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Our Cover

**Dave & Kathy Chapman with their 1962 Chrysler
Valiant, 2013 Chrysler 300C & 2012 300C**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All,

Winter is here and the cold months are ahead, so I hope you stay well and keep warm.

The Annual General Meeting is not far away, being held on **13th July**. I am hoping that you all give consideration to suggesting nominations for the roles of President, Secretary and Events Director, as the existing office bearers have decided to step down after being in the roles for a few years.

It would be great if some of our newer members would give consideration to putting their hand up for some of the positions. I know new people can bring lots of fresh ideas and suggestions that could benefit our club. The current & exiting committee members will give anyone a hand to assist new committee members in a smooth hand-over for these roles.

We have had a few coffee mornings which everyone enjoyed, but it was a great shame that the Berry Car Show was cancelled due to the weather. However, we did have a great BBQ at the Lake Conjola Holiday Haven Caravan Park. Over 40 members and partners were in attendance where all enjoyed a great day. My thanks to Club Member Brad MacDougall & his team for hosting this event & sharing the facilities of the Holiday Haven!

I would like to give a very warm welcome to our new members and I look forward to meeting you all and your cars at future events!!

That's all for now!
Cheers

Colin

President - MUVCCC



Holiday Haven Caravan Park Lake Conjola

Club BB2 - Winter Solstice 2025



Perfect weather, great cars & great people! A fantastic day at Lake Conjola Holiday Haven Caravan Park!



On 21 June, club member Brad MacDougall invited the MUVCCC to visit the Holiday Haven Caravan Park at Lake Conjola. Club members leapt at the chance with over 40 members getting together for a great time! Our host Brad was assisted by Ashleigh in cooking up the delicious sausage sandwiches, with plenty of onion!!

The cars looked stunning in the sun, with many looking like they were recently cleaned in preparation for the day. The venue is right beside Lake Conjola and it is the perfect location to sit and relax – just ask the kangaroos! It may have been the shortest day of the year, but with the sun shining, it took a little of the chill off the cool day. Of course, Alistair Bennie wore shorts...really??? Typical Scotsman, oblivious to the cold!

Our thanks to Brad McDougall and the team at Holiday Haven Caravan Park Lake Conjola for supporting the club and hosting this great event!



Roger's Monaro is impressive...

but this beautiful



Ford Fairmont provided some competition!!



Gary has no idea what Mike put in his sausage sandwich...



The path lined with club vehicles

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Club Cars looking fantastic



And – Like any good Scot, Alistair found "Free Parking"



The locals were unfussed by the presence of the MUVCCC

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Member Biography: A Valiant Life – The Story of the \$6 Million Dollar Builder!

Dave & Kathy Chapman talk about life and their love of the Chrysler brand.



Like all of us, Dave & Kathy Chapman have faced some challenges in life, but their bond formed over the last 23 years has only strengthened.

Our story starts way back in the late 1950s, when Dave faced some health challenges at a very young age. In the ensuing years, it seemed fate had a few things in store for our intrepid Chrysler aficionado!



At the age of just 2, Dave was suffering from pneumonia. His Dad took him to the hospital in the work panel van. Whilst his dad was inside speaking with hospital staff, the police observed the panel van parked in the Emergency area and had the vehicle towed, unaware that a very sick 2-year-old Dave was in the car! He spent 2 weeks in Camperdown hospital recovering from the illness. However, the event caused quite a stir including an article in the paper!

After recovering, Dave returned home and grew up on a 6-acre property in Plumpton, attending Plumpton Primary and Rooty Hill High, leaving school in 1972 to undertake a trade as a Carpenter & Joiner at Eric Coles Industries. After 4 years, Dave was let go. He couldn't understand it? He didn't take sickies and he did a lot of extra work, whilst the other apprentices were not as committed. The boss explained, "Dave, you're the one who I know will make it & be ok. I'm not so sure about the others." Whilst Dave was understandably annoyed, he later understood what the boss meant.



shop. He was going well and implemented improvements with his design ideas (that others took credit for!) but they found out Dave had not finished his apprenticeship! When asked why he didn't tell them, Dave responded with the observation "well, you didn't ask!". They then employed a Polish chap who insisted that Dave be retained.

