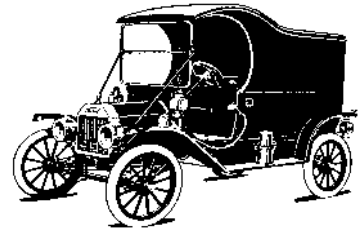




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Featured is John & Shirley Morrison's 1925 Dalgety T.

This car and many others represent the first year and product of the new *Ford Motor Company* of Australia formed 100 years ago in 1925. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this year's *All Ford Day* at Geelong which will feature these very special Ts.

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Australia Day Picnic

NEXT MEETING: February 14

Vintage Drivers Club Rooms

Factory 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading

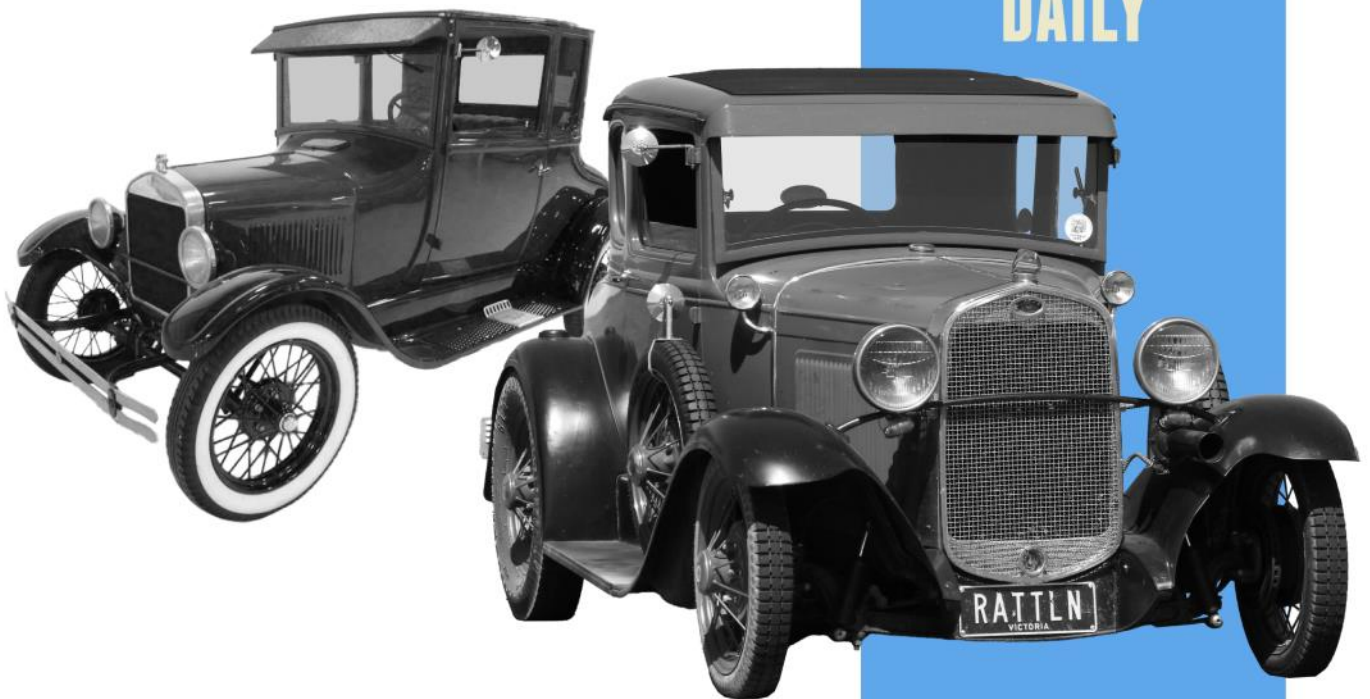
Meeting Activity:

Not to be missed, an online tutorial by Early Ford historian, Dr Trent Boggis on the design of the Model T and the early proto type and production Ts. See it on the big screen at the meeting rooms or watch on zoom from home.

