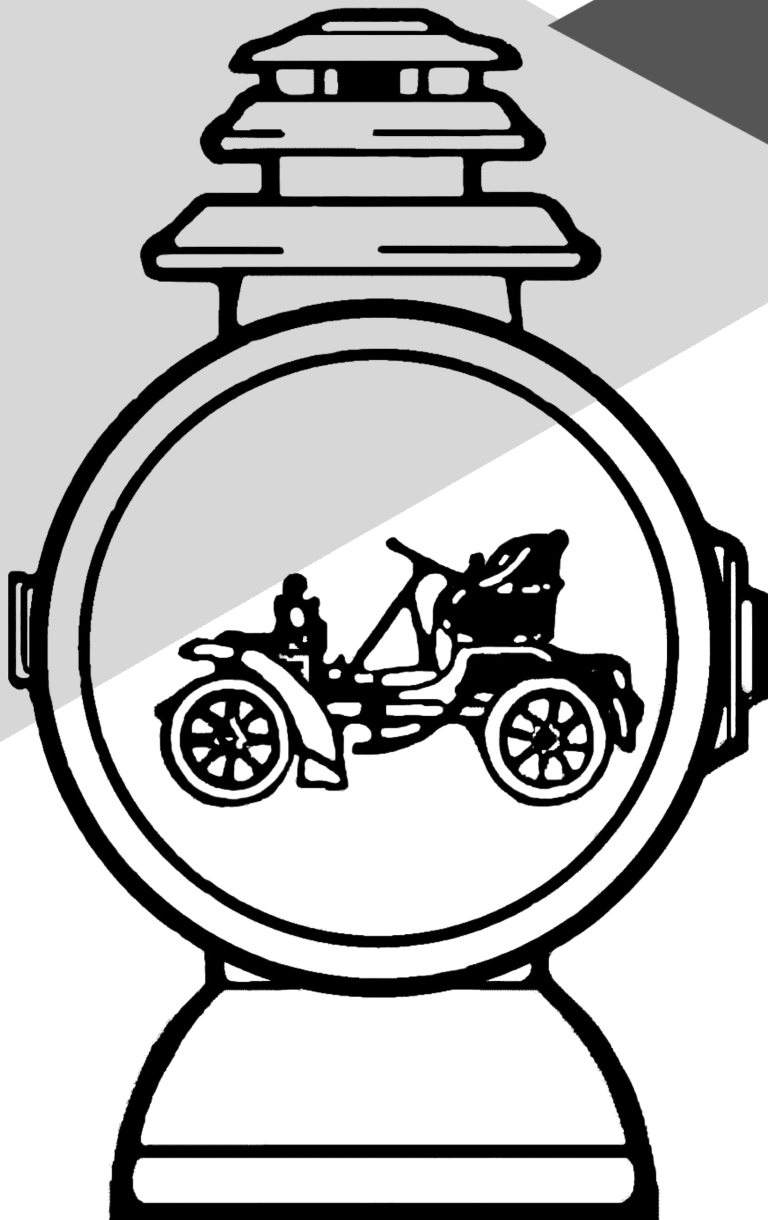


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PUBLIC OFFICER

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
7th NOVEMBER, 2025

Held at Duke of Kent Community Hall.
Meeting opened by President Charles Oliver at
7.30pm

PRESENT: 28

APOLOGIES: 11

VISITORS: 3

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS
MEETING

It was moved by Leanne Thomas, 2nd by
Rob Le Lievre that the minutes of the meeting held
on 3rd October 2025, as recorded in the October
2025 Reflection Magazine be accepted as correct.
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

COMMITTEE MINUTES 3/11/25

Were tabled at Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

IN

*Magazines – Oil Rag, Jeep News, Klaxton, Bike
Torque, Backfire, Still Smokin

*HMA Bulletin -AGM 8/11/25

*Berrima District Historical Vehicle Club – Rally
21-22nd February 2026

*Historic Winton 30-31st May 2026

*CHMC – Dinkum Oil – information from AGM

*Corowa Swim in & Military Vehicle Gathering 9-15th
March 2026

OUT

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Chris Billingham moved that the report as tabled be
accepted, 2nd Annie Taylor.

