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## MARCH

- Sun 1 Picnic on the Lake Yarrawonga.** Sun Country Club's display on the foreshore at Yarrawonga. Car entry \$5.00. Food and drinks available or BYO or take a short walk into town. Depart Gateway 8.30am Contact Bruce Gibbens 0418488003 for details.
- Mon 9 Monthly Meeting.** "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm
- Wed 11 Mid-Week Run - Garage Visit.** Dep Gateway 9am for a short run and then to Wodonga for a garage visit. Morning tea supplied at this stop. Following morning tea there will be a short trip to a local eatery for lunch. Bookings with Peter S. on 0419483022
- Sat 14 Motor Show and Street Party - Shepparton Motoring Museum**  
(See page 17)
- Sun 22 Presidents Breakfast @ Anderson's Winery.** Everything Supplied, **However Bookings are Essential By 18 March**  
Phone Bruce Gibbens 0418488003. Depart Gateway 8am
- Wed 25 NSW Wolseley Car Club** - will be in Corowa from 22 to 27 March and will be on the Yarrawonga foreshore on Wed 25th..
- Sun 29 Show Us Your Wheels - Moyhu Primary School**  
**Show 'n' Shine** - Open to all types of vehicles, including motor bikes, classic and modern cars etc. Be there by 10am - \$5 entry. Enquiries Craig Grant on 0418 530 176 (See page 6)

## April

- Sun 12 Chiltern Cancer Cruise** Support the Albury Wodonga Cancer Foundation. Car and Bike Show at Martin Park Chiltern. Food and Drinks available or BYO. Dep Gateway 9am. Details Bruce Gibbens 0418488003 and support this worthy Charity. \$5 entry
- Mon 13 Monthly Meeting.** "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm
- Wed/Thur 15/16 Mid-Week Run O/N run to Omeo** Dep Gateway 9am. Head to Mitta for morning tea, The Blue Duck Inn for lunch. After lunch we travel a short distance to the Omeo Golden Age Hotel.

Accommodation - rooms with en suites at \$125 with cooked breakfast. Phone Peter S. 0419483022 or email peter1956@iprimus.com.au by 28/2/15 to secure a room. After breakfast we travel to Hotham and then Bright for lunch

**Sun 19 RSCAMemorial Run.** Arranged by last year's winners Bruce and Dianne Gibbens. Bring your Sporting Shoes, and a BBQ or picnic Lunch. Please bring a Clip board and Pen. Depart Gateway 9.30am, with a visit to a Bakery for smoko.

**Fri 24 SPIRIT OF THE 20'S** - Vintage Car Tour ends in Albury - a great chance to view these cars. Details Roger Benjamin 0448404684 for location to view them. There are in excess of 30 cars involved

## May

**Sun 3 Beechworth Drive Back in Time** This event is growing each year. Should be a great display. Depart gateway 9am. \$5 entry per car. Details Bruce Gibbens 0418488003

**Mon 11 Monthly Meeting.** "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm

**Wed 13 Mid-Week Run Vine Hotel and Museum, North Wangaratta**  
Dep Gateway 9am via Corowa for morning tea, then to Boorhamam to Wangaratta - approx 190 k return.  
Details - Peter S. on 0419483022

**Sun 17 National Motoring Heritage Day** combined display with other clubs at Hovell Tree Park at 12 midday. BYO Picnic lunch. There may be a short run prior to the display. More details later.

**Sun 31 Historic Winton** The RSCA will sponsor 2 events at this Meeting. A great day to view masses of vehicles, and watch our members drive in their respective races. Dep Gateway at 7.00am SHARP so we all can park together in a good location.  
Details Bruce Gibbens 0418488003.

