

RECOLLECTIONS

**Official Newsletter of the Werribee and District
Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)**

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Members Rides

Braeden's Chevy Nova

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 28th August (7.30pm)

VALE

Elio Massari (Club Member #5)

Elio sadly passed away after a long battle with Cancer early Sunday morning 11th August at home surrounded by his beloved wife Nancy, and his loving family.



Another one of our great Club members has sadly passed.

Elio Massari (Club Member #5) was a founding member of Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc. (WDCVC) The club, which formed in 1991, had a focus on history, restoration, care, and preservation of classic and historic motor vehicles.

Elio always had a keen interest in all things mechanical whether it was a Plane, Camera or Cars, where his expert knowledge later played a big role in his love of Vintage and Classic Cars.

Around the Club Elio was always known for his ever present smile, wisdom and dry sense of humor as well as being a true gentleman.

He was a dedicated and very active Club member or involved on committee organizing and holding events.

He ran our Club Presentation Night for many years and held monthly raffles. He was extremely good at working with local suppliers and automotive replacement parts companies to receive donations to be used for Club Raffles.

In the early days there would not be too many Club events Elio, Nancy and in the very early days included his children attending picnics or other activities club was holding that he didn't miss.

He was a very talented mechanic/engineer, with his pride a Ford Model T that he restored from ground up from pieces collected from a farm, his restoration was so good he won best Model T trophy 3 years in row at the very prestigious All Ford Car Shows.

Elio's knowledge and wisdom was often sought after from fellow members when they became stuck and unable to solve a problem with their cars, Elio always had the right solution to get their vehicle back on the road, better than ever.

He restored many other vehicles like his lovely XJ6 Jaguar which was his daily driver for many years and he also drove on many 10 day Club Rallies.

Elio's expert touch on various members' cars that he restored, repaired or rebuilt is testament to his ability as most are still running strong and members are eternally grateful for receiving the Elio's professional touch to their cars.

Elio was also a very proud and loving family man to his wife Nancy and their children and grandchildren.

Elio was elevated to Life member of the WDCVC Club in 2019.

Elio was recognized for his contributions and involvement in the club over many years.

I for one will miss him dearly.

To the family, we extend our love and condolences for the loss of your much loved husband, father and grandfather.

RIP Elio

A NICER BLOKE AND GENTLEMAN WOULD BE VERY HARD TO FIND

Elio would I think appreciate this short verse about a Ford Model T.

Penned by Carolyn Ford Witt

THE MODEL T

My Daddy drove a Model T
With paint of shiny black,
On narrow wheels with spokes of wood
A spare tire on the back.

He thought he'd teach my Mama
To drive this Fine machine
So he put her into the driver's seat
Down back streets, to careen.

She popped the clutch so many times
Before the car would go
And then forgot a simple word....
That simple word was '**Slow**'.

They were coming to a corner....
That word, She didn't hear.
She pushed the gas... missed the brake.
Into His heart...Went fear!

He grabbed the wheel with hands so strong
And pulled with all his might
As the Model T cornered on two wheels,
His description, 'What a sight'.

We laughed while he was teaching Me.
Thank God for cars so new
But everyone can make mistakes
And I'm sure I made a few.

So funny as I remember
these tales he told to me,
I hope these memories help you
And their laughter, you might see.

The Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)

Was formed in June 1991 to foster and advance interest in History, Restoration, Care and Preservation of Classic and Historic Motor Vehicles. It provides an avenue for sharing of information by owners of those vehicles. The Club is a not-for-profit organisation. We welcome as members all those interested in preservation of our motoring history. Club conducts monthly general meetings, regular events, and monthly runs for its members and assists community organisations with attendance at community events, retirement homes, parades and car shows. Generally our members come from those who own vehicles over 25 years old, but this is not a prerequisite for membership, anyone is welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

*Margaret Pengelly, Linda Ho, Linda Galea,
Elisha Kaio, John Kirkbride, Colin Pierce, Les Turner,
Kevin Watt, Phillip Darburn and Paul Ellis*

And Happy 40th Birthday to our VP Daniel Smith!

