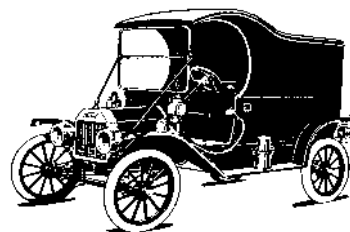




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Members' cars on display at the recent Historic Winton Race weekend.

## IN THIS EDITION...



Part 2 of the  
Florence Thompson Rally



Historic Winton  
Event Report



Technical Tip



Model T Tractor  
Conversions

*"Coming together  
is a beginning;  
keeping together  
is progress;  
working together  
is success."*



*Henry Ford*

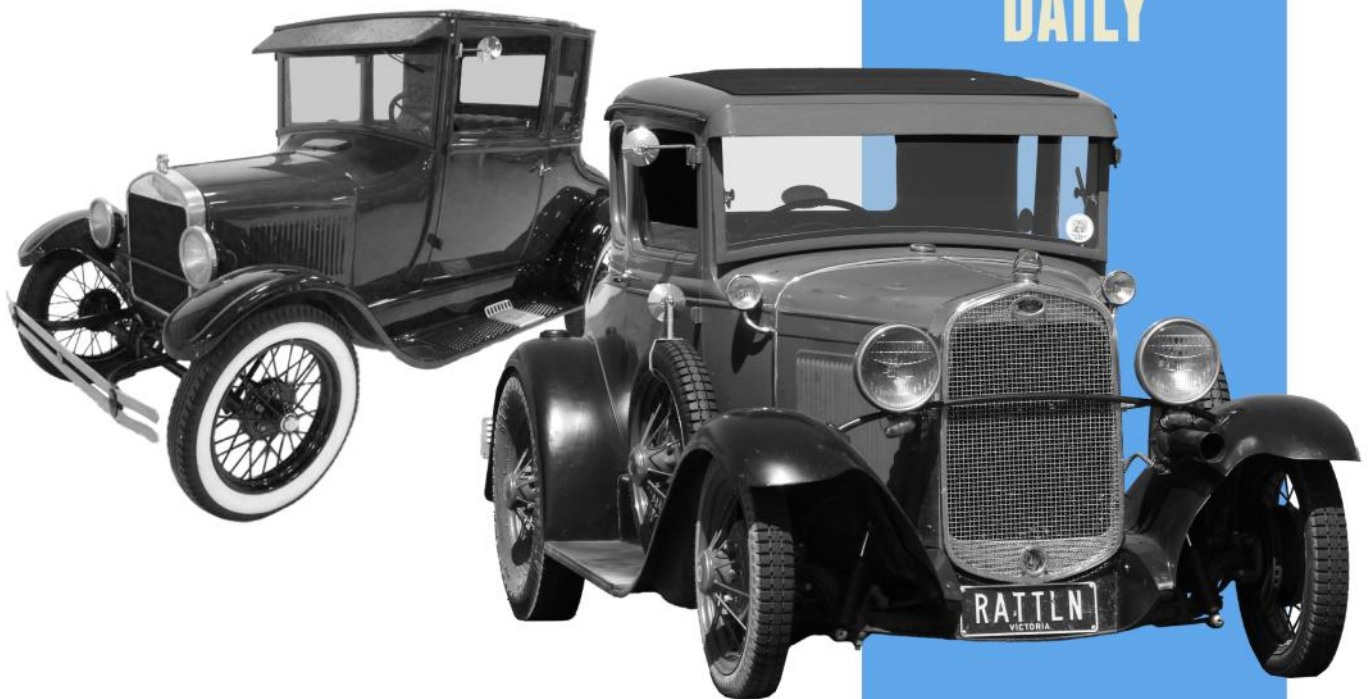
## NEXT MEETING: July AGM & Pizza Night



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## President's Message



**G**reetings to all Members,  
Hoping you are all well. With a degree of sadness, this will be my last President's message that I will be writing as my term as President of our Great Club, comes to an end at the AGM. I must say it has been an enjoyable and rewarding time for Thelma and myself, even though we had to ride out a couple of bumpy spots over the 3 year period.

When you are working with such an amazing committee as I have been very fortunate in being able to, it makes the President's job, one of the easiest positions of all. Our Secretary, Ann Cupid, has been doing a brilliant job during this time. I have had three great treasurers, starting with David Jones, followed by Jake Brown and now John Fotakis. Chris Bagot our Vice President who also will be retiring at the AGM, has done a fabulous job and of course last but not least, other Committee members, Steve Brown, Noel Inman, David Weatherhead and Dean Williams. I can't THANKYOU all enough for the help that you have given me along the way.

During this time, some of the changes we have seen along the way, was moving our club room from the Ashburton Library to the Vintage Drivers Club to the credit of David Jenkins. At the time due to the cost I was against it, Thelma always for it, but as soon as we left Ashburton, the library doubled the rent. So as it turned out, GREAT MOVE. Thanks David. Another big thing was the setting up of OUR CAR CLUB with an enormous amount of work done by David Jones, has been a success as well. Thankyou David. Finally getting our MTFVCV club logo sticker on the window of the VDC club rooms.

We have attended some great rallies and I was most honoured to be the President at the time for the "Ballarat Eureka Gold National Rally" and there has been lots of fantastic outings and events. The most recent event we attended was the 49th Historic Winton Meeting where we were invited by the Austin 7 Club to display our T Models in the Show Pavillion. Thanks to Noel Inman for organising that. We had five Club Ts there and Noel's friend's T made six. The only time we took our cars out was for the grand parade. All in all, it was a great social weekend staying in Benalla and dining out at the Benalla Golf Club both on Friday and Saturday night.