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- Henry Ford -

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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,
Trusting you all had a great Christmas & New Year. 2024 went so fast, it's hard to believe 2025 is off and flying, February already.
This year's activities got off to a great start with heading off on January 19th to Cruden Farm in Langwarrin for the AOMC Festival of Motoring Display Day. We had 6 Model Ts in total and very warm weather. God news, no blown up engines this year, making David Jones a lot happier this time around.



Australia Day was a most enjoyable day at the *Maroondah Reservoir* with perfect weather and great company. A good roll up of T s, 6 in total. Special thanks to Chris & Fiona Dillon for once again organising the day and also being at the Reserve bright and early to secure the rotunda. Good job Chris, and we were very happy to see the BBQ working this year. Lamb loin chops were tasty and fitting for Australia Day.

Looking forward to our next run to Rusty Springs at Avenel organised by David & Karen Jenkins, leaving on Feb 19th from our place, 880 Yan Yean Road, Doreen and returning on the 20th. Plenty of trailer parking space. David may still have a couple of rooms available if you would like to join us.

2025 will be a busy time as well we have the *All Ford Day* coming up in April this year. We should have a lot of T s attending, with The 100 year celebration of Ford Geelong and The Dalgety Models. The day is not limited to just the Dalgety Models, all Model Ts are welcome. We need to make our club stand out!

I would like to ask our members if they could suggest some ideas for any activities or presentations from any companies or anybody to our General Meetings. Can be very entertaining.

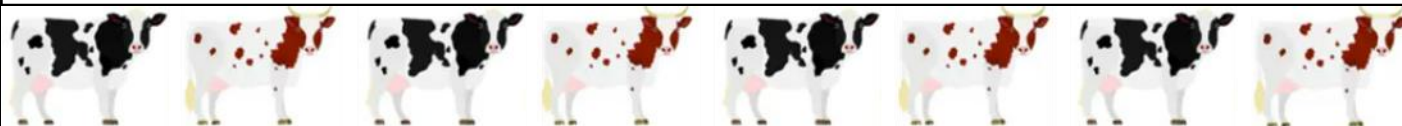
Over the holiday period, Warwick Landy was able to participate in an online Forum, hosted by Trent Bogus in the U.S and would like to share that with us at the February General Meeting. So something to look forward to.

We Have the National Rally in Ballarat looming upon us in September. Our Rally Committee are busy and hard at work with the preparations.

Our Vice President, Chris Bagot, is organising a rally for us on Labour Day weekend in March. This I am sure, will be a very interesting and enjoyable weekend, as he is planning a tour for us through his dairy farm and milk processing properties in the Warragul area. This will be a rally on short notice, but one I am looking forward to.

That's all for now. So from over another running board,

— John & Thel —



MTFCV Labour Day Long Weekend Rally Discovering Dairy' Sat 8 to Mon 10 March



- * Encompassing a snapshot of the 'Paddock to Plate' of the Gippsland Dairy Industry
- * Fully Catered Morning Tea, Lunch & Dinners

Highlights...

- ◇ Visit at least 2 operational dairy farms to view different styles of milking facilities and cows being milked,
- ◇ Visit Milk processing factory,
- ◇ Visit Cheese manufacture site
- ◇ "Partner driving lessons" opportunity

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Accommodation...

- Edinburgh Motor Inn – Warragul
Ph: 03 5622 3339
info@edinburghmotorinn.com.au
- Yarragon Motel
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Under the Hood - Editorial



Greetings members and Happy New Year!

