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**Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.**

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# **DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB INC.**

## **Incorporation No. A0000748U**



**\*\*\* 2023 CAR OF THE YEAR \*\*\***  
**1934 Plymouth PE Sedan - Gary Stocking.**

### **DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB INC. (DVHCC)**

is a member of

The Federation of Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Victoria (FVVCVC) and  
The Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC)

The DVHCC Caters for vehicles manufactured prior to 31 December 1942.

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Next General Meeting will be held at the,  
***Dandenong Agricultural Society Club Rooms.***  
***on Friday 1st. December 2023.***

Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet Street, Dandenong.  
Enter through the Main Gate, follow the bitumen to the end and turn right.  
Doors open at 7.30pm, - Meeting commences at 8.00pm



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Hi Everyone,

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS** to you all.  
Jill and I wish you the best of everything for this festive season and evermore.

You may have noticed that the Newsletter Cover has reverted to the one chosen for this year, presented to us by Gary Stocking. After a trial run changing the cover each month, as was suggested by Max Hobson, the Committee has decided to keep to the old way and only have one cover for the whole 12 month period.

We have had a very busy month after the excitement of the Legacy Centenary during October. Things didn't quiet down and we were off, over the Melbourne Cup Weekend, to Warragul to take part in the triennial rally held every year at either Bairnsdale, Warragul or Shepparton. This rally has been well supported by DVHCC Inc. members for many years and once again DVHCC helped make up the numbers. Irwin and Bev's 1940 Cadillac Coupe took out the trophy for the Best pre-1950 vehicle. My Chev logbook shows that we used her 15 times between the 10th of October and the 11th. of November. We travelled a total of 710 miles in that time.

Thanks again to those of you who have sent the reports and photos for this months Newsletter. These include Ian C., Jim L., Gary S., Kevin C., and Marg Det.

We are looking forward to the 50th. Birthday Celebrations for the DVHCC Inc. which are to be held on the day after the Australia Day Car Show at the South Eastern Masonic Center, Keysborough on the 27th January 2024. Make sure you put them into your coming events calendar now.

Please drive safely and have a really,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Thanks and my regards to you all. **Rick.**

Don't forget the Closing Date for the January 2024 Newsletter is the 14th December 2023.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**JUST A REMINDER IF YOU HAVE A CAR ON C.P.S. REGISTRATION YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 2 MEETINGS AND 1 CLUB RUN PER YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE, UNDER THE CLUB RULES, TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED**

Kevin is doing this months report so we wish all of you a  
Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.  
Stay safe and we'll see you in 2024..  
Ian and Heather.

## Vice President's Report

November seems to be a turning point in the year, the Bendigo Swap is done and dusted, and the Dandenong show is now behind us. Now we have Christmas and our 50th Anniversary to look forward to.

January and February 2024 is going to be a busy time as not only do we have the Swap and our normal events to cater for, but we have our 50th Anniversary to fit in there as well. Fifty years? Where did that go?

There are still some vacancies for the weekend away in March at Moama. If you haven't booked yet, talk to Marg at the December meeting as it's shaping up to be another great event.

Planning is well under way for our Australia Day car show at Keysborough. Help spread the word at your other car clubs, and social media. Flyers have been printed, and it would help if you could hand these out as you participate in your motoring activities.

The Committee and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope your tree abounds with those car parts you have wished for.

Cheers, Kevin - Vice President.



# Minutes of General Meeting held at Myuna Farm of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on 3rd. November 2023.

**Meeting Opened 8.03 pm.**

**Apologies:** Sue Bates, Gary and June Stocking, Leigh Howes, Bev and Irwin Sinclair, Sam and Myra Capes, Frazer and Carol Carless, Joy and Lindsay Tharle, Bill and Sally Carson, Margaret Hope, Stan and Margaret Snyders, Roger Bowen, Rick & Jill Cove.

