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CLUB DIRECTORY

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Established in 1980, catering for the following vehicles:

Dodge * Plymouth * De Soto * Chrysler * Imperial * Maxwell * Fargo * Graham Brothers * Valiant

Postal Address

PO Box 326, Modbury North SA 5092

Meetings

Meetings are held at the Combined Car Clubs (Triple C) Club rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January. Entry to club rooms is through the car park. Visitors and guests are welcome. Please bring supper to share.

Subscriptions

\$45.00 per annum from 1 July 2025 for single and family memberships, country and metropolitan regions.

ABN: 70 681 831 291

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INVITATION EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Wed 10th December 2025

No meeting January 2026

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

Friday 14th November – Sunday 16th November 2025 – Bendigo Swap Meet

Expressions of Interest – Simon 0413 881 499 or Shirley 0439 898 851

Sunday 30th November 30th – Rotary Park Christies Beach

Meet at 11.00am, walk to show your support to end violence in our community. No cost event to follow at Market Square next to Coles from 11.30am – cars and motorbikes display.

Saturday 6th December 2025 – Italian Motorcycle Show – Ducati Owners Club

Hart's Mill, Port Adelaide 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Bike Entry \$5.00 DOCSA members, non members \$10.00. Judging at 12, trophy presentation at 1.00pm. Bike displays, merchandise, food and coffee stalls all day. Gold

coin donation admission. Contact Andrew Simounds 0419406633

Saturday 16th May – Sunday 24th May 2026 – Federation Meet The Clubs Tour 2026 – Mid North Lower Flinders

Information on this is available on The Federation web-site www.fhmcsa.org.au – Accommodation information and how to book and details of the tour. Information available from Greg Lind - 0432 373901

Saturday October 17th – Sunday 18th 2026 – Renmark Red Mud Run

The Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club will be holding our next run in Renmark. Further information will be sent as it is available.

Registration forms will be available online May 2026 with a closing date of 31st July 2026. Please book your accommodation asap. This will be hold on the last weekend of rose week so there could be visitors still booked into some venues. Please check discoverrenmark.com.au

Entry Forms etc.

Club events co-ordinator Greg Lind has contact details and / or entry forms for other club's events.

Pre 1940 Chrysler Book - photos wanted

Matt Lack asked at Griffith Rally for help in finding photos and descriptions of Pre 1940 Chrysler vehicles. He is putting together a second book for these vehicles.

Matt would like Photos, description and owners

names where possible.

Matt Lack

Dubbo NSW

0428 827 287

email: mattlack@hotmail.com

New Members

Hilton & Elizabeth Trigg Port Lincoln
1972 Valiant Charger Coupe

Life Members

Year	Name	Member #	2020	2021	2022	2023
			Jim Dawson († 8/8/25)			1705
1990	Norma Schopp († 13/1/24)	57		Kevin Williams		451
2000	Judy Hart	244		Lindsay Gibb		1294
2003	Ross Bryant († 30/4/18)	121		Brenton Hamilton († 16/11/23)		602
2006	Richard Hart	243		Neill Wormald		552
2010	Richard Tapp	545		Bob Haywood		807
2015	Chris Howes	90		Brenton & Sharon Gibb		1293/1692
2017	Alan Driver	324		Greg & Ann Lind		1338/1527
2020	Trevor & Lorraine Beythien	1030/1031				

Cover Photos

Allan & Sandy Martin's 1929 Desoto K roadster

Front photographed by Richard Tapp at Oaklands Park January 2025

Rear photographed by Richard Tapp at McLaren Vale October 2019

CLUB EVENTS

Night – Fish N Chip Run

Saturday 15th November 2025

Meet at CCC Clubrooms at 5.00pm for 5.30pm departure. There will be a sheet available from the September general meeting with a menu included.

Write your order on an envelope with your name and seal with correct money inside. Orders must be in by November 12th general meeting at the latest. BYO table and chairs.

Greg Lind
0432 373 901

Christmas General Meeting

Wed. 10th December 2025

The December general meeting is our final meeting of the year and is more of a social Christmas themed occasion, with a short meeting followed by an evening of festive celebrations.

With that in mind if attending members would like to assist by liaising with our catering coordinator Lorraine Beythien as to what to bring along to share for supper, it would be greatly appreciated.

Also, any donations to the Dodgy raffle would also be appreciated. First prize again will be a Christmas Ham, so good luck to all. Hope to see you there.

Brett Newley
President

Xmas Lunch at Seven 22

Sunday 14th December 2025

Meet at Seven22, (formerly Eagles Tavern) 722 Port Road, Beverley at 11.30am to be seated by 12.00pm for lunch to celebrate the festive season.