Huge thanks again for the help everyone has given me during my presidency.

P.S. Thankyou to our Editors, Warwick and Paula Landy for an amazing job, well done.

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

— John & Thel —





## June General Meeting Minutes



**Meeting opened at Friday 12th June 8.02PM by President John Huitt at the VDC rooms, and via Zoom**

**New Members:** Nil

**Attendance:** 26 present at VDC rooms and 7 on Zoom

**Apologies:** Alan Weatherhead, Cheryl Weatherhead, Jenny Stevens, Russell Medhurst, Colin and Pam Weidemann **Visitors:** Geoff Scott

**Confirmation of Minutes:** **Moved:** Barry Hancock **Seconded:** Ross Cartledge

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Tonight's Meeting:** Talk from Geoff Scott, the very first President of the MTFCV on how he started the club and stories from the club's early days

**Correspondence:** **In:** Email: Inhouse emails **Mail:** bank statement, Backfire magazine **Out:** Nil

### **REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:** Was presented to the members by Treasurer John Fotakis

**Moved:** John Fotakis, **Seconded:** Maureen Cartledge

### **Last Month's Rally Reports:**

Bruce Csorba gave a report on Historic Winton, Robby Dalton gave a report on the Heyfield Rally and David Jenkins gave a report on the Spirit of the 20's Rally.

**This Month's Activity/Run:** Coffee run, TBA

**Upcoming Events:** June 14 Rob Roy Inter club challenge, June 28 Rob Roy Victorian Hillclimb Championship Round 6, June 30 Morang Picnic and the start of the Golden Oldies Tour, July 12 Annual luncheon

**Swap Meet / Clearing Sales Reports:** Nil

**Upcoming Swap Meets:** June 14 Malden Swap Meet, June 28 Fridge Swap Meet, Ballarat

### **Delegates Reports**

- **AOMC:** Noel Inman gave a report on the AOMC meeting, full report is in T Torque, the next meeting will be in August in Maffra
- **FEDERATION:** Geof Baulch gave a report on the Federation meeting, the full report will be in July T Torque.

**Technical Tips & Queries:** David Jenkins tip for this month is don't sit up at 3AM on an auction site. You will end up spending money and buying cars.

**New or Unusual Products:** John and Thelma Huitt brought in a beautiful street sign that had been made especially for them that said Model T Lane

**Restoration Progress:** Nil

**Parts Wanted:** Orlando Talamo is after a clip for his side curtain

**For Sale:** Dean Williams has a tandem trailer for sale, more information in the next edition of T Torque.

### **General Business:**

- Please have a think about Club Person of the Year, nominations to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- We need someone to organise the Christmas party this year please.
- Warwick and Paula Landy are looking at cutting the amount of magazines per year from 11 to 8. This was discussed at the last Committee meeting and all Committee members agreed to bring it up at the next general meeting and let the members decide. David Weatherhead moved a motion that we will now receive 8 editions of T Torque per year, this was seconded by Dean Williams. The motion was defeated. Barry Hancock then moved a motion that we have 6 editions of T Torque per year, this was seconded by David Jenkins. This motion was passed. We will now receive a copy of T Torque in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. We will still have 11 General Meetings per year and the minutes from these meetings will be emailed to members.
- The Bendigo Swap Meet is coming up in November and we will need volunteers.
- Warwick let the members know that the Constitution has been finalised and we are waiting for the sub committee to review so the new rules can be put into place from the AGM. These new rules will be circulated to the members via email.

### **Next Meeting Activity: AGM**

**Raffle Draw:** Drawn by: David Jenkins, **Won by:** Rhonda Huitt, **PRIZE SELECTED:** polishing cloths

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9:47PM





## Under the Hood



**G**

reetings Members,

As this edition goes to print, we are counting down the days to our long-awaited and much-dreamed-about European holiday. We can't wait to see and experience some of the sights of the world that we have been reading about and watching for years. The August edition of *T Torque* may be a little later than usual, but we will ensure you receive all event and meeting details via email.

You may have read in the June meeting minutes, or attended the meeting, and will know that a resolution was passed to change the frequency of *T Torque* to a bi-monthly publication. It was a suggestion of your current editors, and we thank the committee and members for their support of this change.

As the AGM approaches, we take this opportunity to thank the current executive of the club for their service and for running this great club on our behalf. In particular, a big thank you to John and Thelma for their contribution to the club, with John completing three years as part of the Presidential Team. John and Thelma have rarely missed a meeting or event, and their Ts have clocked up many miles along the way. On behalf of all members, we also thank the entire committee for their dedication and service over the past year.

In this space I often speak about the future of the club. In recent times, it has been encouraging to see greater participation from the children and grandchildren of members. It is important that we continue to take up the opportunities offered by both our club and the wider vintage motoring community.

In August, the Aussie B40 Rally will once again provide an opportunity for younger enthusiasts to enjoy vintage motoring. Open to drivers under 40 years of age in pre-1940 vehicles, the event continues to encourage the next generation of custodians of our motoring heritage. More information and entry details can be found at: [2026 B40](#)

Looking further ahead, in April 2027, Northern members David Lang and Don McPherson have a weekend rally planned with a focus on encouraging families and younger members to enjoy their Model Ts and the camaraderie of our club. Please keep the dates of 10–11 April 2027 free in your diary.

Keep touring in your Ts,

— Warwick & Paula Landy (Editors) —

All T Torque contributions to: [ttorquenews@hotmail.com](mailto:ttorquenews@hotmail.com)



## Article of Interest



This car is a 1912 Ford Model T owned by Charles Francis Fryer, surveyor, of Sea Lake and registered by him on 3 January 1913. It was still registered to him in January 1915. Charles was a surveyor who spent quite some time in the Mallee including Jeparit in 1910, Rainbow 1912, Sea Lake 1913 and Chinkapook in 1914. In 1913 he was in charge of the government survey party working between north west Victoria and Adelaide.

