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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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CHACA is affiliated with the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) and the Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs.

Meetings

4th. Thursday of the month at 8pm (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.

CHACA is a Disabled Friendly Club with fully paved parking facilities, level access throughout, disability toilets, PA system with Tele-Loop compatibility for hearing impaired and wheelchair lift to the upstairs library. The Club is equipped with a portable defibrillator for medical emergencies at all meetings and events.

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 1st. Thursday each month.

Journal Nights

Normally 3rd. Thursday every month.

Website

The Club's website **www.chaca.com.au** is updated regularly and features Club History, Club Promotions, an Events Calendar, a full Journal for downloading and many photographs of Club Events.

Webmaster

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Ray Griffin, Margaret Griffin, Barry Smith, Jim Kerr, Dale Allen, Eddie Reynolds, Bob Mantle, John Schuurman, Kevin Churchill, John Christie, Ray Nichol

In Memoriam: Fred McGeary, Norm Watt, Don Main, Ian Davey, Tom Lambert, Eddy Dobbs Snr, Col Patience, Gordon Wightman, John Hunt, Henry Alger, Bill Kerr, Max Austin, Roy Pepprell, Patricia Wightman, Peter Galley

Notice To All Reciprocating Clubs

Please address your magazines to The Secretary LPO Box 72, Bittern Vic 3918



CHACA CPS Eligibility Criteria

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

See Page 18.

General Meeting Nibble & Natter

Thursday 25th January 7.30 p.m.
Unit 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading
Please Note 7.30 start
Please bring supper

President's Piece

Our last two functions for 2023 went off very successfully. Ladies night was informative particularly for the large number of ladies attending. with a visit by Fiona Lane with part of her extensive collection of period costumes. It was a huge effort by Fiona and Daryl to transport, set up and put away all those items. We are very grateful to them for their efforts and to Roz & Barry for organising the night.

Our Presentation Lunch went well. An almost last minute change of venue due to electrical works turned out to be a bonus. Brian came to the rescue and offered the Doncaster Bowling Club rooms which is a delightful venue. A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising the day and its associated activities.

With the dawning of 2024, we ask, what does the future hold? Not just the world in general, but the motoring world in particular. Cars have become much more complex, especially now that we are totally reliant on imported vehicles that don't necessarily suit our conditions. I guess simpler vehicles, being our passion, are the ones we gravitate towards. Do our vehicles have a future and if so, how will it look? Certainly, we see vehicles from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60,'s and even 70's less often on the road these days.

I was saddened to hear that Lester Cole died in December. Lester was a long standing member, having joined in the early Club years. Lester & Yvette had several vehicles over a large range of makes, years and models. His funeral was well attended by people from far and wide. We extend our condolences to Yvette, Linda and Terry on this sad occasion.

This year, we have some projects to undertake including planning of our 60th Anniversary celebrations in 2026. This is an important milestone in any Club's existence and we welcome members' input about how we can celebrate this event. Thank you to our "pioneers" who had the foresight to start and nurture this wonderful Club.

As always, the message is

Drive your historic vehicle while you can.

Kevin

(Kevin Churchill)

Christmas Break Up

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN & IRENE

They saved the day, by getting a new venue at a fortnights notice. As Norcal Rd was being closed for that day, while they did some electrical work, the club rooms were out of action.

Brian to the rescue, the bowling club rooms were available and Brian & Irene were able to work their magic. It was obviously the way Brian worked the Bar, Irene worked the kitchen it was home away from home.

On behalf of the members who attended a big THANK YOU to you both. We were joined by Andrew & Frances Mc Dougall from the Veteren Car Club.

We enjoyed a 2 course lunch with Tea and Coffee.

