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- 2) To promote and foster the mutual interests of owners of Humber vehicles
- 3) To promote social and technical activities among members and/or other clubs
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- 5) To subscribe to, and liaise with other clubs or organizations having similar interests
- 6) To arrange periodical meetings of members for the exchange and discussion of information
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President's Report



Hi all,

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the Humberette.

The Committee met on Thursday 3 July for our 4th meeting of the Club year. Importantly, we set the date for this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), being Saturday 30 August.

The invitation to join the meeting will be

circulated to Club members before the event. As standard procedure for the AGM, all Committee places will be declared vacant, and voting will take place for a new Committee. Being on the Committee is not onerous, with only four zoom meetings held each year. We always welcome new ideas, so please consider taking part in running our/your Club by nominating for a position. The Annual Report is being drafted and will be circulated to members soon, along with a Committee Nomination Form.

Our next event is the Christmas in July lunch, to be held on Sunday 20th July with other Rootes Group car clubs at the Panton Hill Hotel. This event is being facilitated by the Singer Car Club and we currently have 12 members RSVP'd. Unfortunately I will be a late scratching, as we

have organised a week's

holiday down at Apollo Bay, to coincide with school holidays. The last time I was in Apollo Bay was May for about 2 hours, after running 23km from Kennett River. Yes it was rather gruelling, especially the long uphill bits (lots of that). I managed to finish with no major injuries at an average 5.59 min/km. I could hardly walk for the next 3-4 days, but yes, it was worth it but I can't say it was worth missing the National Rally in Parkes for.

Our tireless IT guru Ray has been battling with our IT service provider to resurrect reliable email services, with little tangible result. Given this, the Committee has supported a recommendation that the current email service be discontinued, the result being the Humberette and other communications will now be sent via the club Gmail account. It's nice to see we have a growing list of members signing up to the Club FaceBook page, and seeing some information flow from members re events and humbering (that's a word), which is a more interactive and instantaneous form of communication. Please update the page with pics and any other Humber related information you would like to share with members.

Thanks

Jon M

~Mr President



Motoring In Style

The HCCV has a Facebook Page!

Click the link, answer a quick question and join:

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From the Editor



Hi everyone,

Our front cover photo this month is the 1916 Humber on display at the **Motorlife Museum** near Wollongong, NSW.

Check out the **Sapphire Coast Historical Vehicle Club** at Pambula, NSW - we were in awe of the facilities and friendliness of everyone there.

The **AGM** will be held in August, and we are hoping to have a few more bodies on the Committee. It would mean a lot to those of us who have been doing it for quite some time, and developed close friendships with our common bond of loving this club.

Plans are still being finalised but we do have a date: **Saturday 30 August 2025** (the day before the Federation Marong Picnic). Final details will be in the August Humberette, but please mark the date to be part of this.

Aren't we lucky that there are so many different **motoring events** to attend all over the state, with invitations from other clubs and motoring organisations, as well as local events within our own areas. If you know of one in your area, please tell me about it and I'll add it to the calendar.

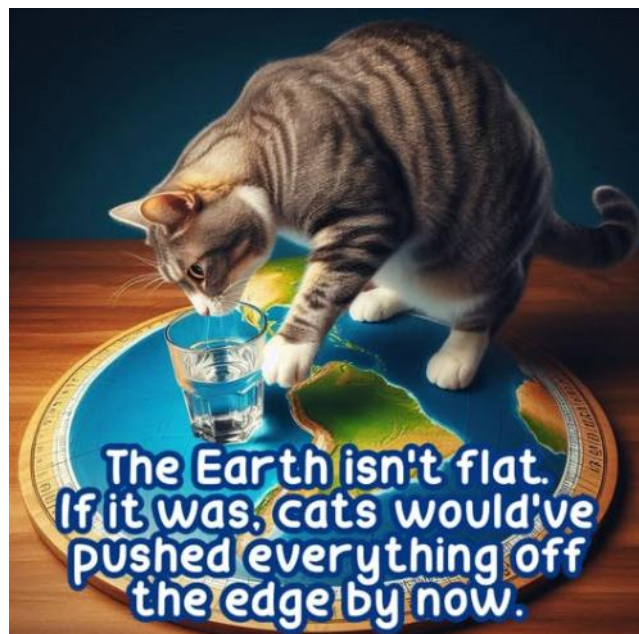
I would still love to hear your stories and see your pics, just as Ken and Rod have done for us in this issue. The Humberette shouldn't always be the "Chronicles of Ray and Lotte"!

