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## Presidents Report

Here we are at the start of a new year – let's make it a happy and safe one.

By all accounts our Christmas lunch was a success with 108 in attendance and Rod's Christmas trees were a big hit. (Full report by Sharon Auld). I have tentatively booked Christmas '26 for Sunday 13th December and requested more space between seating. Thus we may be relocated to the upstairs room which holds 200 plus or downstairs once renovations are completed to the room we were in.

2025 saw a lot of Club activities – monthly Thursday runs by Cheryl Nott and Saturdays by Michael Gibson – a big thankyou to both of them.

We have 3 major events this year Australia Day, the Swap Meet and The Biggest Morning Tea which all need volunteers to run them. YOU can help by volunteering. This is an appeal from me for your help to make these Events a success. Lack of volunteers could see these Events cancelled and disappear for ever.

The barbeque trailer has been reshod with new tyres thanks to Ray Burrows. At the last working bee the wheel bearings were checked and greased. The barbeque was cleaned and detailed by the team of volunteers – thank you.

By all accounts Cheryl Nott's Christmas celebration on the 18th December was well attended and appreciated by those present. Unfortunately, Di and I had another engagement - a Christmas luncheon with friends I went to TAFE with in the 1990's. We have had a Christmas get together with them every year since then.

To members and their loved ones that are unwell I wish you a speedy recovery

Let's help our Club succeed in 2026 by joining runs, events, and attending other Clubs' invitations.

I say it every time – keep those wheels turning on our Classics.

Stay safe and well

Albert

PS. As we wrap up Australia Day I would like to extend my thanks to all of the volunteers from BVRC, the Morris Minor Car Club of Queensland and the Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland who helped make the day so successful. Our efforts at both the working bee and the day itself resulted in around 730 vehicles being displayed at Ormiston State School, which is our largest number yet. Our Special Events Committee really worked hard and delivered a record number of breakfasts.

So many of our team were approached by members of the public and thanked for putting on such a great day. Thanks for your tremendous efforts.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the Ormiston State School, cnr Gordon and Dundas Streets Ormiston at 7.30pm. Parking in Dundas Street.

Membership Renewals of \$30 are due 1 July each year.

Renewals can be paid into the club account, please use your club membership number for reference.

BVRC Bank Account Bank of Queensland BSB 124 025, Account Number 10404880. Or can be paid to the membership office at club meetings. Cash or Square.

## From the Editor

Wow, we are a busy and industrious club. I know I said that the last edition was a bumper issue. Well, I'm surprised to be here writing that this is up there too! There has been a lot going on in the last three months, as you will read within these pages. We have made a special effort (thanks Sharon Auld) to include Australia Day in this edition.

Special thanks must go to The Special Events Committee, all of the Volunteers from our club and the Chrysler and Morris Clubs for their efforts and a huge shout out to the photographers who attended and promoted our Australia Day event through their respective networks.

You may notice that a few of the new staples are not within these pages - I'm sorry, but there is just too much going on and so much to share that I ran out of room. They will be back next issue.

On behalf of the magazine team - we hope you enjoy it.

Loads of work has been going on in the background in preparation for one our flagship events, if you are feeling left out or have a case of FOMO (as the cool kids say) then don't dismay. The Swap Meet is coming up in March - the Special Events Committee would welcome your participation. It's never too late to step up, get involved and lend a hand.

On behalf of the magazine team - we hope you enjoy this issue.

*Cath*

## Say My Name

Just a reminder, next time you head off to a club get together, don't forget to wear your name badge. It's always helpful if you have your name on display - especially for new members.

Thank you.



## Vale

Sadly, with this issue we must share the passing of a number of valued club members. They will be greatly missed.

*Alan Courser*

*Arnold Eggins*

*Brian Thompson*

## New Members

Welcome to our new members, we look forward to seeing you on a run or at a club meeting soon.

Nate Fairman	1980 Jaguar XJS Coupe
Trevor Surplice	1970 MG Midget
Malcolm Weir	1964 S Type Jaguar
Carle & Joan Gregory	1965 Rover Sedan

If you see a new member at a club get together, make sure you say hi and make them feel welcome!

## Vale Arnold Eggins

Arnold Eggins joined the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club in January 2008, he was also a member of Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Car Club. On Monday 12th January 2026 members from both Clubs plus representatives from the Queensland Fire Department attended his Funeral Service at Trinity Uniting Church, Wellington Point.

Arnold was a valued and active member of BVRC attending meetings, outings and working at and attending many events.

Arnold and Avis displayed their 1955 Morris Minor Utility with a canvas back on, along with a map of Australia showing where they had travelled.

Arnold was married to Avis for 64 years and worked in the Queensland Fire Department for 30 years, retiring in 1996. Arnold enjoyed community group work including with Crossroads (disability fellowship, travel group), Circle of Men, Church meetings, U3A, Probus, NHW and Fund Raising for the Burns Unit.

At the conclusion of the funeral service at least 20 firefighters (past and present) formed a guard of honor with 2 fire trucks and vehicles from both clubs on display in front of the church.

Arnold served the community with Love, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be missed. By Cheryl Nott

## LAMA Invitational Event Gatton 11 & 12 Oct

We knew the temperature in Gatton over the weekend, would be mid to high 30's, so we packed accordingly.

There was already a full paddock of cars when we arrived at the Gatton Historical Village for morning tea.



After meeting and greeting old friends and partaking in a delicious morning tea, we were flagged off by the local member, for the pleasant drive to Ma Ma Creek. After visiting the markets, and making a few purchases, we arrived at the Ma Ma Creek State School for lunch. A park under the trees took priority and then a place to sit in the shade next. We were fortunate to find a shady tree. With a light breeze blowing, we enjoyed our hamburger for lunch with fruit & cake to follow. One of the students from Ma Ma Creek school helped me carry our lunch back to our chairs. His name is Calum and he loves Science and wants to be an astronaut when he grows up. Calum is in grade two and a delightful youngster.

The afternoon was free time, so we headed back to the motel for some air-conditioning. The countryside is very brown and dry so hopefully they have rain soon.

Dinner on Saturday night was at the Colonial Café which was a walk across the road for us. The theme was Country & Western, so we fitted in, wearing a check shirt. BVRC Club members took out a couple of prizes for the best dressed. The Morris Club won the prize for the most entrants, with 14 cars.

Everyone met up for a hearty breakfast at the Cahill Sports Complex and then drove to 9Dorf Farm complex where the family have been farming for five generations.



We were divided into three groups and boarded the school buses (another sideline for the farm) to see how their produce is grown. First the day-old chickens – they buy them in as day old chicks and at 1.8 kilo's prepare them for market. There is a refrigerated container where the birds are prepared and the meat frozen. They are sent to selected restaurants and apparently have a much better taste than normal chicken meat.

Next to the egg laying birds. What a relaxing life they lead. They roost at night in old caravans which are fitted with perches and during the day they roam free with 500 birds to a hectare, all the while being protected by a pack of Maremma dogs. The birds lay the eggs in a specially built trailer and are collected and sent to selected restaurants.

Next to the fish tanks. The tanks each hold 500 Barramundi or Murray Cod. The fingerlings are bought in and the fish are harvested once they are correct size and sent to specialised restaurants.

The farm also has a small herd of beef cattle and grows lucerne in a couple of paddocks. It is also a wedding venue with a large marque on top of a hill. All in all, a very boutique farm.

Next stop, lunch at the Tenthill Hotel, where we enjoyed another lovely meal. Time to head for home and we look forward to another tour in the Lockyer Valley next year.

*John & Ruth*



Pictures by Annetta Moses

## Club Social Evening 14 October

A lovely group of 23 people enjoyed each other's company and the great food at the Cleveland Sands Hotel, not to mention the amusing, wise-cracking waiter!