**President Ian welcomed everyone and commented although the Point Nepean run was not well attended, that what an interesting run it was.**

**Minutes Motion:** The minutes of the October General Meeting published in the November newsletter be accepted as accurate. Moved Max Hobson, Seconded Peter Boxall, Passed

**Secretaries Report:-**

## **October 2023 Inward correspondence**

- Federation Meeting agenda items
- Australian Motorlife Museum newsletter
- Ian McConville – funeral notice for Laurie Cooper
- VicRoads – signatures form was incorrect
- Colac Collectible Car Club - Variety Rally Around Victoria
- AOMC –delegates meeting and AGM by 3
- AOMC – picnic at hanging rock
- AOMC – American motor show
- AOMC newsletter
- Invoices and related documents covering insurances for the Swap, public liability, management etc.

## **Advertising Flyers**

- Antique Tyres
- Autoequip
- Trafalgar Holden Museum
- Darby's Brake and Clutch
- Online auto parts by 2
- Rare Spares by 3
- Shannons by 2
- Penrite by 5
- Bend Motor Sport by 3
- Performance Garage by 2
- Retromotive Magazine by 4

5 Club Magazines by email

3 Club Magazines by Post

## **October 2023 Outward correspondence**

- Application for Event Approval to Casey Council by 4
- Invoices for advertisers in the Club magazine

**Motion:** that the inwards correspondence is received, and outward correspondence approved for the month of October 2023. Moved:- Heater Lyon. Seconded:- Peter Lafrank. Passed



# Minutes of General Meeting of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held o 6th. October 2023.

**Treasurer's Report** – nil due to illness

**Federation Report** – Max discussed tax and that there is a form to be filled out regarding tax to ensure we are exempt as a Not for Profit Organization – The Committee need to follow this up.

**AOMC Report** – nil

**Editor Report** – Rick via Ian thanked the contributors and is looking for more content.

**Scoresby Picnic** – Michael Cogley has catering under control. The date is May 5, flyers have been printed and need to be handed out.

**Australia Day Car Show** – nil

**Web Master Report** - nil

## **Swap Report**

- The roster was sent out in the newsletter – see Gary if you have any issues
- Kevin reported there are only 3 people allocated to site allocation and this need to be increased for Saturday morning

## **Past Events.**

- **Point Nepean run** – see earlier comments

## **Future Events**

- 11 and 12 November Bendigo Swap
- 12 November Dandenong Show
- 15th November Shannons Show Room
- 1st December – Christmas General Meeting at DAS – Ian asked members to bring Christmas items for Rochester
- 3rd December Christmas Garden party at Do Thong's house
- 7th December Committee meeting at the Clark's
- 7th January Akoonah Park BBQ
- 26th January Car Show
- 27th January – Anniversary dinner

**General Business.** There was a discussion on:

- Ray Griffin outlined Bay to Birdwood run and vehicle break down
- Discussion on Friday and Saturday nights in Bendigo and expected numbers for dinner
- Don Jones outlined issues with paying for the Bendigo Sites

**Motion: That the Club is to reimburse Don Jones \$675 for Swap sites.** Moved Ray Griffin Seconded Kevin Clarence passed

- Max suggested to combine the Akoonah Park run with the Twilight run as January is getting very congested with events – committee to decide

**Car or Parts for Sale** - nil

**Meeting Closed**      8.47

**Jim Lang**    Secretary

**Ian Clark** President



# COMING EVENTS

2023

## December

- 1st. **DVHCC Christmas General Meeting at DAS.** 8.00 pm  
with Chicken, Pizza and Champers afterwards.
- 3rd. **(Sunday) DVHCC Christmas garden party at Do Thong's home.**  
(Over the road from Irwin and Bev's.) 1 Halycon Way, Narre Warren, 3805. BYO Christmas Picnic. From 11.00am (Hot water will be available.)
- 13th **Mid-week Run to the The Vale Hotel, Springvale** for lunch.  
12.00pm onwards.

2024.

