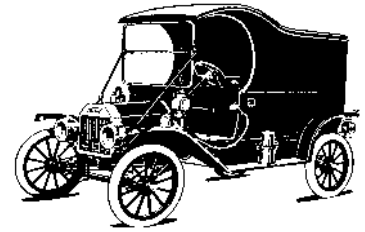




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Neville Forbes with his treasured 1916 Tarrant Bodied Tourer.

*"It is not usual to speak of an employee as a partner, and yet what else is he?"
- Henry Ford -*



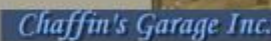
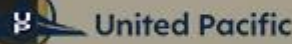
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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,
Amazingly this is the 2nd to last President's report for my tenure as MTFCV President. 2019-2023! Time flies when things are busy! It has been a pleasure & privilege be able to assist our Club. BUT!!! Sadly I have concerns that the needed executive positions may not be filled at the AGM as was the case when I took over the Presidency! WHY IS THIS THE CASE?

History has shown that a small band of "T Devotees" have been the load carriers every year. Recycling the same members is not helping management diversity. "It's Time" to step up & help push the Ford T Club into the future for all to enjoy! Sitting back is not going to help as is any talk of the Club folding in future. DON'T BACK DOWN & DON'T GIVE IN !!!!

If anyone has any questions or queries about the roles, or the time needed to carry the job out, please give me a call or email. I am only too happy to advise on what it takes to carry out the tasks. My aim is to pass across the Executive positions seamlessly. The Committee have revamped the Roles & Responsibilities guide. We have also updated the existing Club monthly management guide so that all tasks are highlighted in advance. As I see it, we have an exceptional Secretary & Treasurer plus committee members that will remain to have management continuity.

Remember :- We can now ZOOM share videos, YouTube clips or members Go-Pro/Drone footage clips if available. If you have any footage taken you would like to share send it on to us to use. If you think that Zoom Chat Room calls are a good idea contact any committee member & we will endeavor to launch the show on a regular basis. I intend to trial a chat room meeting on a Wednesday night per month to test reaction. If popular we can hold further Chat Sessions.

Check out the various Model T Facebook sites for latest news, parts for sale & any upcoming events listed. Listed as:- Model T Ford Club of Victoria & Aussie Model T Parts & Cars for Sale. Your car photos can be uploaded to our Website as well, Contact the Webmaster to enable inclusion.

VIC-ROADS PERMITS: Don't forget to check on your Club permit status. To assist members, we have been listing upcoming permit info for some years in T Torque. Check the listing & mark off yours as signed & paid. We are also trying to keep our Permit Register up to date as per VicRoads requirements.

NOTE: Permits can still be posted to me at the workshop address until mid September then by mail or appointment to my home address. They will be processed & returned as in the past. The same applies to the 3 other Safety Officers listed, no changes. Include a stamped return envelope please.

2025 National Rally: The entry form for **Eureka Gold Ballarat 2025** rally has been uploaded to Facebook & MTFCV sites. Check out these sites for all information needed. I am informed that entries are moving ahead well. Stay tuned!

EVENTS CALENDAR: INPUT NEEDED! Suggestions of activities & one-day events are welcome, contact John Huitt or a Committee Member. A suggestion of a Rally venue doesn't mean that you have to organise the entire event! Your Committee have updated the Rally Organisers Guide/Manual to make it easy & simpler to run an event to a standard format for the future events. We are also working on setting up car runs & other activities for the future. This is not an easy job & we welcome any suggestions of activities. One problem now is to secure enough accommodation and parking for us & our cars/trailers. Traffic is getting worse by the month in some areas!

The Club luncheon will be held on Sunday 16th July @ 12 noon at Cardinia Park Hotel, 200 Emerald -Beaconsfield Rd , Beaconsfield . Booking has been made for 40 persons. Attendance numbers will be needed prior to the event to enable enough seating. Inform John Huitt or Anne Cupid as early as possible please!

FORD FLATHEAD FESTIVAL: Planning for the Flathead Ford Festival has started! It will be held at the Melbourne Steam Club on Sunday October 22nd. The event will be from 10am to 3pm, open to all Flathead (Sidevalve powered) Ford cars, specials & competition machines. There will be separate parking area for any Ford OHV machine. The focus of the show is to celebrate Ford Flathead heritage 1908 to 1954. Food vans & Coffee bar available. Cost is \$5 per display car. More details will be in T Torque & Email. A gold coin donation is charged for any public admission without a display car . Address is 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd , Scoresby on Sunday 22/10/2023.