In October 1915, whilst stationed at a survey camp near Chillingollah, Fryer reported that hunting kangaroo and emu from a Ford motor car was "a novel and interesting form of sport."

| Club Calendar 2026                                                                 |                         |                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> 10 | 8pm General Meeting—AGM                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                    | <b>CLUB EVENT:</b> 12   | Annual Club Lunch                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                    | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b>    |                                                                                                                          |
|    | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> 14 | 8pm General Meeting—activity TBC                                                                                         |
|                                                                                    | <b>CLUB EVENT:</b> 5    | Mid-week lunch run to the beautiful Warren Glen Nursery Cafe in Warrandyte. Contact David on 0408 312 742 if interested, |
|                                                                                    | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> 1  | Federation Delegate's Meeting                                                                                            |
|                                                                                    | 30                      | Cars & Coffee, Manhattan Hotel Ringwood                                                                                  |
|                                                                                    | 30                      | Federation Picnic, Marong                                                                                                |
|    | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> 11 | 8pm, General Meeting—activity TBC                                                                                        |
|                                                                                    | <b>CLUB EVENT:</b>      | TBA                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                    | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> 26 | Shepparton Swap Meet                                                                                                     |
|    | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> 9  | 8pm General Meeting                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                    | <b>CLUB EVENTS:</b>     | TBA                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                    | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b>    | TBA                                                                                                                      |
|   | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> 8  | 8pm General Meeting—Peter Natoli, Electrical Presentation Part 2                                                         |
|                                                                                    | <b>CLUB EVENTS:</b>     | TBC Cup Weekend Rally                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                    | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b>    | TBA                                                                                                                      |
|  | <b>CLUB MEETING</b> 11  |                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                    | <b>CLUB EVENTS:</b> 6   | Annual Christmas Picnic & Display                                                                                        |
|                                                                                    | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b>    | TBA                                                                                                                      |

## Club Permit Renewals

### \*\*Important Notice – Permit Submissions\*\*

Members are reminded that permits should now be sent directly to their **nearest Club Safety Officer**. Please note that the club mailbox is no longer cleared on a regular basis, so sending permits there may result in delays. When submitting permits, please include a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** to allow permits to be returned promptly.

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](mailto: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.

### July

**Geof Baulch 546A-H**  
**Paul Daley 988, 752**  
**Chris Dillon CH4195**  
**Bernie McKeegan 08777H**  
**Peter Natoli 7-636**  
**Brendan Pell 1318H9**  
**Dorothy Reddick 7389**  
**Peter Rutley 8083**  
**Dean Walker 7373**  
**Bill Wallace 5922**

### August

**Chris Cansdale 09187H**  
**Robert Dalton 5110**  
**David Dare 799**  
**Claudette Fahy 8291**  
**Alan Flude 4590**  
**Russell Hughes 834**  
**Noel Inman 3478**  
**Norman Morgan 6278**  
**John Morrison 6696**  
**Linda Phillips 1568H2**  
**Ian Seamer 8293**  
**Brian Smith 5494, 5111**  
**David Weatherhead 158BH**  
**Dean Williams 5415**

### September

**Ivor Austin 800**  
**Geoffrey Brooke 7376**  
**Bruce Csorba 5251**  
**Paul Daley 791**  
**Alan Fairnie 3550**  
**Barry Hancock 3719**  
**Noel Huitt 45515H**  
**Rodney Kieseker 8201**  
**Peter Natoli 6202**  
**Andrew Phillips 09594H,**  
**73804H, 73805H**  
**Linda Phillips 84347H,**  
**4193H7, 96801H**  
**Gregory Russell 6100**  
**Scott Staples 316**  
**Jenny Stevens 9381**  
**David Weatherhead 4378**



## Federation Meeting Minutes



**May 16, 2026** - THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE FUEL SHORTAGE

### Upcoming Events

**Mortlake Picnic:** Held on 29th March. The local Shire assisted with funding, numbers were down but a success nonetheless.

**Wunghnu Picnic:** Held on 28th and 29th March with the tractor pull being a key feature. There were many displays and a big thank you was extended to MTFCV for their attendance in their T's and for participating in the Grand Parade.

**Scoresby Picnic:** Held on 26th April. There was a large display of Panel Vans this year. They were excellent. Thanks given to the Dandenong Valley Club for running this event.

**Murrabit Picnic:** 17th May, which is National Motoring Day (tomorrow). There will be a band, as well as food and a coffee van on site.

**Marong Picnic:** Sunday 30th August. The 70th Year of the Ferguson 35's will be celebrated. The Golden Oldies Tour will once again head off from this event.

**Baw Baw Picnic:** The date has been set for the 25th October.

### Peter Mac Fundraising

The VCCC Bendigo and CVRG combined ran a display of vehicles and machines at the Bendigo Showgrounds in mid-April and raised \$491 on the day for Peter Mac. Your Club can arrange for a collection tin for your next event.

### AHMF Update

The meeting was on the 7th May.

### Federation/AOMC Joint Meeting

An online meeting was held on 26th March. Main points were further supplies of Veteran and Vintage Number Plates and that they are only issued from Melbourne. How to transfer vehicles to members' partners after a member passes away. VicRoads are looking at Custom plates for CPS vehicles but at a cost. VicRoads are looking at a new list of vehicle makes/names to include all vehicles on the system. Electronic log books are still being discussed. The number of spare Veteran plates is quoted to be 60 and Vintage 200+, and motorcycles have heaps.