*Annetta Moses*



Pictures by Will Moses

## Midweek Club Run 16 October

The midweek run was most enjoyable this week. It was not a long run, but just around the Redlands and Wynnum Manly area. We started off as usual from the Showgrounds at 9.30 and drove through Ormiston and Birkdale over to Manly and along the Esplanade to Figtree Point Park on the waterfront at Lota. It was such a nice cool spot to stop for Morning Tea under the trees looking out into the bay. After much chatting and time to have a leisurely morning tea, it was time to pack up and head off to the lunch stop at the Wellington Point Recreation Reserve.

It never ceases to amaze me that Cheryl always manages to find new roads to travel to our destination. I have lived in the Redlands and Wynnum Manly area for most of my life and Cheryl always makes it interesting.

We arrived at Wellington Point at lunch time and settled under the trees and looking out at the bay again. Another nice place to set up for more chatting and lunch. It can be quite a popular area and sometimes it is even difficult to find a parking spot, but we were set up in an area away from the crowd. There is now a Lifeguard on the beach, however none of us were feeling like swimming across to the little island that you can walk out to at low tide. Thanks again to Cheryl for organising such a pleasant run. We all started to head for home after lunch before the afternoon crowds filled the roads.

*Pam Crooks*

## Saturday Short Run 25 October

The final Saturday short run of the year was well attended. As always with the final short run, we stayed at Cleveland Point to have a chat. Word it is that there was much discussion about cars! Thanks as always to Mike for organising this morning despite his absence.



Pictures by Will Moses

**Midweek Run 30 October**

This last week in October presented us with the 3rd run of the month, this time all in the Redlands.

8 vehicles, including a pair of rare MG Saloons, courtesy of Mike and Albert set off for "Tom's Park" along the foreshore just south of Weinam Creek where we found a pleasant cool spot under the trees.

Here I discovered you shouldn't buy your chairs from a clown shop.

Refraining from too much derision my fellow members offered me a more secure perch.

There are private swing moorings nearby where one boat owner chains his inflatable tender to a light pole. Lunch wasn't far away at Oyster Park Cleveland where we again relaxed by the Bay.

*John Gross*



Picture by John & Judy Gross

**Club Social Evening 18 November**

About 20 club members enjoyed dinner at Mates Restaurant at Wynnum. And yes, we DID talk to each other!

*Annetta Moses*



Pictures by Will & Annetta Moses

**Old and One of the last Holdens**

In November Club Member Cheryl Nott attended the Springwood Blue Care Open Day. Staff took the opportunity to photograph the one of oldest model Holden and one of the last produced Holdens side by side.



Picture by Rosalie Casey Bluecare

## Midweek Run 20 November

With another easy run ahead of us today a dozen cars front up at Cleveland for a trip to Bayside Park Manly (next to the Harbour) and then back to Ormiston.

With new member Malcolm's S - Type Jag and Will's brand-new GT Mustang on display I was surprised to see all the girls hanging around Mike's Fairlaine, until I realized he had been clever enough to park in the shade.



The lights and traffic were kind to us on the way and we were soon at morning tea under the shady shelter next to the playground. By this time a complement had grown to 24.

Here, along with her normal chatter our treasurer Ruth informed us of her plan to organize a boat trip from South Bank to "North Shore". Cost? 50 cents. Now the only North Shore I have heard of is on the Posh side of Sydney Harbour. Could be the cheapest cruise ever? But wise people say that "if it's too good to be true it probably is". Could this be a scam to separate me from my money?



It was now that our Editor Cathy, here today with Adrian in their immaculate Holden Station Wagon with genuine louvres around the back, informed me that while I hadn't been paying attention for a couple of decades, the Brisbane Cold Stores at Hamilton Wharf, along with the biggest and furriest freezer rats had disappeared along with the cruise terminal, to be replaced by a party precinct and public leisure area called "North Shore". The golf club is still there at least some things are still sacred.

With that settled we were off to the other Raby Bay Park on the Ormiston side. Here we were regaled with tales by Gary and Pam Crooks of their "early days" living right here. Apparently, the peace and quiet of the seaside were interrupted regularly by "Hoons" racing around this park.

Its quiet and peaceful here today, our hooning days are over.

*John Gross*

## Men's Morning Tea 25 November

The men's gathering at Tanja's, Wellington Point this morning! Will reports that more arrived after these photos were taken. Great to see so many attending these events!

*Annetta Moses*



Picture by Will Moses

## We Want You



In the words of the Village People - We Want You.

To plan, organise and run an event like Australia Day and the Ormiston Swap Meet we need volunteers.

Our Special Events Committee does a great job planning the logistics of these events, but we need more people on the ground at the working bees and on the day.

We only have two major events each year. Can you spare an hour or two at either the Working Bees or the Events (or both) to help make these events a success for our club and for the charities we support?

This doesn't mean that you need to spend the whole event standing on a gate, or behind a BBQ - you can still have fun.

Ring Rod 0411084148 or Adrian 0403043797.

V O L   N T E E R

all that's missing is U

## All Classic Cars and Coffee - November

Did you know BVRC sponsors All Classic Cars and Coffee at Lakeside shopping centre carpark, Victoria Point? If you can't get to a club run, but fancy getting your car out, these mornings offer the perfect solution. All Classic Cars and Coffee is run by club member Tony Dale who does a terrific job. Held on the second Sunday of each month. Come down for a look at a wide range of classic cars. Have a look at the *All Classic Cars Australia* Facebook page for a look at a lot of interesting cars from all over Australia.

*Adrian Lewin*



Pictures: Tony Dale

## Working Bee 29 November

Preparation for Australia Day started early, in fact it was November 2025 when a few of us went to the BVRC's John Wright shed at Wellington Point to clean, check and do a few maintenance jobs on our two trailers. One trailer is a refrigeration unit the second is a BBQ trailer. Both were removed from the shed and cleaned. The refrigeration unit was hooked up to power and turned on. It took several of us a little while and more than a few head scratches to work out how to get it going. Something must have worked as we had it cooling down in next to no time.

The BBQ trailer was a bit more work. We only just received this from the Cadillac, Lasalle club so had to do a bit of maintenance as well as cleaning of the BBQ, trailer and gazebos. Albert, quickly changing into his RACQ persona, had us jack it up and remove the wheels so he could repack the wheel bearings. Quick quiz: How many BVRC members does it take to repack the wheel bearings on a trailer? The answer is 4. One (Albert) to do the job the rest to stand around offering various pieces of advice. Ray was quick to snooker the wheels and tyres, taking them for replacement tyres, after we found the date codes showed they were manufactured in 2008. The cracks in the tyres sidewalls were impressive.

After sorting the trailers and putting them back in the shed it was time for a cuppa and biscuit complements of Albert. Is there nothing he can't pull out of the back of his Isuzu? Plenty of laughs and camaraderie were enjoyed during the working bee. Thanks to Albert, Ray, Will, Stewart and Chris for volunteering your time.

*Adrian Lewin*



Pictures Will Moses

Something funny.....

**WHEN I DIE, I WANT TO  
GO PEACEFULLY IN MY  
SLEEP LIKE MY  
GRANDPA DID, AND  
NOT FRIGHTENED AND  
SCREAMING LIKE THE  
PASSENGER IN HIS  
CAR.**



## The Case of the Deflating Tyre

Two years ago my daughter purchased a new vehicle. At about 3000km she started seeing a tyre pressure warning, TPMS. I removed the suspect wheel, but could not easily see the cause of the leak.

So I put the wheel in the swimming pool, as you do, to see that very fine bubbles were coming from the edge of the tyre where the tread meets the side wall. With the aide of a jeweller's loupe I could see two pieces of plastic type material embedded in the rubber. The leak was coming out of the centre of these pieces and not around them, as if they were hollow. Attempts to remove them only caused them to shatter. So I thought leave them there and seal the leak. A drop of superglue worked a treat and no more TSMS warnings were experienced.

