



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLES CLUB INC.

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COMING EVENTS 2025/26

Please note that, **unless otherwise stated**, all bookings when required are to be made through **Jan Dunk** phone/message **0408 897 237** or email treasurer@hmv.org.au

THURSDAY 18th December Motorcycle Run - meet at the Goolwa Information Centre, 9:30 -10.00 Morning tea at Finnis, then lunch at the Bridge Hotel Langhorne Creek. Book with Doug on 8555 5481 by Dec 12



JANUARY 2026

TUESDAY 13th CARS 'N COFFEE- Lot 50 64 Main St Yankalilla. This is a new venue. Bookings essential, cut off date Sunday January 11th

THURSDAY 22nd Motorcycle Run - First for 2026 place it in your diary

SUNDAY 25th Australia Day Run – starting from the clubrooms 10am, a drive to the Macclesfield Hotel for lunch, with various stops on the way. See attached flyer. Bookings Essential for catering purposes, cut off date Tues 20th, payment on the day.

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 10th CARS 'n COFFEE– Middleton Tavern
Bookings essential, cut off date Sunday February 8th

SATURDAY 14th Valentine Day Run - lunch is being planned for Saturday 14th February at the Hindmarsh Island Tavern. Bookings essential for catering purposes.

TUESDAY 17th 10.00am Coffee and chat clubroom Library

SUNDAY 22nd All British Day Echunga - Entries closed, attend and check out the club display.

MARCH

TUESDAY 10th CARS 'n COFFEE - TBA

TUESDAY 16th 10.00am Coffee and chat clubroom Library

THURSDAY 19th Run to the Coorong Café for lunch

APRIL

TUESDAY 14th CARS 'n COFFEE - TBA

SUNDAY 19th Observation Run - TBA

TUESDAY 21st 10.00am Coffee and chat clubroom Library

Running Board News



G'day to all as we rapidly approach Xmas.

Time for all of us to put our feet up and just enjoy the balmy weather, the company of friends and family and the love and joy that we will all receive at no cost to all.

For those in attendance at the December Meeting held on a warm night with doors wide open and fans gently moving the air about to almost put us in our comfort zone.

It was a privilege to once again chair a meeting with about eighty dedicated members who came to enjoy the catch up on reports fielded by our very efficient committee and portfolio team...followed by another supper of Christmas delights and fellowship shared by all...thanks once again Jan, Jenny and Malcolm.

By now most of you will have attended log book days...many thanks to the teams of helpers on those days.

Moving forward its looking like our biggest Xmas Dinner with just over ninety members booked in ..a night of good food with friendships shared whilst enjoying some light entertainment in the mix...my thanks in advance Michael for what will be a well planned and executed night.

Don't Forget our next Coffee and Cars events...and the Australia Day Run.

In Closing the Committee wishes you all a Merry, happy, healthy and safe Xmas and a rewarding start to the New Year.

Yours in Happy and Safe Motoring....

Steve Hall ...President.



Applications for Membership have been made by:

Jamie and Belinda Knott from Encounter Bay. They bring a Chev Corvette.

Lyndon and Petrea Bartlett from Hindmarsh Island. With a BMW Z3.

Bradley Jamieson from Middleton. His vehicle is a 1963 EJ Holden.



A mystery to resolve

My friend and colleague, Ross Vasse, the wellknown Ford historian, is trying to resolve a longstanding South Australian mystery (his details are in Market Place later in the magazine). He's long been trying to uncover the full details of when Allan Moffat's red Falcon GTHO was "borrowed" before a local ATCC race in 1973. When Allan and his manager, Phil Grant, visited the SCCSA in 2018, a number of members confided that they knew who had stolen and subsequently dumped the Moffatt race car in the Adelaide Hills. When found, the car had a note in it. "My apologies to Allan. Sorry we

inconvenienced you, but what a beaut car it was. I hope you go on to beat the Toranas, Allan. Sorry about the spare carby but we had to hock it for the fuel. What a thirsty beast it was. Signed, The Phantom Hunter." If you can help Ross find "The Phantom Hunter" (or know someone who can) he'd be eternally grateful.

