

RECOLLECTIONS

**Official Newsletter of the Werribee and District
Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)**

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Members Rides

Braeden Harris' 1973 Chevrolet Nova

Next General Meeting **TUESDAY 26th August 2025 (7.30pm)**

The Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)

Was formed in June 1991 to foster and advance interest in History, Restoration, Care and Preservation of Classic and Historic Motor Vehicles. It provides an avenue for sharing of information by owners of those vehicles. The Club is a not-for-profit organisation. We welcome as members all those interested in preservation of our motoring history. Club conducts monthly general meetings, regular events, and monthly runs for its members and assists community organisations with attendance at community events, retirement homes, parades and car shows. Generally our members come from those who own vehicles over 25 years old, but this is not a prerequisite for membership, anyone is welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

*Linda Ho, Les Turner, Linda Galea, John Kirkbride,
Margaret Pengelly, Colin Pierce, Elisha Kaio, Kevin
Watt, Daniel Smith & Phillip Bobcat Darburn.*



***WE WISH ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE FEELING POORLY
A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY***



WDCVC Life Members

Gil Taylor (Dec)

Sandy Taylor (Dec)

Les Turner

John Agosta (Jnr)

Charmaine Agosta

Elio Massari (Dec)

VALE



John Thomas Ryan

Born 27.03.1946 – Passed away on 31.07.2025

John was one of the 30 original founding members of our Club established in June 1991.

John's membership number was #2, and he proudly drove a stunning classic, 1963 MGB sports coupe.

During those early, golden years of the club, John, along with his devoted wife Sandra and their children Deborah and Kerri, participated in and organized many club runs and events.

John was a fun-loving individual who was well respected and liked by his fellow Club members.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Sandra, their two children Deborah and Kerri along with their partners, as well as his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John and Sandra's family.

RIP John

WDCVC GENERAL Meeting:	22nd July 2025		
Meeting opened:	07:31pm	Meeting Closed:	08:39 pm
Chairman	Colin Pierce	Vice President:	Daniel Smith
Apologies: Daniel Smith, Brian Gosney, Ronnie Mallia, Dennis Cassar, Bob Soulsby, Reno Polidano, Nick Pino, Rob Elliott, Lindsay Coghill, Trevor Ryan, Len Mallia, Mark Reilly, Russell Thompson, Ian Cameron, Andrew Babbage, David and Harry Williams, Ryan Kiao, Anthony Farugia, Anthony Ravaneschi, Charlie Farrugia, Mick Galea.			
New members: Anthony Monaghan, Margaret Cassar, Jimmy Hand.			
Visitor/s: Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat-Andy Burns along with seven other club members.			
Previous Committee meeting:	10 th July 2025		
Moved & accepted:	1 st Vicki Miskolczi	2 nd Rod Matthews	
Questions:	none		
Previous General meeting:	24th June 2025		
Moved & accepted:	1 st Kerry Duke	2 nd Karl Burch	
Questions:	none		
Club Secretary:	Carmel Calleja		
Correspondence;	none		
Treasurers Monthly Report:	Jenny Matthews	30 th June 2025	
Business Related to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Victoria & Tibor recycled cans have raised just over \$40 for the club. • Thank you to Jenny for all her hard work over the year as our treasurer. 			
Questions:	none		
Moved & accepted:	1 st John Marks	2 nd Tibor Miskolczi	
Visitor: Andy Burns, from the Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat spoke about the club in detail and extended an open invitation to visit.			
Mid-week Event: Les Turner 0408 014 358			
Next event Wednesday 13 th August meeting at club rooms at 10:00am then off to Lara Hotel.			
Cars and Coffee: John Marks 0407 546 235. Sunday 27 th July, Cherry Street Werribee			
President's ramblings:	Colin Pierce		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd August Coffee Morning – Co-ordinator Colin. • 16th August Presentation Night – Organised by Connie. • VicRoads Personalised plate scheme is being looked into further for a better understanding of procedure. • Renewal notices are generally issued 4-6 weeks before due date, if you have not received yours, contact VicRoads to have another one issued. • By creating a My VicRoads on-line account, you receive email reminders. Sign up for a VicRoads Online account: VicRoads. If you pay renewals online, it is suggested you keep a copy of VicRoads receipt in log book. • Tuesday 23rd September is AGM – all positions will become vacant – forms available if you wish to apply. • Club to club Vehicle transfer require:- -Signed letter from owner and reason for transfer. -Vehicle eligibility and standards declaration for club permit vehicle, -Signed consent from new club, VicRoads then issue a new permit with new club details. • Only cars listed with WDCVC need to be listed on renewal notices. • Any cars sold and or transferred WDCVC and VicRoads need to be notified in writing. To update records. 			
Social Secretary:	Connie Mallia		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation night for 16th August payments are due by the end of month bank transfer preferred. • Please advise of any dietary requirements. • Frankie unfortunately is not available; an alternative has been booked. (unanimous). 			
General/New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for new club signage was presented, more samples to follow based on feedback and votes. 		
Raffle winners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Paul Jobson 2nd John Vanetti, 3rd Connie Galea 		
New Member/s:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Monaghan 		

