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Peter's 1940 Ford DeLuxe Coupe (top) and David's 1978 Ford LTD (bottom)

### ***CHACA Coming Events***

**April 3rd 2015 (Good Friday)** Hot Cross Bun Run, Cheltenham

**April 19th 2015** American Motor Show, Mornington

**May 17th** National Historic Motoring Day Yarra Glen

**June 14th** Tramway Museum Kilmore

**July 12th** Dromkeen Homestead, Riddells Creek

*To bring together persons with a common interest, to encourage the use, maintenance and preservation of automobiles built from the 1st January, 1931 up to 25 years old, without prejudice to make, model, method of manufacture or country of origin.*

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**4th. Thursday** of the month (except December) at CHACA Clubrooms, Unit 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading

Tea, coffee and snacks are served at the conclusion of each meeting. Visitors and prospective new Members are welcomed.

## Club Newsletter

The Journal is published monthly. Items for inclusion in the Journal must be mailed, emailed or passed on to the Editor at Club Meetings. The Committee reserves the right to edit or decline any article deemed unsuitable. Photographs submitted for possible publication should preferably be glossy 5"x 7" or 6" x 4" prints or high resolution jpg/bmp images to ensure best reproduction in the Journal. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Club.

## Journal Closing Dates

Nominally 2nd. Wednesday each month.

## Journal Nights

Normally 3rd. Thursday every month.

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**Deceased:** Fred McGeary, Norm Watt, Don Main, Ian Davey, Tom Lambert, Eddy Dobbs Snr, Col Patience, Gordon Wightman, John Hunt, Max Austin.

### CHACA CPS Eligibility Criteria

Committee has looked at the draft guidelines and the Sub-Committee has now produced the new guidelines.

**See Page 18.**

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## NEXT MEETING

Our next General Meeting Thursday 26th March will continue the theme of featuring a club car both in the CHACA Journal and in the club rooms on the night of the meeting.

Peter Barker will give a talk and slide show about his recent overseas trip. Having seen some amazing cars in Dubai, then witnessing the chaos and mayhem that is traffic in Vietnam!

Come along and enjoy the reminiscences of club runs and club cars!

*Brian Garrett, Vice President*

## LATEST RELEASE

CHACA Bumper Bar Badge.

Bright aluminium alloy finish  
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See Property Officer Eddie Reynolds on  
Club runs or meetings



## OUR NEW JOURNAL!

You will have seen some changes in the last 2 journals, and this months, we're crossing the last few T's and dotting a few more I's!

There's various reasons why we've gone for a few changes, not that there's anything wrong with the Journals in the past, no, we're mainly looking ahead!

James Allan has been working with a graphic designer to get a club logo made which we can use for any purpose we chose: Website, car and bumper stickers, letterheads, etc. etc. You'll see the new logo on the front of this journal, and James will have car stickers on offer during club runs and general meetings. Thanks James!

As the logo has a shiny bronze look to it, as does our website, we also decided to let the journal cover fit in with that colour scheme. Plus we wanted to promote more that we're a CHACA journal, rather than just any journal. SO we include both the club name and logo! Finally we replaced the old background on both cover and back page.

Do let us know what you think! Email us or come have a chat at one of the meetings or club runs. Any idea is welcome.

Finally a few words of thank you: Over the past 6 odd months, people have been sending more and more personal reports and articles about their cars. Thank you all, it's been greatly appreciated, and even the survey already shows our members enjoy reading them!

Also, another big thank you to Eddie Reynolds ! Despite "stepping down" as editor, young Eddie still sends in most run reports and photos, and even has a major hand in putting them together for the journal! Thanks again Eddie!

*René Gielen, Editor*



## OUR CAR: 1978 FORD LTD SEDAN



We have owned this car for over 10 years.

Back in 2004 we were looking for a suitable club car and enlisted the aid of our friend, James Allan, to look at a couple of cars.

These were not good enough and were rejected. Several weeks later James rang and told us of a very clean Ford LTD that had just become available for sale.

We made arrangements to view and drive the car which looked very nice and drove well.

The decision was made and we purchased this car. We believe the car was bought new by the Hilton Hotel to transport V.I.P. to and from the airport, and they owned it for about 3 years.

A second owner had it for a few years and sold it to Philip Evans who owned it for nearly 20 years. Philip only sold it because he was terminally ill and, sadly, passed away a short time later.

This is a beautiful car, with comfortable leather armchairs, air conditioning, power steering and a delight to drive.

Margaret and I have been to numerous rallies far and wide in this car, its reliability is legendary, with the big V8 purring quietly at all times. We get many people admiring the car.....like the

policeman at Skipton, where we were stopped for a breathalyser and licence check. He talked to us about his LTD that he had recently sold and showed us photos on his phone.

He was not worried that the cars and a semi

were held up because he was so interested in our car. I still have his name and telephone number (if I need any parts for our car).