*If you would also like to receive a birthday shout out, email our editor Jenny
(magoos_4@bigpond.com) advising birthday month for yourself and your better half.*

GET *get well soon!* **SOON!**

**WE WISH ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE FEELING POORLY
A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY**



WDCVC Life Members

Gil Taylor (Dec)

Sandy Taylor (Dec)

Les Turner

John Agosta (Jnr)

Charmaine Agosta

Elio Massari (Dec)

Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)

Registration Number A0024084P ABN 575 840 445 12

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Club Permit Scheme (CPS): 9854 2674

Web Site: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

W.D.C.V.C. CLUB BANKING DETAILS: (For Direct Deposits) GREAT SOUTHERN BANK: BSB# 814282 ACC# 10495827

ACC Name: Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club



WDCVC General Meeting	24th July 2024		
Meeting opened	07:32pm	Meeting Closed	08:13pm
Chairman	Colin Pierce	Vice President	Daniel Smith
Apologies:	Len and Carmen, Len Schutt, Russell Thompson, John Ravaneschi, Mitch Jones, Ian Cameron, Reno Aguis, Peter Kime, Vicki and Tibor, Reno Polidano, Ron Hunt, Mark Sagona, Elio Massari, Lindsay Coghill, Mark Reilly, Frank Caruso, Tony Todaro, John Mantello, Harry Williams, Rod Matthews	Visitors	Nil
Previous Committee meeting	8th July 2024		
Comments/Questions	Nil		
Moved & Accepted	1 st - Heather O'Brien	2 nd - Nick Calleja	
Previous General meeting	Refer to newsletter		
Comments/Questions	Nil		
Moved & Accepted	1 st - Kerry Duke	2 nd – Tony Galea	
Club Secretary:	Carmel Calleja		
Correspondence	No	Business related to	Nil
Treasurers Monthly Report	Jenny Matthews as presented by Treasurer	30th June 2024	
Moved & Accepted	1 st - Barry Deller	2 nd – Tony Galea	
*Editors position available	*Ladies day expenses clarified		
President's ramblings	Colin Pierce		
*Clubs rooms still a mess	*club received a request to move honour board	*Poor lighting in car park	
*No relocation news	*Roads works on Mossfield drive	*3 rd August Gol Gol NSW	
*Mystery cruise	*Bunning night 29 th August		
*Cars & Coffee	28 th July	John Marks	
Midweek Captain	Les Turner		
14 th August Mid-Week Run to Meredith meeting at 10.30am McDonalds Lara.			
Social Secretary	Connie Mallia		
*Payments due	*Tickets Available		
General/New Business			
*Calendar to be organised	*Speaker for November booked	*Editor required	
*Woolsey Mark ii for sale	*External house doors required		
Raffle Winners:	1 st – Maryanne Pernice		
	2 nd – Maryanne Pernice		
	3 rd – Carl Burch		
New Members:	Karen Hollis – Welcome		



Calendar of W.D.C.V.C's Upcoming Events

W.D.C.V.C Extends an Invitation to Members of any Registered Club to attend any run or event organized by our club.



Changes are often on the cards. So when attending a Club Run, if you are unable to meet at the designated meeting place prior to departure, Phone Your Run Coordinator!

EVENT	Date	Time	Coordinator
AUGUST			
Casual Sunday Meeting	Sunday 25th	9am	John 0407 546 235
General Meeting (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 28th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Invitation Car Display at Bunnings Hoppers Crossing	Thursday 29th	4.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
SEPTEMBER			
Committee Meeting	Monday 2nd	7:30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
COFFEE MORNING WYNDHAM CACHE (Booked for 30 so come on down. Let Colin Know if your coming please)	Sunday 8th	10am	Colin 0413 884 234
CLUB RUN and TREASURE HUNT Meeting Location and Time (TBA) Monitor your E-Mails & SMS	Sunday 15th	10.30am	Colin 0413 884 234
General Meeting and AGM at Club Room	Wednesday 25th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Casual Sunday Meeting	Sunday 29th	9am	John 0407 546 235
OCTOBER			
Club Run and PICNIC (May Visit Collection we didn't see in August). More details to come.	Sunday 6th	TBA	Colin 0413 884 234
Committee Meeting	Monday 7th	7:30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
MID-WEEK RUN (Location TBA) Booking Essential: Contact Les Turner 0408 014 358	Wednesday 9th	10am	Les Turner 0408 014 358
BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNING (LITTLE GROWING CAFE) If weather nice can sit outside. 2/2 Resin Street Wyndham Vale (Mambourin)	Sunday 13th	10am	Colin 0413 884 234
General Meeting (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 23rd	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Casual Sunday Meeting	Sunday 27th	9am	John 0407 546 235