Bendigo Swap meet is returning in November. A plea has been sent out to all clubs asking for volunteers to help run the event. If you can help, let the MTFCV or Bendigo swap office know.

If you have any news or things to share with us contact our Editor as input & stories are always needed for T Torque. JUST ANOTHER REMINDER!! AGM Meeting in July! You, the Club Members need to put some thought to who will be on Committee next year! We will need a new President, Vice President & committee member for next year. We welcome new people & fresh ideas! Please give thought of how you can help the Club move into the future. Distance is not a big hurdle now due to Zoom. It's not that hard to do!. A brief explanation of Roles & Responsibilities is attached in T Torque to help soothe any anxieties you may have with the roles! If you have any further queries, feel free to call or email for any information you may need. We all need to see this Historic Club grow into the future. Don't forget to nominate! Club Person of the Year & Committee nomination forms are included in June T Torque!

Well that's all for now, good health & safe driving! "See You Over the Running Board!" — **Dave & Chez** —





General Meeting Minutes



Meeting opened on Fri May 23, 2023, 8:01PM by President David Weatherhead at Ashburton library & via Zoom

Present: 19 in person as per attendance register, 8 on Zoom

Apologies: Julie Jones, Russell Medhurst, Rod Kieseker, Ivor Austin

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: Colin Weidemann, Seconded: Barry Hancock

Business arising from minutes: Nil.

Tonight's Meeting: Talk by Brain Smith on restoring some old vehicles and getting his property ready for his daughter's wedding

Correspondence In: EMAILS: AOMC European Tour – trip to Europe 2024, Black Swan Hotel in Bendigo has an Indian Motorcycle display, Shannon's American Motoring Show, The Automotive Historian, AOMC newsletter, Garage Girls stage show **MAIL:** Library invoice, Shannon's Auction catalogue, Backfire Magazine, flyer for Show N Shine at the Buloke Collectable Vehicle Club, Bendigo Swap looking for volunteers.

Correspondence Out: Condolence card for the passing of Heather Wright

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented to the members by David Jones, he also mentioned that subs are due soon. Seconded: Rhonda Huitt

Last month's rally report: BBQ at Henry's given by Bernie McKeegan

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report: Dave Weatherhead has seen a lot of things online.

UPCOMING SWAP MEETS: May 13 Geelong, May 20 Wedderburn, May 21 Lockington, June 12 Malden, Nov 11-12 Bendigo

Reports: 2025 RALLY: Still lots of planning going on. There will be a lot to do after July.

COMMITTEE MEETING: At the last committee meeting we updated all the roles and responsibilities, discussed updating rally events and fees, and we will be updating the monthly management log and welcome letter.

Delegate's Reports: AOMC: Meeting Monday week, Federation: Meeting last Saturday, report by Geof Baulch

This month's activity/run: Melbourne Steam Centre running day, Sunday 28th May, bring a picnic lunch, \$5.00 per car. ADDRESS 1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby.

Upcoming events: Garage Girls stage show 19th – 30th July, Annual Club Lunch Sunday 16th July, Baw Baw picnic 29th Oct to be confirmed, Heyfield picnic next weekend, Bendigo Swap

Restoration Progress: Dean Williams finally finished one of his projects, a Massey Ferguson tractor and is now going back to his '26 ute.

General Business: The club needs a new President, Vice President and 2 new committee members.

Next Meeting/Activity: TBA

- Orland Talamo joined us on Zoom from America, 4:30AM their time, and told us some of the amazing places he had visited.
- Peter Ninnis told us about how fantastic the Swan Hill Car Club's 50th anniversary run was, there was lots of different cars and they raised \$5,000.00 for a dialysis chair for the Swan Hill Hospital.
- Evelyn Hill shared an old photo of a Model T to see if anyone could answer a question about it.

Raffle Draw: Drawn by: Ann Cupid, Won by: Cheryl Weatherhead, Prize selected: Bunnings voucher

Meeting Closed: 8:51PM

— Ann Cupid, Secretary —





Club Calendar 2023



CLUB MEETING: 2 8pm General Meeting



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm General Meeting & Annual General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: 16 ANNUAL LUNCH @12 noon at Cardinia Park Hotel,
(refer to 'Upcoming Events')



CLUB MEETING: 11 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: 27 Marong Picnic (Refer to 'Upcoming Events')



CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: TBA
OTHER EVENTS:



CLUB MEETING: 13 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: TBA
OTHER EVENTS:

