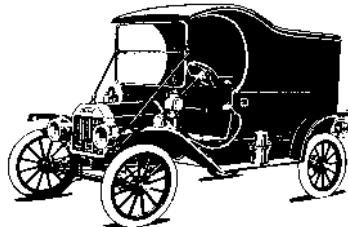




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Model T Fords line up for the Ballarat Public Display and Dress-Up Day, showcasing a spectacular range of colours and styles. Held during the school holidays, the event attracted families, children, and visitors of all abilities who came together to enjoy the cars, costumes, and community spirit.

"I don't read history. That's in the past. I'm thinking of the future."
— Henry Ford —

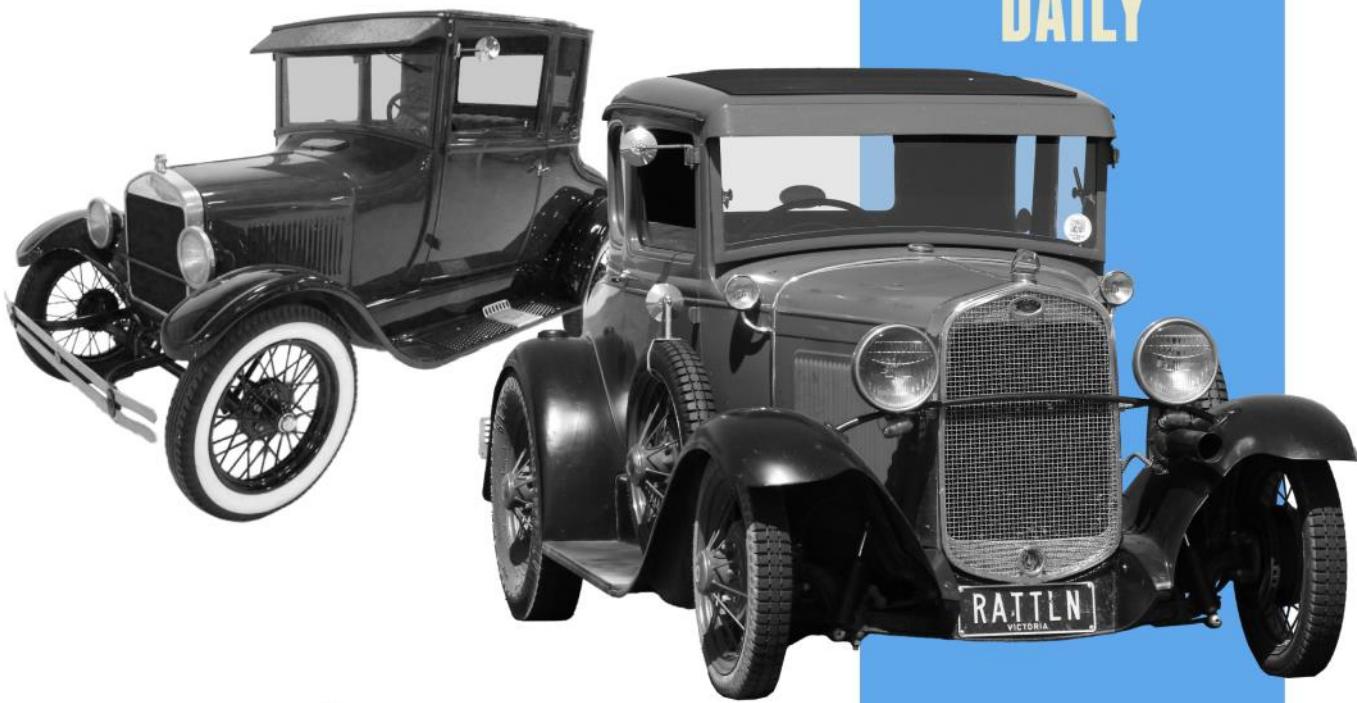
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NEXT MEETING:
November 14, 8pm

Vintage Drivers Club Rooms,
Factory 8,
41 Norcal Road, Nunawading

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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,
We've certainly had something to celebrate this month with the running of the "15th NATIONAL RALLY EUREKA GOLD BALLARAT, hosted by The MTFCV " A huge thank you to our Rally Committee members, Geof & Jo Baulch, David & Cheryl Weatherhead, Graham & Maree Hadden & Ronnie & Linda Harris. Hats off to them. They are to be hugely complemented for their time, effort & hard work that they have all put into it over the last 3 yrs, in putting together such a fantastic, unbelievable rally, ensuring it was a memorable occasion. We travelled through some beautiful countryside, visited some great old towns, the Vegemite museum, even a drop in visit by Queen Victoria herself. The Ballarat Greyhound Racing Track selected for the Rally Headquarters was a great choice, giving us the perfect environment to operate from each day. Bad luck for Jenny Stevens though, after unloading her T at Ballarat, finding that it had done a triple gear. Undeterred by this, it did not stop her from completing the rally, riding with others. Thanks Jenny. Another was Bruce & Jennifer Csorbas car when they heard somebody knocking under the bonnet. Waiting on news on that from Bruce. Still waiting on reports on other member cars.