The above events are in accordance with the WDCVC & Vic roads Club Permit Scheme. If you wish to use your red plate vehicle, a reminder that you will need to correctly fill in your red plate permit scheme log book and be a financial member. At the time of printing the above information was correct. The Committee may change the information at their discretion. Any changes will be published in the Newsletter / Website / Facebook. Symbols of events are Club Runs in **Bold**, and all other runs organised by Vic roads or other clubs will be in normal font.



Federation

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Dear fellow motoring enthusiast,

My name is David Berner and I am the President of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF).

Recently the movement has expressed a range of concerns regarding the availability of Fossil Fuels as we head into a future of net zero emissions by 2050.

The AHMF is committed to protecting our environment and our aim is to represent the movement at Government level to ensure we have a voice and are not victims of the unintended consequences of future Government Legislation.

To gather data on which to build our representation the University of Canberra and the Australian Historic Motoring Federation are conducting a survey on current and future use of fossil fuels and lubricants in operating heritage machines.

Fossil Fuels keep our heritage machines working so whether you are a private owner, a small museum or a government funded institution, we are keen to know what types of fuels and lubricants your machines use and how you might prepare for a potential phasing out of fossil fuels.

This could include historic motor vehicles, steam, aviation, maritime, farm equipment and early electric machines, or any other old machines that you keep in working order.

Help us prepare for the future of operating heritage by participating in our survey here:

https://uoc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eYdZYPxnUunYd3o

Please feel free to circulate this information widely. Our aim is get a large number of responses to ensure we can accurately reflect our movement's requirements.

I thank you in anticipation of your assistance and if I can be f further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

David L Berner

President

Australian Historic Motoring Federation



President's Report



Hello Fellow Members,

Club's Presentation Night is fast approaching Saturday 17th I sincerely hope everyone has an enjoyable time as Connie and all her helpers have done a marvellous job setting the night up.

It's with great sadness that one of our Founding and Life Member (#5), Elio Massari lost his battle with Cancer and passed away peacefully in the early hours of Sunday 11th August. Our condolences and prayers go out to Elio's wife Nancy and all their family.

Recent President Run unfortunately finished up being half the run originally planned as the owner's father of the Collection suffered a stroke. Everyone said they enjoyed the meandering cruise on back roads through green farmland to our lunch destination. Everyone who actually followed written instructions arrived on time. Unfortunately as I missed a turn off, those members following me needed to execute mad U turn manoeuvring on narrow back road to retrace our steps, but everyone finally arrived to enjoy a pleasant lunch.

Club's AGM to be held on Wednesday 25th September after General Meeting, so be sure to attend and show your support in welcoming in your new Committee.

A Club delegation is attending a meeting on Tuesday 13th August with Wyndham Mayor to discuss our own club room opportunities. Report from this meeting will be circulated to all members, let's hope for some good positive outcome.

We have the Club Treasure Hunt coming up on September 15th, As yet the Meeting location not finalised, keep monitoring your E-Mail's and SMS for final instructions.

The recent weather has been exceptional for taking out our Club Vehicles for a run, beautiful bright sunny skies with no hint of rain to potentially dirty our lovely rides.

'Keep the Shiny Side Up'

Cheers

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Formal Notification to All Members for Clubs' 2023/2024 AGM.

AGM will be held after General Meeting on Wednesday 25th September 2024.

All positions will be declared vacant.

Please read role descriptions and consider nominating.



