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(John Goddard 0435 107 854)



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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**

Metro single \$35.00 - Metro family \$40.00 - Country single \$25.00 - Country family \$30.00

#### **Club Officers**

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## Invitation Events

### **CLUB MEETINGS**

Wed 9th April, 2025 Wed 14 May 2025

### **INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS**

Sunday 16th March 2025

Clare Swap Meet. Organised by Northern Automobile Restoration Car Club (NARC). PLEASE NOTE: Change of Venue – Clare Racecourse, which is situated 5km North of Clare at 9731 Horrocks Hwy (Main North Road). Gates open at 7.30am – catering and refreshments available. General Admission \$5.00 Site fee \$15.00. Enquiries – Graham Goode 0418894304, Craig Thomas 0429001242, Trev Naismith 0409648424

#### Sunday 16th March 2025

Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering. The 2025 event will be held at Barratt Reserve, West Beach from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There is no entry form or admission charge for entrants or spectators, and free car parking is available on the same grounds. Enter off West Beach Road, there will be on-site catering. The VSCC provides marshals to coordinate parking at Barratt Reserve, the individual clubs are responsible for organizing their own run to the venue.

#### Sunday 30th March 2025

Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club 10th Anniversary Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run for all vehicles manufactured up to and including 1930. 9.30am – 2.30pm Cost \$15.00 This is a preliminary notice of the event with a flyer and entry form being available later. Details via the Gawler Club or Phone 0402 891 891. Sunday 30th March 2025

Vehicles & Old Machinery At The Flat 10.00am – 3.00pm gold coin donation, McLaren Flat Recreation Grounds. Classic and historic cars, motorcycles, trucks, tractors and stationery engines. Catering, coffee van,



licenced bar, raffles, market stalls. Contact: Allan Wheaton 0408 899775

#### Thursday 11th Saturday 13th April 2025

**Sporting Car Club of SA** – Mallala Motorsport Park. This weekend includes: \* Historic racing vehicles across 12th & 13th April \*Family Friendly atmosphere with children's activities \*Mallala street party Friday 11th April \* Guest speaker Malcolm Oastler for Saturday night dinner \*Classic car display – Saturday 12th April \*Show & Shine – Sunday 13th April.

#### Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May 2025

Naracoorte Swap Meet. Trading – Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday 7.00am – Noon. Showgrounds, Smith St, Naracoorte. Public entry \$5.00 – No dogs allowed. Show N Shine – Registration 8.00 – 10.30am Saturday, \$5.00 per vehicle. Judging 11.00am. Catering at venue. BBQ breakfast – Saturday and Sunday. Enquires: PH 0408854658 (4-8pm). Email: naracoortehvc@gmail.com Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club Inc

#### **Entry Forms etc.**

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

### **New Members**

John and Christine Hunter

Walker Flat

1962 R Series Valiant

### **Life Members**

Year	Name	Member #	2020	Trevor & Lorraine Beythien	1030/1031
1990	Norma Schopp (\$\psi\$ 13/1/24)	57	2020	Jim Dawson	1705
2000	Judy Hart	244	2021	Kevin Williams	451
2003	Ross Bryant (\$\psi\$ 30/4/18)	121	2021	Lindsay Gibb	1294
2006	Richard Hart	243	2022	Brenton Hamilton (₱ 16/11/2	3) 602
2010	Richard Tapp	545	2022	Neill Wormald	552
2015	Chris Howes	90	2022	Bob Haywood	807
2017	Alan Driver	324	2024	Brenton & Sharon Gibb	1293/1692

### **Cover Photos**

Kevin & Barbara Williams 1937 Plymouth P7 sloper

Front photographed by Richard Tapp at Glandore Jan 2022 Rear photographed by Richard Tapp at McLaren Vale Oct 2019

### **CLUB EVENTS**

### 2025 Chrysler Festival (All Chrysler Day)

Sunday 23rd March 2025

All Chrysler Day at Gaza Sports and Community Centre – Klemzig Oval from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

For all members who are attending

we will be meeting at 8.30am – from North East Road, turn into Wellington Street to gain access to oval. BYO chairs, food available on site.

We will be setting up a display

area. An attendance sheet will be circulated at the February General Meeting.

**Brenton Gibb** 08 8263 2908

### Virginia Nursery – Lunch

Sunday 13th April 2025

Meet at CCC clubrooms at 09:45 for 10.00 departure to 99 Gawler Rd Virginia.