Also, we say a Big Thankyou to Tail end Charlies in doing a great job & Bruce Csorba for the daily news & all of the volunteers helping each day. Lots of credit to the our Vice President Chris Bagot for his huge effort in preparing and getting 4 cars running and rally ready and having the whole Bagot Family, including Neil participating in the Rally as well. So good to see Jacinta driving her car. The food supplied all week was excellent and the final dinner was beautiful. Rally Bags were fabulous.

A Presidents' meeting was had on the Tuesday night of the Rally, attended by all State Presidents. One major outcome of the meeting was, that the National Rally will be held every 2 years, starting with South Australia in 2027 in Murray Bridge.

We all said our goodbyes at breakfast on the Saturday morning. It has been a " GREAT HONOUR " to be President of our Club during our National Rally. I have felt VERY PROUD of our " Rally Committee " and our Club during the week in Ballarat. You did Victoria PROUD. Still talking about it.

The Club is still desperately in need of a Treasurer. Fingers crossed, we may have one after the October meeting.

Events: 19th Oct: Don't forget the Flat Head Ford Day at the National Steam Centre in Scoresby

26th Oct: Club Swap Meet at Chris Dillon's Shop. Bring something along to sell or swap. Enjoy a chat & a BBQ sausage while you're there.

That's all for now, so from over running board,

— *John & Thel* —



Left: Geof & the committee launch the rally and give information about the week ahead.

Above: President John welcomes everyone to the rally.

Below: A full room of participants at the Greyhound Club for the rally launch





September General Meeting Minutes



Friday 12th September 2025 — Meeting opened at 8:04PM by President John Huitt at the VDC rooms, and via Zoom.

- New Members: Nil
- Attendance: 30 present at VDC rooms and 8 on Zoom
- Apologies: Noel Inman, Russell Medhurst, Bill Wallace, Barry Hancock, Chris & Fiona Dillon
- Confirmation of Minutes: Cheryl Weatherhead Seconded: Thelma Huitt
- Business arising from Minutes: Nil
- Tonight's Meeting: Auction Night
- Correspondence

In: Email: AOMC bulletin – insurance

MAIL: Backfire Magazine, cheques for subs, thankyou card from Malcom Moors' sister, Heather Kirby

Out: subs receipts to members without email



REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report tonight because we do not have a Treasurer. It was mentioned that we have to employ a Treasurer. This will be discussed at next Committee meeting. John has spoken to people who can help the club with taxes. Another club pays an accountant \$570 per year to do this. One of the people John has spoken to is happy to come to a club meeting to talk to us.
- Last Month's Rally Report: For some reason this was overlooked but we went to the Ambulance Museum in Bayswater and it was very interesting. We then went to the Kilsyth Club for a yummy lunch. The weather was perfect.
- This Month's Activity / Run: Coffee and Cars at Kilsyth Maccas on Sunday 14th, The National Rally in Ballarat from Saturday 27th September – Saturday 4th October
- Swap Meets / Clearance Sales Reports: Nil
- AOMC: No Bernie tonight
- Federation: Geof Baulch reported on the last meeting
- 2025 National Rally: The clothing shop for rally merch is now closed but will reopen after the rally in case anyone sees something on the rally they might like. Check in on Saturday 27 11am – 3pm, Saturday night is opening night from 6pm – 9pm, short drive on Sunday 9:30am start.

Upcoming Swap Meets: 14 Sep Shepparton Swap, 21 Sep Bairnsdale Swap, Birchip Swap and Wallan Swap

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sep 14 Club Cars and Coffee
- 20th-21st September Denni Annual Spring Rally
- 21 September Rob Roy Pre War Hill Climb, Wallan Show n Shine
- 26 September Ouyen Lake Show N Shine
- 27 September - 4 October National Rally, 4 October Alexandra Heritage Machinery Festival

TECHNICAL TIPS & QUERIES: This month's "technical" tip is if you want nice weather, bury a sausage. Please do not quote me on this but apparently it works.

RESTORATION PROGRESS: Jacinta Bagot's car was registered 2 days ago and David Jenkins '16 is up and running.

NEW OR UNUSUAL PRODUCTS: Nil Parts Wanted: Nil, For Sale: See Auction

GENERAL BUSINESS: We are still in desperate need of a Treasurer. Please if you think this is something you could do, contact the Committee. You don't even have to come to the meetings. You can join via Zoom or even just send the report through for another Committee member to read out.

NEXT MEETING ACTIVITY: Talk about National rally and maybe have Accountant come for a chat

RAFFLE: Drawn by: Andrew Brown, Won by: Chris Bagot, Prize Selected: Wipes

MEETING CLOSED: 8:39PM

I would like to say a big thank you to Catherine Dillon and Ruth Csorba for watching Zoom during the auction.