**Next General Meeting — Fri June 2
at the library & via 'Zoom'! 8pm**



Club Permit Renewals



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

Ann Cupid, 0427 984797 secretary@mtfcv.com



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

June

Gregory Angelo 1820
Geoffrey Brooke 3358H
Andrew Brown 5446
Robert Dalton 6481
Laurie Ford 7457
Noel Huitt 5108
Linda Phillips 118H3, 3629H4, 6129H6
Mickie Turner 6243
Graeme Wagland 5099
Bill Wallace 934GH
David Weatherhead 258BH, 41328H
Geoff White 457
James Wotherspoon 8089

July

Geof Baulch 546A-H
Paul Daley 988, 752
Chris Dillon CH4195
Bernie McKeegan 08777H
Malcom Moors 1506
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
Malcom Moors 3478
Norman Morgan 6278
John Morrison 6696
Linda Phillips 1568H2
Ian Seamer 8293
Brian Smith 5494, 5111
David Weatherhead 158BH



'Under the Hood' by the Editor



Greetings Members,

It has been good to receive some great contributions for T Torque via the post box and email. I look forward to presenting them in upcoming editions. Sometimes it is a challenge to come up with enough interesting content each month. There is plenty of material on the internet which everyone has available to them, so my preference is to include as much local and Victorian content as possible. Thanks again to those who have contributed. My thoughts are to perhaps provide, a "contributors award" each year, to be awarded by the editors at the annual club



lunch to a member or members who have provided content or outstanding articles during the year as recognition for their contributions. Years ago I was very chuffed to receive a surprise award in the post from the Model T Ford Club International for a contribution I wrote about my Dads 1910 Tourer. Maybe one of our members would be encouraged as I was to receive such recognition. Interested in your thoughts?

It is a bit saddening and disappointing this month to present impassioned pleas from

our President and a member to consider joining the executive of our club and ensure its future. We all enjoy many benefits of membership of the club including social activities, technical support, rallies and events, and of course, access to the club permit scheme. What would the future hold for our Ts without a make and model specific club to represent them? Please consider stepping up and joining the club committee to ensure its future, as we move closer towards 50 years of operation and also towards hosting another National event in 2025. Please refer to the included nomination forms for **executive positions** and **also role description summaries**. I'm sure as always, good support and years of knowledge will be available to new committee members.

I am still hoping to present a T Torque edition devoted to Model T speedsters. So far, I do not have many contributions. Please consider getting some pictures and text together to share with members, featuring what you are building or what you currently do with your speedster.

Keep Touring in your Ts! — **Warwick Landy**

Email your contributions to ttorquenews@hotmail.com or send to mailbox. Submissions are due the third Friday of month.



MELBOURNE STEAM CLUB VISIT



Another drizzly day saw the Daltons head off to visit the Melbourne Steam Club's display centre in Scoresby. On arrival President Dave was already parked and Dean and Ann had their T Model in attendance. Steve Brown showed his face, and soon after Geoff Brookes arrived in his TT Ford Orchard Truck.

The day was most interesting with all sheds open and most of the machines operating. Borg Sorensen had his Steam engine working and what a restoration job he did on it, absolutely fantastic.

A very low pressure easy day was had by us and we departed for home at about 2 pm. Another day that was worth the effort, even though we were there for the Scoresby Picnic in March.

— **Robbie Dalton** —





An Open Letter to the Members of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria



Dear Members,

The Model T Ford Club of Victoria was created in 1981 to serve its members who had an interest in Model T Fords. The club has existed for 42 years and many people have passed through its doors in celebration of the Model T ford through its many incarnations from 1909 to 1927.

We have had many rallies, tours, auctions, swaps, general meetings, safety days, charity days, BBQs, workshop days and the list goes on. I think for the majority of years, those involved have benefitted and enjoyed fellowship through the organisation.

Of course, we all know this. Members get out of the club what they want and need and to this end nothing will ever change.

As an ordinary member and a member of the committee, I have agreed to stay on and perform my role as your Treasurer, however from my point of view I have not seen any prospect of a nomination for President, Vice President and support committee people for the coming term. Our current President David Weatherhead has been very clear that he will not be standing again and we should all be grateful for his efforts in steering the club through the tough recent years. We also need to acknowledge the other committee members who have also chosen to stand down.

I have to say however, without the prospect of a new President, Vice President and working committee, the club will not be viable and the need to wind up the organisation will be my recommendation should a functioning committee not be able to be formed. The constitution has wind up procedures included when dealing with distribution of remaining club funds etc. The absence of a sponsoring club to assist members' Club Permitted cars will also be put into peril unless we can find another club to take over this group of Car Permitted cars from our seemingly defunct club.

It cannot just fall on the Executive of the Committee (Secretary & Treasurer) to carry on regardless, despite an abundance of silence from members when calls for Committee Nominations are broadcast both verbally and through President reports delivered by T Torque.