## January.

- 5th **DVHCC General Meeting at DAS.**
- 7th **Twilight Run to Akoonah Park with the 1st Casey Scouts** and their family. Meet there 5.30pm for a sausage sizzle.  
BYO Drinks and chairs.
- 26th **Australia Day Car Show** at the South Eastern Masonic Center Keysborough.
- 27th **DVHCC's 50th Anniversary party.** South Eastern Masonic Center  
Keysborough. 6.30pm.  
\$20.00 p.p. Money to Stan, please.

## February.

- 2nd. **Set up the swap site area. February General Meeting** at the park.
- 3rd **BERWICK SWAP MEET.** Akoonah Park, Berwick. See flyer on page 18.

## March

- 21st to 25th. **Weekend away to Moama.** Please get your money to Stan.

## VALE

**Carole Gene Bloodworth**  
**14/12/1943 – 26/10/2023**

**George Rae and Carole Bloodworth joined the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club in August 2009.**

**Carole brought to the Club a friendly smiling face and soon made many friends amongst the members.**

**Our condolences to George, family and friends from all at the DVHCC. Carole will be sadly missed.**





## ***The Warragul “GATEWAY TO GIPPSLAND RALLY”***

It was Jill and my pleasure, once again, to take part in the Gateway to Gippsland Rally over the recent Melbourne Cup Weekend.

This was the 11th time that the Warragul, West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc., have hosted this triennial rally. Why triennial? Well, the rally rotates between the Bairnsdale, East Gippsland Historical Automobile Club Inc., the Shepparton based Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club Inc. and the above mentioned Warragul Club, every Melbourne Cup Weekend.

DVHCC Inc. was represented by our President Ian with Heather as navigator in the 1937 Chev Sloper, Bev and Irwin in the 1940 Cadillac coupe, Frazer and Carol in their Holden FC, Max Hobson and Tess Shirley in the 1938 Ford and Jill and I in our 1940 Chev Staff Car.

Poor Max had distributor problems and missed a bit of the rally, Irwin had starter motor problems, but it was lucky that the Caddy was an easy bump starter, provided that there was a slope to park it on. My Chev suffered from some overheating when we were stuck in traffic after a two-truck accident on the highway between Trafalgar and Yarragon. That was nothing that a cool down and a little cool drink didn't fix, (both for the car and for me.)

The rally started on Friday evening with a nibble and natter evening where we picked up our rally packs and caught up with friends who we hadn't seen since last years Bairnsdale Rally and others. The packs were not too bad with gift vouchers from Bunnings for everyone and a lot of other bits and bobs.

Saturday morning saw us having a cuppa before the local Member of Parliament, or was he the Shire President (???), waved us off on a delightful run through the hills to the Blue Rock Dam. Some how  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the entrants arrived at Blue Rock Dam well before the days rally leader and about 8 other cars did. It seems that one of the Warragul entrants thought he might need more petrol for the days run, so turned left instead of right as they left the venue and was followed by the rest. I don't know why they didn't read the excellent rally book. After Blue Rock Dam we then went through the lovely Alpine Ash forests to Noogee for lunch at the “Nooj Pub.” After lunch a local gave a most interesting talk on the history of Noogee. This included stories about the bushfires that decimated the town in both 1926 and 1939.



***The rallyists before the flag dropped.  
No it was not a ‘Le Mans Start’ although the flag waver wanted it to be one.  
Who can you see from the DVHCC ?***

## ***The Warragul “GATEWAY TO GIPPSLAND RALLY”***

The local historian also told us how the local historical society were able to raise funds to obtain the original railway station area and were able to purchase and to transport a “J Class” steam engine and tender, just like the one which used to run into Noogee from Warragul until 1954.

The train to Noogee used to traverse 7 trestle bridges to get to Noogee from Warragul and now only one known as No.7 remains. It is a sight to see being an impressive 102m long and 21m high. Some of the 45 entrants took the short cut back to Warragul, but the hardest of us, Ian and Heather, Irwin and Bev and Jill and I took the much more scenic route back to town. Poor Max and Tess were not able to fix their car problems and went on home.

Saturday evening saw 16 of us from the East Gippsland Club and the DVHCC enjoy a great meal at ‘The Club’ hotel. If you ever want a good feed there, have the mixed grill and you won’t go home disappointed.