Awards 1970-1992	1st	Frank Mercuri	Mercedes Benz SL
	2nd	Ken Leeden	1973 Holden Monaro
1950-1969	1st	Ray Cook	66 Oldsmobile Torondo
	2nd	Draw Barry & Gillan Gilbert	1954 Holden & 1958 VW
1931-1949	1st	Ray Nicol	1939 Pontiac
	2nd	Dennis Healy	1939 Buick

EDITORS AWARD Eddie Reynolds

TOM LAMBERT AWARD PARTICIPATION & PREPARATION

Brain & Irene Garrett

Club Lady Rosslyn Smith Barry Smith

Thank You once again to all concerned. See you all next year. Have a wonderful Christmas Best Wishes for 2024.

Barry & Rosslyn Smith

A Tour of one of our oldest Icon DAME NELLIE MELBA

Would you be interested in a run next March 2024. To Coombe Cottage & tour of the Athenaeum Theatre Lilydale, which was built in 1888. Dame Nellie Melba performed there on 4 occasions, there is a Melba Room with some memorabilia.

The tour of the Theatre takes about 1 hour and is free.

Morning Tea, Devonshire Tea and a tour of the grounds of Coombe Cottage at a cost of \$30 P.P. Or just Devonshire Tea \$15.00 P.P.

We can also arrange Lunch if required at one of the Hotels.

We will leave the Lilydale Lake at 9.30am

Do you want a Midweek or Weekend.

Pending the interest shown whether it goes ahead. Rosslyn & Barry Smith.

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60 years of the Ford Mustang



Forever young

Whether or not you're a Ford fan, it would be difficult to deny that 2024 is a momentous year in the history of American performance cars.

It's the 60th anniversary of the launch of the Ford Mustang, which is usually credited with popularising the hard to define, 'you know one if you see one' pony car segment. Here, to the accompaniment of some suitable V8 bellowing, and perhaps an occasional screeching of tyres, we take a chronological run through the Mustang story, from the earliest concepts to the cars you can buy today.

https://www.classicandsportscar.com/gallery/60-years-ford-mustang

VALE LESTER COLE

Sadly, Lester passed away in the Austin Hospital on 16th. December.

His funeral was conducted at Le Pine Chapel, Mt. Waverley on 28th. December.

Lester joined CHACA in 1973 and has remained an active member ever since. His first car was a 1934

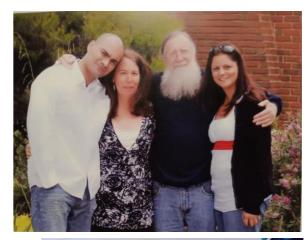
Plymouth Roadster and he and Yvette were regularly seen in it on most Club runs until more recent times when their latest acquisition, a 1970 Ford Mustang Coupe started stealing the limelight.

He was a very caring person and was always ready to help anyone if they needed assistance.

Some of the stories he related, especially in relation to his frustrations with the local Council or his ongoing battles with marauding possums stripping his fruit trees would leave us in stitches.

Lester and Yvette have also been members of the CHACA Journal crew since time immemorial.

He will be sadly missed. (31/12/1948—16/12/2023)





At Alice Springs 2002. With Matching Tear-drop Caravan he built himself.



Wilsons Promontory 2004.



With the Journal Crew at Ayers Rock. 2002



Top of Ayers Rock 2002.



Sunday 18th February 2024

Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

Classic-modern: Electric-converted 1929 Rolls-Royce to be presented at show

Classic 1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom II is made even smoother and quieter thanks to an electric conversion by UK engineering firm.



In the 1960s, Rolls-Royce famously advertised its cars with the slogan, "at 60 miles an hour the loudest noise in this new Rolls-Royce comes from the electric clock." Now, a near century-old Rolls Royce can make the same claim as it has been converted to run on electric power.

English engineering firm Electrogenic, have revealed a 1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom II that has traded its 7.7-litre inline six-cylinder engine for a 93kWh battery pack and a 150kW/310Nm electric motor.



The four-door saloon, finished in a matte, textured black with a high-gloss bonnet has bodywork designed by HJ Mulliner & Co, was developed for a private collector who wanted his car to support his passion for a cleaner environment.

