

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### **RALLY ENTRY FORM**

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

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023** – Registration (tea/coffee/snack food)

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

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

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

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.....