I am acutely aware that this letter is alarmist and will not be a popular read to many people, but action needs to be taken now.

Regards,

David Jones





CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR 2022-2023

The committee would be pleased to receive nominations for *Club Person of the Year*. Nomination criteria may include:

- Attendance at club runs, meetings and functions,
- The member having held a position of office or non-executive position such as club delegate, librarian or editor.
- Organisation of club annual rallies or regular events such as Bendigo Swap, March and Cup weekends
- Submission of material for *T Torque* magazine
- Signing up of new members and or promotion of club membership



Federation Report



Held May 6 at Bendigo Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club. There was a light lunch served at 12 noon with the meeting starting at 1 pm. The previous meetings minutes were read and passed. Business arising was dealt with. Matters for this meeting were as follows;

2023 Events:

- **Mortlake, Wunghum and Scoresby picnics on March 26** all went off well. Scoresby had 250 cars in attendance. The Bendigo Show Grounds display was also on the March 26. It consisted of a vehicle, machinery and collectibles display with the proceeds going to the Peter Mac Fundraiser.
- **Aug 26: Bendigo to Castlemaine run**
- **Aug 27: Marong Picnic**, usual requirements, no movement of vehicles between 10.30am and 1pm. Free entry for clubs with it mentioned in their Newsletter, catering will be supplied by Rotary.
- **Oct: Date TBC Baw Baw Picnic**
- **Nov 11 & 12: Bendigo Swap Meet** Discussion has been had with the Bendigo City Council Major Events Director and Show Society to get an assurance that if we are 6 weeks out from the swap meet then it's locked in and that the grounds booking will not change no matter what. A summary of the swap history was given but an assurance was not given that the ground will always be ours. A new 50 x 30 meter shed is being built at Gate 3, but we can deal with at this time. All outdoor sites are booked, all BEC sites are booked but some remain in the REC Centre. The feature this year is Barn Finds or Survivor Cars. Lots of volunteers are required for the Swap Meet with forms having been sent out to all Clubs. A 5 year contract has been locked in for use of the Prince of Wales Showgrounds.
- **The Open Federation Tour 2023 leaving from Marong Picnic on August 27** will run for a week to Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton to support flood affected towns. The RACV have agreed to sponsor this event. The FEDERATION and AOMC have been having joint meetings to thrash out some of the concerns that have occurred within the movement. Much discussion was had about how much CO2 your vintage or heritage car emits. An article put up by "Operating Heritage Australia" covered it well. In a nutshell, if you travel 1200 kms per year at 20 mpg your car will produce 504 kgs of CO2 per year, but in comparison a human breathes about 240 kgs per year and a medium sized dog produces 700-900 kg per year. The typical Electric car driven 10,000kms produces 1150 kg s when charged off the grid.
- Next Meeting August 5 at Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Motoring Group.

— Geof Baulch (Fed Rep) —





Club Event Report



Henry's T, A & Rod Parts Barbecue

The model T and A clubs were invited to a BBQ at Henry's A, T & Rod Parts in Bacchus Marsh on Saturday 6th May. The weather forecast was a bit bleak, but at least the wind wasn't too high although the rain made the trip for the two Model Ts a bit unpleasant. We headed off at about 10.00 in the Honda, as the Tudor decided to play up.

We met up with everyone at the BP roadhouse on Ballarat road for a coffee before driving via the back roads to Darley. A scenic route, much better than the freeway. David Weatherhead's roadster and John Hewitt's coupe set a spanking pace over the hills. We clocked them at 85kph a couple of times. We met up with the Model As where we

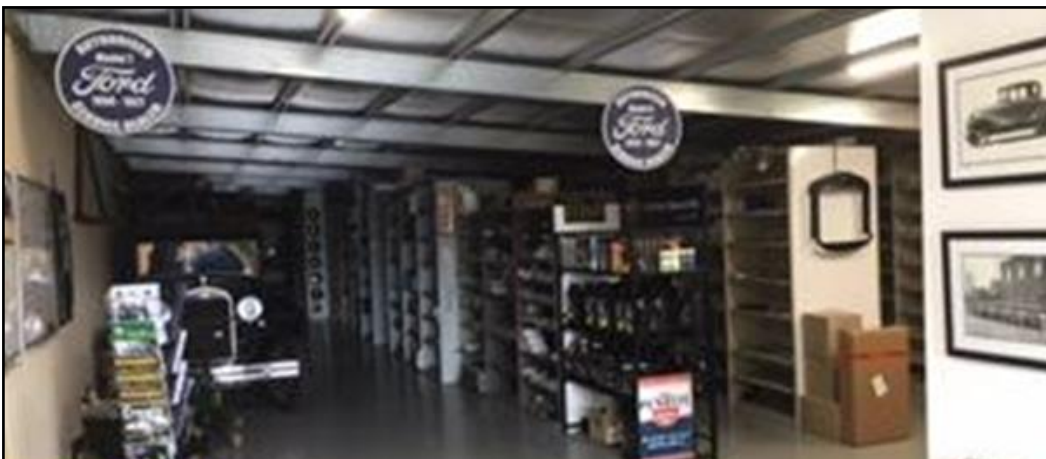
all received a very warm welcome on arrival from Joe, Angie, Shaun and Neil.



