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

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

is a member of

The Federation of Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Victoria (FVVCVC) and  
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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. September 2023**

Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet Street, Dandenong.  
Enter through the main gate, follow the bitumen to the end and turn right.  
Door open at 7.30pm. Meeting commences at 8.00pm,



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Hi Everyone,

It is always sad when a Car Club member passed away. Sadly we lost Gay Tangey at the end of July.. Thank you Dulcie and Geoff for your kind words and to Heather for Gay's photo. I'm a bit to new and didn't know them, but Geoff and Gay will be remembered by their cars, some of which are still owned by DVHCC members.

I have moved slightly left with the Newsletter and placed a For Sale notice for a 1953 vehicle in the Newsletter. This is for a dear friend of mine who is not very well at the moment and is down sizing his collection. Normally we advertise things which are pre-1943, but with the Presidents permission, this one is included.

Thank you to:- Ian C., Dulcie and Geoff S., Heather L., John J., Gary S., Len M., Sue B., Max H., Kevin C., Denise N., Peter L. and Marg D., for your contributions to this months newsletter. It would be pretty boring with out your input this month.

This month we are having an all colour newsletter. I know that if you have your newsletter emailed or you look at it on Facebook or on the Webpage, you will always see it in colour. Normally only the middle 2 or 4 pages are in colour, as it is a bit more expensive to do, but this month there are a few photos which needed to be seen in colour, which couldn't be fitted onto the middle 4 pages, so colour through-out it is. Enjoy!

Don't forget to get your entry in for Warragul, 'The Gateway to Gippsland' rally over the Melbourne Cup Weekend. Contact me if you need an entry form.

Thanks and my regards to all. Rick.

Don't forget the Closing Date for the October 2023 Newsletter is the 14th September 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.**

Heather and I left Victoria 2 days after the AGM in July and headed north looking for sunshine to get rid of the winter blues. It was well worth it. It's 26 degrees at 4.00pm in the afternoon as I type this report at Hervey Bay.

Well, the travelling was great until Brisbane where the car went into limp mode, we called into a Jeep dealer and they informed us there was 2 weeks wait for service. They plugged in the computer and cleared all the codes and off we went, but 100 metres up the road she went back into limp mode. We did a u turn and headed back to my son's place to find someone to have a look at it. My grandson suggested Bridgestone Select at Yarrabilba, as they have done work for him and was full of praise for their work. Before I took it to them, I took off the engine cover to discover RATS have been having a party under there with a couple of bare wires to be repaired. I dropped the car off to them on Monday morning. Next thing they sent me a video, they were trying not to laugh. Yes, cables had to be repaired but the main problem was that the RATS had dropped an apricot pip down which was jamming the throttle linkage. Soon it was all fixed and we were back on the road again.

We had the pleasure of catching up with an ex-club member, Viv Wilson, and her 2 dogs, at her new house at Maryborough. We shared a great lunch and washed it down with a couple of glasses wine.

Did you know that the best way to spend \$100 per head, is to go out on a 4-hour whale watching boat trip. We had 4 hump back whales swimming all around the boat while 6 people got into the water with them. What a terrific way to spend an afternoon. It is something we will remember for the rest of our lives.

The next day we were on the Red Rattler steam train for a 4 hour out of the Gympie station. We were on board the 'Spirit of the Mary River' steam train, with engine number 967. This engine was built in Gympie. While we were at Amamoor for morning tea. They disconnected the steam engine, took it to the turntable on the siding, turned the engine around and then hooked it back up to the carriages for the return trip to Gympie where a nice lunch was waiting for us.

On a sadder note was the passing of Gay Tangey while we were away. Both Gay and Geoff were very active members of DVHCC for many years, they joined the Club 1978, where they filled many committee positions over their many years. I believe the Club had a good attendance of members, present to say farewell.

Rest in Peace Gay.

Now we are heading back south to return to the cold weather, see you at the next meeting.

Ian & Heather.



# Minutes of General Meeting of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on 4th. August 2023.

Meeting Opened 8.02 pm.

Kevin, sitting in as the chairperson, began by informing members of the sad passing of Gay Tangey and the date and location of her funeral.

Kevin then welcomed everyone and thanked Len Mizzi for standing in as Minute Secretary.

**Apologies:** Ian & Heather Clark, Jim Lang, Ern & Pam Hopgood, Corry & Ben McDonald, Michael & Sandra Cogley, Frazer & Carol Carless, Gary and June Stocking, Roger Bowen, Rick & Jill Cove, Amanda Eagles and Chris Donaldson. The attendance book was passed around for members to sign.