7000 kms later the vehicle was being serviced by the vehicle manufacturer's service centre and it was reported that there was a puncture in the tyre and it would have to be replaced due to it's location. My daughter opted to address that herself. As she is reliant on the vehicle as part of her business she thought it best to replace the tyre despite no leaks. She arranged to have the tyre replaced at a Bridgestone agent so as to keep the tyre the same as the others. The wheel was removed, but the tyre specialist could not find the puncture. I was allowed into the workshop where I showed him the two tiny objects. He tried to remove them with side cutters, but they shattered just like they had for me. He then suddenly lit up and said I know what they are !

They are ECHIDNA QUILLS !!!!!

Echidna spines grow up to 50mm long and are modified hairs, mostly made of "keratin", which is what claws, hooves and our finger nails are made of. Unfortunately they are also hollow which, as I have just described, caused the tyre deflation.

The tyre was declared serviceable and the agent made no charge for his services.

Alan Close BVRC ID 561



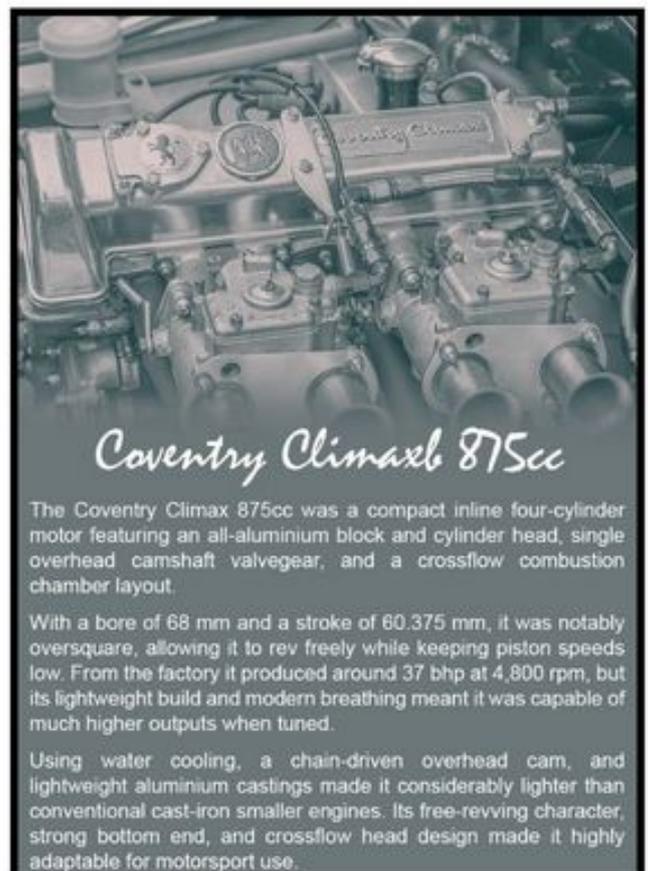
## QHMC Update

For those who don't attend the meetings regularly, at meetings updates are provided about what is going on with the Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc. Just to give a bit of background of the role of QHMC plays on the landscape.

Formed in 1968, the QHMC represents all member clubs (over 100 across Queensland) in negotiations with Government departments, interstate peak motoring bodies and commercial / public bodies.

Highlights from Octobers QHMC Meeting:

If you drive a car with lap belts and you get an infringement notice from Queensland Transport in the mail from an overhead camera for no seatbelt (depending the vintage of the vehicle) or you're wearing a lap belt only, you are advised to pursue the matter and have it quashed. You can do this by contacting Consolidated Revenue or Dept Transport and Main Roads. Refer QHMC Newsletter No 23.



### Coventry Climax 875cc

The Coventry Climax 875cc was a compact inline four-cylinder motor featuring an all-aluminium block and cylinder head, single overhead camshaft valvegear, and a crossflow combustion chamber layout.

With a bore of 68 mm and a stroke of 60.375 mm, it was notably oversquare, allowing it to rev freely while keeping piston speeds low. From the factory it produced around 37 bhp at 4,800 rpm, but its lightweight build and modern breathing meant it was capable of much higher outputs when tuned.

Using water cooling, a chain-driven overhead cam, and lightweight aluminium castings made it considerably lighter than conventional cast-iron smaller engines. Its free-revving character, strong bottom end, and crossflow head design made it highly adaptable for motorsport use.

Picture and text from Auto Surplus Veteran Vintage Classics

## Emma and the Prince of Wales

Emma the Austin always was destined for great things. 18hp, 2 door coupe, she was built for the Prince of Wales in 1934 and was shipped to New Zealand for the 1935 Royal Visit.

Alas, their meeting was not in the stars because, as history will remind us, the Royal Visit was cancelled due to the death of King George V. The Prince of Wales, Edward went on to become King Edward VIII then later abdicated to marry his beloved Wallace Simpson after ruling for less than one year - quite the scandal.

Emma remained in the Wellington Bond stores for many years until permission was given to sell her. The first owner was a doctor. And then in 1993 the current owners the Hayes Family purchased a total wreck from a paddock just outside of Christchurch New Zealand.



The car still bears the original English number plates BMC 307 as registered in North London in 1934 and continues to have the same registration here in Queensland today.

It is believed that it is the only surviving aluminium hand crafted model of 14 coupes built by Salmon & Sons with a Tickford hood in Newport, Pagnell in the United Kingdom.

Some of the many special features include the infinitely variable speed Hayes (no relation to the current owners) transmission, full cruise control and a built in hydraulic jacking system. The Hayes System was a simplification, not a complication of the transmission. It dispenses with all gears (except to give reverse) and all clutch operations (except when starting and stopping). There is no noise; the drive is practically silent. Sadly the public did not take to it, even though the Press and people who owned one, spoke highly of them. Only about fifty were sold. (An outline of the Hayes system is outlined on the next page.)

Emma was totally rebuilt in 1995/96 by Bob and Andree Hayes from Christchurch and won restoration of the year in 1997. She then had another refurbishment by Bob and Steve in 2018.

Emma now resides in Brisbane with Steve and Jenny Hayes. She is well travelled and has visited the Barossa in South Australia and Orange New South Wales.

Over the years Emma has won many accolades, her most recent the Patricia Gamlen Trophy for most elegant Post Vintage Thoroughbred in the Vintage Car Clubs show at the Sherwood Abortorium.

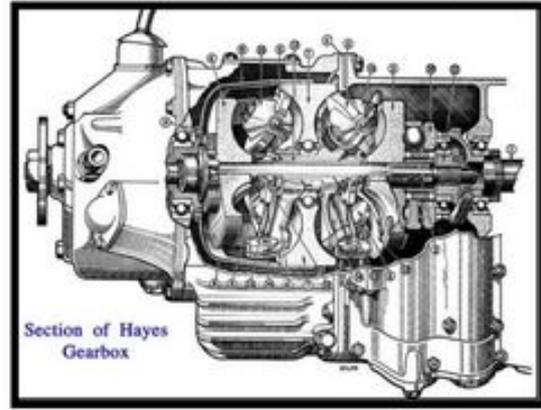
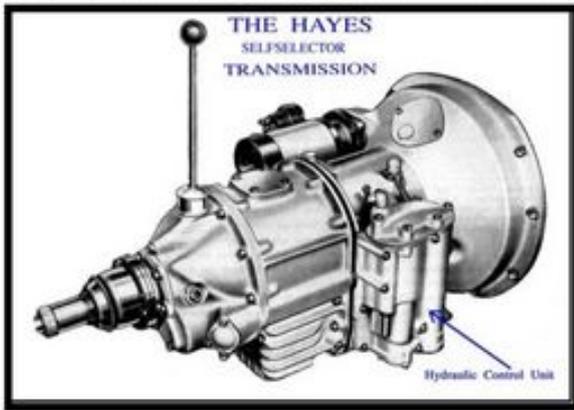
While Emma doesn't live with royalty, she certainly behaves like it attracting attention wherever she goes.