### Golden Oldies Tour

Golden Oldies Tour will start from Marong Picnic and then be heading for the Swan Hill Area for a week. More helpers are required to assist Anne please.

### Next Open Tour 2027

Michelle and John are looking at a tour being in the Bright/Wangaratta area in early August 2027. Open to all cars over 25 years of age. Most likely a hub type rally.

### Bendigo Swap

Much discussion was had regarding allocation of jobs that clubs can do to make this event a success. From our last delegates meeting there was strong support for the return of the Volunteer badges. A list of clubs who have offered to run parts of the Swap was tabled. **MORE HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED.**

### Two Rivers Run Tractor Trek

This annual event was held in March with over 40 tractors travelling from Yarrawonga to Colbinabbin and back. It took them a week and raised \$117,000 for MND.

### Flood of the Fergys – Wentworth

This event will be run on the King's Birthday weekend. Last held in 2016 there were over 300 Fergys in attendance.

### Hamilton King's Birthday Weekend Rally

HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

### Next Meetings

**1st August** – Wunghnu/Goulburn Valley VVT and FM Club

**17th October** – Hamilton & District VV&C Drivers Club

— **Geof Baulch Federation Representative** —





## Rally Report



### Florence Thompson Rally continued from June edition...

Dad was very reassuring. "It's just like riding a bike," he said. I disagreed when I went to turn out of Bonnie Doon with a hill start and stalled it. And so the endless banter and laughs for another year began. Still, I figured it was a more positive start than the previous year in which I ran through the first red light because I couldn't seem to stop. From Dad, there was much less mad scrambling to grip onto something and the choice of language from both of us was suitably more sedate. As a teacher, I'm always heartened by incremental progress and so I thought this was a positive step for both Dad and me!

We were off and running. To my surprise, I felt as though working in sync with the T was coming back. It felt great to be out on the open road with it again. The sun was shining, the birds were singing and the T was spluttering and back-firing a little, no matter the adjustment of the choke and timing, but that was mainly for Dad to worry about, for I was merely the driver!

We stopped off along the way at Gooram Falls and enjoyed a wander as we rock hopped along the watercourse. Then, another hill start. Another fail. But when Chris and Fiona Dillon and Julie and David Jones passed by in their vehicles also en route to Shepparton for the rally, I smiled and waved as if I hadn't just stalled it (again), then employed my best resilience to try again. Like my hill start at Bonnie Doon, the second try worked a charm and we were off again.

We stopped at Euroa and had a lovely lunch and a beer to give us both the fortitude to carry on! Entering Shepparton, there was an extraordinarily busy intersection where we had to turn right and this was the time to really start to nail my take-offs. A huge RAM parked right up on my rear bumper and a tiny window into which to take my opportunity to turn into the traffic. Dad's knuckles were whiter than earlier in the day. Pressure was on.

In went the gear pedal, down came the throttle. Nailed it! And then smoothly into top gear. Nailed it again. You beauty!! And so it was — it really was just like riding a bike after all! All through Shepparton, I felt at ease with the traffic lights and the starting and stopping. The car continued to splutter and cough, but Dad wasn't fussed at that point, so on we went. Until, of course, it totally conked out. So, a block from checking in to our accommodation, there was Dad lying on the road clearing a blockage in the fuel line, with me standing in the middle of a road lane so no one would drive over Dad's legs that were now sticking out from under the vehicle. Blockage cleared, crisis averted. A few more laughs in the bank.

At our rally dinner that night, we sat next to some wonderful people. Great company. In fact, one couple we spent the night with were so passionate about this rally that they'd driven nearly eight hours that day from their MG rally in Hahndorf, SA, to make it to Shepparton for the Florence Thomson. Then, rally day.

After a bit of effort scouring op-shops and online retailers — not to mention work colleagues loaning bits and pieces — it was time to don our period outfits. Arriving at the Harness Club for breakfast and the rally kick-off, seeing not only the other vehicles but also the outfits was a lot of fun. What an amazing effort people go to in order to present beautiful cars that are polished and buffed, but also to piece together creative outfits that fit the era of their car. The outfits also prove to be a great circuit-breaker in striking up conversation with people.

Maureen gave her pre-rally address and emphasised time and again that it was not a race. Well, with the equal oldest vehicle there, we left promptly from the address to try and maintain travelling with other vehicles. Just kilometres out from Shepparton, there was a stream of rally vehicles behind us and I felt rather proud that I was, in fact, winning the race! With one hand on the trophy, Dad and I pulled up in Nagambie (the halfway point of the rally) and from there ceded our race lead!





## Rally Report



### Florence Thompson Rally continued...

In our 1920s attire, we strolled the main street and met many members of the general public who made enquiries about what we were doing. Dad, in his 1920s finery, bought *The Weekly Times* and, once the local hotel would serve us, we savoured a red wine and perused the paper. In fact, by the time we strolled Nagambie, enjoyed a wine and checked out the market, we came last in the race back to Shepparton! We missed seeing the photographer and having lunch at the MOVE Museum. In fact, more than half of the rally had left by the time we arrived. It wasn't a race, but if it were, we were last and lapped! The MOVE Museum was really impressive and we couldn't seem to see everything in the time we had, so kindly, the staff provided us with a pass to return the next day.

Then, of course, that night was the rally dinner. Another great night, another bunch of interesting and wonderful people to sit with. The more people you speak with, the more you understand the stories and human connections behind the cars. In keeping with the theme of pioneering women car enthusiasts, there were multiple women highlighted that night during the course of dinner and awards. Notably, Dianne McNamara, who had fully restored, rebuilt and then driven a 96-year-old B.S.A motorbike and sidecar that had belonged to her father. What an achievement.

