Well, having done 7 months worth of Newsletters in training as Assistant Editor, this month I have been virtually left to my own devices putting this Edition together for you whilst the folks are travelling in India (although Dad is still monitoring my moves from afar!). By all accounts they are having a wonderful time, although their trip was delayed by one day as Mum’s Indian Visa was rejected upon checking in at Melbourne Airport. Thankfully their flights were rebooked for the following night without incident and after a day was spent back and forth at the Indian Embassy in Melbourne, they were good to go, only missing the first day of their arranged tour. Phew!

Here is your Editor at the Taj Mahal, looking quite the part of a tourist! He has been keeping his eye out for any pre 1942 vehicles in India, to no avail as yet. By the time you are reading this, they will be home again!

Stan has reported he is more than pleased with the results of this year’s Berwick Swap Meet. Well done and congratulations to everyone involved.

Thanks to Lyle Detez and Frazer Carless for their write ups on Australia Day at Pioneer Park, Jim Lang for his interesting article on the original owner of his 1925 Buick and Kevin Clarence for his article on how he ‘obtained’ his driver’s licence, together with a brief history on Shepparton. Also to Lindsay Tharle for his regular Odd Spots.

March looks like another bumper month with the monthly club run to Coolart Homestead in Somers, followed by the midweek run to Nissan Motorsport. Thanks Ian Clark for organising this event. Note, this is not a lunch event, so please eat lunch beforehand. Then our annual DVHC Long Weekend Away in Shepparton. Looks like a great weekend away has been planned and as always a huge thank you to our organisers for all their hard work leading up to this event. Who is volunteering for run reports? And whilst we have a lot of supermen in the Club, could we also have a Jimmy Olsen taking photos to include with reports and the centrefold?! Thank you 😊

I remain, for the time being, yours from the dickie seat!

Jodie - Assistant Editor
What a month we have had since I wrote my last report! It was great to see all the club cars and post club cars and truck at Pioneer Park in Berwick on Australia Day, and also good to see all the public interest and questions asked about our club and vehicles. Geoff Double, the chairman of the Australia Day celebrations from Berwick Rotary, thanked us for a wonderful display and has invited us back next year with the same amount of space.

BERWICK SWAP MEET - It’s very hard to find the right words to express my appreciation for the magnificent effort put in by those very dedicated club members starting early Friday morning, mowing areas to set out sellers’ sites, organising public parking areas, putting out 40 rubbish bins, erecting 35 traffic control signs to direct traffic, setting up the administration area and the ladies setting up the kitchen with food and drinks to feed us all over the two days. Then on Saturday afternoon we had to clean up the whole park including the toilets so that we could get our bond back, finishing at 5:00pm Saturday. It was a very long drive home. This swap was financially the best we have ever run. Thank you.

The only down side was the members that were rostered on for duty who didn’t have the decency to ring and let us know they couldn’t make it. We all benefit from the money raised on the day with cheap membership, entry to lots of venues, pie and port nights, Christmas parties and presentation dinners so all members should do a small stint (many hands make light work).

Thanks also to the swap committee for all your hard work to make it a special 2 days.

Our March General Meeting is our annual auction night so please bring along all those bits and pieces and place them on the table with name and price required for the item or just donate it to the club. All excess cash will be handed on to Noeline Agius to be put with the money they made at the swap for the Cancer Council.

For our midweek run on 14th March I have arranged a tour through Nissan Motor Sport at 1:00pm. I need to know how many members will be attending please. A sheet will be passed around at the March General Meeting. Please bring your club car to check it out and fill it with petrol all ready to head to Shepparton the next day (or Friday) for a good 4 or 5 days of fun, interesting places to see, laughter and drinking Camel’s milk.

THE THEME FOR THE WEEKEND AWAY - 4 OR 5 DAYS OF HAVING FUN WITH GOOD COMPANY!

Safe & Happy Motoring
Ian Clark - President

DID YOU KNOW?

The first pedestrian crossing signal was erected in Bridge Street, Westminster, London, in December 1868. It was the idea of John Peake Knight, a railway engineer, who thought that it would provide a means to safely allow pedestrians to cross this busy thoroughfare. The signal consisted of a semaphore arm (manufactured by Saxby and Farmer who were railway signalling makers) which was raised and lowered manually by a police constable who would rotate a handle on the side of the pole, the semaphore arms were augmented by gas illuminated lights at the top (green and red) to increase invisibility of the signal at night. However, in January 1869, the gas used to illuminate the lights at the top leaked and caused an explosion, injuring the police officer. No further work was done on signal pedestrian crossings until 50 years later.

