

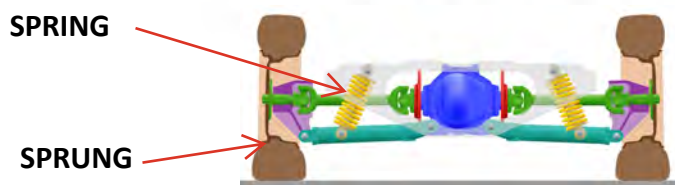
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VERY IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING – THE 43rd AGM, this year being held on Saturday evening, the 17th of October, at the Commercial Club Sports Bar. All positions are open, and some members are retiring from them – it's a great opportunity to really get involved with our club. **See your emails!**

AND Sunday October 25th – the annual Memorial Day Run, remembering members past by members present, by having an interesting drive, puzzling out a quiz, and enjoying a great meal at the end!

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to fill in log books for every journey
before you leave home.**

Sad to report the passing of a club member – RIP Clive Faul, who joined our club in 2015. A trained motor mechanic, he possessed a diverse career path: turning his hand to hospitality, running businesses, and even becoming a computer technician when Disk Operating Systems (DOS) first flourished.

A former partner in Wodonga's Carriers Arms Hotel, he went on to own Maudies Wine Bar in Albury and later worked at Harris Farm Markets.

Clive died peacefully on August 3 at the age of 79. Our condolences to his family and friends.



COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13 th .	Shepparton Swap Meet, Shepparton Showgrounds Corowa & District Car Club Show 'n Shine, RSL Park Corowa
Monday 14 th .	GENERAL MEETING. 7.45pm Commercial Club Albury.
Wednesday 16 th .	MID WEEK RUN. Woomargama Pub via Culcairn Bakery, full details see email and website – Greg Harris
Sunday 20 th .	CARS & COFFEE 10.00am Ripe Tomato, Borella Rd., Albury
Thursday 24 th .	Ladies Luncheon @ La Maison 12pm – contact Lesley Frede

OCTOBER

Saturday 3 rd	Chiltern-Barnawartha Back to the 50's: Club run TBA
Monday 12 th .	TBA - GENERAL MEETING. 7.45pm Commercial Club Albury.
Wednesday 14 th .	MID WEEK RUN. Details to follow
Saturday 17 th	AGM 6pm Commercial Club Albury Sports Bar
Sunday 18 th .	CARS & COFFEE 10.00am Ripe Tomato, Borella Rd., Albury
Sunday 25 th .	RSCA Memorial Run – details coming shortly!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR OTHER EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT.



Please remember to wear your name badge to all club events. It is also important for current members to make yourself known to our newer members.

The Prez sez.....

Winter is going away.....



With August now behind us and with Spring almost here we will all look forward to a little slice of warmer weather to enjoy our sporties to their full extent, with many events planned and being plan for our combined enjoyment with details published in Open Topics, Facebook and your email in box.

Planning is well underway for the 43rd AGM of our wonderful club on Saturday evening the 17th of October in the Sports Lounge of the Commercial Club, I hope to see you all there for a fun evening. All positions will be declared vacant, so please, if you wish to join the club's executive, please fill out the nomination form recently sent to your email. We are particularly looking for a new Secretary, so please "throw you hat in the ring".

Another event to note and not to be missed, is the annual "Memorial Run" being organised by Louise Maxwell and partner Noel, on Sunday 25th October, this promises to be another exciting and interesting drive and luncheon with a quiz of local topics and your knowledge enroute.

A big welcome to new members, Lyndon Forrest – 1963 Ford Galaxy 500; Jan McDonald with a Mazda 3 and soon to purchase an elderly VW Beetle, interestingly her late husband Ian, along with two 21-year-old lads from Deniliquin, Bernie Taylor and Tom Smith, won the first BP Car Rally back in 1958 in a VW; Mark Randell – with a 1987 Porsche 964 (911), and Bruce Bloomfield 1969 Ford V8. Looking forward to seeing you at future gatherings.