As mentioned previously, 2025 is a big year for the Model T. Upcoming in April, the Ford Motor Company of Australia celebrates its 100th anniversary and our club also host the *National Rally at Ballarat*. Our club is also 45 years old this year! See the upcoming events page and be sure to have your entries for both the All Ford day at Geelong and the Ballarat rally all paid soon to confirm your entry. The Geelong All Ford Day is shaping up as a weekend event, so perhaps plan to arrive at Geelong Saturday morning and prepare for some local Geelong venues and touring. A Saturday evening get together is planned before our big day, featuring the Dalgety T, all other Model Ts and Model As. Vintage Fords have not previously had a big presence here, so please get behind this special event and come and promote our club our cars and its awesome activities.

A big thankyou to John and Shirley Morrison for their feature article on their 100 year old Dalgety T. It certainly has a special story and it is a pleasure to present it in this edition.

Some months back I mentioned that it would be good to present a T Torque featuring members' Speedsters, including restoration stories, historical articles and events attended. Unfortunately we have not received enough contributions to devote an entire edition to speedsters! We did however, receive a wonderful article from Peter Natoli about his Speedster restoration project. We have been sitting on this one for a while and it is a pleasure to present part one in this edition. Thanks Peter for your contribution and your patience waiting for us to feature it.

My summer activity has focused on preparation of my own Dalgety Tourer, and I'm hoping to get it running in time for the Geelong All Ford day. I have restored the front end, started work on the rear end rebuild and the motor/trans rebuild is progressing well.

As always, keep the contributions coming and we hope to see you on the road somewhere in 2025.

Keep Touring in your Ts,

— Warwick Landy —



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General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Friday 12th December 2024 at 8:03pm by President John Huitt at the VDC Clubrooms, Nunawading and via Zoom (taken by Jo Baulch in the absence of Ann Cupid)

Present: 39 at clubrooms

Apologies: Chris Bagot, Ann Cupid, Peter Rutley, JD, Ruth Csorba, Russell Medhurst, Rod Kieseker, Ivor Austin

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: David Jenkins, seconded Bruce Csorba

Business Arising from minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Christmas breakup social & supper

Correspondence In:

- EMAIL: AOMC bulletin, Delegates meeting
- MAIL: Backfire magazine x 2, Vintage Ford, NAB statement – term deposit, T. Topics

Correspondence Out: Cruden Farm email

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented to the members by Jake Brown, Seconded: David Jenkins

Last Month's Rally Report: Steve Brown reported on the Christmas party, Model Ts retained the trophy 13 to 12. The disc for the timer toss was kindly donated to the club by Scott Staples but unfortunately there were people playing cricket on the oval so we couldn't run the competition. Shaun and Angie from Henry's kindly donated two big hampers for the raffle.

Swap Meets / Clearance Sales Report: Bendigo Swap, Dean and Ann set everything up in the Marquee, Dean did an amazing job at the BBQ, John ran Uber Eats to members helping out in the Big Shed. Signed up one new member on the day and someone else took an application form and signed up the following week.

Upcoming Swap Meets / Events:

December 14th Geelong Collectables Swap, December 24th Sandown Swap, January 12th Korumburra Swap, January 18th-19th Centre Swap Meet Bendigo, January 19th Sale Swap Meet, January 26th Wonthaggi Swap, February 2nd Morwell Swap, February 8th Glenlyon Swap, February 9th Lang Lang Swap

REPORTS

DELEGATES:

- AOMC: Nov 60 attendees, 50 clubs, report in next magazine
- **Delegates:** No meeting until Feb

This Month's Activity Run: Christmas party last week

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Is Jake Brown a club member? Yes he most definitely is. His membership comes under the family membership. Tonight he was reimbursed the membership fee he should never have had to pay.
- Orlando did a shout out to Jo from Kyneton who is a great guy and fixed his car for him. Jo was a mechanical engineer for Ansett and does a lot of work with cars
- Robbie Dalton presented Noel Huitt with an O.B.E

Raffle Draw: DRAWN BY: John Huitt,
WON BY: Jenny Stevens PRIZE SELECTED:
2008 Rally Picnic Set

MEETING CLOSED: 9:10PM



John & Shirley Morrison's completed T restoration as described in their article.



