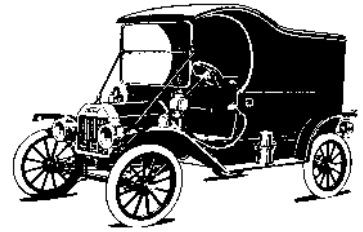




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Model Ts outside the Historic Tarraville Church on the Cup Weekend Rally



Upcoming meeting: Christmas Social Gathering - 8th December



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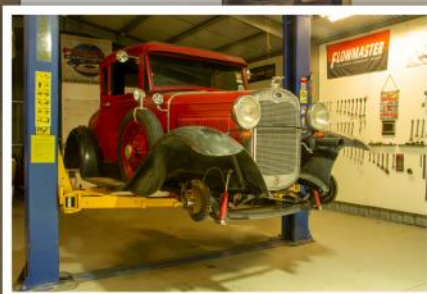
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President's Message



There will be no President's Report from me this month due to Thelma & I being away overseas.

Before we left we were lucky enough to attend the Melbourne Cup Weekend Rally at Yarram for three of the four days. It was a most enjoyable weekend.

A big 'Thankyou' to Warwick, Paula, Frank & Kerrie for hosting such a great weekend. a help to me in my first half year as President. It is most appreciated.

As this is the last T torque for the year, Thelma & I wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas & A Happy Healthy & Prosperous New Year, 2024.

Safe Travels — from over another Running Board, — *John & Thel* —



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Friday 10th November 2023 at 8:05PM by Vice President Chris Bagot at the Ashburton library, Ashburton and via Zoom.

- **Present:** 11 in person and 6 on Zoom as per attendance register
- **Apologies:** John and Thelma Huitt, Rhonda and Noel Huitt, David Jenkins, David Weatherhead, Geof Baulch, Bernie McKeegan, Brian Smith
- **Visitors:** Denny Toffoletti
- **Confirmation of minutes:** Moved: Jo Baulch Seconded: Pam Weidemann
- **Tonight's Meeting:** Talk on upholstery by Denny Toffoletti
- **Correspondence In: EMAIL:** Delegates meeting and AGM, Davies Craig online catalogue, Picnic at Hanging Rock 11th Feb, Hastings Ostrich Farm as a suggested run, Shannon's American Motoring Show 2023, 28 Tudor, British and European Motoring Show 2024
- **MAIL:** The Vintage Ford magazine, Backfire magazine
- **Treasurer's Report:** given by David Jones, Seconded: Steve Brown
- **Last month's rally report:** Jo Baulch gave a report on our Yarram Cup weekend rally, Dean Williams reported on our day run around Christmas Hills, Steve Brown talked about the club swap meet, and several members spoke about the Ford Flathead Festival
- **Upcoming Swap Meetings/Events:** November 11-12 Bendigo Swap, 18-19 Daylesford Collectables Fair, 26 Maldon Swap meet, December 3 Llanelly Motorbike Swap Meet

REPORTS

Delegate's Reports:

AOMC: No Bernie McKeegan tonight

Federation: No Geof Baulch tonight

2025 Rally: All going well have had some more entries

This month's activity/run: Christmas party with A Model Club Sunday 2nd December

Upcoming events: Bendigo Swap meet, Club Christmas party

Next Meeting/Activity: Last meeting for the year

Raffle Draw: Drawn by: Denny Toffoletti, Won by: Jo Baulch, Prize selected: Bunnings voucher

Meeting Closed: 8:31PM

A Big thanks to Jake Brown for helping out with Zoom tonight.

— *Ann Cupid (Secretary)* —





Member Contribution



TOO MANY PROJECTS + 1 - PART 1

I'm always saying to Ann that I need to get rid of some of my projects or finish them off. But I think I might have done something stupid. Stupid but good. I was looking at last month's newsletter and the 1922 Roadster that was advertised caught my eye. I thought, "That needs saving." I noticed it was Andrew Brand selling it, so I gave him a call at lunch time the next day, and by the afternoon I had arranged a time with the owner's son to go see it.