Safe and Happy Motoring to all,

Prez Pete

Peter Thompson
President, 2026





From the Hotseat!!

the Editor's ramble for this edition.

So, Census Night has come and gone, with the option of releasing your information in 99 years' time to the bemusement and enlightenment of future generations and, I must say, OPPORTUNITY LOST!

When the ABS considered where to seek more detailed responses on some questions, I thought I was on a winner, and couldn't wait to get to the question '*How many registered motor vehicles owned or used by residents of this dwelling were garaged or parked at or near this dwelling on the night of Tuesday 11 August 2026?*' and see my subsequent questions follow on naturally, so that in 99 years' time the progeny of progeny gained a better appreciation of our motoring pleasures. I thought they were quite reasonable:

- How many of these are fun to drive?
- How many other cars are on Special Interest/Club Permits?
- How many have more cylinders than wowzers feel is appropriate?
- If you have less than four cars with V8's, are you intending to purchase more?
- Do you consider a redline to be aspirational, achievable or mandatory?
- Is holding opposite lock around a round-about antisocial, or a sign of talent?
- Are you building a bigger shed?

Nothing. Nada. It seems my submission was lost in the mail, trapped in the Spam folder, or simply ignored.

However, it appears other great minds were thinking along the same lines – from the FB Queensland Rally & Championship page, well done that group!

I'll try again for 2031.

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21 TRANSPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURE
These questions are about activities and interests.

21.14 How much do you love rallying?
Mark **ONE** box only.

☐ Not at all

☐ A little — I'll watch it if it's on

☐ Quite a lot — I follow the results

☐ Very much — I attend rallies whenever possible

☐ Extremely — I have volunteered, competed or spent unreasonable amounts of money on rally cars

☐ Rallying is an essential part of my identity

☐ RALLY IS LIFE

i If you selected 'Not at all', please check that you have understood the question correctly.



July Mid-week Run



*Some time in gaol, and an early release
to head to the Tarrawingee Pub for lunch.*

DRIVE TEAM 2026

Not a bad turnout for the mid-week run today, with 42 happy punters coming out to enjoy a sunny day, a historic gaol, and a recently renovated 165 year old pub for lunch. A chilly start to the day had us heading to Old Beechwoth Gaol (the new gaol is, and rightly so, not considered a suitable destination - unless visiting someone, of course!) for morning tea at the new cafe, followed by a tour of the historic buildings.

Greg Harris fills us in on the time spent within the foreboding walls:

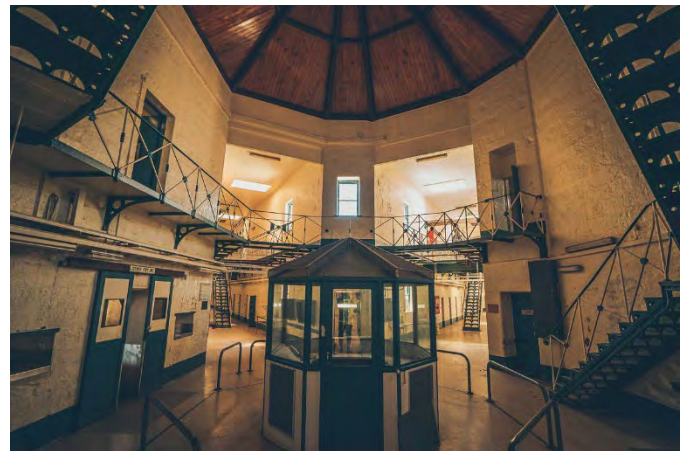
The first part of this Months Mid Week Run was morning tea and a guided tour of the Old Beechworth Gaol. Morning tea went well in the newly opened Café with plenty of space, refreshments, and chatter. Then into the tour and our knowledgeable guide Dan.

For those of us who have only viewed the jail from the outside walls it was definitely an eye opener.