Footnote: J P Knight was the same person who invented the traffic light in the story published in last month’s Newsletter.
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*INDICATES POINTS FOR DVHCC TOURING TROPHY
Friday 2 March 2018

* General Meeting 8.00pm
Followed by our Annual Auction with
our resident Auctioneer Donald J ones
Esq., Always an entertaining evening.
Don't forget to bring your auction items.
No buyers or seller premium. Donations to the DVHCC Inc. always welcome!!

Sunday 4 March 2018

* DVHCC Club Run
Coolart Homestead, Somers

Explore the old out buildings and imagine what life was
like when you had to make your own butter. Stroll
through the beautiful gardens and discover unusual
exotic plants or to the beach for views of Phillip Island
and Westernport.

In 1895, Frederick Sheppard Grimwade bought the
estate and built the imposing homestead as the family's
country retreat. Between 1907 and 1937 Coolart was
held at different times by Thomas Armstrong, James
Balmain and John Sylvester Feehan. The late Tom
Luxton purchased the property in 1937 and immediately
had the property declared a sanctuary for native wildlife
and embarked upon a program of habitat development.

MEET: at BP Service Station, Corner Thompsons Road
(Route 6) and Westernport Highway (Dandenong-Hastings Road - Route M780)

TIME: 9.45am to leave by 10.15am, or earlier if
you want to grab breakfast or a cuppa.
BYO: Picnic Lunch, chairs, your Club Car
COST: Free
PARKING: In the public car park unless advised
otherwise.

Wednesday 14 March 2018

Midweek Run - **NOTE: THIS IS NOT A LUNCH EVENT**
Nissan Motorsport, 8 Helen Kob Drive, Braeside

MEET: 1pm at Nissan Motorsport for a guided
tour of the facility
PARKING: On Street Parking outside the facility.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:
1. Please wear sturdy shoes; and
2. You must bring your club car (well, not really, but
it would be nice!)

Thursday 15 March - Monday 19 March 2018

* DVHCC Inc Annual Weekend Away - Shepparton

Staying at the Overland Hotel Motel,
97 Benalla Road, Shepparton.
Ph 5821 5622

Follow your Run Sheets as provided.

For those travelling up on **Thursday 15 March**, travel at
your own leisure or form a convoy with other members (if
you wish to join a convoy, please make arrangements at
the March General Meeting).

MEET: Nagambie Rowing Club
301-305 High Street, Nagambie
(2nd building on the left after the lake)

TIME: 11.45am

For those travelling up on **Friday 16 March**, you can
follow the Thursday Run Sheet or just make your own
way to the Overland Hotel Motel.

BYO: cups/mugs, chairs and bathers for a swim.

For further information contact the organisers:
Ian Clark 0419 312 304
Graham Bates 0407 512 686

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RE SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018 CLUB RUN**

The DVHCC Club Run on Sunday 8 April 2018 will be
at Black Rock House, Black Rock. The DVHCC will
pay for your Devonshire tea BUT ONLY IF YOU
REGISTER with John Jenkins by Thursday, April 5.
Call John Jenkins on 9551 2968 or 0448 886 109 or
register at the March general meeting. The morning
tea will be catered, hence numbers are needed. The
Devonshire tea has been highly recommended by
Graham Moody, so be sure to reserve yours. We will
then be going to the Bridge Hotel for lunch.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Hello, I am writing to you as I purchased a car at auction here in the UK late last year and it is proudly displaying its Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club badge and was owned by someone previously in the club.

The car was imported into the UK about 7-10 years ago from the Melbourne area and I was hoping someone in the club may know the previous owner as I am trying to find out a bit about the car's history if possible during the 80 odd years she spent in Australia. She is a 1927 Buick Master Six (LWB) and I have attached a photo. Hopefully one of your members may remember it or even have owned it - any info would be great.

Many thanks in advance...

Kind regards,
Dan Towers, England.
Email: Dan@Flick.digital

Hi Kevin,

I just thought I would share with you the note from John Lidgerwood who bought the Buick previously owned by D VHCC member John Wright:

Hi again Dan,

I owned the Buick for 8 years, buying it at auction in Melbourne in 2001/2. The ground up resto was done by John Wright who passed away after finishing a magnificent job. I shall hunt up some photos, scan and send to you asap.

It certainly won some awards, and was entered in the concourse section at the famous "Bay to Birdwood Rally" in Adelaide. Weddings, displays etc and the odd film ad. was a feature. I am interested in which Auction you found it, as I believe it had only the one owner in the Lakes district to whom I sold. I wonder does it still have the famous "Aussie waterbag" situated on a lavish hook and leather carrier on the front bumper? The rear luggage case was built in NZ, fitted approx 3 years into ownership. My brother also has a lovely 1928 roadster, Buicks were always fine cars.