— *Ann Cupid (Secretary)* —

Club Calendar 2025 / 2026



CLUB EVENTS:	19	Ford Flathead Festival
	26	Club Swap Meet at Dillon's Motors (see Upcoming Events)
OTHER EVENTS:	18	AOMC Club & Trades Expo
	26	Baw Baw Picnic



CLUB MEETING:	14	8pm General Meeting—activity to be confirmed
CLUB EVENT:	15-16	Bendigo Swap
OTHER EVENTS:		TBA



CLUB MEETING:	12	8pm General Meeting, Christmas Break-up
CLUB EVENT:	7	T & A Christmas Party
OTHER EVENTS:		TBA



CLUB MEETING:		No meeting
CLUB EVENT:	18	Cruden Farm Festival of Motoring, details here , entries close Dec 7
OTHER EVENTS:	26	Australia Day Rally TBC



CLUB MEETING:	13	8pm General Meeting,
CLUB EVENT:		TBA
OTHER EVENTS:	31	Federation Picnic, Marong
	31	Hurstbridge Wattle Festival



CLUB MEETING:	13	8pm
CLUB EVENT:	27-30	Echuca / Moama Rally
OTHER EVENTS:		TBA



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.

November

Paul Daley 981
 Chris Dillon 3220
 John Huitt 5325
 Noel Huitt 74998H
 David Jenkins 7916
 Russell Medhurst 8-245
 Andrew Phillips CH9993
 Linda Phillips 24744H,
 51257H, 24745H, 01905H
 Russell Gregory 26760H
 Hartmuth Scholz 7646
 Graeme Wagland 8188H
 Bill Wallace 99499H, 260RH
 Richard Wearne 6102
 Colin Weidemann 8314

December

David Beaty 6967
 Paul Daley 7870
 Chris Dillon 2106H4, 8037H5
 Bob Draper 342
 Norman Morgan 6155
 Kirsten Morton 481
 Andrew Phillips 4731
 Linda Phillips 52322H,
 77872H, 87725H
 David Weatherhead 3035H

January

Stephen Brown 660
 Peter Brown 8009
 Paul Daley 983
 Justin Deakon 513EH
 John Huitt 12239H
 Andrew Phillips 20526H
 Linda Phillips 67029H,
 89755H, 89754H, 89753H,
 10905H
 Cher Wallace 46GH-6
 David Weatherhead 54598H



Under the Hood - Editorial

Greetings Members,

This years National Rally was the 15th I have attended and now I remain as one of 2 keen T enthusiasts who have attended all 15! It is a pleasure to present this month's T Torque as a souvenir edition of the event, and we thank all members who have made contributions.



Paula and I were able to enjoy a short getaway in Hall's Gap before arriving in Ballarat to check in. I took the opportunity to drive the car around town and was also breathalysed (see pic on right). When we arrived just after 11am at the, Ballarat Greyhound Club, Rally Headquarters for the week, the place was buzzing with entrants. It was a proud and pleasing moment to see Victorian members assisting the committee with all required tasks of welcoming the 120 plus entrants, distributing rally packs (with an amazing assortment of goodies—see below), and selling raffle tickets. On top of organising the event, our rally directors had excelled in producing 2 major raffle prizes, a replica Kitchen Sink Engine and spectacular Model T themed quilt! (see photos



below). The Greyhound Cub proved to be an awesome venue allowing plenty of room for the functions and ample outside parking and a perfect location for the morning rolling starts. After check-in we returned to our Motel, The Belltower, which also proved to be a great location to stay for the week with plenty of parking for cars and trailers and a couple of close restaurants to enjoy. On recommendation from others who had dined there, we did enjoy a particularly great meal of massive steaks at Lazy Moe's restaurant.

As with all National Rallies, they are all varied in content, activities and unique location to visit. Day one saw us visit an amazing private collection of all things antique including cars, lawnmowers, tractors motorcycle and signs just to name a few. Local knowledge from club and rally committee member Ron Harris, had us travelling all the regions most scenic and T friendly backroads to a bunch of great locations throughout the week. Ron and the team were kept busy putting out and picking up directional signs which were a great help. Fortunately for Ron and the rally, the local Ford dealer Eclipse Ford provided a nice new Hybrid Ford Ranger for use during the week. Rallies have a habit of taking us to many places we would not other wise frequent and the Vegemite Museum at Beaufort was a classic!

Who knew there was a museum dedicated to

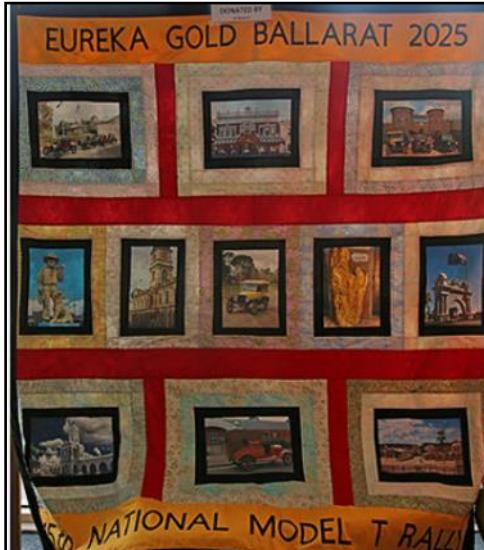
Vegemite!

A personal highlight for the week was a nigh time visit to the Sovereign Hill 'Aura Sound and Light Spectacular'. This was included in the Rally fee and certainly lived up to its name of being 'spectacular'. We highly recommend this show to anyone who visits the area.

A big thanks to all the committee for a great week of
T Touring.