Cost is \$25.00pp for a main meal served with side salad. Bookings

are essential. An attendance sheet will be available at upcoming November/December meetings. \$10.00pp deposit is required to secure your booking, which will be refunded on the day. If not attending the meeting, please contact us by phone or email

bsgibb22@gmail.com to confirm your attendance and arrange payment by EFT.

There is a limit of 60 people. For more information contact:

Brenton and Sharon Gibb
08 8263 2908

Norma Schopp Memorial President's Breakfast Run

Sunday 11th January 2026

Meet at the CCC Clubrooms

7.30am for an 8.00am departure. BYO food, drinks, chairs, etc.

Brett Newley
0402 833 281

Breakfast Run to seaside location

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Our beach breakfast run is not quite at the beach, this year we will be visiting The Lakes Resort Hotel, Knots Kitchen, 141 Brebner Drive, West Lakes

overlooking the picturesque views. We will not be meeting at the clubrooms, this time we will go direct to the hotel. The meeting time at the hotel will be 8.30am. A run sheet with menu will be circulated at the upcoming

meetings. They have requested once we are seated to place our orders promptly so we receive our meals on time.

Greg and Ann Lind
0432 373 901

All Chrysler Day

Details to follow. An attendance sheet will be circulated at the

February General Meeting.

Brenton Gibb
08 8263 2908

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Hi All and welcome to the November / December issue of the Chrysler Collector. Sadly again I need to inform the club of another member passing, Pauline Milton. Pauline passed away on Saturday 18th October. Condolences to her husband John and all of their family, she will be sadly missed. At the time of this article being written, no details of her funeral are available.

September's run was a little different this year, the Arthur Clisby Memorial invitation run saw a few members participate but unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate that day. It was reported that numbers were down on the usual attendance. Attendees did report that it was a pleasant drive through the hills to the Macclesfield oval for lunch and the usual car talk.

(See page 14 for the President's National Rally report. Editor.)

October had no club run organised also but Motor-fest was in full swing, with the main event being The Bay To Birdwood on the 19th of October. It was a warmer than normal Bay to Birdwood this year. There were a lot of vehicles at the start, definitely close to the 1500 expected. I spotted plenty of CRCSA vehicles and eventually found their owners amongst the crowds. The Newley's had two entries again this year, Dad and John O'Daniel were in the 1936 Chrysler and Mum came with me in my Charger. The run was good with many spectators lining the streets to watch the procession. Once we got to Tea Tree Gully the procession slowed down to a crawl and this is where the warm day became a factor as the older vehicles began pulling off to cool down. Once the hills were climbed and the cars started moving again, the temp gauges also started to fall. Luckily the old Chrysler and Charger didn't have too many issues and we were soon in Birdwood. We decided not to go into the Museum this year, so we collected our plaques and returned to Adelaide. As always it's a fantastic day out in the car and I encourage anyone who hasn't done it before to please enter and come along next year.

Looking ahead, November will be a Fish and Chip run on Saturday 15th of November, please see the magazine for more details and please get

your envelope in with money as soon as possible. December's Meeting will as always be our Christmas meeting with a short meeting and festive celebrations. There is also a chance you could take home the grand prize of the Christmas Ham, so please bring along something to share and come along and have a good time.

December's run is also our Christmas Lunch so please come along and bring the old car to Seven22, Port Rd Beverly for our Christmas Celebration. More details to follow and will be in this month's magazine, so please get your name on the list.

January will be our first Norma Schopp memorial Presidents Breakfast run; it's also a mystery run so please BYO food and chairs departing the club rooms at 7 30am, so please come along. That's probably enough from me for now, with the weather starting to warm up, we have lots of great trips and events coming up so hope to see you on the road.

Brett Newley



A couple of National Rally winners. Ed.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Geoffrey John Chase

With the recent passing of Geoff, the Chrysler community has lost one of the brand's best ambassadors, having owned or repaired, restored, rebuilt many models.

Geoff started working life as a house painter with his father, then a milk vendor with wife Cynthia, a brief working holiday in New Zealand, then settling down again into Colonel Light Gardens.

My friendship with Geoff began in 1962 with the arrival of the R Series Valiant. He soon fell in love with the brand, owning several "R"s then "S" models. With other enthusiasts, they formed the R&S Series Valiant Car Club of SA. He was the inaugural President along with other positions to follow.

Geoff organised the first All Chrysler Day in Adelaide, followed by another with great success. That was in early 1980's.