Saturday mid-morning I went around to have a look. It was 10 minutes away from my place. It just had to be mine. When I got there, the owner Warren and his son Simon were there. Warren told me lots of stories about the car, one of them was about him breaking the windscreen when he was a kid. He told me it's been in his family since just after WW2. His Grandfather bought it for £8. It was then passed to his father who pulled it apart and then passed it onto Warren who tried to put it back together. Now he has moved to full time care, but his sons aren't interested. I ended up buying it and we arranged to pick it up the next day after the club swap meet. We picked it up and there were lots of spare parts. He gave me all the Model T parts he had plus some old books, manuals, tool kits, and 4 jacks. He said that he had more parts somewhere else and would call me when he finds them. I winched the Model T onto the F truck and stacked all the extra parts in the Falcon.

Today Andrew Brand and Chris Dillon came around to help me verify what year and what car it really is. We worked out that it's a 1922 Tarrant Roadster. I've never seen a Tarrant Roadster but if anybody has can they please let me know.

— Dean "what was I thinking" Williams —













PART 2

2 weeks after I brought the 1922 Model T off Warren, I arranged with his son Simon that I was going to take Warren for a drive in my 1926 Model T Tourer. It was a perfect Model T driving day. Warren's sons Simon and Andrew helped their Dad into the front seat and they both jumped in the back. We took off and drove for about 30mins around the back of Coldstream. Warren didn't stop smiling the whole time. He said he loved every minute of it and couldn't thank me enough for taking him for a ride. Andrew said afterwards he only came for the drive for his Dad's sake but he absolutely loved it. Warren and his sons are interested in the restoration of their old car. I said I would keep in touch and send photos. It felt great to do one small thing for someone and see how happy it made them and bring back some old memories for them.


— Dean Williams —



	Club Calendar 2023/24	
		
	December	CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting CLUB EVENTS: 3 A & T Christmas Party
	January	CLUB MEETING: No meeting CLUB EVENTS: 26 Australia Day Picnic - (refer to 'Upcoming Events') OTHER EVENTS: 21 AOMC Festival of Motoring—Cruden Farm, Langwarrin
	February	CLUB MEETING: 9 8pm General Meeting CLUB EVENT: 17-18 Daylesford Motorfest OTHER EVENTS: 3 Berwick Swap Meet
	March	CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting CLUB EVENT: 15-17 Mansfield Meander (details to come) OTHER EVENTS: 10 Yarra Glen Swap Meet
	April	CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm General Meeting
	May	CLUB MEETING: 10 8pm General Meeting CLUB EVENT: 12 Mother's Day Picnic Rally — Bring the family! OTHER EVENT: 19 AOMC National Heritage Day
	June	CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting (TBC) CLUB EVENT: 12 10-12 King's Birthday Rally
	July	CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm General Meeting CLUB EVENT: 21 Lunch at Hastings Marina



Club Permit Renewals



Club permit renewals must be signed by the club permit holder and an authorised MTFCV officer to confirm that the permit holder is a current member of the club. Members having vehicles permitted through MTFCV must be a financial member. If you no longer own or have the listed vehicle on red plates, please contact the secretary. Ann Cupid, 0427 984797 secretary@mtfcv.com

If members need a permit signed & can't attend safety officers in person, mail the permit with a stamped self addressed envelope to a safety officer. These will be processed & returned in mail.

November	December	January
Paul Daley 981	Paul Daley 7870	Peter Brown 8009
Chris Dillon 3220	Chris Dillon 2106H4	Paul Daley 983
John Huitt 5325	Bob Draper 342	Justin Deakon 513EH
Noel Huitt 74998H	Norman Morgan 6155	John Huitt 12239H
David Jenkins 7916	John Morrison 76921H	Andrew Phillips 20526H
Russell Medhurst 8-245	Kirsten Morten 481	Linda Phillips 67029H, 89755H,
Andrew Phillips CH9993	Andrew Phillips 4731	89754H, 89753H, 10905H
Linda Phillips 24744H, 51257H, 24745H	Linda Phillips 52322H, 77872H,	Gregory Russell 470RH
Russell Gregory 26760H	87725H	David Weatherhead 54598H
Hartmuth Scholz 7646	David Weatherhead 3035H	
Graeme Wagland 8188H		
Bill Wallace 99499H, 260RH		
Richard Wearne 6102		
Colin Weidemann 8314		



Yarram & South Gippsland Cup Weekend Rally



Milly and Olive in David Jenkins' 1924 Tourer



Model Ts lined up outside Crossley House



Chris Dillon illegally parked in his 1911 Tourer (Allegedly)

Friday 3rd November

We all met at the Ship Inn at 2:30pm for the shakedown down run to the Crossley House Aged Care Facility.