Club's Committee Members Roles and Responsibilities

Executive Committee

President:

- A. Chair both General and Committee Meetings.
- B. Preserve order and conduct at meetings as per constitution and by-laws.
- C. Ensure every member receives a fair hearing on any matter.
- D. Oversee the committee activities and delegate as required.
- E. Co-sign on club funds.
- F. Audit Club books for the preceding year.
- G. Hold key to Club meeting rooms.
- H. Liaise with other clubs.
- I. Signatory for VicRoads CPS Vehicles.

Vice President:

- A. Assist with organising Club advertising with sponsors.
- B. Chair meetings in the absence of the President.
- C. Undertake other roles President may delegate Vice President to organise.

Secretary/Public Officer:

- A. Hold Key to P.O. Box, and collect Clubs' mail
- B. Maintain a register of all outgoing and incoming correspondence.
- C. Ensure that any business requested by a member is included in the agenda.
- D. Ensure accurate records are kept of all General and Committee meetings.
- E. Ensure that all members receive proper notification of meetings.
- F. Ensure detailed records of minutes of General Meetings are included in the Club Magazine.
- G. Notify Corporations Office of change of Public Officer.

Treasurer:

- A. Ensure that records are kept of all financial transactions
- B. Bank and record all monies collected.
- C. Issue Receipts for monies paid.
- D. Shall give a statement on the Clubs financial position at each committee and general meeting.
- E. Ensure a copy of all recent transactions and financial reports are available at each meeting.
- F. Notify bank of signatory changes of the new Committee.
- G. Ensure insurance policies are renewed on time.
- H. Update member application or renewal forms for entry to Database.
- I. Co-signature on club funds.
- J. Maintain asset register of the Clubs capital equipment

General Committee

- A. Sit on Committee meetings.
- B. Take on support roles as requested by President and Executive committee.

Continued.

Club Captain:

- A. Hold and maintain Club equipment.
- B. Arrange, Delegate or Coordinate all Club Runs
- C. Provide assistance as requested of any Club Run leader. .
- D. Ensure all run details are published in the Club Magazine and on the website.
- E. Follow up Club Run reports for inclusion into the Club Magazine, Facebook and Website.

Editor/Publisher:

- A. Produce Club Magazine.
- B. Responsible for format and content.
- C. Prepare Arrange Photocopies of monthly newsletter.
- D. Distribute monthly newsletter to every member via E-Mail and Post

OFFICE BEARER ROLES (NON-VOTING ROLES):

Social Secretary:

- A. Organise raffle prizes for General meetings.
- B. Set date and venue for Presentation night.
- C. Set date and venue for children's Christmas Party.
- D. Organise Social functions during the year.
- E. Identify ideas of how to generate funds for the club through fundraising events etc.

Librarian:

- A. Maintain Club's inventory of technical books and magazines.

Mid-Week Run Officer:

- A. Arrange mid-week runs for the club every second month
- B. Notify editor details on the run for publishing in the newsletter

Regalia Officer:

- A. Maintain Club's inventory of regalia
- B. Responsible for ordering regalia for new members.
- C. Release audit inventory once per year to be incorporated in Club's Audit.

Safety Officer:

- A. Conduct safety inspection on member's vehicles as requested.
- B. Responsible for signing VicRoads safety inspection documents for vehicles manufactured prior to December 1948.
- C. Vehicles manufactured from January 1st 1949 require a Certified Roadworthy Certificate.

Club Permit Officer:

- A. Maintain all CPS Vehicle details on Club Web site.
- B. Signatory for VicRoads CPS vehicles.

Web Master:

- A. Maintain Club Web and Facebook sites
- B. Responsible for format and content.
- C. Issue Log in and passwords to members.

Welfare Officer:

- A. Follow up members who are unwell
- B. Responsible for sending cards and flowers to members as required.
- C. Advise Editor any members that are unwell to include in the monthly newsletter

Federation Representative:

- A. Attend Federation meetings as a representative of the Club.
- B. File written and verbal reports to committee and general meetings on Federation activities.

Council Representative:

- A. Attend council meeting as a representative of the Club.
- B. Report back to committee and general meeting results from council meetings.

INTERPRETATION

2. (1) in these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:-

“Committee” means the Committee of Management of the Association.

“Financial year” means the year ending 30th June.