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Calendar of W.D.C.V.C's Upcoming Events

W.D.C.V.C Extends an Invitation to Members of any Registered Club to attend any run or event organized by our club.

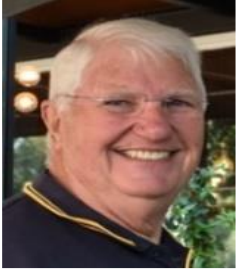


Changes are often on the cards. So when attending a Club Run, if you are unable to meet at the designated meeting place prior to departure, Phone Your Run Coordinator!

EVENT	Date	Time	Coordinator
August			
MID-WEEK Run (Lara Hotel) Morning Tea, Cambridge Reserve Club Rooms Barber Drive Hoppers Crossing	Wednesday 13th	10:00 AM	Les 0408 014 358
Presentation Night Dinner Hoppers Crossing Club RSVP by 22nd JULY Booking Essential. Members \$35 Non Members \$60 Contact Connie at c.m.62@hotmail.com OR Committee at wdcvc@hotmail.com	Saturday 16th	6:00 PM	WDCVC Committee or Connie
General Meeting Cambridge Reserve H/Crossing	Tuesday 26th	7:30 PM	Colin 0413 884 234
Cars and Coffee	Sunday 31st	9:00 AM	John 0407 546 235
September			
Committee Meeting	Monday 1st	7:30PM	Colin 0413 884 234
Bunnings Hoppers Crossing father's day car display and free event. 20 club cars to be on show inside Bunnings.	Thursday 4th	5:00 PM	Colin 0413 884 234
Fox Classic Car Museum. Free car show 749-755 Collins Str Docklands	Sunday 7th	9:00 AM	Colin 0413 884 234
Acland Street Father's Day Car Show (online ticket event)			
Morning tea at club rooms followed by Treasure hunt club run. Lunch to be a picnic (weather permitting)	Sunday 21st	9:30AM	Colin 0413 884 234
General Meeting Cambridge Reserve H/Crossing	Tuesday 23rd	7:30 PM	Colin 0413 884 234
Killer Cars and coffee (Grand Final Eve) 55 Oherns Rd Epping	Friday 26th	10:00 AM	Colin 0413 884 234
Cars and Coffee	Sunday 28th	9:00 AM	John 0407 546 235
October			
Coffee/ Breakfast morning . Billy's Paddock Café Caroline Springs Square Shopping Centre Shop L01/29-35 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs (Meet at the Café)	Sunday 5th	9:30 AM	Colin 0413 884 234
Committee Meeting	Monday 6th	7:30 PM	Colin 0413 884 234
A Day Watching Bathurst 1000 race at the club rooms Watch the great race on a large TV screen All day BBQ, Facilities to cook a banger or two	Sunday 12th	9:00 AM	Wayne Rogers 0405 380 005
Invitation from VCCC Ballarat to WDCVC members to join them at their annual BYO picnic at Mt Franklin 4 Powells Lane Mt Franklin (10 ks North of Daylesford)	Sunday 19th	10:00 AM	Colin 0413 884 234
All Holdens day being held at Geelong Baptist College 590 Anakie Rd Lovely Banks. (Could be a club run if enough members wish to participate)	Saturday 25th	Early	Colin 0413 884 234
Cars and Coffee	Sunday 26th	9:00 AM	John 0407 546 235
General Meeting Cambridge Reserve H/Crossing	Tuesday 28th	7:30 PM	Colin 0413 884 234

