



Orange District Antique Motor Club Inc.

Restoration Rambler

July 2025



Laurie Dwyer- Ford V8

Orange District Antique Motor Club Inc.

Postal address P.O. BOX 664, ORANGE N.S.W. 2800

ORANGE DISTRICT ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC

Officer Bearers 2025

PATRON	Richard Bloomfield	0427201824
PRESIDENT	*Peter Amos	0447401928
VICE PRESIDENT	Chris Bromley	0428659224
SECRETARY	Carol Ryan	0448682211
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Susan Toy	0408414848
TREASURER	*Euan Coutts	63651274
ASSISTANT TREASURER	David Toy	0408226511
MAGAZINE EDITOR	Rosemarie Amos	0412699905
PUBLICITY OFFICER/ SOCIAL SECRETARY	Kevin Penson	0427645202
PROPERTY OFFICER/LIBRARIAN	Richard Bloomfield	0427201824
PUBLIC OFFICER	Bill Nielsen	0468589270
EVENTS COMMITTEE	Nigel Coutts	63651301
	Chris Bromley	0428659224
	Richard Bloomfield	0427201824
	Susan Toy	0408226511
	Wilga Coutts	63651274
REGISTRATION OFFICER	Bob McNeil	63620239 0447117079
REGISTRATION ASSISTANT	Steve Halls	63629851
SCRUTINEERS	Laurie Dwyer	0417620848
	Brian Stephen	0427332574
	Ray Dwyer	0438663510
BUSH COUNCIL DELEGATE	Bob McNeil	63620239 0447117079
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Chris Bromley Don Eisenhuth Richard Bloomfield	0428659224 0447745150 0427201824
WEBSITE	odamc.org.au	
WEBSITE CO- ORDINATOR	Andrew McDougall	63622942

***Key holders**

Meetings are held in the Lucknow school building, Lucknow

3rd Monday of each month commencing at 7.30pm. All visitors are welcome.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I hope everyone is managing to keep warm as winter has really set in this week.

For those members who went on the Junction Reefs tour Tony Steele has sent through some photos of the mine when it was in operation during 1987-1995. From above you can hardly work out where the mine was today, but it would be different at ground level. You will see these in this magazine.

Our next run is on 3rd July to visit a collection of interesting cars in Buesnel Lane off Forest Reefs Rd, Millthorpe. As we will be away in Cape York (and wearing shorts!) Bernie Schell has offered to take charge of this run. Please note Coffee will be earlier at 9.30 in Lucknow and lunch after the shed inspection will be in Blayney at the Royal Hotel.

Christmas in July is coming up on **Saturday 26th** which is being hosted by the Coutts Family. The plan is to meet at Lucknow at 10am for coffee. We will then depart to the home of Wilga & Euan for pre dinner drinks. When we have warmed up on mulled wine we will wander across the street to Nigel & Angela's place for a Christmas Dinner. This event will be subsidised by the Club but we ask that you contribute \$10 per car which will go towards the cost of the Christmas lunch. Wilga would like numbers by Wed. 16th 63651274 or 0412673585. Payment please at the July meeting on 21st.

I have booked 6 rooms at the Junee Motor Inn for the Presidents run on Saturday 20th September. Could you please let me know at the next meeting if you intend coming so we can finalise the accommodation.

Hope the temperature gets back up to double figures soon.

Peter



Some of our group, that attended the Bee Keepers Inn for lunch in June.

ORANGE DISTRICT ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUBS INC.

AGENDA / MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: 16th June 2025

TIME: 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: As per the attendance book

APOLOGIES

Des & Sally Green, David & Sue Toy, Nigel Coutts, Rosemarie Amos, George Tait, Tony Steele

VISITORS

Peter McNeill

President opened the meeting and welcomed all members and visitors.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted as printed in magazine

Moved; Kevin Ryan Seconded: Chris Bromley Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Everyone should have received new Register of Club Members 2025

Cootamundra Sprint 2025 30th August. All should have received by email

20th Sept Grenfell Lights Car Poker Run

Forbes Motorshow 5th October

Central West Car Club Parkes Show & Shine 18th October

Letter from Central Tablelands Car Club to advise that they will be running the Pre 31 Autumn Tour in 2026

MAGAZINES FROM CLUB Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Reply Re TAFE course Albury for motorcycles

Reply Lithgow Small Arms Factory

Moved: Carol Ryan Seconded: Chris Bromley Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Reply to Keith Packham (Central Tablelands Club) acknowledging receipt of his letter

TREASURERS REPORT: Euan presented the current financial report:

Accounts to Pay: Nil

Moved: Euan Coutts Seconded: Richard Bloomfield

Carried

EDITORS REPORT:

Any Stories for magazine welcomed.