We will have a wander through the nursery as well as a visit to their amazing gift shop. We are booked in for 12.30 lunch at Donchos Café in the Nursery complex. Plenty of time after lunch for more perusing.

Return home at your leisure. Please indicate your attendance on the list passed around at the next meeting. Please Note: The café is cashless so a card will be required for payment.

> Bob and Ellen Haywood 0407 601 803

### **Southern Venture Pub Run**

Sunday 18th May 2025

Meet at CCC Clark Avenue Glandore at 10.45am

Departure 11.00 am for a 45

minute run to a historic hotel south of Adelaide.

Lunch booking at 12pm

Add your name to the attendance

sheet at the March, April or May meetings.

Chris Howes 0412 174 108

### **Club Registration Day**

Saturday 7th June 2025

Save this Saturday date!

Full details of this Saturday

event will be in the May/June magazine

Jeff Knowles

Note Saturday not Sunday!

### 17th National Rally - Griffith, NSW in 2025

As I write this mid January, we have received and processed 42 rally entries. The number might seem a little low, however, many more people have spoken to me and let me know that they have booked accommodation and are coming to the Rally.

Rally entries will remain open until 11 April 2025. You can access information about the Rally and complete the Entry Form online at

www.rally.chryslerclub.org.au. If you prefer to not complete the Entry Form online you can download a Form, complete and email to

rally entries@chryslerclub.org.a u or post to 11 Chameleon

If you know a little about the activities at the Rally, it might help you to plan your travel and avoid some of the areas that we

Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759.

will be visiting. The daily runs include the following activities:

- Whitton Malt House;
- Emeri's Garden at De Bortoli Wines;
- Griffith Pioneer Park Museum;
- Coleambally, NSW's youngest town
- Leeton with an option to go to Yanco Powerhouse Museum;
- Show and Shine at De Bortoli Wines.

**Key contacts** 

Diana Chegwidden: 0411 281 140 Joy Boyce: 0418 481 005

#### **Sponsors**

We have a number of minor financial sponsors Strathbrook Refrigeration Services who have signed on as our Trophies sponsor that will be awarded at the Rally, Prolube Lubricants who are supporting the Rally entry form, PlumKrazy Garage and Shannons Insurance.

Diana Chegwidden Rally Coordinator



### FROM THE COMMITTEE

### President's Message



Hi all and welcome to this edition of the Chrysler Collector for March/April 2025. There was no general meeting in January, but there was the Ray Miels memorial breakfast run which saw the club meet at the club rooms and then on to the Oakland Wetlands Reserve at Oaklands Park. It was a well attended event on a warm morning but there was plenty of shade and grass areas to enjoy breakfast under the

trees. Special thanks to Chris Howes for talking about Ray Miels and his significance to the club and its history. I hope all those of you that attended enjoyed the morning.

Our first general meeting was held in February on a warm night that saw the usual crowd of members attend. With the main raffle winners of the night being in the front row as usual, it was reported that one special front row regular, Alan Pike, had recently celebrated his 84th birthday.

It was reported that night that sadly Club Member Richard Forsaith had passed away, Richard had been involved in the last club run to Port Lincoln and our condolences go out to Richard's family for his sad passing. A few weeks after the meeting unfortunately I was also informed about the passing of club member Bob Freak who passed away after a battle with illness; he was 88 and again our condolences to his family.

February saw the club travel to the West Beach Surf lifesaving club for another breakfast run. It was a simple but nice drive along Military Road behind the golf course to the destination. Organised by Ann and Greg Lind, many club members attended this event for a very nice breakfast overlooking the ocean on a cooler than normal February morning. The feedback I got from all those who attended was that it was an excellent meal and the staff very friendly and accommodating. Thank you again to Ann and Greg for organising this event, I for one will be taking the missus back there for our next birthday breakfast.

Also in February was a mid week run organised by Trevor and Lorraine Beythien to Langhorne Creek and the Bridge Hotel for lunch. Being a mid week run I was unable to attend but I had my man on the ground Greg Newley reporting back to me that it was a fantastic run through the Adelaide hills via Winchester. The hotel was very busy but all the meals were very good and the staff looked after the group. The event also saw some different club members from the country areas attend, which is great to see as some of them may not get a

chance to attend regular meetings or can't attend weekend runs.