“General Meeting” means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule

11.

“Member” means a member of the Association.

“Ordinary Member of the Committee” means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Association under Rule 21.

“The Act” means the *Associations Incorporation Act* 1981.

“The Regulations” means regulations under the Act.

(2) In these rules, a reference to the Secretary of an Association is a reference:-

(a) Where a person holds office under these Rules as Secretary of the Association – to that person; and

(b) In other case, to the public officer of the Association.

21. (1) **The officers of the Association shall be:-**

(a) A President;

(b) A Vice-President;

(c) A Treasurer;

(d) A Secretary.

(2) The provisions of Rule 23 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-clause (1).

(3) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.

(4) **In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause (1), the Committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.**

22. (1) **Subject to section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:-**

(a) the officers of the Association; and

(b) 2 ordinary members-

each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.

(2) **Each ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.**

(3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

23. (1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or an ordinary member of the Committee:-
- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- (6) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same election.
24. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the officer or member:-
- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association;
 - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or
 - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing given to the secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

- 25.(1) The Committee shall meet at least 3 times each year as such place and such times as the Committee may determine.
- (2) Special meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 of the members of the Committee.
- (3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted as such a meeting.
- (4) **Any 4 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.**
- (5) **No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.**
- (6) At meetings of the Committee:-
- (a) the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; or
 - (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- (7) **Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.**
- (8) **Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.**
- (9) Written notice of each Committee meeting shall be served on each member of the Committee by delivering it to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode at least two business days before the date of the meeting.
- (10) Subject to sub-clause (4) the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

More of a dynasty: The Agostas...

John Agosta Snr joined the WDCVC in 1996 although he never took a committee position, through extended family he pioneered an energetic and influential period in the club's history, culminating with life memberships bestowed on son, John and wife Charmaine.

The WDCVC is a long-established car club, and has some of its roots springing from the farms of Werribee South. The farms bred some great characters, most of whom carried a strong work ethic, and these men (and women) are also great family people. Plus many of them love their cars. The late John Agosta is a classic example, a hard worker who kicked off three generations of car lovers, speed demons and great family people.

John was born on November 10th, 1936, one of five children to Giovana and Vito Agosta, in the master bedroom of their home-a self built cottage at 61 Church Street Werribee. John wasn't much for schooling, wagging it and was often in trouble with the nuns. He left school aged thirteen to work on the family farm when his father died. His next job was spray painting fuel drums for Rheem in West Footscray.

Soon he acquired his first car, a Morris Minor convertible, and then married Evelyn, his life-long sweetheart. The couple had two children, Maryanne and John Jnr. John and Jnr started go-karting, which led to speedway cars, then to various race circuits such as Calder Park, and culminating in quite a bit of success at Mt Panorama. Their cars were often home built and always immaculate and well prepared. Son Corey also took on the racing bug, co-winning some father and son events.

John Jnr. teamed up with Charmaine; they met on a race day as her father owned a speedway car, and two boys were the result: John Jnr (No 3) and Corey. Now we have three generations of car mad men, with Evelyn and Charmaine also enjoying the ambience on race days and keeping the team well fed. Apart from racing, there were many family trips to Hanging Rock, Puffing Billy, and the Royal Melbourne Show and so on with the WDCVC. Maryanne and her husband Grant often tagged along.

John learned his mechanical skills as apprentice at the MMBW Metropolitan Farm workshop, commencing in 1978. He set up his own show JW Autos in Russell St. Werribee in 1988, then moved to Factory 2 in Lock Ave after three years. Success brought new premises at 29 Lock Ave, with Corey apprenticed later. John Snr retired after a lifetime of hard yakka, which included a long stint in Geelong hospital in traction after a serious fall at Dove Storage, where John worked as a supervisor. He recovered reasonably well and continued to work.

John Snr. joined the WDCVC, having acquired the 1949 Pontiac business coupe. John Jnr. joined in 1999. His first club car was a 1937 Dodge D5 sedan. With plenty of energy and leadership skills, John (No2) took on the roles of president and club captain, with Charmaine as secretary / treasurer. This lasted for many years, and John and Charmaine are now life members. The current success of the WDCVC owes much to the Agostas, with energy, fundraising and a great program set in place.