We're looking forward to Panton Hill Hotel on 20 July with all the other Rootes Group car clubs, and hope we'll see lots of you there too.

To finish - some smiles to lighten this cold wintry weather.

Cheers,

Lotte



English is weird. It can be understood through tough thorough thought, though.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Closing date for contributions to the Humberette is the first day of each month.

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The Editor has the final decision on the inclusion of any content.



JULY

- 20 July **SCCA Invitation Christmas in July, Panton Hill Hotel**
- 24 July HCCV General ZOOM at 7.30pm**
- 24 July **CBCCV Invitation** mid-week coffee: 10am Dark Horse Café,
Eltham-Yarra Rd, Watsons Creek (Kangaroo Ground) - see p6
- 29 July **CBCCV Invitation** Riley Club Night 7.30pm at VDC Club Rooms, Norcal Rd

AUGUST

- 3-9 August **FEDERATION MALLEE TOUR HORSHAM**
- 7 August **CBCCV Invitation** Mid-week coffee. 10 am meet at Lindsay Fox Museum
and afterwards at nearby café - see p6
- 16 August **MSCA All British Day.** Winton Motor Raceway
- 17 August **RGCC Invitation** Western Ramble to Gordon Pub for lunch - see p8
- 30 August HCCV AGM (details to follow)**
- 31 August **Federation** Marong Picnic

SEPTEMBER

- 21 September **Wallan Show and Shine and Swap Meet**

OCT-NOV

- 18 October **Goldfields Invitation British Car Club Run** with Morris and Rover Clubs
Trentham to Kingston Hotel for lunch - p7
- 18 October **AOMC Club & Trade Expo Meeting:** <https://www.aomc.asn.au/club-trade-expo>
- 26 October **Federation** Baw Baw Picnic

NOVEMBER

- 15-16 Nov **BENDIGO SWAP MEET** <https://www.bendigowswap.com.au/>
- 30 Nov **Maldon Swap Meet**
- November HCCV 50th Anniversary Celebration**
Kinglake National Park Bistro Lunch. Final details soon.



Please visit these websites for full details of events:

Federation VVCVC Calendar: www.federation.asn.au/calendar-of-events

AOMC Calendar: <http://www.aomc.asn.au/>



An Invitation to The Combined British Car Clubs of Victoria

The Riley Motor Club of Victoria extends an invitation to the Clubs participating in The Combined British Car Clubs;

THURSDAY 24th JULY Mid-Week Coffee

Meeting at 10am for a coffee and chat at:

The Dark Horse Cafe, 765 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Watsons Creek (Kangaroo Ground).

TUESDAY 29th JULY RILEY CLUB NIGHT at the VDC Club Rooms, Norcal Rd. at 7:30pm

Presentation by Dave Rogers, The Citroen "2CV Raid" organiser.

An Australian 2CV Raid is an adventure trip, in a Citroën 2CV, and covers some of the most spectacular parts of Australia. It is not a rally or a race. It is a combination of Citroën 2CV lovers enjoying Australia's unique country and scenery, together with the challenge to explore remote areas. This makes Raid Australia a unique and very special touring experience. International friendships are formed and as previous Raids have proven, raiding Australia is an "unforgettable trip of a lifetime".

THURSDAY 7th AUGUST Mid-Week Coffee

Meeting at the Lindsay Fox Museum 749-755 Collins St Docklands at 10am and coffee afterward at a nearby Café.

The Fox Classic Car Museum in Melbourne is a renowned museum dedicated to showcasing a stunning collection of classic cars from various eras. The museum is a registered charity and all funds raised support various causes. Entry fee to the collection is \$9.50.

Free car parking is available for museum visitors for the duration of their visit. Access to the car park is via Batmans Hill Drive.