On Sunday the cars were placed on show at a ‘Show and Shine’ at the Masonic Centre which was once again, our base for the weekend. This show was to run from 10.00am to 12.30 pm. But someone got mixed up on the timings and we departed at 11.00am. This disappointed a few people who came to see the cars and found that they had already left to travel to Trafalgar to visit the Holden Museum. We traversed many country roads on the south side of the valley and were pleased to see marshals at almost all intersections to direct us on our way. We all had a good look around the Museum, which is a real credit to Neil and his helpers who run it. Who knew that Holdens who started as leather workers, and made saddles for camels long before car bodies became their staple. We enjoyed a BBQ lunch in their new eatery section.

Sunday night saw us enjoy pizzas at the Masonic Centre which was once again the rally base. This was followed by a movie called ‘Death at a Funeral’ It was a pommy movie comedy which had us all laughing. Popcorn was supplied to all as well.

Monday morning saw us depart at 10.00am for a drive through the hills on the north side of the valley to the Bryant Park Hill Climb venue in the Yallourn Haunted Hills area. Once again, the marshals on bikes did a great job. The 1400 metre Hill Climb venue is described as the best Hill Climb track in Australia. After a boxed lunch, some of the revheads headed out for a few laps of the track. Funny thing was that some of their later laps were a lot faster than the earlier laps.

The trip back to Warragul took a lot longer than it should have and a number of cars suffered overheating problems, including mine. There had been a serious two truck accident in the early hours of Monday morning between Trafalgar and Yarragon and the Warragul or Melbourne bound side of the highway was still blocked. We found ourselves caught in the gridlock on Waterloo Road and I watched the temp gauge climb slowly until I decide that s stop in the shade was the right thing to do. The truck which caused the accident, was towed past us while we were stopped and it was a real mess.

A bus was supplied to take us to the Drouin Golf Course for the Rally Dinner Dance. We were given a lovely tour around Warragul as we picked up people from 6 or 7 places around the town.

The music was supplied by a band called “The Blackberries”. They were a talented lot, have you ever seen someone playing a hand saw? Well we have. Before dark we were given a demonstration on whip cracking, a few had a go at it under instructions from the crackers and didn’t do too ad a job for the inexperienced crackers.

During the evening some prizes were presented and Irwin came home with the trophy for the best pre-1950 car for his 1940 Cadillac.

A good time was had by all and if you weren’t there then you missed out. Shepparton is the rally venue next year and should be a good one too, as due to Covid, they have had a few more years to plan it.

See you there next year.

Rick and Jill.





# *The Warragul "GATEWAY TO GIPPSLAND RALLY"*





# ***DANDENONG SHOW . 12th November, 2023***





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## ***DANDENONG SHOW . 12th November, 2023***



Great to catch up with a happy group of DVHCC members at the Dandenong Show this year. Arriving around 9.00am we made our way to the usual spot between the dog flyball and the carnival rides. We had to wait for the truck that was acting as the stage for the band to arrive before we could position ourselves, so we sort of parked in a disorderly line but that was fine and we stayed there even after the truck arrived. With the sun coming out not long after we arrived it was very present sitting and chatting to our members and also with a few members from the Rod and Custom Club. There was plenty to see with many events happening on the oval throughout the day as well as the sheep judging, dog fly all, stationary engine display, petting farm and many other displays.

***Thank you Gary for the photos and the report on this years Dandenong Show.***

***It is very much appreciated..... ED.***

Congratulations to Aub Smith with his 1929 LaSalle Convertible for winning the best Car in our display and Max Hobson with his Morgan sports car winning Peoples Choice.

Hope to see everyone there again next year. Gary S.



## ***A1926 Chevrolet Tourer.***

Once a regular on DVHCC Club runs from 1975 to 1998 when it was sold to Maffra. Then it had full registration VIC 1675, under the VicRoads system where historically original numbers could be issued to Veteran and Vintage cars. It was the same number that was issued on the Chev in July 1926 in Ballan.