With thanks to *Steve Hayes and the Hayes Family*  
*Additional information in this story are from Austin*  
*Memories.com*



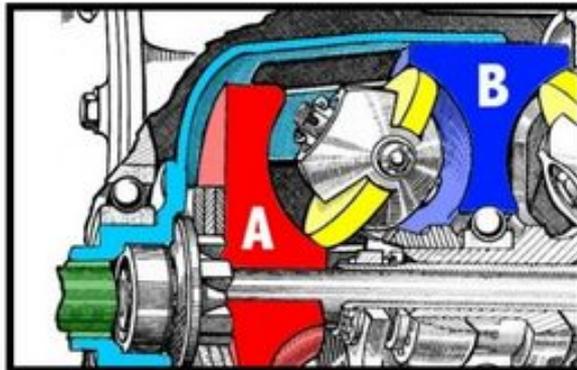
Pictures : Pics of Emma in her paddock home, with her owners and now in all her glory

For those of you who are interested in how the system works, read on. I have tried to keep it simple.



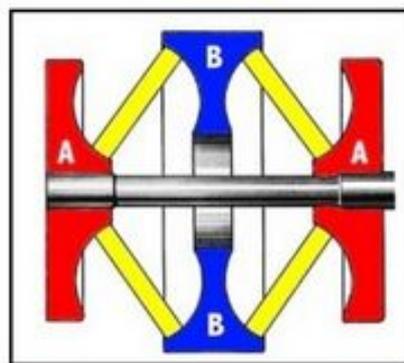
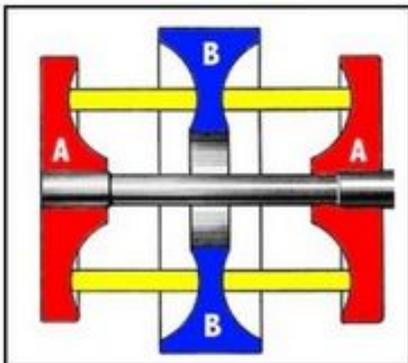
Toroidal Cone

It is this unique shape that allows the gearbox to work



- The Toroidal A is driven by the engine through a normal clutch.
- This is the roller that transmits the power from A to B Consider this roller like a ball bearing that has the top and bottom part removed. this is then held in the centre by an arm that can rotate it radially.
- The Toroidal B is the output from the gearbox
- This is the link from B to the output shaft
- Output shaft

Please note that I have removed all the operating mechanism for clarity.



Low Ratio

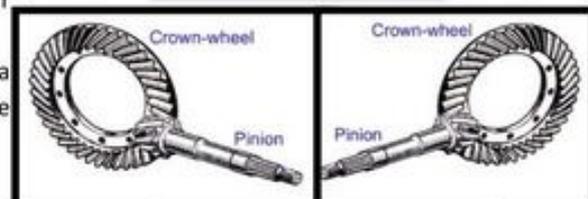
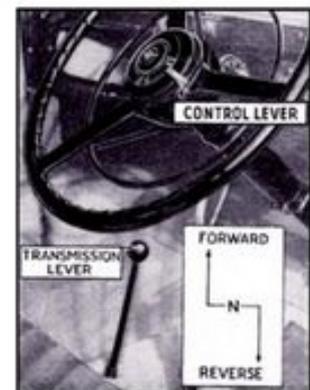
High Ratio

Because the drive plates are horizontal, and making contact at the same radius from the centre-line of the shafts Toroidal A and Toroidal B, then the input RPM from the engine which drives (A), will make (B) the output shaft rotate at the same speed but in the opposite direction (See Note A). If the drive plates are tilted as above, then we can get a low ratio for moving away from rest. Or if tilted the other way we get a high ratio for cruising. In this box the Low gear ratio is 4 : 1 and in High ratio for every rev of the engine the output shaft of the gearbox will rotate 1.7 revs.

When first moving off, you have to use the clutch as normal, putting the gear lever into the forward position. Remember that this box was not fully automatic, but once moving away from rest it would change up or down according to the engine power output and road conditions. Because optimum ratios selected by the box were selected automatically according to the varying road condition. It would always select the highest ratio possible so that engine speed would be around the rev-range that the maximum torque was being produced. So even if the road speed increased the engine speed and noise level remained the same. Some drivers found this strange at first, but the big advantage was that the engine was working at optimum efficiency, so miles per gallon were greatly increased.

For reverse it was a conventional set-up, using the clutch and putting into reverse gear and controlling the speed of the car with the throttle.

Note A. As the output shaft from the box is rotating the opposite way, compared to a conventional gearbox, it was necessary to modify the differential to correct this. So the crown-wheel needed to be rotated 180 degrees.





# 39th Annual

## Ormiston Swap Meet

**SUNDAY 29th March 2026**

6.00am to 12noon

Ormiston State School

Entry from Wellington Street & Dundas St East

Stall holders 5.30am - Public Entry 6.30am

Pedestrian entry \$5

### Swap Sites Outside

Cars, Utes with box trailers	\$10
Motor Homes	\$10
Cars with tandem trailers	\$20
Trucks	\$20
Motor Homes with trailers	\$20



Food, Drinks, Tea/Coffee  
catered exclusively by  
Ormiston State School P & C



### Undercover Sites

in the hall for :-

**ANTIQUES, COLLECTABLES,  
MEMORABILIA,  
BOOKS, JEWELLERY,**

**MODELCARS, AUTOMOBILIA**

Sites - 4m x 3m \$30

Bookings essential with

Steve 0411 516 122 or  
secretary@baysideclub.org.au

**Drones & Social Media not permitted unless  
permission given by BVRC committee**

**No Dogs, Smoking or Vaping allowed  
on school grounds**

# BVRC Calendar of Events - February 2026

Carry this calendar in your vehicle.

Friday 13 February	<b>Club Meeting</b> Ormiston State School	7.30pm Dundas Street East
Saturday 14 February	<b>Noggin &amp; Natter</b> Monthly 'show and tell' get together. Bonnets up. <b>**BYO Chairs and snacks. **</b>	2 to 4pm Beth Boyd Park Thorneside
Tuesday 17 February	<b>Club Social Evening</b> TBA	6.15pm at venue Will Moses 0412 194 560
Thursday 19 February	<b>Midweek Club Run</b> Morning Tea Les Moore Park, Victoria Point UBD 206 N19 Lunch Cleveland Point Recreation Reserve UBD 186 F9 <b>**BYO Chairs and snacks**</b>	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
Tuesday 24 February	<b>Men's Morning Tea</b> To be advised	10am Ray Burrows 0409 640 600 Will Moses 0412 194 560
Wednesday 25 February	<b>Ladies Morning</b> Blue Tongue Cafe	10am 100 Mooroondu Road, Thorneside Ruth Knight 0428 437 580 Pam Crooks 0418 767 833
Saturday 28 February	<b>Local Short Run</b> Cleveland Lighthouse Recreation Reserve UBD 186 F9	7.30am Meet for 8am Departure Mick Gibson 0431 136 932

## Other local events

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Thursday 19 March	<b>Midweek Club Run</b> Morning Tea George Clayton Park Manly UBD 163 NI Lunch Raby Foreshore Park UBD 185 Q12 **BYO Chairs and snacks. **	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
Tuesday 24 March	<b>Men's Morning Tea</b> To be advised	10am Ray Burrows 0409 640 600 Will Moses 0412 194 560
Wednesday 25 March	<b>Ladies Morning Tea</b> Factory Ground 58-63 Delancey Street Ormiston	10am Ruth Knight 0428 437 580 Pam Crooks 0418 767 833
Saturday 28 March	<b>Working Bee for Swap Meet</b> Ormiston State School	7am Meet at Dundas Street Gate \ Steve Mellish 0411 084 148
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Saturday 11 April	<b>Noggin &amp; Natter</b> Monthly 'show and tell' get together. Bonnets up. <b>**BYO Chairs and snacks. **</b>	2 to 4pm Beth Boyd Park Thorneside
Tuesday 14 April	<b>Club Social Evening</b> TBA	6.15pm at venue Will Moses 0412 194 560
Thursday 16 April	<b>Midweek Club Run</b> Morning Tea - Perth Street Park, Balmoral UBD 161 B18 Lunch - Glindemann Park, Holland Park UBD 180 Q15 <b>**BYO Chairs and snacks**</b>	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
Tuesday 21 April	<b>Men's Morning Tea</b> To be advised	10am Ray Burrows 0409 640 600 Will Moses 0412 194 560
Wednesday 22 April	<b>Ladies Morning</b> Oxley's on The Bay Wellington Point Reserve, Wellington Point	10am Ruth Knight 0428 437 580 Pam Crooks 0418 767 833
		