If you are interested in coming along to any of these events, please contact

Mick Dynon 0418 382 161



British Car Club Goldfields Meet Saturday 18 October 2025



Invitation to HCCV to join the Morris & Rover Clubs for a Goldfields Run
Trentham to Kingston Hotel for a pub lunch!
Add it to your calendar - RSVP and final details to follow

Program

- 10:30am: Meet at the Quarry St Reserve, Trentham
- 11:00am: Travel via Trentham Falls Road to Daylesford and via Old Ballarat Road onto Kingston
- 12:00pm: Car Photos at Kingston Avenue of Honour
- 12:30pm: Lunch at the Commercial Hotel Kingston



To Zoom - or not to Zoom? Is that the question??



At our recent Committee Meeting, we discussed continuing with the general zoom members' forum. Not so many were able to be at the last one so we thought spacing them further apart might be more to everyone's liking, perhaps 4 times a year.

Our next General Zoom will be Thursday 24 July 2025 at 7.30pm

An invitation will be emailed to all members a few days before

If that works for everyone, we may arrange another one just before the end of the year.

Invitation to join the Western Ramble August 17th 2025

The Rootes Group Car Club invites you to join us for a Sunday morning ramble through the back blocks of Ballan and Bachus Marsh before finishing for lunch at the Gordon Hotel. Our guide will be local luminary Tim Christie, who will show us parts of the West you never get to see.

If you live in or around Gordon and would just like to pop in and have a chat you will be made most welcome. Lunch and drinks will be at hotel prices.

Please advise if you able to join us.

Bernie Meehan

President

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The Bendigo National Swap Meet 15-16 November 2025

The HCCV has been invited to display as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations.



Motoring In Style

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Feel free to have a look and apply to join.

Contact Jacque: regalia.sales@humberclub.com.au you have any questions.



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Thanks very much, Judy Lewis / HCCV Membership

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I found a rock that's 1,760 yards long. It must be a milestone.

Being an adult is mostly wondering how you hurt your back this time.

Here's to the man who taught us all how to fix things



with duct tape, denial, and dad noises.

Midweek Invitation Run to Lane 88 Museum on 18 June 2025

Rod & Majella Burchill

Majella and I went on the midweek run to Lane 88, organised by the Daimler and Lanchester Club of Victoria for the British car clubs. We dove down to Wantirna in our 1961 Series 3 Super Snipe, when we arrived there were approximately 20 other cars already there. It was a varied group as usual with many clubs represented.

The site of Lane 88 is the old factory and distribution centre for Penrite Oils and is a small collection of cars owned by Penrite. They have some of the racing cars that they've sponsored, as well other classic cars. There were some Minis, Vintage Vauxhalls, a 1936 Mercedes-Benz roadster, 63 and 69 Aston Martins, Riley Kestrel, a few Holdens and a 240Z Datsun.