The Jail ceased operation in 2004 ending 140 years of continuous operation, and boasts having the last manned watch tower in Victoria . Stepping inside certainly feels like an American prison setting with a central Panopticon style layout where a single guard can have a 360o view of all corridors and levels from his station.



It was a cold day in July but at lot colder inside the steel and stone building, immediately creating a picture of how hard time was endured by prisoners.

As Dan explained that prisoners had to carry their own toilet bucket 24/7, and empty and clean it weekly(!) themselves. Be in a different cell each night, Hooded and not allowed to speak to avoid fraternisation, we soon realised how hard it was

In the exercise yard the prisoners lined up in order of hierarchy, The head prisoner sorted issues between prisoners for favours by the governor, and lower prisoners even got to clean the toilet bucket of the higher ones, for favours and protection.

Some prisoners had special privileges, like the guy who was allowed to mow outside the perimeter High wall. He would leave the mower running outside, and duck down the street to buy whisky then return, leaving the guards none the wiser.

Eight prisoners were executed at Beechworth, and are buried facing a wall in unmarked graves to the west of the outdoor pool, facing west as to never see the sun rise. The gallows, noose, holding cell, and hangman's quarters still remain. If a prisoner was on death row, it took 30 seconds from the time they were taken from the holding cell, and the Hangman appearing, to the final outcome.



And then there was the Kelly's of course, including Ned's mum who spent time there. Everyone seemed to get a lot out of Dan's narration, stories, and interesting facts about the Gaol and the people who ran it or were interned there.

Thanks Kim, Another special interest run that was well supported, Greg Harris



Once everyone had negotiated their release, it was down the road to Tarrawingee, where the Plough Inn pub, built 1861, hosted us for lunch.



A bit of stress there, the pub owner now knows the on-line contact form isn't working, good thing I left a phone message with updated numbers the day before!

A good day out, and Jeff Lacey took the award for sartorial finery with matching car and shirt, setting the new standard for us all - it's a high bar, who can get over it?



The Gaol Breaking Mid-week escapees:

Kim McConchie	Chantelle McConchie	MB 300CE / CLK500
Terry Jones		Subi BRZTS
Pete Dunham	Sally-Anne	Porsche Boxithing
John Dutkowski	Stephen	Mazda Turbo
Dave Polsen		Holden VT Clubsport
Jeff Lacey		Lexus 430 SC
Linden Forest	Ruth	Triumph Stag
Peter Thompson	Kerrie	Mercedes SLK
Ian McDonald	Annie	BMW M3
Greg Harris	Lyn	SAAB Aero 900 1989
Jeff Seidel	Lorraine	Mustang
Allan Black	Lyn	Bentley Flying Spur
John Carthew	Eileen	Ford
Hans Probst	Ida	Lexus RC350 R Sport
Brian Giersch		BMW 221M
Peter Spasojevic	Carolyn	Jaguar XK
Malcolm McEachern	Robyn	Ford Mustang Coupe
Alan Brink	Lyn	Alfa Guilia
Peter Treskowich		Porsche Cayman
Tim Banks		Porsche 911 SC
Lesley Lashbrook	Trevor	KIA Stinger
Ray Tanner		Holden HX
Stuart McMurray		Volkswie
John McInnes	Peter Taylor	Mercedes 280
Ross Edwards	Petra	Jeep GC





August Mid-week Run.

Wednesday August 16th.

DRIVE TEAM 2026



The 12th of August was the fifth day straight of rain in the area totalling up to 40mm, and temperatures today were expected to be a low of 7C and a top of 12C. Understandably some members elected to stay home dry and warm.

Thankfully according to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) their map showed no rain coming over after about 8:30 am and we experienced some little patches of sun and basically no rain throughout the duration of run.

A sizeable group headed off to Chiltern the backway from the Gateway, Plunkett's Rd and through Barnawartha. Some of the Howlong & Rutherglen regulars met us at the Diner. All cars made the journey and although there were not a lot of shops open in Chiltern, members attended Didges Diner, the Chiltern Bakery, and generally wandered along the main street.