**Minutes Motion:** That the minutes of the July General Meeting as published in the August newsletter be accepted as accurate. Moved: Irwin Sinclair. Seconded: Max Hobson. Passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Len presented the secretary's report provided by Jim Lang. Please note, little correspondence as most correspondence is received by email and our email system, and the web site is not functioning. It is only senders that have Jim's direct email address are recorded.

## **Inward Correspondence:**

AOMC and Australian Motor Heritage Foundation and others are grouping together to undertake a survey on the economic and other benefits of the old car movement, and they ask for members to fill out. It will take about 10 to 15 minutes – if agreed Jim will email to members.

Advertising Flyers:

- Euro Show & Shine 1st October
- Antique Tyres by 2
- Retroauto magazine
- Rare Spares by 1
- Shannons by 3
- Penrite
- Bend Motor Sport
- Ford Flathead Festival (hand delivered by Max Hobson)
- 1 Club Magazines by email
- 1 Club Magazines by Post

**Outward Correspondence:** Club Trailer Insurance.

**Motion:** That the inwards correspondence is received, and outward correspondence approved for the month of July 2023. Moved: Len Mizzi. Seconded: Les Thomas. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stan outlined the financial transactions for the month of July.

Stan then went on to present the Annual Financial Statement audited by Irwin & Bev Sinclair to be attached to the AGM minutes.

**Motion:** That the Treasurers report for July be accepted. Moved: Stan Snyders. Seconded: Pam Barnett. Passed

**Federation Report:** Max presented the Federation report which will be summarised in the next DVHCC Newsletter.

**Editors Report:** Kevin asked members to support Rick by providing articles, stories and newsworthy snippets to be printed.

**Web Master Report:** Kevin spoke on the ongoing issues in efforts to get our Web Site up and running again. The biggest issue is that our email forwarding system is linked to the web site and as such our club emails are not getting through. Having provided all the documentation requested, he is striving to remedy the situation.

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**Scoresby Picnic:** Peter informed members that the date for the 2024 Federation Picnic at Scoresby was booked for the end of March which happened to be Easter Sunday. Two dates for April have been provided and the committee will make a decision at the next meeting.

**Past Events:** Kevin spoke on

- Moorabbin Air museum
- Antique Bazaar, Garden Road and lunch at the Vale
- Graham spoke on the AOMC Seminar

**Future Events:**

- 6 August – Upway RSL Museum and lunch
- 16 August – Mid Week run to the 1812 Theatre Tour and Royal Hotel for lunch
- 23 August – Versatile Technologies
- 30 September – Film night at the Berwick Lodge. All invited.

Kevin asked the members for suggestion for the Club Run 10th September.

**General Business:**

The name for a Car Show “Last of the Chrome Bumpers” was denied permission to use, so we are looking for a suitable catchy name that will attract entrants.

Irwin informed members that Mazz received an award from the Cadillac Club and congratulated her.

**Cars and Parts Wanted & For Sale:**

Members were informed that Roger Bowen’s vehicles are to be retained by the family.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm

The meeting was followed by an informative talk by Kevin Clarence in establishing a “My VicRoads” account and paying your registration and Club Permit renewals on-line.

Len Mizzi – Acting Secretary Kevin Clarence – Vice President.

**Notes From Federation Meeting on 5th August at Werribee .**

**from your Federation Delegate, MaxH. .**

- 1 Coming events
  - Bendigo to Castlemaine run 26th Aug
  - Marong picnic 27th Aug
  - North East Rally 27th Aug- 2nd Sept starting at Marong Picnic Currently 36 entries
  - Baw Baw Picnic Late Oct
  - Bendigo Swap 11th/12th Nov
  - Mortlake Picnic 24th Mar 24 Grant being sought from local council to assist with costs

- Wunghnu Vehicle, Machinery and Collectables Display 30th/31st Mar 24
- Scoresby Picnic May 24
- Murrabit Picnic 19th May 24

Note that 3rd Sunday in May is National Motoring Day

2. Federation WWW Site - Up and running Visit and add your events to the site
3. Federation/AOMC/VicRoads Meetings – Meeting each month in Gisborne B&W number plate ownership issue not resolved Been referred by Vicroads to their Historic Plate Section for consideration. Followed up by Federation on three occasions without reply to date.
4. Tax on Clubs - No advice from ATO on requirements as yet
5. Bendigo Swap They are seeking \$20,000 From Government for losses resulting from cancellation of last years swap Proposed Table Tennis Centre has not been cancelled although the Commonwealth games are not proceeding but will not impact this years swap.
  - Still chasing volunteers from clubs to assist at swap.
  - All Outdoor and BEC sites booked out Limited number remaining in second REC Shed
6. AHMF Update David gave an overview of discussions regarding the value of the Historic motoring movement to the Commonwealth and how this was being determined. Problems on getting details from Vicroads re the number of aged vehicles.

