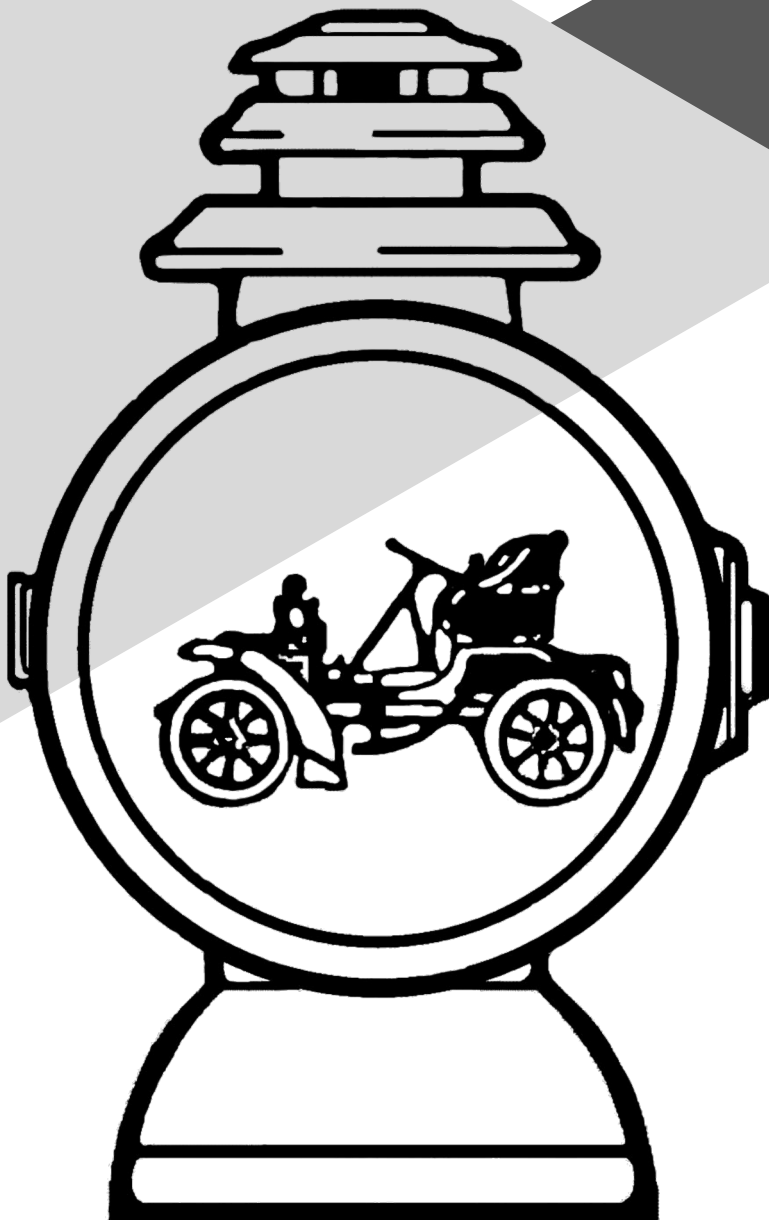


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“The Family Club”**

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<u>SOCIAL EVENTS</u>	<u>CLUBROOM OPERATIONS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>MAGAZINE</u>	<u>JUNE RALLY</u>
Colleen Rainbird	Stuart LeLievre	Gerald Rainbird	Sue Kelly	
Rob LeLievre	Alan Fraser	Colleen Rainbird	Craig Kelly	
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Chris Billingham	Robyn Petts	John Rockliff	Rob LeLievre	
Pam Tarlinton		Neil Cole		

PUBLIC OFFICER Rodney Bredin

MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Friday of each month at the Shaw Street Community Hall, Corner Shaw Street and Kent Crescent, Wagga Wagga. All members, guests and visitors are welcome.

CLUB EVENTS

Club events are held on various days during the year. Please check the "Coming Events" section of this newsletter for details. For all events it is necessary to complete your log book

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

The Club's Statement of Objects is as follows:

For the association of persons interested in Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Post Classic motor vehicles.