The above events are in accordance with the WDCVC & Vic roads Club Permit Scheme. If you wish to use your red plate vehicle, a reminder that you will need to correctly fill in your red plate permit scheme log book and be a financial member. At the time of printing the above information was correct. The Committee may change the information at their discretion. Any changes will be published in the Newsletter / Website / Facebook. Symbols of events are Club Runs in ***Bold***, and all other runs organised by Vic roads or other clubs will be in normal font.

President's Report



Hi Everyone!

Our next upcoming Club Super Event is our Annual Club Presentation Night Dinner.

To be held on Saturday August 16th from 6:00PM in the Platinum Room of the HOPPERS CLUB.

On a personal note I've now been inducted into the OBE club, not as grand as one might think, it stands for Over Bloody Eighty and my lovely wife and family made sure it wasn't swept under the carpet.

To everyone who contacted me to wish me happy birthday I'm extremely humbled by your kind words.

As far as the Club goes things are progressing reasonably well with a few members showing interest on either returning to committee or giving it a try for first time. New faces new ideas for Club adventures.

New Club rooms are generating ideas from members wanting us to introduce for increased club involvement.

Examples:

- Club Room open day to watch the Bathurst 1000 Race on Sunday October 12th.
- International Dinner Friday 24th October, where members are asked to bring a meal from their heritage to share.
- Boot Swap and Sell Day on Sunday 23rd November. Members' encouraged to clean out their shed or home of items they no longer require, setup a stall to sell their goods.

Any suggestions or ideas are more than welcome to enable us to increase benefits to all members.

****Note**

Clubs' AGM is on Tuesday 23rd September.

Committee nomination forms will be available at August general meeting to nominate someone or yourself.



Remember to help keep our collector vehicle movement alive for our kids in the future

Take a Kid to a Car Show

Be safe and Always Keep the Shiny Side Up!

Cheers The Prez .

**Member #298 and Club President, Colin Pierce
celebrated a very special birthday**

Happy 80th Birthday Colin

**Born Wednesday 1st August 1945
(One month before the end of World War II)**



On August 1st, 1945, the Potsdam Declaration, demanding Japan's unconditional surrender, was issued. The declaration also warned of "prompt and utter destruction" if Japan refused to comply. On 6 and 9 August 1945, the United States detonated two atomic bombs over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively. The Potsdam Declaration was a direct response to Japan's refusal to surrender after the fall of Germany and the Soviet Union's entry into the war against Japan. The declaration was a crucial step towards the end of the war in the Pacific.

World War II officially ended on September 2, 1945

Not car related, Original Cordless Drills, Mark I and Mark II



Mark I



Mark II

Braeden Harris Member # 492

1973-Chevrolet Nova

Braeden has owned his car for around 3 years, and he loves it !

Braeden started getting interested in cars watching the Fast and Furious movies and this created his enthusiasm wanting to get into the American muscle car scene.

With Dad having a great interest in Hot Rods. It was a no brainer before Braeden took the plunge. After saving some \$\$\$, he began the searching. He was after a Dodge Charger which are very costly and the Chevy Nova came to his attention. Sounded like a muscle car, looked like a muscle car, it is a muscle car. Braeden bought it !

The car was purchased from a guy in Epping who had imported it from California.

Minimal work apart from roadworthy items have been done to the vehicle, rear seat reupholstered.

Braeden has a great passion for the car and is a regular at car shows and has a few trophies under his belt with our club and I'm sure at other car club events. It is a very well-presented car.