Memberships in many clubs were: Sporting Car Club of SA (Life Member), R&S Series Valiant Clubs of SA, Victoria, NSW & WA, Racing Drivers Association of SA, Theatre Organ Society SA and The Chrysler Restorers Club of SA.

The Sporting Car Club provided him with the Autocross or also known

as Mudplugging. He competed in the Ex Clem Smith Valiant Special. The Racing Drivers Association involved speed cars and sprint cars.

Later in life he specialised in aluminium and stainless steel repairs and polishing. His work was unsurpassed, producing excellent results. His services were sought after Australia wide.

Both Geoff and Cynthia travelled extensively to just about every swap meet around Australia, with countless trips to Chryslers on the Murray and regular trips to WA, towing their caravan with the trusty white "R" Series.

Geoff was a quiet and unassuming man, not offering much knowledge he had in general conversation, but if asked he would gladly provide information. All his vehicles were restored to a high standard and all period correct.



Ross, Geoff, Garry, Cynthia and Allan

Cynthia now resides in a nursing home and is well cared for. Dodge the galah is living with a family member, and will miss the many trips around Australia.

This article is just a small insight to Geoff's life but the trips, swaps and rallies we attended will not be forgotten.

RIP Geoff

Allan Pike

Federation "Meet the Clubs" Tour 2026

Saturday 16 May - Sunday 24th May 2026

The launch of the 2026 Federation Run will be held at the CCC Club rooms on

November 22nd at 12:00 for all those participating.

Information and official registration will be available at this meeting. Please continue to

monitor the FHMCSA web site as new information is becoming available from time to time.

Greg Newley
0434 175 800

From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg Lind, Sharon Gibb, Brett Newley, Ann Lind, Jim Dawson, Neill Wormald, Greg Newley, Kevin Williams, Denise Newley, Michael Wright and Trevor and Lorraine Beythien.

Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Sharon and Brenton Gibb plus Ann and Greg Lind,

Please submit articles and entries to the magazine as early as possible but no later than the Friday date shown on page 3.

SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

	Oct '25	Sep '25	Oct '24	Oct '15
Sessions	193	156	64	471
Users	156	105	64	n.a.
Page views	353	250	136	3,917
Flickr views	1.79 million	1.77 million	1.68.million	n.a.
Flickr # photos	25,467	25,467	25,114	n.a.
Facebook mbrs	2,158	2,156	2,128	n.a.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 10 September 2025

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Abridged minutes of the meeting held 10 September 2025 - commenced at 7:34pm

Emergency Wardens

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book.

New Members & Visitors

None.

Sick List

None advised

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Jeff Knowles, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence

In: 10/7/25 – CCC Regarding Marion Community Grants and Youth Grants – Applications close 4/8/25; 14/7/25 – R Tapp re \$244.00 tax payment; 11/8/25 – CCC General Meeting; 16/8/25 – Federations of Historic Motoring Clubs General Meeting and changes to constitution; 3/9/25 – Australia Post Statement

Out:

Various emails sent to committee members; Emails distributed to runs co-ordinator

Moved by Ann Lind seconded Greg Lind, carried.

Treasurer's Report

August 2025 Income \$233, expenses \$832, deficit \$599. YTD surplus \$6,900. Members funds \$47,574. Moved Richard Tapp, seconded Sharon Gibb, carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Greg spoke re future events.

Editor: Send in articles for the magazine. Need a new interviewer for Living Histories.

Public Relations: John advised clothing is on page 2 and badges and transfers on page 19 of the magazine.

Records: Sharon was absent, but Brenton confirmed all going well.

Librarian: Bob advised all quiet in the library.

Tech Rep: Brett advised that he would take on the role of Tech rep.

HVR: Jeff advised he had processed 3 new log books and assessed 5 cars.

Triple C: Vince advised meeting is next month.

FHMC: Greg spoke about FHMC constitution, Motorfest, logbooks, FHMCSA funds and 2026 Federation Tour.

Past Events

John Goddard and Garry Williams spoke about Drive Your Old Car Day. Brett Newley congratulated Brenton and Sharon Gibb on the organisation of the presentation Lunch, congratulated award winners and

thanked members for voting him Club Person of the Year. Greg Newley also spoke about this event.

General Business

Brett Newley announced Craig Schopp had taken on the Director's position for the 2028 National Rally. Brett thanked Craig for taking on this position and looked forward to working with him and committee members in the future.

Brett also advised meeting that John Goddard was organising the updating of our honour board. Brenton Gibb spoke on Geoff Chase's funeral held at Centennial Park, a number of Geoff's cars were on display with Grant Zippel as MC. All levels in the room were full. A video link to the service is available on our Facebook page.