7 The Federation AGM followed the general meeting and all existing executive positions were re-elected unopposed.

We are privileged to view operations at Versatile Technology.  
Thanks go to Gerard Dean who instigated the factory some years ago.

Lunch venue is Clayton RSL. 171 Carnish Rd. Clayton.

**Sunday 10 September 2023 (due to Father's Day 3 September)**

**Address:** Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne (see below for Road Closures)

**Entry & Parking:** Entry and car parking is free.

**Lunch:** BYO Picnic Lunch or purchase lunch from the Boon Wurrung Café. The Boon Wurrung Café at Cranbourne Gardens offers superb coffee with a sweet or savoury treat. Also on offer a sensational selection of cakes, pastries, toasties, rolls, wraps and lots more.

The Cranbourne Gardens offers a natural bushland experience alongside the Australian Garden, an award-winning, contemporary botanic garden celebrating the beauty and diversity of Australian landscapes and flora and featuring over 100,000 plants from 1,900 plant varieties. The bushland has over 450 indigenous plant species and includes over 10km of walking tracks.

Web Site: [rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au](mailto:rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au)[rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au](mailto:rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au)

**Please Note:** The road between Cranbourne Gardens and South Gippsland Highway, Ballarto Road east, is currently under roadworks. Detours are in place to the Gardens entrance. Entry through Ballarto Road west is from Frankston-Cranbourne Road at the intersection including Pearcedale Road.

• **30 September – Film night at the Berwick Lodge. All invited.**

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***Wally Nye's huge collection of parts will be on sale at a Clearing Sale.***

***Date: Saturday 9 September 2023***

**Location: 355 Paternoster Road Mount Burnett.**

**Gates Open: 8.30am.**

***Strictly cash.***

***No reasonable offer refused.***

***Parts include Pontiac, Veteran Austin, also Austin 7, 12 & 20 models,  
plus tools & accessories.***



## Vehicle Maker PROMOTION SLOGANS. Submitted by John Jenkins

Contemporary advertisements sometimes leave me wondering what is being promoted. Many car advertisements may be interesting, but seldom emphasize attributes such as efficiency and reliability that appeal to me.

The following slogans belong to a long departed era. Some are quaint, others are clever but all are interesting.

ADAMS – Pedals to push – That's all.

ALBION – Sure as the sunshine. (sic) should be 'Sunrise'

ALLEN – Wonderful power, the king of the hill climbers.

ALPHA-ROMEO – Beauty is not enough.

AMERICAN – Miles of smiles.

ANDERSON – The seasons' most enchanting car.

AUBURN – Once an owner, always a friend.

AUSTIN – A car to run around in.

AUSTRALIAN SIX – The car with an Australian contribution.

BEAN – British gives 'em Beans.

BEGGS – Made a little better than seems necessary.

BESST – If you want the best, buy a Besst.

BUICK – When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them.

CADILLAC – Standard of the world.

CARTERCAR – No clutch to slip, no gears to strip.

Also, The car of a thousand speeds,

CHANDLER – The car of the year.

COLE – The world's safest car.

COLUMBIA – Gem of the highway.

COMMONWEALTH – The car with the foundation.

CONTINENTAL BEACON – The lowest priced full sized car in the world.

DANIELS – The distinguished car. With just a little more power than you need.

DE VAUX – a gem for beauty.

DIANA – The easiest steering car in America.

DODGE – Dependable.

DORRIS – Built up to a standard, not down to a price.

DRIGGS – Built with the precision of ordinance.

DUESENBERG – The world's champion automobile.

DUPONT – The car that makes an instant appeal.

DURANT – Just a real good car.

DURYEA – A carriage, not a machine.

ELGIN – World's champion light 6.

ELMORE – The car that has no valves.

EMPIRE – The little aristocrat.

FALCON-NIGHT – America's finest type of car.

FIAT – The car of international reputation.

FLINT – The sensation of the year.

FORD – The universal car.

GALLOWAY – The car built by ladies for others of the same sex.

GAS AU LEC – The simple car

GEARLESS – A commonsense car with no tender or delicate parts.

G K W – The car that makes moving possible for men of small means.