With the Tour completed for another year, Dad and I had one more challenge: getting back to Bonnie Doon on the Sunday with a forecast of substantial rainfall. We hatched a plan to revisit the MOVE Museum and, once tucked safely indoors, the heavens opened. We stayed a few hours to see everything properly and then hit the very wet roads back to Euroa. All went along well; the driver seemed to be gaining driving competency all the time, the car ticked along nicely and the banter continued. The only mistakes lay in not applying the RainEx and forgetting to fill up with fuel before leaving Shepparton. Not to worry — we made it to Euroa and again dodged rain. A glass of red, some lovely meals and then dessert meant that we once again avoided heavy rain whilst driving.

But just as Dad and I ran out of banter because all was going so smoothly, up the Merton Gap we went. You see, Dad and I have slightly different perspectives on how we came to be in a T-Model that had stalled on the last pinch before reaching the top of the gap, but the point was, the vehicle had stalled. I was told not to panic, which was rather ironic given that I hadn't panicked this time, but had earlier in the trip when I'd made driver error. It sounded rather to me as though Dad was the one panicking this time! In fact, in a moment of complete lack of faith in me, he was genuinely concerned that I was going to let us roll backwards all the way to the bottom. In a complete role reversal, somehow this time I was calm and reassured him that it would be okay. Enter at this point my reality check to Dad: there are bigger disappointments in life for a father than a daughter who is a mediocre T-Model driver. Yes, a daughter with a vice like gambling, smoking or drugs — or even the horror of me being incarcerated — would surely be a far greater disappointment!

Well, not only did I get us going again, but Dad was most impressed that I managed to get the T to do a rendition of sorts of a burnout. Yes, a burnout in a T! Preposterous? Apparently not! A bit of head-shaking from my passenger and ten minutes of laughter later, we duly arrived back at Bonnie Doon. And so the trip was complete, with plenty of adventure and a tried-and-tested father-daughter relationship that was somehow stronger than just three days earlier and well positioned to do it all again in 2027!

Thanks so much to the RACV, AOMC and a very special thanks to Maureen Ross. What an incredible event.

— **Brian Smith & Louise Kilgour** —





## Article of Interest



years ago. The vehicle, owned by a NSW club member, consisted of a Model T Roadster converted for tractor use and was put through its paces at one of the rally venues. I understand that this conversion is now owned by NSW club member Richard Day and is fitted to a 1914 chassis with a rough tourer body. Richard also exhibited the vehicle at the Windsor National Rally.

Australians have always been a resourceful bunch, and it would be fascinating to discover whether any Australian-designed or locally produced tractor conversions existed to rival the many ingenious American versions featured in the advertisements below.

If any members have information, photographs, stories, or examples of Model T tractor conversions, I would be pleased to hear from you.

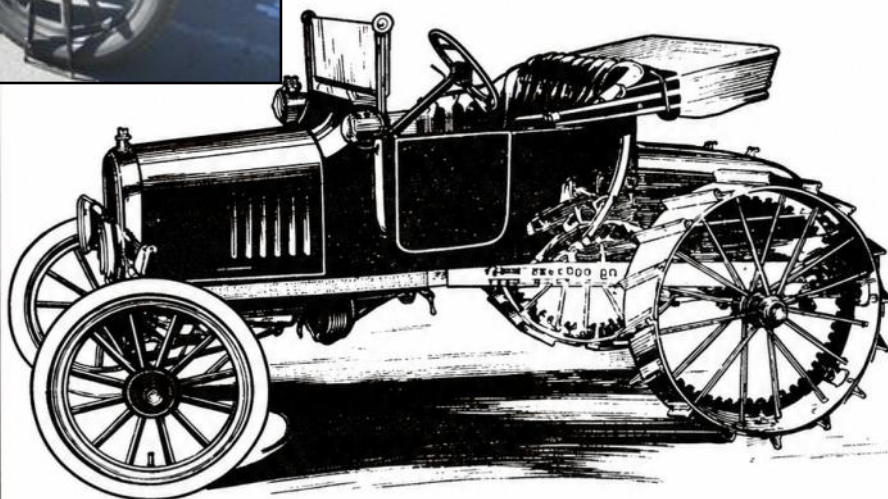
— Ed.

### Model T Tractor Conversion

Some months ago, club member Russell Black asked whether I knew of any members who own a Model T tractor conversion, or perhaps have parts relating to one.

Do we have any members with a tractor conversion in their collection, or any knowledge of surviving examples?

I recall seeing a Model T tractor conversion demonstrated at a NSW National Rally some



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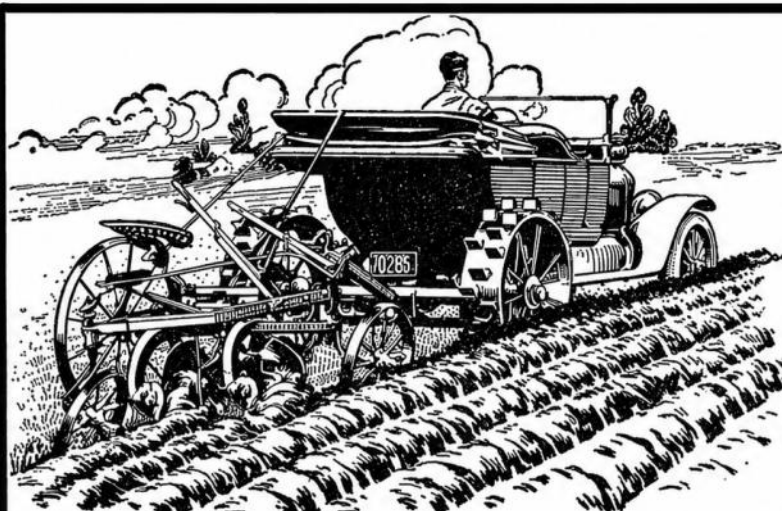
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## Article of Interest / Member Inquiry