Ed- see wanted ad in Buy and Sell page



End of the line

The demise of the British motor industry has been well documented. The last car rolled off the line at Ford's Dagenham factory in February 2002, marking the end of 71 years of production at the Essex (UK) plant. In that time, nearly 11 million cars, trucks and tractors were produced, with the Cortina and Fiesta models accounting for over five million of the total. In 1972, UK car production hit a new high with 36,948 vehicles being built each week, and 50 percent of cars in the 1200-1600cc class were

British.

In 2024, cars still being built in Britain included the Mini Clubman and Countryman, the Nissan Juke, Qashqai, Note, Leaf and Infinity, Land Rover and Range Rover, Toyota Auris, Auris Hybrid and Avensis, Honda Civic and CR-V, Jaguar, Bentley, Aston Martin, Rolls-Royce and Lotus. It is worth noting that few of those companies are in British ownership.

So long, SsangYong

As if it isn't difficult enough trying to stay abreast of the plethora of new brands landing on the Australian market, now some car companies are changing their names. The various GWM brands (Haval, Tank, GWM Ute and Ora) are amalgamating under the GWM nameplate (formerly Great Wall Motors), and SsangYong (which has been around for a surprisingly long time) has officially changed its name to KGM. The SsangYong was renamed KGM two years ago elsewhere in the world, but retained the name here. The KGM branding will be "fully embraced" with the launch of the new Actyon SUV.

Arms out

Mike Brewer and his mechanic, Elvis Priestley, were out driving a car they had just completed. Now, I know a Fiat 600 is a very compact car, and Brewer is, to be kind, solidly built, but seeing them both with their arms resting on the doors and elbows out in the breeze was sending very much the wrong message. Here in South Australia, the offence is "travel in a motor vehicle with part of the body outside vehicle" and "drive with passenger with part of body outside vehicle" (offence codes A529 and A530 respectively) and the fine is \$323 (\$221 plus \$102 victims of crime levy) and the loss of three demerit points, so Mr Brewer would have been \$646 out of pocket and had six demerit points added to his licence had he been caught offending here in SA.

Paul Murrell is a freelance motoring journalist who contributes to a number of motoring publications

An oldie but a goodie!

Albo was out jogging one morning when he tripped, fell over the bridge railing and landed in the river below. Before the Federal Police guys could get to him, three kids who were fishing pulled him out of the water. He was so grateful he offered the kids whatever they wanted.

The first kid said "I want to go to Disney World!" Albo said "No problem, I'll take you there on in my Royal Australia Air Force plane". The second kid said "I want a new pair of Nike Air Jordan shoes.

Albo said, I'll get them for you and even have Michael Jordan sign them!"

The third kid said "I want a motorised wheelchair with a built in TV and stereo headset".

Albo was a little perplexed by this and said "But you don't look like you're handicapped...?"

" The kid said "I will be after my dad finds out I saved you from drowning".

A man and his wife were celebrating 50 Years together. Their three kids, all very successful, all agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honour.

"Happy Anniversary Mum and Dad", gushed son number one, a surgeon, "sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and didn't have time to get you a gift.." "Not to worry" said the father, the important thing is that we're all together today.

Son number two a Lawyer, arrived and announced "You and Mum look great Dad."

Just few in from Sydney between cases and didn't have time to shop for you."

"It's

nothing," said the father "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter, a marketing executive arrived.

"Hello and Happy Anniversary! I'm sorry but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything.

After they finished dessert, the father said "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time.

You see, we were very poor. Despite this, were able to send each of you to university.

Throughout the years your mother and I knew we loved each other very much BUT we just never found the time to get married.

The three children gasped and all said at once: "You mean we're Bast#@s."

"Yes," said the father, and miserable ones at that.

A man is out shopping and discovers a new brand of Olympic condoms.

Clearly impressed, he buys a pack. Upon getting home he announces to his wife the purchase he just made. "Olympic condoms?" she blurts "What makes them so special?"

"There is three colours" he replies "Gold, Silver and Bronze".

"What colour are you going to wear tonight?" she asks cheekily. "Gold of course" says the man proudly.

The wife responds really

"Why don't you wear Silver, it would be nice if you came second for a change!"

A doctor walked into a bank.