The midweek runs are definitely becoming a popular choice for club members and we will endeavour to try and organise more if possible. If you have an idea for a mid week run please feel free to talk to Gary Williams or myself and we will try and accommodate. Big thank you again to Trevor and Lorraine for organising this run. Not every member got away unscathed from the day's events. I have been told that unfortunately Helena and Richard Tapp didn't quite make the pub as their Valiant ute decided to end the day on the back of a flatbed truck. Which is strange to me because I was always under the impression that Valiants don't ever break down.

Looking ahead, March will again see the Club attend the All Chrysler Day display with the Chrysler Car Club on March the 23rd. The Chrysler Festival and display day is a great event and if you are interested in attending there will be an attendance sheet circulating at the March general meeting. It is a free event, so any last minute decision makers are welcome to attend; there is plenty of room on the oval.

In April the club is organising a run out to the Virginia Nursery. There will be more on that to come at the next general meeting as well as more details in this magazine.

Looking even further ahead, May will be another mystery run to a historic town in Adelaide's southern region; again more details in this month's magazine.

A few good runs coming up and even a show and shine day, which is a good reason to get the polish out and show off your pride and joy before the Easter Bunny comes and brings the cold weather. Hope to see you on the road.

**Brett Newley** 



### From the Editor

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

This issue comes to you courtesy of Gary Williams, Brett Newley, Ellen & Bob Haywood, Brenton Gibb, Jim Dawson, Ann Lind 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

Feb '25	Jan '25	Feb '24	Feb '15
73	132	72	301
59	83	54	n.a.
128	210	118	1,660
1.71 million	$1.70\mathrm{million}$	n.a.	n.a.
25,198	25,144	24,748	n.a.
2,132	2,130	2,042	n.a.
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### From The Committee

### **Registration Renewal day**

#### Saturday, 7th June 2025 at CCC Club Rooms (10am – 2pm)

For those that receive a magazine by mail, your Registration Renewal Form will be enclosed in the May/June Magazine. Please check all details are correct and follow the instructions for how to renew.

If you receive your magazine by email, your Registration Renewal Form will be emailed/posted to you. I will be sending a message to each "Magazine by Email" member requesting that you advise me if you wish to receive your Renewal Form by Email or Post. This is due to the ever increasing postage charges.

Sharon Gibb 08 82632908 Email bsgibb22@gmail.com

### Vale Bob Freak

It is with sincere sadness we wish to advise of the passing of Bob on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 aged 88 years. Bob had been fighting cancer for a few months.

The early days of Bob growing up aren't well known to us, only that he grew up on a farm in the Tintinara area and attended Murray Bridge High School. He was married to Judy who passed away in 2018, they had two children, Jenny and Chris (dec).

He was very involved in The Caravan Club of SA being

President and committee member for some time. He attended around 300 events over many years. We came into contact with Bob and Judy around 2009 when we both showed an interest in vintage and classic caravans. Bob arranged the first of many events held in Tanunda and Ellen and myself joined with Bob to form the Vintage and Classic Caravan Group of SA. This group now



have a large following. Two years ago, the group presented Bob a life membership in recognition of his dedication to our group.

Bob was a keen member of the Chrysler Restorers Club and proudly owned a 1977 Chrysler CL Regal sedan. He attended many outings and meetings although his attendance gave way to his ill health.

Bob will be sadly missed with his great laugh and sense of humour and his great knowledge

of the caravan industry.

Bob's favourite saying at the end of every phone call .... "make the most of every day".

**RIP Bob** 

Ellen and Bob Haywood.

## Vale Richard Forsaith

It is with great sadness that we have lost a great country club member Richard Forsaith from Port Lincoln.

Many city club members will remember Richard who attended the Wangaratta National Rally with the Maroon two door convertible Dodge Coronet which he purchased after attending our rally at McLaren Vale.

Richard was also the Tour Director for the Wandering



West Tour which many members attended in Port Lincoln back in 2023, which he ran along the lines of our national events.

He also made the effort to attend The Adelaide Chrysler Festival last year and place his VG Valiant Hardtop on display within our club display. Richard was a very active member within his home town club and will be sorely missed.