Thursday 30 April	<b>Midweek Club Run</b> Morning Tea - Murrarie Recreation Grounds UBD 161 N10 Lunch - Ropley Park, Wynnum UBD 162 N5 <b>**BYO Chairs and snacks**</b>	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
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Wednesday 20 May	<b>Ladies Morning</b> My Garden Oasis (formerly Neilsen's) 51 Beenleigh Redland Bay Road Loganholm	10am Ruth Knight 0428 437 580 Pam Crooks 0418 767 833
Saturday 23 May	<b>Cancer Council Queensland</b> Biggest Morning Tea Ormiston State School	9.30 Vehicle Display 10am Morning Tea Dundas Street Gate
Thursday 28	<b>Midweek Club City Cat Discovery Cruise</b> South Bank to North Shore	10am Meet at Southbank Railway Station. Cheryl Nott 3341 5619 Ruth Knight 0428 437 580

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# *Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Inc*

Invite you to join us for our annual

## *Biggest Morning Tea*

**On Saturday 23rd May 2026**



**At Ormiston State School**



**Entry will be via Dundas Street**

**Vehicle Display 9.30am - Morning Tea at 10am**

**\$5pp entry fee into the morning tea.**



*Raffles will be conducted on the day*

*with all proceeds to be given to*



***Queensland Cancer Council***

*RSVP please by 23rd April*

*for catering purposes to:-*

**[secretary@baysideclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@baysideclub.org.au)**

*Thank you for your support*



Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Inc



Magazine

**Cancer Council**

Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea

**No dogs, vaping or smoking allowed on school grounds**

## Swap Meets

As we kick off the year we have plenty of Swap Meets happening around the South East Corner and Northern New South Wales. While some of the regular affiliated clubs events are listed within the Upcoming Events section. There are simply too many to include there. These Swap Dates have been confirmed by the S.E Qld Swap Meets Page on Facebook. Obviously, they will be dependent on weather, it is recommended that you confirm closer to the time that these events are still going ahead.

24/01/2026 & 25/01/2026 Allora Heritage Day Allora Showgrounds

7/02/2026 & 8/02/2020 Toowoomba Swap Toowoomba Showgrounds

22/02/2026 Rusty and Dusty Swap Yatala Drive In

22/02/2026 Ballina Swap and North Coast Show and Shine

6/03/2026 & 7/03/2023 Dalby Swap Dalby Showgrounds

**29/03/2026 Ormiston Swap Ormiston State School**

11/04/2026 Maryborough Swap Rifle Rangers FC

23/05/2026 Curra Swap 10 David St Curra

13/06/2026 Maleny Motor Cycle Swap Maleny Showgrounds

### Not yet confirmed

12/04/2026 Rusty and Dusty Market Pimpama 193 Rifle Range Road Pimpama

2/05/2026 Warwick Swap Meet Morgan Park Raceway

3/05/2026 Laidley/Lockyer Swap Laidley Showgrounds

17/05/2026 Fine Iron Show and Swap Ebbw Vale Memorial Park

17/05/2026 Gold Coast Dub Club Show and Swap 193 Rifle Range Road Pimpama

23/05/2026 Classic Bike Show and Swap Cannungra Show Grounds

13/06/2026 Bundaberg Swap 8e Quay Street Bundaberg East

27/06/2026 Caboolture Swap Meet and Show & Shine Caboolture Showgrounds

current as at 28 January 2026

## All Classic Cars & Coffee

Lakeside Shopping Centre car park, off Bunker Road, Victoria Point, Brisbane.

A monthly event on the 2nd Sunday of each month.  
From 7am to 10am

*An invitation to all Enthusiasts and Owners of Classic Cars of any, Make, Country of Origin and Age, to come and mingle and talk Classic Cars over a Coffee.*

Sponsored by




## Club Christmas Party 14 December

A welcome short drive for us to Wellington Point for the Club's Christmas lunch event, held once again at the Redlands Sporting Club. This year the Sporting Club had allocated a designated parking zone at the rear of the Bowling greens where James was on-hand directing vehicles to nearby spaces. Many of the older vehicles including the Knight's Chrysler sedan were already lined-up and bedecked with Christmas decorations.



We had a very short walk from the car-park directly into our reserved section where most attendees were already gathered in the cool surrounds.

The Christmas luncheon is one of the many events organised each year by the Special Events Committee. Every year numbers increase and this year a record 108 members and friends were in attendance. It was good to see many familiar faces including life member Dawn Wright who was ferried to and from the event by Gary and Pam Crooks.

For our entertainment as we awaited the serving of lunch, Albert had provided a quiz in the form of an A – Z list of vehicles to complete. A commendable effort by the Wilson Family who came up with 162 different vehicles earning them a bottle of vino for their efforts. For our entertainment Diane and Jean provided light entertainment with an Aussie take on the poem “The Night Before Christmas” and a very clever Christmas joke. Each table featured Christmas floral centrepieces supplied and decorated by the Sporting Club staff along with an extra special gift this year provided by B.V.R.C.

Picture by Will Moses

## Club Christmas Party 14 December Cont

Our clever Secretary Rod Bridges created an amazing 3D Christmas tree in colours of red and green with the assistance of friends in the local Men's Shed. The Christmas tree continues to entertain us, sitting in the middle of our kitchen table.

Lunch was a generous serving of baked ham, turkey and vegetables followed by Pavlova or Christmas pudding or Fruit salad for those of us on restricted diets.

Before dessert was served Club patron Wendy Boglary took on the task of judging the Christmas outfits choosing Beryl Doyle as winner in the ladies category while "Santa" Alan Dorber took the prize in the men's section. Our creative members took much time and effort to dress in their Christmas finery and yet again all the outfits in both categories were unique and different.

Wendy also chose the "Best Decorated vehicle" with the award this year going to Shane Cowan in his '25 model Willy's tourer. Congratulations Shane.

Many thanks to all members involved in this year's Luncheon, the Special events committee and a huge thank you to Angie and her crew at Redlands Sporting Club. Angie was everywhere during our visit even as we left and headed homeward.

Look forward to doing it all again next year.

*Sharon Auld*



From Top down, Bruce & Kathy Nayler puzzling and the much loved Christmas Tree, Santa, Albert and Wendy Bolgary, Annetta reading Santa her Christmas list  
Pictures by Will Moses



## Midweek Christmas Run - 18 December

This Years Club run, and Christmas lunch was held as usual by the sea at Thompsons Beach. Jude and I were dispatched early to prepare our usual Shelter shed while the rest participated in a short run from Cleveland to Victoria Point, about 20 cars and 40 members.

With the sun out, cool sea breezes and the tide in, all is well. Cheryl and Robyn had already completed the expedition to Warwick for the finest Hams to go with our Salads and dessert, so we lunched well and swapped stories under the shady trees populated by Corellas.

Here I learned that Alan and Janice had some really bad luck while driving two separate cars, including the bright green Holden, around in tennis ball size hailstones!

Harold was here again to say Grace and Cheryl Nott received a well-deserved round of applause for her continuous efforts for the club.

