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Members Rides

Len & Carmen's Holden Monaro

Next General Meeting TUESDAY 22nd July 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

Brett Murray, Jen Rodgers, Julia Fhebey, Paul Tabone, Connie Mallia & Carmel Calleja.

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)**

WDCVC GENERAL Meeting:	24th June 2025		
Meeting opened:	07:33PM	**Meeting Closed:**	8:07PM
Chairman	Colin Pierce	**Vice President:**	Daniel Smith
Apologies:	Russell Thompson, Tony & Connie Galea, Les turner, Mitch Jones, Trevor Ryan, Harry Williams, Rob Elliott, Shawn Van Roosmalen, Gavin Giles, Maree & Craig Planner, Rob Elliott, Yves Schieseck, Anthony Ravaneschi, Bill Flaherty, Ryan Kaio, Reno Polidano, Karl Burch, Pauline & Bob Soulsby, Brian Cameron.		
Visitor/s:	Joe Santana, Margaret Cassar		Welcome
Previous Committee meeting:	2nd June 2025		Minutes read by Club Secretary
Questions: from the report	**none**		
Moved & accepted: As read	**1st** Phil Darburn		**2nd** Phil Dutton
Previous General meeting as per Newsletter:	28th May 2025		
Questions: Arising from the minutes	**none**		**2nd** Ronnie Mallia
Moved & accepted:	**1st** Rod		
Club Secretary:	**Carmel Calleja**		
Correspondence;	Great southern bank statement 5 Club Renewals forms Australia Post Invoice Council emailed (copy) for grant.		
Moved & accepted:	**1st** Mick Galea		**2nd** Dave Williams
Treasurers Monthly Report:	**Jenny Matthews**		30/05/2025
	Clarified that ladies weekend, was fully funded by ladies that attended.		
Business Related to:	Membership fees are due – 30th June late fees apply.		
Questions:	none		
Moved & accepted:	**1st** Mick Galea	**2nd** John Marks	
President's ramblings:	**Colin Pierce** • Community Grant Payment Received. (copy) • 34th Anniversary lunch successful - Thank You Connie for coordinating caters • 6th July - Coffee morning Wyndham harbour – Daniel 0408 328 028. • 9th July - Council invite to WDCVC Grants Committee. Jenny & Daniel to attend the night • 13th July - Morning tea then lunch (One Day Estate winery in Curlewis) Morning Tea provided in new club rooms Colin 0413 884 234. • 22nd July - General meeting 4th Tuesday 22nd July– **new club rooms**. • 27th July - Cars and coffee Casual Sunday - John 0407 546 235. • 16th August - Presentation Dinner (See poster in Newsletter) • 11th June was @ Stoney's Pub Bacchus Marsh – thank you Les Turner.		
Mid-week Events: **Colin for Les Turner**	• 13th August Midweek Lara hotel, meeting at club rooms 10:00 - Les 0408014358		
Social Secretary:	Connie Mallia - c.m.62@hotmail.com • Thank you everyone for making Club 34th Anniversary and Club Grand Opening on Sunday 24th June a special event. • Presentation night Saturday 16th August – bank transfer preferred.		
Vice Presidents Report: **Daniel Smith**	Big thank you to Colin for all the hard work and commitment to relocating to the new club rooms.		
Editors report: Dennis Cassar	none		
General/New Business:	Raffle winners 1st John Marks 2nd Daniel Smith 3rd Denis O'Brien.		

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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
July			
NEW DAY/DATE General Meeting at NEW Club Rooms Cambridge Reserve H/Crossing	Tuesday 22nd	7:30PM	Colin 0413 884 234
Cars and Coffee	Sunday 27th	9:00 AM	John 0407 546 235
August			
Coffee Morning (Anaia Cafe and Restaurant) 72 Greg Norman Drive Sanctuary Lakes (Point Cook)	Sunday 3rd	9:30 AM	Colin 0413 884 234
Committee Meeting	Monday 4th	7:30 PM	Colin 0413 884 234
MID-WEEK Run (Location TBA) Morning Tea, Cambridge Reserve Club Rooms Barber Drive Hoppers Crossing	Wednesday 13th	9:30 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
Father's day coffee/breakfast morning (Location To be Advised)	Sunday 7th	9:30 AM	Colin 0413 884 234
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
Cars and Coffee	Sunday 28th	9:00 AM	John 0407 546 235

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!
I wanted to share that the Club Anniversary Lunch, hosted by the Committee in our New Club Rooms on Sunday, June 22nd, was a fantastic event for all who attended.
A huge thank you goes to Neale's Spit Roast Catering the wonderful two-course meal, masterfully organized by Connie Mallia with support from several other dedicated lady members.