Dorothy and Kon Karagiannis advised meeting of the birth of their second grandson.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks. Brett summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm followed by supper.

Treasurer's Report

Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc

Income and expense

Income	Sep Oct 2025	Oct 2025 YTD	Oct 2024 YTD
Subscriptions	45	8,770	7,200
Grant earned	-	-	-
Raffle proceeds	25	195	1,000
Sales	-	15	-
Interest	2	16	-
Donations	-	-	-
Sundry	-	-	-
Total income	\$ 72	\$ 8,996	\$ 7,400
Expenses			
Magazine	705	1,385	1,300
Postage and stationery	190	416	400
Functions	39	144	1,000
Function subsidies	-	520	1,200
Cost of sales	-	-	-
Insurance	332	544	1,000
Depreciation	103	206	-
CCC	-	175	1,000
Update honour boards	186	186	-
Income tax expense	-	4	-
Sundry	-	-	400
Total expenses	\$ 1,556	\$ 3,580	\$ 3,900
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ -1,483	\$ 5,417	\$ 3,500
Brought forward		40,674	42,400
Members funds		\$ 46,091	\$ 45,900

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 8 October 2025

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.
Abridged minutes of the meeting held 8 October 2025 – commenced at 7:33pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book.

New Members & Visitors

John and Dena Dechellis

Sick List

N Wormald, D Newley, H Tapp

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by John Goddard seconded Jeff Knowles, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Correspondence

Ann Lind was absent.

In: Not available

Out: Not available

Treasurer's Report

Richard Tapp was absent but had sent a report which was read by Brett Newley. September 2025 Income \$72, expenses \$1,118, deficit \$1,046. YTD surplus \$5,854. Members funds \$46,528. Moved Brett Newley, seconded G Williams, carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Greg spoke re future events.

Editor: Absent. Brett said to send in articles.

Public Relations: John advised clothing is on page 2 and badges and transfers on page 19 of the magazine.

Records: Sharon was absent

Librarian: Bob advised that the library was quiet but to ask for assistance.

Tech Rep: Brett advised nothing to report.

HVR: Had a few enquiries and questions.

Triple C: Vince advised meeting postponed because of Public Holiday

FHMC: Meeting scheduled for 18/10/25.

Past Events

Vince Isola reported on Arthur Clisby Memorial Run. Mention was made of 2025 Drive Your Old Car Day. Brett Newley, Greg Newley, Kevin Williams and Lorraine Beythien spoke about the National Rally in Griffith. Bruce Bragg was identified as a candidate for the 2025/26 Disaster Award. It was noted that Kevin Williams had issues with the car that he had borrowed.

Brett Newley spoke on the 2028 national Rally - to be held at Mt Gambier.

C Howes spoke on Sunbeam Nationals and the help he got from Bill Ellis and a Victor Harbor club member to repair a NSW Tiger. Point made about advantages of being members of car clubs.

General Business

Brett Newley thanked John Goddard for organising the honour board update.

Brett also asked members to wear club clothing.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Brett Newley summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 8:31pm followed by supper.

Report Sep-Oct 2025

Balance sheet

	Assets	31-Oct-25	31-Oct-24
05	Cash on hand	261	189
	Westpac Community Solutions	6,742	6,417
15	Westpac Cash Reserve	12,080	11,978
90	Westpac term deposits	23,178	22,641
55	Commonwealth Bank	394	324
	Prepaid insurance	111	-
	Computer 2023 (Cost 4,451)	3,166	3,991
65	Club plates B55-B99 \$5 each	135	135
	Touring badges \$12 each	120	120
67	Tools (cost \$7,590.66)	200	200
49	Calendars	-	-
08	Total Assets	\$ 46,387	\$ 45,994
30	Liabilities	-	-
20	Prepaid subscriptions	-	-
	Grant - unearned, repayable	-	-
75	Accounts payable	-	-
	Income tax payable	296	-
	Prepaid deposits	-	-
62	Total Liabilities	\$ 296	\$ -
21	Members funds	\$ 46,091	\$ 45,994
44			
51			
94			

LIVING HISTORIES

Neill Wormald

Interviewer: Jim Dawson (INT)

Interviewee: Neill Wormald (N W)

Date: 28 May 2025

Continued from previous issue

N W: A lot of those people aren't here now I'm afraid. Chris is still here, Dick, Graham (who's a little way away), Noel was a little bit later on, but Noel's been around a while.

INT: Yes.