Members keep warm and socialise inside the workshop.

There were about 50 people all ready to enjoy the BBQ and cakes and chocolates provided in the warmth of the workshop. Several members stocked up on assorted parts from the shelves. In attendance from the T club were the following: David Weatherhead, Jo Baulch, Geof Brooke and friend, Steve Brown, Robbie Dalton, Bernie McKeegan, Barry Hancock, David and Julie Jones, John and Thelma Hewitt, Noel and Rhonda Hewitt, Colin and Pam Weidemann.

Apologies for anyone I have missed. A raffle was held, with the proceeds going to a charity. Several of our members had lucky tickets. We all enjoyed a lovely day.



The beautifully presented stock room full of Model T goodness!



David Weatherhead and John and Thelma Hewitt braved the weather and drove Ts.

—-*Colin & Pam Weidemann* —



Model T Ford Club of Victoria Committee



COMMITTEE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

PRESIDENT

- ◇ Chair committee and general meetings
- ◇ Liaise with all club members and the public
- ◇ Attend all club business as required

VICE PRESIDENT:

- ◇ Assist the president when needed and to preside at meetings in the President's absence

TREASURER:

- ◇ Pay bills and receive monies on behalf of the MTFCV
- ◇ Keep accurate accounting records
- ◇ Give monthly financial report at meetings

SECRETARY:

- ◇ Record all committee and general meeting minutes
- ◇ Write letters, thank you notes, welcome letters and cards etc.
- ◇ Keep the documents, books and securities up to date
- ◇ Hold the seal of the Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS X 4:

- ◇ These positions are to support the executive committee
- ◇ They are to share the roles as required to assist in the running of the club e.g., rallies and events

All members of the Committee are to welcome and liaise with all members of the club and the public to promote the MTFCV at all times.



Ballarat Heritage Weekend



Baulches busy at Ballarat for Heritage Motoring Week

The Ballarat Heritage Weekend has run since 2006 and is hosted by the City of Ballarat. The event is a community cultural festival held over a week and two weekends. It is a major drawcard for tourists. The festival celebrates the city's history drawing on



Ballarat's reputation as an historic Australian city. The council call on the Vintage and Classic Car Club to provide cars for their display



Geof displaying his car at Ballarat.

that is staged in Lydiard St in front of the Mining Exchange. The street is closed to traffic, there are bands and singing groups, tweed bicycle events, lots of artisans showing off their fading skills, and spinners, woodturners, felt makers etc. Sovereign Hill and Koyal Castle also hosted markets and jousting events to name a few. It was fantastic 10 days of events.

— Geof & Jo Baulch —

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF VICTORIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE 2023

8pm Friday July 14

Ashburton Library & via Zoom

The annual General Meeting will be conducted during the July General Meeting for the purposes of:

- electing the 2023-2024 committee, and
- receiving annual reports



MODEL T FORD CLUB OF VICTORIA NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2023-2024



I wish to nominate: _____

for the position of: _____ on the committee of management for the Model T Ford Club of Victoria.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I, _____ second this nomination. Signed: _____

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

As a member of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria I, _____ hereby appoint:

_____ of _____

to vote for me on my behalf at the AGM on July 15 2023 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF VICTORIA NOMINATION FORM FOR Club Person of the Year 2022-2023



I, _____, being a member of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria, nominate:

_____ as Club Person of the Year 2023.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please forward forms to the secretary, Ann Cupid:
secretary@mtfcv.com or PO Box 383 Chadstone Centre PO Vic 3148



MTFCV 2022 AGM Minutes



Meeting opened 8.08pm on Friday July 15, 2022 at Ashburton Library.