They say it's a dog's life, but Poncho the pampered pooch eventually rose from his doona to greet a new friend nearby, while at the food tables, one of our Automotive Engineering gurus demonstrated his skill and knowledge by trying to eat a plate of custard with a fork.

A great day to finish off an eventful year.

*John Gross*



Pictures by John and Judy Gross

## Sneak Peak Brisbane Motor Museum

Cam Impellizzeri has been given a sneak peak at the new Brisbane Motor Museum display and has kindly shared some pics with us.

His Fiat 1400 Cabriolet is on display. Some of you may recognise this beauty from the front cover of the August/October 2023 BVRC Magazine. He was presented with the Restoration Award & Trophy for that same year. They also went on to win Best European and Best of the Show at the Noosa Classics followed by an invitation to participate in the 2024 Noosa Concourse D'Elegance. So, we won't go into the specifics of his car again here. But, we can all agree.... It looks absolutely fabulous under those spotlights in the museum. Currently on display until 1 March 2026. Then the display changes over to Aussie Vs Euro from 6 March.

Admission price starts from \$17 and they have cheap Tuesday. Check out their website for a full list of their admission prices.



## Heads Up Aussie Vs Euro Exhibit

Another of our club members has been asked to display his car in the next exhibit at the Brisbane Motor Museum too.

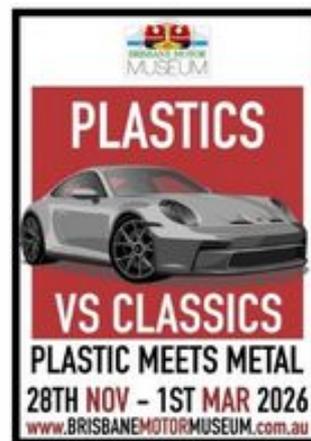
Alex Connors Morris Minor Woody will be on display from the 6 March.



Picture: Alex Connors



Pictures: Top Right Cams Fiat 1400 Cabriolet, other pics, variety of cars on display by Cam Impellizzeri



## All Classic Cars and Coffee January

The first All Classic Cars and Coffee for 2026 was held at Lakeside, Victoria Point. The event was huge with quite a number of BVRC members and their cars in attendance. It was a great morning catching up with friends old and new.



Picture: Tony Dale

### Club New Year Get Together - 1 January

The first day of the New Year saw clear blue skies with mild summer temperatures as we headed to Fig Tree Point Park for our first Club outing for the year. A cool and steady breeze drifted over the park where Club members were seated at one of the many covered gazebos.

The popular Fig Tree Point Park has open grounds, covered gazebos and free BBQ's fronting the Lota foreshore and a short walk away from the fish n chip cafe. Surprisingly for a public holiday plenty of accessible parking spaces were available with a short walk to the undercover tables.

The Park also has a well-equipped playground with covered slides, forts, climbing equipment and sand for little people and uninterrupted views east across the bay to Moreton and Straddie and Thorneside.

A great way to kick off the Club's events for the year with 40 people (along with two canine visitors) in attendance. It was good to catch up with life-member Dawn Wright who came along with Pam and Gary and Mike Brazier who travelled to Lota from Durack in his Fairlane to spend a few hours in the company of fellow enthusiasts.

*Sharon Auld*



Pictures: Will Moses

### For Sale

For sale 4 Tyres 205/55/15 Good condition approx 80% tread.  
\$40 for the 4. Ono.  
Ern Parsons  
0416124848

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### For Sale 1966 MK 3 Humber Vogue

I am 2nd owner and have had the car since 1979.

Has overdrive

26/10/2019 4020 miles

complete motor rebuild

+40 pistons/rings - std mains

Timing chain & tensioner

Front cover oil seal

New cam & bearings

21/10/2025 23001 miles

Spigot bush, T/O bearing new

Clutch cover plate new

Front gear box seal

New 32/36 weber

Front end all poly bushes

Overdrive good

19,000 miles since motor done

Negative earth

DO NOT USE GLYCOL IN COOLING SYSTEM DO NOT USE PENRITE OIL IN MOTOR OR GEARBOX. NO SYNTHETIC OIL. Use only Valvoline Classic for motor Use only Valvoline Mono 30 for gearbox and overdrive



Contact **John Harris**  
**(07) 3341 5555**  
**\$15,000**

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### For Sale

Unique Peugeot 605 Ute "The only one in the world" is for sale at the VERY reasonable price of \$18,000 firm.  
Call Mike 0439749991.



## Midweek Run 15th January

Our first run of 2026 saw 16 vehicles line up at Cleveland. Side by side were two bright blue Fords, Rays Falcon and one I hadn't seen before, a rare Ford Grenada Ghia driven by new member Mark.

Our first objective was Colmslie Beach Reserve on the south side of the river just up from the Gateway bridge and the sugar wharf. Scattered by numerous traffic lights we all arrived safely as our numbers rose to 26 members including John and Ruth in 23 vehicles.

Here we relaxed in a remarkable setting which includes many parking areas, playgrounds, and a long river bank with swing moorings and live - aboards, flame trees in flower and a sugar ship from Hong Kong near the arch of the bridge.

Among the festivities we acknowledged a couple of birthdays, Mike at 94, and Harold trailing just behind.

Although we were reluctant to leave, lunchtime saw us enjoying more cool breezes at Aquatic Paradise Park at Birkdale. Our Cheryl commanded the tide to be in at all times making this a great start to the Year.

*John Gross*

## Australia Day Working Bee

The Working Bee to set up for Australia Day started bright and early with many worker bees beating the 7am start time.

About 30 past and present Club Members fronted up to Ormiston State School to prepare our eskys and the kitchen in the tuckshop to get it ready to feed the hoards of people that would be joining us for the big event. While another team cleaned and prepared the canteen ready to serve countless cups of tea and coffee.



While this was happening the ovals were being marked out with white lines and ribbons to ensure that vehicles were able to park safely.

The BVRC Container was unpacked and countless trips made to deliver BBQ's, more eskys, cups, water bottles, urns, Gazebos, trolleys, star pickets, bins and everything else.

The Australia flags were erected, along with banners advertising our up and coming Swap Meet. Cold water and icy poles were on hand to keep the troops cool - it was really hot.

And at last break time was called, along with a cuppa, Lamingtons with little Australian Flags were on the menu, along with fresh sandwiches and a variety of cakes and quiches. Thanks must go to Jude Gross for getting out of bed at 4am to cook the goodies so that everyone had something fresh to eat - it was greatly appreciated if the left overs were anything to go by.

Then it was back to it, to finish the last of the jobs before the main event and to chop the 20 KG of onions. Trivia question - how many BVRC members does it take to peel, chop and pack 20 kg of onions? 8 (I took the pic, but gave a hand too).

Thanks to everyone who attended the working bee to ensure that the Australia Day event was set up for a successful start.



Picture: L delivering the fridge trailer ready for use at the Tuckshop, R top Unpacking the container, R Bottom 20KG onions Pics Cath

## RACQ Batteries Australia Day Event 2026

Australia Day at Ormiston gets bigger and better every year and this year was no exception.

The public holiday this year was held on a Monday and the day dawned with overcast skies but a good breeze, perfect conditions for folding down the hoods on convertibles and heading outdoors. At 6.15a.m. as we entered the school grounds, lines of vehicles were already parked on the main oval with cars queuing along both sides of Wellington Street waiting to enter. Ground Marshalls had arrived at Ormiston as early as 4.30a.m. Upon entry drivers were directed to parking areas and presented with a flag, welcome sheets and breakfast vouchers.

A multitude of Clubs attended representing vintage, classic, historic and modern eras of motoring including cars, trucks, sports-cars, race-cars, Utes, hot-rods, coupes, roadsters and historic motor-cycles. The morning began with free breakfast from the Tuckshop and tea and coffee served in the relative coolness of the tennis court precinct.