A number of people have asked if we want to sell the car and have given us their name and phone number, but it is not for sale. Margaret and I are enjoying the delights of travelling in this Presidential Limousine, now

and for many more years.

*David and Margaret Landells*





**Fri 29, Sat 30 & Sun 31 May 2015**

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- 50 years - XP Falcon, HD Holden, Peugeot 204, Renault 16, Triumph 1300

**Historic Winton displays:**

- **Shannons Classic Car Park** featuring car and bike clubs
- a **FordFest** honouring 90 years of Ford Australia and featuring vehicles produced here between 1925 and 1980
- **Australian Grand Prix Aussie Specials**
- **Historic Motorbikes:** the Big 3 - Triumph, Harley-Davidson and Indian
- **Historic Commercial Vehicles**
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### **Friday 29 May 2015 - Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour**

Be part of the **Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour** assembling 9am on **Friday 29 May** at the Benalla Art Gallery. Red plate vehicles welcome. The tour concludes with a 'Shine & Show' display.

Further information, phone **Graeme McDonald** on **0417 306 332** email [historiewinton@hotmail.com](mailto:historiewinton@hotmail.com)

## 1940 FORD DELUXE COUPE



Restored by Peter Hibbert, commencing September 1994 at Vermont South, Australia.

Our 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe was shipped from Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA. I had earlier obtained an Import Permit dated 20th September 1994 from Canberra, A.C.T. The 1940 Ford Coupe arrived at Melbourne port & was cleared by Customs & Quarantine. I had earlier gained a 28 day permit to drive it from the port to home. I excitedly drove it about 6 miles when the engine failed. I found the battery had lost charge over the importing months & I finally called for assistance to get it

The restoration was a full strip down pulling all that could come off & lifted the body with the 4 point hoist arms to roll the complete chassis frame out behind. Work commenced on the under body detailing of this totally rust free example. It was a Whiskey runner of moonshine that the Revenuers seized & held for 30 years prior to releasing it to the public. I found holes drilled in the trunk floor & wood hacked off the rear of the seat frame to obviously fit a cylindrical moonshine tank. I am the 3rd owner. Meanwhile, the interior kit seemed OK, stripped out & cleaned & packed carefully.

1994 in Australia, necessitated a conversion to RHD. Not so presently for vehicles over 25 years. The instrument panel pulled & stripped completely & unused. All gauges, etc saved & refurbished. The body was stripped of all paint to original steel & found to be rust free but needing repair to the tool tray area & rear fenders. The rear fenders had been crunched up by the LA fork lift driver to load the Ford into a container. A very expensive re-



home safely. I immediately proceeded to get into the restoration of this genuine 22,000 mile perhaps 800 point show quality Coupe at home as I have a 2 post hoist & pit beneath. As a builder, I had planned for a strong car hobby when I built the home during 1983. There were many other classic cars I restored prior to the 40.

pair! The pulled original wiring loom was OK save for a few covered bare areas & has been retained to this day.

Having to convert to RHD necessitated searching Australia for instrument panel, front stub axles,

(x-rayed as OK), tie & steering rods, accelerator linkage & pedal, RHD pedal cluster, RHD steering box, RH door arm rest /pad & speaker grille that is hand made, making new RHD timber floor toe boards of the LHD patterns & hammering out RHD engine splash trays to reverse of the left pair.

Hunting throughout Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia & Victoria resulted in buying these RHD parts ready for refurbishing. The change to RHD of the steering column was OK & the gear lever swung over 180 degrees resulting in the gear change lever being on the left side. The fire wall closed & reformed to mirror the steel-work from left. Notable is that the chassis was factory drilled to take the right steering box. The engine was a total strip & rebuild with all new components as 30 years sitting at the Revenuers warehouse did it no favours! The crankshaft, camshaft, connecting rods were all OK, ground & used. (Since the original engine build, I have rebuilt the 24 stud Mercury 239 flat head using twin # 94's & then reduced to a single carburettor, alloy inlet manifold & water pumps, 4" throw Mercury crankshaft, a mild camshaft, 12 volt conver-

sion & stepped down gauges, alternator & finned alloy cylinder heads). The differential had minimal wear & was closed. All the 'long' engine components were all refreshed & or refurbished. The gearbox was completely rebuilt. The drive train all OK but new master brake cylinder, brakes, wheel cylinders, brake & fuel lines & bearings/seals throughout. Other minor components I machined at home to duplicate original. The body was painted in a colour to replicate Dearborn Blue. I recorded, bagged, labelled all parts to include the original Ford hardware that I refinished in my workshop to the standard & colours that old Henry intended. All bright ware replated/polished. A few reproduction parts were purchased from USA suppliers & are of a fine quality.

The most satisfying task of this 3-1/2 year restoration was the reassembly & the later showing/driving to events receiving many awards.