Carried

PAST EVENTS

*Coolamon Fire Engine Muster 5/10/25

*Wagga City Aero Club Open Day 18/10/25

*Mid-Week Run to Junee, Marrar & Coolamon
15/10/25

*Rob's Social Day – Tumbarumba Run 28/10/25

*Fishing for Kyan Day at Lake Albert 2/11/25

COMING EVENTS

*Craft Day at Clubrooms 14/11/25

*Mid-Week Run to Temora 19/11/25

*Rob's Social Day 25/11/25

*Christmas Party at Culcairn Hotel 7/12/25

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

Clubroom Booking Dates have been revised

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Nil

EDITOR

Nil

ASSETS

2 Potential new members

REGISTRATION

Registration Day 8/11/25 commencing at 9 am

RALLY -CRUISING COUNTRY

ROADS

A positive response from email sent out by Annie Taylor to previous rally entrants.

Require an Afternoon Tea Co-ordinator
Entry form to go out in early December

GENERAL BUSINESS

*Former member Garry Williams has re-joined the club. Proposed by Rob Le Lievre 2nd Leanne Thomas. Carried

*Garry Williams showed the club an Ollie Minty Motors Car Delivery Register from the 1920's that is owned by Brian McDonald.

*There will be a dispersal Auction at McFeeters Motor Museum in 2026 as the museum has closed.

Banners – enquiries to be made from different suppliers.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

Editor's Notes

Hello All,

Last month we reported that we were having good roll ups to our events and that members were supporting our organisers, however this month would have certainly won the award in the activity stakes. We had five runs in October with a great response for each event.

These events were:

The Coolamon Fire Muster on Sunday 5th October. (13 cars & 19 members)

Mid Week Run to Junee and Marrar on Wednesday 15th. (6 cars & 12 members)

Cars,Bikes and Planes at Forest Hill Light Air Precinct on Saturday 18th. (10 cars, 2 motorcycles with 12 members + 1 visitor)

Rob's Social Day run to Tumbarumba on Tuesday 28th. (12 cars ,18 members plus 3 visitors).

That's 29 cars and 65 people that attended events during the month.

Thank you to all members that supported the runs.

The organising of "Cruising Country Roads" for the King's Birthday Long Weekend in June next year is progressing well with a good roll up for Annie's first two meetings. At this stage five members have volunteered to become coordinators for various jobs over the weekend.

These co-ordinators will now have the task of finding a couple of other helpers along the way to make the weekend flow freely and stress free for everyone.

As mentioned in the minutes, the only co-ordinator required at this stage is a person to take charge of the afternoon tea at Mangoplah Hall on the Saturday afternoon - so if you are interested - please contact Annie on

0427 544 150. I am sure she will appreciate your call.

More information on the event will be circulated in December.

Coolamon Fire Muster - 5th October 2025

A fantastic turnout of members joined our annual journey to the Coolamon Fire Muster, with proceeds supporting the local Fire Museum. Nineteen members in thirteen cars departed from our clubrooms at 9 a.m., heading directly to Coolamon via Downside, eager for a wonderful day—and it truly was!

The event kicked off at 10am, when the main street was closed off to accommodate the displays and organised activities. Attendees enjoyed a variety of attractions, including both vintage and modern fire engine displays and firefighting demonstrations plus first aid competitions for all ages. Numerous classic and vintage cars were showcased by clubs from Wagga and surrounding towns.

Emergency services, including the SES, Rural Fire Service, and Fire and Rescue NSW, were present, proudly demonstrating their collaborative efforts with Police and Ambulance to safeguard the community during emergencies.

This year marked the eighth Coolamon Fire Engine Muster, coinciding with the 10th birthday celebrations of the Fire Museum.

The muster has been celebrated as an ideal family event, and organisers claim that each year, it continues to grow and improve.

Now that we are all back home and rested, we eagerly await the event's return next year.

Well done to Coolamon!



Mid Week Run to Junee and Marrar

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Firstly - wishing Selby Fitzgerald a very happy 90th birthday on the 20th November.

This mid week run was most enjoyable with 14 members (6 apologies) attending. On leaving the clubrooms we headed out to Junee via Byrnes road. Merv's Cafe located within the Commercial Hotel was our morning tea stop, Selby and Maureen Fitzgerald were there to greet us. We shared lots of chatter about past times, rallies & events over the numerous years as members of WWVMC. So special having David & Lorna Bredin and Selby & Maureen enjoying this morning with us. These two families have been close friends for years - The Bredin's originally from Coolamon and of course the Fitzgerald's still long time residents of Junee.

