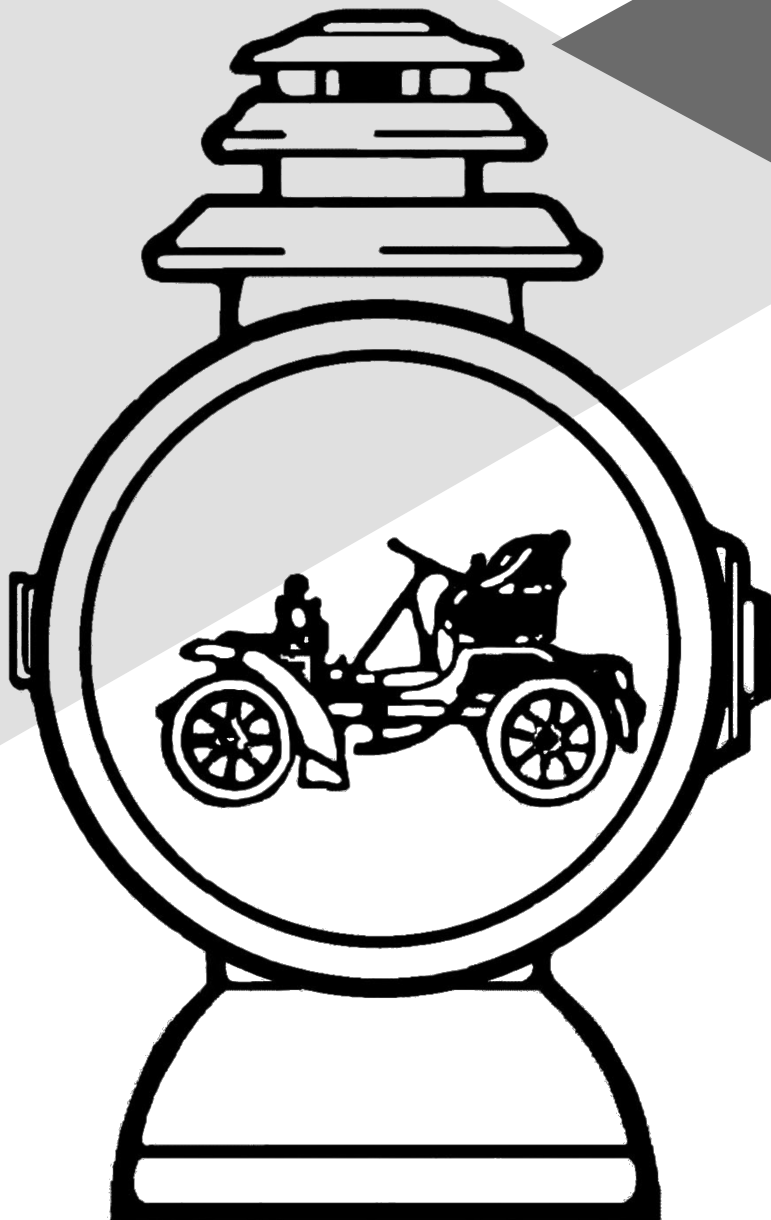


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“The Family Club”**

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Stu Le Lievre		TBA		

PUBLIC OFFICER

Janelle Clout

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

Editor's Notes

Hi all - and goodbye to another winter - and looking forward to warmer weather during the months of spring, before we start to get fried with 40+ temperatures as we head towards the end of another year. The temperature is always something to whinge about for an avid motoring enthusiast I guess!

Spring is such a great time for those who still drive their "soft top" Tourer's with pride. All you have to do is to pull up your side window roller curtains or take off your removable side curtains and you are open to all the wonderful natural elements that the world can throw at you – including sun and wind burn, bees, wasps, plus odours from unleaded exhaust systems and overloaded stock crates.

"Oh what a feeling".

Of course those with completely removable side curtains always get into a bitch session with their "co-driver /navigator" on the issue of where you are going to store the wretched things while you are trying to get some fresh air into the cabin when driving down the road. The "attractive one" normally doesn't like them lying across their lap for any length of time when travelling on a hot windy day - So that's a tip to take seriously - otherwise you might get that smile wiped off you dial fairly quickly.