GLIDE – Ride in a glide, then decide.

HANDLY- KNIGHT – For the fine car owner who drives from choice.

HANOVER – Save money every mile.

HAYNES-APPERSON – America's finest car.

HUDSON – Look for the white triangle.

JACKSON – No hill too steep, no sand too deep.


JAGUAR – Grace, space, pace.

JEWETT – In all the world, no car like this.

JOWETT – Take a good look when it passes you.

**"SURE AS THE SUNRISE"**

WITH Albions you make:  
—sure, once for all, of  
really efficient transport  
—sure of an undelayed  
return from every journey,  
and sure of sturdy and  
lasting service, and sure  
of the very lowest running  
and maintenance costs.



**Albion**

ALBION MOTORS LTD., SCOTSTOWN, GLASGOW, W.A.  
London: Bank Buildings, 28 Kingsway, W.C.2.  
Also at Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Nottingham, Sheffield,  
Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh and Belfast.

Range of Albion Goods  
Models: 30, 35-cwt. to 6-ton.  
Passenger: 20 to 60 seats.

KINDLY MENTION THE "S.M.T. MAGAZINE" WHEN REPLYING TO ADVERTISERS.

Mike Ashworth Collection



**Dependable Vehicles of Mercy**

DOCTORS, nurses and patients know well the marked dependability of these Dodge vehicles of mercy. They also praise their smoothness of speed, no risk and their living motion and comfort with them wherever they go.

They can take dust and the mudholes of their roads and they are fast in combat.

With their insulation against heat, cold and dust they also contain their own-laid comfort.

They have gone with the Army right to the battle front, and your own Dodge car or truck means their comfort in dependability at home.

Long before the war closed in on America, Dodge was again at its work of war production.

Dodge makes great varieties of the motor vehicles on which Army mobility depends. Also, for the Navy, Dodge makes some of the faster and more sensitive instruments of navigation in war's urgent demands.

With their dependability and dependability are always available.

They have gone with the Army right to the battle front, and your own Dodge car or truck means their comfort in dependability at home.

Dodge today means total war production.

**DODGE**

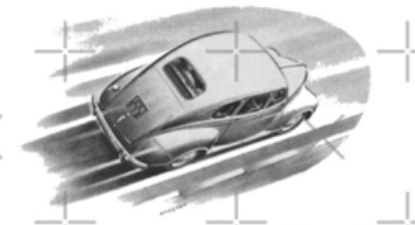
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**Ford**

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

*She's a Lady*



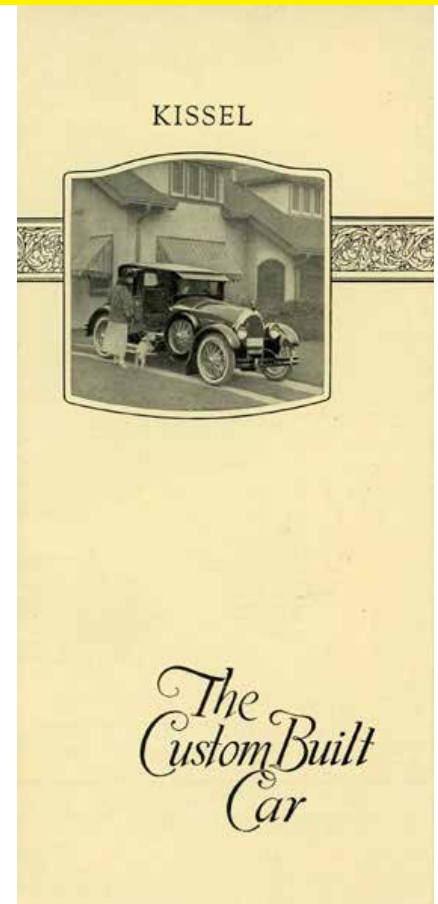
See the Javelin Stand 151 at the International Motor Exhibition, Earls Court.