**Brenton Gibb** 

# FROM THE COMMITTEE

## **Treasurer's Report**

Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Income and expense			
Income	Jan Feb 2025	Feb 2025 YTD	Feb 2024 YTD
Subscriptions	30	7,235	7,818
Grant earned	0. <del>7</del> 0	-	4,526
Raffle proceeds		158	225
Sales	244	756	724
Interest	46	464	193
Donations	<u></u>	123	1,547
Sundry	-	-	20
Total income	\$ 320	\$ 8,613	\$ 15,053
Expenses			
Magazine	652	2,683	2,921
Postage and stationery	235	899	894
Functions	_	108	211
Function subsidies	-	1,230	1,300
Cost of sales	233	615	805
Insurance	212	438	919
Depreciation	103	413	4
CCC	175	350	350
Update honour boards	-	628	+
Sundry		80	-
Total expenses	\$ 1,609	\$ 7,443	\$ 7,401
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ -1,290	\$ 1,170	\$ 7,652
Brought forward		42,451	36,484
Members funds		\$ 43,620	\$ 44,137
Update honour boards Sundry Total expenses Surplus / (Deficit) Brought forward	\$ 1,609	628 80 <b>\$ 7,443</b> <b>\$ 1,170</b> 42,451	\$ 7,401 \$ 7,652 36,484

Balance sheet		
Assets	28-Feb-25	28-Feb-24
Cash on hand	100	100
Westpac Community Solutions	3,446	5,247
Westpac Cash Reserve	12,024	11,870
Westpac term deposits	22,641	22,124
Commonwealth Bank	324	264
Prepaid insurance	959	2
Computer 2023 (Cost 4,451)	3,578	4,526
Club plates B55-B99 \$5 each	135	160
Touring badges \$12 each	120	120
Tools (cost \$7,590.66)	200	200
Calendars	93	14
Total Assets	\$ 43,620	\$ 44,611
Liabilities	-	; <del>-</del> :
Prepaid subscriptions	-	-
Grant - unearned, repayable	-	474
Accounts payable	-	121
Prepaid deposits	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ -	\$ 474
Members funds	\$ 43,620	\$ 44,137

### **Technical Liaison Officer's Plaintiff Cry!**

I have been presented with a challenge that, on the face of it, should be an easy one. Certainly easier than chasing down the heritage of a 1923 Dodge roadster that is now in Wolfsburg

Germany, but alas no, much more difficult it seems.

I am talking of a D (bogus hemi) six (6) cylinder engine block with the letter "S" protruding from the casting just above the casting number on the left or passenger side of the engine block.

I have a number of anecdotal answers, one of which seems compelling, as to what it might mean but I am seeking some documentary evidence,

proof if you will, of what it signifies.

There should be a code in documentation somewhere as to what it all means, although a

look through some codes of the era show that there was no code for the VG 4bbl Pacer!

Forget the 4bbl Pacer however, there are too many of these "S" blocks around to be related to that program.

Over to you sages of all things D engines.

Jim Dawson Technical Liaison Officer



### FROM THE COMMITTEE

## **Minutes of the Meeting held 12 February 2025**

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc. Summary of minutes of the meeting held 12 February 2025 – commenced at 7:32pm.

#### **Emergency Wardens**

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

#### **Apologies:**

Per attendance book.

#### **New Members & Visitors**

John and Christine Hunter

#### **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:

14/1/25 – FHMCSA – Re Taxation implications for car clubs; 14/1/25 – CRCNSW – Rally Update; 3/2/25 – Australia Post – Re Letter Lodgement correction fee; 3/2/25 – Australia Post – Invoice for magazine postage \$239.75; 3/2/25 – CCC committee meeting minutes 3/2/25; 8/2/25 – Email from Vin Kuester advising AP5 parts he would like to give away – on buy and sell clipboard; 10/2/25 Email Australia Post – Invoice for post office box \$164.00 **Out:** 

14/1/25 FHMCSA advising 2 of our members would be attending forum regarding taxation on 22/2/25 at Shedley Theatre; Various emails forwarded from correspondence in - to committee members; Magazines handed on to Jim Dawson. Run information sent via email forwarded to Garry Williams

Moved by Ann Lind seconded Greg Lind, carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Brett advised that Richard had emailed the January financial report but would not be attending. In summary Income \$309, Expenses \$1212, deficit \$903.

Moved by Brett Newley seconded Jeff Knowles, carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

Runs Coordinator: Gary spoke re future events. Editor: Apology. Assistant Editor Bob Hayward said to send in articles for the magazine.

*Public Relations:* John advised clothing is on p 20-21 of magazine. Also windows stickers \$1.