Keep
Touring in
your Ts,

*Warwick
Landy*





National Rally Report



Bruce, Jennifer & Gace Csorba

We got to Ballarat on the Friday with the Dalgety Tourer (Rocinante) on our trailer. We unloaded and went shopping for food supplies and petrol. On Saturday we putted down to check-in and caught up with everyone. It was great to reacquaint after a number of years. The rally bag, goodies and clothing were wonderful.

Sunday mornings shake-down run in the hills south of Ballarat was a ripper, although a bit of low gear churn did occur. The visit to the private collection was a highlight. There were many interesting vehicles and collections. Jennifer liked the tap display, but I did really like the Sunbeam sedan. After visiting the collection, we cut and ran, as we had lunch materials back at the Bell Tower.

Monday was the big run to Dunolly/Moliagul. It was a nice drive along fairly quiet roads past fields of yellow canola. (lots of photos taken by everyone on the rally). A point of excitement was we were following another T that overtook two slow T's. As he went past I put on my indicator and followed. As I drew level with the back of the two cars, he started to come out to overtake. I threw in the clutch (over revved a bit) and caught the edge of low gear. He turned back in and I let out the clutch and kept going. About 4 to 5 kms later I saw another car get completely 3 wided going down the road. At Dunolly we had a look around the town, and went to the museum. Instead of going on to Moliagul, I gave rides to some ladies at the Nursing home. It was great fun. The trip home was easy and when we filled up at Maryborough she had only used 14 litres. After Sunday's hills and the "three wide" I had to adjust her. Monday's night dinner with the MTFCV members at the golf club was nice. We caught up and enjoyed the company of Dean, Anne and Raven.

Tuesday was again a great driving day. The scones at the reservoir were magnificent. Lunch at the Bungaree oval was nice. Lots of photos taken from the high platform of all the cars parked on the oval - great. On the way back we suffered "Dalgety Tank" on a hill and had to get dragged to the top by Laurie - thank you. Then about 10 miles further on she got a terminal rattle. I got a lift back to the Bell Tower and retrieved the Landcruiser and trailer and picked Rocinante and the girls up

Rocinante was in the Dalgety line up on Wednesday, but on the trailer. We all dressed up, but way to cold for Grace who changed back into warmer clothes for the rest of the day. Still we were awarded the best dressed family - such an honour given all the well dressed brave participants.

The "Aura" show on Thursday night at Sovereign Hill was very interesting, Great connection between the way gold is made and our First Nations dreaming story, their impression of gold and first settlers. Also the Eureka Stockade story. Grace joked about the fact that the buses looked like those from Jurassic Park - look out for the dinosaurs. We had spent the whole day at Sovereign Hill and dodged the rain and wind that others talked about on the run that day.

On Friday we again joined the rally, staying out of the way in our "modern car". Pulling over to let other moderns go so they would not be confused by our slow pace. We had a great time. The Clunes bottle museum could have taken half a day easy to read all the information about the collection. We especially enjoyed the walk around Clunes, with the packed lunch and the drive amongst the gold mines. We had no idea they were there - definitely a return visit required. After the very interesting stop at the Creswick Woollen Mill, where Jennifer purchased a new Alpaca Doona, we went back to the Bell Tower and hitched up/packed up ready to leave.

The final dinner was great. Lots of food, friends and fun. It was sad to leave. We'll see everyone again in 2027 - Tailem Bend SA.

Specially like to thank the Rally committee for a fantastic week of driving. Also to Geof and the tail-end helpers for assisting us on the Tuesday afternoon - current thought is that it may be a big end bearing problem. Not yet fully investigated.





National Rally Report



Jenny Stevens

My coupe had not been running well. Robbie Dalton had helped through the week and got it running but it still needed some fine tuning. I arrived on the Friday as Brian Smith had volunteered to have a look for me. After some testing by Brian without result, Chris Dillon arrived and joined in the effort. Chris found a couple of things which he fixed and then fine tuned the mixture and timing. Off we went for a test drive. The car was running beautifully thanks to everyone's efforts. As we were driving back into the motel there was a horrible noise. On further inspection one of the bushes on the triple gears had collapsed and I no longer had low gear. So I didn't make it to the start of the rally on the Saturday with a driveable car.

I was very disappointed, but the amazing people of the Model T community wrapped their arms around me, offering seats in cars, invitations to join for dinner and general commiserations. I decided I was not going to let it spoil my first National Rally and went on to enjoy a fabulous week of navigating for others in their cars.

Highlights of the rally were the beautiful countryside and back roads. The food was amazing, couldn't fault a single meal. The navigating instructions were clear, and the signs were perfect.