Cheers-The Roving Reporter



Shifting Gear in Classic Cars.....

Many might remember an interesting TV program from decades ago called 'Beyond 2000'. It looked at emerging technology and had many of us a little awestruck at where the world was going. So the year 2000 had us preoccupied with the Y2K millennium bug (which never happened) The Sydney Olympics, the rise of the internet and the emergence of social media. . . . All 25 years ago. All a bit off in the distance now, but as car people, maybe we need to look back over our shoulder and remember what was good in the car world back then and maybe start thinking about a new club car.

While we love our traditional club classics, a new world of 'comfortable' club classics is opening up before us. Things like vehicles with ABS (Anti-lock Braking Systems) Air bag technology, Air conditioning . . . even fuel injected V8's are popping up as genuine and legitimate club cars, and they were all created in 2000 which now makes them now or very near club eligibility.

I did a bit of carsales.com.au surfing. The results were quite interesting.

What struck me was the incredible range of Mercedes vehicles that are a serious option no matter what budget you are on. Mercedes vehicles from the mid 80's to 2000's were incredibly well engineered, of fantastic build quality and now incredibly affordable, and in many cases come with a full service history.

So to some proof.

Sub \$10,000

A 2000 Mercedes E240 Elegance Sedan priced at \$8,600

Classic Mercedes body, owned by an elderly couple, Air bags, A/C, Power steering, remote locking, cruise control etc. etc. etc. A very respectable 185k on the clock.

\$10,000 to \$20,000 range.

2000 XR8 Series 2 Tickford Ford Falcon AU at \$19,900

Fuel injected 5 litre V8 (read performance)

A ridiculously low 130k's on the clock. Full Ford service history. Paintwork excellent. Stock as a rock which is where the money is in terms of an investment going forward. A/C, power steering, ABS etc. etc.

\$20,000 to \$30,000 range

VT SS Commodores and even VT HSV's are common on line at this price point. Keep an eye on the kilometers though. These were great cars and Holden tipped a ton of work into them to make them reliable as they were exported in serious numbers to many countries around the world. Their design still looks fresh to this day. A number of engine variants were available. The bullet proof V6 Buick, early VT's had the last of the locally built Holden 308's (collectable) and the series 2 had the magnificent all alloy LS1 Chevrolet 350 cid. Lots to like there.

Other lesser known but admired brands that 30k would buy you are a Porsche Boxster. I also spotted a Jaguar XJ8 with only 93,000 kays or if kilometers are not such a worry, a 2000 Landrover Defender.

So as you can see there's much to tempt out there. The days of club cars being sparse in creature comforts and safety are heading to a close. Keep your older classic as they are very much part of our lives and our memories, but a slightly newer model added to the garage might be an easy sell to the other half once you mention comfort and safety aspects.

So if you are contemplating such a purchase after reading through this then remember. Do all the checks necessary before laying any money down, if you are still not sure then ask other club members at meetings and get together for advice. The club is brimming with members that have been and in some cases still are involved in the car industry and they are more than happy to share their experience with certain cars. Another no cost benefit of your clubs membership.

Ride and drive safe, Brett



Only Just.....The CSM Sunday July 27, 2025.

We had quite a reasonable turn out of members and very few visitors at the July CSM, however the line-up of vehicles looked more like a used 4WD sales yard than an eclectic group of classic autos. An annoying rain shower at around 9:00am apparently kept a few of the stalwarts at home by the fire. But as they say in show business, "the show must go on". A couple of distinctive visitor cars arrived to pique the smallish crowd's interest, as follows:

