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- Veteran (pre 31-12-1918)
- Vintage (1-1-1919 to 31-12-1930)
- Classic (1-1-1931 to vehicles older than 25 years)

To conduct the sport of motor vehicle rally driving so as to promote and encourage that sport.

To conduct such events and activities as the Committee considers appropriate to:

- (a) increase the members' awareness of our motoring heritage, and
- (b) enable the exchange of information and vehicle parts between similar clubs and interested members of the public.

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<u>BARRY COLLISON MEMORIAL TROPHY (PEOPLE'S CHOICE)</u>	1928 WHIPPET Model 96 tourer	John and Jenny Grieve
<u>JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST PRESENTED VEHICLE</u>	1948 MORRIS Oxford MO sedan	Dom and Jenny Monteleone
<u>DUSTY SHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT</u>	1960 PORSCHE 356B 1600 Super cabriolet	Brian and Faye Briggs
<u>JOHN HILL TROPHY FOR BEST MOTORCYCLE</u>	1977 SUZUKI TS185 motorcycle	Peter and Susan Borthwick
<u>ROLLS-ROYCE PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR CLUB MEMBERS OF THE YEAR</u>		Julie Mahoney and Bev Brownley

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held in the GVMVDC.Inc. Clubrooms, 40 Grahamvale Rd, Grahamvale (northeastern outskirts of Shepparton) on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 8.00pm. New members and visitors are welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE

Meets in the Clubrooms on the fourth Thursday of each month except December.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2024 are **\$70** and for 2025 **\$80** (**\$30** if not getting paper Journal). Joining fee is **\$20**. Financial year is from the Annual General Meeting in November. Subs can be paid directly into the Club's bank account **GVMVDC Inc.** at the Bendigo Bank. BSB **633 000** Acct No **1366 25076**. Include your name and membership number as details.

MONTHLY RALLIES

GVMVDC Inc organises club runs every month, on both weekends and weekdays. Details of this month's runs are on the Coming Up pages of this Journal. Slower vehicles may leave earlier if they wish. Members without a rally car can come modern or turn up and get a lift with somebody. Members are reminded to fill out the rally attendance sheet sometime during the run.

CLUB SHOP

Lapel badges (members)	\$4.00	Wind jacket	\$50.00
(for non-members)	\$5.00	Windcheaters (depending on size)	\$20 - \$30
Car Badges (members only)	\$16.00	T-shirts (depending on size/style)	\$15 - \$25
Contact the club librarian.		Caps	\$15.00
CD/DVD of past Journals (pdf)	\$2.00	Windscreen stickers	\$3.00
Club calendars (A4 or A3)	free	Embroidered patch of club logo	\$3.00
Car details sheet (A4 laminated)	\$1.00	Contact the club librarian.	
Contact Brendan Walsh.		<i>You can contact these members at a monthly club meeting.</i>	

RED PLATE VEHICLE PERMIT RENEWALS

When your Club Permit is due for renewal, you can:

- bring the papers to a club meeting for signing,
- post them with a self-addressed envelope to GVMVDC Inc Permit Officer, c/- P.O. Box 6, Shepparton 3632 and the Permit Officer will sign them and return them, or
- post them to the Permit Officer with a cheque and an envelope addressed to VicRoads and the Permit Officer will sign them and send them on.

See the Permit Officers at a meeting for further details. You can also contact Peter Vibert on 0408 333 172 or 5823 5865 to arrange a time. Peter lives at 7 Cardinia Court, Kialla Lakes.

CLUB LIBRARY

A full listing of the Club's books, manuals and DVDs is available in the library at club meetings.

CAR PHOTOS

Each member is entitled to have one car photo on the wall at no cost. Give your 220x140mm photo to Hugh MacFadyen with your details and the car's details. He will do the framing. Further photos can be done for \$10 each. See Hugh for details.

JOURNAL

Contributions for the next Journal should be to the Editor by 24th October.