N W: We even used to even go out for dinner. It's not to do with the club. We'd meet a bit and, you know, help each other out with parts etc. I had trouble with my Chrysler Royal power steering pump. It blew up and they couldn't repair it. They took it to bits and it had it. So I rang up Chris and he said to come down, I've got 3 or 4 here. They were different from mine, but that's what's in there now.

INT: It's wonderful. Now, just between you and me, no one else will know anything about this. How did the girls all get on?

N W: Very good!

INT: Oh, well that's not what I was hoping for!

N W: They were all part of it. I'm not talking about them and perhaps I should. They would do different things. One time we were up at Meningie. It was Richard Frith's birthday, I think a fairly important one, so Joan bakes a cake and takes some icing and stuff down there with her. I think we went into Roy and Norma Schopp's motorhome, because she had a better kitchen than we had. I don't know what we were in, probably the teardrop or something. (We haven't talked about them yet either, the caravan part of it ...) So we iced it. And because we had the big tent up there, we presented him with the cake for his birthday.

I also did a trip to Mungeranie. A lot of nonsense went on there then we had a dunces cap. I'm afraid I got it one day for something. I've also had the disaster award or

whatever they call it. I got that once the motor blew up.

INT: Oh, the Richard Tapp Award you mean?

N W: Dick was driving, not me.

INT: Well, that's just rude. They should have given it to Dick.

N W: I think that's what it was for. I might be wrong, but shit happened now and again, you know.

INT: To motor cars ...

N W: As I was leaving in the old car on the first Rally that I did, I had a elderly neighbour who was a retired auto electrician, in his 90s. "Oh, I don't know about you going away in this sun". I said "Look, if you see this come back on a trailer, just get him to pop it in your yard with you and I'll come back in the hire car". Or I would come back in someone's car - it wasn't an issue. If you're gonna worry about that, you would go anywhere. We went up to Mungeranie, up the dirt roads to the cattle drive one year. And camping. Now caravans are another thing.

INT: Tell me about the teardrops.

N W: Well, Graham Bailey had one I can show you a photo somewhere of that. And he had bought another one and he said he liked the shape of this other one. And I said, well, will you sell it to me? I think he might have given it to me. I don't know. So I ended up with his old one. He'd already started to do bits and pieces on it. And I said this one will do me it was a bit, you know, and he said, well, I want to build this one, but I don't want any of that. I want to completely build it from scratch and then we've done them up in my workshop.

INT: Yeah.

N W: So we started right from scratch. I had sort of a pattern had a huge big piece of wood which had all little holes in it where we could glue all the side frames together. You know, we had it all worked out, how we could make Graham's new one. So we had both going at the same time, repaired mine,



building Graham's. We had to make a new back tail for mine. We left the same floor in it. I don't know if that was a good idea; my knees nearly went through it a couple of times. Had to glue something up underneath. It was a bit ordinary, but we finished them both and put a thin layer of fibreglass. Dick was a bit to do with that; he helped us with that as well. And then we painted them. I think Dick sprayed mine. I don't know if he sprayed Graham's or not. Graham's was a bit different. He had a little table that pulled out and it was a bit fancier than mine. Little cupboards inside and everything. So we both ended up with a teardrop, Dick also had a teardrop.

When we went up to Alice Springs for the 25th anniversary of the Trucking Transport Hall of Fame, a lot of the club went; it was a big run. Got a lot of photos of that here. Dick had the Palace. And we had a whole lot of little teardrops following him. That was an excellent run. All the way up we had competitions. They would stop you and you know you're just silly things like, what's the conference around your wheel? And you'd have to guess it and you'd put a chalk line, and drive forward to measure up. A lot of them were wooden wheelers; a few modern ones.

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I think another one was we had to stand there and throw something , in the direction we thought was north. Some of them had no idea. And he had lots of stuff. And I think he had the Dunce's hat then, too. I don't know if I got it that trip or not. Probably did. I don't know.

INT: Sounds like a great deal of fun.

N W: In the old magazines we used to have a bit of a dunce's page, where you would do in your mate if he couldn't start his car, but he'd forgotten to switch it on or something.

INT: Richard, would probably win that one too.

N W: So I'm glad Richard's gonna hear this. Now I thought of another one and then I forgot. That was a good that as I said, to Alice Springs and back. We stayed in the Showgrounds up there. We went across to the toilet and someone had pinched all the doors. So you have to keep watch while your wife had a shower, you know? But that was good.

They had a big parade up there on one of the days. My brother was

working up there too. I met him and in the parade they're all singing out. There's four of us in the car and they are giving us crap: "You're all getting in that little caravan?". You can imagine the mob up there. I believe the town went from a couple of thousand or something like ten thousand.