The first day was registration, where we picked up our rally pack and preordered clothing. The second day was a short run to a local private collection of cars, tractors, stationary engines, agricultural machinery, you name it, he had it. It was an amazing collection. The third day to Dunolly was very interesting with some of its historic buildings open for inspection, including the court house where we met Queen Victoria (the lady who runs the local theatre group) and lunch by a local catering lady. The weather was perfect. The fourth day was to Bungaree via Moorabool Reservoir for a morning tea of scones, very yummy, and a look around the beautiful gardens. Then onto The Bungaree footy oval for an amazing lunch. The fifth day was the show and shine, and the photos for the coffee table book. I loaded my car onto the trailer as I did not want to miss out on the photo. There was an amazing response to the general advertising with a huge number of the general public turning up. This was also the dress up day and there was a huge variety of outfits. Plenty of time to look at the cars, what an amazing variety of years, body types and colours. The sixth day was a very windy day to Beaufort to the Vegemite museum and lunch, then back to Ballarat via Lexton and Burrumbeet. The last day was to Clunes for lunch, with a visit to the Lee Medlyn Bottle Museum. What an amazing collection! Then onto Creswick for a tour of the Woollen Mill, started by a Polish immigrant in the 1940's and still operating today. An amazing collection of goods they make.

It was then off to the final dinner, which was well catered, a very yummy meal. Then onto various awards. I was extremely surprised and humbled to take out the Best 1917-1925 trophy, a unique timber mounted Model T piston and conrod made by David and Graham. I certainly did not expect this as there were so many beautiful cars. What a way to end a fantastic week. The raffles were then drawn and there were many happy recipients.

Saturday was an egg and bacon roll breakfast before heading home. It was hard to believe the week had gone so quickly. Although the weather for the last 4 days was showers, windy and very cold, it showed how resilient the Model T community is. It did not spoil our adventures.

It was good to meet some of the people from interstate, including Tony Howard from Queensland, who was building his 25 coupe during covid, same as I was, and we were able to help each other. My thanks to Robbie and Christine, and Peter and Denise for a seat in their cars, observing their driving techniques, it was a different experience in open cars. Also my thanks to others who offered me a day in their cars. My heartfelt thanks to the committee and all who helped run this amazing event. I enjoyed every bit of it (apart from my car breaking down) and hope to go on the next National Rally to Murray Bridge in 2027. They have a hard act to follow.

Panoramic shot of the cars from the scorers box - Bungaree football Oval





National Rally Report



Jenny Steven's Photos



Far Left: Riding with the Daltons

Below: Riding with the Natoli's

Left: Although broken and on the trailer, Jenny's car still caught the attention of the judges and was awarded a prize.

Below Middle: A visit from Queen Victoria



Talk About a Small World!

As we know, National Model T Rallies bring together all types of people from all sorts of backgrounds, but possibly none more serendipitous than that which occurred with me at Ballarat. When I returned from PNG in the mid-seventies where amongst other things I had joined Apex, a Community Service Club, I found there wasn't a Club in Vermont so I set about establishing one and was a Foundation member Vermont Apex Club in 1976. One of that Club's first projects, in conjunction with the neighbouring Nunawading Apex Club, was liaising with the Nunawading Migrant Hostel and assisting them with the assimilation of the nineteen seventies influx of refugees from the Pinochet Regime in Chile, and the Military Dictatorship in Argentina.

One significant Apex project included the painting and refurbishing of a house in Mitcham made available by the Whitehorse Council, to make it suitable for housing refugee tenants. Scroll forward fifty years and who do I chat to on the Rally and find out more of the story, but our recent new member Orlando, on his first National Rally. Whilst I didn't know it at the time, Orlando and his parents and siblings were the first refugees to enjoy the house newly refurbished by us, as they relocated from the hostel and gradually found their way in their newly adopted country. Yes it is a small World after all! — **Russell Medhurst** —

Russell & Marcia snug and warm in the Coupe!

Orlando enjoying the Ballarat backroads





National Rally Report



Wagland's Thursday Rally Report

Thursday's drive to Scarsdale, Beaufort, Loxton and Burrumbeet was in very, very windy conditions. Don and Lynda McPherson (#98) had had some T trouble as had Courtney and Freda (#106) so Graeme and I (#36) travelled behind them in case of breakdowns.

Both cars went okay except for a stop at Snake Gully to do some adjustments on #98.

We arrived safely at Beaufort and checked out the Vegemite Museum before wandering up the street to the bakery for lunch.

The wind on the trip home hadn't abated and Graeme had to fight to keep our tall Centredor on the road. We could see Don and Lynda, travelling in front of us, having the same problem when suddenly a strong gust caught them and blew them right off the road onto the grassy verge. Some skilled driving by Don got them safely back on the road! A very scary moment.

We were pleased to finally be back in the environs of Ballarat, safely driving along Remembrance Drive.

— Marj & Graeme Wagland —





National Rally Reports



International Guest Experience

On the Eureka Gold National Rally at Ballarat, Christine and I had the pleasure of having Tom Kaluzny from the U.S.A. as a passenger for three days. It was most enjoyable as he was a great guy. It was a great experience to have a Model T enthusiast from America travelling with us. Christine had Tom eating the great Aussie icon food, lamingtons at morning and afternoon teas and Tom didn't hold back once he tasted them. Tom was very impressed with the fields of Canola that we passed by on many occasions and really liked our country side and thought the Avenues of Honour were quite unique. Tom advised us that he would do his best to come over again for the 16th National Rally in South Australia, and along with us, enjoyed the Ballarat rally greatly.

— Robbie Dalton —



Beanies!

There were so many areas of great things this event brought on, however I must say the best "planning" part of the event was that the committee ensured we all had a chance to purchase "beanies", which were the most best item to have over the windy, wet, cold week of the event - well done, they were the best item to have when touring.....