**1½ LITRE JOWETT JAVELIN**

*take a good look when it passes you*

JONES – The home car for the home people.  
JORDON – Somewhere west of Laramie.  
KING – The car of no regrets.  
KISSEL – The custom built car.  
KLINE – The act of the highway.  
LEACH – The master creation of the year.  
LEA FRANCIS – Holds the blue riband of the year.  
LIBERTY – All the world loves a winner.  
LINCOLN – Get behind the wheel.  
MARMON – Fastest riding car in the world.  
MARTIN – The little brother of the aeroplane.  
MAXWELL – Perfectly simple – simply perfect.  
MAYTAG – The hill climber.  
McLAUGHLIN – Canada's standard car.  
METZ – The car you'll be proud to own.  
MITCHELL – The car you ought to have at the price you ought to pay.  
MOORE – The world's biggest little car.  
NAPIER – The first six cylinder and still the best.  
NASH – Leads the world in motor car value.  
NATIONAL – The all ball bearing car.  
OLDSMOBILE – Nothing to watch but the road.  
PACKARD – Ask the man who owns one.  
PAIGE – The most beautiful car in America.  
PIERCE ARROW – Pride of its makers makes you proud in possession.  
PILOT – The car ahead.  
PLYMOUTH – Gives you value far beyond the price.  
PONTIAC – Dollar for dollar, you can't beat a Pontiac.  
POPE-TOLEDO – The quiet mile a minute car.  
PREMIER – The aluminium 6 with the magnetic gear shift.  
REO – The gold standard of values.  
RICKENBACKER – A car worthy of its name.  
RIKER (electric) – No noise- no jar- no odour.  
ROAMER – America's smartest CAR.  
Sears – The businessman's car.  
SHERIDAN – The car complete.  
STANDARD – A powerful car.  
STAR – Worth the money.  
STEARNS-KNIGHT – Motor car of quality.  
STEPHENS – 'Tis a great car.  
STEVENS-DURYEA – There is no better motor car.  
STRAKER –SQUIRE – Cars for the connoisseur.  
STUDEBAKER – The automobile with the reputation behind it.  
STUTZ – The car that made good in a day.  
SUMMIT – Summit for supremacy.  
TARRANT – Built for endurance, not speed.  
TEMPLAR – The superfine small car.  
VOLVO – For life.  
VAUGHAN – Made in the Carolinas.  
WESTCOTT – The car with the longest life.  
WILLS ST CLAIR – The All Mo-lyb-den-um Car.

Should the number of listed cars surprise you, be assured that the above represent a small portion of American makes pre depression. I was once told that pre depression, America had about 2000 car makers. I believed that statement when I saw it in print in a reputable USA car museum. Obviously, numerous makes were short lived or produced few cars, and some reached only a single vehicle production run.





## VALE.. GAY TANGEY

Yesterday Geoff and I, along with many other members of DVHCC, attended the beautiful memorial service for Gay Tangey. Gay passed away unexpectedly on 31 July 2023. Gay and Geoff, who sadly passed away in 2017, joined the Club in October 1978 and were active and valued members for many years. Geoff was President of the club for 10 years and during that time Gay was a great support to him in this role. Over the years, club members enjoyed many outings and weekends away thanks to the countless hours of work contributed by them both. As m of you know, we were fortunate enough to purchase their beautifully restored 1937 Chev Roadster at the time of Geoff's passing and since then a photograph of him has travelled with us wherever we have gone. Now we have a lovely photo of Gay that will accompany him into the future. Gay will be sadly missed by us all and we wish her family comfort in their time of sorrow.

Vale.. Gay Tangey.

Dulcie and Geoff Strahan



### ***The attendees at the Waverley Antique Bazaar were:-***

Marg Detez.	Modern
Sue & Graham Bates.	Modern
Brenda & Phillip Polson.	Modern
Pam & Len Mizzi.	Valiant
June & Gary Stocking.	Modern
Carol & Kevin Clarence.	MR2
Pat & Ron Sinclair.	?

Parked out front was Sam and Myra's lovely 1939 Chev. Your editors family had one the same as our family car in 1955 when we lived at Yea. Rego No. AN.875





# WAVERLEY ANTIQUE BAZAAR

www.waverleyantiquebazaar.com



On a coolish morning we set off to the Waverley Antique Bazaar in garden rd. Clayton, arriving around 9.45am.

Len, Pam & Marley were already there, Max & Jeanie arrived soon after, the others arriving as we wandered over through the doors.

“WOW” this place is enormous (approx.560 stalls) my brother Phillip & his wife Brenda had joined us. We decided to go straight ahead. The streets all set out and named after the streets in the City of Melbourne.

It was impossible to see everything, most stalls absolutely crammed full.

From vintage to modern crockery, toys, clothes, jewellery, tools and furniture. Even an Egyptian Coffin. Bringing back memories of yesteryear!

Sitting down for a well earned coffee Ron came up proudly displaying a sidchrome spanner (ya canna hand a man a granda spanna!) and screw driver. Not sure what Bill had in his big bag. Marg had already secreted something in her car. Brenda proudly displayed some tortoise shell knitting needles she had wanted to replace for some time! Also some scourier for her terrarium. I had replaced a Globe (of the world) for our Grandson.