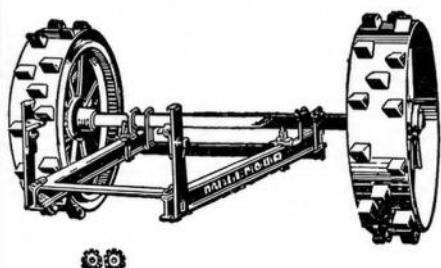


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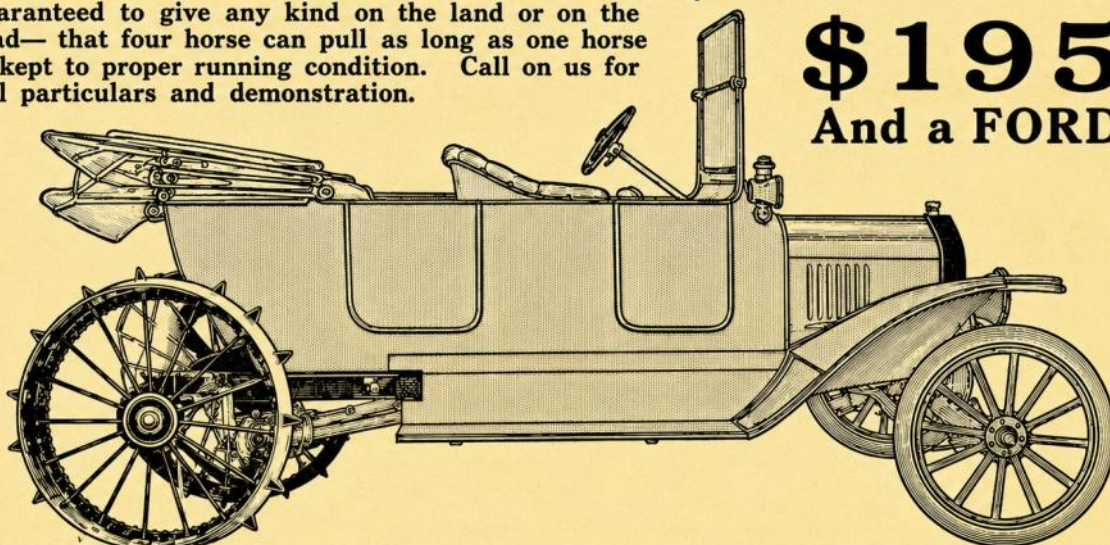
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## Event Report



Bruce and I arrived at the campground alongside the Winton Raceway on Friday 29th May - early afternoon. We caught up with David Jones and set up camp alongside his teardrop caravan. Can highly recommend the refurbished facilities - clean toilets and hot showers. Scattered around the park were fire barrels, which were lovely to see glowing each evening. We then drove the speedster around to the display pavilion. It was on display for the weekend. Also there was a lovely array of Austin 7s as well as our display of T Models. A museum of race cars were in the other half of the building

In attendance from the club: John & Thelma Huitt - 27 Coupe, Noel Inman - 25 Coupe, Robbie Dalton - 27 Ute, Steve Brown - 27 Coupe, Bruce and Jennifer Csorba - 15 Speedster.

On Saturday morning we woke to the sounds of cars on the track next door. We rushed through breakfast and got around there. Bruce explored the pits and the interesting variety of cars on display. We watched Rachel Brown (daughter of member Andrew Brown), in her events on Saturday and Sunday. It's great to have someone to cheer on.

The T Models were also asked if they'd like to parade at lunchtime. Bruce took Robbie out in the speedster as the weather was looking inclement - I'm happy to watch from the pavilion, nice and warm. It was a great day of racing. Bruce and I then sat on for the Austin 7 presentation awards, then joined the rest of the T Model club out for dinner at the Benalla Golf Club. Great meal and fabulous company.

On Sunday, another early start around to the track. Weather still inclement but better sunny moments. The racing was great and the T Models again had an opportunity at lunch time to parade. This time I went along with Bruce and we tested out the ripple strip - very bone shaking, kind of fun. I believe we did a few laps, great fun amongst an array of different vintage vehicles. From clipper buses, Ferguson tractors, ambulance from the museum the club visited last year as well as Mokes, Sprites, Cyclekarts and veteran motorbikes. The parade lap was full.

After this we returned to the trailer, popped the car back on and headed for home. A great weekend, can highly recommend that people add it into their calendar for the 50th celebration next year.



Awaiting the next adventure,

— Jennifer & Bruce Csorba —

**Top Left: Rachel Brown in her Vintage racer**

**Left: The Csorba speedster looked great on display**



## AOMC Meeting Minutes



### AOMC Delegates Meeting – 18 May 2026 (Summarised)

The AOMC Delegates Meeting was held on 18 May 2026 at the Austin Healey/Jaguar Clubrooms, with 82 attendees representing 73 clubs and two visitors. Guest speakers were Scott Anderson and Chris Mander from Revival Electric Vehicles Pty Ltd.

#### President's Report

Keith Mortimer reported on the first AOMC Strategic Planning Meeting involving the Committee and club representatives. A key focus was strengthening the role of AOMC Delegates as the important link between the AOMC and member clubs, with further work planned to support delegates in this role.

Keith also advised that the AOMC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a dinner on 16 August 2026. Invitations will be extended to club representatives and others who have made significant contributions to the organisation over its fifty-year history.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mark Fenton reported that the AOMC held cash reserves of \$278,826 as at 30 April 2026 and remains on target to meet budget expectations. All activities are operating within budget and the organisation remains in a strong financial position to support ongoing programs and initiatives.