As president and club captain, John was handed the editor's job as well, after Elio Massari with help from Les Turner did their stint. John and the committee worked hard to get the members on the road for runs and events, also the trips away. In the early days, only 3 or 4 cars would hit the road on some monthly outings.

On a road trip to Adelaide, fancy dress was a highlight. John dressed as Mrs Brown from the TV show and was mistaken for a suitable babysitter by the couple who ran the motel. He wonders why an old guy in a dress could be mistaken for a babysitter, after they served him alcohol all night before handing over the baby.

John's aim was to keep the club "family oriented", so that a classic car owner could take wife and kids as well, keeping family together with outdoor events and picnics. The club cricket day endured but has been replaced by the more sedentary lawn and ten-pin bowling. As members age, their families are now battling mortgages and educating sons and daughters. At our kids' annual Christmas party, its possible to see three generations of families together.

It's all over now. John has retired and he and Charmaine have moved to Bundaberg, John doing the occasional repair for locals, and Corey is also working as a mechanic in Bundy. John Jnr (No 3) is still connected to the car racing scene here, not as driver or mechanic, but in race calling and administration. The Fourth generation of Agosta's, 5 in total are still entwined in the car scene and attend regular club outings in Bundy.

Maryanne and Grant live locally and are hoping to be more active with John's Pontiacs.



Not bad after all - the CSM July 28th, 2024.

It's pushing the envelope to expect consecutive last Sundays for good weather in Melbourne's winter. Really we've had a good run, so on average we were due for some not-so-good days, and this was one of them. All week the forecast was telling the story, and the rain radar proved that at 7am, 8 am and 9am.

The stalwart crew arrived on the job at 8, so the trick was to get a tent up, for a bit of shelter. One or two members and the odd visitor straggled in, mostly in an every-day driver. Visitors David Cossey and his daughter Stella brought a neat Torana SLR 5000. Stella was practicing manual gear shifting, after receiving her full licence very recently. Pity we all didn't have a hot V8 machine to play with as we graduated, say in the nineteen sixties? On second thought, maybe better not!

Some regular crew members were away- Lindsay was on the Gold Coast (at a car meet when we phoned him at 8.15). Tony and Connie Galea were attending to family matters, and Rose who is rarely missing on CSM days or any other club outing also had family to look after. About 10am, the weather cleared with a burst of sunshine.

So the desk was run by Linda Galea and Vicki Miskolczi, and the set-up crew the two Brians and Peter Lockwood, who doubled as a BBQ chef, together with Heather and Alfie, a great threesome. New members Wren Brown (VW Beetle), Karen Hollis ('99 Toyota Celica) and Ron Hunt ('69 Mustang) braved the elements, club photographer Rod Matthews borrowed Jenny's '95 VS Statesman, and Gary Kennedy did the usual with his cute '29 A Model Ford coupe.

Even though it looks stock, the A Model has many mechanical refinements, the latest being new cast iron brake drums, replacing some flimsy pressed items, and fitted since last Thursday. In earlier days, Gary modified the diff, gearbox and clutch, ensuring complete reliability for some serious cruising in outback NSW recently. Everything you need for an A Model is available ex the US, however Gary often makes his parts from scratch.

Visitor Mal Green showed his '51 Austin A40 sedan, completely original and un-molested in standard grey duco. Even the interior is quite good (smell the horsehair). Mal acquired it from an aging owner who presumably bought it new. Some stuff under the bonnet is a bit perished, but still does the job. Mal imported an electronic points-replacement kit, yet to be fitted. Featured is the little swing-out indicator arm with a flashing globe, and the tail-light switch is mounted on the rear quarter panel so you won't be able to switch off the tail-lights when the gendarmes get on your case.

Visitors Andrea Wicks and Steve Clarence fronted in a smooth looking '87 Corvette in dramatic royal blue, rather unusual but said to be a stock colour. During its previous life in the US, the Corvette was employed as pace car in the Indy 500. The couple plan to keep it strictly stock as the renovation proceeds, right down to the correct badges and decals.