Chair: Bernie McKeegan

Present. 28 attending the library, 8 via Zoom as per attendance register

Apologies. Peter Rutley, Ross and Maureen Cartledge, Jennifer, Ruth and Grace Csorba, Chris and Fiona Dillon, Russell Medhurst, Rhonda and Noel Huitt, John and Thelma Huitt

Confirmation of minutes held on 10/09/21: Moved: Jo Baulch, Seconded: Barry Hancock

Business arising from the 2021 AGM minutes: Nil

Bernie acknowledged the passing of some of our club members who we lost through the year; Ian Barber, Barbara Walker and Sean Dillon. Bernie also thought of those members who are in poor health and reminded us to notify the club if we know of anyone who is unwell so we can send a card. A visit or a phone call to them would be appreciated.

Bernie gave reference to the rallies that we have been able to have over the last 12 months. We have not had any Swap Meets but they will be starting up again soon.

REPORTS:

President – Given by David Weatherhead Treasurer - Given by David Jones Moved: David Jones, Seconded: Bruce Csorba

NATIONAL RALLY 2025

Geof Baulch reported on the progress that has been made on this rally. They have had a meeting and selected a committee. Secretary is Maree Hadden and Treasurer is Cheryl Weatherhead. The rally will be held in Ballarat. Funds have been allocated and they are in the process of organising rally badges, clothing and a video to be shown at the National rally in Dubbo this September.

We have had Nomination Forms for all the following Positions. All nominations signed by the Mover and Seconder. All those nominated have agreed to accept their nomination.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President: David Weatherhead **Vice President:** Geof Baulch **Secretary:** Ann Cupid **Treasurer:** David Jones

Committee Person 1: John Huitt **Committee Person 2:** Rhonda Huitt **Committee Person 3:** Steven Brown

Committee Person 4: Graham Hadden

NON-EXECUTIVE

Communications: Julie Jones **Editor:** Paula and Warwick Landy **Club Delegates:** **Federation:** Geof Baulch **A.O.M.C.:** Bernie McKeegan **Club Library:** Brian Smith **Webmaster:** Andrew Brand **Meeting Room & Mail Collection Steward:** Roger Wotherspoon **Scrutineer/CPS Office Bearers:** David Weatherhead, Chris Dillon, Ray Smith, Brian Smith, Ann Cupid
Acceptance of all Committee Positions - Moved: Geoff Brooke, Seconded: Roger Wotherspoon

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The outgoing Committee have reviewed our finances, both debits and credits for the last 12 months and are recommending subscription fees for the next 6 months to be as follows.

Emailed T Torque magazine membership: \$55.00 Posted and emailed T Torque magazine membership \$70.00

Going forward no subscriptions will be accepted prior to the AGM where the current years fees will be set.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A new award was given out this year to the Early Pioneer/Foundation members who are still active in the club. David Weatherhead presented these to the ones who attended the meeting tonight. The others will be given out at Sunday's luncheon. The members who received these awards were Vic Ashton, Ivor Austin, Alan Fairnie, Barry Hancock, Bill Landy, David Lang, Ian McLaughlin, Ian Seamer, Laurie Wadeson, Colin & Pam Weidemann & Roger Wotherspoon. Alan's wife Lorraine accepted the award on Alan's behalf as he is unwell in hospital.
- Thanks was extended to Dean Williams for his long standing role as committee member. Dean was always willing to help in any way he could including looking after the stand at the Bendigo swap meet, helping at club swap meets and most importantly bringing the club BBQ along.
- David Jones was commended on his great job with the club finances. Warwick Landy also commented on David Jones great efforts on saving money with the magazine. Warwick also encouraged members to get an email copy of the magazine saying he can put far more content in an emailed copy at no extra cost.
- Paula and Warwick Landy were also congratulated on their amazing job of the club magazine.
- Thanks was also given to persons who undertook door duties and mail collection, kitchen helpers, raffle ticket sellers and everyone who helped in any way. Congratulations was extended to all new executives.
- Meeting closed at 9:00pm
- Bernie then called on President David Weatherhead and Secretary Ann Cupid to conduct a quick General Meeting.



Member Profile



Neville Forbes, Nagambie Vic

This month it is a pleasure to share with you a member profile from Neville Forbes. I only recently met Neville for the first time while on my 4-day T Tour holiday earlier this year. Neville now owns a spectacular 1916 Tarrant Model T which has family history. I was keen to see this car as it has not been publicly displayed for some years. More on Neville's car in a future edition! On meeting Neville, we became instant friends, as we bonded over Model T chat. Neville extended wonderful hospitality to me while visiting his town and I am sure would love to share his car and town with others if you are passing thorough Nagambie.

—Ed—

Hi Members,

My name is Neville Forbes. I am new to the Model T club and also to Model Ts. My 1916 Tarrant Bodied Model T was owned by my late uncle Bruce. It is now my responsibility to be custodian of this car which has a connection to my family and the district.