Preparing to endorse a cheque he pulled a rectal thermometer out of his shirt pocket and tried to 'write' with it.

Realising his mistake, he looked at the thermometer with annoyance and said

"Well that's great, just great... some asshole's got my biro!"

A secret is something you tell one person at a time!

The next Events Team Meeting will be on 15th January to plan out the rest of 2026.

Doug Hill has arranged a motor bike run for December 18th from Gawler to Finniss and Langhorne Creek for lunch. A bike run is being planned for January 22nd.

BUY and SELL Page

FOR SALE

1998 Mazda MX5 NB, . Grace Green. Manual, 131k km, full service history. Beautiful car. Always garaged and only been senior owners, in very good condition. Suit club member. \$13500

Stephen Ph: 0413 223 001

Power Hacksaw **Chris Rowley Ph: 0414 408 196**

1929 Graham Paige, excellent restored condition \$15,000

Brian Barwick Ph: 0417 802 694

Morris Minor Series Two, 1953. OHV motor. Very original car. A good candidate for restoration. Brand new tyres. Colour: Empire Green. \$2,500 ono

Scott Cameron Ph: 0428 939 707

HR Holden Station Wagon, 202 VH Commodore motor, 3 sp manual, retrimmed, new carpet. Extractors . Alloy wheels. Disk brakes. \$22,000

Kym Howe Ph: 0438 133 003

1976 Bultaco Alpina 350 Trail Bike, one owner, good condition \$5,900

Andrew Nicholls Ph: 0416 399 600

WANTED

Block or motor for a 216CI 1940/41 Chev Ute, also a steering arm, mounts behind RHS wheel hub, has the ball on the steering box end a tapped end for the tie rod end, suit same Ute.

Phil Flaherty Ph: 0411 707 176

Seeking help in contacting the person who "borrowed" Allan Moffat's red Falcon GTHO before the race in 1973. Ross Vasse – Ford GTHO Historian/author is hoping one of our members may know more details about this. His contact details are Mob: 0438 057 351 or email grandtourer@bigpond.com

Advertisements will be deleted after two consecutive editions, unless an extension is requested.

Please let the Editor know when you have sold your 'for sale item' or found your 'wanted' item.

MEETING MINUTES cont...

Club Clobber: (Dorothy Price). Dorothy promoted the Club's new caps, and tee shirts. Marg Rowley displayed the latest offering, being a ladies shirt. These will not be kept in stock but need to be ordered individually.

Marg thanked Dorothy for her work in taking over Club Clobber.

Registrar's Report: (Deidre Solly). Deidre reported on the first logbook day held, this day, and at which 20 people attended. However, 15 did not attend and they will need to attend another day or they will not be able to drive their vehicles after December. People were reminded that vehicle registration papers are required for the renewal of logbooks. Volunteers are also called for to help on logbook days.

Building Maintenance: (Chris Rowley). Chris described the tree lopping undertaken by Greg Ellis and his Company, in not only clearing the branches off the shed's roof, but in pruning the trees right back to the boundary. The works to the side fence and painting is ongoing. Chris has replaced a faulty solar light over the entry ramp Rosemary Hebbard was thanked for her ongoing gardening, a sentiment supported by Steve Hall.

Library Report: (Leigh Blacket) Leigh referenced a pile of new books for the library, some purchased and some donated. These books covered, Minis, Aston Martins, Classic and Sports Cars, Post War Classics, The F Series Toyota 4WD, American Autos, The Ford Lazer and Mazda 323, plus a dictionary of motoring, a service and lubrication guide, and a book on the Overlander. All will be available to borrow.

Leigh stated that after being the Club Librarian for 25 years, this would be his last year and asked members to consider volunteering for the position at the 2026 AGM. Leigh offering to train anyone in the system.

General Business:

Public Liability Insurance for Hall Hire:

Meg Klecko responded to a previous query from the floor as to why the Club did not hold Public Liability Insurance to cover anyone hiring the Club Rooms.

Meg explained that our insurers have advised that such a policy would be unaffordable to the Club, and that these days all clubs and organisations in fact carry their own Public liability Insurance and are generally happy to cover such hire arrangements, as noted in the terms of our facility hire.