This year the Club secured exclusive sponsorship for the event from R.A.C.Q. Batteries. The Committee is most grateful for their continued financial support and the event will now be known as the "R.A.C.Q. Batteries Australia Day Event". Sponsorship funds were used in part to purchase food for the free breakfast which included 40 kg short cut bacon, 80 kg sausages, 40 kg onions, 90 dozen bread rolls and 5 loaves of thick sliced bread, providing breakfast for a record 1400 attendees along with tea and coffee and 2 barrels of iced water.



Picture: vehicles arriving early to get a good spot - gates opened early at 6.30 and just kept coming and BBQ Team by Len Davey, Old and new RACQ Vans by Rod Bridges, Canteen Team serving breakfast Annetta Moses

## RACQ Batteries Australia Day Event 2026

The official opening and welcome took place at 7.30a.m. by Jim Butler from R.A.C.Q. performing the duties and welcoming attendees that travelled from as far away as the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and Ipswich. Jim also chose his 'favourite vehicle' on display, a Red XB Falcon owned by Wayne Lait.

Some of the marques represented included Austin 7, Aston Martin, Chrysler, Pontiac, Studebaker and Holden. Valiant and Vauxhall. Mustang, Morris Minor. Renault and Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Zephyr, Bentley. American Fords, Corvettes plus other rare makes. The oldest vehicles were a Veteran 1914 Fiat Truck and a 1915 Indian motorcycle. Also displayed was an RACQ 1954 Holden Panel Van which arrived on a Tow Truck and decked out as an inspection vehicle. An RACQ Patrol was on site to do battery checks on display vehicles and answer motoring enquiries.

Vehicles this year totalled 730 with many Clubs travelling in convoy to Ormiston to ensure their vehicles were parked together.

Australia Day at Ormiston is more than a day celebrating the official national day, it is a time for like-minded motoring enthusiasts to meet and mingle with old friends and new to display and celebrate their vehicles. Owners parked their vehicles over the two large school ovals with many groups seated with picnic gear under shady trees or under cover.

This year Steve and Michelle were in charge of the canteen, a huge undertaking with the team working in extremely hot conditions.



On Monday, as well as managing the traffic flow entering and exiting the school-grounds, over 50 Club members and volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the morning, manning the b.b.q.'s , working in the kitchen and canteen, selling raffle tickets or keeping things humming along and ensuring the morning was enjoyed by all.

Pictures: The line up for Breakfast went for ages, By Annetta, other pics, different shots around the oval by Rod Bridges



## RACQ Batteries Australia Day Event 2026

Prizes for the raffle were once again donated by B.V.R.C members. This year they included a digital television set, a designer luxury handbag and 16 other prizes. The raffle was well supported by members and attendees which enabled B.V.R.C to make a donation to the Club's chosen charity Sailability, a Manly based organisation that provides sailing experiences for the disabled (exact amount to be advised when calculated). The Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club selling cold drinks also donated their profits to Sailability.

Along with volunteers from Sailability who had a stand in the tennis court area, Redlands community group Night Ninjas Inc. who provide support for homeless and the disadvantaged also manned a stand on the oval to promote their work.

A big thank you also to Gary Tesch who entertained visitors with his musical talents in the tennis court precinct while the Men's Shed volunteers brought along their musical instruments and singing voices to entertain visitors on the main oval. Local Radio Bay FM also had an outside broadcasting unit promoting the day.

After the raffles prizes were drawn attendees had the choice of two scenic drives to complete the day's activities. When the crowds and vehicles departed, 30 of our wonderful volunteers including new Club members and members from other Car Clubs stayed behind for the clean-up.

A massive thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who came along to enjoy another successful Australia Day event, your efforts and attendance are well appreciated.

*Sharon Auld.*



Pictures: from top down: around the field by Len Davey, members Mario and David of the Chrysler Club and Ray Burrows working themselves out of a tangle with parking guide ropes (We will have a chance to get even when we help them with their event in September) by Annetta Moses, the BAY FM Announcer in her natural habitat by Rod Bridges; one of the next generation of motor enthusiasts by Adrian; Members of the Zephyr club were parked around this car under the trees - volunteers had to ask them to leave at the end of the event so that they could pack up and lock the gates (they had a great day by all accounts) by Rod Bridges, around the field by Annetta Moses.



## **Australia Day From humble beginnings**

The Australia Day event we hosted last weekend was huge. Not only for BVRC members, but also for members of the community, with participants coming from far and wide. But it hasn't always been such a grand affair here at Bayside.

In 1995, some 31 years ago, a far smaller group set out on their first BVRC Australia Day Rally which was integrated with the Redlands City Council Australia Day Celebrations. The initial idea was to get together, 'just to do something on Australia Day'.

From these humble beginnings, our event has gone from strength to strength over the years. Here are some highlights that I have been able to find looking back through the old club magazines and chatting to some Life Members (thank you) that I thought may be of interest given the success of our 2026 Australia Day weekend.

In 1997 the event started at Ormiston State School (OSS) over 100 attendees enjoyed a free breakfast then having a run for Morning Tea and Lunch. 1999 the Chrysler club were so keen to get a good park, they arrived an hour early (now they come early to help us with running the day). The event continued to grow and by the year 2000 with just over 200 vehicles on display at OSS again enjoying a free breakfast. Lunch was at Pinklands Sports Club.

In 2002 the Roast Lunch after the Australia Day Run cost \$4.40 (WOW)

In 2005 RACQ sponsored the event for the first time and lunch was moved from the regular Sharks Sports Club to the Alex Hills Hotel. \$1300 raised and donated to World Vision Tsunami Appeal.

The event continued to grow, and 2006 there were over 300 vehicles taking part and after a dash to the shops to top up the food everyone got fed.

By 2007 this grew again to over 400 vehicles and during this time free breakfasts were provided to participants and the Yorkshire Tea Team provided beverages. \$1500 was raised and donated to Camp Quality. Lunches continued at Alex Hills Hotel for some 300 participants.

2010 saw the event grow again to 605 vehicles which required an Army of Volunteers to manage the set up and management of the event. A donation of \$800 was given to Sailability.

Inclement weather has been forecast for a number of events over the years, the records I have found indicate that 2012 was the first one deferred due to rain. In 2014 rain impacted the event again, however the club met at the Alex Hills Hotel car park and pushed on with the day raising \$1000 for Sailability. These Australia Day lunches stopped within the next couple of years given the logistics of feeding so many people in a single location - it simply became too big.

The event continued in its current format to be a major event in our club calendar and was regularly attended by over 500 vehicles. In 2019 the event raised \$2000 for Sailability. There was much surprise that year when our patron Wendy Bolgary picked a car of the show that wasn't purple (her favourite colour).

2020 and 2021 the event continued despite COVID 19 with the club implementing COVID Safe practices. With \$2000 donated to Sailability each year and in 2021 772 vehicles attended with 90 car clubs represented. The event was sadly cancelled in 2022 due to COVID restrictions. Returning in 2023 and 2024/25 with more than 600 vehicles on display resulting in \$10 100 being donated to Sailability.

Over the last 31 years the event has been built by the club and its volunteers to become a major event within the Redlands Community Calendar. Not bad for something to do on Australia Day!

## Ross McGown's Mystery Car

The mystery car for this issue is like the CG1200S in our last magazine, also from France, but it's not so obscure and came from a long established French company. The Delahaye firm was founded in 1894 and from the very first, their cars were renowned for quality. By the 1930s their limited production luxury cars were known for their elegant and lavishly finished coachwork. The 1930s also saw the firm gain international fame in competition, with their sports cars setting many class records. In 1937 an outright win in the Monte Carlo Rally caught the imagination of the patriotic French, along with a 2nd and 3rd place in LeMans, followed by an outright victory there in 1938. But France immediately after WW2 was very different to the the France before the war, and the market for cars for Delahaye's wealthy clientele was over. Whilst some of the firm's prewar models were updated and released, they needed to look further afield to survive. Inspired by the success of the Jeeps, they released a compact 4WD in 1950. The VLR [light reconnaissance vehicle] had some interesting features, a little more advanced than the Jeep that inspired it. It used a 1992cc four cylinder overhead head camshaft engine and an all synchromesh four speed gearbox. Suspension was by adjustable torsion bars all round, and a diff lock helped in off road capability. After thorough testing the French army ordered 4000 units and there was a civilian version marketed. Nevertheless Delahaye's attempt at entering this emerging postwar market saw fewer than 10,000 of the cars built. Their advanced mechanical specification whilst initially seen as exciting, proved unreliable unless properly maintained.