Electrogenic Director Steve Drummond stated, "this is undoubtedly the most complex classic car EV conversion yet attempted."



It has been an immensely complicated and rewarding project, carried out over the course of 18 months.

The battery pack affords a range of around 240km and has been integrated into the design of the car, so much so that they are now shrouded by a hand-crafted, polished and riveted aluminium housing under the Rolls' long bonnet.

There's no word on what the conversion cost, but if you are wanting to breathe some modern mobility into your classic, Electrogenic offers a range of kits to suit Land Rover, Jaguar, Mini and Porsche classic cars. They have previously turned their skills to a Citroen DS and even a Morgan roadster for other clients too.



The electric Rolls-Royce Phantom II will be displayed as part of this week's Salon Prive Concours show at Blenheim Palace, just north of Oxford in the UK.

 $\underline{https://www.drive.com.au/news/classic-modern-electric-converted-1929-rolls-royce-to-be-presented-at-show/}$





PRESENTATION DAY PHOTOS





LADIES' NIGHT PHOTOS





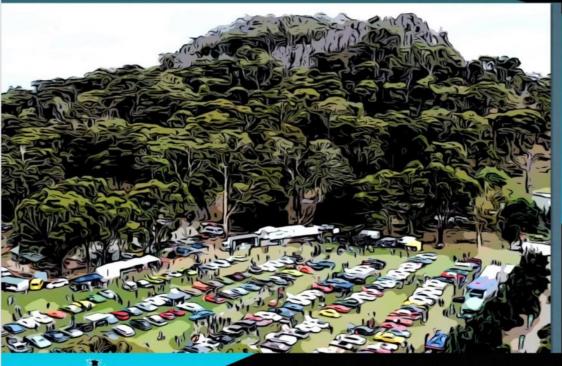
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'Barn find' classic Ford Falcon hidden under home sells for \$247,000

Emily Bennett of 9 News10:40, Nov 30 2023



A 1970 Ford XY Falcon GT which had been garaged for more than 50 years has sold for AU\$230,000 (\$247,000) at auction.

The car was covered in a thick layer of dust when it was removed from underneath a Queensland home in November.

According to classic car specialist Rian Gaffy, the Ford Motor Company sold the car to a Brisbane employee after the business used it for 12 months in 1970. The employee then drove the car for about 16 months.

The current owner bought it in around 1972 and parked it in about 1976.

The car remained in the garage before it was sold at auction. Last registered in 1979, the old Ford Falcon still has its original number plates – along with many other original features.

Under the bonnet, the car contains the original Ford factory fitted battery terminals and the original compliance plate.