After leaving Chiltern we headed to Ovens via Beechworth and Myrtleford. To say the road was chopped up is probably an understatement, as you could constantly see the procession of cars in front weaving around potholes and repairs,

Unfortunately, Brian Giersch's MX5 came up with a warning light, and after consulting the owner's manual he elected to turn back from Myrtleford to be safe.



Lunch at The Happy Valley Hotel was served in the heated/covered beer garden, we had the whole area to ourselves, with ample room, seating and a comfortable temperature.

The food came out consistently as ordered and although I had the Parma, while the Bangers and Mash, at a \$15 special, seemed very popular

All in all the day went well for a wintery run we dodged the rain, some pot holes, and enjoyed plenty of conversations around the tablesthanks for your attendance.

Greg & Lyn Harris

Runners:

Robert & Annie Masolin, and Peter & Annita Ratcliffe - Triumph

Dave Polsen - MUX,

Peter Dunham - Porsche,

Peter & Kerrie Thompson SLK

Greg & Lyn Harris - SAAB,

Greg & Cheryl Lewis - Jaguar

Tim Banks - Porsche

John Carthew - Territory

John Dutkowski & Steve - CX5

Harley Knott - Mustang

Hans & Ida Probst - Lexus

Brian Giersch - MX5

Ray Tanner - HX Holden

Malcolm & Robyn McEachern - Mustang

Garry & Dawn Phillips - 1947 Ford

Peter & Lorraine Daly - Jaguar

Peter & Skye Trescowthick - Porsche

Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic - Jaguar XK

Trevor & Lesley Lashbrook - KIA Stinger

Ian Tuttle, Lou Thaus, Clyde - Honda ,

Daryl Baxter & Ellis Tompson - LandRover

John & Denise McInnes and Peter & Ronnie Taylor - Holden SS Commodore



The Lap Dash Legends

After months of excitement and nervousness our organised Lap Dash was really happening. Leading up to the event, we experienced days of rain and the thought of a miserable wet track was on all our minds. Boy! were we lucky! Awakening to a brisk but cloudless July morning was more than we had hoped for.

Most of our club participants met at Gateway Village where we giggled like children prior to the fifteen-minute convoy to the TAFE Logic Centre Circuit.

On arrival at the pit area, the sun's glorious rays burst out. It was to be a great day.

The Albury Wodonga and District Car Club organised and ran the entire event perfectly. Registration began and as most of us RSCA runners were novices, the seven club cars entered were in the same pool.

Drivers:

Dean Star - Falcon GT-F

Stuart McMurray - Golf R

Brian Giersch - MX 5

Jim Grice - Corvette

Jeff Seidel - WRX

Shannon Wimhurst - Toyota Starlet

Peter Dunham - Boxster

At registration, all drivers were supplied a really cool piece of machinery which fitted on the passenger side door. It was used for timing. After each session you would wander to the van which had a large computer screen with everyone's lap times displayed. Us oldies thought this was quite revolutionary.

Scrutineering and the rules were laid down and so the fun began.



We were in group 6 which was handy as we could watch the other groups for tips.

I was thinking of leaving the convertible roof up on the Boxster so I had an aerodynamic advantage but Brian Giersch in his MX5 talked me into taking the top down seeing the weather was so glorious. Good move now I think of it.

Suddenly group 6 were called up to the starting lane. Time to forget the nerves and concentrate. In no time the flag dropped and we were all underway. This was the real deal. No speed cameras or the fuzz to worry about. 7,500 rpm onto the straight but hang on, what's that ahead? It's a very tight corner. A little tighter than expected but all cars handled it well. One lap down. Flat out down the straight again but now, what's that up ahead? One of us had hit the wet grass and was off. The offender has been issued the new name of 'Grassy'.

Each session lasted approximately 8 minutes which was plenty.