President's Report

A big month for the club is now behind us. The Swap Meet went exceptionally well; great weather and everything ticked along like a well-oiled machine, and that is down to the meticulous planning of the Meet by our Swap Meet Subcommittee. A HUGE thanks to Lindsay Braybon, Harold Battersby, Ann Bell, Glen Braybon, Kelvin Ivers, Trevor McKenzie and Jason Watts and, of course, Mr and Mrs Swap Meet, Kris and Lloyd Healey, ably assisted by the ladies and gent of the Catering Subcommittee; Julie Mahoney, Bev Brownley, Sue Agosta, Evie Boschetti, Kris Healey, Judy Mellington, Cheryl Simpson, Lorraine Threlfall and Bill Winters.

September also saw the Canberra Floriade Rally run from the 15th until the 24th, and by all accounts, another excellent event organised by Leigh & Lynne Johnston and Julie and Lyn Tyrell. Thank you one and all! Planning is already underway for 2025 Club Rally which, at this stage, looks like being a hub rally based out of Ballarat.

Focus now turns towards the Club's Annual General Meeting, to be held at the clubrooms on Thursday November 14th commencing 8:00 pm. We are currently aware of a couple of vacancies within the Committee for 2025, those being the Secretary, Club Captain and a couple of Committee Members. If interested have a chat to any Committee members or just submit a nomination form to the Secretary (as soon as possible). On the other hand, if you're not interested then perhaps you could submit recommendations of other organisations with similar purposes to ours to whom we could gift our club's assets, since the Victorian Department of Consumer Affairs will not permit any not-for profit organisation to continue to operate for more than 14 days without an elected Secretary.

Best regards / Rob Fletcher

From the Editor

Thank you for your kind words and support on the production of my first Drivers Journal. It was an honour to be able to get it produced, printed and sent to keep members up to date with the happenings of the Club. There were a number of teething issues with the printing and I was wondering if you would get it at all but it was worked through and sent, though some were a day late. With the help of a technician in Newcastle I got the problems sorted and should not have any hassles this month.

What a great day for the Swap, I haven't attended for 7 years due to travel so it was pleasing to see the number of stalls and helpers on a beautiful spring day. Congratulations to all involved. I actually came away feeling so good, even after a very early start to the day because I am once again useful.

I need reports and photos for the November Journal by 24th October please. It will be produced earlier as I am heading West for a Red Hat event.

Yours in motoring,
Heather Drust

If you're not receiving a monthly email advising of a new Journal being available on our website, then you need to let me know! Just send a message to the Club's email address (top of page 2) and I'll add you to the list. Over 150 members now get this monthly message, plus other messages from the Club between Journals.



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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting held Thursday 5th September 2024 at the clubrooms.

The meeting commenced at 8pm with **President**, Robin Fletcher, extending a welcome and providing advice for clubroom and meeting arrangements. The attendance roll indicated 72 members in attendance, 15 apologies and 2 visitors (Jock Paynter and Peter Fowler).

Leonard Balfour's passing on August 9 was marked by a minute's silence. President Robin informed members of the side table display arranged by Leonard's father, Robert, that gave numerous press articles printed at various times about Leonard's activities.

Minutes of the August 8th meeting, as published in the Journal, were accepted following a motion from *Hughie MacFadyen*, 2nd *David Grant*. No business arising.

Correspondence

1. Another response to A.T.O. regarding club purposes, type of business activity and contract details.
2. Letters to new members; Richard Davies and Roger Marin, John and Annie Stephenson.
3. Other club newsletters.

Neil Rutherford moved, 2nd *Tom Brown*, the acceptance of correspondence report, passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Peter Vibert tabled a 5-page report detailing transactions in the month to Sept 5th, plus a one-page account balances statement. Peter's description included comment on catering for AOMC delegates, a \$1000 contribution from the RACV for our Rally of the Valley, that 140 members were yet to pay annual subscription (**due Sept.30**) and noted various SWAP site payments and \$250 SWAP sponsors (Peter Hill Power, Autobarn, Willow Batteries and Repco). No questions were forthcoming and *Peter Vibert* moved acceptance of his report, 2nd *Alan Lavis*, passed.

Events s/c

Leigh Johnston spoke to the pages 6 & 7 of the Journal which listed 16 activities. Particular note was made of the mid-week run being on Thursday to Girgarre and Lockington with 9.45am departure from Mooroopna on Sept 12th. The Rally of the Valley (Nov.1-5) now has a variable entry fee for members depending on number of days in attendance.