It is a great high speed light nimble Ford that is used on many auto` events.

Thank you. Yours in Early FORDIN`.

*Peter Hibbert.*

## **FEDERATION MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2015 SUMMARY**

1. Golden Oldies Tour: Open to Vintage vehicles only and will commence from the Marong Picnic on the 29th August 2015. The route is not confirmed yet but it is planned to travel North East.
2. Picnic days confirmed for the year so far are:
  - Mortlake on the 29th March with the Tractor Trek set for the 28th
  - Wunghnu is on the 28th and 29th March
  - Scoresby is on the 12th April.
  - Veteran and Vintage run Bendigo to Castlemaine 29th August
  - Marong Picnic is on 30th August
  - Maffra Shed set for 11th OctoberFor further details see the Federation web site <http://www.federation.asn.au/>
3. At a recent special meeting of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) the Federation proposed a plan to split the movement into three separate groups.
  - ASRF (Australian Street Rod Federation) looking after \street rods built on pre January 1949 chassis.
  - ASMA (Australian Street Machine Association) looking after vehicles approved under VSB14.
  - AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation) to cover vehicles restored to state regulations below VSB14 and in Victoria is now VSI33.
4. Vic Roads is concerned over some vehicles that were rushed through the CPS scheme by some clubs before February that were not actually ready for the road.. VR will do spot checks on some of those vehicles to see if they are actually completed and roadworthy. If they find a club has approved a vehicle that is not roadworthy or completed then the approval for all club vehicles to be on the CPS scheme will be suspended and all cars under that club will lose the right to use their CPS vehicles.
5. Those members submitting an application for CPS post February must supply a minimum of five dated photos for the vehicle. Front, back, both sides and drivers view plus any identifiers such as vin, chassis numbers etc to the extent possible. This differs from the past requirements.
6. Although the new CPS rules have retained the 25 year or older rule Vic Roads still intends introducing a 30 year age limit for CPS. Time schedule not known at this time.

## HOT CROSS BUN DAY, GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2015

Venue: Rosella Oval, Braeside Park  
Lower Dandenong Road  
Braeside (Melway 88 E8)  
**A Tri Club Event**

**NOTE:** The event will be cancelled if it is  
CODE RED fire danger rating day

The organisation of this annual event is shared  
by the Veteran Car Club Victoria (VCCAV); Vin-  
tage Drivers Club (VDC) and Classic & Historic  
Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA). This  
year it will be hosted by CHACA.

Free Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee will be pro-  
vided by CHACA at Rosella Oval, Braeside Park,  
Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside (Melway 88  
E8).

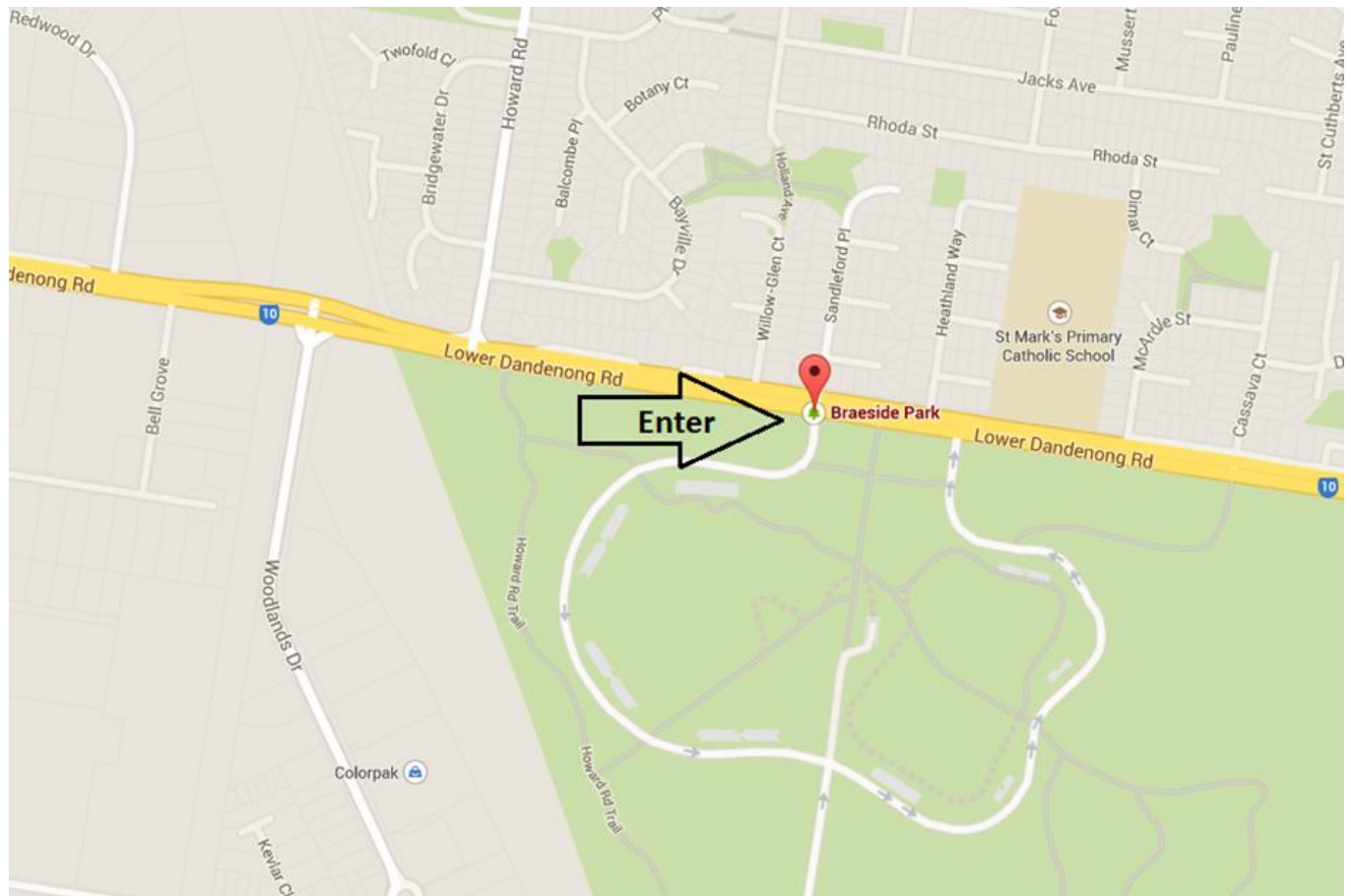
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## CHACA RUN TO DROMANA DRIVE-IN 7TH. MARCH 2015