MembershipPLUS affiliation has now reached 80 clubs, with planning underway for the next financial year.

#### MembershipPLUS and CPS Update

The AOMC continues to assist participating clubs with the development of Risk Management Plans required under the MembershipPLUS Insurance Scheme. Keith Mortimer advised that a revised CPS Handbook has been drafted and is currently under review with VicRoads. Tony Hall reported ongoing success in resolving CPS permit and registration issues with VicRoads, particularly cases involving missing identification records. Clubs experiencing difficulties are encouraged to contact Tony directly.

#### AOMC Events

Despite poor weather, National Motoring Heritage Day attracted 30 dedicated participants and vehicles to the display at the Manhattan Hotel.

The Murrindindi Run saw 30 vehicles participate in a successful tour through areas affected by recent bushfires and included a \$1,000 donation to the Alexandra CFA. The Geelong Run also proved successful, attracting 40 vehicles to the Torquay and Aireys Inlet area.

The Florence Thomson Tour, held around Shepparton from 1–3 May, attracted 96 vehicles and 196 participants. A highlight was Diane McNamara becoming the first motorcycle entrant in the event's history, riding a 1930 BSA motorcycle and sidecar. Diane was awarded the Spirit of the Tour Award. Participants enjoyed visits to MOVE and a dinner at the Harness Racing Club, although poor weather impacted some of the Sunday activities. Keith Mortimer thanked the organisers and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

The AOMC Club & Trade Showcase will be held on 12 September 2026, with further details to be released in the coming months.

#### Engine Number Records Service

Andrew Alkemade has now taken over responsibility for the Engine Number Records Service, with ongoing support from Peter Truman and Phil Johnston. Twenty-six requests have been processed in recent months, including successful searches that enabled historic vehicle records and specifications to be located. Tony Hall also reported ongoing discussions with VicRoads regarding issues where replacement components such as engines may be incorrectly identified as stolen. VicRoads is investigating a process that would allow prospective purchasers to check component status before purchase.

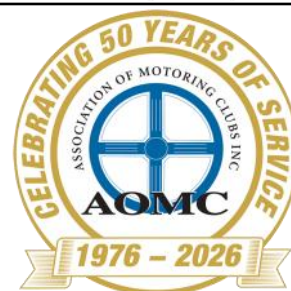
#### Guest Speakers

Scott Anderson and Chris Mander provided an informative and entertaining presentation on the conversion of classic vehicles to electric powertrains. Their fully electric BMW 2002 generated considerable interest among delegates.

#### General Business

Discussion covered the upcoming Historic Winton meeting, future digital processing of CPS applications and concerns regarding CPS renewals being processed directly by VicRoads without club approval. Tony Hall requested details of any affected cases for follow-up with VicRoads.

**Keith Mortimer advised that the next AOMC Delegates Meeting will be held at Maffra in August.**





## Article of Interest



### Club Member's Model Ts Help Bring *Garage Girls* to Life

***Some members may recall the dinner-and-show outing a few years ago to see a production of *Garage Girls* in Carlton. The play has since become a popular choice for community and regional theatre companies around Australia. A number of members recently attended a production in Deniliquin, and now a Gippsland theatre company is taking the show on tour throughout the region. — Ed.***

Warragul members, Cameron and Belinda Smythe, recently had both of their Model Ts featured in a promotional photo shoot for the Gippsland production of *Garage Girls*.

The photographs were taken at a still-operating vintage-era garage in Warragul, providing the perfect backdrop for the production and its 1920s setting. Both vehicles featured prominently in the photo shoot, with some magnificent images appearing on the theatre company's Facebook page and others included in the show's printed program. For those interested in seeing the photos, visit: [Off the Leash Theatre With Teeth](#)

*Garage Girls* is a fast-paced Australian comedy based on the remarkable true story of Alice Anderson, who established Australia's first all-female motor garage in Melbourne during the 1920s. The play follows Alice and her team of determined young women as they challenge convention by repairing cars, teaching women to drive and embarking on adventurous journeys across the country. Set against the backdrop of post-World War I Australia, the production celebrates the courage, independence and determination of women who broke barriers in a male-dominated industry while helping shape Australia's motoring history.

It is wonderful to see Model Ts helping bring this fascinating story to life. Congratulations to Cameron and Belinda for making both of their vehicles available and contributing to what appears to have been a very successful photo shoot.





## Article of Interest



### My New T – Our New T

After a conversation with Warwick some two years ago, he mentioned that he would probably have to sell his lovely 1926 Fordor Sedan to make way for another project that he had on his mind. This sounded interesting to me and particularly to Lynda, as she claimed that she had had enough of riding in our 1913 Model T Runabout and would be a lot more comfortable in a closed sedan!

So I saw this as a "GOOD" opportunity not to be taken lightly! Early this year, Warwick mentioned to me that the time had come to put this agreement into action. So a deal was struck, and we headed off to the Moama Model T Rally on 27th March with a trailer behind my F250, with the plan to purchase the 1926 Fordor Sedan and bring it home at the end of the rally.