Additionally, thanks to Connie's efforts, the Club was able to acquire around 60 chairs from a Melton School that no longer needed them, which will be a great addition to our Club Rooms.
In the coming months, we'll be working on outfitting the Club storage to enhance our facilities even further.

Our next upcoming grand Club Event is our Annual Club Presentation Night Dinner.
It will take place on Saturday, August 16th, once again in the Platinum Room of the HOPPERS CLUB starting at 6PM.
Please refer to the poster elsewhere in the Newsletter. Reservations should be made with Connie by July 22nd, with full payment required by Thursday, July 31st.

To every one of our members currently travelling north away from the Cold of Melbourne, either caravanning, cruising or enjoying comfortable Hotel accommodation we hope you are all having fun, keeping it safe and we're looking forward to many great stories on your return.

**Notes

(1) **Remember, our Club Monthly General Meeting Nights are now 4th Tuesday of each month at Cambridge Reserve 66 Barber Drive Hoppers Crossing, at 7:30 PM.**
(2) **We are getting close to crucial part of the year that will culminate with our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd September.**
Committee nomination forms will be available at July general meeting to nominate someone or nominate yourself.
There are thrilling times ahead for our Club with our new Clubrooms, which will be a fantastic opportunity for anyone to become part of the Club's management, please seriously consider it.

Be safe and ensure to Keep the Shiny Side Up!

Cheers The Prez .

LEN & CARMEN MALLIA Member #271

1975-Holden Monaro GTS Sedan

Len bought the Holden Monaro about 8 years ago and has restored the car underneath being front end bushes, shock absorbers, brakes, tyres, exhaust, A/C compressor. The car is great to drive.

The car was resprayed previously. The car is in excellent condition. Len and Carmen take the car on many club outings and really enjoy driving around in this classic Australian muscle car. Len previously owned one when much younger, but due to other more important things like house mortgages and such things, the earlier car was traded in.

Cheers-The Roving Reporter

Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc.

2024/2025 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday 16th August

6:00pm till 11:00pm

Venue: *Hoppers Crossing Club's* Platinum Room

Address: 180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing

3 Course Dinners

Dress code: After 5, Smart Casual

Children under 16 FREE

Cost: Members $35/Head, Non-Members $60/Head

Round tables of 8 available, or take pot luck seating.

Special dietary requirement, please advise at time of booking tickets

- **Band (Frankie).**
- **Self-serve tea or coffee.**
- **Drinks at bar prices.**
- **Door Prize Draw is your Ticket.**
- **Trophy and award presentations.**
- **Raffles.**

Bookings to Social Secretary Connie at June/July general meeting or send to committee at c.m.62@hotmail.com or wdcvc@hotmail.com

R.S.V.P. by 22nd JULY 2025

All tickets must be paid by 31st July 2025.

Report for Mid-Week Run Wednesday 11th June to Stoney's Club, Bacchus Marsh

Members came together at the Cambridge Reserve Club Rooms for a warm drink, courtesy of Wayne, before Les shared the plans he and Lorraine had for us.

Les and Lorraine's prayers to the weather gods for sunny skies were answered, giving us a perfect day for a countryside cruise.

We welcomed two new members, Paul and Linda Jobson, to their first Mid-Week Run. We all hope you had fun soaking in the relaxed feel of the run!

Sadly, this was the day when major traffic issues hit the Princes Freeway, causing chaos on many roads through Werribee, as cars were rerouted off the freeway and onto our local roads. Some folks found themselves stuck in traffic, with what usually takes a 10-minute drive from home to the club rooms stretching to nearly an hour, but we were all excited to hit the road and eventually made it.

After tidying up, we left the Club rooms, with Les steering the convoy through the local streets until we reached Ballan Road.

The tour then took us to the new Mt Mary Road leading to the township of Eynesbury. From there, it was a quick drive to the Melton Reservoir Carpark to check the water levels, which were quite low.

Next, we cruised along back roads towards Bacchus Marsh, passing through housing estates that seemed endless, which not long ago were just open fields. They say progress is good, but it makes you think.

Eventually, we all arrived safely at Stoney's Club, where Les had arranged lunch for us. We tried to recall the last time we visited this Club and figured it was about 7 years ago.