All in all, not a bad result, with nearly a page-and-a half of names in the sign-in book. Many thanks to all who arrived, including our less-mobile members Peter Kime and Barry Deller. Also to the competent crew, our members and the visitors.





Presidents Cruise and Lunch, Sunday August 4th

The Cruise originally arranged to take a pleasant cruise along back roads of Lara, heading to Bannockburn Hotel for a leisurely lunch then tour of Andy's collection in Scotsburn.

Now, one would expect the President who arranged this Presidents Cruise, scoped it out with a dry run, and should know exactly where he was taking our convoy of Club vehicles, but no, 'HE' missed a crucial turn off didn't he. So then we needed to drive a further 3 Kms to locate a safe place that allowed us to do a U Turn and get back on track. Lesson learned don't blindly follow the car in front....This all happened despite at drivers meeting after everyone partook in a nice morning tea, drivers or navigators were handed written instructions on route we would take.

And those that actually followed these instructions made our Lunch location Bannockburn's Railway Hotel without drama. After lunch original plan was to jump back into our Club vehicles and cruise along to Scotsburn for a tour of Andy's Private Collection consisting of farm equipment, tractors stationary engines, and a plethora of classic and historic vehicles collected and restored by Andy. After our tour we were to be treated to an afternoon tea in one of Andy's sheds.

Unfortunately a couple of days before our trip Andy's father suffered a stroke and was placed in hospital, so tour to Andy's is on hold to another day.

Meals at hotel as normal were exceptional and quite large some members even asked for 'doggie bag' to take home some for their dinner.

After lunch seeing as second half of cruise was postponed, a number of our members decided as it was such a great day for driving their club vehicles would head off to Geelong Vintage Markets to pick up a bargain before heading home.

Overall day was success, and ticked most boxes, great weather, pleasant back roads drive, fine lunch, and in some cases found a bargain at the market. Only poor part of the day, Presidents poor navigation, which I'm sure will come back to bite him on the bum.....





NAME	VEHICLE	NAME	VEHICLE
Colin and Shirley	1984 Statesman Deville	Lyn and Charlie	FJ Holden
Heather O'Brien	Falcon GT	Gary and Emmy	Ford Model A
Mick and Linda		Alf Schembri	1968 Ford Fairmont
Tibor and Vicki	1957 Chevrolet	Tony and Connie	Corvette
Sam and Maryanne	1969 Mustang	Ron Hunt	1969 Mustang
Brian Daly	1994 Ford	Peter and Pat	1993 Mercedes Benz
Karen Hollis (Inaugural Club Run)	Celica SX-R	Sally and Jason (Visitors)	
John and Elizabeth	Modern	Neil and Karen	1970 Mustang
Brian and Joan	Modern	Wren and Kaye	VW Beetle
Len and Carmen	HJ Monaro	John Hansford	XJ6 Jaguar
Neil and Vicki	1951 Ford Coupe		



Clubs' 2024 10 Pin Bowls Day

This year Point Cook Bowling Alley has a name change to STRIKE where they not only have 10 Pin Bowls but all manner of entertainment from Laser Tag, Game Machines, etc.

This was a much later kick off for a Club event arrive about 10:30 in time to beginning team Bowls at 11:00am.

As we had a good turnout of members all wanting to play for trophies we split them into teams and rivalry began even players wanting certain members to be on their team.

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Rivalry between teams soon came to the fore, ladies began showing up the guys with a few Strikes, so there was a certain amount of mumbling going on.

After first round which took about 45 minutes we still had time remaining so a **PLAY OFF** was quickly arranged with the top 4 player playing off for the Trophy.

A few must have played a bit doggo in early games as strikes began to happen on a regular basis.

In the end one player rose to the top and claimed the Bowling Pin and perpetual Club Trophy.

All the players were winners but the biggest winner who won the trophy was Russell Thompson and was Crowned Champion for 2024.

As everyone was finished by then and no one wanted to head off for a bite of lunch we all headed off home or to other locations arranged earlier.

Thanks to all who turned out to make the day enjoyable with heaps of laughs.

Congratulations to 2024 Winner Russell Thompson.