After a short drive through town we pulled up outside the entrance where a number of residents were waiting for us. Rides were offered to the residents and several of them raised their hand.

David Jenkins took the first ladies, Milly and Olive, for a drive which they thought was fantastic.

It was a little challenging for some residents to get in the cars, but they enjoyed watching the cars drive around. When the chauffeuring service was finished we were invited inside for afternoon tea with the residents and their families.

One resident was celebrating her birthday and we all joined in for the Happy Birthday song! Her age was not disclosed.

After chatting and eating of the cake we said goodbye threatening to leave a few of the older cub members behind.

— **Chris & Fiona Dillon** —

Thanks Chris & Fiona for the coverage. It was my pleasure to take the birthday girl, who had turned 86 on the day, and her husband for a ride around Yarram. I took them past the family home where Bill is still living independently. His wife is now living in care as she has dementia and Bill can no longer look after her. Bill, at age 91, is still fit and looking much younger walks around daily to visit her. Our visit was truly a highlight for the residents and our club should do this more often when the opportunity presents itself.

— **Ed** —



Yarram & South Gippsland Cup Weekend Rally



Saturday 4th November

The morning was cold, wet and drizzling rain when we set off from the motel at 9am, with 23 Ts and 1 modern on our 190km venture (plus detours), along the 90 Mile Beach roads.

On the first leg to Seaspray, the rain increased, and the wind became stronger. We also lost one open T Modeler who returned to change cars. However, the rain backed off and we had our morning tea stop here as scheduled, 61 plus kilometres travelled.

Our next stop was lunch at Golden Beach, plus a fuel top up for some. The roads were good, flat and had lots of long straights, hence most of the Ts were cruising at 65-70kph.

After lunch we were off to Longford to look at the historic swing bridge over the river. This bridge rotates on a pivot in the centre of the river and in the early days was hand cranked to open and close to enable trading craft to go upriver to the Port of Sale. (now mechanically driven). It was most historical to see all the Ts on the riverbank and people watching to see the bridge opening at 3pm sharp. It took some time for the bridge to fully open but there were photo shots in every direction as the bridge rotated.



The historic Sale Swing Bridge at Longford.



Ts lined up by the river as we watched the swing bridge (in background)

We all then started off back to Yarram via Woodside by a series of backroads and the South Gippsland Highway, all arriving back safely ready for our next adventure.

Tonight 20 of us had dinner at the Bowls Club and then ventured back to the Motel function room where many rally participants gathered. Paula and Warwick hosted an excellent night's entertainment.

— **Barry Hancock** —



Left: T Club members on Golden Beach with the remains of the Trinculo shipwreck.

Below: Ts on the bank of the river near the swing bridge.





Yarram & South Gippsland Cup Weekend Rally



Sunday 5th November

We met at the Shipp Inn around 9am, the weather was fairly nice, but kept the roof up on the T. We had a nice flat drive, around 20km, and all parked in the yard of the Christ Church Anglican Church in Tarraville. The cars were blessed by the local parish priest. The church was amazing, built in 1856 with no nails.

We went inside, where a local volunteer provided a history of the church and building. The church has had a massive amount of restoration work. In about 2006 the sides were removed and iron sealing strips replaced with plastic.



Cars at the Museum

We then headed off to the Port Albert Maritime Museum, just a quick little drive from the church. It was a very interesting history exhibit about wrecks in the local area, with outdoor displays of lifeboats, winches and an oil rig

lifeboat (rated to 1200 degrees – to survive fires). There were boat models and recovered items from wrecks – dinner plates, bottles and port holes etc. and also, a full sized rocket rescue rope launcher used to recover people from sinking ships along with curled up stuffed cats (a cat treasure hunt for kids).

We then visited the long jetty at Port Welshpool, about 1 km in length – we walked the full distance. This also had an interesting history including WW2 and the post war oil rush in Bass Strait. We walked out to the end. The wind was “very, very, strong”. Grace and I had to pause at the Winch Shed to take shelter. At the end there were fisherman shelters on each side that were very welcome. The local fisherman would use these to keep them out of the wind while fishing.