Everyone was ready to head to the Vale Hotel in Springvale for lunch and a chat!

Sue Bates.





Mazz and I arrived at 11.15 knowing the venue had been double booked with the Vauxhall car club and I hoped the rather small parking area would be adequate, but thanks to the clubs volunteers and only three Vauxhalls turning up, there was plenty of room- eight DVHCC club cars attended & 25 members.

For quite a comparatively small sub branch there is a lot to see including the "Running Rabbits" military Museum an extensive collection of memorabilia from across the conflicts, including a Centurion Tank and Howitzer cannon. The kitchen supplied a good selection of great food.

The weather was good, we all had a pleasant day. Thanks to all.

Peter L.

**Club Cars.** Graham and Sue Bates 1939 Willys Overland.

Peter and Mazz Lafrank 1929 Chev,

Max Hobson and Tess 1938 Ford,

Leigh Howes and Graeme Chard 1939 Chev,

Irwin and Bev Sinclair, 1940 Cadillac

Ron and Pat Sinclair, 1927 Nash

Graham Smith, 1929 Chrysler

Sam and Myra Capes, 1939 Chev.

**Travelling Modern.**

Marg Detez, Ron and Pam Barnett, Judith Cowley, Kevin and Carol Clarence, Stan and Margaret Snyders



## THE BRIEF STORY OF MY 1934 PLYMOUTH DELUXE.





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When British migrant James Alexander Holden arrived in Adelaide in 1852, he set about establishing a business as a leather worker and saddle-maker. In 1872 he set up a partnership with Birks, only to have it dissolved 3 years later. Following that ill-fated partnership, Holden decided to bring his son into the business in 1879, and then allowed Henry Frost to join as Junior Partner in 1885; Frost was well respected carriage builder, and the company was soon to become "Holden and Frost". In 1910 Holden & Frost began trimming motor vehicles and in 1914 they built their first one off car body for an imported Lancia chassis. Larger contracts followed but ironically the first major contract was for Dodge bodies (a later competitor).

By 1917 the Australian government had placed an import embargo on complete vehicles, the First World War having almost entirely involved Britain's industry, and German U Boat Captains were doing their best to ensure that very few cargo ships leaving North America reached their intended destination. These conditions, combined with the need to save valuable cargo space, restricted imports to chassis and forced local vehicle agents to look to local firms to provide the bodies. In 1919 Edward Wheeldon Holden registered "Holden's Motor Body Builders" as a separate company specialising in car bodies.

At the time they built bodies for Overland, Chevrolet, Durant, Hupmobile and Dodge, and by 1923 they were producing over 12,000 bodies per year. In 1924 "Holden's Motor Body Builders" became the sole Australian body builder for General Motors vehicles and had an output of over 22,000 bodies (over 11,000 for GM) in 65 different body styles.

To hear that between 1927 to 1943 Holden built and/or assembled cars such as Bedford, Buick, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Vauxhall would be no surprise to most people.

But most will be surprised to hear that during those early years Holdens also built bodies for Austin, Chandler, Chrysler, Clyno, Crowley, DeSoto, Dodge, Essex, Falcon-Knight, Fiat, Ford, GMC trucks, Graham, Graham-Paige, Hillman, Humber, Hudson, Hupmobile, LaSalle, Paige, Pontiac, Plymouth, Marquette, Morris, Nash, Oakland, Overland, Reo, Rover, Singer, Standard, Studebaker, Swift, Willys, Willys-Knight, Whippet, Wolseley, all the various WW2 Defence vehicles as well as several other marques.

By 1935 the Holden designers had developed the capacity to make an all-steel body for Chrysler, producing over 2,000 Chrysler C6 and Plymouth PJ sedan bodies. Body builder T J Richards held the majority of Chrysler bodywork but could not provide all Chrysler's needs. In 1937 the first all-steel body for GM was produced but it differed from that designed by Fisher Body in America. The installation of a large Hamilton press to stamp out the single roof panel also enabled the designers to produce a single side frame. This approach eliminated eight weld joints and provided an accurate door opening space. The result was vastly improved dust sealing, door fitment and alignment. A further advance was made in 1938 when the 'single-unit' body was built for the Vauxhall Wyvern. This unitary construction design was first used by GM at Opel (GM subsidiary in Germany) in 1935 but had its origins at the Lancia company as early as 1922. The unitary constructed body eliminated a need for a chassis by structurally adding extensions onto the body shell that held the power plant and suspension. In an unusual move Holden fitted this body to a chassis, defeating its design purpose, possibly to simplify manufacture as the commercial Vauxhalls required a chassis. It was these design features; all-steel bodies, single side frame and unitary body, coupled with many years' experience of producing rugged bodies to suit Australia's rural road conditions that placed the Holden body designers in an excellent position to produce the 48-215 Holden car in 1948.