Additionally there was a ready supply of secondhand ex WW2 Jeeps in Europe, competing for sale in the civilian market. The VLR wasn't enough to save Delahaye and in 1954 it was Hotchkiss who finally put the Delahaye name to rest when they acquired the firm.



In an interesting twist in 1955 Hotchkiss began assembly of the American Jeeps under licence with the French army adopting these, with production continuing until 1966. Few VLRs are thought to survive now, most well worn out in either military or civilian service, and considered difficult to work on with, not unexpectedly, poor parts availability too.

The mechanical complexity of the vehicle, which excited much comment in the press and was blamed for its lack of sales success on the civilian market, was not seen as a problem by the army.[3] In perfect conditions and when well maintained, the VLR performed admirably, but in real-world conditions it was very unreliable and they were also frequently crashed by undertrained drivers. Many VLRs had the differential locks removed, as these were often blamed for crashes.[3] Nevertheless, by the mid-1950s the army had switched to the mechanically simpler Jeep, then being assembled in France by Hotchkiss under Willys license as the Hotchkiss M201. The Delahaye business itself was taken over by Hotchkiss in 1954, after which VLR production seems to have been quickly stopped.



1936 Racer - more traditional Delahaye

## Next Issues Mystery Car



### 1974 In the Rear Vision Mirror

In 1974 the Datsun 120Y was just one of the popular cars launched (check out the great advertisement on the front inside cover). So was .....

AMC Matador Coupe, Chrysler Centura, Volkswagon Golf Mk1, Toyota Corona, Volvo 240 Series, Fiat 131, Porche 911 Turbo, TD Cortina, HJ Holden, LH Torana, XU1, Renault. Other more unusual cars included the Panther DeVille and the Bricklin SV1 (safety vehicle 1). Just to name a few.

**Popular songs in 1974:** The Joker, Show & Tell, You're Sixteen, The Way We Were, Love's Theme, Seasons in the Sun, Dark Lady, Sunshine on My Shoulders, Hooked on a Feeling, Bennie and the Jets. And one of my personal favourites Kung Fu Fighting.

**Popular Movies in 1974:** The Sting, The Exorcist, Papillon, Magnum Force, Herbie Rides Again, Blazing Saddles, Trial of Billy Jack, The Great Gatsby, Serpico, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (reissue).

**Popular TV Shows in 1974 included:** MASH, The Waltons, Hawaii Five-O, All in the Family, The Jeffersons, Good Times.

**Key events in 1974:** Resignation of Richard Nixon after Watergate, Lake Eyre had its heaviest flood for more than 500 years, Cyclone Wanda caused an extended period of rain across the south eastern corner of Queensland resulting in devastating flooding in January, Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin on Christmas Eve. Victoria won the Sheffield Shield.

The average cost of 1 litre of petrol was 10c - wouldn't that be nice!

All trivia included in the Rear Vision Mirror is from various sources including music, movie and vehicle research sites.

### Step back in time

Check out this great photo. Do you recognise this spot? If you are a Bayside local you probably will. Bay Terrace, Wynnum in 1958. Brisbane Cash & Carry (BCC), Coles and Woolworths side by side - now there is something you don't see anymore.



Picture: Image from a collection held by the State Library of Victoria.

### November Word Search Results

Bayside wordsearch will not return in the February edition. Sorry, I ran out of space with the Australia Day event. But it will return in the next edition. But as promised, here are the results from the November wordsearch. How did you go?



#### WORDSEARCH

FIND THE BAYRC HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS MAGAZINE. THEY ARE HIDDEN VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY (SOME ARE EVEN BACKWARDS)

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## From the Library

This month the keeper of the books David Sutton has selected Holden H.K Series Shop Manual Mechanical. A GMH Service Division Publication.

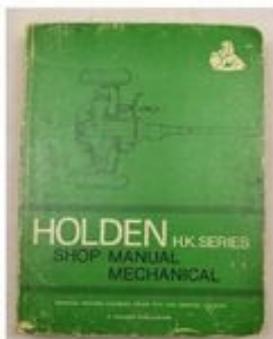
When I commenced pre-retirement leave we decided to purchase a project car to keep Dad and I occupied during COVID lockdowns. We ended up buying a 1968 HK Holden Wagon which had seen better days. We had it delivered into the shed and Dad and I set about pulling it down to its last nut and bolt, to commence the restoration process.

Where am I going with this? Glad you asked. When doing this type of big project you need a decent workshop manual. After looking around I found the Holden H.K. Series Shop Manual Mechanical on line. This is a large technical workshop manual and I was lucky enough to find a site where someone had copied it and put it online for everyone's use. In the four years of the project build I referred to this online resource many, many times, printing out page after page to take to the shed. In fact I wore a track in the grass between the shed and the house to look up the manual.

At the December 2025 BVRC meeting I spoke with our librarian David Sutton and requested a book from the BVRC Library for this review. David said he'd get me a workshop manual as there are a lot in the library. Can you see where this is going? Yes, he handed me the big thick Holden H.K. Series Shop Manual Mechanical for this review.

I could not believe I hadn't thought of checking the BVRC Library for this when Dad and I were elbows deep in the restoration. Moral of the story, if you are in need of a workshop manual it would pay to get in touch with David and ask if your desired manual is in the BVRC library. There are quite a few workshop manuals sitting on the shelves waiting for you.

*Adrian Lewin*



If you would like to borrow this book, it is available from our club library. See David Sutton our Librarian.

## Another one too good not to include

The Cars of the 70s (A History of cars manufactured and assembled in Australia during the 1970's. By Gavin Farmer.

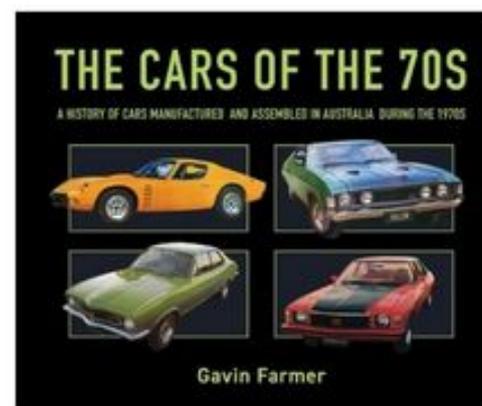
We got this book out of the Redlands Library to have a read of after seeing a review of The Cars of the 60s book by the same author. On checking the listings at the local library we found they held the Cars of the 70s and Cars of the 50s as well.

The book is a lovely hardcover book with 224 pages. It is loaded with great photographs and information on cars manufactured and/or assembled in Australia during the 1970's. Including models which were either planned or had prototypes built and never put into production. It does not get bogged down in technical information but provides information on the 1970's cars in a very easy to read format.

There are chapters on the usual suspects, Holden, Ford and Chrysler along with chapters on Leyland, Australian Motor Industries, Volkswagen, Nissan and niche brands such as Volvo, Renault, Peugeot, Bolwell, Willys and Land Rover. The book is rounded out with quite a bit of production and registration data.

This is a very interesting book and well worth a read. It and the Cars of the 50s are available from the Redlands City Council Library if you are a member. Pop in and borrow it if you are keen to have a read of what was going on in car manufacturing in Australia in the 1970's.

*Adrian Lewin*



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