After returning from the end of the jetty, we drove to Welshpool for lunch at the town park. After lunch we were too tired to visit the falls, so we drove straight home for a rest before dinner.

We returned to Port Albert for fish and chips that night. The seagulls at dinner looked like a scene from *'The Birds'* by Alfred Hitchcock. Considering the roll up, the service was very quick. The food was very nice. Most of us chose to stay in the shop because of the wind. Near the fish & chip shop was the storage shed for the rescue rocket mentioned above.

It was a very interesting drive through some lovely T Model countryside. The locations we visited were very interesting.

— Bruce & Grace Csorba —





Yarram & South Gippsland Cup Weekend Rally



Monday 6th November

"A Model T Adventure Through Yarram: My Monday Memoir"



Ts parked at the Visitors Centre at Tarra Bulga National Park

Carrajung Memorial Park, Grand Ridge Road, Tarra Bulga National Park, and the Tarra River Falls were the plans for Monday. My morning? Well, let's just say it started with a bit of extra snooze time compared to the rest of the crew! I woke and completed the 'preflight checks', as Dad would say and then sped off to fill with fuel for the day.

The first stop at Carrajung Memorial Park, was a great spot to soak in some sun and have some morning tea. It's a pity some folks seemed more interested in a game of "follow the leader," missing out on this serene spot. My girlfriend, Melody, and I made the most of it, tossing a ball around before hitting the road. The Tarra Bulga National Park's suspension bridge walk was lots of fun. What was intended as a leisurely stroll turned into sporadic bursts of speed for Melody and me. We walked further on one of the tracks accompanied by a distant shriek – a hilarious highlight – my mum's overzealous reaction to an alleged snake sighting.

At the Tarra Bulga National Park there was plenty of wildlife, including a koala, snake and a bird feeding from Geoff's hand during lunch time. Under the shade, rally members gathered in some shade for lunch, whilst tourists surveyed our cars. From here, we moved down the mountain, stopping in at various falls. Here were some more scenic walks.

As we circled back to Yarram, I couldn't help but feel a sense of pride in driving the T Model throughout the weekend. It was a personal goal achieved, even if it made Dad a tad nervous. Looking forward to more rally adventures and hoping to see everyone at future events!

— Calvin Landy —



The Suspension Bridge walk.



The gateway to the Memorial Park at Carrajung.



Yarram & South Gippsland Cup Weekend Rally



Tuesday 7th November

After a full and fun packed Melbourne Cup Weekend Rally, our last day was an enjoyable and leisurely drive around Yarram viewing the many murals painted by Silo Artist, Heesco Khosnaran. Hence, Yarram is known as Heesco Town. In fact, he has painted 25 prominent murals around the town including the water tower. Some required a little bit of exploring around the streets to find. There were some high up on the side of buildings, some in the gardens, some within buildings and in motel court yards. All sorts of spots!

They certainly added interest and intrigue while we explored this gorgeous little Gippsland town. The use of colour, the characters depicted, the detail and the sheer size of them was simply amazing. Heesco's talent is clearly outstanding.

We would sincerely like to thank Warwick and Paula, Frank and Kerrie for an absolutely wonderful long weekend. Personally, we have never really visited this part of Gippsland and found it to be truly a beautiful part of Victoria for Model T'ing

— Don & Lynda McPherson —



Age is no Barrier to Driving a T!

Drivers young and old were out and about. Featured is Calvin Landy(21) driving Bill Landy, and Barry Hancock (80+) driving Ian Hancock.





Under the Hood



Greetings Members,

Paula and myself wish to take this opportunity to wish all club members and their families a wonderful Christmas and all the best for 2024.

A big thanks for all your support with a large variety of articles during the year. If you are out and about in your T over the Summer, please take the time to get some pictures and write a few words to share with the members about your T adventures. We were short of a good club car Christmas themed cover photo for this December edition so we have gone with a spectacular Cup Weekend rally picture supplied by Geoff Baulch, taken from his drone. Thanks Geoff for the awesome picture.



Hopefully this edition makes it to members a little bit earlier, in time to encourage as many members as possible to make the effort to get their T's out to the combined A & T Christmas party at Ashburton library. It was confirmed by a member that attended the recent Model A club meeting that the As will be making a special effort this year to regain the trophy.