I'm sorry that info was scarce, as I did send considerable paperwork and a workshop and drivers manual, these may have been "lost" somewhere along the way! I am fascinated by the numberplate, of course you are not required to pay annual rego on vehicles of that age. At your leisure, please send "your story"!! Best Regards....John

So it appears that John Wright sadly passed away some time ago, but if anyone else knows of the car I would be interested to hear - thanks again for all your help.

Kind regards

Dan Towers, England
Email: Dan@Flick.digital
GRINS 'N' GROANS continued…

Correction:
In the February Newsletter we suggested Tess was ‘F. Returning a butterfly to the wild’. We are reliably informed that it was not a butterfly but in fact a ladybird that would not leave her finger. We unreservedly apologise for our error!

28 January 2018
Dear Ian and the crew,
Thank you for supporting the Rotary Club of Berwick’s Australia Day celebration and for your commitment to take part in this community event again in 2019. Next year’s Chairman, Isobel, will be in touch with you in the lead up to next January’s event.
Once again, thank you for being such an important part of our annual Australia Day event.
Regards

Geoff Double
Chairman
Australia Day Celebrations
@ Pioneers Park, Berwick, 2018

2018 Berwick Swap Meet

Wow! The DVHCC Inc. can certainly run a swap! I was so proud to be a member of this amazing group, as I stood and looked at all the orange jacketed members ready and willing to head out into the darkness at 4.55am on Saturday 3rd February. I heard comments such as “There were people every so many metres with their glow sticks waving us on to the next person. Parking was easy”. Of course it is always hard to get a huge crowd through gates, but even football games have hold ups. Well done everyone for a wonderful job.

Thank you especially to Judith Cowley, Marg Detez and Denise Nye for the diligent work they did recording, placing out items and then collating and sorting the finances out at the end. They actually collected over $1100 for members with no commission taken. We had about 18 members who used their services with about 14 of them achieving a sale or two.

If we can get 100% of people pricing their stuff with their initials and a list of items I would be ecstatic, but I always live in hope! Well done to those of you who did just that. There’s only 300 odd days to go until the next one. Start sorting out NOW!

SOO Pater

THANKYOU

I would like all those very dedicated and loyal club members for the many hours of hard work in planning and carrying out their duties over Friday and Saturday of the Swap.

No job was too big or too small when members were asked to step up or stand in for absentees. As a result of your dedication this turned out to be the best gross takings swaps we have ever had.

Once again thank you all.

Ian and Heather
WHO AM I?

Born 25 November, 1844 in Germany, he was an engine designer and automobile engineer. In 1885 he designed and built the first practical car powered by an internal combustion engine. His company produced its first four-wheeled car in 1893 and the first of its series of racing cars in 1899. He left the company in 1906 to form another group with his sons.

Send your answer to editor@dvhcc.com.au

NOTE: future answers sent to Kevin’s personal email address will be discounted as Jodie won’t get them!

Answer to last month’s Who am I? - Henry M. Leland, father of both Cadillac and Lincoln - and the Jelly Beans go to Irwin Sinclair with the first correct answer.

WHAT’S LES LUCAS THINKING HERE?

A. What are you doing with that camera pointed in my direction.
B. I wonder if I have time to duck in for a beer or two.
C. Yeah! It’s a Chev but I’d rather be in my ’27 Tourer!
D. Will you hurry up Clarky or we’ll never get home!
E. Get out Clarky, I’m not driving the next leg.
F.Just thinking about what to have for lunch at Junee, NSW

BRAIN TEASER

Which of the following are actual, if not obscure, cars and which ones are just made up:

1. Paragon Panther
2. Pilgrim Bulldog
3. Eclair 7/9 HP
4. Purvis Eureka
5. Maron Muskeet
6. Alldays & Onions Midget
7. Devon Spear-8
8. Raleigh Safety Seven
9. TDR Tarot
10. Westmoreland Rooster
11. Moon Diana
12. Opperman Stirling

Answer on Page 24

LINDSAY’S ODD SPOT

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

Every year, millions of trees grow thanks to squirrels forgetting where they buried their nuts.

Car Puns
DRIVE me crazy!

Email all contributions, “shed photos” or “funny photos” as always to the Editor: editor@dvhcc.com.au
**CPS RENEWALS**

When is your CPS due for renewal? You will find the expiry date on:
1. The Interim Label on your windscreen.
2. It can also be found on the sticker inserted on the inside front cover of your Logbook.  

If you have problems when renewing at any VicRoads centre, ask them to check the VicRoads main frame computer which will show all the D VHCC Permit people’s signatures.

**CPS APPLICATION**

Graham Bates (or Irwin Sinclair if Graham is unavailable) can now carry out Applications for CPS.