N W: Now I thought of another trip. We also went to a rally in Tasmania.

INT: I remember the Beythiens telling me about this.

N W: We drove over to Victoria and put our cars on the ferry and went across to Tasmania. We didn't have far to go from where the ship landed to the caravan park. Ulverstone I think it was that we stayed. We didn't stay in the camp with a lot of them. We went up to the caravan park because you weren't allowed to drink in the camp because it was a religious camp. There was four of us in these different cabins. We shared one with Malcolm and Gail Dubois. That was good. I got some classic video of it. Allan Martin being a bit rude, if you could imagine, with his chook.

INT: No, I couldn't imagine that of Allan!

N W: They pinched Allan's chook, and when he got it back, it had plasters all over its legs from where it had been fighting. And anyway it's another story. They took us to some fantastic places over there.

INT: It's a great place.

N W: They really worked the cars out, the hills you know, crawling up in bottom gears and especially the old wooden wheelers. We went off afterwards and did a bit of other touring. I was in the DeSoto and Malcolm Dubois took my 26 Chrysler. The rally took us to where people had private collections and of cars and all sorts. You might have heard a bit from the Beythiens. We also went to Beaconsfield, where the mine accident happened; of course we were before that. I've got video of Trevor Beythien making out he's blacksmithing in the blacksmith shop. Oh, you would never guess what they had in in the band over there. A guy playing the saw. Only would happen in Tasmania.

INT: So if you had to sum up your



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life with the Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, what would you say?

N W: Probably would have been a bit boring without it. It has been a very big part of my life. You're not rid of me yet. I'm still around.

INT: Well, I have to say, not one of my ~~victims suspects~~ interviewees, has left us. So the living histories remain living, every single one of them. I've not done anyone in yet, so you can be proud of that, yeah. Not the kiss of death. Talking to me - the kiss of life.

N W: I think quite a lot about some of the members, even though I don't see them much now. It's like holidaying with someone.

INT: The shared experience is greater than the solo experience.

N W: Yes. Going over to Wollongong for the National Rally, Norma Hamilton travelled half the way with me, knitting. Joan and I used to dress up in our costumes at all our dinners. I'd have the white hat and a stripy suit and a white scarf. Norma Hamilton knitted that scarf for me. It was very interesting when you had all 20s stuff.

INT: Yeah.

N W: Like it was a bit different. I think we've come to another era. I don't know whether there's been quite such a change from the 60s, 70s or 80s to now as it was.

INT: That's right. It hasn't been the same change. There hasn't been the wonderful costumes and that that the girls used to get around in in the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s even. It just hasn't been the same.

N W: We really did, I think a lot of us, put some effort in.

INT: Effort in, effect out.

N W: And you know, it was really good. We'd have our Father Christmas thing in the park. And there was always seven or eight couples that would stay back, especially when we had the big tent, we'd have to fold that down and pack that away. You might have

had to have three people take that, because we didn't have big boots. Bags would come out and then people would walk all the way around, pick all the rubbish up and we'd leave the site clean and spotless. There always seem to be a lot of help.

Some of the rallies were with David and Shirley Crichton as well. We shared accommodation with them quite a bit on our rallies too. We'd share cabins because we got on extremely well with them.

INT: Oh, that's a wonderful thing.

N W: I believe Shirley's living up at Clare now. You know, a retirement village or something. We must try to make an effort to go up and see her. And I still see Pat Hincks, she comes to some of the events. She's in her 90s. She told me once that she reckons that having a workshop was good for Ron.

INT: Yes, that rings true.

N W: He was busy. He'd go home and be making a nut or a bolt or something on his lathe for me or he'd be making up some little box so we could get something cast. I didn't have any badges for the radiator or anything. The 8 cylinder DeSoto had an 8 on the radiator, but we didn't have one. We only had photos. Ron made a wooden pattern and got it cast and cleaned it all up

and got it chromed - lots of things. I could go around and point out all the things that were made, you know.

INT: Perfect, eh!

N W: He even made me a part for the cylinder head of the straight 8. he even made me, you know, the. On the straight 8, this part was different from the other engines. Any old ones were all chewed out. Something that you weren't gonna get anywhere. Ron got 2 or 3 of them cast up while he was making one for me.

INT: Fantastic. Neill, it's been an absolute pleasure to hear you talking so freely about the good times, with good friends, good mates, building cars and then out enjoying them, which is what it's all about. So I want to thank you so much for hosting me here today, in your beautiful home.