Thanks to those who provided coverage of the Melbourne Cup Weekend Rally. The organisers were particularly pleased with the support and turnout, and a most special thing was to have 3 families with 3 generations participating. The Huitts, Jones and Landy families were all represented by 3 generations! John's son Jim and family, were on their second rally, driving his Dad's spare car for the duration. It was a proud Dad weekend for me, as Calvin drove my spare T for the first time over a few days and over some challenging terrain. David Jones was also present with his son and grandsons and was seen to be teaching the young ones the fine art of driving a T. Additional young drivers were the McPherson girls getting behind the wheel of Don's T with both P and L plates fitted to the rear! Our club has a great future as we encourage future generations to get behind the wheel of our cars!

We now look forward to a break from T Torque. Keep touring in your Ts!

— **Warwick Landy**

Email your contributions to ttorqueneews@hotmail.com or send to mailbox. Submissions are due the 3rd Friday of the month.



Yarram Rally Trivia Night—4th November



Intrepid travellers gathered for a fun evening testing their knowledge on a variety of subjects at the Ship Inn Function Room. Competing groups were determined and eager to win the coveted trophies proudly on display! To ease the tensions, we were briefly entertained by Warwick's musical talents on the pianola! In fact he was playing so fast, his fingers could not be seen even touching the keys!

Questionnaires were handed around the tables where the competition began to heat up. With all the excitement and suspension building, adjudicator Paula, filled in the score for each group on the "Leader Board", just like Scotty on 'The Block'. It quickly became apparent that our team was full of enthusiasm but not so much of the "long term" club knowledge. Warwick identified our handicap and we were given a new team member, in our new mate, Barry. Barry's experience was so much appreciated by The Macca Packers! With our extra team member, we still kept our nose in front of a team that was threatening VCAT action on several occasions to the adjudicators. Unperturbed, the quiz leaders soldiered on and kept firm control of the situation.

Steaming down the last straight, team "Hello" claimed the chequered flag with 192 points. Following in hot pursuit with ruffled feathers, came team one, the "Pheasants" with 185 points. Team 3, the "Drier" team looked a tad dehydrated, crossed the finish line with 172 points. Team 4, the "Macca Packers", lead by the new chum Barry,

	LOGOS	MODEL TRIVIA	T CLUB TRIVIA	WORD & LOCAL QUIZES	LOGIC PROBLEMS		
1 PHEASANTS	30	28	23	40	40	24	145/185
2 Hello	40	24	24	44	36	24	148/192
3 The Drier Team	28	24	16	44	40	20	128/172
4 MACCA PACKERS	35	14	20	30	32	20	121/151
5 Don't Knows	31	12	22	28	32	12	109/137
Points	1st	4th	Vars				



came a confident 4th, with 151 points followed by team "Don't Knows" who didn't know where they were, who they were or how they got there, making 137 points. Winners were Grinners and we all had a great night with plenty of laughs. —**Don & Lynda McPherson** —



Old Victorian Garages - Yarram

This month's old Victorian Garages is from the town of Yarram which recently hosted our Cup Weekend rally. This article was printed in the rally guide for the information of rally entrants.

In the Model T era, Yarram was a very progressive town and was quick to embrace the motoring age.

It seems the first Ford agent in Yarram was the company known as AE Head. Somehow they had secured a supply of Ford cars and they advertised prolifically in local papers advertising the greatness of the new Ford car. It seems that AE Head had other business interests in the town as well. As with many



The Man in Front has the Best of the Fun.