To encourage the restoration, preservation, use and display of these vehicles and associated literature, films, photographs, tape recordings and video tapes.

To demonstrate the capabilities of these vehicles by engaging in competitions including economy trials, regularity runs, observation events, motorkhanas, concourse competitions and vehicle rallies.

To encourage goodwill, friendship, and communication between members of this Club, and between members of this Club and all other persons, clubs and associations having like Objectives

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 4th APRIL 2025

Held at Duke of Kent Community Hall. Meeting opened by Vice President Rob LeLievre at 7.30pm

PRESENT: 27

APOLOGIES: 10

VISITORS: 1

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Leanne Thomas, 2nd Bob Smith that the minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 7th March, 2025, as read at the April 2025 meeting be accepted as correct. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- * Monthly meeting announcements are now being broadcast on 2AAAFM
- * Apology sent to CHMC for the 28/3/25 Meeting at Dubbo as no members able to attend

COMMITTEE MINUTES 3/3/25

Present – 11

Apologies – 1

- *Stu Lelievre reported on operational matters.
- *Chris Billingham gave a rundown of the club's financial position.
- *Need to form a sub-committee of members to explore options for the 2026 rally.
- *Ideas on future club tours were discussed.
- *Colleen reported on Events
- *Thankyou to Ray Harrison for the great job he did as the March Magazine Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT

IN

- *Magazines Bulbhorn, Bike Torque, Drivers Journal, Klaxon
- *WWCC re use of storeroom by U3A
- *2AAAFM - Monthly meeting announcements will now be broadcast
- * Australian Art Deco Festival Leeton
- *Echuca Steamboat Festival
- *Application for membership from Ros Auckett

OUT

- *2AAAFM broadcast Meeting announcements.

- * Apology sent to CHMC for the 28/3/25 Meeting at Dubbo.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- *It was moved by Pam Tarlington and seconded by John Rockcliff that the membership application from Ros Auckett be accepted.
Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted 2nd Sue Kelly Carried.
The 2nd Investment account \$15,000 is to be reinvested at the best interest for a term of around 6 months. Moved Clive Jones 2nd James Clay
Carried

PAST EVENTS

- * Observation Run & Rockleigh Shearing Shed Visit at The Rock 9/3/25
- *Mid-week run 19/3/25 coffee at Botanical Gardens, RAAF Aviation Heritage Centre, Apex Park, Lake Albert
- *Robs Shed Day - 25/3/25

COMING EVENTS

- *High Roller Rally – Corowa Sunday 6th April meet at The Rock at 9.00 am
- * Sunday 13th April run organized by Classic Motoring Club of Wagga to Tootool. Meet at Collins Park at 9.30 am BBQ lunch BYO meat, & salad to share.
- *Sunday 4th May, Walla Walla Car Show
- *Wednesday 21st May Mid Week run to Kapooka numbers required asap.
- *Combined run with ACCAW to Holbrook Hotel for lunch. Date to be confirmed in June.
Please refer to club magazine for further details.

EDITOR

- *Thank you to Ray Harrison for editing the March Magazine. Great job.

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

*WWCC allocates 1 meeting/month & 1 use of the outdoor covered area/ year free for WWVVMC use. Any use in excess of this a fee is charged

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

*Needs to be reviewed

ASSETS

Nil

REGISTRATION

One car registered this month

GENERAL BUSINESS

*Club Financial Position – The Club have halved costs. Yearly costs approx. 7,000 - \$7,500 . Income – subs \$4,500, interest \$3,000 this year.

*Annual Event (Rally) Ray Harrison has offered to coordinate a sub-committee to come up with ideas for our future annual event. We require members to volunteer for this sub-committee. There will be a survey emailed to members to return with their suggestions.

* Rod Lieschke told the story of how he shored one sheep at Rockleigh Shearing Shed many years ago.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

*** MEMBERS SURVEY ON THE DIRECTION OF WWVVMC INC CLUB EVENTS ***

13th April 2025

The decision to cancel our Annual June Rally for 2025 has prompted many discussions between members on the direction our club should take in relation to the running of club events in future years.