N W: That's all right.

INT: It's been an absolute pleasure and we'll spend some time now going through some photos, to give Richard some more work to do because I like to keep him busy.

This was Jim Dawson's final "Living History" interview.

Editor



MOPAR MECHANIC

NEVER LIFT THE BONNET!

THE NEVER ENDING STORY CONTINUES - NEVER LIFT THE BONNET!

Problem 1

It started with frayed stitching on the front seat but after procrastinating for ages I decided to go to the motor trimmer. He had a vinyl which was close enough for me.

Problem 2

While I had the front out I foolishly mentioned to Brett that the car seemed to be making a noise from the gearbox when the car was in neutral. When you put your foot on the clutch it went away. I had noticed it at the National Rally in Warrnambool in 2013 and now that it was getting louder, he insisted it was investigated before Griffith. I knew that would be the answer. Now I had to find someone who could help me and had some idea about my unusual overdrive gear box which has an all in one casing.

At the Federation meeting I met up with a bloke I had known for 40 years. Brian Davey was a mechanic. He wanted to know if I knew of a panel beater to work on his FJ Holden. I put him on to Scott Maywald, who is an excellent mobile panel/coach builder. Later down the track Brian, very pleased with the panel beating, needed to find a painter.

Problem 3

I gave it some thought. Since Scott had done all the preparation and I only needed to top coat it. I said that I would spray it. The problem was that Brian lives on the other side of the planet and I had about an hour to travel there each time. However we were pleased with the outcome and he foolishly offered to help me whenever I needed help.

Solution? I had not intended to ask him but he did offer. He admitted that he knew nothing about 1936 Chrysler gearboxes but he had dealt

with Buicks so it couldn't be that hard. Brett and I took the floor out of the car and pulled the gearbox out.

Problem 4

Finding the parts. Thanks to the living legend Dick Hart, he was able to get the bearings for me and Brian trekked across town, pulled it to bits and put in the new parts. Job done!

Problem 5

As he was leaving he suggested while the gear box was out it would be a good time to check the clutch. So Brett got to pull the clutch plate out and off I went to Edwardstown Clutch and Brake which has also moved to the back of beyond. I went to school with the owner and he said there was nothing to see here and no charge and it was looking like problem solved!

I let Brett put it all back together and there were very few expletives used. The floor and seat dropped in smoothly and the test drive went well. The car performed like a well oiled machine. The gear box changed into over drive at 45mph.

Problem 6

There were some engine missing problems so I changed the points and plugs and found that the vacuum advance wasn't working properly so guess who gave me one - Dick Hart of course. Problem solved. The car is now ready for Griffith.

Problem 7

The spare tyres are both about 35 years old and one has a split in it so I was off to buy a 600 by 16 spare tyre. I think these tyre must be gold plated, the cost was eye watering. Next I decided that I had better service the motor. An easy job. I greased anything that had a nipple and filled anything that had an oil hole. I took it for a test run and checked the gap in the points and found one had closed and reset it. All done.

Problem 8

Brett said that I needed to solve the knock I had been hearing in the back end for a while. He insisted that I needed new rear shockers. Another job for Brett. Noise gone but he said we needed to check the front. I couldn't find them but got some friendly advice from Trevor Beythien. Although he did call me something not very complimentary, he described them for me so we filled them with oil. I also oiled the steering box. Again we took it for a test drive and it seemed to run smoother and steer easier. Now I am ready for Griffith. No, but wait.

Problem 9

The minister for doom and gloom - Brett - said that the battery is cranking over too slow, I think that you need a new battery. I studied 6 volt batteries online and the guru advised that when the cranking dropped to 4.2 and below 5 it was on the way out. So a new battery had to be found. Again they must be gold plated! Ready to go now.

Problem 10

There was an exhaust leak at the join where the exhaust pipe and the manifold meet. So new gaskets and gasket goo were purchased. I must be ready to go to Griffith.

Problem 11

The windscreen wipers are useless. Luckily we don't get much rain in SA but I need to be prepared. Using multigrips and WD40 on the 2 motors I then replaced the wiper blades.

I am banned from lifting the bonnet again.

I am ready and looking forward to Griffith. Thanks to Brett, Brian, Chris, Kevin, Trevor and Dick for their advice and encouragement.

Oh I am working on solving my accelerator pedal problem.

Greg Newley

(This was submitted for the last issue, before the National Rally, but I ran out of room in that magazine. Ed.)