Session 2 saw everyone's lap times drop dramatically as we started to get the hang of it. Stuart McMurray in his Golf R was a natural and blitzed all other entrants in our group.

We were all chuffed with our times until we realized young ladies in Toyota 86ers were trouncing us. We didn't care. Thank you AWDCC for the best day ever!

Peter Dunham.



Can you Help the Helpers – RSCA supporting Albury Wodonga FoodShare

Foodshare are looking for some extra helpers – can you spare some time for a worthy cause as a volunteer?

The volunteer role may include:

- Delivering food hampers to community members
- Collecting donations and food supplies from supermarkets and other locations
- Assisting with loading and unloading supplies

Shifts typically run from 7:45am to 12:30pm, although volunteers often finish earlier depending on the workload for the day. To ensure everyone feels comfortable and supported, any club members who volunteer will be paired with an experienced Community Pantry volunteer throughout their shift. Please note that some manual handling is involved, with crates weighing approximately 10-12kg needing to be lifted and moved.

The dates we are seeking assistance for are:

• Thursday 3rd September • Thursday 10th September • Thursday 17th September • Thursday 24th September

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

Kind regards,

Nicole Eirth

Community Pantry Coordinator

Albury Wodonga FoodShare

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Coming up, the Chiltern – Barnawartha

Back to the 1950's Weekend.

The organisers have been in touch, and are hoping to get as many car clubs as possible to join the Show 'n Shine in the main street on Saturday Oct 3rd, cars in by 9.30 with the street being blocked off 10am to 2pm. A cruise to Barney pub follows. Club run, anyone?





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The Echuca Weekend Frolics

Day One.

As we gathered at the Gateway for our expedition to Echuca, the Sun was trying to break through the fog, so off we went, the first stop was an hour down the road for a much-needed coffee at Bundalong. We then continued through Yarrawonga with the sun shining. It appeared that it was going to be a nice day but I spoke too soon. As we travelled through the other side of Yarrawonga, the fog came in for the rest of the day and was very thick at times.

Second stop was Echuca at the Shamrock Hotel for a festive lunch with an alcohol chaser to warm the body, then on to the Mercure Motel to check in and re-gather. Then off to the "Great Aussie Beer Shed" where anything old and related to beer, and of bygone days of Echuca, was on display in a very large compound of sheds.

The Manager told us about the owner's passion for all things old and demonstrated several items of interest. After a very cold but fascinating couple of hours we headed back to the motel to



warm up and socialise in the Board Room of the motel, after which we gathered in the OPA Greek restaurant for dinner, and what an excellent dinner it was. The atmosphere, food, drink and service, was 2nd to none and enjoyed by all. It was then back to the Mercure for a well-earned night's sleep.

Day Two

We started with a healthy breakfast, some of us ate at the motel and some at a cafe and then it was time to wander down to the Old Port district of Echuca where the paddle steamers operate on the Murray. The wharf area is a time capsule of Echuca's history over the last 100+ years and is a credit to the town's tourist authority. The fog began to lift so

most opted for a paddle steamer ride up and down the Murray on the *PS Canberra*. It was then off to lunch at the Henry's Bridge hotel for more sustenance.

With lunch sorted some of us went off for some retail therapy and others met at Raverty's Motor Museum which was a shed full of mainly old American Auto's ranging in age from 1900's to 1980's except



for two early Morris Minors and an ex-embassy Rolls Royce.

We were there met and regaled by Elma with a very dry wit. She told us about Norm her husband and his association with the history of the collection and was told he was in hospital. When we asked if he was OK the

reply was "*he's buggered I think*", then continued to tell us about the history of each car. A very entertaining couple of hours. Back to the motel for a regathering and rest before heading to the nearby "American Hotel" for dinner. Here we were entertained with one of Alan's infamous auto quiz's, followed by more superb food, drink, and fellowship, followed by a reasonable early night as the fog (pea soup variety), descended on Echuca.