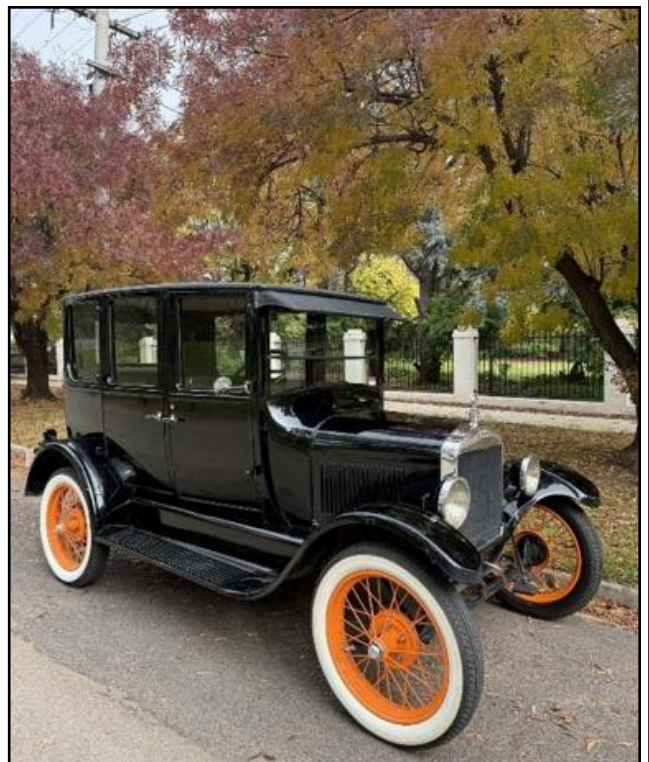
However, as we all know, the best-laid plans can go astray! Due to a mechanical failure after visiting the winery on the return from Deniliquin, the pinion in the diff decided to disintegrate! So the car headed back to Traralgon for repairs. With Frank Van Ekeren's careful and meticulous guidance, Warwick was able to repair the diff to a very high standard.

So, on 15th May, it was time for the second attempt to carry out the purchase of the 1926 Fordor Sedan. This time, Lynda and I headed down to Traralgon for Warwick and Frank's weekend rally in the beautiful Gippsland district, with an empty trailer in tow. We had a fantastic weekend of touring in the 1926 Sedan.

On Sunday, we loaded the car onto the trailer and headed for home. The deal had now been completed!!!! However, all along I couldn't help feeling that I was depriving Paula of her "FAVOURITE" touring car! There was much joking about this throughout the duration of the deal. Hopefully she will come to terms with this when Warwick achieves his next ambition.

Now, with the car home in Swan Hill and on a new club permit, it was off on its first new adventure with our local car club. The run was to a Pancake Breakfast on the banks of the Mighty Murray River! Our members were very surprised to see this new addition roll up. The 1926 Fordor is very impressive and does complement our 1913 Runabout and 1922 TT.

Thanks, Warwick and Paula, for a lot of fun over the last couple of months of the drawn out sale!



— Peter & Lynda  
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**Right:** The Fordor T Sedan next to Ketih Eastwood's Model A Sedan.





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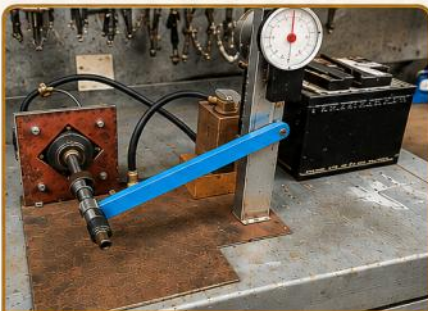
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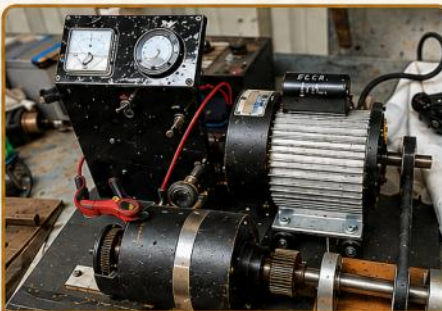


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## Newsy Bits



### David Jenkins scores a new T

David reported at the June meeting that he is now the new owner of a C1922 Tarrant Tourer restoration project. This now takes the count of David's Tarrant bodied Model Ts to 3!



### First President and Club Founder Returns After 46 Years!



The guest speaker for the June club, meeting, Geoff Scott, was one of the founding members of the club and its inaugural President. Despite having only a relatively short involvement with the club before moving away, Geoff has retained a keen interest in all things Model T and still holds many fond memories of his years of Model T ownership.

Unfortunately, in the early months of the club's establishment, Geoff was required to move to Western Australia for his work as a flight instructor. His Model T was placed into storage and was later sold. When Geoff eventually returned to Victoria, his motoring interests had shifted towards English classic sports cars. Geoff still owns an Austin Healey and an early MG, and he also served as President of the MG Car Club of Victoria for several years.

In an interesting twist, Geoff's Model T Roadster was partly restored by Bill Landy and was later owned by David Jones's father and club member Steve Harris, before eventually being exported to Italy.



### Dalgety-bodied Model T Finds a New Home

Warwick Landy's 1925 Dalgety-bodied Model T, which was recommissioned to celebrate its 100th birthday in 2025, has been sold to a new owner in Castlemaine.

The car joins an impressive collection of classic Fords and will continue to be enjoyed on the road rather than hidden away in a shed. Its new owner is looking forward to touring the local area with his sons and grandsons and creating a new generation of Model T memories.



### Magnet Charger Success



Peter Natoli is pleased with the performance of his recently completed magnet charger. While a pull of around 2.5 lbs is normally expected, testing has shown results of up to 10 lbs.

### David Weatherhead Booked in for a Major Rebuild!

Soon after the AGM, David Weatherhead will be heading to hospital for some replacement parts and a bit of expert workshop attention. Members present at the June meeting wished David all the best for a successful rebuild and a speedy return to service. We look forward to seeing him back on the road and at club events again soon.



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### 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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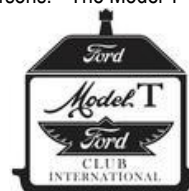
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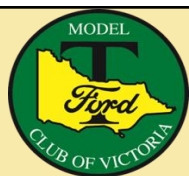


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