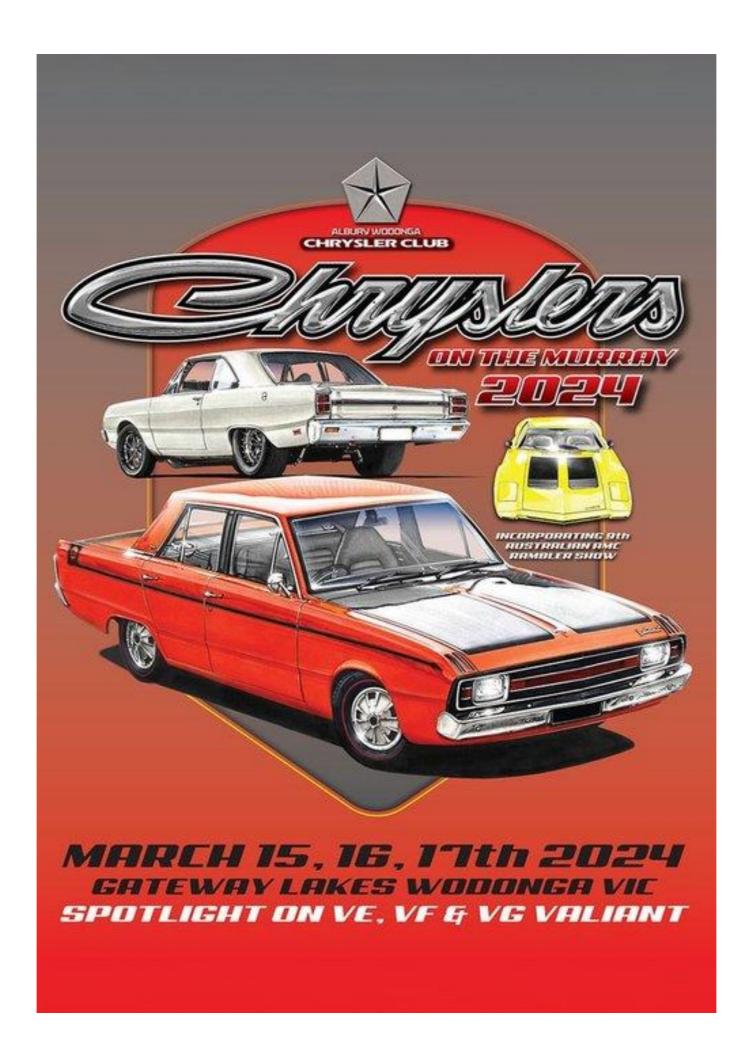
The car also bears its original 1979 Queensland registration sticker. However, it was still registered until 1996 while it sat in the garage.

The car also comes with its service manual and full vehicle history. The odometer reads 65,278 miles, or 105,054km.

More than 400 car enthusiasts from across Australia expressed their interest in the car in an online auction. The winning bid was \$230,000.

https://www.stuff.co.nz/ motoring/133374732/barn-findclassic-ford-falcon-hidden-underhome-sells-for-247000





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 must have been manufactured prior to 31st December 1992.
- 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.

www.chaca.com.au

Associated Clubs:

Independent Clubs Associated with the

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Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia Wagga Wagga Region Inc.

Secretary: Jenny Myers, Mobile 0403 678 246

Web: www.chacawagga.com.au

PO Box 749, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 **Meetings:** First Tuesday of the Month,

at the Rules Club 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

Meetings: At Clubrooms on Jindera Sports Grounds, 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: David Alsbury PO Box 514 Caboolture,

Qld.4510. Mob 0468 361 490 email: secretary@chacc.com

Meetings: 1st Sunday of Month (February to November) meeting at Sundowner Hotel Motel Car Park - 8/14 Aerodrome Road Caboolture at 8.30

am for 9.00am start.

We also have Monthly Wednesday midweek runs Ring for details

EVENTS & SWAP MEETS OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS

3rd-4th

Feb Heritage Vehicle & Machinery Display—Lardner Park VIC

11th Feb Picnic at Hanging Rock, Hanging Rock Reserve, Newham VIC

18th Feb Ballan Vintage Rally & Tractor Pull, Old Ballan Race Course; Ballan VIC

24th Feb MG & Morris Minor Swap Meet, MG Car Club Victoria; Nunawading VIC

17th Mar Brighton Classic Car Show, Firbank Grammar Oval, Brighton VIC

17th Mar Springthorpe's 11th Annual Classic Car Show, The Village Common; Macleod VIC

6th Apr Horsham Car & Bike Swap Meet, Horsham Show Grounds, Horsham VIC





BUY, SWAP AND SELL

Advertisements in this column will appear for three consecutive months unless instructions to the contrary are received by the Editor. Victorian State laws require all advertisements for registered vehicles to display a Price and Registration Number, and for unregistered vehicles, the sale price together with the engine or VIN/Chassis number.

Advertisements that do not comply with the

WANTED: Looking to buy a Bedford CA Van (1952-1969). The condition isn't a concern as long as frame isn't bent, we're expecting whatever turns up will require a large restoration job.