Reports from the floor

George Coad spoke of visits to two excellent workshops at Castlemaine; 'Up the Creek' and a pre-WWII specialist in chassis straightening and spring manufacture, Grant Cowley. George also spoke of the Golden Oldies Tour that involved 51 cars and the numerous magnificent sheds that were visited. Alan Lavis, who took a Model A in this tour, mentioned how Evans Waterless Coolant had succeeded in resolving the overheating that was previously experienced.

SWAP

Lloyd Healey covered an extensive number of arrangements for the Sept 8th SWAP event. Notice was also given about the Saturday set-up working bee and the Sunday clean-up.

Federation report

Lloyd mentioned that VicRoads were about to change the number plates for heritage vehicles using a plastic plate for the new number series.

Catering s/c

Julie Mahoney referred to her p.5 Journal report.

Social s/c

Col Grace noted the Sept 21st Saturday gathering at the clubroom that would involve a BBQ.

AOMC

Alan Lavis reported on the appreciation of our Catering s/c work for the recent country delegates meeting and the secretarial services we had provided.

GUEST SPEAKER

Greg Sutherland introduced Peter Fowler, a local Shepparton identity who thoroughly engaged members with recollections of his early 1970's experience in building the VW Sport Sedan with mid mounted Chev 5 litre motor and McLaren suspension. The success of this vehicle with Brian Thompson was legendary and maintained through to 1975 with the development of Thompson Fowler 4 valve/cylinder engine heads. Subsequent use of this motor in a Mercedes sports car followed. More recently Peter had achieved a reincarnation of the original VW Sport Sedan with initial display being at a S.A. Sports Car Museum.

GENERAL BUSINESS - Nil**Buy, Swap and Sell - nil****Swap Meet Report**

Hi everyone, on behalf of the swap committee I would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway at the swap. It was one of the smoothest swaps we have ever run.

The whole weekend was just great. This can't happen without the support of our club members.

So, a big thank you once again to everyone who helped make this swap possible.

Lloyd Healey
Swap Chairperson.

Catering Report

Another Swap has been and gone. A big thank you to everyone who helped out with preparation on the Saturday and to those working in the Canteen and the 2 BBQ areas on the Sunday. It was wonderful to see everyone working so well together to produce another successful Swap. A terrific effort by all.

Our committee is now turning its attention to organise the catering for the Rally of the Valley, which is taking place from the 1st to the 5th of November. On the Friday night, we will be serving light refreshments to welcome the Rally

participants. Saturday requires a take away morning tea and later that night, a supper will be served after some entertainment in the clubrooms. On the Monday, we will serve morning tea in the clubrooms, then provide a boxed lunch for those attending M.O.V.E. A breakfast at the clubrooms on Tuesday morning, will bring the Rally to a close. We hope everyone has a great time and enjoys touring around the region.

Kind regards,
Julie Mahoney

Committee Meeting Notes

Secretary's notes from the Committee Meeting held on 26th September 2024

- 1 SWAP event enjoyed excellent member input and provided for a great day. The club's gratitude must go to the SWAP sub-committee and their team.
- 2 Ken O'Connor has completed a magnificent book celebrating the club's 50th anniversary. We are now deciding on how to make it available to members.
- 3 The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club has responded with a \$1000 grant that will go toward our club's computer and software for management systems.
- 4 Red plate registrations require club membership, and if not paid, the vehicle is considered unregistered by VicRoads. Please check you have proof of current membership for our club's financial year (1/10/2024 to 30/9/2025).

Coming Up

****GVMVDC Monthly Meeting, Clubrooms – 8:00pm Thursday 10th October 2024**

Guest speaker for this meeting will be Greater Shepparton Mayor, Shane Sali.
Masks and sanitiser are provided for those who need them.

**Early Falcon Nationals – Bendigo Showgrounds 11th – 13th October 2024**

XK – XP Falcons Show and Shine 10am – 3pm Sunday 13th October gold coin donation for public entry from 10am.

\$55 for Show and Shine Car Contact Nick Tedesco 0402 066 167

****Defibrillator Course – Clubrooms 14th October 2024**

A defibrillator course will be conducted at the clubrooms on Monday October 14 commencing at 7pm. The club is making this excellent program, presented by Tania Jarvis, available at no cost to members. Fifteen expressed interest two months ago. Please note that the actual participant list will be finalized at our Oct.10 general meeting.