Club Calendar 2025



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: 19-20 Midweek Rally - Euroa area (refer to 'Upcoming Events')
OTHER EVENTS: 1-2 Heritage Vehicle Display, Lardner Park Warragul



CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENTS: 8-10 March Labour Day Rally, Warragul (information under President's Report)
 23 Club Run - Kalorama Rally
OTHER EVENTS: 25 Yarr Glen Swap Meet



CLUB MEETING: 11 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: 5-6 'All Ford' Day (refer to 'Upcoming Events')
OTHER EVENTS: 27 Federation Picnic, Scoresby



CLUB MEETING: 9 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: 10 Lunch at Noojee Hotel
OTHER EVENTS: TBC



CLUB MEETING: 13 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: TBA
OTHER EVENTS: 6-9 Hamilton Car Club King's Birthday Rally



CLUB MEETING: 11 8pm General Meeting - hot supper provided!
CLUB EVENT: Annual lunch TBA
OTHER EVENTS: TBC



CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENTS: TBA
OTHER EVENTS: 31 Federation Picnic, Morang



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 meet a safety officer in person, mail the permit with a stamped self addressed envelope to a safety officer. These will be processed & returned in the mail.

February

Geoffrey Brooke 6417
 Peter Brown 7396
 Paul Daley 774
 John Docker 5814
 Phillip Dorne 7253
 Alan Flude 7408H8
 Laurie Ford 7430
 Noel Huitt 06072H
 Linda Phillips 2674H3,
 96456H, 34052H
 Gregory Russell 8401
 Bruce Weatherhead 3135

March

Geof Baulch C9893
 Jennifer Csorba 34732-H
 Laurie Ford 766, 5453
 Beryl Gorry 8956
 Graham Hadden 7622
 John Huitt 651
 John Morrison 35701H
 Borge Sorensen 910FH,
 8320
 Peter Trewin 6931
 Graeme Wagland 5781
 David Weatherhead 4924

April

Andrew Brown 7805
 Laine Bull 4421
 Bruce Csorba 7399
 Paul Daley 61287H
 Paul Grady 7640
 Bernie McKeegan 07099H
 Linda Phillips 0824H6,
 3406H9, 0824H4, 0824H7,
 0824H3, 0824H2
 Orlando Talamo 8825
 David Weatherhead
 0452H, C9939, 5172



Event Report



Australia Day Picnic



On Sunday 26th January we went to the club's annual *Australia Day Picnic* at Maroondah Dam in Healesville. It was a perfect morning to get the Model T out for a drive.

Ann and I arrived around 10:30. All the usual Australia Day crowd were there; the Dillons, the Csorbas, the Browns, both lots of Huitts, the Brands, Jenny Stevens and us. There were several people there we didn't know but it was great to see Frank and Kerry van Ekeren from Rosedale and Orlando and Desma Talamo from Castlemaine. Sorry if we forgot anyone.

We all started sorting out our lunch around 12:30. Ann and I had some ham and salad rolls that we had premade at home. Others had meat and salad and some cooked their lunch on the BBQ. A big thanks to all that brought homemade treats.

It was great to have a chat and catch up with everyone, to find out about their wonderful Christmas and New Year and what everyone had been doing with their cars and other vehicles.

There were 6 Model Ts there, and once again John and Thelma proudly displayed our Australian flag.

Ann and I headed off just after 3. It was a bit of a warm drive home but the breeze was lovely. So ends another great Australia Day. Thanks again to the Dillons for organising it.

— Dean Williams —





Event Report



Cruden Farm Festival of Motoring

On Sunday the 19th January, we set out for Cruden Farm, having a great run there. It was a fabulous day, excepting the weather which was quite hot. The trees there are just beautiful, creating an enormous umbrella of shade. Gardens are gorgeous. This year food & coffee vans were very much appreciated.