Located in Tasmania but willing to freight if we can find the right one. My contact details are:

Mob: 0447 723 707

mail: lelongjames@gmail.com (0522)



WANTED: I have been collecting Australian issued automotive sales

brochures for over 40 years and would love to add the following to my

collection. 1932 Ford Australia brochure, 1932 & 1933 Buick GMH

brochure, 1932 & 1933 Oldsmobile GMH brochure, 1932 Pontiac GMH

brochure. I have items to trade (36 Buick, 36 Chev) if that makes it

easier, or I will buy outright to add to my collection.

Scott Garnett 0434330165 or ozscott@iprimus.com.au

The images are to show what I have to trade. 1936

Buick, 1936 Chevrolet Thanks, Scott (0123)



SELL: 1932 Austin 7 Opal Tourer. Very Good Condition, recent motor rebuild. On club plates. \$18,000. Engine number V128780E. Previously owned by Les Standing.



Phone Dawn 0414 455 989. (0323)



Ken's Joke of the Month

To help save the economic crisis, the Government will announce next week that the Home Office, Welfare and Immigration Departments will start deporting Pensioners. instead of asylum seekers, to lower welfare benefits and health services costs. Older people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home.

Be sure to send this notice to family and friends so they will know what happened to you. I'll see you on the bus!

An old man shuffled ever so slowly into an ice cream parlour, pulled himself slowly and painfully onto a stool and after catching his breath, ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"Nope". he replied, "Arthritis".

Collective Nouns

A Gulp of Swallows
A Hover of Trout
A Pod of Whales
A Chime of Wrens
A Leash of Foxes (three)

An Ambush of Tigers
A Turn of Turtles
A Wisdom of Wombats
A Destruction of Cats (wild)
A Parade of Echidnas



CHACA Membership Details.					
Category	Joining Fee	Annual Subscription	Total		
Single Member - Printed Journal Single Member - Electronic Journal	\$30.00	\$65.00	\$95.00		
	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00		
Joint Member - Printed Journal Joint Member - Electronic Journal (Husband/Wife/Partner)	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$105.00		
	\$30.00	\$65.00	\$95.00		

Contact: Brian Garrett, Ph. 0400 166 762 LPO Box 72, Bittern Vic 3918

Joint Membership – Husband/Wife, partner etc..

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

Club Permit Scheme Renewal of Permit.

Send to Barry Smith the Permit together with a <u>copy of your current Membership Card</u> and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Barry will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office. You can also see Barry at meetings, please bring along a copy of the Permit for Club records, also the 7 photos of your Club Permit vehicle/s if Barry doesn't already have them.

FOR New Applications/renewals: Contact Barry Smith,

14 Jacqlyn Avenue, Rye Victoria,3941

Email: rozbar@bigpond.com

PHONE: 5985 9220, MOB: 0408 440 240

To all Permit Plate Holders

CHACA encourages members with CPS vehicles to attend runs or meeting with their CPS vehicle where possible.

Members are also reminded that the Club is bound by the 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.

Barry Smith on Ph: 5985 9220, Mob: 0408 440 240

Photos for Club Records

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

Size of photos 6x4 inches or 15x10 cm please get them printed at Harvey Norman, Office Works, Big

- 1. Photo of the front view
- 2. Photo of the rear view
- 3. Photo of the right side view
- 4. Photo of the left side view

- 5. Photo of the engine
- 6. Photo of the Vin or Chassis number
- 7. Drivers view of the car showing the steering and dash preferably taken from the back seat

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 Barry Smith.

CPS Handbook

The CPS handbook is available from Barry Smith or Eddie Reynolds at meetings or runs. The price is \$5.00 in person or \$6.00 posted

VicRoads queries 9854 2432 60 Denmark Street, Kew 3010.

Club Merchandise

The following items are for sale to members.

Contact Property Officer, Eddie Reynolds at meetings or phone (03) 97701231 or 0429142460

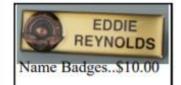


25 Year Anniversary Badge....\$5.00 (65mm. diameter)

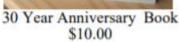




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