Let Barry or Lloyd know if you wish to attend the course.

****Club Coffee Run, Lake Mokoan - Benalla Wednesday 16th October 2024.**

October's coffee run shall be to the Lake Mokoan hub and cafe for morning tea, following this we will be heading off to the Benalla golf club for lunch. For those members wishing to travel as a group please be at the club rooms at 9.20am for a 9.30am departure. Numbers will be taken at the October club meeting or contact the following.



Leigh Johnston 0409 645556

Alan Lavis 0407 084679

Hugh MacFadyen 0409 215112

****Saturday Social Day, - 19th October 2024**

Our next Saturday Social Day will be held on 19th October, 2024 between 10am & 2pm

We will be having a BBQ so could everyone please bring a salad to share.

Please contact Sandra on 0358231410 or John 0467313785 with numbers attending as this helps me with quantities of food needed to feed everyone.

ALL WELCOME. Looking forward to everyone attending.

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\$55 for Show and Shine car, Contact Nick Tedesco 0402 066 167

Show us Ya Wheels – Melville St Numurkah 13th October 2024

Show us Ya Wheels 8.00am – 2.00pm

\$10 a vehicle including driver and \$5 per person. Kids under 16 free.

More information on Facebook.

Coming Up**FE FC Holden Car Club Victorian State Titles, Shepparton – 20th October 2024**

The 8th Victorian FE-FC Holden state titles will be held at Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton on Sunday 20th October, 10am to 2pm.

Entry is free for spectators, \$10 per car, judged or not. Entries close 29 September. Enquiries to 0402-326 730 or email FEFCVicStateTitles@gmail.com
The club's website is <https://vic.fefcholden.org.au>

**Numurkah Show – Numurkah Showgrounds - 23rd October**

Show organisers are putting aside show space for display of GVMVDC members vehicles. Please advise Barry Croke by Oct.10 if you intend having a vehicle present so the show people can be advised of the space we will need.

****Ladies Lunch - 25th October 2024**

The ladies' lunch will be at the GV Hotel on Friday 25th October. We meet from 11.30am for a chat before ordering lunch. All Ladies are welcome to join us. Please contact Mary Apostol by Wednesday 23rd to make a booking.

Contact: - Mary Apostol 0407 848 014

****Rally of the Valley, Shepparton – Friday 1st-Tuesday 5th November 2024**

The Rally of the Valley is on again this year, after being cancelled last time due to Covid. It is the weekend prior to the Melbourne Cup and the committee has been working hard to arrange an interesting itinerary.

If members would like to take part in only 1 or 2 days the entrance fee is \$20 for 1 day or \$40 for 2 days.

**Veteran Car Club Annual Rally – Bendigo November 8th – 10th**

Details at <https://veterancarclub.org.au/>

Bendigo National Swap Meet – Bendigo Showgrounds November 16th and 17th 2024

6am Saturday and 7am Sunday – 3pm

\$15 Saturday \$5 Sunday

Information - <https://www.bendigowap.com.au/>

Motors and Masterpieces – Melbourne Showgrounds November 22nd – 24th

Details at www.motorsandmasterpieces.com

**** Ladies Lunch – Shepparton Club Tuesday 17th December 2024**

A booking has been made for our Christmas break up for lunch at the Shepparton Club with Anthony Tenace entertaining. Numbers are needed as soon as possible to confirm the booking. All ladies are invited to join us.

Contact: - Mary Apostol 0407 848 014



Rally Report

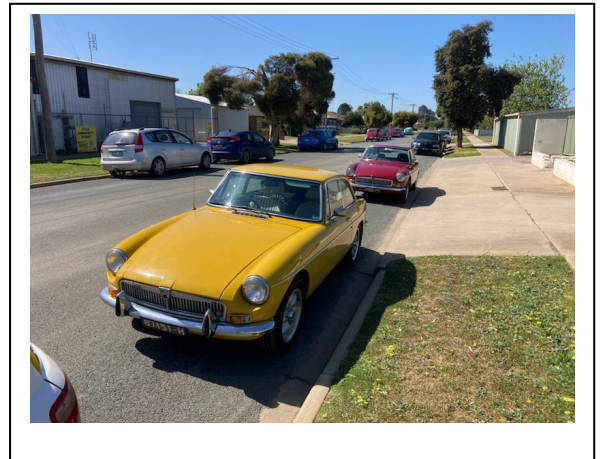
Club Coffee Run Girgarre – Lockington Thursday 12th September 2024

On a sunny but windy Thursday morning 37 club members turned up at the Gargarro cafe in Girgarre for morning tea. Some of our members enjoyed their morning tea inside the cafe, others out in the sun, out of the wind. After morning tea we headed off to Lockington via Rochester, a very pleasant drive.