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My 1934 Chrysler Plymouth was imported into Australia as a complete rolling engine and chassis and delivered to Holden to have a body and interior completed to Chrysler specifications in a green colour. On completion, the car was delivered to Lanes Motors in Melbourne to fill an order for a Mr Frank Waterman of Centre Rd, Bentleigh on the 9/4/1935. It appears it stayed in the same family for 34 years but was reregistered 3 more times during this period.

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Between 1969 and 1972 it changed ownership 3 times with Mr Alan Streatfeild, a Chrysler trained motor mechanic, purchasing it unregistered on the 20/7/1972. Alan owned the vehicle for 50 years, starting its 10 year restoration in May 1972. During the restoration Alan resprayed the vehicle in a genuine Chrysler Plum blue colour to match his other 1934 Plymouth PE Deluxe sedan which is in original condition and still registered with its original plates.

My story begins in October 2021 wanting to find a club vehicle that was a bit more comfortable for all weather use I decided to list my 34 KC Dodge Ute on Facebook Marketplace. To my surprise it sold within half an hour. I now needed to find a replacement. Ideally, I was looking for a restored club eligible Chrysler vehicle but I was also open to look at any make and year that took my fancy. I look at many cars, a beautiful 48 Buick was too long to fit in my garage, looked at S and R series Valiants, EH Holdens, 36 Packards, 34 and 36 Oldsmobiles, a 41 Plymouth, in a weak moment I even considered a Chevy and then a Cadillac.

During a club run to the Holden museum in February 2022 Diane Howes asked if I had found a vehicle yet. On telling her that I was still looking she said that she had a friend who had a couple of cars and he may be thinking of selling one in the future.

Forward a few weeks and June and I are standing in a driveway at a garage roller door. The door is raised to reveal two vehicles hidden by white car covers. I help roll back the cover of the car on my right revealing a very original 34 Plymouth Deluxe still registered with its original six number registration plates. Alan, the owner, is very proud of this car and tells me its history. We look over the car inside and out. Sitting on the well worn leather seat I sink into it. Sitting there hardly being able to see over the steering wheel I decide this unrestored original car is not for me.

We thanked Alan for his time but before we left, I ask Alan about this other car under the cover, is it for sale. His reply was "you mean the expensive car", my heart sank.

The cover was rolled back to reveal a stunning fully restored dark blue 34 Plymouth Deluxe. I think June and I fell in love with it the minute it was unveiled. The interior and engine bay was just as nice as the exterior.

This was a quality restoration of a 1930's Chrysler vehicle, exactly what we had been looking for. An hour later we left after hearing about its full history, hearing about the restoration and having made an offer on it, should Alan decide to sell it.

Later that day I received a call from Alan saying that they would accept my offer providing I was happy to wait 9 months for it as their daughter wanted to use it for her wedding. I didn't have to think twice, it was exactly what I wanted so why wouldn't I wait.

The months went by slowly, made longer by the many Club Members who were so kind as to enquire each time I saw them as to when I will be taking delivery of the car.

November and the wedding came around with Leigh Howes driving the Bridesmaids in my future car and Alan driving his daughter, the bride, in the unrestored original car.

A week or so later the Plymouth was in my driveway having been scuteered by Graham Bates and now on Club plates just in time for its maiden Club run to the Dandenong Show.

Many thanks to the following club members who helped in acquiring the Plymouth; Diane Howes for the lead on the possible car for sale. Leigh Howes for looking after it when he drove it in preparation for and during the wedding, and the feed back on how it ran and drove. Graham Bates for scrutineering the car at the sellers home so I could get the Club Plates on the car prior to bringing it home.

To me that's what being DVHCC member is all about, friendship and helping each other.

Gary S.



Not all things go as planned. The Plymouth decided it was tired of cruising Maldon and hitched a ride to Bendigo the other day.