EVENTS REPORT:

25th May Junctions Reefs Mine visit. 13 members attended. Morning tea at the Steeles at Lyndhurst followed by a look at the old Junction Reefs Mine site with information provided by Tony Steele. Then on for lunch at Carcoar Pub.

31st May 1st June Gold Country Tour Bathurst. Peter and Rosemarie Amos, Kevin and Carol Ryan and Laurie Dwyer attended. Beautiful autumn for the main day Saturday. Delicious morning tea provided by Rustic Nature Café at Neville. Continued on to Woodstock showground for lovely boxed lunch provided by Woodstock locals. Cars were displayed there for judging. Returned to Bathurst for 2 course presentation dinner at RSL. Sunday was to be a short run round Bathurst area followed by morning tea to conclude.

5th June Beekeepers lunch. 12 attended for lunch and a look at the small museum there.

14th Movies at Manildra. No members attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

29th June Visit Botanic Gardens 10.00am

3rd July Millthorpe shed visit. Shed owned by Anthony Sutter. Meet at Lucknow for Morning Tea then visit shed followed by lunch at Royal Hotel Blayney.

26th July Christmas in July. Drinks at Wilga & Euan Coutts followed by Lunch at Nigel & Angela Coutts. Small charge of \$10 per car to help cover costs. Money at 21st July meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Presidents Run set down for 20th -21st September to June. Peter to book motel. More information to follow.

Awards

Supper for next meeting: Bill Nielsen Meeting closed: 8.05pm

ODAMC Events 2025

Club events are generally organised on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Other events of interest are listed that members may wish to attend using your logbooks.

Date	Event	Contact/Organiser
Mon 16 th June	Monthly Meeting Lucknow 7.30	
Sun 29 th June	Visit to Botanical Gardens 10am	Susan Toy 0408 414848
Thur 3 rd July	Meet at Lucknow 9.30 for coffee then a shed visit in Buesnel Lane, off Forest Reefs Rd, Millthorpe. Lunch at Blayney Royal Hotel	We have booked a table at the Royal, Bernie Schell is the contact. 0419 492108
Mon 21 st July	Monthly Meeting Lucknow 7.30	
Saturday 26th July	NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Christmas in July at Nigel & Angela Coutts. 10.30 start at Lucknow	Numbers please by 16 July. 6365 1274 0412673585 Cost \$10 per car
Thur 1 st August	O'Connell Pub 12.30 Meet Ironbark at Blayney MT 10.00	
Mon 18 th Aug	Monthly Meeting Lucknow 7.30	
Sun 24 th Aug	Bathurst Swap Meet 10am Motor Museum. Lunch at Victoria Hotel	
Sun 7 th Sep	Woodstock Show	

BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB

SHOW 'N' SHINE

SWAP MEET

CARS, MOTORBIKES, TRUCKS

REGISTRATIONS 8 - 10:30 AM
JUDGING 11AM - TROPHIES 12PM




SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

📍 MOUNT PANORAMA

TROPHIES :

PRE 1920'S
HISTORIC 20-50'S
CLASSIC 50-80'S
MODERN 80'S >

TROPHIES:

BEST CUSTOM /
MODIFIED VEHICLE
BEST TRUCK
BEST MOTORCYCLE
GRAND CHAMPION

CASH ONLY! **\$5**

Includes entry to Show & Shine **ENTRY**

Under 18yr free **PER**

PERSON

Email - bhccswapmeet@outlook.com
Facebook - Bathurst Historic Car Club
Lee-Ann - 0400751668

TURN ME OVER!

BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB

36TH SWAP MEET

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2025 6AM TO 3PM



- ★ SITE COST: OUTDOOR SITES FREE (INDOOR SITES \$30) - NO SELLERS INSURANCE NEEDED
- ★ SETUP: MOUNTAIN STRAIGHT ACCESS 12PM SATURDAY THE 23RD
- ★ FOOD: CATERED BY LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS
- ★ PARKING: PLENTY OF PARKING ON SITE - NO PARKING ON THE GRASS VERGES AROUND TRACK
- ★ CAMPING: SATURDAY NIGHT - \$25 SELLERS ONLY - CURFEW 8PM GATES LOCKED



Lee-Ann - 0400751668
Email - bhccswapmeet@outlook.com
Facebook - Bathurst Historic Car Club

SHOW 'N' SHINE

REGISTRATIONS 8-10:30AM 24TH
JUDGING 11AM / TROPHIES 12PM

CASH ONLY! **\$5**

Includes entry to Show & Shine **ENTRY**

Under 18yr free **PER**

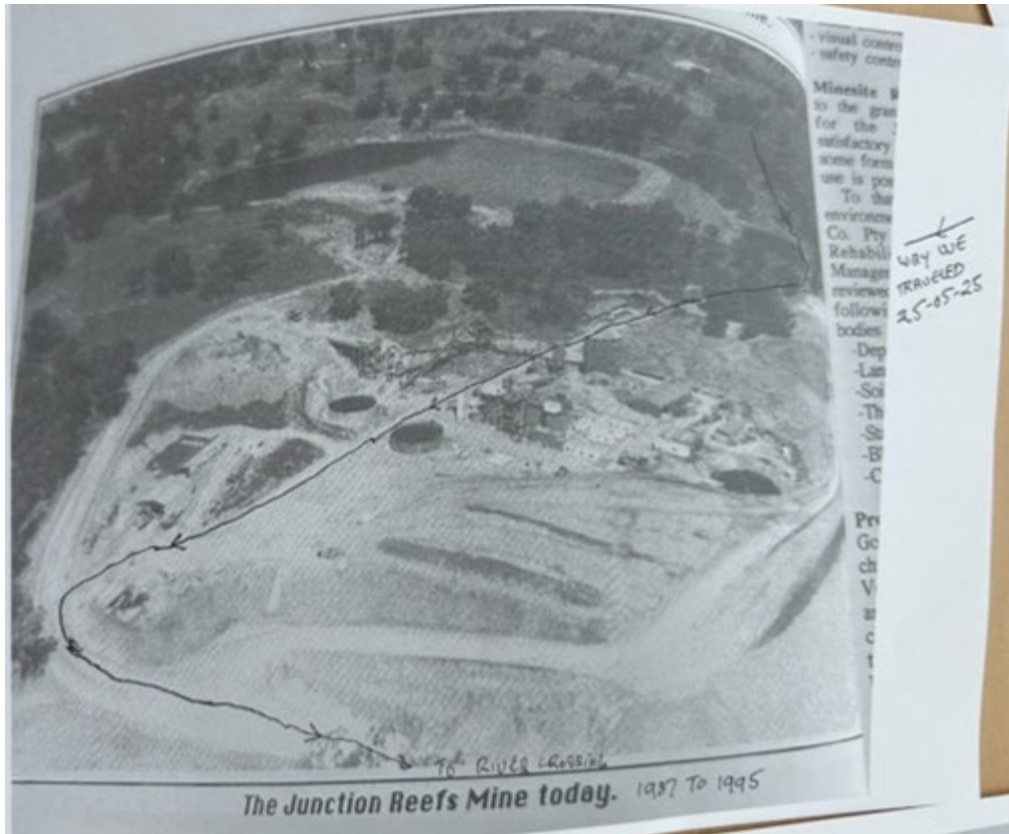
PERSON

LOCATION - MOUNT PANORAMA
MOUNTAIN STRAIGHT

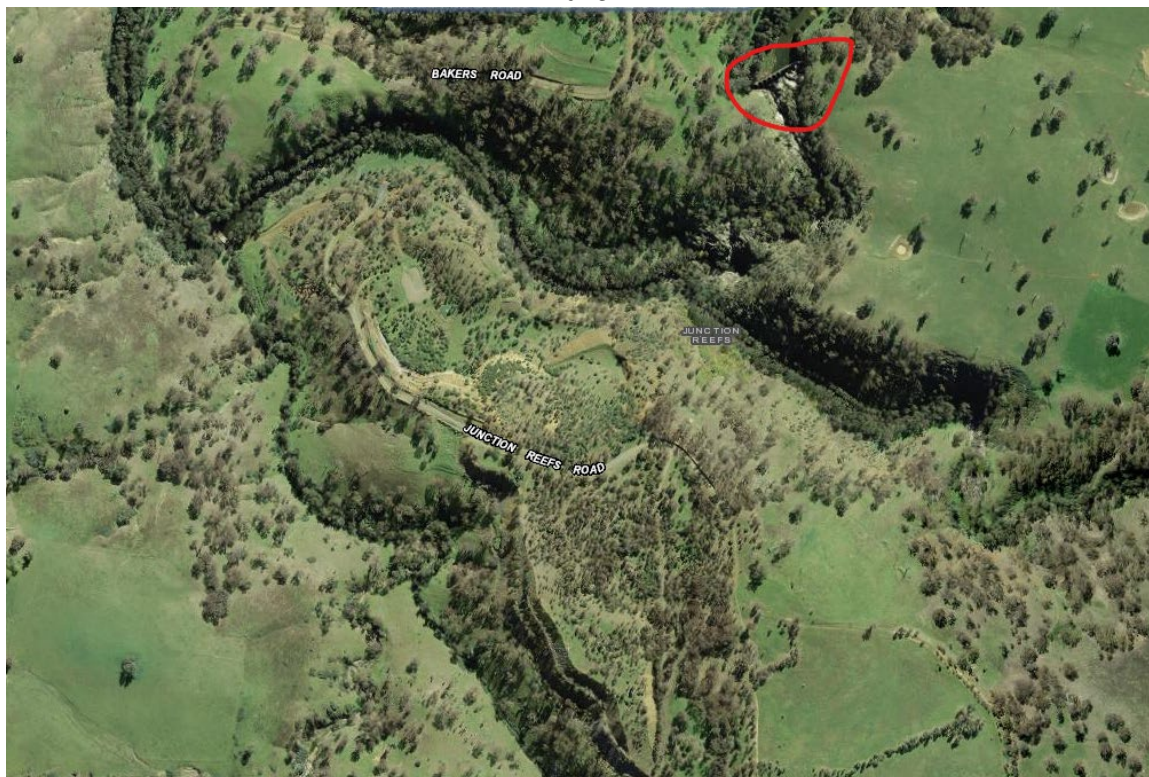
PROUDLY SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

TURN ME OVER!

1995



2025



SIX Maps photo of the area. The wall is marked in red.

For Sale

EK Holden 1962

Contact Sue Sharpe 0427 543 080



Sedan, 3 speed manual, 54,361 miles, original condition. Price\$25,000

Riley 1951