Everyone enjoyed lunch, and the lively chatter around the tables kept us entertained for a few hours, with all of us making it home safely by around 4pm.

BREAKFAST MORNING

On Sunday, 6 June it was a wet but sunny morning but 18 members took the opportunity to go for breakfast down at Wyndham Harbour at By the bay coffee and bar. We slowly all arrived and the last what I thought was the last two people. Ronnie and Connie just drove past the window like they didn't have a care in the world. Where's your car? Ronnie? I walked haha he said. Daniel was giving him a tough time but then comes in Werner. Daniel had to eat some words not just his breakfast. Hamburger the food was great. The food was hot. Fast service you couldn't ask for anything better on a nice cold morning down down at Wyndham Harbour we all left by 10.30 to 11 great conversations were had you could even say it was perfect.

Daniel Smith

Fortune favours the brave…….CSM June 29th.

You had to be keen to run the gauntlet of a rainy forecast on the last Sunday in June, but we still had a good crowd of members and visitors at Cherry Street. Defying the forecast, the rain eased at around 8:30am, but by then the gear was in place and a few stalwarts were arriving.

The set-up crew were keen and on site when the Rodeo truck arrived, after collecting the rolls at Bakers Delight. (Those crew persons paged, voted to spend a little more for better quality rolls). The set-up crew were enjoying the challenge with a bit of skylarking and an early cuppa, maybe it's the best part of the day? Anyone can join the crew, just arrive around 8:00am at Cherry Street on the last Sunday each month.

Some interesting machines as presented: After bringing their Bentley in May, Alasdair and Branko brought a Porsche 911, an early and very collectable jigger. Ashley Duggan and Co showed a 1998 Westfield in maroon duco. This not-often seen little roadster (think Elfin?) is assembled from a kit and includes a Toyota power plant. Jake and Les Sykes arrived in a couple of Ford rods, a '28 A Model roadster, and a '32 B Model Tudor. The A Model features the nicer B Model grille and is powered by a 351 Cleveland. The Tudor went feral and hosts a 350 Chev donkey.

Phil "Bobcat" Darburn has re-located back to the Western Suburbs after tiring of life in the bush. His lengthy '72 Cadillac is now his only club car. On the subject of big yank tanks, Colin Skerry showed his '57 Oldsmobile 88. Around this time the US manufacturers built many versions of each model; this example is a "Four Door Holiday" with a 371ci V8 and four-speed auto trans. Colin spent 4-5 years on the re-build. A '58 Dodge sedan in dramatic two tone black and white previously shown by Phil Sapurmas is now attached to L plates and driven by son James. Early arriver David Cossy brought along his Torana SLR 5000 and two daughters.

RVMYC members Gerry McHarg and Marco Sampaio had their own club Show-n-Shine in May, then were able to attend our June effort. Gerry has recently brought along his Morris Commercial 30cwt tray truck and his vintage tractor, but today we saw a WW11 Willys Jeep, which has been converted to RHD. Marco claims to own 19 collectible vehicles, today's example was a 2017 M/Benz AMG GT coupe. "Just squeeze in and press the starter button, then give it a squirt" advised Marco. The tacho promptly whizzed around to 8000 RPM. Libero Ferrare talked up his little multi-coloured Bedford van which is a wolf in sheep's clothing: under the engine cover rests a largish V8. (sorry no pic). He's actually working on another one.

Other member cars included Denis O'Brien's '64 Stude sedan, Braeden Harris' '73 Chev Nova, Mick Galea's GT Falcon, Prez Colin's '65 T Bird (ex-Bernie Spiteri), Rob Bradley's Triumph Stag and Shawn Van Roosmalen's VE Calais.

Once again a great team effort to stage the show: Rose, Connie G and Vicki on the coffee desk, Linda G, John Ryan and Alfie at the BBQ, and set-up crew of Colin P, Tony G, Alfie, Lindsay, Colin H, Phil D, Werner and Brian G. Thanks to the crew, visitors and members who braved the elements and enjoyed a good morning.

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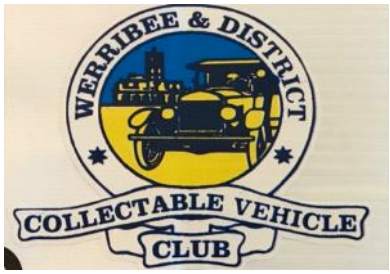

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