35 club members were at the Lockington hotel for lunch where they had allocated us the dining room. The meals and company were both excellent, the Lockington community has done a fantastic job in purchasing and refurbishing the hotel, it was good to be able to support them in a small way. After lunch we all made our way to our respective homes.

Leigh Johnston



Rally Report

Those who attended: coffee Girgarre - Lockington

Greg & Sue Agosta, Neil & Bev Rutherford	1954	ROVER P4 90
Trevor Dainton	1955	MG Magnette sedan
Alan Lavis	1961	TRIUMPH TR4
Jenni Blake and Lyn Hawes	1957	MORRIS Minor 1000 sedan
Tom and Joy Maher	1962	CHRYSLER Valiant "S"
Lynn & Julie Tyrell	1962	VAUXHALL VX 4/90
Charlie & Marg Anderson	1967	ALPHA ROMEO GT Sprint
Leigh & Lynne Johnston & Tony Alford	1967	HOLDEN HR Premier
Peter Vibert & June Brewer	1967	MERCEDES 250E Coupe
Julie Mahoney	1969	FORD Falcon XT GT
Russell and Marlene Kerwin	1975	LEYLAND GT
Ray & Sue Jackson	1977	MGB GT
Heather Drust & Mary Apostol	1978	TOYOTA Crown Super Saloon
Ray & Sharon Mullins	1978	MG "B" GT
Bob & Judy Bedford	1991	TOYOTA Cressida
Barry and Marg Croke		MODERN
Bill & Glenys Holliman		MODERN
Hugh & Robyn MacFadyen & John Dhosi		MODERN

Saturday Social Day, Clubrooms – 21st September 2024

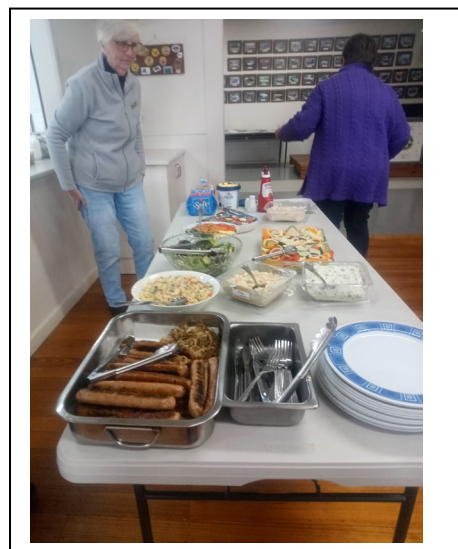


Our Saturday Social Day was held on the 21st September, 2024.

We had a good turn up although several were away on holidays or had prior engagements.

All appeared to enjoy the nice spread of food, with morning tea, BBQ lunch with salad and also sweets.

A big thank you to Les and John that cooked the BBQ, also to all those that brought salads to share. Many thanks to all those that helped with washing dishes and packing up. It is very much appreciated.



Rally Report



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Add your name and/or member number.

If this method does not suit, you can pay at the October meeting or by mail

RED PLATE HOLDERS

Important note: If you have a vehicle on the Club Permit Scheme (Red Plate) it is essential that you renew in time. It is a VicRoads requirement that your membership is current to maintain a valid permit.

If you have already paid, you should ignore this notice. Call treasurer Peter Vibert with any queries 0408 333 172

The Shepparton Swap Meet Sunday 8th September 2024 Shepparton Showgrounds

Well, another Swap Meet has come and gone. Sunday morning at 4am Ray and I woke to a cold morning heading off to the show grounds at 5.30am finding many cars were lined up waiting for the gates to open after the gates were opened Ray, Rodney and I set up our site, waiting for the sun to slowly raise up and became a nice day the crowds were good and it was great to catch up with our friends from Bendigo / Melbourne and NSW. It turned out to be a great day.