There are a few hazards as a carpenter, particularly the ability to retain all one's fingers. Fortunately, Dave avoided this risk and has all 10 digits in place, but he shared some stores where some of his work colleagues were not so fortunate. Back in 1976, Dave saw his Yugoslav work mate Joe, sustain a hand injury. Immediately Dave went to assist, using his shirt to protect the wound as Joe was taken to hospital. In 2003, Dave saw a familiar face at the local pool "hanging doors." Dave went up and asked "Is your name Joe?" and sure enough - it was the same "Joe". He showed Dave his injuries and then apologised for not returning Dave's shirt!

After 1977, Dave had completed his apprenticeship, got his builders licence and started doing contract work for a variety of home building companies. He also completed extensions and other building jobs. Eventually he was doing more extensions than sub-contracting to the project building companies. Dave continued his work in the building trade whilst also getting married. Houses he bought were renovated and improved.

Dave is a keen bird breeder, a hobby that started at the age of 7. He learnt that he could make money and this enabled him to save up money for a saddle. Dave continues to breed birds (mainly Budgies and NZ Parakeets) and has an extensive aviary at his home.



Dave has always enjoyed swimming and he swims as often as possible. When he was a teenager, he used to go all the way to Umina (from Plumpton!) to do lifesaving duties. He often competed at state level against swimmers who went on to represent Australia at

the Olympics. During the 1990s, Dave started competing in "Masters Competitions" with great success, including the "Bridge to Bridge" race on the Nepean River and achieving 2nd place at national level in swimming events.

Of course, Dave also developed a great interest in cars. His first car was an EH Holden. He purchased this car from a friend of his dad. The chap said "you give me a hand to rub it down and I'll get it resprayed". So Dave spent his weekends for a couple of months rubbing down the EH and the chap sold him the car for \$700. Dave put on some mags and fettled the engine. However, having held his licence for just 6 weeks, he had the frightening

Dave then got a job with the water board on the road gang, which he did not enjoy, but saw a chance to get a job in the carpenters'

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experience of a “head-on” collision with a drunk driver, writing off his EH.

Fortunately, Dave was relatively unscathed. He purchased the wreck from the insurance company and had it repaired, but it was never the same car.

His parents had a Valiant, which Dave liked very much. Unfortunately, his mum had an accident in that car and it was a “write off” – but the seed was planted for “Chrysler Desire.”

During the 90s Dave restored an FJ Holden. He was getting ready to register it, but when he got home from work, his previous wife informed him that the FJ had been sold for \$2000. Dave thought this was a joke and gave it no further thought until the next morning a chap turned up at 6am with a trailer to take the car. Interestingly, Dave never did see the money.

With his success in building, Dave was able to purchase a Pontiac Trans Am. He particularly liked the Trans Am, however, he said it was a magnet for trouble. That was finally resolved when, one night he took it to the pictures. Upon returning to the car park, the beloved Trans Am was gone...never to be seen again.



In April 2000, disaster struck! Dave was on a building site when a beam gave way. During the fall, Dave struck his head on a part of the building and suffered major head injuries, along with many other injuries. He was flown to Westmead Hospital where the medical team treated an extensive range of injuries, which included head injuries, both shoulders, vertebrae, left arm and his aorta! In total, Dave sustained about 50 fractures! In addition, a hole was drilled into his skull to reduce pressure from the head injury. Dave was in a coma for 6 weeks and in Westmead for 14 weeks. Dave says that as a result of the injuries he lost about 3 years of his life as he slowly recovered from this terrible accident.



It was within a couple of years of this accident, Kathy met Dave. Kathy grew up in the Richmond area and left school at 15, after completing 3rd form to commence working in the retail industry in

a variety of roles including a grocery store, Franklins, fish & chips shops, a petrol station and also a boot maker in Windsor. She never went away on holidays, enjoying home and family life, staying close to her mum. She did get married, but unfortunately, this was a decision that Kathy knew was wrong for her.

In about 2002, Kathy and a friend were at the local club. In walks a “now single” Dave...with a broken arm (yet another fall – Dave was still suffering after effects from his bad accident!) He asked if he could sit down at the table and during their conversation, Dave learned that he did not live far away from Kathy.

2 days later, Kathy's son called out “Mum - There's a strange man mowing our lawn!” Kathy walked out the front door and sure enough, there was Dave..arm in sling and mowing the lawn.

Dave's commitment to Kathy was evident. When he was working on his home renovation, he was hoping Kathy would move in. The response was “Not without a nice bathroom!” Unsurprisingly, the bathroom was finished in record time...2 weeks!

In 2005, the couple tied the knot and Kathy had her first overseas holiday. The couple had their honeymoon in the USA with many fond memories, including a visit to Paramount Pictures.