Irwin Sinclair and Graham Bates can endorse your CPS renewal form at meetings or elsewhere by arrangement. Please present your last log book when requesting endorsement. Attendance of a minimum of 2 DVHCC events (meetings or runs) in your CPS vehicle is a prerequisite for this, along with the 5 requested photos.

**NEXT FEDERATION AND AOMC MEETINGS**

**FEDERATION:** 19 May 2018  
Maryborough District  
Historic Vehicle Club Rooms

**AOMC:** 28 May 2018  
21 Rosalie Street, Springvale

**UHF RADIOS**

UHF Radios will be used on all Club outings tuned to Channel 10. These can be a source of fun and allow everyone to keep together and not get lost.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**D VHCC Inc. Long Weekend Away - Shepparton**  

**Federation Scoresby Picnic**  
Sunday 15 April 2018

**DVHCC Inc. Presentation Dinner**  
Saturday 2 June 2018

**NAME BADGES**

Please wear your Name Badges to meetings and runs. It helps newer members and assists older members who are having a ‘senior’s moment’!

**FIRST AID KIT & DEFI BRILLATOR**

The Club’s First Aid Kit & Defibrillator are at most, if not all meetings, Club Runs and events, usually carried by a Committee Member. Do not hesitate to shout out loud if you think someone might need assistance and the use of either piece of equipment.

They are there for your safety.

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**KITCHEN:** Help organise supper, fill & turn on urn upon arrival, put cups & saucers out for tea & coffee. Collect used cups & saucers after supper, wash up, turn off and empty urn.

**MEETING ROOM:** General tidy up, pack up chairs and sweep the hall after the meeting. Should you be unable to fulfil your duty please organise to swap with another Member listed in the club Register or notify The Secretary.
A midweek run with a difference was the one on Wednesday 17th January 2018 when we were invited to the Akoonah Park Men’s Shed for a BBQ lunch. With the expectation that the Berwick Newspaper would be there members were asked to bring their Club Cars. And what a great display it was that the DVHCC put on when 21 cars parked in a long row outside the Men’s Shed.

The Sheds were open for us to wander around to see the many projects on show. Rows of wood working machines, model train room and a Morris Minor being restored were just some of the things we saw.

Soon the shout was “Come ‘n’ Get It!” and we were ushered into the dining room for a sit down lunch. First was a welcome from the Akoonah Park Men’s Shed President Ron Stirling who talked about the history of the Men’s Shed movement and in particular the Akoonah Park Shed and how it came into being. We must be doing something wrong as we sat there envious while he told us about how easy it was to get monetary donations for the various items they required, and how he applied to the Federal and State Governments and if that failed there was also the Casey and Cardinia Councils.

Ian thanked the Men’s Shed for their kind invitation and we all tucked into a very nice lunch topped off with pavlova for sweets. Thanks to all the members who came along, special thanks to those who brought their club cars and also to lan and team for organising the day.

During all this time Peter was responding to demands from all like a nurse in an operating theatre. “Hey Pete, do you have a bit of steel? Do you have a ¼” bolt? I need a pair of snips. Get me some masking tape. Hey where do you keep your electric drills?” And loads more. At each request Peter would drop what he was doing and miraculously, as if by magic, produce the item required.

Graham rang the morning tea bell and we enjoyed muffins, thanks Sue, and donuts, thanks J udith.

Lyle worked on the starting switch installing new wiring to the battery. Then it was time to discover why the front tyres lost pressure since the last working bee and fit the donated (many thanks Rick) tyre to the back. A team of men descended on the tubes as if possessed. And the search was on in earnest for a tube valve tool. As luck would have it, there were two such dust caps on the Chev Truck parked in the corner. But it took a trip to the local Tyre Service Centre to acquire new valves before the problem was solved. The cost of the new valves was a promise to visit again when the Overland was on the trailer returning to the Upper Yarra Museum in Yarra Junction for them to have a look.

Graham then rang the lunch bell and the inner man was satisfied by some scrumptious sandwiches made by Sue. Thanks again Sue.

Lots of other little jobs were carried out in the afternoon as the temperature climbed to its predicted 39ºC and with that we said our goodbyes until the next working bee. If you are interested in assisting at the next working bee contact Graham Bates for the date, time and location.
**Wally Nye** has been busy rebuilding the 1928 Austin 16 motor with a new block after number 4 cylinder wall failed and filled the sump with water. This photo shows the length Wally has gone to to retain the bottom end intact.

**Jim Lang** - Buick update: he has taken the front off the other motor he has and inside were two steel gears and one large fibre timing gear. He removed the three gears. He bought this motor years ago and at the time was told it had been recently rebuilt but not used as the gentlemen had died. At the time he did not know if it was true or not but believed this might be as the gears were in as new condition with no sign of wear. As a consequence he may put these three gears into the new Buick.