— Peter & Geraldine Cameron (Qld) —

Monday Night MTFCV Club Get-Together

Over 60 members of the Model T Ford club of Victoria, gathered at the Ballarat Golf club on the Monday night of the rally to catch up and enjoy each other's company. After 2 days of rallying there was already much to discuss and celebrate. The private function room with bar staff and an excellent choice of Bistro meals was the perfect venue. It was a great night and an opportunity to catch up with members from all over the state that we don't often see. Thanks to President John for making the booking and coordinating the numbers! Long live this tradition and hopefully we all celebrate again at Murray Bridge in 2027!





National Rally Report



Paul & Angela Woodman

How exciting it was for us to participate in our first Model T Ford National Rally in Ballarat Victoria. For more than 50 years my wife Angela and I have dreamed of attending a national rally and taking the opportunity to share my Model T passion with friendly, like-minded people.

When I was 11 years of age my father gave me a 1923 Model T Ford tourer, we called Lizzie 1, over following 5 years' together we restored her, learning the skills of vintage vehicle restoration. Today, 59 years later Angela and I remain the proud owners of Lizzie 1.

In 1983 we purchased Lizzie 2, a Dalgety T, from a dilapidated wreck, I restored her over the following 22months. We then put Lizzie 2 and Lizzie 1 into commercial operation as a dual wedding hire car service. In mid, 2024 I heard the Model T Ford Club Victoria was to host the 15th National Rally in Ballarat Victoria in 2025. We rejoined the club and set about preparing our Dalgety T, Lizzie 2 for this, our first national event.

This year marks the centenary of the Dalgety Model T, Ford Australia's first product, assembled in the Dalgety Wool Stores in Geelong in 1925. Lizzie 2 required considerable upgrading to ensure her reliability for what was to be a total of 700 kilometres touring central Victoria during our rally week. Well, what fun we had!

As we drove in company with 119 other T's through the countryside, along narrow roads, passing by period farm houses and through gold mining townships of the 1860's, I began to realize, Model 'T' has another meaning...

TIMEMACHINE!

Angela and I loved the daily news reports, and the driving tours arranged each day by the rally organisers. Through wind, rain and shine, Lizzie 2, went like a charm, what an amazing experience! On the Thursday evening we visited Sovereign Hill Aura light show to take in the history of the Eureka Stockage, a most informative light and sound presentation.

The final dinner was sensational, a full house echoed the call of the many raffle prizes, awards and special recognitions filling the room will joy and happiness. We were pleasantly surprised to receive best Dalgety Award, as recognised by both the rally organisers MTFCV/A and the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. Victoria, and yours truly won the best dressed male too!

Our sincere gratitude goes to the hard working organising committee headed up by Geoff and Jo Baulch, who with their team did a fabulous job designing the program, managing the many complex issues associated with national rally organisation, whilst demonstrating patience and good will, well done to all rally organisers, you looked after our needs superbly.

Angela and I felt most welcome at this our first Model T National Rally. Thank you to all our fellow participants who brought their friendship, good cheer and constructive Model T advice to this event. We look forward to the *T'S IN HEAVEN 27' - 16TH NATIONAL RALLY OF MODEL T FORDS*, to be held in Murray Bridge South Australia. See you in Murray Bridge, and happy touring till then!



Lizzie 2, parked for lunch in the historic township of Clunes Victoria.



Rally Dinner Awards picture....

From left, Angela Woodman, Warwick and Paula Landy centre, & Paul Woodman with their awards



National Rally Report



The Bagot Family

Compliments to the chef! If there's anything that can bring all of us Bagots together - it's a T Model rally. We had an absolute ball at the Eureka Gold Rally, what a fantastic week.

The varying landscapes around Ballarat were glowing – the canola must have got the message we were coming and put on a real show for us. Was also a highlight seeing all the wind turbines so close – you never truly appreciate the size of these things until you're right underneath one!

It was a full circle moment for Jacinta Bagot – who won the main prize of the 2016 National Rally; a brand new radiator. A 1927 roadster was built around this radiator, and this was its first proper run which is very exciting. The car has the same colour as Grandpa Neil's daily driver, his FB Holden in 'seagull grey' (below).



Huge thanks to Geoff, Jo and the rest of the committee. It's clear how much work went into organising the week, and we are so grateful opportunities like this exist for us to make such wonderful memories. It's so special to look back at past rallies when we were little to now, as young adults and with partners, all driving Grandpa's cars.

— *Jacinta Bagot* —

Left: Josh, Jacinta and Connor, with Liv and Declan poking out the side of the tourer, on the way home from Dunolly.



Failure



Success!



Rally Photos



So many wonderful images were captured during the rally. These days technology allows us to share our images more easily. Presented here are a few of the spectacular images captured during the week and a link to professional online images. Robert Taylor's professional images and ordering instructions can be found at robspictures.zenfolio.com. Robert and some members have also posted photos to our Facebook page. Featured here are also some member contributions from our own club Facebook page, ([Model T Ford Club of Victoria](#)).



Left:

3 of the 4 Bagot family cars leaving for the rally.