Well, despite the somewhat indifferent weather on the days preceding this run and the gloomy beginning to the day it turned out to be an excellent evening, fine and mild as befits an ideal Autumn day.

We had a respectable number of members and visitors arrive (28) at the gate by 7pm and by 7.30 we were all either seated or queued up at the counter in the 50's styled Diner. Not surprisingly for a venue of this uniqueness the prices were .....elevated. However I would recommend the hamburgers to anyone. They were delicious!

The show was good, but I think the first "Best Exotic Marigold Hotel was better".

It was a busy venue with 3 separate screens operating simultaneously with different movies and a smaller one for the kids (outdoor seating), with a kids show on it.

They also have up to 3 sittings a night, each one progressively cheaper. It would be a late night if you watched all 3.

A special welcome is due to new members Christine and Mark Challis with their son Mitchell (Mitch). They travelled from Cottle's Bridge and planned their weekend around this run by booking accommodation in... Dromana, I think, for the duration.

### ATTENDANCE LIST

Dennis & Esther Healy	1984 Buick.
Barry Smith with	1934 Packard
visitor Ken, and Mick & Tina	Whiting
Ken & Margaret Robinson	1962 Valiant
Ken Leeden	1973 Monaro
Marion & Terry Herbstreit	1989 Bentley
Ray & Margaret Griffin	1934 Pontiac
James & Colleen Allan	1966 MGB
Brian & Irene Garrett	1980 Datsun
Roz Smith with visitor Carol	2000 Mercedes
Eddie Reynolds and Gail Evans	1978 Mercedes
Christine, Mark & Mitch Challis	1973 XA Fairlane
Geoff & Andrea Sleeth	Modern Subaru
Victor & Niki Pace	1970 Triumph

*Eddie Reynolds (text and photos) .*



## TRI-CLUB SPORTS DAY 8TH. FEBRUARY 2015.

A great day, excellent weather, good company and some unique competitions dreamed up by the wily Veteran Car Club members.

Competitions such as rolling the ball into a circle over some very rough terrain. Skill had very little to do with winning.

We had an excursion back to our childhood? days with plans supplied on how to construct paper planes, which of course, we had to put to the test by actually flying them outside. Longest distance and longest aloft were the two tests.

The third competition involved two people at a time: the owner of a vehicle and a non-owner of the same. The non-owner, under instruction by the owner had to get in the vehicle, start it, blow the horn, or squeeze it, get out and walk around the vehicle. How they judged this one, I have no idea.

Anyhow, all competitions completed, the paper plane flyers were finally convinced that it was time to adjourn inside, and the results were announced. The VDC won after some creative scoring, so it will be their turn to conduct next year's games.

I might add that there is a schedule laid down as to who must conduct the games each year. Draw your own conclusions from that!

There was a terrific display of vehicles for all to admire and I must say, the contingent of Veteran Cars was a joy to behold.

It was hard to pick the best vehicle when personal taste is also a factor, but Phil and Marion Simpson's 1937 Oldsmobile Sloper would be up there with them.