**John Hough** has his 1928 Willys Whippet For Sale. It’s a well known Willys Club Car and has been on a few DVHCC events as well. John is asking for ‘offers’ at this stage. See the Advert and photo in the For Sale section.

A little birdie told us that **Gary Stocking** might be in the market for a Teardrop caravan. He just has to convince June, and then get someone to sell him their Teardrop that they seldom use, now that he has a Propert.

**George Rae** has been under his beautiful 1938 Dodge to repair a small oil leak in what appears to be coming from the sump gasket.

Please send your restoration news, photos and/or garage gossip to editor@dvhcc.com.au
Bev: “Don’t look now, it’s the Editor with his camera!!”
DVGCC 40th Barwell Swap 2018

9am Friday morning

256-tonne generator being transported from Traralgon to the Port of Melbourne.
(Photos: Mazz Lafrank)
In grey, overcast, humid conditions, 26 club cars and six cars of interest along with a complement of over sixty members – not including the voluptuous blonde travelling in Roger’s Chev – descended on Pioneer Park in Berwick for a day of rest and relaxation.

Unfortunately, upon arrival, Graham & Sue Bates’ Willys Sedan suffered a rear transmission malfunction requiring several members to assist in its propulsion to a suitable location, after which their RACV Total Care came into effect, assisted by Peter and Mazz La Frank, whose car hoist will be used to provide the means by which an assessment of the problem can be made – Thanks Guys.

Meanwhile, the public were arriving in large numbers to inspect the variety of displays and listen to artists delivering musical items, Thomas the Tank engine train with two carriages trundled families around the area and many older folk inspected our vehicles, no doubt reminiscing of a time when these vehicles were their mode of transport when they were younger.

As the sun appeared and conditions heated, areas of shade under the park’s trees became crowded and with the ice cream vendor becoming very popular with children, Club persons moved into the shade behind their vehicles or under the Club canopy, sometimes wandering out to engage in conversation about cars or those things which ladies spend their time discussing (including the forthcoming Berwick Swap Meet).

Our President was busy ‘rounding up’ members to ensure we had plenty of starters for the Swap – meanwhile our ‘acting editor’, camera in hand, carried out his usual photographic record of the day.

After the crowds began to disperse from around the attractions, the time came for Club members to finally pack up and slowly move away from this very pleasant event and look forward to returning same time, same place, next year.

by Lyle Detez
AUSTRALIA DAY 2018
PIONEER PARK, BERWICK
continued…

Berwick rotary club are to be congratulated on hosting an excellent show to celebrate Australia Day at Pioneer Park, and the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club deserve congratulations too, for putting on a large and excellent display of historic cars. We go a long way to making this event.

In spite of it being a very hot and humid day attendances seemed to be very good. Wherever you looked there were lots of people visiting the various displays and admiring our cars. The kids train ride did a roaring trade all day, and it wasn’t just the kids enjoying themselves. The live music, with lots of Aussie country music was popular.

With all of the media talk of changing the date/name of our day and the threat of disruptions etc I was happily surprised that at least at Berwick everyone entered into the spirit of the day. The local community has a large ethnic population and I particularly noticed many ethnic families enjoying the day, displaying Australian flags, and the kids with their Aussie flag fake tattoos.

Well done Berwick, Australia Day celebrated as it should be.

by Frazer Carless

DVHCC Members in Club Cars

Wally Nye 1920 Austin 20/4
Les Lucas 1927 Chevrolet
Ern Hopgood 1928 Chevrolet
Ron Barnett 1928 Model A Ford
Peter Baker 1928 Essex
Carol & Kevin Clarence 1929 Model A Ford
Mazz & Peter Lafrank 1929 Chevrolet
Shirley & Aub Smith 1929 LaSalle
Sandra & Michael Cogley 1930 DeSoto
Carol & Robin Dunkley 1930 DeSoto
Barry Hickmott 1930 Studebaker
Margaret & Stan Snyders 1930 Model A Ford
Roger Bowen 1933 Chevrolet
Gary Stocking 1934 Dodge
Jeanie & Max Tuckerman 1934 Hupmobile
Heather & Ian Clark 1939 Chevrolet Ute
Marg & Lyle Detez 1938 Dodge Eric
Hickmott 1938 Nash
Tess & Max Hobson 1938 Ford V8
Joy & Lindsay Tharle 1938 Plymouth
Sue & Graham Bates 1939 Willys (In the Naughty Corner)
Bev & Irwin Sinclair 1939 Cadillac

DVHCC Members in Other Cars

Minutes of the General Meeting of the DVHCC Inc. held at Akoonah Park Berwick on 2 February 2018

Meeting Opened at 8.03pm

President Report: Ian welcomed and thanked everyone for the swap preparations.