We had 6 Ts in all. Attendees were, David & Julie Jones, Steve, Veronica & Jake Brown, Jenny Stevens, Noel Inman, John, myself & one non member in his veteran mother-in-law's seat.

John got to do an interview with Johnny Dunstan from Show Star Media, which went very well. Great for our club.

— *Thelma Huitt* —

— *Pictures by Julie Jones* —





Event Report



T & A Christmas Picnic - December 1, 2024

This year our plans for the Christmas picnic weren't able to include bringing a T, however on the Saturday evening prior to the picnic we were able to enjoy the magnificent Tina Turner Musical at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne. We stayed overnight in Melbourne and headed to the picnic in the Mazda! On arrival, we parked a suitable distance from the Ts and unloaded table, chairs etc., only to learn folk had been hard at work inside the scout hall setting up tables and chairs due to the dodgy looking weather. Inside the hall, a vast array of raffle prizes adorned the tables and plenty of members were buying up. We were fortunate to be drawn out 3 times in the raffle but put the third ticket back in! Some Vintage games started indoors and moved outdoors again once the weather improved.

Outside, the line-up of cars was not as substantial as previous years and up until midday it looked like the T club might have to concede the attendance trophy. This was until a lot top up by Bruce Csorba had us get over the line by 1. When he realised the crisis and returned home to get a second T, the arrival of the Speedster meant we retained the attendance trophy by a margin of 1, 12 Ts, to 11 As. A big thanks to Henrys T & A parts for sponsoring the venue for the day and to those who set up and organised. This day is always a great event and worth the effort to make the trip to come and catch up with all your club friends.

— Warwick & Paula Landy —





Restoration Story



The Morrison 'Hillview Ford' Restoration Story

By John Morrison

In October 1925 George Morrison, my great grandfather decided to order a Model T Tourer from *Prictors Garage* in Daylesford. The price was 169 pounds 10.

On 26 Jan 1926 a brand new T was delivered to the family farm, 'Hillview' in the locality of Yandoit, Victoria. It was 'buff' in colour, this being the famous Dalgety Ford. It served the family for many years until in the 1940s tyres became impossible to get, so the T was destined to become a farm implement.

The rear tub was removed, chassis shortened, and the exposed tail shaft used to mount a belt pulley to drive a saw bench, which supplied firewood for the family for many years.

In later years my brother and I played on the remains that had been left in an old shed which eventually fell on top of the poor old T.

In the 1970s Dad's brother gave him the car to restore, so we found all the parts we could from the surrounding area under the fallen shed and shifted it all to our farm about 8kms away.

Some parts were stolen over the years, radiator and shell and coil box, but at least we got most of what was left. The rear tub was never recovered. Dad collected many parts from clearing sales and added to the inventory of rusty stuff. As time and life passed by it became impossible for Dad to attempt such a massive restoration so he gave the whole collection of car and parts to me.

In August 2000 the whole project was shifted to our property in Ballarat and a complete ground up restoration began.



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Restoration Story continued...



The Morrison 'Hillview Ford'



Morrison family outing C1940. The car was repainted by brush in a green colour as the family did not like the factory buff colour.



Family outing C1943



our T in our youngest son James' wedding in Coffs Harbour, quite an adventure in a friend's Hino truck. We have now downsized and retired and plan to use the T for more runs and daily drives. —

The next 10 years saw a lot of cleaning repairing and rebuilding. The original body was beyond practical repair so a local body builder who specialised in custom cars was engaged to make a completely new body, using steel instead of wood for body support, but paying close attention to the Dalgety body line and panel creases to keep that special Dalgety look.

This took some time, which allowed me to rebuild all the mechanical parts including the engine, transmission and running gear. Owning an engine reconditioning business during this time was a great help.

After all the sub-assemblies were complete and I sold the business in 2010, the final assembly took place.