## *Other Events of Interest*

Mar 13/15 Chryslers on the Murray

Mar 14/21 RACV Fly the Flag Tour

Mar 26/29 Australian Motoring Festival - Melbourne Show Grounds

Mar 29 Jindera Swap Meet. 7am. Enquires Andrew 60218627 (Page 18)

Mar 29 Shepparton Motor Show & Market day - Decca,  
Details at [www.shepprotarycarshow.com.au/](http://www.shepprotarycarshow.com.au/)



# Christmas Light Tour

## Friday December 12



*Driving classic cars,  
Through the streets at night,  
Viewing Christmas lights,  
Laughing all the way,  
Monaro's in the lead,  
Too many modern cars,  
Oh what fun it is to drive classic cars at night,  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.....  
(Sung to the tune of Jingle bells)*

Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, was a warm night for a drive in a classic car. However it was great to get 12 members joining the Christmas lights tour run by Bruce Gibbens throughout the streets of Wodonga, Albury and Lavington.



Christmas is definitely in the air, with the fantastic efforts made by the regions home owners. It was hard to go past the first house on Milos Boulevard –

WOW- as the Christmas themed display focussed on Santa and his village with the big red chair lit majestically, all with snow falling on a 30 degree day!!

However as to the correct consistency of the snow this was in dispute between Ian and my son Darcy. Ian went ice, Darcy went foam, we think its foam.



The next bonanza light show that definitely took out the prize for most lights on display, including timed music went to “The Simpson’s” display on Marshall St Wodonga. OMG, it was bright and loud, but it provided a dance floor for the kids to boogie on down....

All the displays were great to see, and I must admit I’m glad some of these were not directly across from my house. Watching “The Simpsons” display all night could drive you mad let alone the thinking of the electricity bills!!! Chevy Chase has competition with this Christmas display.

Thankyou to Bruce and Dianne for hosting supper at the end of the run. I know the kids enjoyed jumping in your pool to cool off, while those a little older enjoyed a cool drink.

*Merry Christmas Deidre Liston*

**Attendees were:**

Bruce, Owen & Libby Gibbens	GTS Monaro
Warwick & Marily Jones	Subaru
Morrie & Margaret Brodbury	XW
Deidre, Darcy & Matisse Liston	Triumph Vitesse
Ian & Jenny Bailey	Mustang
Shaun Huguenin Sally, Henry, Gus & Karen	Charger
Mal & Jenette Haddon	Honda Civic
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# *President's Report*

The RSCA Club year for 2015 has begun with our first event Picnic in the Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, being possibly our best yet with 160 people attending. Bruce is very happy that his first event for the year has been such a success.

Our club calendar has quite a few great events for our members enjoyment over the next few months so come along and enjoy these before the beautiful weather turns to the dreary days of winter.

During February we also have had the Midweek runners heading to the Blue Mountains for five nights. Twenty one of our members are enjoying what has become the traditional "RSCA Summer Holiday". Hans and Ida have organized this year's event and I am sure there will be much fun and merriment. The February midweek run has become one of the highlights of the RSCA calendar. Check out the next magazine for a full report and pictures.

Just a reminder that this year's President's Breakfast is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at Anderson Winery. So get those RSVPs in early (no later than the 18th March please) so the organizers have time to go shopping for supplies.

Another major event coming up is the "National Motoring Heritage Day" on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Your committee would like to see a great turnout of RSCA members with their cars. This is a combined clubs event so this is an opportunity to represent our club.

To finish, before I get back to the grapes, I want to express my thanks to John Heritage for taking on the position of Secretary. John was elected to this position at the February monthly meeting. We have been without a Secretary since the AGM, and Peter Cooper has continued in the role until a volunteer came forward. Thank you to both John and Peter for their support of the RSCA.

Happy and safe motoring  
Howard

Howard

# Picnic in the Park 2015

This event is the first for the year and has, in the past, been shared with other car and bike clubs. This year, however, RSCA went it alone.

A combined event with other clubs will be held in May on National Motoring Heritage Day. (more details later)

Some eager beavers arrived early and gained entry by driving up and over the gutter. The rest of us – especially with our low slung precious Monaro – waited patiently for Ross Edwards with the gate key.

What a magnificent turn out!! Some members even brought more than one car!



160 people signed the attendance sheets but some may have slipped past Bruce's efforts to have them sign in. It would take pages to list all attendees so you know who you are.

What a lovely way to spend a summer evening - sitting and eating with great company, in the shade of the trees on the grass near the Murray River in the midst of the magnificent and beautiful cars owned by members of RSCA.