PAST EVENTS

2025 National Rally Griffiths NSW (ctd)

28 Sep - 4 Oct 2025

September saw the 17th National Chrysler Rally held in Griffith NSW, which saw a good group of South Aussies make the two day trip over to NSW to tour around Griffith with our Victorian and New South Wales fellow enthusiasts. It was a great week long event that saw us tour around to some of the region's places of interest, as well as catch up with long-time friends of the Chrysler community.

Some of the interesting locations we attended were, the Whitton Malt house with a tour of the Southern Cotton Facilities, De Bortoli Wines, The Pioneer Park Museum, Coleambally Lions Park and township and the Yanco Powerhouse Museum. The Saturday show and shine was held at De Bortoli wines and saw the car park filled with all sorts of Chrysler vehicles. Some of the local car clubs in the area also attended and brought their cars to show on the day as a thankyou for helping out and assisting throughout the tour.

The Saturday night presentation was held at LaScala Function Centre, which saw the organisation of buses collecting attendees from their accommodation. I thought that was a brilliant idea, people could relax and have a few drinks without driving home afterwards. I have to say South Australia did very well with the silverware on the night taking home 4 main awards and the big prize at the end. Greg Newley won Best Pre 1940's, with his 1936 C8 Chrysler. John Hunter won Best 1961-1971 for his Valiant R series, as well in the same category Stephen O'Donnell won Runner up 1961-1971 for his Valiant AP6. Brenton

Gibb won Best 1971-1980s with his VH Valiant Charger Coupe, and somehow I managed to win, Car of the 17th National Rally with my 1978 Valiant Panelvan. Congratulations to all the winners on the night, I think we have done SA proud.

At the end of the night there wasn't much left to do but hand over the banner to us and announce where the 18th National Chrysler Rally will be held. Lucky me, I was the one who got the privilege of getting up and talking in front of all those people and their eyes to announce the destination. After some bad jokes, a nervous, shaky voice announced that the 18th National Rally will be held in Mount Gambier, South Australia 2028.

Big thank you again to Diana Chegvidden and the entire CRCA (NSW) for hosting a fantastic event, and thank you to all the SA entrants who attended, I believe we all had a great time and we now have the task of preparing for Mt Gambier 2028. Before I move on I would also like to thank Richard Tapp who has created a video for the 2028 Rally and has linked it to our Chrysler Restores of SA website. Richard was unable to attend the Rally in Griffith and we were unable to show the video on the night, but it is excellent and deserves its own recognition for himself and the late Jim Dawson. So please make your way over to the CRCSA website and check it out.

Brett Newley



Photo: Brett Newley

SA cars from the "new" end of the line, including 2 award winners.

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Photo: Kevin Williams

John and Chris Hunter's award winning R series



Photo: Denice Newley

Winners: Brenton Gibb, Brett Newley, Greg Newley and John Hunter

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Photo: Kevin Williams

Stephen & Helen O'Donnell's award winning AP6.



Photo: Kevin Williams

SA cars from the "old" end of the line, including Greg's award winner.



Photo: Michael Wright

Lorraine & Trevor Beythien - "On the road again 🎵"

PAST EVENTS

Bay to Birdwood and Federation Motorfest 2025

MOTORFEST

14 October 2025

Trevor and I only went on one Motorfest event this year as we had just returned from the National Rally in Griffith. This was 'A Scenic Run to find Dung'.

What a great run up through the Adelaide Hills via Belair, Aldgate, Stirling, Mt Barker, Bald Hills and Nairne to Kanmantoo.

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After the bus trip we got back into the cars and took a great back road trip through picturesque roads to Nairne Hotel for a great lunch

These Federation trips before and after the Bay to Birdwood never disappoint.

Thanks to the organisers the Federation of Motor Vehicles and the Adelaide Allmake Automobile Club

2025 BAY TO BIRDWOOD

19 October 2025

This year the cars were sent off in age groups, which we thought was better than all ages together.

There were a lot less of the 30s-40s cars than usual. But everyone travelled to Birdwood with ease - or at least we did.

The veteran and vintage left first and even though we didn't see too many breakdowns, I believe the RAA had a couple of their own.

We saw the R and S group in their usual spot on Greenhill Road

The weather was kind to us, overcast with a couple of very light sprinkles which dried almost instantly.

We took our grand daughters, who are now early twenties and daughter along. The last time they came was when they were

2 and 3 and we won best dressed family (See photo - Ed). No dressing up this time though.

It was great to catch up with several people we have met over the years and to see so many dressed for the occasion.

We also liked that they had separate parking sections for different ages of the vehicles.

There were 11 Chrysler Restorers entered for the day.

Lorraine and Trevor Beythien



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