Special mentions to all who helped in this massive project. I could not have done this without the help and support of friends. Geof Baulch and I spent untold hours in my shed, thanks Geof. Allan Bennett was always available for that hard-to-find part or information and general encouragement through the rough bits. Thanks also to family and friends and Shirley for support with this project.

While all this was happening, Dad was admitted to a care facility in Castlemaine, so the first trip was to show him and revive some memories for him and his brother.

Our first club outing was the Hamilton Rally in 2011, where we enjoyed a great time of driving our new Dalgety T. The need for a top was the last step in the journey, so after Geof and I made the bows and assembled the roof structure we trailed the car to Peter, Bray Motor Trimmer, Light Pass in South Australia. Peter did a remarkable job. His attention to detail, the material and workmanship is a credit to him. Wherever we go people comment on the top, great job Peter.

In 2015 we had the pleasure of using



Restoration Update



1926 Speedster Build - Part 1

By Peter Natoli

The saga of my speedster started back in December 2018. I had finished my TT Truck and was looking for another project and a speedster was in the back of my mind. The thinking was that I could justify another car if it was made from parts salvaged from Swap Meets etc. I had a chassis and front axle and I let Brian Smith know that I was looking for a set of wire wheels. Within a couple of days Brian came back to me with details about a set of wire wheels. He said they looked to be in great condition, there were five of them, but there was just one or two things that may be an issue.



The first was that the wheels were attached to a car, and second was that the car was buried in a shed somewhere in Castle Hill, Sydney. It just so happened that I had been working in Sydney for the past 18 months, flying up Monday morning and back home on Friday afternoon. I went for a look one evening after work, and went back to work next day the proud owner of five wire wheels and all this stuff they were attached to.

The next weekend is a bit of a blur. I flew home on Friday and hooked up the trailer, drove to Sydney next day and loaded the car and all the parts that came with it. We drove home on Sunday, unloaded the car and all the spare parts and I was back to Sydney next morning on the 6.00am flight.

The first job over the holiday break was to strip it all down and see what all the bits attached to my wheels were like. The odd thing was that the wheels had been freshly painted and a new set of tyres fitted before it got pushed into the back of the shed and forgotten about. The body didn't take much to remove, it would have been nice to be able to say the same about all the crud which plastered the chassis, axles and engine. The car must have had a colourful life after it was converted from a Tourer into a Ute. Whatever it was that was plastered all over rest of the car actually formed a protective layer over the whole thin, and once I went through all the pain of removing it, found that the steel was remarkably well preserved! This was 6/01/2019 when the cleaning



and rehydration with beer was getting under way.

The intention was that it was going to be a Speedster, so it needed to be lowered. I was forbidden by Brian Smith to modify the chassis in any way. It seems we are governed by much stricter rules over here than in the US.

Above: It took a couple of weeks of my holidays and a lot of beer, but I finally found a great chassis under all that crap.

Left: Clean up of chassis complete 22/2/2019





Restoration Update continued...



1926 Speedster Build



It took several different attempts on both the front and rear ends to achieve the fabricated bolt on brackets which are in place today. The first two types of brackets I made for both the front and rear ends seemed to tick all the boxes but after looking at them for a day or two the voices in my head started to tell me that they could be improved on, so it was in the bin each time and start again with the next version. The car is 125 mm lower and the wheel base is also extended 125 mm. The front spring now sits behind the front axle and I am pleased to be able to say we still have full steering from left to right.

The back axle was rotated upside down and the differential rebuilt and assembled to ensure forward motion in forward gears and backward motion when reverse pedal is depressed. The spring perches were rotated and bolted up to the fabricated bracket which bolts on to the wheel hub. The axle is now located at the rear of the spring. The differential is now located further away from the engine so a longer drive shaft had to be made up to suit, and the torque tube extended to accommodate this extra length. I am fortunate in that my closest neighbour, Fred Motschell, is not only a great

mate but an old time tool maker, fitter and turner. Anything that has to be turned up is an excuse to wander over and see how a master craftsman/tradesman operates.