The June Rally has always been regarded as our Club's major event for the year and has certainly provided additional income for our club during these times - but do members still want it?

At our April Monthly Meeting members discussed the possibility of forming a Sub-Committee to determine if members were still in favour of running the June Rally as an annual event - or maybe changing the format to a similar event at a different time of the year to better suit our club's direction?

The discussions that followed during the meeting indicated that our club finances would most likely break even for this year without the Rally, however next year is looking like a small loss unless another income stream is found.

At this stage Ray Harrison, Geoffrey Holgate and Mark Thomas have volunteered to be on the Sub-Committee.

We are hoping that at least another member will come on board and help out.

This Sub-Committee is by no means the start of a Rally Committee. They will just be coordinating and reporting back to members on the survey outcome.

The survey will be sent out to all members asking them to complete the questionnaire. There will also be a section at the end of the survey that will allow members to add their own thoughts and suggestions.

Time line for Survey:

- Survey compiled and sent out to members in early May.
- Survey to be completed by members and returned by our June Meeting on Friday 13th June
- Outcome of survey to be discussed at our July Meeting on Friday 4th July.

Note: that the club is moving our June Monthly Meeting to Fri 13th as the long weekend falls on 6th

This is now “the time and the place” to voice your views on the direction of future events – whether you are a “new” or “aged” member of our club.

We are hoping that some fresh ideas will come out of the exercise.

Please contact Ray on 0407145525 if you have any queries regarding the survey.

Thank you.

Ray H

ROCKLEIGH SHEARING SHED

Rod Lieschke was unable to attend the run to Rockleigh Shearing shed last month but shared this story with members at the April General meeting.

Due to commitments in our local church, we were unable make the run to Rockleigh Shearing Shed on March 9.

But years ago, the local churches of the district area combined to hold the “Blessing of the Fleece” in that same shed where many attended.

It’s an old English tradition to recognise the sheep and wool industry in Australia.

To get the fleece from the single sheep in the shed it had to be shorn. I was asked and I shored the sheep and I’m sure the farmers in the congregation were only interested in what time I took to shear that sheep!

I was a shearer for 38 years, but I only ever shored that one sheep in Rockleigh shed.

Thanks very much to Rod for sharing his story.



I thought this image followed on from the High Wheelers.

Walter Marr built this car in 1901. Two years later he was successfully producing Marr automobiles but was quickly bought out by William Durant. Durant didn’t want the technology – he wanted Walter Marr. It was a good move; in 1908 Walter was one of the original architects of General Motors and continued work in GM management for many years

HOWLONG RUTHERGLEN AND COROWA SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

The group initially met at The Rock at 9am. Holgates senior, Holgates junior, Alan Fraser, Rainbirds, Chris B and the Kellys. We picked up Pauline at The Rock and Sue F headed out earlier to get a head start.

First stop was the Howlong Bakery to have our kick start for the day and talk about our day to come.

Ian had the phone number of a fellow that has been going to Bendigo Swap for many years and has a “junk” yard or two around town. He was more than happy to show us around his various locations, and it seemed that quite a few were interested in what he had to show us.



No one had a trailer so no bits were brought home, but I am not sure what future arrangements may have been made.

We had a booking at the “Caffeine ‘N’ Machine” in Rutherglen for lunch so that was our next stop.



The Café had a comprehensive display of motor bikes, parts and memorabilia. The high tables had a display under the glass so that you could peruse and read while you were eating.



The building has a lot of history. It started in 1892 with three Jasper Brothers opening their business, with the sign reading: “Jasper Bros. Coach Builders, Blacksmith, Undertakers and Horses carefully shod”.

During the sixties and still owned by the Jasper family it was converted to a Holden Dealership/ service station.

I'm not sure about the current business owners relationship to the original family but it is a very interesting place to visit.

This V8 motor bike was started up while we were there, however it doesn't move from it's spot. The last rider didn't survive the ride!