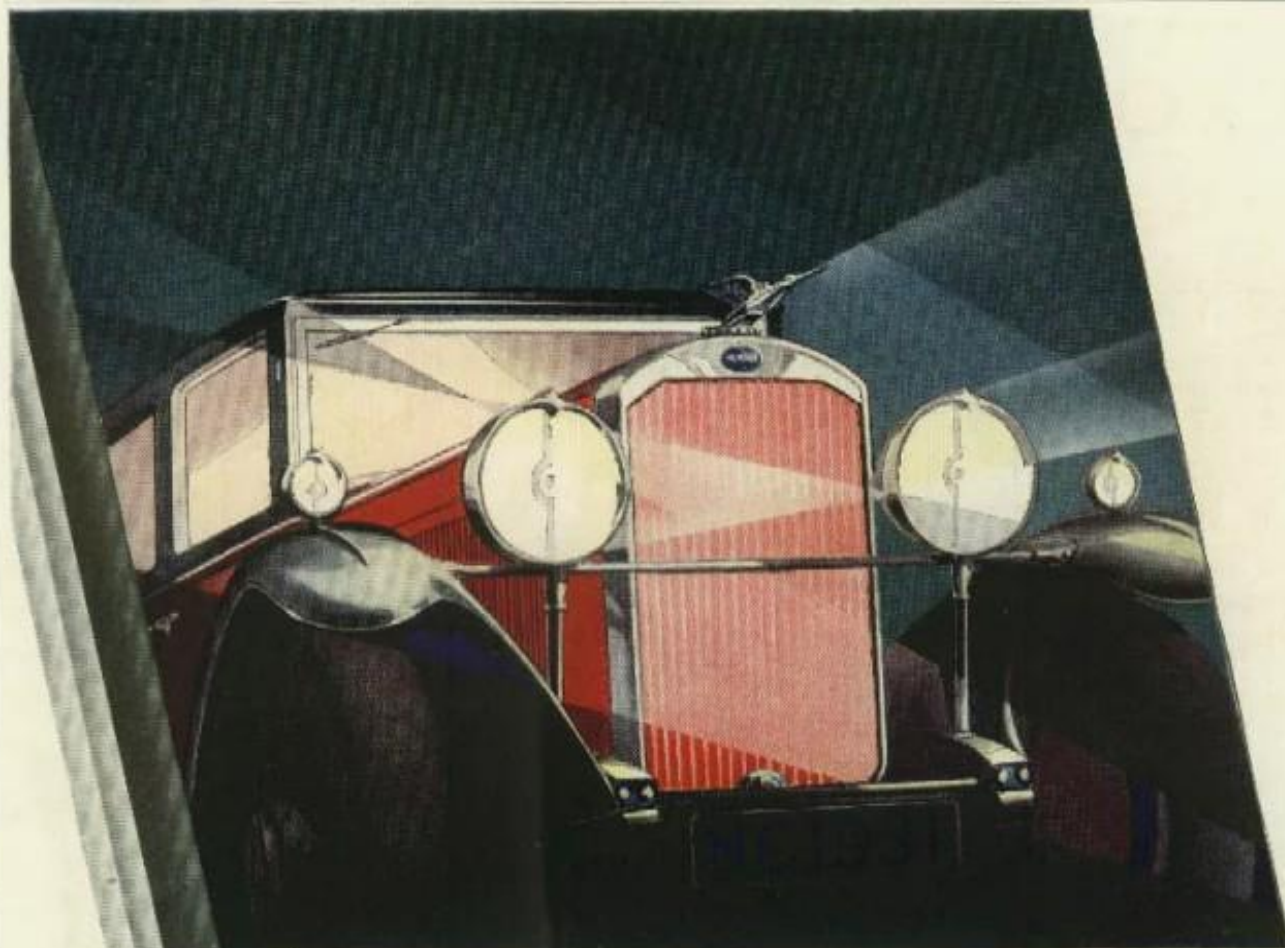
The rep from Penrite gave a good presentation on the Penrite Oil company as well as an informative explanation of the different types of oils and when to use them.

After the time at Lane 88 about half of the participants enjoyed a pleasant meal and get together at the Knox Club.

The next midweek run is to the Fox Collection at Docklands, we are looking forward to that one. If you can come along it would be great.



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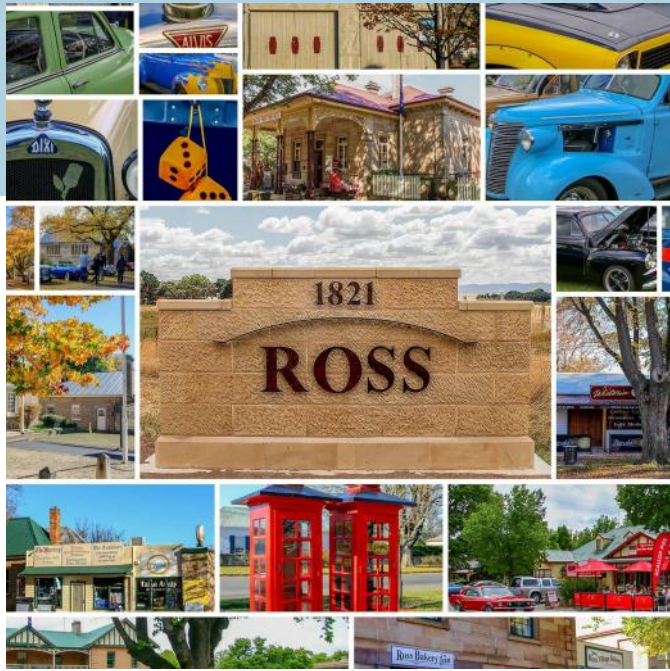
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Picnic at Ross - Tasmania 4 May 2025

Ken Watts



Each May sees the annual Picnic at Ross held in the main street and surrounds of the village of Ross down in the Tasmanian mid-lands.