I was born and bred in Nagambie, and my ancestors have long been part of the district who established a farm machinery factory and foundry. Some examples of the family companies product are now on display in the Nagambie Historical society building in the main street of Nagambie.

Growing up in Negambie, I completed my primary School Education at Nagambie Primary School then attended Seymour High School. I began my working career as an apprentice mechanic at Verge Motors in Nagambie who the local Holden Dealership and farm equipment supplier were. I completed my trade schooling at Shepparton Tech and later completed an advanced Mechanics Course at Richmond Tech. As a student and apprentice in town I enjoyed all sports, including rowing on Lake Nagambie, Football, Cricket tennis and also shooting and hunting expeditions.

I left Nagambie for Melbourne in 1969 and worked for several truck distributors, which included all the big names in heavy transport, including White, Diamond T, Reo, Kenworth, Mack, Kato Excavators, Detroit Diesels, Cummins and Allison Transmissions. Eventually, I wound up service manager at Lemarne White Trucks. I went on to establish my own business in Cambellfield performing heavy truck repairs and also buying and selling trucks, and then expanded into running my own trucks and freight delivery runs. Much of my transport work focused on deliveries from manufacturers in the suburbs to the Melbourne Waterfront. These were tough days with the Painters and Dockers, wharfies and the Truckies! One of my regular loads was transporting new Ford Capris to the docks for export!

From the late 1980s until 2016, I owned and operated my Transport Company, Sebprof Transport, then I retired and sold up all the equipment and retired back to Nagambie. Back in Negambie, I now enjoy retirement and engaging again with the local sporting community.

I am pleased to now own my Uncle Bruce's Model T and hope it will now remain in the family and the district for many years to come. It has a very low mileage reconditioned engine that was done by Bruce Feldtmann at Dookie. My only alterations have been to have a new fuel tank made and fitted to replace the old one that had rusted.



— Neville Forbes —



National Motoring Heritage Day Club Activities



Heyfield –Maffra Weekend of Motoring



Row of Ts at Heyfield Machinery Rally

Saturday morning was drizzly when Frank and Kerry Van Ekeren met us at their former motel. Steve Brown was with us at the motel and we soon set off, following Frank to Heyfield. I had never been to a Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally before and so was looking forward to seeing something new.

On arrival we were greeted by Cameron Smythe who had his 10 CWT Model T Ford Tray truck on display and he pointed us in the right direction for display vehicles. A very good selection of Classic and Vintage cars were already parked, but our three T Models soon had a gathering of interested onlookers. I found the day most interesting with a very large display of working stationary engines and other items of machinery. A large number of steam traction engines and tractors were also operating, and the tractor pull was something that I had never seen before and so was an eye opener.

I was pleased to meet up with Borg and Lis Sorensen who had a fine display of machines in operation and found out later that Alan Weatherhead had a display also, sorry I missed him. A good amount of stalls with an eclectic variety of old stuff for sale had me in hope of finding a treasure but no such luck. With Warwick



Celebrating National Heritage Motoring Day at Maffra Shed Museum

Landy having finished his Shannon's duty, four of us headed for home. Some lovely roads found us passing Glenmaggie Weir and the Cowarr Dam before arriving at Glengarry. I into the pub for a quickie and then back to Rosedale at about 5pm.

Kerry had a booking for us all at the Rosedale Smokehouse and after a great night out we walked it off on the way home.

We started Sunday off with a fine breakfast at a local cafe and then left Rosedale for The Maffra Shed. Warwick was already in attendance when we arrived and we soon had our cars parked. The display of visiting cars was a bit of a let down, I guess some of the people were put off by the forecast of rain. Some others arrived from car clubs but only in moderns. After looking through the shed and chatting for a while, we had a quick lunch supplied by a local Lions Club and then headed off. At the rear of the Shed, a brewery had been set up, and so we decided to check it out. It was a very nice set up and a nice restaurant with plenty of parking.

After another quickie we headed for home, once again great roads for our cars with no traffic to worry about. We arrived at the motel at about 4PM. So all in all, we had a great weekend of exhibits and T Model driving and it was well worth the effort, which is what you have to make sometimes. Thanks to Warwick and Frank for setting it in motion and leading the way.