For those that drive more modern classics with common everyday wind-up windows – well you will just go through the normal repetitive actions of trying to open or close your window because your window winders have broken handles or stripped mechanisms. In the middle of all this – your attempt to adjust your front bonnet air vents, and maybe try to adjust the control knobs of you poorly performing Mk5 air conditioner – and don't forget that you can't open your ¼ vent either - as you know that it's base is loose and is promising to fall out on the road if you look at it!

So, not much fun driving classic cars sometimes either.

Spring-time driving can be very stressful – even to the calmest of Pilots.

The above article was produced with assistance from Google "AI" after requesting information on the "Hazards associated with driving Veteran, Vintage and Classic Cars in Springtime"

Now back to being normal:

- A big thank you to those members that have come forward and taken on the rolls for the vacant office bearer positions that remained after our AGM last month. We now have Charles Oliver as President, Ian Grainer as Vice President and Janelle Clout on board as Public Officer. I also believe that we may have a person interested in taking on the roll of Rally Director if we go ahead with such an event in 2026.
- With regards to future Rallies - the outcomes from our recent "Major Events" survey were further discussed at our monthly meeting. I would like to thank Stuart Le Lievre for putting pen to paper and presenting us with a joint proposal for the format of future rallies. Lets all get involved and get this issue solved. Have a read of this proposal on page 8 of this addition and bring your thoughts back to our next meeting.
- *My request for members to be on the lookout for stories that are suitable for our magazine has been great in the past few weeks. If you have a story to share – any story – big or small - I ask that you send it into me please. It can be related to family achievements, travel, sport, life stories, new acquisitions, restoration issues/ progress, something you seen down the street that may have tickled your fancy, or even some humorous tales from caravaners! – We want them all from everyone so that our Reflection will survive.*

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

5th September 2025

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

PRESENT: 24

APOLOGIES: 11

VISITORS: 2

Guest Speaker Geoff Breust from the Wagga City Aero Club gave a presentation on his clubs Bikes, Cars & Planes Display Day to be held on 18th October 2025.

It was moved that Charles Oliver become our new President by Rob Le Lievre, 2nd Geff Holgate

It was moved that Ian Grainger become our new Vice President by Rob Le Lievre, 2nd James Clay

Janelle Clout is our new Public Officer.

The position of Rally Director has been deferred.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Lou Debono, 2nd Sue Kelly that the minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 1st August 2025, as recorded in the August 2025 Reflection Magazine be accepted as correct. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Front sign still to be organized by WWCC
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COMMITTEE MINUTES

- **3rd September 2025**

_Present – 7, Apologies – 3

*Sympathy Card sent to Leanne & Mark Thomas on the passing of Leanne's sister Valma Deane

*Geoff Breust to be contacted re Aero Club Open Day information discussion for General Meeting this Friday.

*Christmas Lunch – Culcairn \$25/head Roasts & Sweets

*Gerald inspected the work that Lachlan Holgate has achieved so far on his jeep.

*Charles Oliver has a new vehicle- 1969 Rover P5B

*New member Joe Nicholl is still working on his Austin 1800

*Discussion to be held at General Meeting re 2026 June Event

CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT

IN

*CHMC – Youth Awards / AGM

*Euroa Show & Shine 5/10/25

* Stew Edwards re trying to track down his old race car

*Janelle Clout re Public Officers Position

*NSW Dept. Of Transport – Drive Lite Historic & Classic

*Application for membership from Graham (Joe) Nicholl

OUT

*Members re AGM Positions still vacant

* Letter to Geoff Breust

*Sympathy Cards to the Clout & Thomas families

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

*It was moved by Leanne Thomas & seconded by Mark Thomas that the

membership application from Graham (Joe) Nicholl be accepted.

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted 2nd James Clay Carried.