*Dianne Gibbens*

The RSCA has changed so much from its early times, where most vehicles in the club were English Sports Car. Today, we are members of an incredibly diverse club, but all of us share an interest and enthusiasm for our own and each others vehicles.



As I wandered around the display of vehicles, I was astounded by the range on display - vehicles made all around the world - Europe, UK, USA, Japan, Australia etc, with the occasional hand manufactured masterpiece. I must admit that I was most impressed by Bernies magnificent GT40, but the line up of Porsches did look good !!



I believe that the Committee's decision to turn this event into a RSCA based event was a great change.

It gives us the chance to meet together as a club, where we can have large numbers and time to talk, observe and enjoy. After all that is what I think most of us want from a club.

*John Allott*



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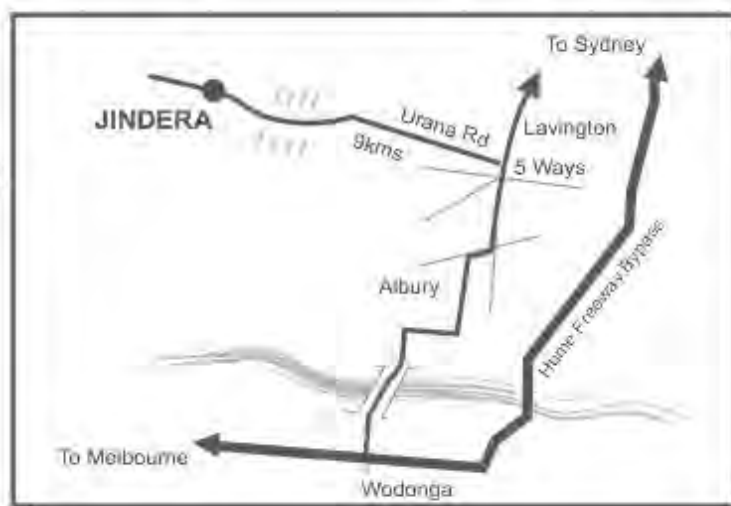


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## **Changes to the Victorian club permit scheme commencing 31 January 2015**

The club permit scheme (CPS) is a log book based permit scheme that allows motoring enthusiasts to enjoy limited road use of historic vehicles which comply with relevant standards.

Based on consultation with vehicle clubs, peak bodies and the Victoria Police, VicRoads is introducing changes to Victoria's Club Permit Scheme, commencing 31 January 2015 with the objectives of:

- Ensuring the Club Permit Scheme continues to align with road safety objectives
- Introducing clearer and more appropriate vehicle modification guidelines for Club Permit Scheme vehicles
- Improving inspection, modification and identification requirements for modified vehicles
- Ensuring the integrity of the scheme is maintained

### **Continuing to make participation in the Club Permit Scheme an enjoyable experience for all users.**

#### **New requirements commencing 31 January 2015:**

- When signing new club permit applications, club safety officers/ scrutineers will be required to complete a Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration form declaring that the vehicle is eligible, safe for use on the road and that it meets the applicable requirements for the category of vehicle for which the club permit is sought.
- Initial club permit applications (not renewals) for vehicles manufactured after 31 December 1948 will need to be accompanied by a current [certificate of roadworthiness](#).
- Initial club permit applications (not renewals) will need to be accompanied with a document of proof of ownership or management of the vehicle.
- For pre-1949 vehicles, clubs will continue to conduct their own safety inspection (which may be a certificate of roadworthiness or a club safety inspection based on VicRoads' guidelines).
- New modification guidelines specified in the Guidelines for modifications to vehicles operated under Victoria's Club Permit – [Vehicle Standards Information No. 33 \(VSI33\) \[PDF 296 kb\]](#) apply.
- If an initial club permit application is submitted for a vehicle that is modified outside of the appropriate modification guidelines, a [Vehicle](#)

[Assessment Signatory Scheme \(VASS\)](#) approval certificate covering the modifications must be provided with the permit application.

- An “M” club permit plate will be issued to identify modified vehicles where a VASS certificate has been provided.