— Robbie Dalton —



Upcoming Rallies and Events



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11-12 November 2023

Bendigo Show Grounds

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Admission: Sat \$15, Sun \$5
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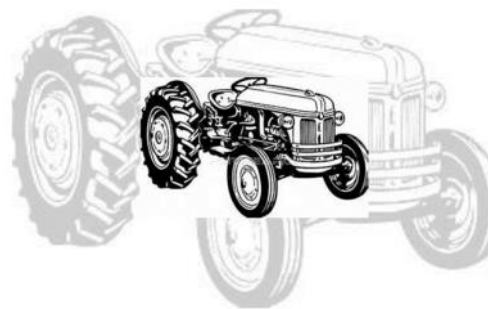
Marong Picnic - Sunday August 27

**Veteran Vintage & Classic Cars,
 Engine Display & Tractor Trek**

This is a private event and not open to the public. There will be no traffic movement between 10.30am and 1.00pm. Rotary will be onsite providing catering.

“Malone Park” 41 Marong Park Road, Marong
 Show your Club Newsletter mentioning the Marong Picnic for free Entry into the oval

Enquiries to Neil
0408 03383



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Sunday July 16, 12pm @Cardinia Park Hotel (200 Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd, Beaconsfield)

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NOTE! For bookings please advise John Huitt or Ann Cupid. (bookings have been made for 40 persons)



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FOR SALE: 1914 Model T Pie Wagon

Includes- Motor (95% complete, missing clutch pressure plate and 4th main, restored radiator, front & rear axles including shackles & perches (missing track rod), fuel tank, radius rods, torque tube including parts to convert to 2 piece, steering column and brass steering wheel, coil box and brass topped coils, firewall with speedo attached, motor is fitted with timer riser, timing gear cover with provision for generator, full set of wheels and near new tyres (vintage), fitted with starter and outside oil line. Many other parts.

NOT included: front guards, bonnet and horse collar **\$9500.00 O.N.O.**

Contact: Ivor Austin 0428578222

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Restored and reliable. Recently completed a return trip to Adelaide. Pictures to come.

Contact club member:

Norm Morgon 0421 155 007

Email: norm.soupu2@gmail.com

WANTED TO BUY:

1913/14 12 rivet rear axle complete or housings

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WANTED TO BUY:

Trafalgar Holden Museum in Gippsland are seeking 2 Holden Motor Body Works/Tarrant windscreen frames and posts to assist them with recreating a full size replica permanent display of the 1924 Adelaide Motor Show (see picture). Can you help?

Contact: Neil Joiner 0418 512239



Newsy Bits



INTERNATIONAL ZOOM ATTENDEE!

New member, Orlando loves our T club meetings so much that he logged on via Zoom, from Los Angeles, USA, at 4am whilst on holiday. Orlando reported that he had been able to visit Model T supplier, Chaffins Garage, www.chaffinsgarage.com and also the Peterson auto museum, which features a few Model Ts on display, www.petersen.org. Check out both websites for more information. — Ed

Steve Brown adds another New T to his Fleet!

Steve Brown has added a long desired Veteran Model T to his fleet. The 1916 Veteran Tourer was advertised on the Aussie Model T parts and cars page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2883233428436998> and Steve was quick to snap it up. It is an older restoration and has some early history involved with Veteran Car Club events. Hopefully Steve will have it out and about on a club run soon.

Congratulations Steve!

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Julie Jones Celebrates a Special Birthday!

Congratulations to Julie Jones on the special occasion of reaching her 60th birthday! It must have been a special occasion as David missed an opportunity to go T

modelling to ensure the birthday was celebrated appropriately.

PS. Since this was written, unfortunately Julie and her sister Wendy both contracted Covid. The planned birthday celebrations were put on



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Another Model T about to Hit the Road Again!

Club member, Steve Harris, has recently commissioned a rebuild of his 1915 T's heart in preparation for hitting the road again. Steve's car has not been spotted on a T club run since the Geelong National in 1998! Initial teardown and inspection has revealed some real nasties committed on the last rebuild. These problems are sure to be repaired and hopefully Steve will have the car out on a club run soon.



Do you have any 'Newsy Bits'? Send them through to us at: tortueneews@hotmail.com



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Members have access to a full register of Model T owners and their vehicles.

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

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

Meetings

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

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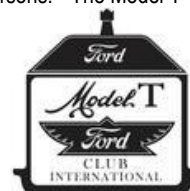
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Both clubs produce excellent magazines (Vintage Ford, Model T Times) and the Model T Ford Club encourages membership of both organisations.





Period Feature Photo



In keeping with the recent Commercial theme of these historic photographs, this month's picture features a delivery vehicle for our legendary breakfast cereal, Cornflakes. The numberplate is a clue as well as the roadster body style, that this vehicle was bodied and used in Queensland. It isn't a Victorian photo but is a very unique piece of Aussie 'Model T-ing' history.



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