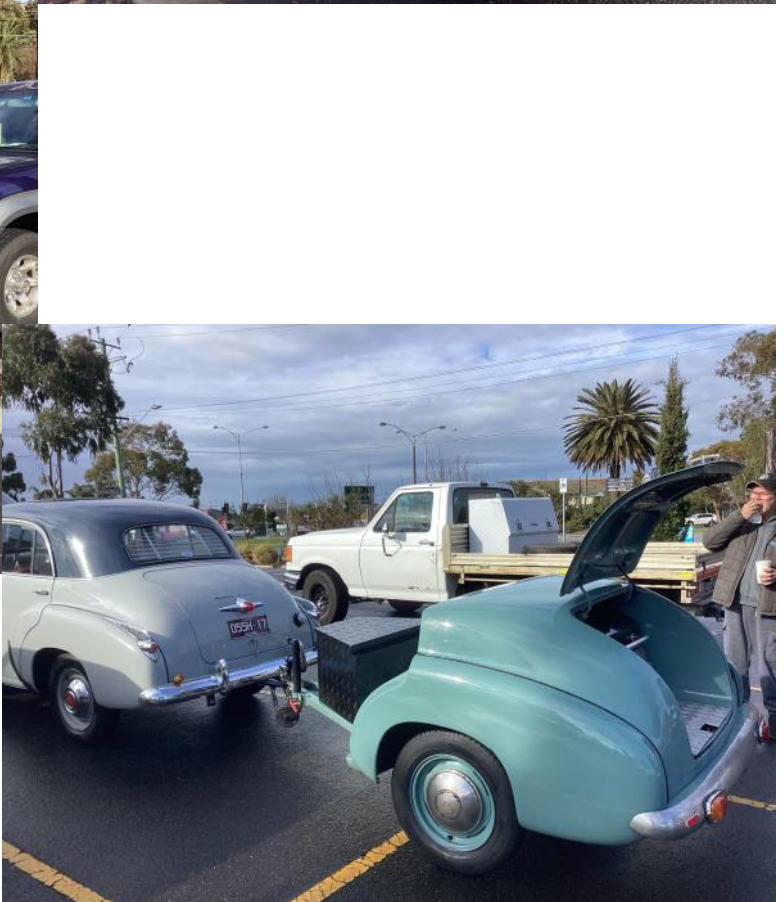
A pair of FJ's by mates Roman Dybala and Jim Hand were of interest, Roman has owned the '55 black sedan since buying it from the original owner in 1973. Completely original and unmolested with red leather upholstery, it's still running like a clock. Jim's very well-presented two-tone job has a matching BBQ trailer. Jim says he was looking for a classic machine and found the FJ only 6 months ago at a car yard in SA, part of a deceased estate. The trailer was built by a budding car museum owner who was short-changed by a local authority, so the trailer came on the market, having been constructed to serve museum patrons.

Quite a thrill to see Peter Kime's pristine HR Premier back in the line-up, however he's not promising to bring it every time. Hugh Esler's '59 Vanguard sedan nicely filled a parking spot, but Phil (Bobcat) Darburn's lengthy Cadillac actually over-filled his space. Phil had to be persuaded to go home and get the Caddy, as he firstly arrived modern. Thanks, mate. Rose Ravaneschi has the Toyota Cressida back on the road and looking quite spiffy. The Harris father and son team got it right with the '34 Ford Tudor rod and the beautiful Chev Nova. Check out how the big modern V8 is shoe-horned under the bonnet on the Tudor, with a little relieving here and there on the chassis and other spots to give minimal clearance. Also attending were Anthony and Jackson Ravaneschi in their NC Fairlane.

The other father and son team, Brian and Luke Daly, once again appeared after moving to the bush. They just can't keep away! Keep it up you blokes and cheer us up some more times. Alex Grixti left his muscle car at home and brought the not-too-bad 1990 F100 tray ute. Distinctive for the great note from a well-tuned 351 Cleveland says Alex.

With a dearth of visitors and club cars, it was great to see the support and camaraderie from regular members. The crew also arrived en masse, with Rose, Vicki and Connie G on the desk, Dee and Peter Lockwood on the hotplate and the two Brians, John Kirkbride, Bobcat, John Ryan and Col Harris setting up. We are a great team. Thanks to all for braving the elements and making the show.





Presidents Run Took Place on Sunday, July 13th

We woke up to a lovely sunny yet chilly Sunday morning. Thankfully, the weather bureau had assured us of a beautiful winter's day with no rain expected, and it certainly met all our hopes.