Apologies: Max and Pam Lewis, Margret Griffin, Pam and Ern Hopgood, Peter Baker, Rick and Jill Cove, David Pater, Marg Detez, Ben Macdonald

Minutes Motion: That the minutes of the January General Meeting, as they appeared in the February 2018 Newsletter, are accepted.

Moved: Irwin Sinclair  Seconded: Mazz Lafrank  Passed

Secretary’s Report
December 2017 Inward correspondence
• Invitation and 2 free tickets to Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club (Scoresby) SteamFest - March 10, 11, and 12. I have the tickets.
• Rotary Club of Berwick wanting a copy of our Insurance certificate plus directions for Australia Day
• AOMC Picnic at Hanging Rock February 11
• AOMC – new database of restoration suppliers and annual awards
• Thank you for birthday card from Amy Clarence
• Email Inquiry from Shayne Hart re swap
• Federation - Agenda for Kyatt Group of Companies factory tour including Flash Lube and Four-Wheel Drive Parts on 10th February
• Meeting papers for February 10th meeting
• Fednews number 99 – next one will be a Special edition

Advertising Flyers
• 8th Queensland Heritage Rally 20-22 July
• Rare Spares * 6
• Shannons * 4
• Retroautos January edition is online
• Shepparton Motor Museum January update
• 2018 Lang Picnic Show N Shine
• Gosford Classic Car Museum Newsletter
• The Old Hospital group accommodation in South Gippsland
• Rotary Clubs of Bunyip/Garfield and Pakenham Motor Sports and Car Show on April 8th 2018 at the Toomuc Reserve Princes Highway Pakenham
• Fox Collection January Update
• Windemere
• Drive Go Carting – a new facility opening up in November this year
• Noel’s auto parts dot come

8 Club Magazines by Post

2 Club Magazines by Email

December Outward correspondence
• Email to Rotary club with insurance certificate
• Email to Shayne Hart answering her inquiries re the Swap

Motion: That the Secretaries report be accepted:

Moved: Jim Lang  Seconded: Pam Barnett  Passed

Treasurer’s Report – Stan outlined the financial transactions for January and swap details

Motion: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.

Moved: Stan Snyders  Seconded: Ron Barnett  Passed

Federation Report – Nil

AOMC Report – Nil

Editor & Webmaster Report – Irwin won the Who Am I question.

Swap Committee Report – Ian outlined details for the swap

CPS Report - If you require a replacement name badge see John Jenkins.

Past Events
• January 7 – twilight run to Harwood Homestead – well attended and pity the house was not able to be opened due to an emergency
• January 17 – Mid week run to Men’s Shed in Berwick – good food and well attended
• January 18 – Working Bee on Overland at Peter Lafranks
• January 26 – Australia Day in Berwick – Well attended and good day and we have been invited back for next year

Future Events
• February 14 - Midweek Run. FTG Antique Market and Tosaria, Rowville for Lunch
• March 2 – Auction Night
• March 4 - Club Run Coolart Homestead Somers
• March 14 – Tour of Nissan Motor Sport – 1pm in Braeside
• March 15 to 19 – weekend away Shepparton

General Business
• Need to ensure good allocation for Shannon
• 1938-39 automobile magazines for anyone that wants them

Car or Parts for Sale
• 1920’s stop light and switch
• 23 or 24” tubes
• Cadillac side lights

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Jim Lang - Secretary
Ian Clark - President
A new concept of meeting was trialled with a factory tour of the Don Kyatt 4WD facility and the flash lube distribution point. Lots of planning had gone into the day with safety vests, coloured stickers, and no go area barriers. A marquee was erected and with the heat in mind, our “show bags” had a bottle of water in them and ice creams were handed out during the meeting. This was after our lunch of salad rolls, fruit etc which someone had put more than 100 together!

Over 100 people attended and it would have to be declared a huge success. Frank Hutchinson the owner, gave a very comprehensive talk about his employment beginnings and the start-up fee of $300 each for both partners. Now employing 140 people with sites in N.Z other parts of Aus. and now in New Guinea. He spoke with compassion, about his staff and gives them a Rolex with 25 years’ service. He has staff in their 70’s and 80’s.

The mantra of the group is ‘To let no one go away without being able to help them’. If they haven’t got it or can’t get it in for them, the staff is to help the customer locate what he needs elsewhere. He said their main business is from word of mouth because of these ethics. Frank certainly gave us a very big welcome speaking highly of the vehicles on show and the work put into keeping history on the road. 4WD remains their biggest market in spares and if you are looking for that part terraintamer.com or flashlube.com Frank along with his staff distributed over 100 show bags to us.