Riley 1951 RMB 21/2 litre. Reluctant sale of this attractive original car in excellent condition . As new paint and Trim. Unworn radial tyres. New Stainless exhaust. New battery. New Large capacity radiator. Good road performer. New roof covering and woodwork refurbished, Club Rego. Car is in Orange NSW . Plenty of more photos on request. Asking \$30,000.

Euan Coutts 0412 673585

Dodge Restoration Challenge

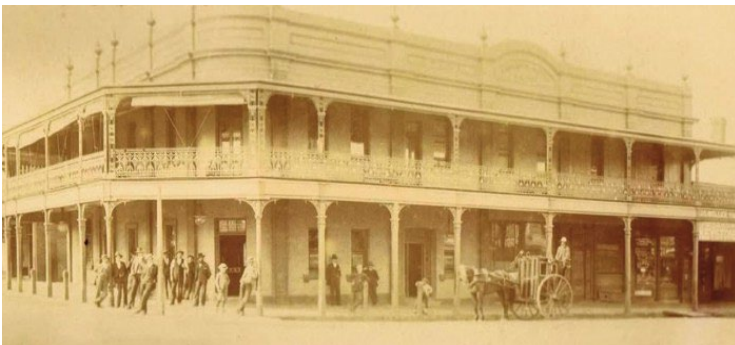


Contact Rob Schoolderbeek 0419 434910 who is asking \$3,000 for this old girl.

ORANGE TAXI HISTORY

Orange Radio Taxi Cabs celebrates its 70th anniversary on 15 July, Bob Curran, owner operator from 7 July 1993 to 9 October 2024, with great help from ODHS researcher Tony Bouffler, relates the history of taxi cabs in Orange.:

Hansom cab waiting at the Exchange Hotel, corner of Anson & Summer streets below. Sulkies (Taxi's) lined up at Orange Railway ➡



The first motorised taxi to operate in Orange was owned by Mr McInnes in 1911 and bookings were made with Miss Blake of Byng Street next to the School of Arts. This 1911 vehicle, probably a French made Renault, didn't ply its trade in Orange for long and a newspaper article described how it was destroyed by fire in 1912, on Coffee Hill (Cargo Road). After World War I, motorised taxis slowly became more popular, but for some time the hansom cab and motorised taxis were seen together in the streets of Orange in the 1920s, but by 1930 the car had replaced the horse completely.