The group then headed off to Corowa where we visited the Whiskey and Chocolate factory before catching up with some of the High Wheelers and their owners in town for their rally



After talking to one of the entrants there were 23 entrants and one day they were going on a 100km drive! At a max speed of 20kmph that was going to be a very long day. They drive for an hour, have a rest for at least 30 mins before heading out again. Dedication.

All of the previous photos were taken at the motel where a large number of the entrants were staying. A contingent went on to the Caravan Park to visit some more of the entrants, but about half of us decided it was time to head home, before it got too dark.

It was a lovely day out, even if it was a bit cool.

I have shared the CHMC facebook posts on our Facebook page if you want to have a look at a little video and some more photos

<https://www.facebook.com/WWVVMC>

MID WEEK RUN, WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2025.

Another enjoyable start to this mid-week run at the lovely setting at the Botanic Garden Cafe for coffee and chatter. Thanks to David & Lorna Bredin, Chris Mooney for joining us prior to their appointments.

Leanne Thomas, Peter Jope, Robyn Petts, John & I proceeded out to the RAAF Wagga Wagga Aviation Heritage Centre. On arrival we were welcomed by Lou De Bono & Bob Smith.



Our timing was brilliant - The F35 JSF gave us a flyover as we watched it circle over the passing out parade of our newest Defence Members. A special day for themselves and family members.



The RAAF museum stands at the entrance to the Base, ample parking and is well worth a visit. Entry is free & there is a wealth of history, just give yourself time to view all on offer.



The Water Tank mural, dedicated to the Empire Air Training Scheme is another area deep in history to view anytime, special lighting in the evening adds to this experience.

Very impressive is the static display of aircraft on the Eastern side of the museum.

As you drive past or maybe make a special trip, actually park your vehicle and go for a wander. A big thanks to past, present & future Defence personnel for your service.



On completion of our RAAF tour, Lake Albert shops was our next stop, then taking our lunch to Apex Park where Annie Taylor, Grant & Sue McRae were waiting for us at a lovely shady table down by the lake.

Also enjoying time out were the Cycling Without Age (all volunteers) providing numerous laps around the lake for very excited passengers.



Lou & Bob along with other military members have great depth, knowledge & a willingness to share thus making your visit most enjoyable.

Walking around the area - A replica of the 31 Squadron Chapel at Coomalie Creek NT.

The ANZAC Dawn Service is held in this area, I have attended and are very moving. (open to the public)

Our vehicles also attracted lots of interest too. Peter & John were on hand to answer all the questions - Good job boys. Another enjoyable day out and about.

MID-WEEK RUN INFORMATION

NO WEDNESDAY mid-week run for April - special Sunday run on 13th April with the Classic Car Club to The Rock & Tootool.

KAPOOKA BASE visit and \$16:00 lunch (NO cash - Card accepted only) in the Sargent Mess on WEDNESDAY 21st MAY.

NAMES are REQUIRED no later than Friday 2nd May. Pauline Hopkins has kindly offered to arrange this event, it requires approvals from numerous Defence Departments & this takes considerable time, so please get your names in early

Met at Jubilee park off Red Hill Road, 344 Bourke St Bourkelands to depart at 9:30am.

Travel to Kapooka Base to enter / SIGN in together. Coffee at cafe, tour around museum & surrounding area and return for lunch 12:15 ish. Leave/ sign out Base as a group.

Email - ray.tarlinton4@bigpond.com
Mobile - 042 99 666 84 (leave message please)
Looking forward to our out and abouts.
Hope you can join us.
Cheers
Pam T



Anyone can buy a new car

Real men keep the old ones running!!!

A BIG THANKYOU

Thanks to Ray Harrison for putting together a great magazine for March.