In year 2000, the Chrysler PT Cruiser was released. The car was on display at the Sydney Motor Show and caught Dave's eye. His research found that the design inspiration for the PT Cruiser was a 1937 Dodge.

In 2002, he visited a dealership in Parramatta and they invited Dave to take it for a test drive. When he explained that he lived in the outer western suburbs, they said “Take it overnight!” So, Dave took it for a drive and fell in love with the Cruiser... “Chrysler Desire” had returned! Over the next few years, Dave joined the PT Cruiser Car Club and has had 7 (yes...seven!) PT Cruisers including a limited edition model with “flames” on the side (anyone familiar with one of Dave's Valiants now knows the inspiration for the paint scheme!). Dave & Kathy also used the PT Cruiser as their wedding cars. Kathy shares the love and was really taken by an automatic Cruiser they had for a while.



Dave appreciates the design of the PT Cruiser but also discovered some of its many practical features, including a power outlet and the back seat that could be converted into a picnic table. In addition, if the rear seat was removed it could be folded up like a suitcase and rolled on casters. How many cars have that feature?

Initially, the PT Cruiser had a 2 litre engine, but in later years an option for a 2.4 Litre became available. They also introduced a convertible, which Dave just had to have!

In 2003, Dave entered a lottery for a holiday. He got 2nd prize, which allowed them to stay at any hotel in Australia for 5 days for free! So with all the options available, Dave chose the South Coast at the Archers Resort Nowra. The “resort” was not quite what he & Kathy had expected, but it did start an interest in the NSW South Coast. So in 2003, Dave & Kathy made the move to the area, initially living in Basin View. A few acres became available in Tomerong which the couple purchased and Dave commenced building a new home on Australia Day 2014. He promised Kathy it would be finished in 6 months.

Initially Dave started on a “Shed” which became the garage, but it did include living quarters. During construction, Kathy suggested to Dave he should wait for help with some of the tasks, which he considered carefully...and subsequently ignored! Unfortunately Dave had another fall from height (the mezzanine) which saw him back in hospital. He also had a fall from a ladder that resulted in a dislocated shoulder.

However, despite Dave’s misadventures, the couple moved into the main home on the 4 July 2014, just as Dave had promised Kathy. It was bitterly cold and the fireplace remained alight for many weeks.

Before leaving the Penrith Area, Dave had taken up roles in the public swimming pools in the western suburbs. His background enabled him to find jobs at both Sussex Inlet and Bomaderry. At Bomaderry, he observed that the pool was “out of level” impacting water drainage and undertook the work to get it fixed. Dave also worked with Shoalhaven Council. He was working at the Ulladulla Leisure Centre when the clock had been blown off. Dave was happy to fix it. He sought confirmation from the electrician that the power had been shut off and then commenced his work...only to have another accident with an electric shock! (It seems the site electrician was not big on detail) After sharing this, Kathy did suggest Dave was a bit “accident prone”. I think she may be onto something there!

About 4 years ago, Dave got his Chrysler itch back again. His fond memories of the Valiant led him finding one for himself.

In 2021, he saw a burgundy Valiant up for auction in WA and did his bidding by phone. With a successful purchase, the cost of shipping the vehicle to Tomerong was \$2000. On delivery Dave found the seller had kindly provided a diagram for the gear shift. The seller also reported a couple of mechanical issues relating to rear wheels rubbing and clutch pedal sticking to the firewall (known to Dave at time of purchase). Dave was able to resolve these with little expense. In fact, the cause of the rear wheel rubbing was due to rear axle shackle brackets being installed upside down!

Then another Valiant attracted his attention. He saw the vehicle for sale online, but no takers. The price dropped and it still remained unsold. It then disappeared from the website. Dave presumed it was sold, but...it reappeared and so Dave made the call. After some hard negotiation, the seller agreed to Dave’s price and the deal was done. When he got the vehicle, it needed some work so after spending \$14,000 buying the Valiant, another \$14,000 was spent to make it his own. It had a few modifications including bucket seats, but he decided on a special colour scheme



which evoked the memory of his PT Cruiser. Dave prepared the Valiant, but the actual respray was completed by a professional. It certainly makes the Valiant readily identifiable!

The yellow & purple Valiant is always a scene stealer and has appeared on the cover of the Valiant Car Club Magazine “The Forward Look”.