PAST EVENTS

- * Bethungra Run 3/8/25
- * Craft Morning 15/8/25
- * Robs Shed Day - 26/8/25

COMING EVENTS

- * Run to Galore Hill 14/9/25
- * Rob's Shed Day 30/9/25
- * Coolamon Fire Engine Muster 6/10/25
- * Christmas at Culcairn 7/12/25 for Roast Lunch
- * Robs Social Day Run 28/10/25

Please refer to the club magazine for further details.

EDITOR

- * More stories are needed for our magazine.
- * Library list needs to be removed from club website
- * Could more members receive their magazines by email only.

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

- * WWCC approved booking for Registration Day on 8/11/25
- * No further word from WWCC on when sign will be installed

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

NIL

ASSETS

One new member

REGISTRATION

- * One car registered this month, Charles Oliver's Rover P5B.
- * New member Joe Nicholl's Austin 1800 will be registered soon
- * Inspection of the work that Lachlan Holgate has achieved so far on his Jeep.
- * Registration day will be Saturday, 8th November

GENERAL BUSINESS

- * CHMC AGM at Cowra on 25/10/25. Geoffrey Holgate to be our Club Delegate. Lachlan Holgate will report on his Jeep project that won the Youth Award for 2025
- * Discussion on a new format for the June Rally next year. A Rally Director still to found

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Interesting "Fact (or Not)" of the Month

Mosquitoes bite people in almost every country across the globe. But are there any countries that don't have this blood-sucking pest? The answer is "yes," there is one country without mosquitoes: Iceland. While its neighbours — including Norway, Scotland and Greenland — are home to multiple mosquito species, Iceland remains mosquito-free. (Of note, Antarctica is also mosquito-free, but the southern continent is not a country.)

2 Two Important Messages from CHMC.

1. 🍷 THE DINKUM OIL # 33 *A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going CHMC Annual Rallies.*

- Our traditional annual rally has served our Council well for the past 55 years and provided enormous satisfaction and enjoyment for our members. However, as no CHMC club is in the position in 2026 to host our annual event we regretfully advise there will not be a rally next year. The CHMC Committee has decided to take this interval as an opportunity to review the annual rally and consider new formats or programs that suits more of our members yet reduces the tasks involved for host clubs. To begin this review we are conducting a survey and need input from club members and clubs whether you attend our annual rally or not. The closing date for rally survey submissions is **30th August 2025**. The results will be presented to delegates at our next meetings at Cowra in October. The annual rally is Council's premier event so please ensure that everyone in your club has the opportunity to submit their views so future rallies can be planned to meet their expectations while also being desirable for clubs to host.

- **2025 AGM** - Our Annual General Meeting and Delegates Meeting will be held in Cowra on October 25th, 2025 where the annual rally survey results will be presented along with other agenda items. Your attendance and input are essential to ensure the future of our rallies.

- **2026 Delegates meeting** - The first Delegates meeting for 2026 is scheduled for 21st March 2026 at Club Macquarie, near Newcastle. Additional activities for the weekend for delegates and observers are being considered. Details of the meeting and activities will be provided as soon as we have the details confirmed.

- **2027** - Clubs interested in hosting either the 2027 Annual Rally (event dates are decided by host club), or the CHMC AGM & Delegates Meeting in October 2027 are asked to indicate to Council their interest. Please discuss by phone with a Committee member or contact Council at secretary@heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au

2. Message from our Council of Heritage Motor Clubs - NSW Inc.

TO: ALL CHMC NSW INC CLUBS
RE: 2026 CHMC ANNUAL YOUTH AWARDS
September 1 2025

Dear Club Committee,

We're writing to advise your club that applications for the 2026 CHMC Annual Youth Awards are now open, and to ask you to promote the Awards to your members and your local community. Applicant do not need to be members, but do need your club's nomination.

Council's youth initiative offers grants of up to \$2000 to assist or to recognise young people, aged 10 to 30, involved in conserving or restoring historic vehicles, or studying the vehicles through research or photography.

There are undoubtedly young enthusiasts in your community, perhaps some in your club or your club's families, who could be eligible for recognition and support with an Award? If your club has young members already involved

in suitable projects have them apply!