*Eddie Reynolds. (text and photos)*



Roll the ball into the circle

### ATTENDANCE LIST

Margaret Lethborg	1956 Morris Minor
Alan Lethborg	1914 Fiat
Phil & Marion Simpson	1937 Oldsmobile Sloper
Barry Smith	1983 Mercedes 380SL
Frank & Anthony De Lorenzi	1984 Nissan 300ZX
Bruce & Robyn Haley	1976 Mercedes 380SL
Alan & Kay Maden	1933 Auburn
Noel Colliver	1938 Buick
Brian & Irene Garrett	Modern
Eddie Reynolds & Gail Evans	1978 Mercedes 300D
Russell & Lesley Betts	1936 Chev Roadster
Ken Leeden	1968 Morris Mini
Peter Galley	Modern
John Baker	1982 BMW Bauer
Lester & Yvette Cole	1934 Plymouth
Ian & Jenny Hanks	1988 Chev Camaro
Ray & Margaret Griffin	1934 Pontiac
James Allan	1966 MGB MK1



## TRI-CLUB DAY, HOSTED BY THE VCCA. 8TH. FEBRUARY 2015



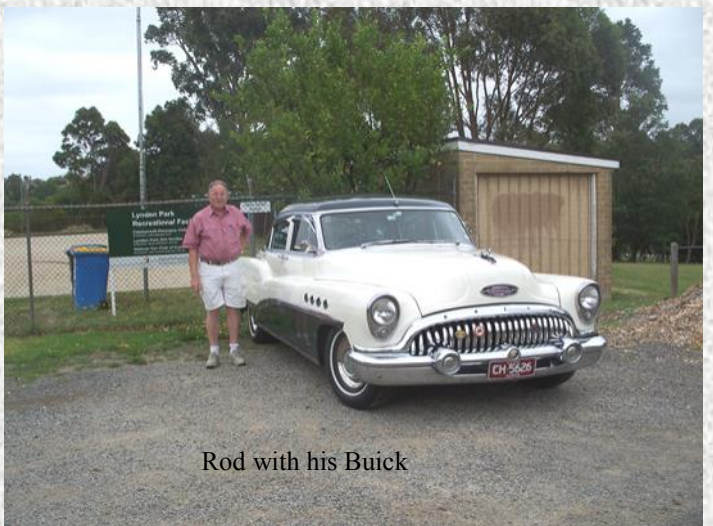
VDC President, John Johnston, proudly Displays the coveted Tri-Club Shield



'83 Mercedes, '34 Plymouth, '78 Mercedes.



Russell & Lesley's 1936 Chev Roadster



Rod with his Buick



'66 MGB and '88 Chev Camaro



Marion & Phil's 1937 Olds Sloper

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## PATH FROM PAST TO PRESENT: HUME HIGHWAY

It took two explorers and six convicts 11 weeks to bash their way through what became Victoria's first road, a thoroughfare we now know as the Hume Highway.



Rain in 1956 makes a bog of the Hume Highway at Tumbalong Bridge, south of Gundagai.

The river of traffic that floods northern Melbourne via Australia's busiest road corridor is one of the most annoying clogging points on the Western Ring Road.

This road was supposed to take the bulk of cross-city traffic off the old continuation of the Hume Highway.

Officially, the Hume runs through Coburg and Brunswick. But at its southern termination point, the 880-kilometre highway narrows and reverts to its original name, Sydney Road.

Arguably, the Hume was Victoria's first "road". Its route - still for the most part followed by the highway corridor - was forged by explorers Hamilton Hume and William Hovell, and a party of six convicts who spent 11 weeks bashing through bush, hauling over "heavy mountain country" and fording rivers on a journey from Yass.

After crossing the Murray, which they named "the Hume", and traversing promising grazing country - which had evidence of Aboriginal trading networks and fire-stick farming; "the grass was still blazing to a considerable height" - they arrived at Corio Bay, near Geelong, on December 16, 1824. According to Hovell, they were at Western Port.

Hovell, a retired sea captain, had his longitude out by degrees. He was actually looking at Port Phillip Bay.

The mistake might have been exacerbated by the stress of the journey. Hovell and Hume had

been arguing all the way down the track about who was the leader; Hume was 11 years younger than the mariner but, having been a semi-professional explorer since the age of 17, he was the more experienced and assertive bushman.

The pair continued the dispute until death but, eventually, Hume won the accolade and, eventually, the main route from Melbourne to Sydney, which today carries 40 per cent of Australia's total road freight, was named for the first Australian-born explorer.

Hume had previously ridden out with John Oxley and John Macarthur, and would later join Charles Sturt in mapping the Darling River.

It took more than a decade until the route was used again. In 1836, John Gardiner, Joseph Hawdon and John Hepburn drove 300 cattle to the beef-hungry tent

city on the Yarra.