Before we knew it, the lunch crowd had arrived and we said our farewell to Selby & Maureen. Our lunch reservation was at Marrar cafe. Again, a lovely drive ,yummy meals and lots of chatting in the relaxed outdoor area. To complete our day we travelled home via Coolamon.

A great day out.

(submitted by Pam Tarlinton)



1912 OVERLAND 61R ROADSTER

If you went on the run to the Coolamon Fire Muster on Sunday 5th October you would have been surprised to see this 1912 Overland 61R Roadster roll into our clubrooms all fired up for the 80 odd km return run. This gorgeous machine is owned by Nigel Smith and he has given us some history on the vehicle to share with you. It has brass fittings everywhere you look - from the massive head lights and side lamps, though to the radiator and even down to the handgrip on the crankhandle.

The following history was compiled by its previous owner - Brian Love.



My nickname is "Grunt" (because I have lots). I was born in Toledo Ohio USA in the year of 1912, I am an Overland Roadster and was given the number R61-1779. I have 4 cylinders with a diameter of 4 3/8" and rated at 45 horsepower for registration purposes. I made my way to Australia and Mr. Robert Glasson of "Tremarne" of Lucknow NSW saw me in my shiny Brewster Green paint and could not resist my charm, so became my first owner. My first registration number was 3843, after some years I became the property of Mr. Barry Willis King. I was no longer registered by then and feeling rather forlorn. I believe Mr. King owned me for about 25 years and never exercised me. My next known custodian was Mr. Gunner Sundell a motor dealer from Sydney and he also did very little to me and I was getting very tired and dishevelled by now. I was in his care for approximately 20 years.

We are now in the year 1989 I believe and a nice gentleman named John Miller from Melbourne heard of my plight and made a trip from Melbourne to Sydney and purchased my remains. By this time my clothes had disappeared and I was reduced to a rather sad pile of rust and junk. John scrubbed my chassis up and made a few new parts to start my return to life. Sadly John passed away suddenly at a young age in 1996 before he could get much done and I found myself with another custodian Brian and Maria Love from Northern Victoria.

It was now May 4th. 1997. I now found myself getting a new wooden frame and various sheets of metal being wrapped around my body. Some of my internal organs were in rather sad condition after 80 odd years of neglect and use, so they were rebuilt to good health.

Brian had the help of some good friends during this process, in particular Mr Bruce Nelson a wonderful man, also Rob Tingay for wrapping my sheet metal, Rob Simons for making me shine again in Brewster Green.

This took 2 years and I have now been getting some exercise for the last 20 odd years which is what I enjoy the most. I love running and climbing hills. Due to my age (I am now 111,) I have the occasional hissy fit. When the temperature is around zero, I am reluctant to spring out of bed sometimes. I recently had a bit of trouble with my food intake on a 3 day run around Maryborough in Victoria (indigestion I believe, now cured).

I was near my original home territory in NSW recently for the Early Overland Roundup (the largest gathering of veteran Overlands worldwide). I was given a ride on a trailer to Cowra NSW, where I had a most enjoyable 4 days cavorting with my brothers, cousins and nephews, approximately 30 of them. We had a wonderful time, running up and down hills to alot of my old stamping grounds, but I think some of the roads up there are worse than I remember a 100 years ago! The weather was most agreeable.



Hope the fibreglass repairs
on the side wall of the tyre will dry in time
for the rego day?
Painting the tyre with "Tyre Black"
won't be a problem - it dries quick!

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Cars, Bikes and Aeroplanes Open Day

Saturday 18th October saw our club members meeting up at the Light Aircraft Precinct at Forest Hill at 9am to attend the Cars, Bikes and Aeroplanes Open Day hosted by the Wagga City Aero Club. It was a fantastic day with good weather and an amazing turn out from various motoring clubs in and around Wagga. - along with an excellent display of aircraft. There were a total of 102 vehicles on display including 19 aircraft, 13 motorcycles and 70 cars of all shapes and sizes. Organisers estimated between 700 and 800 people attended the event. The Peoples' Choice competition was very well supported with a large number of votes. Winners for the trophies and prizes were:

Best Bike - Jeffery Barr - 1948 Indian

* Best Car Pre 1960 - Ross Woodbridge - 1955 Oldsmobile Rocket.

* Best Car Post 1960 - Wendye and Rob Edwards - 1971 Valiant Charger.

Runner Up - Mark Campbell - 1965 Shelby Cobra.