Members were invited to arrive at the Club rooms at 9:30 for a delightful cup of coffee or tea and to enjoy a delicious morning tea prepared by our Clubs' Mrs President, 'Shirley'.

She treated us to her renowned sausage rolls, freshly baked scones with jam and cream, along with a selection of homemade slices and biscuits.

We learned that Shirley started her cooking at 5:30 am to guarantee that all her delightful treats were fresh.

Members were also amused to hear that our President stayed in bed until it was time for him to taste the first batch of Shirley's freshly made goodies.

All the ladies pitched in to ensure everyone had enough to eat and drink before we all helped clean up the social room and kitchen.

A special shout out to Vicki for vacuuming, Connie M and Connie G, Maryanne, and Margaret for washing up, sweeping, and mopping.

All 48 members present were thankful for the wonderful morning tea and enjoyed sitting around chatting, but soon it was time to head out for just over an hour's cruise to our lunch destination, ONEDAY Estate in Curlewis, recommend by our ladies from their weekend away earlier in the year.

A few members were unable to join us for lunch due to prior family obligations, so we ended up with 45 members at lunch. But we were bolstered with Dennis, Josie, Katie, Tess, and John who were staying in Portarlinton, so they made a quick drive over to Curlewis to meet us at the restaurant for lunch.

ONEDAY Estate is a functioning farm and vineyard that has creatively utilized many of the buildings scattered throughout the property. Each room in the building featured lovely fireplaces that were well stoked, providing plenty of warmth for everyone. Everyone quickly placed their drink orders and their PIZZA lunch requests, as the venue was quite busy.

The meals were served promptly, and because of the generous portions, many guests were able to take home leftover slices of pizza in boxes.

One downside to having so many people in the room was the excessive noise (thanks to the birthday parties). After finishing their lunch, some decided to take a stroll around the vineyard and check out an art exhibition in another room, which featured an artist's rendition of a flying horse crafted from driftwood, gracefully suspended in the rafters.

All in all, it turned out to be a wonderful day for the Club's 2025 Presidents Run.





Remembering George Pengelly.....

The late George Pengelly was a big man with a big heart. Born and bred in local Werribee, George was one of nine siblings, all boys. They all had nick names, and George was really Keith Leonard. No-one knows why "George", but it stuck. The family lived at nearby Cocoroc, the little town established by the Metropolitan Board of Works for their personnel, as commuting those days was not an option.

Pengelly is quite a prominent name in Werribee's history. The first Pengellys probably emigrated from Cornwall and became farmers and landholders. There's even a Pengelly Street, just off Farm Road.

George worked as an interstate truck driver and was many years with transport operator Brambles. Later he joined Werribee Shire Council as a roller driver, but he worked his way up to Technical Officer Clerk of Works. George was with the Shire for over seventeen years until retirement in 1995.

With an eye for mechanical transport, one of George's early cars was a Ford A Model Tudor. Later he owned the car which has always been connected to him, a 1946 "straight eight" Buick. George spent time with the Geelong based WDHVC and the Buick Club but subsequently became a founding member of our WDCVC and spent a year as Club Captain. Those days we were a smaller but very close-knit group.

In 1959 George met his wife Margaret at a Sunday night dance at St Andrews Hall in Greaves Street. They married on 8th of December 1962, and soon daughters Karen and Lynette arrived. The Pengelly clan, already well known locally, eventually expanded by four grand children and eight great grandchildren.

Les Turner recalls the early WDCVC trips and activities in which everyone participated. There was little formality, but the group was very friendly and cohesive. Les, a big man himself, remembers his hand being crushed in a handshake on meeting George. Les remembers George's wonderful relationship with his grandies and other kids. Another of George's passions was a quiet beer or two.

The Federation Silver Anniversary Provincial Tour in September 1995 was attended by George and Margaret in the Buick. The eight-day tour included stops at Cobram, Wodonga, Bright and Mansfield. Only one other couple from the club participated, Ron and Jill Loversidge in their little Austin 10, but club members supported them by attending the Marong Picnic which kicked off the tour.