Records: 2 new members. All going well.

*Librarian:* Jim reminded members that some Club Plates are still available.

Tech Rep: Jim advised he is still receiving emails regarding 1923 Dodge in Germany. He believes he has sent all information available. Discussion re D block engines.

HVR: Fairly quiet. Jim Dawson's ute to be checked. Triple C: Vince advised there will be an upgrade to lighting around the centre. CCC has asked that during the London to Brighton run, please do not park in the carpark as it is needed for cars in the run. FHMC: Greg advised there was a short Federation meeting on 8/2/25. Upcoming ATO seminar on the 22/2/25. Grants available upon application.

#### **Past Events**

Greg Newley thanked Sharon for her work at the Xmas lunch, good venue and good meal. President's Breakfast run was discussed with many agreeing it was a good morning in a good location and not too far from the clubrooms.

Australia Day run organised by the Barossa Ford and Holden clubs was attended by a few of our members. It was agreed it was a good run with around 110 people attending with lunch at a Barossa hotel.

#### **General Business**

Garry Williams reminded members of the All American Day at Glen Eagle reserve, Seaton on the 16 February 2025.

#### Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

#### Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

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

Meeting closed at 8:15pm followed by supper.

### **EMERGENCY PLUS APP**



When an ambulance was called for a member at a previous meeting, the Ambulance failed to quickly find the Clarke Avenue carpark.

The Emergency Plus App, screenshot on left, is available for both Android and iOS (Apple) phones.

It converts the phone's GPS location into a 3 word code which Australian emergency services can use to immediately locate the phone within 3 metres. Surely we should ALL have this App.

## PAST EVENTS

# Ray Miels Memorial President's Breakfast Run

19 January 2025

Oaklands Wetland Reserve

















# PAST EVENTS

## **Breakfast Run to West Beach**

16 February 2025

West Beach Surf Life Saving Club

















### **LIVING HISTORIES**

### **Trevor and Lorraine Beythien**

Interviewer: Jim Dawson (INT)

Interviewees:

Trevor Beythien (T B) and Lorraine Beythien (L B) Date: 22 October 2024

#### Continued from last issue

INT: For those that might be reading this from other places, Australia is a very large place and whilst Adelaide is the closest capital city to Darwin, at the time we're talking about, there was no rail link all the way to Darwin, so it was a very long trip. So how long did it take you to get to Darwin.

LB: 5 to 6 days. We left on Sunday after the Wedding and it was probably Thursday or Friday when we got there. We stopped in Alice Springs while the car springs were repaired. It was great. We stayed with friends.

**T B:** Geckos were climbing on the windows and landing on us in bed overnight.

L B: Darwin was a good place to be at that time of year because everyone was outside having a drink and the socializing was with really great people. No TV.

**INT:** I do indeed agree with that.

T B: The way home was interesting too, because we got to Cooper Pedy and we thought, we'll be home tomorrow. So we ate all our food and everything that we had in the car and it started to pour with rain. We were about 20 km out of Woomera and on a bit of a rise, and the mud was just coming up inside all the wheel arches of the car and

the wheels could not turn - and we were stuck.

We were just before the crest of the hill. And that was a bit spooky, because if someone accidentally came over the crest they would crash into us. So we left the lights on all night. Next morning we had a flat battery and then a road

grader come along. He was going home to Port Augusta, I think it was the weekend coming up.

The grader driver had a chain and he hooked the chain onto our car and towed us over the crest of the hill and got us started. (I still have the chain in the shed.)

We got to a point where we couldn't move on the road. It was that wet and boggy. A tour bus came along. I said don't come down through here, take this other side track to get around. This is really bad here. Anyway, he didn't listen and next thing he was bogged alongside of us, so we were there with the bus load of passengers. We said we had no water and he said he had plenty. Anyway, he made us a cup of tea and he boiled his water up in our Billy.

L B: The Jerry Can with the water had been used for diesel. So we had diesel water to make the cup of tea. It wasn't too good. Eventually the road dried out and we got out of

there and came home. We got out before the bus as we were lighter.

**T B:** It was an interesting honeymoon.

**INT:** So what was your car history up to this point?

**L B:** My very first car was a Vauxhall Coupe 1937 or 8.



That was great for going to the drive-in because you could get heaps of kids in the back.