Judy and Russell Thompson (Russell was determined to win over last year's winner Judy)		Lindsay Coghill (Didn't play)	
Brian and Joan (Didn't play)	Colin and Breaden Harris	Brian and Luke Daly	Connie and Ronnie (Didn't play)
Jen and Wayne (Didn't Play)	Karl and Clare Burch	Lyn and Charlie Cook	Colin (Didn't play)

Good Onyer, Mum.

Alice Marks' Driving History.

My mother Alice Muriel Marks (nee Baddeley) was born on October 7 1914, and died in 2013, aged 99 years. She learned to drive in maturity, after bringing most of seven kids into the world. Her driving stance was bolt upright with set jaw, head tilted back and a tight grip on the wheel.

Dad bought a near-perfect '34 Chev sedan for mum from pint-sized local Methodist minister Louis S. Shears Saunders and Mrs Saunders. Before mum had a chance to try it, some local coppers who without authorization borrowed the station's side-car motorcycle, and crashed it into the front of the Chev. They pleaded with dad to keep it quiet, but never paid for the damage, and the oxy torch wrote the final chapter.

Next, we found an Austin Lancer Mk11 for mum, not a bad little car for a lady. These models were all bolted together, no welding. After the inevitable collision, we bought a derelict Austin in identical duco. Brother Don and I ripped both cars apart and made one good one from the two. The windscreen with the best rego label was fitted, along with matching number plates. We never worked out whether or not we used the correct registration detail.

This car kept her on the road for a while, and I cannot remember what happened to it. We had a split-window VW Kombi for business and shooting trips to NSW. Mum gave it a run and a broken crankshaft was the result. We teased her over this, but our mistake was to sell it for AUD \$50. Wish I had it now!

Mum's young brother Lindsay Baddeley procured a small French sedan, which Alice drove until voluntarily surrendering her licence in her late 80's. RIP Alice, a great mum. With luck I am carrying her genes, although my driving acumen is probably from dad's side.

From John Marks, #335.



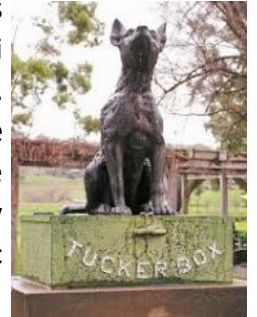
Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Club 2024 June Rally

Ron and I were invited to attend the Kings Birthday Rally run by the WWVMC. We've attended quite a few over the last 8-10 years and as usual, this was a great one.

We left about 10am Thursday and stayed overnight at Wangaratta to make the trip a little easier. After a complimentary breakfast, it was a nice easy run to Wagga with a short break at Culcairn.

Registration Friday night at their new club rooms went smoothly with light refreshments of sandwiches, home-made slices and tea and coffee, then back to the hotel.

A nice clear morning Saturday saw us back at the club rooms to look at some of the 105 entries from all over NSW and Victoria, cars and vintage motorbikes, then a lovely drive to Gundagai where it was open choice for activities. A smorgasbord Chinese lunch was available at the RSL, and there were plenty of museums - railway, truck, general historical to name a few, plus the obligatory trip to see the dog on the tuckerbox 5 miles from Gundagai. We all met back at the RSL at 2, for a leisurely run back to Wagga with a stop at the Oura Hall for wonderful country style home made afternoon tea. Dinner that night was a BBQ at the club rooms with a fantastic array of salads, steak and other meats as well as the obligatory snags and burgers.



Sunday started out cold and slightly foggy, but after a briefing with hot home-made soup we went a drive around the area ending at The Range Function Centre for lunch, where a show and shine car display was held. There were cars from their sister club CHACA (The Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia), MG Car Club of Wagga Wagga, and a hot rod and custom rally that was also being held that weekend in the area, a vintage bus and commercial vehicles, coffee vans and the SES and rural fire brigade sausage sizzles. A lovely afternoon. That evening we were back at the centre for the Award Dinner which had a country theme this year.

Monday, we had a cooked breakfast at the club rooms before saying our goodbyes and see you next year then started home with a stopover in Bright that night. A lovely 6-day break, and another fantastic rally.

Joy Sleeman #509



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