# **Something for you to do to fill in some time. from Len M.** **Answers to last months "Match the car to the singers".**

The Beach Boys. ....	Little Deuce Coupe, 32 Ford.	.Billy Brag. ....	Vauxhall Velox
Wilson Picket. ....	Mustang.	.Charlie Ryan. ....	Hot Rod Lincoln
Frank Ocean.....	Ferrari.	.Janis Joplin. ....	Mercedes Benz
Johnny Cash. ....	Cadillac.	.Luke Bryan. ....	Ford Bronco
The Playmates.....	Nash Rambler.	.B52s. ....	Chrysler
Prince.....	Red Corvette.	.Fountains of Wayne. ....	Subaru
Suede. ....	Volvo.	.Don McLean.....	Chevy
TRex. ....	Rolls Royce.	.Kings of Leon.....	Camaro
Tom Robinson. ....	Cortina.	.Bing Crosby. ....	Oldsmobile
Bob Dylan.....	Buick 6.	Ace Hood. ....	Bugatti

*How many did you get right?*

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**Here is another one for you to do. Thanks again to Len M.**

## **Club Cars part 1**

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R	M	D	D	T	A	I	I	O	E	R	E	A	L
S	O	Y	D	D	C	T	O	B	H	Y	L	L	P
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L	E	V	A	U	X	H	A	L	L	L	E	I	K
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BUICK  
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## ANOTHER EASY RECIPE FOR YOU TO TRY.

### KITCHEN ROSTER and HALL CLEAN-UP combined.

**September:- Frank & Macy Fazio and Heather Lyon.**

**October:- Joy & Lindsay Tharle and Graeme Smith.**

**November:- At Myuna Farm.. EVERYONE.**

**Decembar:- Christmas Party.. EVERYONE.**

**If you cannot do your roster, PLEASE arrange with someone else.**

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#### *Salmon/Crab Mornay Quiche*

Olive oil

Flour

1 onion – finely chopped or shallots

Medium size tin of salmon or crab

Skim milk

3 – 4 eggs (depending on the size of your quiche dish)

Grated tasty cheese

Shaved parmesan

Green onion tops – finely sliced (a small amount for colour)

Red capsicum – finely chopped (again a small amount for colour)

Fresh parsley

Ground black pepper

Salt (if you want)

Pinch nutmeg

Frozen puff pastry

#### *Method*

Drain salmon or crab reserving liquid. Make liquid up to 1 ¼ cups with skim milk.

Cook onion in a little olive oil until soft (in medium saucepan). Remove from heat, Add 1 tablespoon flour and the milk mixture. Stir over low heat until boiling and thickened. Remove from heat.

Add green onion, red capsicum, parsley, salt, pepper, nutmeg, flaked salmon, or crab, beaten eggs and tasty cheese (as much or little as you like) and combine well.

Pour into quiche dish (which is already greased and lined with puff pastry) and top with shaved parmesan. Bake at medium temperature until puffed and brown (about 30 – 40 minutes in a moderate oven). Prebaking the pastry shell for about 10 min. should prevent a soggy bottom.





# A COMING EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE OUT NOW.

CONTACT YOUR EDITOR IF YOU NEED A COPY.

Some DVHCC members have already booked their accommodation at the Warragul Views Motel.

## GATEWAY TO GIPPSLAND 51<sup>ST</sup> TRIANNUAL RALLY 2023

The West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club Inc. wish to invite you to the 51<sup>st</sup> Triannual Rally held in spectacular Gippsland.

**WHEN:** Melbourne Cup Weekend from 4pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to 2pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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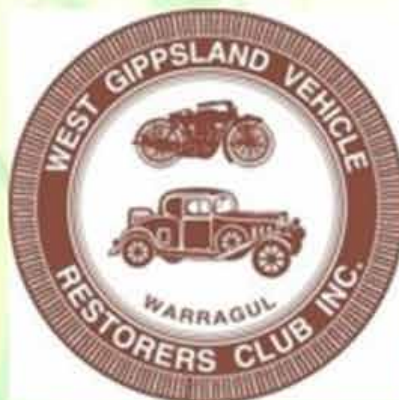
**Rally Director:** Eric Bishop on 0409 452 170, PO Box 566 Warragul VIC 3820 or [admin@wgvrinc.com.au](mailto:admin@wgvrinc.com.au)

Register your interest to participate in the rally.

Entry form will be available no later than August.

Entries close end of September 2023

We recommend booking your accommodation now



# **WANTED - By the Editor**

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

Believed to be commercially available in the 1940/50's  
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***Rick - 0401278238***



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Remember, Wally was the Austin Man, so you won't know what you'll find is you don't go.



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## FOR SALE

Hotchkiss – Willys Jeep  
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I purchased this Jeep and restored it as necessary to it's current restored condition.  
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