**INT:** You bought that yourself? **L B.** Yes, then I had a Hillman Minx. I bought that through dad as well. The next car I had was a Vauxhall Velox. By that time, I was at the RAA with the girls and we used to go camping in the Flinders in it. Four girls, we had a two man tent, which was a kiddy's tent and two girls slept in that with their feet stuck out overnight. We got to Blinman and the brakes had failed. There was no garage when we got there, so we had to drive all the way back to Hawker without any brakes INT: Australia, wonderful. So what

was your first car you purchased Trevor?

T B: 1955 Morris Minor over head

valve. Not the thousand, but the one before that.

**INT:** Like 840 or whatever the size was, and your car history after the Morris Minor?

**T B:** Actually I've lost count how many.

**LB:** What did you have when I met you.

**TB:** I think it was a HT or HG or something like that. I got put on the staff and with that we could lease a car. So over a 10 year period with every 18 months or so, we would have another vehicle.

**INT:** When you're first married. where did you first live?



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L B: Fairview Park.

**INT:** So you bought a house or built a house?

L B: Yes, bought a spec home.

**T B:** When we came back from our honeymoon, the builder had taken off with the Trust fund.

**INT:** Oh, excellent.

**L B:** We had to live with Trevor's dad until that got sorted out. The family all thought that they would never see us again. Because it was so far away.

**T B:** It's just in behind the Blue Gums hotel,

**INT:** And that's where the kids were born.

LB: Yes,

INT: So who came along first.

L B: Vanita or Bambi, we call her. But Vanita is her name.

INT: Yes.

**L B:** And Corrie is not quite two years younger.

**INT:** OK, so this is in the 70s.

L B: Yes, early 70s. I was nearly nine months pregnant with Corrie. And had been out to the doctor's for a check up and drove home and parked it up in the flat driveway.

**T B:** Our driveway was very steep up to the house.

L B: I had to get out and open the gates to get into the garage. So I got out and in the meantime, Vanita got out of her car seat over the front seat, pulled the car into reverse, and went straight down the driveway across the road and into the neighbours house and knocked 3 walls of the house down. And I'm running after her nine months pregnant, trying to catch It. Bit stupid.

T B: I was at work. She rang me up all in tears. I said. Well, did you get a photo

LB: No, was not happy.

INT: Wrong question Trevor!

L B: The lady in the house across the road was watching television in the lounge room and she thought it was a plane crash because about a week before we'd had a plane crash over at Golden Grove. But our car had crashed into her house. The tow bar of our car was in her lounge room.

**INT:** So, early 70s, you move out to McDonald Park.

L B: Yes, I was bored. I had nothing to do. I had

two kids, and I was sewing wedding dresses and that sort of thing. I had nothing to do. So I went driving one day out to McDonald Park and I found this 10 acre block of land. Came home to Trevor and said, what do you think? Short story, we bought it and build our own house.

**INT:** So this is just a flat 10 acres of land.

**TB:** Yes. It is out where the old Munition Huts were.

**INT:** Excellent. Well, that's all good in times of peace.

**L B:** Yes, it was good out there. It was great for the kids to grow up out there.

**INT:** Sure. And you're still at Woodville?

**T B:** Yes. As there wasn't any likelihood of progression from there and I so I handed in my leading hands job and transferred to Elizabeth where I worked in the press shop and I actually went back on the tools and die maintenance in the press shop.

**INT:** Right.

**T B:** I did the transition to Elizabeth and I took three months of long service leave and spent that time and built the house ourselves.

**INT:** But in the meantime, you're living in a caravan and a shed.

**T B:** We lived in that for three months

**INT:** And how did you go living in a caravan with two little children?

**L B:** It was great. No issue because the kids could run around. They had



heaps of room.

**INT:** So what age, roughly, were the kids when you went to McDonald Park.

**L B:** Corrie was two and Vanita was four.

They had their own motor bikes. They could ride around the paddocks

**INT:** And you were involved in building the house yourself.

**T B:** We actually built it ourselves. We had a slab put down. Lloyds Timber Mills in the Port did the frames and then we erected all the framework.

**INT:** Yes, I remember Lloyds.

**T B:** For second fixings I had a carpenter give us a bit of a hand with some of that, but we did all the internal walls and outside walls also put the roof on ourselves.