Day Three

Up early with a hearty breakfast consumed by all, motel check out done and the pea soup fog still hanging, we headed off to Shepparton to visit the Museum of Vehicle Evolution (MOVE). As we moved further from the river, the fog thinned then lifted completely allowing for a pleasant drive to Shepp. This museum is a fascinating place to visit with its wonderful collection of motor cars, trucks, buses, motor bikes, push bikes, fashions of bygone days and a beautiful Furphy water cart collection. After all, it did start in Shepparton. This was all housed in a very modern and very large, shed complex.

Some of us stayed for lunch and some then departed for home. All up it was a fun and very sociable 3 days. A big thank you to Alan and Lynne Brink for the time and effort put in to organise the event, I look forward to another similar event in the future.

Prez Pete and Alan Brink

And to add another perspective to the touring weekend, Malcolm McEachern has kindly reflected on the pleasure of getting away with good company, fine food, and of course a damn fine drive!

8.40am Saturday 18th July, Gateway Village carpark, dense fog, this is what we encountered on arrival at the start of what was to be a memorable car club weekend away with friends.

With skilled direction from “Tour Co-ordinator/Manager/Captain/Trail Boss” Allan Brink we departed Gateway on time at 9.00am with seven members participating in this courageous drive across northern Victoria’s notoriously terrible roads towards Echuca, stopping for delicious morning coffee etc at the café Bundalong. Fog, Fog, Fog.

Following this delightful break, it was more Fog, Fog, Fog on the way to Echuca; only the Fog became denser the closer we approached our destination. The Murray Valley Highway had terrible potholes however our tour group of seven members arrived at our Echuca stop without incident. The Fog having kept speeds to a low level but driver concentration as always at a peak level and also very tiring.

Having arrived at our destination, lunch was at the “SHAMROCK HOTEL” and was excellent. The party then moved to “PORT OF ECHUCA – MECURE” where we secured accommodation for the next two nights. (This motel is perfectly located in Echuca however needed refurbishment 20 years ago). It had been pre-arranged that visits to “THE BEER SHED” and “LADIES SHOPPING” were on the cards but I took the advantage of a late afternoon snooze.

Dinner on Saturday night was at a beautiful Greek restaurant “OPA” just around the corner from our accommodation, where the noise was chaotic but the food was to die for.

Sunday morning, more heavy fog, some members had breakfast and others walked the



wharf area and had coffee and cakes. It was during this time a decision was made to transfer our trip on the open deck “PEVENSEY” paddle wheeler and take a Murray River trip on the “CANBERRA” as this vessel was totally glass enclosed and would be warmer. How right they were. Fog and more Fog. The Captain gave a very comprehensive

commentary of the Murray River, from Albury to beyond Echuca. He explained heights of previous floods illustrated by water stains on the concrete bridge piers...INCREDIBLE.

Following the paddle steamer trip members had lunch at “HENRY’S BRIDGE HOTEL” and

some followed this by more shopping and others visited “RAVERTY’S CAR MUSEUM”- all very good.

Robyn and I chose to travel west along the Murray Valley Highway to the “TORRUMBARRY WEIR & LOCK” where we visited the “PS AUSTRALIAN STAR” wood fired paddle steamer undergoing refurbishment.

This three deck executive class wood fired paddle wheeler is brand new and having been complete with marble bench tops and grand high-class furniture was found to be top heavy and was being stripped of the heavy furniture and heavy weight cladding to make the vessel river safe again. This vessel is the biggest paddle wheeler in the southern hemisphere.



While at Torrumbarry we visited the museum located on site and then walked the weir gates to the lock. A great afternoons experience except for the galah that flew into our Ford on the return trip to Echuca.

Dinner on this evening was at the “AMERICAN HOTEL” just around the corner from our accommodation. The food, drinks, service and company was once again the best,

During the weekend we were joined by members Peter and Lorraine Daly, who were visiting friends in Echuca, at the “SHAMROCK” for lunch and “AMERICAN “ for dinner, great to have them with us.