Neil Athorn thanked Flash Lube for the tours and the Rootes Group for the huge organisation behind the scenes to make everything run seamlessly. Debbie makes a mean sponge and Tim was very busy.

Grant applications were discussed and approved as well as a Fed trophy for various events. The various picnics were discussed and I spoke about the Scoresby Picnic. The Yarram Fed Rally 13-20 October for open class vehicles looks like a really great week. We are already booked in. A lot of the meals are included in the costings which makes the $150 entry fee more reasonable.

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AHMF motoring day 20 May was spoken about and a request for club activities to be given to the Fed News. Newsletter info to be sent to Val Cosway 53 Hartshorn Dve Echuca 3564 100 years of veteran & vintage motoring with a badge to be struck for next year.

28 & 29th April Tractor swap at Bendigo.

Discussion about getting young people involved brought a response from the Veteran car club who said that a recruitment drive ended up with 22 new young members 3 of whom joined the committee. Neil spoke of “pop up” displays where the word gets out via the net and the gathering lasts no more than 2 hours. This type of short attention span activity seems to be what the younger person wants. He spoke of “old fashioned meetings long, drawn out and boring” and I felt he had a good point.

Aust. Day committee has been worked on and they are trying to get 100 Veteran & Vintage for 2019. Invitation only. Apparently one vehicle rolled up uninvited, late, drove through the crowd, tacked on to the end, then left early once again driving through the people. Daryl Meeks said it is a good way to get shot considering the uneasiness of cars driving into crowds lately!

The Bendigo swap committee thanked both Les Lucas and Fred Lubbe for their work and enclosed a cheque for the club for $40. The car boot sale was not a success on the Sunday so there will be extra space on Sunday for 100 vehicles. 90% of sites are booked so get in quickly if you would like a site.

The RACV Florence Thomson tour is on again. Entries close soon. It departs from Creswick this year. Vehicles must be driven by women. This was the only event run last year with RACV support where they were NOT needed.

Winton 26-27 May is concentrating more on the historic aspect and would be happy to give historic display vehicles free admittance, if you apply in advance.

SOO federation@dvhcc.com.au
I bought my 1959 FC Holden Ute at age 17 years 9 months cheap, as it was a bit of a mess. I then spent the next 3 months restoring it.

I had one lesson in my Dad’s 1960 Ford Zephyr and three paid lessons with a driving school. I went for my driver’s licence on my 18th Birthday with a lesson immediately beforehand.

Upon arrival at the Box Hill Police Station my instructor asked if I wanted to make sure I got my licence today. I had no idea what he meant so I replied ‘yes of course’, puzzled by the odd question. My few questions were easy, and the driving test only consisted of four left hand turns, reverse parking and a hand brake test. Then it was ‘Congratulations son, you’ve got your driver’s licence’.

When I arrived home my driving instructor asked for two payments, one for the lesson, the other for the licence. I handed the money over and he then demanded another ten shillings for the policeman. ‘What’? I protested. Apparently what I had agreed to naively, when saying yes I wanted to make sure I got my licence today, was a bribe to the copper! And what I didn’t see was the 10 bob note that was passed to the copper when he was sat in the back seat. Ten shillings was a lot of money to an apprentice and I didn’t have it on me. I had to borrow the money from my Mum.

I now have a ‘Story to Tell’ in that I actually bought my driver’s licence for 10 bob. And I’ve often thought how much that copper would have earned on the side. If only half his customers paid the bribe, he probably doubled his wages for the week.

To protect myself, this story might be true or a complete figment of my imagination, or it may have been a scam by my driving instructor to get another 10 bob out of me. In any case, I’m keeping my licence!
Whilst researching the history of my 1925 Buick I came across the first owner of the car, Allan Tom, who is standing in front of the car in the picture below. The picture was taken from the Museum at the Amusu Theatre which celebrates Allan Tom’s life work. Below is an edited version, taken from the Amusu Theatre’s web site as he was a very interesting man. [http://www.amusutheatre.com.au/history.html]

Maybe one day I can drive the Buick to the museum to learn more about him.

In 1923 a young man named Allan Tom realised his dream when he ‘took to the road’ with a ‘Travelling Picture Show’. Screening in marques and halls in all kinds of weather, bringing entertainment to people in remote outback areas.

Firstly, Allan screened ‘silent movies’, then with the advent of ‘talkies’ the ‘AMUSU Touring Talkies’ was born. A few years later Allan established Theatres in Manildra, Cudal, Millthorpe, Tullamore and Peak Hill.

For 72 years through drought, flood, depression, the advent of clubs, television and video, Mr Tom screened films for the small town. He showed his last film in 1995 just a week before his death at age 93. The historic cinema is still operated by the family.