**INT:** So what did you clad the home in.

**T B:** False brick cladding.

**INT:** Roof?

**T B:** Yes iron roof. We put all that on ourselves.

**INT:** And all the plasterboard work you did yourselves. Please tell me you actually got a licenced electrician. So you're living out there, you're working out there, and you're riding a motorcycle too.

**T B:** Yes, I had a motorbike at that time and I was riding to work, through the back of Edinburgh Airfield

**INT:** Yes, into General Motors at Elizabeth. And you're living the dream as a housewife Lorraine?

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LB: No.

**INT:** No. not living the dream at all?

L B: No, still bored again. So I found another job. I got a contract with Australia Post delivering all the mail to Gawler River, Angle Vale, Evanston Gardens all around out that way. I used to go in and sort the mail in the morning. The kids could come with me. Vanita was almost at school when I started. When she started school and Corrie went to Kindy in the mornings, I'd go on the mail run. When I finished about 1:00 I'd go and pick him up.

**INT:** Excellent. And then the kiddies went to Angle Vale Primary School,

**L B:** They did. There were 60 kids in the whole school in the in those days.

**INT:** So, the headmaster and two teachers or something like that?

L B: Yes that's right. We had one special teacher because there were a lot of migrant kids from the market gardeners out there and she was able to help them with schooling and English language. Great school and very family orientated because everyone was on some sort of land out there.

**INT:** And in the meantime, you are using the caravan that you had there to start your travels around the countryside.

**T B:** Oh we used to go to Stansbury fairly regularly, when the kids were little, because it was a good caravan park and it was a safe beach that was about the extent of our holidays back then.

**L B:** As the kids got older, we used to take off up in the Flinders and places like that .No 4WDs at this time that was just with the good old Holden station wagon.

**INT:** But in around 1979, you were asked to go back to Woodville with General Motors.

**T B:** At that time General Motors was starting to taper off a little bit with the tool room side of it. They were in business to build and sell

motor cars, not manufacturing tooling, so all the tooling contracts were going overseas at that time. Japan was getting in all the CAD Cam stuff and everything. So their engineers could take a set of drawings to Japan. And lay them on the table and they would design and build set of tools for you for the particular panels they wanted.

**INT:** Isn't that interesting?

T B: And so Woodville was starting to taper off as a tooling manufacturing place. With that, some of the older staff had left by then and I was working my way up at Elizabeth back to a foreman in the die maintenance area. So at that time they rang me and asked me if I'd be interested in going back to Woodville because they wanted someone to go and look after the machine shop on permanent afternoon shift.

It was getting close to when the kids only had a year or two of primary school left. And we're thinking high schools and things as well. So we made the decision to move back to town and I accepted the job.

**INT:** And you were happy at Woodville, General Motors?

**T B:** Yeah well. In actual fact on afternoon shift I was the last person out of there and I've still got the keys in the shed where I locked up.

**INT:** And what happened to your mail run?

**L B:** When I come back to town, I had to give it up.

**INT:** Sure So then 1982, you buy your 1st 4 wheel drive.

L B: Yes. We went to town to buy a Nissan patrol.

T B: Then we went on a cruise that year and came back and picked up the car. A couple of the chaps that I worked with at Woodville were right in the four wheel driving.

**L B:** We'd always liked that Outback type thing.

**T B:** Yeah. So we joined the Nissan Patrol club. Lorraine was club magazine editor over about 4 years. We have got all those as a bound book form.

**INT:** Wonderful. And you were the President.

**T B:** I did spend, I think, 2 years as President there at 1 stage. Semaphore Footy Club where Corrie played football; Lorraine was secretary there and we used to run the little shop and things like that on match days.

**INT:** OK, so you did a lot of travelling to outback places.

**T B:** Yes we did a lot of 4x4 drive stuff. We did the Simpson Dessert about three times and we'd go across and probably take 12/14 vehicles with us. And it was different. There was no GPS and things.

**INT:** So this is a campfire at night.

L B: Yes two weeks away with the kids in the car and all your water, all your food for two weeks. Yes and no trailer.

**INT:** Wonderful. Carry the lot.

**T B:** Yeah, we used to carry 300 litres fuel. We'd have like 7 Jerry cans across the front of a roof rack. We did it and it was good fun

**INT:** If you had to pick a highlight place in Australia in that era?

**T B:** Lake Hope which is out of the



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Birdsville track.

**L B:** We always got permission to go onto different properties 99.9% of them were really good because there weren't so many people doing that sort of thing out there then.