Monday, the fog has lifted somewhat as we made our way following Bryan and June Liersch to the magnificent museum in Shepparton; now travelling in full sunshine which was warmer and more brilliant as we approached Benalla, then Albury/Wodonga

We had a grand weekend away with R.S.C.A. members.

Thank you, Allan and Lynne Brink

The Travellers:

Allan & Lynne BRINK: *ALFA ROMEO*

Greg & Lyn HARRIS: *KIA*

Peter & Kerrie THOMPSON: *MERCEDES*

Bryan & June LIERSCH: *MAZDA*

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White Embroidered Polo Shirt
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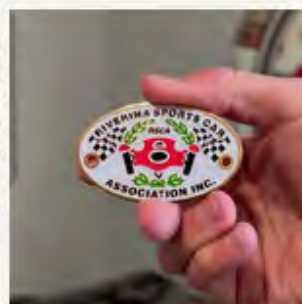
Red & Black Embroidered Polo Shirt
\$45



25th Anniversary Grille Badge
\$15



Bucket Hat
\$15



Grille Badge
\$25



Vinyl Sticker
\$5



Stubbie Holder
\$8.50



Cloth Patch
\$7



A4 Window Display
\$3.50



Replacement Name Badge
\$10



Lapel Badge
\$10



Baseball Cap
\$20



On the lot and just waiting for a new owner!

Open Topics Used Cars is Open for Business!

Have a car for sale? Here's the place to advertise—no fees, and a wide audience!

Is it sporty? Umm, No. Is it practical? Well, yes. Could it tow your sporty around the countryside with a great deal of ease? Most certainly! So, here's something you didn't know you needed till now, and now you do – snap it up! Tow your sporty in decadent comfort! and line up with the tradies in Bunnings and fit right in!

Nissan Navara STX 16000kleather....towbartub liner ...heated seatstonneau coveras new \$49000 phone Peter 041948300 and tow your sporty in decadent comfort!



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We welcome our new members this month -

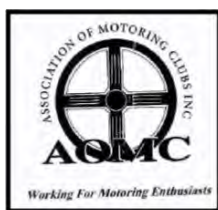
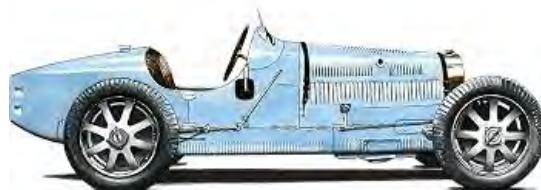
Bruce & Jan Bloomfield – 1969 XW Ford Falcon

Jan McDonald – Mazda 3

Mark Randell – 1987 Porsche 964 C4

Linden & Ruth Forrest – 1963 Ford Galaxie 500

See you on the next run!



Attention NSW members on H and D plates

Log Book entries for NSW vehicles on H or D plates TfNSW now has a permanent NSW Police liaison officer attached to the Historic and Classic Industry Working Group. Recent reports and social media posts have led to that officer providing the following suggested message to clubs.

This is quoted verbatim for your advice:

"When completing a log book entry, the person who is completing the log book entry for the day should ensure that they are recording their "Full Name".

It is important that the log book entry is completed correctly and before first use of the vehicle on that day, abbreviations, initials or "ditto" marks do not fulfill the requirements of the conditions of the log book.

One entry is required in the log book for that day regardless of how many drivers use the vehicle. The instructions are in the front of the log book.

Remember, log books allow personal use of vehicles and are an important part of the registration and insurance process, incorrectly entered or log books not completed could result in police action or non-payment of an insurance claim."

Club members are advised to heed the advice of the Police liaison officer.



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Bank details are as follows

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New financial members who haven't received their badges
and new member kits.

Please contact Warwick Jones on 0412 698 898

Or Email wambjones@bigpond.com

to arrange a time for collection.

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