Young members like our 2025 Award recipient, Lachlan Holgate, a dedicated young enthusiast who was nominated by the Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club. Lachlan is fully restoring his 1953 Willys Jeep CJ3B. The judges were impressed with Lachlan's enthusiasm for restoration and his commitment to the historic vehicle community. His Award included a grant to assist him in acquiring Jeep parts.

The future of our movement depends on engaging the next generations, and the next generation of car enthusiasts are already here. Let's ensure young people know they have a place in our historic vehicle car community by celebrating their involvement in activities that preserve and celebrate motoring heritage.

How your club can help:

- Promote the Awards to your members and your community
- Publicise the Awards at events, in newsletters, and on your online platforms
- Encourage eligible young people to apply
- Mentor and support young applicants who may need guidance or encouragement with their entries.

2026 Award Guidelines, Forms and a flyer are included in the information package with this mail out. The Youth Awards documents will also be on the CHMC website.

Regards
CHMC Committee
per Jenny Fawbert, CHMC Webpublisher

Attachments: (please do not rely on earlier versions of these documents)
1. Guidelines Youth Awards CHMC v3.0 Aug 2025
2. Application Form Youth Awards CHMC v2.0 Aug 2025
3. Club Nomination Form Youth Awards CHMC v2.0 Aug 2025
4. Flyer Youth Awards CHMC v2.0 Aug 2025
Email
secretary@heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au
www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au

Editors Comment:

Gerald Rainbird (our WWVVMC's Registration Officer) was recently invited by Lachlan to inspect the progress of his restoration project. As expected, Gerald was more than impressed with what he was shown. We are now all waiting eagerly to check out the Jeep when our next Restoration Run comes around.

Our club members have had their fair share of family losses during this past month.

Our sympathy goes out to Wayne and Janelle Clout and all their families on the passing of Wayne's mother, Valda on 23 August.

Val was a well-known and respected lady, not only within the North Wagga and Wagga Wagga communities, but to many people throughout the Riverina and surrounding areas due to the various business adventures Geoff and herself were involved in over the years.

Loving Nan of 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Sympathy also goes out the Leanne Thomas and Robyn Cole on recent passing of their sister – Valma Deane on 25th August. Our thoughts are with you all. .

I would also like to inform our members of the passing of David Cornell on 7th August. David, along with his wife Nerida were members of the Antique Car Club of Albury Wodonga (ACCAW) for over 40 years and he was awarded Life Membership in 2013. A two-page tribute in the September edition of Cough & Splutter is dedicated to David's life achievements and love of his club.

It certainly is an interesting read if you go to their webpage.
He loved his rallies and was certainly a regular entrant in our June Rallies over years

Proposal for Future Rallies (penned by Stuart Le Lievre)

Having firstly confirmed that no member present at the meeting was prepared to take on the role of Rally Director or had thoughts for consideration for a major rally event, the Le Lievre Bros presented the following ideas (having previously met with Annie Taylor) to the September GM.

Key survey results were summarised as: Recent survey favours an annual 3 day June Rally held on a weekend based in Wagga for vehicles >30 years of age, advertised to the public, noting our club does not have the manpower to cater for meals. The event should be profitable. We should pursue sponsorship. The majority of members do not consider trophies to be worthwhile. There is a fondness for Downside.

General - The idea for discussion is that the event should:

- minimise workload, costs to be recovered and costs to entrants.
- require all vehicles with conditional registration to operate under log book, i.e., not club event, because routes will be flexible.
- be open to other clubs.
- not cater for the public.
- allow that entrants book their own meals at suggested locations.
- all communication by email and electronic funds transfer.
- one trophy for Best Vehicle.
- vehicles manufactured 1996 or prior thereto.
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The following event format was proposed.

- Friday - Nil.
- Saturday - 9.00-10.30, meet & greet at Duke of Kent Community Centre (DoKCC), tea/coffee. 10.30, departure for lunch destinations. 3.00- Afternoon tea at rural hall. 7.30- Movie Night at DoKCC.
- Sunday - 9.00 depart for soup stop at a rural hall. Presentation of Best Vehicle trophy. 11.30- Return to lunch venues.