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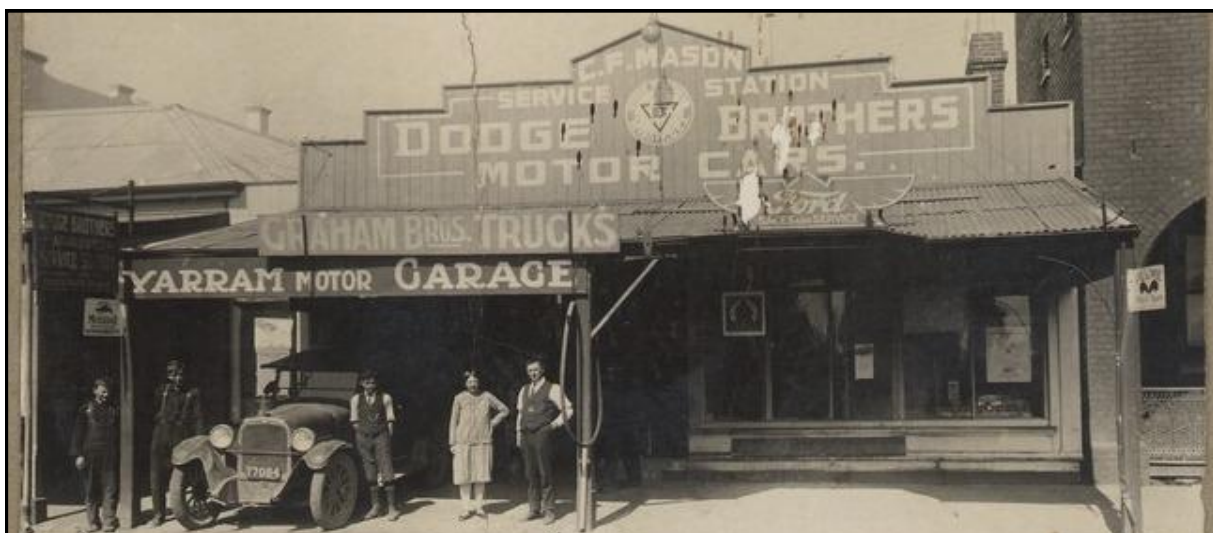
early Ford dealers, AE Head were the local agent for bicycles before moving into motorcars, but the priority of the bicycle agency had clearly changed in favour of cars, with only a small reference to the bicycles in the advertising.

During the same era, another business utilised Model Ts as Taxi cars. The Thompson & Davis Motor Garage advertised a number of different manufacturers vehicles for local tours and taxi services including Model T Fords.

My research does not tell the story of what happened to the A E Head Ford agency, but later on, a new company seemed to hold the local Ford "Franchise". The CF Mason Service Station had very prominent ford advertising on the front of their garage in Commercial road and sold Ford cars as well as Dodge vehicles which was an interesting combination?

Old Victorian Garages - Yarram

**Yarram
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The Laugh
is always with the Fellow in the



THE other chap—the fellow who has probably spent an extra couple of hundred—is often travelling under special "horse" power as the "FORD" goes gaily by.

The FORD Car doesn't break down, doesn't get stuck up. There are more elaborate Cars, where a whole heap of money has been lavished on, prettifying up, and fancy fixings—Cars that cost double or treble the FORD Prices—but for a good, go-anywhere, absolutely dependable, serviceable Motor, there's nothing to equal the "FORD."

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A. E. HEAD, Yarram.

AGENT FOR CLYST CYCLES.

The Old CF Mason building is still on Commercial road and features the same roof top façade. Warwick's T is pictured outside the same garage.

I have not been able to locate any further records of Ford agencies in Yarram but I suspect that when Ford Australia was established in 1925, Yarram no longer had a designated dealer/agent. It was not until much later that Ford once again had a dealership in the town.

— Warwick Landy —



Bendigo Swap Meet 2023



On Saturday 11th November we left home at around 4:45am. Thankfully we had packed the truck the night before after we had gotten home from the general meeting with eskies, drinks, sausages, bread, BBQ, table, gas bottle, flags and BBQ utensils. We had a trouble free drive up except for 1 kangaroo that refused to get out of our way.