S Kelly Editor

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We can all relate to this one



Contributed Stu L



GETITOUT & GETITGOING

Coming Events – Events Calendar

April 2025

<i>Events Director</i>		Colleen Rainbird	0429 202 379	events@wwwvmc.gmail.com	
CLUB EVENT					
Date	Organiser	Details			
Sunday April 6	Events	Visit the High Wheeler Rally in Corowa. Depart Clubrooms at 8:30 to travel to Howlong Bakery for Morning Tea. Then onto Caff��ine and Machine Caf�� at 1pm at Rutherglen. Average cost for a meal is about \$25. There is a very interesting museum to peruse at the caf��. Then we go onto to Corowa and see some of the High Wheelers as they start their rally. Numbers in by Wednesday April 2 please.			1 1-3
Sunday April 13 In lieu of midweek run	Events	Invitation from Classic Motoring Club, we are invited to their run to The Rock. Tootool and a visit to John Rockliff's grandparents homestead Simla. The itinerary is as follows, meet at Collins Park at 9:30, Morning tea in The Rock at Syviers Caf��, BBQ lunch at Tootool-they have a BBQ trailer so byo meat and a salad to share, then onto the homestead up a short dirt road.			1 1-3
Monday April 28		Committee Meeting. 6 pm Clubrooms			
Friday May 2		Monthly meeting. 7:30 pm Clubrooms			1 1-3
Sunday May 4	Events	Classic Car Show and Concert at Walla Walla. Car show from 11-3. Car exhibitors free of charge. Box lunches and BBQ available. Lunchtime concert starts at 12.30 with live four piece band			1 1-3
Wednesday May 21	Pauline Hopkins	Kapooka Base visit and \$16:00 lunch (NO cash - Card accepted only) in the Sargent Mess on Names are required no later than Friday 2nd May.			1 1-3
Saturday & Sunday June 7 and 8 2025		The Echuca Moama Steam Iron & Trades Revival @ Rotary Park Echuca. Event will have exhibitors of all types of Vehicles, Machinery, Traditions & Trades of yesteryear to celebrate our heritage, and the role that these amazing machines, vehicles and people played in the local area of years gone by. Exhibitor Entries can be made online or downloaded from at https://www.steamrevival.org.au/exhibitor-application. (More details in email)			2 2-6
Sunday June 22		Combined run and lunch with Albury Antique Club. Lunch at Culcairn Hotel			1 1-3

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

April 26	Barry Day 0410 750 692	Ken Reid Memorial Ride- One day Rally
Sunday May 18		National Motoring Heritage Day Wodonga
Sat & Sun May 31 and June 1	Greg 0415 258 512	Bathurst Historic Car Club Gold Country Tour
Sunday June 8	Mark 0407 265 562. Numbers Appreciated	Young Car Show at the Pit Stop barbershop and the Brock memorabilia Museum. there will be a barbecue and cold drinks and tea and coffee and cappuccinos or provided. it's a gold coin donation and \$10 for all your food and your hot beverages. Chance to have everyone altogether and bring some clubs to our town to look around into our town.
Fri -Sun July 11-13,		The Australian Art Deco Festival – Leeton cordially invites any interested members of your club to join us at this year's festival in Leeton, to display your stunning vintage vehicles and help us bring the elegance and charm of the early 20th century to life!
August 3 to 9	Michelle 0409 185 906	Federations Mallee Wimmera Tour- Kerang to Horsham
September 26 to Oct 2	Chev 4 Rally	Queanbeyan
Sunday October 5		Coolamon Fire Engine Muster 10 th Anniversary 10am -4pm
Saturday and Sunday October 18&19		Urana Vintage Machinery Rally and Truck Show. Sat Tractor trek and pull Vintage engines Sun: Tractor pull Truck show Show and shine and Fete. \$10 entry
SWAP MEETS		
Saturday April 26		West Wyalong Show and Shine
Saturday June 25	0473 662 142	Wombat
Sunday September 7	Barry 0488 421 976	Father's Day Swap. Cootamundra showgrounds

Remember to fill out your logbook before you leave your driveway

Watch your emails for last minute information and events!! AND check for cancellations, email or call organiser.

PLANNING AHEAD

Are you planning beyond the Club's Calendar? Here is how it works unless it is affected by Public Holidays/ Rally.

General Meeting: First Friday of the month, excluding January

Committee Meeting: Monday prior to General Meetings

Sunday Run: Sunday following the general meeting

Mid-Week Run TBC Rob's Social day last Tuesday of the month