Phame McCall



GOLDEN OLDIES TOUR - 25/8/2024 -1/9/2024 Starting at Marong Picnic.

Members from GVMVDC, LLOYD and Chris Healy, John and Jenny Grieve, Terry and Pam Brennan, Tim and Marie Harris, Alan and Pat Lavis and Lindsay Braybon, George Coad/Jim Swanton, along with participants from across Victoria and New South Wales

Staying and travelling through Maryborough, Daylesford and Ballarat areas. Great roads and scenery.

Visiting Museums, car, motorbike collections, vintage machinery collections, cricket bat factories, vintage car clubs, a wedding dress collection, Trivia and quizzes, gin distillery, a hat shop, and a cider factory

Some small, some large and all spectacular.

A ride on a vintage tram.

A gala dress up dinner.

A fantastic time of fun, food and friends old and new.

A great rally.

If you ever get the opportunity to partake on a Golden Oldies Rally, grab it.

Pam and Terry Brennan

Shepparton Swap Meet



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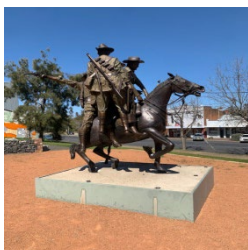
Rally Report

Canberra Floriade Rally 15th – 24th September 2024

Armed with a very informative rally journal and a rally pack of goodies we set off from the club rooms to our primary destination of Canberra Floriade.

After the traditional morning tea and lunch stops, we arrived at Junee, a medium sized town in the Riverina region of NSW. Here we could view the historic Bethungra Spiral Railway which runs between Junee and Cootamundra and part of the Sydney Melbourne rail corridor.

The picturesque countryside between Junee and Queanbeyan was a patchwork quilt of bright yellow canola and rich green wheat fields.



We explored a number of smaller historic towns on the way. In Harden is a magnificent bronze statue of a horse called “Bill the Bastard” He was Australia’s greatest war horse and is known for being ridden through the battlefields repeatedly to rescued five soldiers at once.

Queanbeyan would be our home for four nights.

We were spoilt by a delightful bus trip to Floriade. The Coach Captain went out of his way to also give us a tour of Canberra’s major attractions. Preparing us for our free next day



Floriade theme this year was Art in Bloom and the thousands of tulips and other flowers were planted in intricate designs. Their effect was more evident when viewed from the ferris wheel. The ladies were in their element but I am sure the men enjoyed frequent cups of coffee while relaxing on the seats. While in Canberra we discovered another 10-acre private garden with magnificent garden beds filled with tulips, daffodils etc surrounded with picturesque trees.

Day five was a visit to the Arboretum and although there was a bitterly cold wind blowing the sun still shone. We experienced an informative talk as we marvelled at the variety of Bonsai trees, some over a 100’s years old.

Day six and the men are getting more excited. We are off to Cooma.



The Monaro Cooma Car Club has a magnificent building. A lower floor has the car museum and a balcony than gives a great view of the museum. A large meeting room or function room which is also hired out to the community helps the club to raise money. An authentic little Diner is decked out on the lower floor. After we had all studied the cars and memorabilia we were treated to an enjoyable lunch of fresh sandwiches and coffee.

The next visit was to the Snowy, Hydro Discovery Centre. What a valuable piece of history, a Hydro scheme that was a world first in engineering design. How incredible were the migrant families who worked and lived under very harsh and dangerous conditions. A scheme which is still serving its purpose and being extended even today.



Cooma is also the home to a fascinating railway museum and a large correctional centre.

At the Correctional Centre Museum these inmates were sitting on the prisoners' seats, note their feet don't touch the floor so that they have to struggle to get up and the guards are alerted. We spent a lot of time reflecting on the history of the penal system and some of the devious devices the inmates used to try and escape.

Day 9 In Tumut we visit the Broom factory.



This is a genuine Millet broom making factory. A skilled son and his father hand making strong straw brooms. I'm not sure if Terry is thinking of taking up a new occupation or is considering buying a new mode of transport. A great group of Ralliers, lots of fun, lots of food, new and old friends and many memorable moments thanks to Leigh, Lynne, Julie & Lynn. P.S. We must be a wicked lot Russell's fines raised \$600 for a worthy cause.