These were the overlanders. Charles Bonney next drove 10,000 sheep down the track. Alexander Mollison and 30 men followed behind 5000 sheep, 600 cattle, 28 bullocks and 22 horses to Melbourne in 1837.

These were the drovers who came down "the Sydney Road" and encamped their stock on the south bank of the Yarra "to prevent them being stolen or hidden, which was frequently done to obtain a reward for finding them".

The overlanders were a sight. When they rode into Melbourne, "they created quite a sensation", according to a contemporary diarist: they "affected a banditti style of hair and costume. They rode blood or half-bred Arabs, wore broad-brimmed hats sometimes trimmed with fur and eagle plumes."

They also wore "flannel shirts and broad belts filled with pistols, knives and tomahawks ... tremendous beards and moustaches".

The historic Hume remained little more than a stock route until the 1850s when gold rush foot traffic of sometimes thousands of diggers a day tramped towards the goldfields of north-eastern Victoria.

Today, between Melbourne and Sydney, Hume and Hovell's track is a dual carriageway for all but 100 kilometres of its route.

*Jenny Brown    November 26, 2011  
(Forwarded by John & Louise Baker)*

**VDC's SPIRIT OF THE 20's RALLY**  
FEATURING  
BUSHRANGERS AND GOLD TRAILS  
FRIDAY 17.4.2015 TO SATURDAY 25.4.15

Sorry the date was missing on previous promotions due to formatting changes.

This time of the year is the most spectacular for the region. The rally traverses with autumn colours coming on and lush green autumn pasture growth after the heat of summer. Rolling countryside scenery and historic towns better than that to be found anywhere else and quiet country roads just made for vintage touring.

The run starts at Yea and concludes at Albury with a total distance of 1585kms, close to the original 1000 mile reliability trials of the 20's. Most days are very easy relaxed motoring with the longest day being 385kms of gentle to nearly flat country roads. Most of the roads are sealed with a few short stretches of excellent gravel surfaces. Total of 20kms most in seal ready condition and possibly ½ will be sealed by the time of this rally.

A few short hill sections will be encountered, but most countryside is gentle rolling. The route has been fully checked and written up.

The motels we have vetted for the run are now available for entrants to book to their requirements – deposits not required yet. Some of the motels are 2 storey, some have shower bath arrangements – budget to better quality rooms.

There is a price difference being mainly for the size of rooms being offered.

Due to a large demand for rooms at Junee, we recommend entrants book their accommodation ASAP as the town gets booked out over weekends due to weekend visiting only at the local Correctional Centre. Hence the early close off of this rally by the end of October or sooner if booked out.

Rally is limited to 40 -45 cars. 1<sup>st</sup> in best served according to accommodation.

Cabins are best shared with another couple to accommodate everyone.

Some prices may change closer to the date. A variety of evening venues have been arranged and booking details will be released later. Lunches are at entrants discretion. BYO or purchase from excellent bakery cafes adjacent to lunch stops. Affordable visits to historic properties en route will be released later and serve to augment the splendour of this rally.



17<sup>th</sup> April – assemble at Yea leaving 11.00am. Lunch at Lake Nillahcootie. Overnight at Corowa 231kms

18<sup>th</sup> April – Drive tests. Lunch at Culcairn. Overnight Junee. 256kms

19<sup>th</sup> April – Through to Cootamundra and Young to Landra Castle. Overnight Cowra. 191kms

20<sup>th</sup> April – Cowra sightseeing then through to Canowindra Fish Fossil Museum.

Overnight at Bathurst. 119kms

21<sup>st</sup> April – Economy Run to Hill End. 160kms

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Free Day

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Longest day run through to Crookwell, Boorowa, Hardin, Gundagai to Tumut. 385kms

24<sup>th</sup> April – Through Adelong and Tumbarumba to Albury. 243kms

25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day. Rally finished and return home.

Enquiries:

John Rhodes

9879 7460 A/H

9798 8636 B/H



## CHACA CLUB PERMIT SCHEME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

CHACA is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS).

VicRoads has set rules to determine the eligibility of vehicles for the Club Permit Scheme. These may be viewed in the CPS handbook or on the VicRoads website. CHACA has set its own additional requirements for vehicles to be submitted for the CPS using CHACA's authorisation. The additional requirements are in line with the original CHACA charter of vehicle originality and preservation.

The following are CHACA's requirements for Members submitting vehicles for CPS assessment.

1. The vehicle's age must be greater than 25 years from manufacture.
2. Vehicles submitted for CPS application must be as the manufacturer originally designed and built. Some modifications are permitted in line with the original manufacture option list, are period correct, or are based on safety issues, but in all cases must not detract from originality. Replicas derived from a lower model are acceptable as long as the appearance is as original as possible to the intended vehicle model (e.g. GT Falcon from a base Falcon).
3. Applicants for the CPS will certify that the vehicle submitted will remain roadworthy during the permit period and unmodified from what was originally submitted.
4. Once a vehicle has been accepted by CHACA for CPS It will be the members' responsibility to maintain the vehicle as originally presented, with no further modifications and in a roadworthy condition for all permit renewal applications.
5. Determination of the eligibility for any vehicle submitted to CHACA for CPS will be at the discretion of the Committee. Vehicle CPS application must be submitted to the Technical Officer in writing.