Ross is about 80km south of Launceston just off the main highway to Hobart and the town is registered on the National Heritage Listing because of its sandstone bridge, buildings and convict history.

Beautiful autumn colours, historic buildings and classic cars, what could be better.

Just an autumn get together to get people out with their cars in the cooler weather and support the local businesses.



FJ Holden Ute



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P76



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Jensen Interceptor



Jowett Javelin



Austin A55

Ray's MM4 Ramblings



Hi,

Time to do some catch up maintenance on MM4 after the Grand Tour.

The coolant level was down about a quart so I topped it up and so far, have not been able to find any leaks. Unfortunately, the neck of the radiator is

standard Humber size and not compatible with any of the pressure testers that I have. I ran the car for a while with the cap off and could not detect any bubbles in the radiator, and I also couldn't smell any coolant in the exhaust so I don't think I have a head gasket problem. I will just have to keep an eye on it for a while

First on the list of things is fix the driver's door. As mentioned in the Rally Report last month, I had adjusted the driver's side door to reduce the ever-increasing rattle. Unfortunately, it became more and more difficult to open the door until eventually I could no longer open it from the inside, and had to wind down the window to open it from the outside.



Replace Quarter Vent Seal

As it turns out, the door needs to be nearly completely stripped out to get to the seal. Basically, everything except the door locking mechanism which I have to remove anyway to fix that issue. The whole process is quite tedious but quite straight forward providing you follow all

the steps as laid out in the obligatory workshop manual. Fortunately, I had replaced the seals many years ago so was a little bit familiar with the process. It still took me a couple of days with everything going smoothly and for a change everything went as it should. The new seals that I purchased from Roger Foote are a very good fit and seem to be better than the ones I purchased a long time ago.

Now onto the door locks

I have tried to adjust the door striker plate many times over the years to stop rattles and still be able to close the door easily. I have not had much luck. It either rattles if I set it at easy to close, or it is very hard to open and close if I set it to no rattles. There could be several issues contributing to this, some of which I can't do anything about. The car was in a major accident before I purchased it and something may be not quite lined up properly. I also had a friend of a friend replace the driver's side sill many years ago and the completed job was not very good. There is a major gap at the bottom of the door that wasn't there originally. Plus, when I had the car repainted quite a few years ago, all the seals were removed by the spray painter who mistakenly thought that replacements seals would be available over the counter.

Anyway, after having a good look through the workshop manual and having a good look at the lock mechanism, I have decided that the locking pinion wheel mechanism is almost completely worn out and needs replacing.

Plan A. I tried to remove a lock off an accident-damaged front door that I had stored outside and that hasn't been a very successful strategy so far. Humber in their wisdom have decided that the lock mechanism and the interior handle (Remote Control in Humber speak) for opening, closing and locking are attached by a rod that is connected at both ends by a rivetted arrangement. So, this means that both ends need to come out at the same time. Unfortunately for me, the pin that holds the handle in place on the spare door is well and truly rusted in and so far, I have not been able to remove it. Nothing else

for it but to cut the rod. The locking mechanism itself is not as worn is mine and could be used later.

Plan B. Remove the assembly from the Hearse driver's side door. This was a relatively easy exercise as that door has no glass or door trims or handles to create problems. I have checked it for wear and tear and I think it will be a suitable replacement for MM4. I will rebuild a good set to put back into the Hearse once I remove MM4's bits. Apart from the driver's door issue, all other door locks need looking at and servicing as well.

When I tried to fit the locking mechanism from the Hearse into MM4, it turns out that the connecting rod is different and it won't fit as easily as I had hoped. I now had to drill out a rivet from the locking mechanism and fabricate a new one. The first attempt was to cheat and just use a normal rivet, which sort of worked. I had a think about it overnight and decided it wasn't strong enough so pulled it out again and had another go. This time I used a cup headed bolt with a nyloc nut. Much stronger and all was good until I reassembled the door. As it turned out, the door glass hit the nyloc nut and the window would not close. Pulled everything out again and had another go. I built another rivet, flat head at one end and I shaped and burred other end. It is all sitting on my garage floor waiting for final assembly again.