I wanted to take advantage of the bigger brake drums on the 26-27 rear end and installed a brake equaliser kit available from the US. It was not without some teething problems and not as straightforward as the glossy instructions would like the customer to think. There are other better alternatives available but the cost of the equaliser kit was a big influence. The first problem I found was that when the brake pedal was pushed, the pressure exerted on the handbrake lever shaft caused the shaft to distort about 4mm before the brake rods started to operate the brake shoes. I made up an adjustable gusset to reinforce the shaft and stop the distortion. I queried this problem with the supplier in the US, and as requested, sent some pictures to illustrate the issue. That was about two years ago. To date I have had no reply and am fairly sure that there will not be one anytime soon. The next problem was adjusting the brake rods to pull in the rear brake shoes a little before the transmission brake. I think it is finally in a good place, but needs some real world driving to prove it is working correctly. I can lock up the rear wheels but it is something that will need to be checked once the car is on the road.

To be continued...





National Rally Update



Hi Everyone,

A reminder to all members, especially if you are not entered as yet, that the 15th **National Model T Ford Rally** is being held this year in Ballarat. The rally runs for 8 days in and around the Ballarat Area. **Saturday 27th Sept til Saturday Oct 4th 2025.**



There will be lots to do, drives to take and display day, gold references and the usual great companionship. New friends made and old friends reunited. Daily runs are locked in with some amazing things to see and do. The final dinner is locked in. The Display Day and Dress to the period of your car day is also locked in. Dress up day is not compulsory but much appreciated by all who attend. This day is open to the public.

Check-in day is Saturday 27th September 2025 at The Greyhound Track in Ballarat. There will be a welcome and information evening on this same day. This is our hub for the week and where roll thru starts will happen each day. Due to venue restrictions our entrant numbers will need to be capped. Currently we have Entrants from most states and **1 from New Zealand, NZ 1; ACT 3; SA 9; NSW 16; QLD 21; and 36 from Vic.**

Please use our sponsors where you are able. See you in September,

Regards,

— *Your Rally Committee* —





Upcoming Rallies and Events



Yarra Glen Swap Meet March 9, 2025

The Vintage Drivers Club
www.vintagedriversclub.com.au

Site Booking & Enquiries:
yarraglen.swap@vdc.org.au



Gates Open:

Sellers 6.30am

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Show n Shine 8.00am

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Programs \$2

Further Information:

Iain Ross: 0409 027392

This year's featured Marque is Flathead Fords so let's make a big showing of our club's Ts.

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Free entry to the 2025 All Ford Day is offered to all owners of Model Ts. Use the QR code or log on to the website to register, allfordday.org.au. The free-code for Model Ts and Model As is 'Model T'.

When your registration is complete, please advise MTFCV members, Warwick Landy, 0400 168319 or David Jenkins 0408 312742 of your commitment to participate.

****Saturday afternoon Geelong Cruise around Historic ford sites for photo opportunities****

MID WEEK OVERNIGHT RUN

WED 19 – THURS 20 FEB

- **WEDNESDAY 9.30am** Meet @ the Huitt's, 880 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. Ample trailer parking available.
- **9.45am** Depart: Backroads to Avenel with a morning tea & lunch stop.
- **3.00 - 3.30pm** Arrive Rusty Springs Avenel, afternoon nibbles BBQ Dinner
- **THURSDAY 9.30am** Depart: Backroads via Longwood, Ruffy, Yark & Yea to Doreen with a morning tea & lunch stop (subject to change after drive reconnaissance)
- **4.00pm** Arrive back @ at the Huitt's, Doreen
- ****ALMOST FULLY BOOKED**** Entries to David Jenkins asap!