* * Best Plane - Michael O'Dea - Cessna 150.

Best Plane Runner Up - Tony Middleton - Vans RV8.



For the aviators who flew in for the day- special awards went to Michael and Michele Patten from Merimbula in their Glasair and also to Geoff Tait from Tocumwal in his Sling 2.



Rob's Social Shed Day

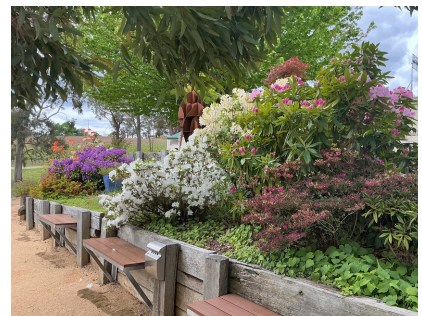
Tuesday 28th October

Rob's Social Day had a change this month with the crew organising an outing up in "*them there hills*". 12 cars (18 members + 3 visitors) departed Apex Park at Lake Albert at 9 am and headed off to Rosewood for morning tea at Gone Barney Nursery & Cafe. A very cold morning greeted us, so we were all quick to order our morning tea and sit down in a very warm annex which just happened to have a large wood heater going flat out in top gear. This is where we stayed chatting for well over an hour. The food and service was great - and of course our ladies had to have a little spend-up in the gift shop and nursery. It was a little spooky when we first arrived as the owners had gone way-out by decorating the whole area in readiness for Halloween with tricks & treats, carved pumpkins and other scary things hanging everywhere you looked. They even had a heap of freshly filled in graves complete with headstones in the front yard - It was actually very well done.

Then we were off to Tumbarumba where the ladies checked out more shops and the men followed up at the rear (**known as tail light shopping**) for "as long as it took"!

We then headed out of town for 11 km to Courabyra Winery where we had a reservation for lunch. This winery is definitely a great setting for just relaxing and having a good wine in the lovely gardens, or an ideal setting for any function you could imagine. Excellent food in the restaurant and great views across the foothills towards the Snowy Mountains. The day was topped off by a great drive back home - we went back towards Tumbarumba for about 4 km on the Courabyra Rd and then turned west onto the Taradale Rd, then turning onto the Westbrook Rd which took us through the countryside of Westbrook and Oberne Creek on to Tarcutta. These roads are narrow and only suitable for travelling at 70kph or so, but the scenery through the dairy and farming country is gorgeous.

It was also good to catch up with Scott Paton at the winery who had travelled across from Adaminaby to join us - and a thank you to Chris Billingham for organising the bookings required for the day out.





GETITOUT & GETITGOING

*ComingEvents– Events Calendar
November 2025*

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CLUB EVENT

Date	Organiser	Details		
Friday November 14		CraftMorning at 10 am. All welcome to come to club meeting room and craft or chat. Please bring a small plate to share for morning tea.		
Wednesday Nov 19	Pam Tarlinton	A full day out and about. Run to Temora Aviation Museum for m/tea & lunch. Afternoon visit the Temora Rural Museum. The Temora Antique Motor Club will be there to greet us and provide afternoon tea.		
Tuesday November 25		Rob's Shed/Social Day. Bring a long a project, some morning tea and lunch. This is a great social outing- starts 9:30am		
Monday December 1		Committee Meeting. 6 pm Clubrooms		
Friday December 5		Club Monthly meeting 7:30 at Clubrooms	1	1-3
Sunday December 7		Christmas Party Culcairn at 12:00 noon. Meal: Alternating roasts and dessert Cost: \$15 per person Please pay by Friday, 28th November (cash or EFTPOS to the Treasurer) final numbers can be confirmed one week prior. Dietary requirements: Please send Colleen an email If you'd like to travel together, meet at Jubilee Park car park at 10:00 am. Please bring a \$10 gift for the present exchange: Ladies' gifts wrapped in Christmas paper Men's gifts wrapped in brown paper or newspaper Last mid week run for the year, enjoy a catch up before Xmas.	1	1-3
Wednesday Dec 17		Christmas Light tour More details to follow	1	1-3
Thursday Dec 18				

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

NO EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST THIS MONTH

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

Sunday Run: Sunday following the general meeting

Craft Morning: Friday after meeting 10am club meeting room

Committee Meeting: Monday prior to General Meetings

Rob's Social day last Tuesday of the month

Mid-Week Run TBC

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