Pauline Truman.

An Ode to the Floriade Rally

As we left the Goulburn Valley, with rally books in hand,
 Expecting in our hearts to learn the history of our land,
 But as we travelled onward it was evident to me,
 That her beauty and her splendour, we would also see.
 For the green and yellow patchwork spread before our eyes,
 Was a vision to remember, reaching to the skies.

And the little town of Harden is where "Bill the Bastard" lives,
 The sign says he's a famous war horse, the info I'm glad it gives.
 Our clever rally committee has ladies in mind this year,
 So, men will suffer flowers but still have nought to fear.
 For further on our travels there are car museums too,
 And a railway museum and Hydro works to view.

At night we all contribute to Russell's fines, or so it seems,
 For all have sinned in some way, so little gnome Russell deems.
 And when we've had a drink or two, Leigh sees it as his chance,
 To test our feeble minds while we are in a trance.

So, we have tiptoed through the tulips and ridden the ferris wheel,
 To get a different point of view, some needed nerves of steel,
 Then at the Arboretum, though blown off the hill,
 We learnt the art of Bonsai; it takes a special skill.

The Correctional Centre at Cooma, sent shivers down my spine,
 Reading stories of the inmates who had to serve their time.
 I marvelled at the story of a man who killed his wife, & when done,
 He dressed up in her very clothes and spent two years on the run.

So now the rally is over, and I'm sure we've all had fun,
 We sincerely thank the committee for planning this great run.
 We have shared our many stories with friends both old and new,
 And chatted over coffees, I know I've had a few.

We are all fed up – with food I mean,
 So now we go home and starve to get lean.

Pauline Truma

Rally Report

Morris Register's Geelong Weekend Tour – 21st-22nd September 2024

I only joined the Morris Register a couple of years ago, just in time to help with the National Rally in Shepparton in April (my report was in the May Journal).

We've now shifted to Bannockburn (near Geelong) and only a couple of weeks later, the Register holds a weekend rally based in Geelong. I had to go, and Callum wanted to as well.



Most attendees were from the Melbourne area, so the rally started just after lunch on Saturday with a visit to Barwon Grange, an historic home on the banks of the Barwon River south of the Geelong CBD.



It was built in 1855 for businessman Jonathon Porter O'Brien and his wife Ann, who sold up and returned to England a year later. This helped the National Trust staff much later – the sale of all the goods in the house was advertised in the Geelong Advertiser, giving them a detailed list of every item in every room. Some of the original items were actually returned to the home by later owners to help keep it looking just as it was in the 1850s.

Saturday's evening meal at the Grovedale Hotel was very enjoyable, but soured a bit by Geelong's loss in the AFL preliminary final!



Sideboard in the dining room.

Bay window in the drawing room.

On Sunday, attendees had breakfast at a local café, where Callum and I caught up with them. I was in the Morris again but Callum drove his 1964 Morris Mini 850. We headed about 70km west to Beeac, where we had lunch at the Beeac Hotel. Some of our members will remember this as it was a stop on the Great Ocean Road Rally in 2021.



Behind the hotel is a sizeable shed containing some of Ean McDowell's car collection – a 1927 Pursang Bugatti Type 35B race car, ↙ 1965 ASA 1000GT coupe (created by Ferrari engineers as a less-expensive model but Enzo decided not to release it as a Ferrari), ↓ 1935 Riley Imp roadster, 1959 Stanguellini Formula Junior race car, 1953 Lancia Appia sedan, ↘ 1938 Riley sedan, Singer Le Mans roadster, etc. A very



impressive collection.

Following lunch we drove to Ean and Dorothy's property just out of town where we were guided through the restored 1868 homestead. We also saw a few more collectible cars in the garages there.

That was the end of the rally for us, although there was an optional trip to the coast on the Monday before taking the highway back to Melbourne.

It was good to catch up with the Register members that I had met at the Shepparton rally. Hopefully I'll get to more of their outings in the future.

Brendan Walsh

Notes from Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) Delegates Meeting

Held at MOVE Shepparton, 24th August 2024, 1.00pm

AOMC President Keith Mortimer welcomed Delegates to MOVE, noting the great display of motoring heritage, and thanked the GVMVDC Catering Committee for providing the lovely lunch, and GVMVDC Secretary Barry Croke for acting as Minute Secretary.