Who knew?

According to the Workshop Manual

"Lubrication is essential to the continued trouble-free operation of the door locks. In extreme temperatures especially, condensation is liable to form on the mechanism in the doors, so that, once a year at least, the trim panel should be removed and the wearing surfaces of the lock and remote control units lubricated, with medium grade grease

Grease should not be used in the private lock. Instead, it is recommended that the lock barrel be lubricated occasionally with two or three drops of light machine oil..."

Oops, I might have missed this in my maintenance schedule over the last forty years or so. Mind you, I suspect the door trims would not have held up as well if they were removed every year for maintenance.

Next month for the rest of the door items: waterproof the door pocket; and replace door plastic.

Cheers

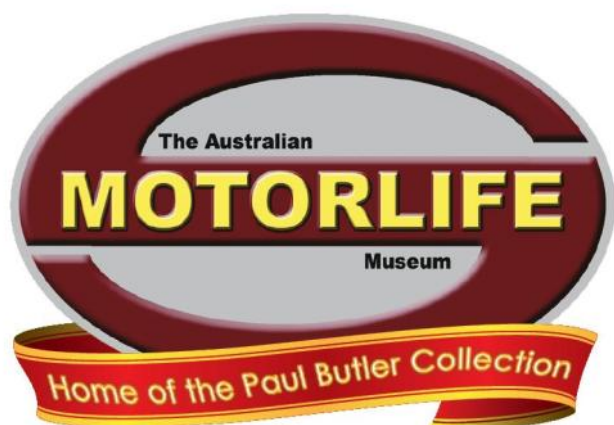


The charming town of Ariah Park, NSW.
The classic vintage bowsters are ornamental only.

Studies show that people with high IQs tend to be lazy. Or something like that. I didn't read the whole thing.

Post-Rally Report - Lotte & Ray Linden - 25 May 2025

Australian Motorlife Museum - Stream Hill NSW (near Wollongong NSW)



As many of you know, after Ray and I farewelled the Humber National Rally we kept driving in MM4 for another 3 weeks through NSW and Victoria, before we arrived home on 8 June 2025. All the stats were in last month's Humberette.

After we inadvertently set the Bathurst Panorama Race Circuit new world record for a 1955 Humber Super Snipe Mk IVB on Conrod Straight (and paid the penalty!), we headed off to Wollongong for a few days and from there visited the magnificent Motorlife Museum in Stream Hill.



Don Matthew with Ray, and the beautiful 1916 Humber



We were warmly welcomed by Marlene and Don Matthew, founders and Life Members of the museum. A chat and a cuppa with Marlene was followed by a couple of very informative hours with Don, who I swear knew every inch of the huge buildings and every item therein.

Their website has a video and comprehensive gallery, as well as lists of manuals and magazines for sale - please check it out:





*Post-Rally Report - Lotte & Ray Linden***Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club in Pambula NSW**

3 June 2025



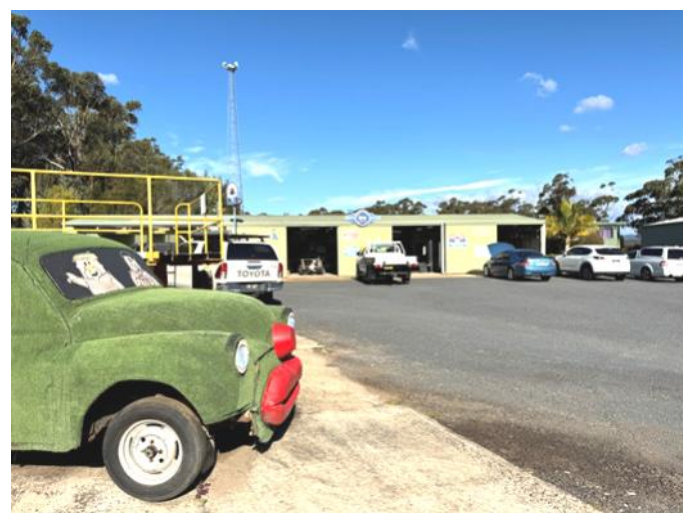
On our Grand Tour following the Humber National Rally, we spent a couple of nights in beautiful Merimbula on the NSW South Coast. We called in to the Tourist Information Centre and Ray had a lovely chat with the very helpful staff member, who told him about the historic car club located in Pambula. She also mentioned that it was only normally open on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings. Our luck was in - it was Tuesday and we were heading in that direction.