For further questions, please contact the committee.

### CALL FOR ARTICLES!

To All at CHACA, want to share any interesting story, piece of automotive history, fun piece of trivia, or a "me and my car" story, email us and send us some photos as well! We enjoy writing and reading on fellow club members, so feel free to send us YOUR story.

Also, we don't want this to be a "boys only" journal, so ladies, please do send us your story, even if it's your tip to fellow car-enthusiast-wives on how to get him out of the garage for longer than just dinner!

Email us at: [editor@chaca.com.au](mailto:editor@chaca.com.au)



Contact John Baker  
0419 588 370

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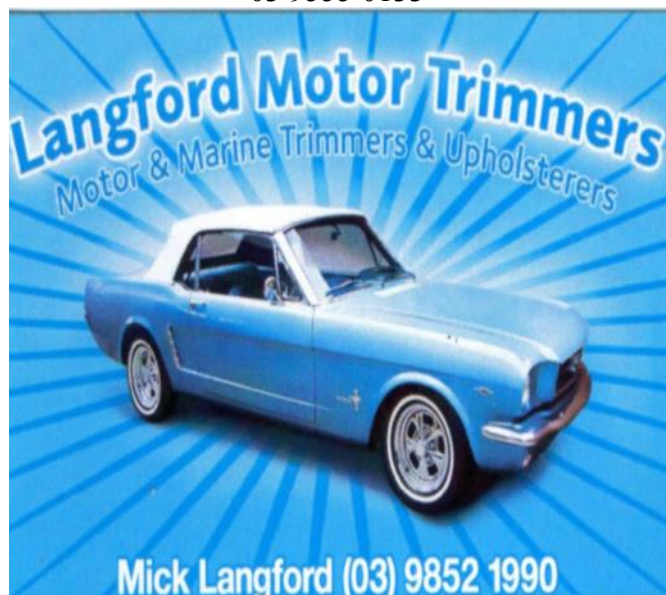
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## EVENTS & SWAP MEETS OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS

22/Mar/2015	Kalorama Rally - Venue - Kalorama Recreation Reserve		
22/Mar/2015	Swap Meet - Gippsland Historical Automobile Club	(Val) 03 5134 5364	
	Venue - 2015 Toners Lane, Morwell	(Ken) 03 5126 1414	
26-29/Mar/2015	Australian Motoring Festival - RACV and VACC		
	Venue - Melbourne Showgrounds		
28-29/Mar/2015	Picnic at Wunghnu		
28/Mar/2015	Tractor Trek at Mortlake		
29/Mar/2015	Picnic at Mortlake		
19/Apr/2015	American Motoring Show - AOMC and Shannons	(Iain) 03 9890 0524	
	Venue - Mornington Racecourse, Racecourse Rd Mornington		
19/Apr/2015	Swan Hill Swap -Swan Hill Vintage & Classic CC	(John) 0417 346 643	
17/May/2015	National Motoring Heritage Day		
18/May/2015	AOMC DELEGATES' MEETING	(AOMC Office) 03 9555 0133	
	Venue - Chevrolet Car Club 1/3 Edgecombe Crt, Moorabbin		
30-31/May/2015	Winton Historic - Austin 7 Club	(Noel) 03 5428 2689	
	Venue - Winton Raceway,	noelwilcox@rocketmail.com	
12/Jul/2015	American Vehicles - Gippsland Vehicle Collection , Maffra	03 5147 3223	
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**SELL:** 1966 Ford Mustang h/top Coupe Palomino Gold V8, auto, pwr steering, console, new twin exhausts, runs unleaded petrol, low miles, California car, all matching numbers, very good condition interior/exterior CHACA REG = CH3263—\$35,000 M. Taylor 97175732 (0214)

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**SELL:** Jaguar 1966 2 + 2 E Type body shell and rear door. Suit donor car, \$1500. Valiant parts car, VF Coupe slant 6 auto, factory disc brakes, \$300. VG Sedan 245 two barrel auto, also factory discs brakes, \$300. Richard Martin Home PH: 5786 5420. Work PH: 9467 1464. (0514)

**SELL:** 1937 Standard Flying 14 Body and paint in Very good condition, no rust and straight. Interior - seats in leather in fair to good condition, some stains, will clean up. Head lining needs replacing. Mechanically, low mile-

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**WANTED:** My 1947 Dodge Deluxe(Canadian build) appears to have a bent rear axle housing. If anyone has a straight one to replace my bent one, I would appreciate it if you could phone me on 0412967778 to work out a price. I live in Rye, but I am in Melbourne regularly, so I can pick up easily, Regards, Peter Christie (1114)

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It was taken in Kaniva, Western Victoria around 1932. It was outside the Williams Garage which was a Ford agency in those days. In front is a new 1932 Ford V8 along with a couple of DH60 Moths. Can you imagine landing your aircraft in the main street just for a photo shoot. Ah those were the days.