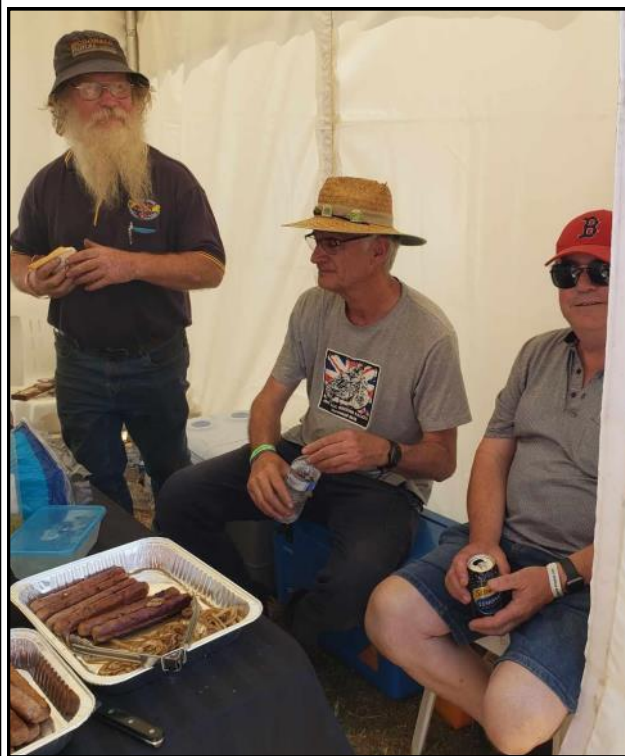
We arrived in Bendigo just after 7am and paid our \$5.00 to park at the school on the hill. We got the Model T off the truck, climbed in around everything that we had jam packed in there, and somehow managed to drive to the Swap Meet safely. We set up the site with table, Model T, flags, club pamphlets and membership forms.

Having the Model T there drew a lot of attention. We heard lots of stories from people about their family's old Model T's. We also had a few old members, that have moved interstate, stop by. Sadly they are selling their cars.

At 12:00pm we fired up the BBQ, - big thanks to Steve Brown and Geof Baulch for helping out with that. A lot of members came for lunch and had a good chin wag. The sun was blazing down so we set the table up inside the marquee and opened the back door which let in a beautiful breeze.

Dean went wondering a few times and kept coming back with more stuff that we had to try find room to pack in the Model T with the all the other stuff. Dean said 'it was a bargain', I said 'it was stuff'. Swap meet was great although not as big as the other years. Still a lot of Model T stuff out there. We saw some of our members with bargains. About 3:00pm we started packing up and squeezing everything back into the Model T. We headed home about 3:30pm. All in all still a great day out.

— Dean Williams & Ann Cupid —





Upcoming Rallies and Events



RACV Proudly supporting **Beyond Blue** **AOMC** THE ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS

Festival of Motoring

at Cruden Farm
Sunday 21st January 2024

Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old.
Club displays welcome
A Celebration of Motoring Throughout the Decades.

This is an official club event!
Entries **MUST** be prebooked. [CLICK HERE](#)
Entries close December 15 2023
Cruden Farm, Cranbourne Frankston Rd, Langwarrin

MODEL T FORD CLUB AUSTRALIA DAY RALLY

26th January 2024

Hi All,

This year we will meet at Maroondah Reservoir Park out past Healesville off Maroondah Hwy.

Enter the park via Main entrance (Maroondah Main Loop Road) then take the Henderson Loop Road. The red star marks the location of the rotunda and parking. There are toilets, shelter, BBQ and lots of nice grass.

BYO all picnic gear you require, there are no shops nearby. (Apart from Healesville)

As we cannot book this area it is on a first come basis, someone will be there to reserve the site by 8:30.

There are a lot of nice drives to this spot, one of my favourites is via Yarra Glen, past the Chocolatier on Old Healesville Road then the back way to Healesville.

Hope to see you there. All welcome.

— **Chris and Fiona Dillon** —

MODEL T & A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sun Dec 3, from 11am

Ashburton Scout Hall, 335-339 High St Ashburton
BYO Picnic Lunch

Bring your T along for a drive and display!
Let's outnumber the A models again!

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Just Announced!

**DAYLESFORD
MOTORFEST 2024**

Please advise by SMS or Email if you are interested and I will investigate

Feb 17, 8pm—Feb 18, 3pm

Find out more [here](#)

We currently have 6 rooms on hold at Daylesford Central Motor Inn.
53482029. First in best dressed!

— David Jenkins —





Yarram & South Gippsland Cup Weekend Rally



Friday 3rd November

Friday Night of the rally included our Welcome BBQ. Rally entrants enjoyed a catered BBQ dinner and dessert as part of their rally entry.



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****There were no new adds submitted to the editors this month, so a few items of interest have been sourced from online ads. Members, please support this page by sending in your wanted and for sale ads. In future editions, if there is no member submissions, this page may be substituted for other content.****

FOR SALE: 1927 Tourer

4 door. Burgundy and black in colour, new tyres, new radiator, new T model muffler, side curtains, rear trunk for storage, engine 3000 miles since rebuild. Great condition for age.