Rally Newsy Bits



Each day of the rally, a daily newsletter was handed out as the cars passed through the start point. Some of the items shared here have some more detail other than what was in the daily news, some other items are new! — Ed.

Bad Luck for Jenny Stevens and Csorbas

As per her report, Jenny Steven T failed to proceed on the first day with a possible seized triple gear bush. This is the third recent occurrence of this issue. Perhaps there is something more to this. All the best with the repairs Jenny and be sure to share the results of the findings here with the members.

Unfortunately our daily news gatherer for the rally (featured here with his prominent hat), Bruce Csorba's car suffered a possible big end bearing failure. Already Bruce has plans for engine swaps and repairs to get back on the road.

We congratulate both for finishing the rally as passengers and in a modern.



Backup Needed for Backup Trailer

The rally had great support from the 2 back up trailers.

One day the back up trailer was spotted doing back up support of its own, changing a flat tyre on the trailer which were only new and had been fitted especially for the task of following the rally.



From Vegemite to Veteran!

It is not a National Rally without some parts or even a car



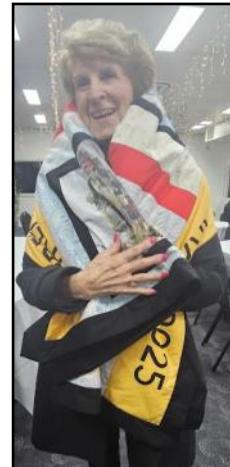
coming out of the woodwork! On the visit to the Vegemite museum, South Australian entrant, Alan Bennet was able to buy a beautiful original enamel Ford dealership sign that the manger's husband had brought out to display as the Ts visited the museum. Right place, right time!

Winners Are Grinners!

President John and wife Thelma certainly believed in supporting the National Rally raffle — both invested in more than a few tickets, and their dedication paid off handsomely with them winning the major prizes!

Thelma was all smiles as she wrapped herself in her beautiful handmade quilt, while John proudly claimed the "kitchen-sink" engine replica.

Congratulations to our lucky couple and to the organisers of a terrific raffle.



Rain, Grass and White Tyres

Swan Hill member Peter Ninnis is not known for driving his pristine 1913

Roadster on days of less than perfect weather. However, on one day, Peter and Lynda took up the challenge and headed out on a day where rain looked a certainty. On arrival at the morning tea break, there had been a few showers along the way and the wet freshly cut grass in the carpark was making a mess of the lovely smooth white tyres on the T. Peter proceeded to spend the morning tea break wiping the grass and water from the car and tyres. Not sure if he missed the awesome scones, jam and cream?



Handcrafted Trophies & Table Treasures

Rally committee members David Weatherhead and Graham Hadden went above and beyond to create something truly special for this year's event. Each trophy was a handcrafted replica of a Model T piston, carefully designed and finished to perfection. Their creativity didn't stop there. For the

final dinner, every table featured a striking Model T connecting-rod centrepiece — an eye-catching and clever nod to the mechanical heart of our favourite car. These pieces doubled as souvenir prizes, ensuring that a lucky few took home a unique reminder of the rally.



Ballarat Blow-Dry!

One night of the rally a heavy rain storm passed over Ballarat. Club member and first time National Rally entrant, Darryl Donaldson had failed to cover up the car. In the morning the car would not start despite making use of the Motel hair dryer in an attempt to dry things out. Later in the day, club members assisted to dry out the wet electrics and the car was ready for more motoring!



National Rally Report



Brian Smith

Wow! Thanks to the hard work of the committee you pulled it off! Geof, whenever asked at club meetings always replied "you had it" and "it was coming together", I guess it comes down to less is more, you did say "no frills". Your tight group/committee left nothing out, though I am sure there were Bandaids along the way!

Now for the trip!

Sunday...

Back roads, a collection of cars tractors, stationary engines and much more, the collection was eye watering A walk through an old botanical garden in Buninyong Monday We had a trip to Dunolly famous for the welcome stranger nugget. There were some big old churches there, I expect the congregation would be somewhat smaller than in their heyday. Most of the roads travelled you could see old mullock heaps from the gold era.

Tuesday...

Travelled through some rich volcanic soil country to Moorabool Reservoir for morning tea, what a delight, with the beautiful driveway, old homestead and gardens. Then on to Bungaree oval for lunch passed wind "farms" and canola fields. You forget the contrast of green grass and yellow of canola.

Wednesday...

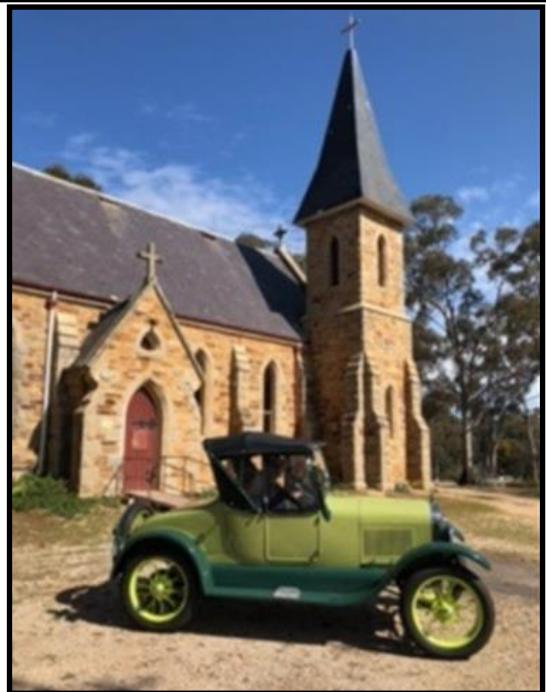
Well, it is Ballarat, yes it was bloody cold, a good turn up of cars for the display day, and a good turn up of people looking at the cars.