T B: Actually, it's an interesting story and how we come to do Lake Hope initially. We were doing a Simpson Desert crossing with the car club, probably with about 8 or 10 cars at that time. We got to William Creek. It poured with bloody rain the day before, which made it a bit tricky getting up the road. We ended up camping behind the hotel.

INT .Oh God!

T B: This was good fun for the first day and the second day and the third day the beer got pricier each day because they knew you couldn't go anywhere. So after about 3 days we said, well, we can't go and do our normal Simpson dessert crossing, we'll go back to the Birdsville Track.

In doing that, we got up as far as Etadunna to the Cooper Creek crossing on the Birdsville Track and the ferry was in operation. We pulled up and they weren't all that busy, so they took us across for a ride on the ferry and back. Denis Bartell was standing watching the activity. He's walked the desert. He's crossed Australia east to west and done lots of things out there and written books and so forth.

T B: He came down the road and he said to me, "What are you guys doing" I said "Well, we're stranded. We can't go up here. I said we will probably just go back." He said "Why don't you go to Lake Hope. I've blazed a tree out there on one of my travels." And anyway he gave us a bit of a mud map on a piece of paper and he said, you go in from Etadunna. I had this mud map and so I said it sounds like something interesting to do

**INT:** Great.

**T B:** Everybody was agreeable. Only thing we're all a bit lean on fuel because we hadn't planned to



do that extra trip anyway, we went out there and it was bloody brilliant. Just to find our way through his tracks. We did find his blazed tree. After this we went back and set up a camp site

**INT:** What a fantastic story. Thank you so much. Now you're also involved in boating.

L B: Well, we actually had a tinny when we went to McDonald Park, but we sold it to put in grapevines. Most stupid thing we ever did. We bought another tinny and then we had several different power boats.

**T B:** During the 4x4 Club days one of the guys that we met there was into yachting and he's was a member of the CYC, he used to race his boat. Mal was a Trailer Sailor Association member and they did river camping etc. The trips, they might go up the Murray somewhere for a week. Or go to Victoria, to a lake and do different trips. And Mel invited us to go with him to Overland Corner. And so we did a couple of trips up there with them. And we sort of got a bit enthused, but I wasn't into the yachting. I didn't like knocking skin off my knuckles and shins, climbing over bloody ropes, so we bought a boat you could press a button and go. It was a power boat. It was a Roberts Long Boat, 21 ft. very stable with diesel engine. We did a fair bit on the Murray in that boat.

**INT:** So how did you get across the gulf, by sea to Port Vincent?

**T B:** In one of our boats. That was

with the Trailer Sailor Association they used to run a race from Outer Harbour to Port Vincent and we were a safety boat. We would start the race and follow them.

**INT:** So you've retired from boating now?

**L B:** No, we've had a couple of other boats. We bought Mud Duck after that, which is a timber boat moored at Goolwa.

**T B:** That was a 25 foot timber boat and we used to cross the lake from Goolwa. We actually went from Goolwa to Mildura and back about three times in that boat. Up the Darling everywhere and enjoyed a lot of travelling on the river

**L B:** We had it for quite a few years.

T B: On water and you pull up and you're camping on the bank and we enjoyed that lifestyle and then got involved with two boat clubs; the River Murray Boat Owners and the Riverland Cruising Boat Club. Lorraine ended up secretary of the River Murray Boat Owners for several years and ended up a life member

**INT:** Congratulations.

**L B:** We still remain in touch with this group

INT: Yes?

**T B:** So we're still involved with people from that, but the boating side of it is over. However, we enjoyed 30 odd years of that activity

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### PAST EVENTS

### Midweek Run to Langhorne Creek

#### Thursday 20 February 2025

We had a good run from the Clubrooms right through to Langhorne Creek via Mt Barker Wistow and Woodchester.

Some had a hold up near the Mt Barker Hospital for road works but the rest drove straight through. It is very dry through the hills but as you get closer to Langhorne Creek the vineyards take on green as they are being harvested. The views are also great as you descend to sea level.

We had 12 cars on the run and approx. 24 people enjoy a great lunch at the Bridge Hotel in Langhorne Creek

Unfortunately we had 1 breakdown, something to do with petrol and diesel pump colour change at the service station. Were taken home on a tow truck. Whoops.

It was good to see some of our members from Fleurieu Peninsular and others from Ardrossan join us for the day

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