## **Clubs are required to maintain dated photographs of vehicles entering the club permit scheme in accordance with the new Club Permit Agreement. Existing and ongoing requirements to be noted**

There are two important existing, ongoing requirements that permit applicants and club safety officers/scrutineers need to be aware of:

- Motor vehicles manufactured outside of Australia after 31 December 1968 (30 June 1975 in the case of motorcycles) which do not have a previous Australian registration history, must have a VASS approval certificate to demonstrate that the vehicle meets the Australian Design Rules that applied at the time the vehicle was manufactured.
- Club permit vehicles must comply with the Vehicle Standards, appropriate to the date the vehicle was manufactured, contained in Schedule 2 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009.

All vehicle standards and modification guidelines are available through VicRoads’ website at [Vehicle standards information](#).

### **New club permit agreement**

In support of these changes, a new [Club Permit Agreement](#) has been developed. The new Agreement, which supersedes current club Agreements, must be signed and returned to VicRoads by 30 March 2015.

In addition clubs are to provide VicRoads with a current list of office bearers and safety officers/scrutineers together with sample signatures and driver licence numbers. This information is to be included on the [Approved Club Office Bearers and Scrutineers form](#) accompanying the Agreement, and must be completed whenever office bearers and scrutineers change within a club.

The agreement and form must be provided to VicRoads by 30 March 2015. VicRoads will revoke the approval of clubs for the purposes of the club permit scheme if the new Agreement and form is not signed and returned to VicRoads by this date.

### **Revised Club Permit Application form**

VicRoads has revised the Club Permit Application form to be signed by the club authorised office bearer certifying that the applicant is a current financial member of the club to reflect the new requirements.

All permit applications submitted on or after 31 January 2015 must use



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the revised application form.

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### **Proof of ownership or management of vehicle**

All new club permit applications are to be accompanied with a document of proof of ownership or management of the vehicle.

This can be provided in the form of an original receipt or contract of sale. The document must show the VIN or chassis number; engine number; name, address and signature of previous owner; name and address of the new owner and date of the transaction.

### **Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration form**

Commencing 31 January 2015, the revised Club Permit Application form must also be accompanied by a Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles form declaring that the vehicle is eligible, safe for use on the road and meets the requirements of the scheme. This form must be signed by a nominated safety officer/ scrutineer.

Club permit applications will not be accepted unless a completed Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles form is provided.

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## **Vehicle safety inspection checklist**

To assist clubs with inspecting vehicles and determining whether they are safe for use on the road, VicRoads has developed a Guideline Vehicle Safety Inspection Checklist. Please note that this checklist is for guidance only and should be used at the club's discretion; it does not replace the requirement for the Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles form or any requirement for a Certificate of Roadworthiness.

A sample of the [Vehicle safety inspection checklist Guidelines](#) is available.

### **Existing club permit vehicles that may not meet vehicle standards**

While VicRoads will not actively identify existing modified vehicles for re-certification, periodically vehicles are reported to VicRoads as unroadworthy and/or inappropriately modified and VicRoads is required take action when this occurs. In such instances, VicRoads will write to the permit holder advising them to request that their club re-assess the vehicle in accordance with the new requirements.

Clubs may also choose to re-certify existing modified vehicles and seek that the vehicle be issued an "M" modified club permit plate.

### **Club permit renewals after permit expiry**

To bring club permit renewals into line with registration renewals, from 31 January 2015, permit renewal applications received by VicRoads more than three months (90 days) after the expiry of the previous club permit will not be accepted and a new permit application will need to be produced.

### **Information about inspection of club permit vehicles for Licensed Vehicle Testers (LVTs) and Vehicle Assessment Signatory Scheme (VASS) signatories**

VicRoads has written to LVTs and VASS signatories providing advice about inspection arrangements appropriate for older vehicles.

### **Help with the new requirements**

The club permit scheme is an important component of the vehicle registration system and input from clubs and representatives of the club permit movement into potential enhancements to the scheme will ensure it meets the needs of clubs and road safety imperatives.

Should you have a query regarding the new requirements, please contact VicRoads through [CPSconsult@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:CPSconsult@roads.vic.gov.au).