Guest speakers:

Megan Treacy from the Events and Tourism Department of Greater Shepparton City Council, who outlined their particular interest in encouraging groups who were involved in motoring clubs and others to the area, and

Jim Andreadis, who founded MOVE in 2011 and is currently Acting CEO, outlined its formation and growth and the use of MOVE facilities to host community motoring and transport conferences.

President's Report: Keith Mortimer noted:

1. Club & Trade Showcase: AOMC is organizing for this event on October 26 at Shannons former auction rooms in Moorabbin.
2. Lost Trades: Noting the concern from AOMC member clubs about the difficulty experienced in finding competent and skilled motor industry tradespeople, AOMC intend to offer financial assistance for supporting apprentices and to create business support schemes to assist skills.

Keith, noting Treasurer Mark Fenton's absence overseas, indicated that \$293,000 was in the AOMC bank account.

VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report: Clubs with queries about VicRoad dealings were encouraged to contact AOMC who will assist in VicRoad matters. Keith explained how VicRoads was concerned with policy issues and had engaged a private agency to achieve service delivery.

AOMC Events: Iain Ross announced the following

AOMC Club & Trade Showcase - Saturday 26th October
AOMC Aussie Classic Cars & Coffee - Sunday 24th November
Festival of Motoring - Sunday 19th January
RACV British & European Motoring Show - Sunday 16th February
Shannons American Motoring Show - Sunday 23rd February
Florence Thomson Tour - Friday 28th to Sunday 30th March
National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 18th May

Club Insurance: AOMS Secretary Tony Hall said that a submission would be made to an insurance company next week. It is hoped that this new insurance cover including public liability, management cover, volunteers and personal accident may be available to clubs by October 1 or shortly thereafter. Clubs will be advised.

Engine number records: Philip Johnson provided an update for people wishing to verify the background on vehicles.

Delegates Report

Daryl Meek (Vintage Drivers Club) sought member involvement in the last stage of the Bertles reenactment of a Bean travelling from London to Melbourne, arriving August 31.

The meeting was closed at 2.25pm.

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Driver's Calendar

2024

- OCT 10 ** Club Monthly Meeting – Clubrooms 8:00pm**
Guest Speaker – Mayor Shane Sali
Details on p.6.
- 11 – 13 Early Falcon Nationals – Bendigo Showgrounds
Show'n'Shine on Sun 10am, \$55 reg'n, gold coin
entry. Details on Facebook: The Early Falcon Car
Club of Vic
- 13 Show Us Ya Wheels – Numurkah
Details on Facebook
- 15 - 17 Vintage Sports Car Club Goulburn Valley Wander
overnight in Shepparton 16th October
- 16 ** Club coffee run to Mokoan – Benalla**
Details on p.6
- 19 ** Saturday Social Day – Clubrooms**
Details on p.6
- 20 FE-FC Holden Car Club Victorian state titles – Shepparton
Details on p.7.
- 20 Bay to Birdwood – Adelaide
Details at <https://baytobirdwood.history.sa.gov.au/>
- 20 Classic Car Show - King Georges Park - St Arnaud
Contact 0417 525 012
- 23 Numurkah Show – Numurkah
- 25 ** Ladies Lunch GV Hotel from 11.30am**
- NOV 1 - 5 ** GVMVDC Rally of the Valley**
Details on p.7. Arrange your accommodation soon.
- 8 - 10 Veteran Car Club Annual Rally – Bendigo
Details at <https://veterancarclub.org.au/>
- 14 ** **AGM at clubrooms 8pm**
- 16 - 17 Bendigo Swap Meet – Showgrounds
Entry Sat \$15 from 6am, Sun \$5 from 7am, U-15 free.
Details at www.bendigoswap.com.au
- 22 - 24 Motors and Masterpieces – Melbourne
Showgrounds
Details at www.motorsandmasterpieces.com
- DEC 17 ** Ladies Christmas Lunch Shepparton Club**
- 2025**
- MAR 13 - 16 GT Falcon Nationals – Shepparton**
Details at www.20thfalcongtnationals2025.com

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