At one stage the straight eight engine needed work which cost a bundle, but this soon failed and George's mate the late Elio Massari rebuilt it again. Of course it gave no more trouble. George helped Elio to trailer a vintage car to Roma in Queensland as condition of sale.

Unfortunately we lost George many years ago, but Margaret is a regular attender. She is still a ball of muscle and keeps her home in Greaves Street in apple pie order. Quite a few of our regulars are happy to bring Margaret along to the Sunday runs and coffee mornings. Good on you, Marg.



Sunday Coffee Morning at Anaia's Café Point Cook

When we woke up, we were greeted by clear skies, but the temperature gauge indicated it was only around 1 or 2 degrees, making it hard to get out from under our warm doonas.

We had 30 members registered for the morning, but several called at the last minute to let us know they couldn't attend because of the flu that seems to be going around this time of year.

Additionally, there were some local Car Show events in Werribee at the same time, which led a few members to wanting to display their cars or drool over some other impressive vehicles.

We will strive in future to hold our Club events that do not clash with other clubs around the area.

The 20 or so members who did venture out into the chilly morning enjoyed a delightful breakfast served by a group of friendly and smiling staff.

NAME	VEHICLE	NAME	VEHICLE
Colin Pierce	Modern	Lindsay Coghill	1983 VH Commodore
Wren and Kaye	VW Beetle	John and Fiona	Modern
Karen Hollis	Toyota Celica	Paul and Linda	MGB GT
John and Elizabeth	1948 Ford Ute	Rod and Jenny	1966 Ford Mustang
Rich and Maya	Modern	Pat and Peter	Modern
Heather O'Brien	Ford Mustang	Werner Bernhardt	Modern
Mark Reilly			





Interesting Article by Antique Tyres off Internet 03/06/25

Whether you've just entered the world of classic cars, or if you've been an enthusiast for decades, white wall tyres are the most recognizable aspect of collector cars, especially those built prior to the 1970's. Many cars rolled out of the factory on white wall tyres, so it's no coincidence that a variety of tyres are available for such vehicles. Antique Tyres is the leading supplier of tyres and wheels for collector vehicles of all ages in the southern hemisphere. We offer an enormous line-up of white wall tyres, many of which are built from the original moulds. That means the tyre is not considered a reproduction—it's the real thing.

If you're wondering about tyre sizing and white wall widths, there are plenty of ways to study up and figure out the right tyre for your car. Here's a general rule of thumb: If your car was built before 1954, it would've featured a three-inch (or wider) white wall and if it was built after 1964, it would've come with a one-inch (or narrower) white wall. As you can see, white wall widths gradually shrunk as the years went by, but at the same time, tyre technology grew tremendously.

During the 1970's, tyre manufacturers began producing tyres with a new process, which deemed them as radial tyres—a drastic update from the bias ply tyres of the time. Fast forward a few years and collector car enthusiasts had the urge to drive their classic machines with the comfort of a modern car. This led to the development of the Coker Classic, the world's first wide white wall radial tyre: Other manufacturers followed suit, building nostalgia radials to meet the growing demand for modern tyres with the look of old. And while they aren't completely accurate to vintage automobiles, in terms of tyre structure and design, radial tyres make a big difference in ride quality and give you the classic look of a wide white wall. Just because wide white wall radials are a big hit doesn't mean that the original-style bias ply tyres lost any of their value among restoration shops, traditional hot rodder's or those enthusiasts wanting the original feel behind the wheel.

The latest in the bias look radials is the Excelsior Roadster. The Excelsior Roadster bias-look radial tyre is designed to provide the traditional look of a bias ply tyre while offering the smooth ride of a modern radial. Coker Tyre has perfected this combination of old and new, as evidenced by the success of its previous bias-look radial tyres, but this all-new Excelsior tyre brings it into new segments of the collector car market.

The new product line features five sizes, including the most popular 600R16 to provide O.E. fitments on 1935 to 1948 Ford passenger cars, as well as light-duty trucks into the 1950's. Other sizes offer fitment on larger passenger cars and trucks, and the group of sizes allows for excellent staggered fitments for hot rods.