ACCOMMODATION

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- Website information [here](#)



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FOR SALE

1926 Model T Doctor's Coupe

- Currently on Club Permit
- 2 Speed Ruckstell Diff
- SCAT Forged Counterbalanced Crankshaft
- Disk Brake Conversion on Rear
- Hi Flow Dual Exhaust Manifold

This T is set up to rally. Just jump in and drive anywhere. Starts, stops and goes better than most! I love this car but it just does not get the use it deserves as I now have a Veteran on the road.

\$26,500 or nearest offer

Contact: Stephen Brown **PH:** 0457 436077



FOR SALE

We have decided to sell this Model T car rug.

It's brand new, never been opened, just sitting in the cupboard. A new member may like to own one!

It celebrates 100 years of Ford and features a 1908 Model T Ford.

\$80

Contact: Shirley Draper **PH:** 0408 374598



FOR SALE

1924 Coupe

USA import, LHD, complete restoration and absolutely stunning. It's a turn key T and ready to enjoy. Your opportunity to have a rare closed body style to suit the Victorian climate!

The presentation of this vehicle is to Concourse standard, mechanicals, paint and trim, and has little use since restoration. Pre inspection encouraged.

\$27,500

Contact: Scott Staples 0419 710 039 scott@clockit.com.au



FOR SALE

1913 Tourer Original Barn Find

- USA Import
- Has had complete engine and transmission rebuild

This car has a few goodies from factory, including a 2 speed Walford gearbox, and a double wishbone front end. It was set up for long distance reliable Veteran touring and completed the Adelaide to Broome rally successfully.

Best to see to understand what's up for sale. Pre purchase inspection welcome.

Your opportunity to purchase a Rally ready Veteran to





Newsy Bits



VALENTINE'S DAY MEETING

Our February meeting is on Valentine's Day! Be a romantic partner! Bring your loving partner to the meeting which falls on February 14 this year!



FAIRNIE TOURER SOLD & HEADING TO TASMANIA!



As per the post on our club Facebook page, the Tarrant Tourer formerly owned by deceased member and past club president, has found a new home in Tasmania. The new owner would like some history of the car.

Sad News for Landy Family

January saw the passing of Bill's daughter and Warwick's sister, Judy. Judy succumbed to brain cancer after a 2 year battle. T Model life was a big part of Judy's childhood and she was always a supporter of Bill and Warwick's Model T activities. Of note was Judy's contribution to the 2008 Centenary Rally, capturing the image of 300 Model Ts at Echuca's Centenary Park from the air in a light plane, before drones were invented! Pictured are the 4 Landy children (Judy bottom left, Warwick bottom right), proudly wearing their T Model jumpers knitted by Mum (Pam)!



OBE for Noel Huitt
Congratulations to Noel on the awarding of his OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) award!



Christmas Catch-ups

During our Christmas break at Cobram, John, myself (Thelma), Noel & Rhonda, had a great catch up with Don & Linda McPherson. We had a lovely meal at the Farmers Arm's Hotel in Tocumwal.



Historic Rob Roy Hill Climb

The Historic Rob Roy Hill Climb will host an event on the 29/30 of March this year will be featuring the 100th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company of Australia.

Maybe a Model T speedster will participate? Details [here](#).





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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 **Vintage Drivers Club Clubrooms, Factory 8, 41 Norcal Rd, Nunawading** 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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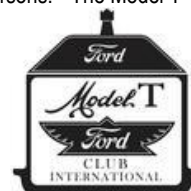
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Both clubs produce excellent magazines (Vintage Ford, Model T Times) and the Model T Ford Club encourages membership of both organisations.





Event & Rally Photos



Top: Line up of Ts at the *Australia Day Picnic*

Above Left: Line up of Ts at the *Cruden Farm Picnic*

Right: President John's T proudly bearing Australian flags

Below & Bottom Left: Happy faces at the *Australia Day Picnic*

Bottom right: President John cooking the barbecue at the *Australia Day Picnic*





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