Now that Dave had 2 Valiants, one might think that the “Chrysler Desire” was satisfied...but Dave really needed a “daily drive”.

3 years ago, he found just the vehicle. He and Kathy travelled to Melbourne. The car that took his interest was being sold by a deceased estate. The car in question was a 2012 Chrysler 300C with just 29,000km and it was **immaculate**. Dave & Kathy did the deal and drove their new found love back to Tomerong, appreciating both the comfort and quality of the big 300C.

Whilst the couple are very fond of both the older Valiants, the 300C quickly became “The Favourite Child”. Looking magnificent in black, with a 3.6 Litre Pentastar V6 it was good for 218kw mated to a 8 speed auto transmission. The car really looked the part and was a car they both enjoyed immensely.

At one point, Dave had new tyres fitted to it. Later on, he went to rotate the tyres but found one wheel would not budge. Upon attending the tyre fitter, they too tried to remove the “stuck wheel” for over 2-hours...without success. Off to a specialist mechanic. 4 hours later, the hub was drilled out and it was found that when the new tyres were fitted the thread had been stripped. This was the only issue the couple had with the 300C...and it was not even the car’s fault!

Our cover photo really showed what an impressive vehicle it was. Sadly, just prior to our interview for this article, disaster struck! Whilst travelling on Bolong Rd in Bomaderry, some heavy rubber matting flew off the back of a truck passing in the opposite

direction. Dave barely had time to react when the matting struck the vehicle, hitting the windscreen and damaging several panels. Whilst Kathy was safe, our "accident prone" hero was left spitting chips of windscreen, whilst his hands were covered in scratches. Another car came to assist, but the unknown truck continued, oblivious to the accident that had just occurred. Fortunately, they were travelling at just 60kph. Had this occurred at highway speed, the situation may have been much worse.



The police attended and asked Dave what the number plate of the truck was. Dave provided a laconic response noting how suddenly the incident took place. The couple were heartbroken when the vehicle was assessed as a "write off", however Dave & Kathy loved the 300C so much, they immediately started the search for a replacement and found a 2013 model that had a few more features. The burgundy colour also appealed to them both. The previous owner chose black trims, but Dave is determined to reinstate the chrome work and make the new 300C their own.



Kathy shared that, whilst she does not have a strong interest in cars, she enjoys the cars that Dave has purchased. What she really enjoys is the camaraderie within the club and the activities the club undertakes. Dave's love of Chrysler is undiminished. He has not purchased a Chrysler Charger yet, but if the right opportunity comes along, you never know. After more than 20 years of marriage, perhaps Kathy can protect Dave from any further unfortunate accidents as they have already spent \$6 Million repairing him!

My thanks to Kathy & Dave Chapman for sharing their story, their hospitality & keeping me warm!! – DJ

Friendly Reminder – Don't Forget to renew your membership. It was due on 30th June!

Dear Members, if you haven't renewed your membership, it is **now overdue** for 2025/2026. So, help out our treasurer Vicki and renew today! Membership fees remain unchanged from last year and are as follows:-

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Remember, if your vehicle is on historic/classic plates, it is a requirement that you are a financial member of an approved car club, so you need to complete your renewal & payment by 30/6/2025 to ensure your vehicle meets registration requirements.

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Club Event: Wheel Nuts – May 2025

What a brilliant autumn day we had for the May Edition of Wheel Nuts. Over 40 members were in attendance, together with some visiting cars with members of the public enjoying a perfect day to look at the vehicles on display.

Wayne Fry was keen to get his magazine, as he tracked me down on arrival (and thanks for helping carry the box!) Dave & Kathy Chapman took home a treat as seen in the photo! A great day had by all!



The "Marilyn Monroe" of the Club. The T-Bird attracts stares & looks great from any angle!



Greg's 1936 Ford 2 Door Coupe always looks magnificent!



Happy Chaps Day!!!



This visiting Holden Panel Van was brilliant. A deep burgundy paint job just glistened in the sun



Dave & Kathy have dinner sorted – amazing what you can get at Wheel Nuts!!



*Darren & Neil
Sorry - No fish for you!*



Ian Glenn beside his Cadillac Fleetwood alongside Ian Robinson's VK Commodore



Mervyn always ready for a photo, and don't worry...Rob's cap says "Make Corvette Great Again!"