# Nuts and Bolts

(Ramblings from the Editor)



Unfortunately, we have lost another of our long term advertisers. As well as MG SPARE PARTS & SERVICES of Smithfield, we will no longer be supported by The MG CENTRE OF SYDNEY, located in Granville. Advertisers help the RSCA to offset some of our magazine production costs which ultimately helps keep our subs down. As a member, we ask you to support our advertisers where possible, and if you do purchase anything from them, please let them know you are from the RSCA, as feedback will help them to continue advertising with us.



**Speaking of RSCA subs, If you have a vehicle on Club plates (NSW or Victoria), it is a requirement that you are a financial member at ALL times. You should have paid your Club subscription by now. If you have not, you will be deemed unfinancial and your car will NOT be classed as registered as you are not a financial member of the Club in whose name the vehicle is listed.**



Warwick has just received a big shipment of white Club polo Shirts in a full range of sizes. Unfortunately, the price has risen by \$1 to \$32 each. If you have been wanting a shirt, now is the time to talk to Warwick Jones on 0260 214 195



**Bryan, our Treasurer, has asked me to remind all people paying subs by EFT to include their name and Invoice number when making the payment to enable tracking of payments. We mentioned last magazine that somebody didn't include their identification on an electronic transfer dated 3rd Nov 2014 of \$50. If you don't receive your membership cards with this magazine, then you may be the one !!!**



Finally, Coops has a smile on his face. His threats at our Monthly Meetings have worked and the RSCA now has a new Secretary! Thanks to John Heritage for volunteering to take over this role and welcome to the executive of the RSCA, I am sure you will make a great contribution. (and it will get Coops off our backs!)

Please remember to wear your name badge to all Club events. It is also important for older members to make yourself know to our newer members

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 Harry and Averil sent me this shot taken a few months ago, thanks

Morgans in Morgan Country at the  
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 0260 214 195 (a/h) if you wish to purchases any Items.   


















I received this note from a couple of our members Craig and Vanessa Grant. I felt it is worth a mention as a lot of our smaller schools need support where ever possible.

(Check out the flyer on Page 6)

Hi John

*We are co-ordinating an unaffiliated Show and Shine for the small rural primary school our daughter attends, the Moyhu Primary School.*

*Show Us Your Wheels to be held on Sunday March 29 is a event open to all types of vehicles, including motor bikes, classic and modern cars etc. with trophies for many categories.*

*We'd like to ask if you could list the event in the next Open Topics and possibly run our flyer to encourage as many club members to attend as possible.*

*The drive to Moyhu makes for a really nice drive, with an option to drive up the King Valley after the event to visit wineries, cafes and the really nice scenic drive through to Tolmie.*

*All enquiries for the event should be directed to me.*

Regards

Craig Grant (ph 0418 530 176)

**NOTE**

*This may be your last copy of Open Topics - if you have not renewed your membership for the 2015 calendar year, your membership will soon be cancelled*

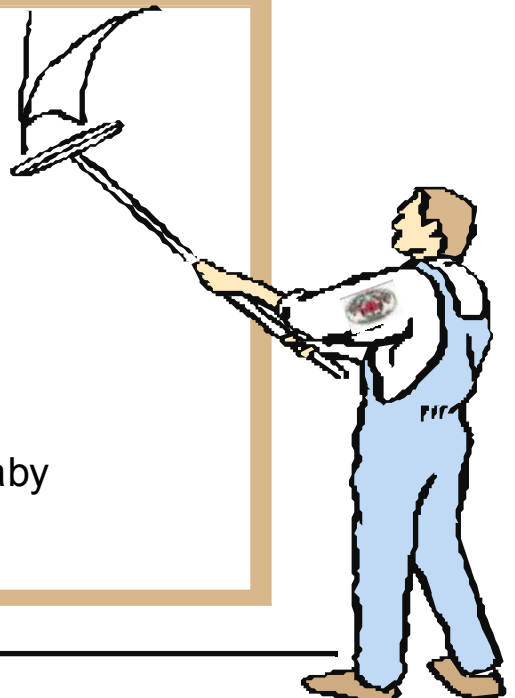
***Welcome to New Members:***

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1972 XA Ford Fairmont

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