*Brian Garrett*

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Hi CHACA friends,

Lana just wanted to let you know that Vin and her are coping well at the moment.

Vin is in the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Lana visits daily to ensure he eats well.

Lana and Heather, Vin's daughter, invited some close friends from his local church and some close friends from Chaca to a gathering at lunch time on Labour Day, Monday 9.3.15 to support Vin and his family.

*Louise Baker*



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**Contact Barry Smith Ph: 5985 9220 Mob: 0408 440 240**

Barry Smith 14 Jacqlyn Avenue, Rye Victoria, 3941

**Joint Membership** – Husband/Wife, partner etc..

**Renewals** – If joined Nov-June, must renew when due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If joined July-Oct. Membership will carry through to renewal date in following year.

### Club Permit Scheme Renewal of Permit.

Send to Neville Thomas Kunnel the Permit together with a copy of your current Membership Card and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Neville will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office. You can also see Neville at meetings, **please bring along a copy of the Permit for Club records, also the 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle/s if Neville doesn't already have them.**

FOR New Applications/renewals: Contact Neville Thomas Kunnel

Email.....[thomas\\_neville@yahoo.com.au](mailto:thomas_neville@yahoo.com.au)

PHONE: 03 8712 3161 MOB: 0422 324 072

1 Val Court, Dandenong, Vic 3175

### To all Permit Plate Holders

Due to VicRoads tightening their control on all Clubs involved with the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) we now request that all members issued with a Permit through CHACA under the new Log Book scheme attend at least one Club Run or Meeting every 6 months **with the Car**. This will assist the Club in ensuring your vehicle continues to meet with all the guidelines and conditions of use as set out by VicRoads and CHACA.

Members are also reminded that the Club is bound by the new rules of this scheme to advise VicRoads of any Permit Holder who is no longer a financial member of the Club.

Any queries please contact

Neville Thomas Kunnel on **Ph: 8712 3161 Mob: 0422 324 072**

### Photos for Club Records

The photos that are required when applying for Club Permit are as follows.

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. Photo of the front view      | 5. Photo of the engine   |
| 2. Photo of the rear view       | 6. Photo of the Vin or Chassis number  |
| 3. Photo of the right side view | 7. Drivers view of the car showing the steering and dash preferably taken from the back seat |
| 4. Photo of the left side view  |  |

Size of photos 6x4 inches or 15x10 cm please get them printed at Harvey Norman, Office Works, Big W etc. All photos should have date imprints on them with the owners name and signature on the back of each photo. If in doubt please contact Neville Kunnel.

### CPS Handbook

The CPS handbook is available from Neville Kunnel or Eddie Reynolds at meetings or runs.

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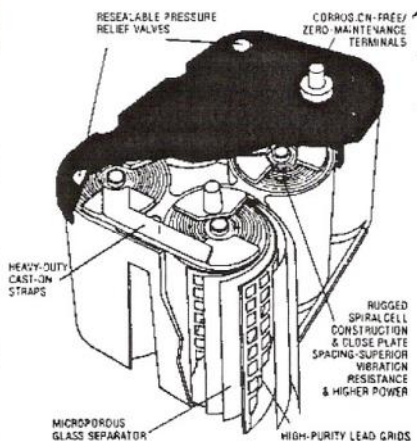
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Mobile 0429 316 200

PO Box 749, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

### Meetings:

*First Monday of the Month, at Rules Club, Jezza Room*

*Fernleigh Rd. Wagga Wagga 7.30pm. Guests and visitors are welcome.*

### Morgan Country Car Club

Secretary: Tony Nelson

Phone: 0403 152 474

PO Box 428, Albury, NSW 2640

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First Tuesday of every month 7.30pm.

### Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia Sydney Inc.

Secretaries: Anne Campbell, 0414 521 521

38 Wattle Crescent, Glossodia NSW 2756 .

Phone 02 45765872

Email: annecampbell3@bigpond.com

**Meetings:** All Sunday meetings start at 2pm.

*Members may arrive from two hours prior to meeting times to have meal and chat.*

### Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Caboolture Inc.

Secretary: Jan Beatson PO Box 514 Caboolture, Qld. 4510, Phone 07 3267 0363

email: [secretary@chacc.com](mailto:secretary@chacc.com)

### Meetings:

*2nd Sunday of the Month. Meeting at the Sun-downer Hotel car park, Caboolture at 6.30am*



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