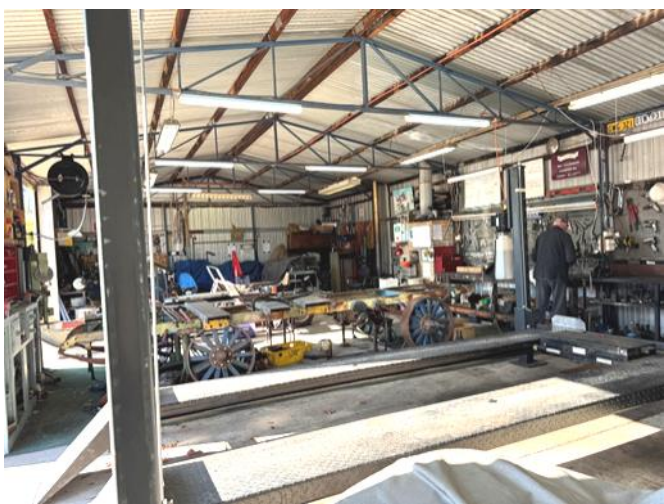
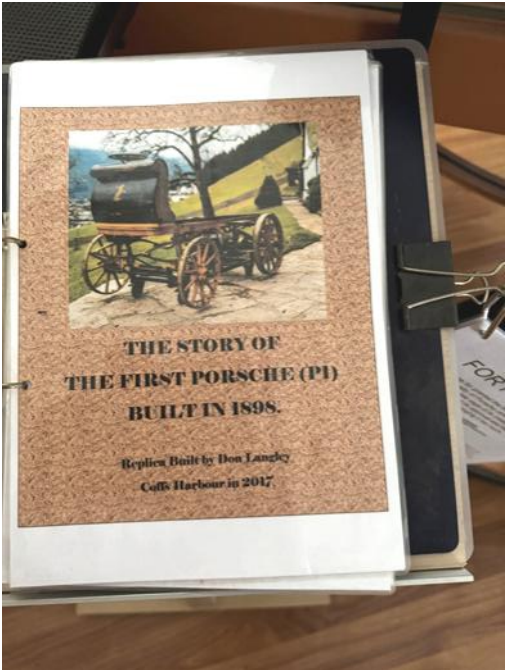
We found it in spite of Google Maps once again sending us to the wrong place and we arrived unannounced. Members came up to talk to us, and generously offered to show us around the club premises.

We were in awe of the facilities and enthusiasm of the members for their wonderful club.

Pambula a small country town with a population of around 1,000 and the home of a car club with around 300 members. 3 hectares of grounds with 2 massive display sheds where members can safely garage their special cars for a small annual fee. A fully equipped workshop where members can come to work on their cars, a mentoring workshop for student programs, a large meeting room with kitchen and attached mini-museum, and a tenanted caretaker's cottage onsite.

Please check out their website: <https://schvc.com.au/>





Dear Club Editor

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Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/zaifyb64>

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**If everything seems to be coming your way,
you're probably in the wrong lane.**



Swansea council contacted its in-house translation service when designing the bilingual sign.

The seeds of confusion were sown when officials received an automated email response in Welsh from an absent translator, saying:

"I am not in the office at the moment. Please send any work to be translated."

**I don't know who needs
to know this, but even if a
bear wears socks and shoes,
he still has bear feet.**



**As a kid, it made you feel so proud when
someone said, "You've gotten so big since
the last time I saw you!"
As an adult, not so much.**





Museum of Artifacts

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A metalworkers' assemblage from a grave at Bygland, Norway, 10th century CE. It contained a wide range of tools, from heavy sledgehammers, small chisels, and punches, to a long-handled iron pan for melting lead and tin resting on a soapstone mould for casting ingots



**By the time my father was my
age, he had around 30 cans
full of screws.
What have I been doing with
my life?**



The Humber Trading Post

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