I understand it was then sold to Footscray where it was subsequently put on the Club Permit Scheme and the number 1675 handed in. That number is now on a 2016 Mercedes as a personal plate worth some \$150,000.

The Chev was then acquired by the Holden Museum in Trafalgar where it sat in the "Holden bodied cars section" in pride of place.



This photo (right) of the 1926 Chev was taken on the 6th November 2023 still at the Trafalgar Holden Museum during the Gateway to Gippsland Rally over the recent Melbourne Cup Weekend.



### ***DANDENONG SHOW ATTENDEES***

***12TH NOVEMBER 2023***

#### ***Club Cars:-***

Ian Clark	1938 Chev Truck
Ern Hopgood	1928 Chev
Graeme Smith	1930 Chrysler
Gary Stocking	1934 Plymouth
Aub Smith and friend	1929 LaSalle
Erick Hickmont	1938 Nash
Greg Strafford	1940 Chev

#### ***Vehicles of interest:-***

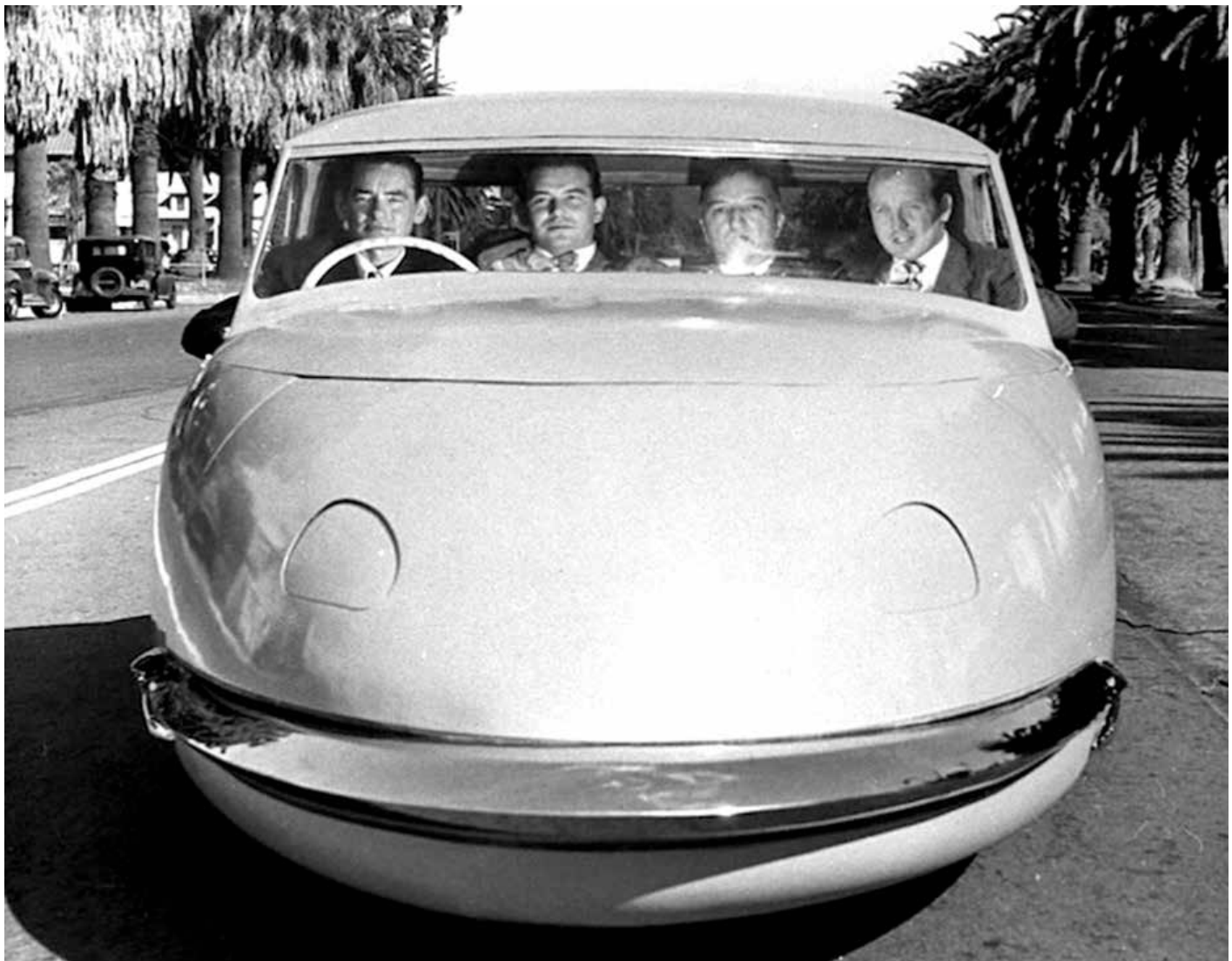
Max Hobson	1948 Morgan
Lindsay Tharle	1952 Customline
Frazer and Carol Carless	1958 FB Holden Ute
Don Fleiner	1997 Falcon