Jobs resulting from the above-

Urban area marshalls, crow signs?, record keeping (entrants register), cooking (regulated) for afternoon tea, soup stop, movie night, cleaning crew, best vehicle judging and trophy acquisition, liaison with clubs/pubs/cafes followed by documentation, information distribution.

Where to From Here?

Club members need to support a new rally format.

Invitations are usually sent out in October to give out of town entrants time to book accommodation.

Chris B's Meat Safe Restoration – A Product from Rob's Shed/Social Days

This humble meat safe was gifted to me by my friend Nerida Smith. It originally belonged to her grandfather and held deep sentimental value. One particularly meaningful detail is that Nerida's father John Sone, better known as Laurie, who lived on his Cookardinia farm for almost 90 years, had once chiselled his initials into the top right corner.

Nerida really wanted to keep it in the family but realised the restoration was going to be a bigger job than she'd expected. Wanting to hold on to the history without letting it go to waste, she offered it to me to take on the project

We took possession of the safe on the 9th of February, 2024.

The restoration began with removing the outer trim. At first, we carefully labelled each piece as we went, though admittedly, that system slipped a little as the project progressed. The old fly screen came off next, followed by a full sanding of the trim, frame, and shelves.

It was very obvious when sanding the bottom shelves and floor exactly where all the sheep fat had drained to.

Once everything was sanded, we gave it two coats of clear varnish to bring it back to life while keeping its original look.

I'm yet to decide what I will be hanging on the hook – I have had some suggestions!!!!

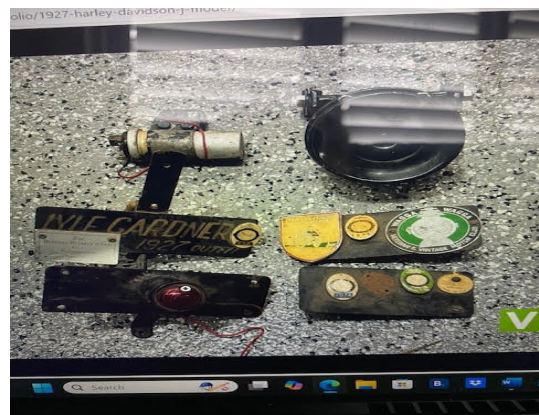
We finished the project on the 24th of June, 2025 and it now has pride of place in our family room. A big thanks to Rob's Shed/Social Day gang for your unwavering support and encouragement

Chris Billingham



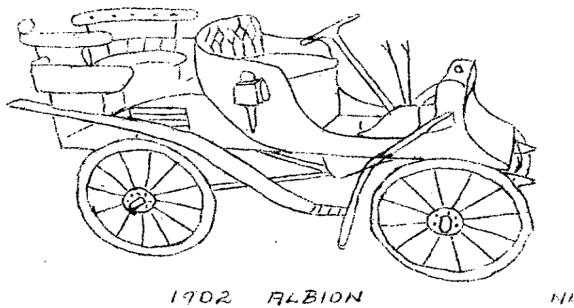
Nostalgia is always wonderful.

Glen Fitzgerald sent us through these two photos of the 1927 "J" Harley Davidson that was owned by Lyle Gardner when he and his wife April were in our club many years ago. They were all part of our Club's Junee Connection back then.



The Fitzgerald boys unknowingly found the bike for sale on-line with Burns Auctions back in July this year after it had under gone a recent restoration. They tried putting a bid in on the bike in an attempt get it back to Junee where it use to belong – but unfortunately their bid was unsuccessful. Our more senior members would remember this bike no doubt.





Anyone seen this sketch before?

Taken from the Reflection archives - April 1968.

David Bredin's first Newsletter for the club as Editor

Notice the "Leading Light" on the mudguard.

I wonder if there was any significant behind the sketch of the 1902 Albion?



Off Shopping in 1958

Thankyou to Mark and Leanne Thomas for writing two articles for us during their visit to S.A last week. Unfortunately I have run out of space in this edition of our magazine, but the articles are waiting to go into our October issue.

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