He was one of the pioneers of the Australian Motion Picture Industry and his efforts were rewarded in 1993 when he was awarded the ‘Order of Australia’ Medal for his contribution to the entertainment industry.

Allan Tom was on the road in the Goldfields and Western NSW until the 1940’s with silent movies. The AMUSU Theatre was built in Manildra in 1936 alongside his brother’s garage. With its purpose-built building, continuous use and moveable heritage collection, the AMUSU is unique in NSW.

Its significance to the state was recognised in October 1996 when it was listed on the State Heritage Register of NSW.
Prior to the white settlement of Australia, the area was inhabited by the Yorta Yorta, an indigenous Australian people traditionally occupying the land around the junction of the Goulburn and Murray Rivers in present-day northern Victoria and southern New South Wales. The Yorta Yorta tribe which inhabited the Shepparton area were known as the Kailtheban.

Shepparton is located on the floodplain of the Goulburn River in northern Victoria, approximately 181 kilometres (112 miles) north-northeast of Melbourne. The name of Shepparton is derived from the surname of one of the area's first European settlers, Sherbourne Sheppard, and not, as is sometimes imagined, from Shepperton, England. June 2016, the estimated urban population of Shepparton, including Mooroopna, was 50,198.

Shepparton began as a sheep station and river crossing in the mid-19th century, before undergoing a major transformation as a railway town. Today it is an agricultural and manufacturing centre, and the centre of the Goulburn Valley irrigation system, one of the largest centres of irrigation in Australia. It is also a major regional service city and the seat of local government and civic administration for the City of Greater Shepparton, which includes the surrounding towns of Tatura, Merrigum, Mooroopna, Murchison, Dookie, Toolamba and Grahamvale.

Surveyor General Thomas Mitchell was the first European to be recorded travelling through the area, crossing the Goulburn River in 1836 on his return to Sydney from an expedition to survey the Darling River and its tributaries. On Mitchell’s recommendation, Joseph Hawdon and Charles Bonney would follow two years later, camping on the town site by the Goulburn River in 1838 while droving cattle from Albury to Adelaide.

The first permanent settlement in the area was the "Tallygaroopna" sheep station, established in the early 1840s. By 1843 the station was being run by a man named Sherbourne Sheppard, the town’s eventual namesake. With the advent of the Victorian gold rush in the 1850s, the area became a popular river crossing point for miners travelling east from the Bendigo and Ballarat goldfields. As there was yet no bridge across the Goulburn River, Irish entrepreneur Patrick Macguire soon set up a punt service to ferry travellers across the river, erecting the town’s first building in the process, the punt house. Macguire sold the building to John Hill in 1853, who converted it into a hotel, the Emu Bush Inn. This settlement soon became known as Macguire’s Punt, a name it would keep into the 1870s. A post office opened in February 1854, but closed in July that same year.

The settlement was first surveyed in 1855. By this time, in addition to Macguire’s Punt, it had also become known as Sheppard town, Sheppardton, and Shepparton. The post office reopened in May 1858, and two years later the Governor of Victoria officially declared Shepparton a township on 24 September 1860. It remained a small settlement of a half-dozen buildings into the 1870s despite adding a police station, a general store, a blacksmith, a foundry, and a public hall which remains the city’s oldest building. Shepparton’s first bridge over the Goulburn River was completed in 1878 and named Dainton’s Bridge after James Henry Dainton, the bridge’s chief engineer. The first church, St. Patrick’s, opened in 1879.

The railway from Seymour reached the town in 1880. A mechanics institute opened between 1880 and 1888 as Shepparton rapidly developed into a major manufacturing and service centre.

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YOU KNOW YOU’RE GETTING OLD WHEN ..... 

Bob and Rob were chatting. “I spend more time in my garage looking for the screwdriver I had in my hand five minutes ago than I do stripping and sand blasting a Chassis” Bob said.

“That’s nothing!” said Rob. “I just wasted a whole week looking for a part I sold at a swap meet a year ago!”

THINGS YOU’LL NEVER HEAR AGAIN!

“Well, I’ll be!!
Here’s a 1927 Chevrolet for sale for £10!!
Why that’s less than the cost of registration!!”

DAD JOKES

I couldn’t work out how to fasten my seatbelt.
Then it clicked.

My car probably has blind spots, but I don’t see them.

The new Panel Beating Shop that opened recently comes highly wreck-a-mended.

Why did the spider buy a sports car? So he could take it out for a spin.

OVERHEATING PROBLEMS.

I Suppose that 4 letter water pump you just abused is part of the superb craftsmanship you are always drooling over!

BRAIN TEASER ANSWER:

THE FAKES ARE: 1, 5, 7, 9, 10