Andrew stands proudly alongside their perfect Datsun 180B



Rob brought out his 1989 Chev Corvette

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Club Event: Wheel Nuts – June 2025

It may have been the first day of Winter, but a stunning day greeted members & visitors. 45 members attended and enhanced their suntan, whilst giving their vehicles a well-deserved trip to the harbour. We saw some very familiar vehicles and a few surprises, including Colin Spicer's beautifully restored MGA, along with Mike's Ford Taurus!! (Well...It's getting close to being historic). A great day was had by all.



It may be winter, but Geoff's Manx was ideal – now with "go fast" stripes!



Stuart, the VW Country Buggy and 2 back up vehicles – Always prepared!



The Bull & Pony Show! Mike's "soon to be" historic Taurus, alongside Darren's 'Stang



Absolutely stunning...as was Colin's MGA, as it made its debut!



Julie just spotted a fly doing the backstroke in her coffee!



The interior is a work of art



The perfect day brought out both members and cars!

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Barn Find! Colin & Dawn Spicer restore a classic – a 1959 MGA!!

Words & photos: Colin & Dawn Spicer

About 3 years ago Dawn & I purchased a 1959 MGA Roadster from a lady in west Nowra. The car had been parked in a barn for some 35 years!! As usual, most of the parts were in boxes and...a lot were missing. So this is following the standard procedure for partially restored cars. However, after we dug around in a few more cupboards, we did find a few more parts!



Ther MGA arrives at her new home

We brought the MGA home on a trailer, along with the box of miscellaneous parts. It was going to be quite an interesting restoration project.

The restoration started immediately and over the next 3 years work progressed. Luckily there was no rust, although every panel on the MGA was a different colour. However, what was missing was the entire plywood floor, which had rotted and needed to be replaced.

We sourced some of the parts at the World's Biggest Car Boot Sale at the Beaulieu National Car Museum (<https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/>) in the United Kingdom



Respray completed and she's coming together

whilst on a holiday over there. We also found parts from a lot of MGA repairers as well.

Work progressed and the MGA was coming together nicely. We gave

some thought to the colour and decided on a colour called "Ice Blue" with a tan interior. We think it came up lovely.



Interior Trim completed

Next, we had to see if the engine would kick over after 35 years. We had help from fellow club members, Gary Whitwell on the electrical side, whilst his brother, Brenton Whitwell worked on the engine. They both did brilliant work! The car went really well on its initial test run and

made its first official outing to June's Wheel Nuts at Ulladulla Harbour.

We hope to show it off at a few more club events, so long as it is dry weather. A roof is next on the list of parts to complete the restoration so we can do wet weather events as well!



The MGA on her test flight

When Colin was asked "what makes the MGA special?" He gave some thought and replied "It is because we did the restoration mostly by ourselves. We both think the MGA is a beautiful car." Those who see the MGA will surely agree!



Colin presents the MGA at Wheel Nuts

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Club Event: Cuddy's Café Cudmirrah

On the 21st May, 14 intrepid members braved the weather and potholes to enjoy a nice coffee at the Cuddy Café. Many enjoyed a toasted sandwich to help keep warm. It was great to see Dave & Kathy Chapman in attendance. Their immaculate Chrysler 300c was recently hit by an unsecured mat from a truck. The impact to the 300C was severe and sadly the vehicle is a "write-off". To the relief of all, Dave & Kathy are safe and well. A scary moment, so perhaps something stronger than coffee may have been required



It appears a Registrar's work is never done!



"Damn!" says Dave – that infernal photographer is back!

Marric... the quickest mobile in the west!

**Club Event: Clyde River Cruise**

On the 11 June, 13 members enjoyed a leisurely trip down the Clyde River to Nelligen. On the way we had a delicious meal of fish & chips. When we arrived a Nelligen, Ice Cream was the choice of many (in winter?) but it was a perfect day and a great way to "de-stress" (I really should have taken this cruise when I was working.)



Ken & Jenny are all smiles



This little cruise is very relaxing



It's OK Joe... I'm pretty sure it won't sink



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Member News

On 14 May 2025, the Club held its General Meeting at the Ulladulla Ex Servos Club, with 17 members in attendance. We had hoped for more!