## ***An ODDITY for you.***



When Mrs. Joel Thorne ran off with a sailor in 1921, she left her 7-year-old son, Joel Wolfe Thorne Jr, in the hands of his father, the influential owner of Chase Manhattan Bank. Three years later, the banker was struck and killed by an automobile, and young Joel became the beneficiary of a trust fund worth an estimated \$38 million (roughly \$600 million in today's money). With no need to work, the young man simply played, and he played to win. Here Joel tries out his DAVIS three-wheeler.

The Davis three-wheeler that employed a "tricycle landing gear principle." It also featured built-in jacks to make tyre changing an "exhilarating experience." The Davis Motorcar Company was an American automobile manufacturer based in Van Nuys, in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles, California, it produced three-wheeled automobiles from 1947 to 1948. In total the company produced 15 to 17 vehicles. According to Wikipedia, Davis operated in a 57,000 square foot former aircraft assembly plant in Van Nuys, where a prototype three-wheeler named "Baby" was built. Baby was powered by a 47 horsepower Hercules 4-cylinder engine coupled to a Borg-Warner 3-speed transmission and Spicer rear end. Baby was unique in that it featured four-across seating.





# IS THIS A GOOD IDEA? ( Maybe not on todays roads.)



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After the third day take out of the fridge and add the 2 cups of Self-Raising flour.

Pour the ingredients into a greased cake tin, and place in a pre-heated 180 degree oven for approximately 1 hour.

This cake will keep for up to 1 month, if it lasts that long without being eaten beforehand.

**Editors tip :-** This is a good recipe for a fruit or Christmas cake. We have made it several time. It is very moist. While this is someone else's recipe there is no need to use the Big M products, fruit juice works just as well.

Enjoy and a MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all.







# **Dandenong Valley Australia Day Car Show**

**Friday 26 January 2024**

*Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.*

**Entry \$15 per vehicle (includes passengers)  
Vehicles and Motorcycles 25 years and older**

**Trophies for 6 categories • BYO Picnic Lunch  
Free Raffle drawn 1:45pm • Food Stalls  
Bring the Family • Children's Animal Farm**

**TIME: 10am onwards  
VENUE: South Eastern Masonic Centre  
270 Hutton Road, Keysborough**

## **ENQUIRIES**

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**Details: [www.dvhcc.com.au](http://www.dvhcc.com.au)**



# **WANTED - By the Editor**

## ***Still Wanted - Locking Door Handle.***

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bodies and were available 'over the counter' for what ever car body you were building.



## ***ALSO WANTED***

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***Rick - 0401278238***





## FOR SALE.

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**As the year comes  
to an end, I urge  
you to take care of  
yourself and avoid  
accidents because  
spare parts for old  
models like you are  
no longer in stock.**

 Oldtimers

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the blankets. We never had a  
dog that stole our towels and  
played the T.V. too loud, or had  
a noisy fight with his traveling  
companion. We never had a  
dog that got drunk and broke  
up the furniture....So if your  
dog can vouch for you, you're  
welcome too. *The Management*



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