Thursday...

Again some nice back roads through picturesque farmland to Beaufort calling in to the Cyril Callister museum, the man who created Vegemite, then a walk up the street, called in to the library and found a lot of information and old photos of businesses owned by the Wotherspoon family of which a former club president is a descendant. The memorial to the diggers at the underpass coming back into Ballarat was worthy of a stop. Sovereign Hill light show this night, it is very well done.

Friday...

Headed off to pretty Clunes, stopping at the house of bottles, that was a pleasant surprise and into the town for our picnic lunch and a walk around, came back via Lawrence to Creswick, interesting story about the worst mining disaster and the outfall from it. The large mullock heaps are still there as is the brick base for the pump, then to the wooden mill in Creswick Final dinner and wind up tonight Saturday Load up and breakfast at the greyhound track. Thanks to all involved, good tucker, good roads, interesting places and most of all good company.





Rally Reports—Beaufort Welcomes the Ts



The Pyrenees Advocate Newspaper Reports of our Beaufort Visit

Beaufort welcomes Model T-Fords

BEAUFORT was transformed into a living time capsule last weekend when a large fleet of Model T-Fords motored into town.

The sight of these century-old vehicles, polished to perfection and lovingly maintained by their owners, created a spectacle that turned heads throughout the town, filling it with nostalgic charm.

The drivers, part of the 15th National Model T-Ford 2025 were hosted in Ballarat for the "Goldfields Rally" by the Victorian Model T-Ford Club of Victoria.

Vehicles came from all over Australia along with visitors from New Zealand and America joining in.

In addition to Beaufort, the vehicles headed to Dunolly, Scotsburn, Bungaree, Moorabool Reservoir, Clunes, Creswick and Moliagul.

Enthusiasts were quick to praise Beaufort's facilities.

With its wide streets ideal for group parking, local cafés and bakeries ready to serve a crowd and shady parks offering a place to rest, the town proved itself a perfect stopover.

Many visitors took the opportunity to explore Beaufort's historic buildings, browse the local shops and enjoy the hospitality of a community known for its warm welcome.

Parking at the Cyril Callister Museum and the Old Primary School oval, they were a spectacle to behold.

"We were thrilled to be a part of their visit, coordinating the parking permit at the oval and having around four hundred people visiting the museum. They enjoyed reminiscing of all things vegemite and learning about Cyril's contribution to science was amazing," the Museum's Liza Robinson shared.

Business owners reported a steady trade across the day, with eateries full and many shops experiencing a boost in customers.

The craft stores along with cafes were popular choices for the visitors.

For Beaufort residents, the visit was more than just a car rally – it was a celebration of

history and community spirit.

The Model T, often described as the car that put the world on wheels, found a fitting backdrop in Beaufort, a town proud of its own heritage.

As the T-Fords eventually rumbled out of town, leaving behind the faint scent of petrol and the echo of happy conversations, many locals reflected on the value of such visits. They not only honour the past but also highlight Beaufort's ongoing role as a welcoming hub for travellers and groups exploring regional Victoria.

The 16th National Model T-Ford 2027 Rally will be held in Murray Bridge in 2027.



All parked and ready for a tour and lunch – the Model T's in Beaufort last weekend.
Photo by Liza Robinson.



The Model T's parked at the old Primary School. Photo by Johann Westin.



A wonderful example of a Model T parked on Neill Street, Beaufort.
Photo by Johann Westin.



A couple more Model T's parked, while their owners enjoy the sights of Beaufort.
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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.

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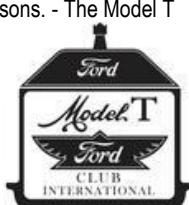
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Upcoming Rallies and Events



MTFCV ECHUCA / MOAMA RALLY

Fri 27 – Mon 30th March

(NOTE: This IS NOT the Labour Day long weekend)

- Fri 27 night — welcome BBQ at the caravan park
- Day 1 Sat 28 Backroads drive out to Deniliquin
- Day 1 Sat night Port After Dark Tour (for those interested)
- Day 2 Sun 29 TBD
- Day 2 Sun night dinner TBA
- Day 3 Mon 30 Cruise on a Paddle Steamer (for those interested)

This is the plan, but plans can change!



Caravan Park: We have booked cabins at **Big 4 Moama**, 2 Blair Street, Moama, NSW 0354 809 899 Call Molly and Sam and say you are with The Model T Ford Club of Victoria. There is plenty of safe trailer parking and modern car parking.

THE AUSSIE B40 RALLY



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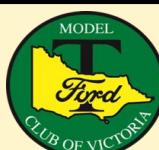
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