The complete size line-up includes: 450/475R16, 600R16, 650R16, 700R16 and 750R16. These sizes cover most American makes and models from the 1930's and 1940's, as well as select European sports cars.



Excelsior Roadster, Black & Whitewalls bias look radials

Werribee Escapade – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

President Andy invited members to join him in a visit to the Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club inc.'s July club meeting. The club had recently moved to a new venue for their club meetings and we were keen to see this.

Our trip started with eight members meeting at Burnsville at Scotsburn - Andy, Mike Simpson, Warren Harris, Merv Sherlock, Les O'Hanlon, Tom Quinlan, Wayne Harrop and myself. Warren was feeling uncomfortable with broken ribs and myself with a bruised rib.

We headed off in two cars and met at the Racecourse Hotel at Werribee for an enjoyable dinner. I think the waitress was expecting the usual mundane diners but we brightened her day.



About to enjoy their Dinner – Andy Burns, Les O'Hanlon, Wayne Harrop, Warren Harris, Mike Simpson, Bruce Kerr, Merv Sherlock and Tom Quinlan



A group photo taken after the meeting – our Club President Andy Burns, Werribee Club President, Col Pearce, Warren Harris, Tom Quinlan, Bruce Kerr, Les O'Hanlon, Mike Simpson, Wayne Harrop and Merv Sherlock.

The WDCVC clubrooms are located in a sports park and are similar to the Seniors clubrooms we are using at the moment but they only share with a tennis club. Most club runs will start from there. Club cars are 60's, 70's & 80's and later, more suitable to their conditions – we are spoilt being 5 minutes from country roads and maybe having to negotiate two traffic lights – imagine going through a couple of suburbs on every club outing

The meeting started on time at 7.30 and although following an agenda (as we do) was quite light hearted with members participating. Andy was invited to speak and told of the various activities we had. I'm sure he had many mouths drop when told of what we were undertaking. Afterwards, we had a coffee and

talked with their members who were keen to hear about our cars and tell us about theirs.

More visits to other clubs are being planned – watch this space.

Bruce Kerr

There really was a time



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Hertella Auto Kaffeemaschine (1959)

Brew coffee on your VW Beetle dashboard

By Peter Pappas December 2022.



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The Hertella Auto Kaffeemaschine, the first and only known dashboard-mounted coffee maker.

Manufactured specifically for the Volkswagen Beetle, this highly civilized automobile accessory has, 60 years after its introduction, nearly vanished from existence. Judging by the few known examples, it never had the time to evolve past its technical shortcomings. For one, it lacks a power switch: “As soon as you plug it into the cigarette lighter, it just gets hot,” writes The Drive’s Peter Holderith. “And as far as the type of coffee machine that it is, well, you would have to be pretty desperate for caffeine to make coffee in this thing.”

“I always thought they were a percolator, or espresso machine like a Moka... but nope,” says Dave Hord of Classic Car Adventures, who purchased his own Hertella Auto Kaffeemaschine from an owner in Serbia. It seems “you fill the vessel with water, put your coffee in the (double layer) screen, and heat up the unit. I presume you heat the unit up with the coffee in it, which means this basically brews coffee as though it’s tea.” Perhaps only a transcontinental road-tripper in 1959 would grow desperate enough to drink it.

Still, as Holderith notes, “the machine does have a few clever features. The porcelain cups that came with it apparently had a metal disc on the bottom of them that allowed them to stick to the machine magnetically” and the unit itself “mounts to the dash with a simple bracket, allowing for the pot to quickly be removed and cleaned when necessary.” ~ **Image and info from Open Culture**



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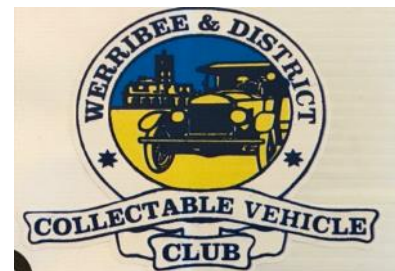
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