\$29000

Ph: 0417 336459 Vic



FOR SALE: 1927 Roadster

1927 T model Ford Roadster—complete running car, restored late 70s we think. Limited history, but is Canadian built, rhd. No time to do anything with it due to other projects. Be a part of history and look after a T model for the next generation.

Ph: 0417 004917 QLD



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Ph: 0400168319 Warwick (Traralgon)





Newsy Bits



Ts Promoted on Social Media!

Our Club was captured on social media, at both Carrajung Estate and at Port Albert. Social media is a great medium for promoting our club and the Model T hobby. Each time someone snaps a pic on their phone we never know where they're are going to pop up!

Following up from the Melbourne Cup weekend rally, our cars and club featured on the Facebook pages of both the restaurant [VerSicilia Ristorante](#) in Port Albert, and also the [Currajung Estate Winery](#). (click on links to both).

Carrajung Estate commented, "Did Henry Ford visit [@carrajungestate](#) this weekend? His car was certainly here in our restaurant car park! You can have any colour as long as it's black!"



CLUB MEMBER TURNS RACE CAR DRIVER!

Andrew Brown recently participated at the historic Sandown race meet in his 1917 Speedster. Andrew also had the 1915 Tourer on display. Both cars attracted a lot of attention in the pit area. I am not sure how Andrew figured in his race category results?



Wagland's Fly the T Flag in South Gippsland

Graeme & Marj Wagland flew the flag for the Model Ts with their CenterDoor sedan standing out in the crowd at the inaugural Dalyston Car Show in South Gippsland



T For Sale

Alan Fairnie's T is listed for sale. [Click here to view.](#)

Is this the first ever picture of the car with the top down since restoration??



Model Ts in Speed & Sport!



This Model T speedster was pictured recently at the Rob Roy Hill climb.

Members Attend Annual Veteran Rally in the North East

Hot on the heels of attending the Cup weekend Rally, the McPherson family continued rallying in their T only a couple of weekends later, joining in on the Veteran Car Club annual Rally held this year at Euroa. The McPherson's were also joined by club member David Lang in his 1916 T.



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Membership

The club welcomes new members who have an interest in the Model T Ford.

Members receive 11 monthly editions of the Model T Torque newsletter. The Model T Ford Club participates in and administers the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme. Members have access to a full register of Model T owners and their vehicles.

A full calendar of club activities including monthly meetings, annual rallies and other motoring events is planned annually. Generally, three annual rallies over the traditional, March, June and November public holiday weekends are planned in Regional Victorian locations for member participation.

The club conducts an annual Model T only, cars and parts Swap Meet. Member participation in other club gazetted events is also encouraged.

Meetings

General meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month (except January) at **8pm** at the **Ashburton Library Meeting Room**, (154 High Street, Ashburton) and / or via 'Zoom' online.

Meetings start promptly and usually include a guest speaker and informal supper. They conclude at approximately 10pm.

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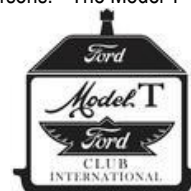
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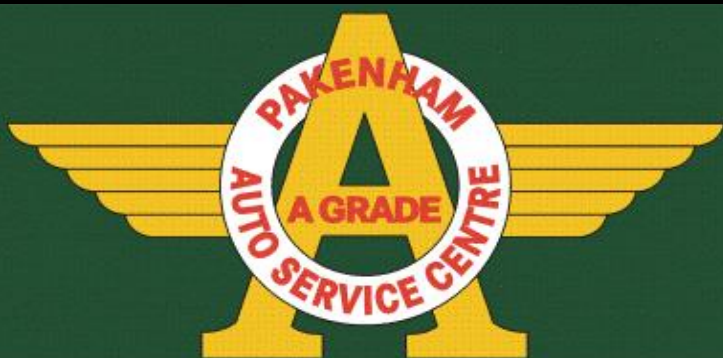


Period Feature Photo



This fantastic photo was captioned as being "Outside Gatts Garage Footscray." I am assuming Footscray in Victoria, however, there is no Ford signage visible above the garage.

All the cars have rego plates. What would have been the purpose of the gathering of a large bunch of Model T's? I have some theories and some information gathering for a future article, but I would love to hear from other members with their theories?



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