The first permanent rank was established in Lords Place in 1927 as part of the beautification of Lords Place, between Summer and Byng streets (now known as the bottom rank) beside Robertson Park. A metal phone box was erected with the telephone number of 700. Later in the same year the council did the same set-up in Anson Street near Summer Street.

The phone number was listed in the *Leader* paper as 'seven oh oh'. This phone box had a loud bell; it was necessary for a driver to hear the call in a taxi with the windows wound up on a cold winter's night. This noise caused many problems over the years for guests at the Royal Hotel. Around 1980, new owners of the hotel paid to install a large orange light on top of the box that flashed when a customer called.

In the mid-1920s Gold Top Taxis spread from Sydney through to regional towns offering discounted taxi fares. In Orange they were controlled by Mr and Mrs R Michel who operated nine taxis from a shed near the top rank, and competed against Orange Taxis, which were individually owned and operated mostly from the bottom rank. This influx of nine taxis increased the total in Orange to 24. Almost all these vehicles would have been American or English branded vehicles, assembled in Australia. At first there was no special number plate for taxis and in fact the only way you could tell a taxi until after WWII was if it had 'For hire' on the side doors, but this was up to the owner and not compulsory. Also vehicle colour was a choice still made by the owner.



Between the wars most people still could not afford a motor car and taxis quickly became popular to hire for weddings see photo above, reaching a peak in the 50s and 60s but this income source slowly reduced and the last wedding that used taxis was about 2004. It was charged out at \$200 per taxi and two cabs were used.

During WWII petrol was severely rationed to just a few gallons a week and to survive taxi owners took drastic steps. One reporter wrote of the sight of taxi drivers pushing cars up on the bottom rank one by one, to save fuel. Some owners went to the expense of putting a charcoal burner in a trailer to convert coke or charcoal to producer gas to run the cab and towed it behind the vehicles. Others bolted charcoal burners to the rear of their cars to maintain an income, as can be seen in the photo. This vehicle had a charcoal burner creating the gas to power the engine.

After World War II, returned soldiers were encouraged to apply for taxi licenses and at least two were granted in Orange, increasing the number to 28. Next, the State Government started issuing special taxi licence plates T-xxxx in Sydney metropolitan area and TC-xxxx. Originally these plates were a dark blue with white numbering, then in 1994 they were recalled and yellow and black ones issued. These only lasted briefly before they too were recalled, being replaced with the lighter blue and white ones we see today.

As councils had some say in the issuing of plates, many reports in the newspapers of that time wrote that different aldermen said the town needed more taxi plates, adding that people were waiting for hours for a taxi on the ranks and one alderman said he had seen 70 people waiting for taxis at the railway station so he convinced council to apply for five more taxi plates.

The Department of Transport in Sydney didn't agree and issued only two extras.

Finally, in 1955, after numerous complaints to the council of taxi drivers overcharging customers, who till now had been using the system of zoning which had been introduced by council in the mid-1940s, the State Government made it compulsory for all Orange taxis to install meters. As this was a big exercise they were given time to buy them and have them installed, which were an expensive addition to the running costs of the local operators. With the new meters came an illuminated 'TAXI' roof sign with an orange dome light that went off when the taxi was hired.

By 1955 there were 30 taxi plates in Orange, but it was said that from 1945 to 1965 was the best time for the income of the taxi driver in Orange as there were fewer buses and owners of private cars.

For many years Orange railway station created considerable business for taxis, as it was a major junction for people coming from west of Parkes and Broken Hill, Wellington and Dubbo so the taxis often transferred people to hotels and later motels for an overnight stay. They also transferred railway men to their homes or occasionally to different towns.

This story is to be continued in the Spring Edition



Charcoal burner fitted to an Orange Taxi in World War II



Mrs Joan O'Connor was among a number of female taxi drivers in Orange in the 1960

Thankyou and acknowledgement to Liz Edwards from The Orange Historical Society who has compiled this article about the Taxi's in Orange. This was recently published in their Winter edition "History Alive". I have included her story and photos in our magazine with her permission.

Rosemarie Amos