Don't forget, the **Annual General Meeting** will be held at: **Holiday Haven Caravan Park – Lake Tabourie From 10.00am – 13 July 2025**

This meeting is combined with our "Christmas in July" BBQ event. In addition, we will also raise money for the Cancer Council. *Note: BYO drinks & a plate for morning tea.*

New Members

The MUVCCC is pleased to welcome new members to the club:

Malcolm & Roslyn McDonald

We hope you enjoy the camaraderie and become a regular participant at club events. *It's all about "Having Fun!!"*

Thoughts for members who are unwell

Tim Kay

Our thoughts are with Tim & Margo Kay. Tim is dealing with a challenging health matter, but he has assured us that he & Margo will be back at events soon. Margo is right beside Tim with her love, support & care. Take care Tim & Margo, you remain in our thoughts. We miss you both, together with your little Renault & big Corvette at club events.

Vale: Roz Wilson

Sadly, Bob Wilson's wife, Roz passed away in June. I had the opportunity to meet Roz earlier this year during our story for Bob's Railton. A highly intelligent and pragmatic lady, she accepted her situation with bravery and made sure she got to the USA to visit friends a final time. Our thoughts & prayers are with Bob, his daughter Susan and all the family at this very sad time.

If you know members who may be unwell, please reach out to our Welfare Officer, Viv Burns so the club can provide some support. Her contact details are on Page 3.

Registrar Update

Our Registrar, Joe Bowdler has advised that the MUVCCC has **239 vehicles & 202 members as at June 2025.**

*Don't forget, members should also ensure the appropriate **Certificate of Approved Operations** is with the vehicle (or a copy) at all times. We have been advised that many vehicles are being checked by police and they will immediately look for this document.*

Opportunity Knocks!!

Be a part of the Club Committee!

Our Club President, Colin Spicer, Club Secretary, Jane McLennan and Events Director, Geoff Phillips have all been providing amazing support to our Club and the activities we undertake. However, they have said it is time for some new ideas to be introduced to the Committee and they will not be standing for their respective positions at the Annual General Meeting in July 2025.

So...Opportunity Knocks!!

These are all volunteer roles and do not take up too much time. For those who assume these roles, it provides a great way to really get to know our club members, whilst supporting & guiding club activities.

If you are interested in joining the MUVCCC Committee, contact any member of the Committee who will assist you in understanding the role. The only requirements are that you are interested in supporting **our Club**, to deliver on the club motto of "Let's Have Fun" ... and the technical requirement of using email!

Importantly, successful nominees will also spend time with the current Office Bearers, who will provide a "handover" and support, as will all existing Committee Members. **So be a part of the team, nominate for a role and support the success of the MUVCCC!!!**

Lastly a very big thank you to Colin, Jane and Geoff together with their partners, Dawn, Alan and Bev who have provided tremendous support to the Club over the last few years!!

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Roving Reporter – Geoff Phillips

Our intrepid Roving Reporter, Geoff Phillips spotted this Dodge when he & Bev travelled to Victoria.



Geoff said: "You never know what you might come across in your travels – such as a 1925 Dodge!!" Of course, they also took the opportunity to go for a ride in this wonderful vehicle.

Ross Bell makes a move!!



Ross Bell is a long-term member and well known to all for his kindness and friendly smile. However, the time has come to move to a new home, so, unfortunately, we won't see Ross as often.

Ross - Good luck & keep well!!! We will all miss you very much, but we also hope to see you at some events in the future!!

If you have a story or photos you would like to share (or any other feedback) please write to me at:

editor@muvccc.org.au - Thanks *DF*

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Upcoming Events

Please consider our event organisers. If you wish to attend an event, please advise the Events Director of your participation as soon as possible, so as we can cater for all attendees - Thank You

Month	Event
July	
Sunday 6 th 10am – 12noon	Wheel Nuts, Ulladulla Harbour - Meet 10am
Sunday 13 th	Christmas in July and 2025 AGM - Holiday Haven Lake Tabourie Lunch provided by MUVCCC – BYO Drinks – Donation Cancer Council VEHICLE REGISTRATION – The Registrar will be available on this day
Wednesday 23 rd 9am -Depart Milton	Coffee Run Berry – Venue TBA Leaving Milton 9am opposite BP Garage
August	
Sunday – 3 rd 10am – 12 noon	Wheel Nuts, Ulladulla Harbour - Meet 10am - 12noon
Saturday – 9 th	Car show at the Bawley Vale Winery
Wednesday – 13 th Meet at 10am	Coffee Run Milton – Pilgrams Café
Sunday 31 st Time TBA	Barefoot Bowls Lake Conjola Bowling Club – Cost TBA Dinner at the club after bowls VEHICLE REGISTRATION – The Registrar will be available Bare Foot Bowls
September	
Wednesday 3 rd , Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th	TRIP AWAY – The Cootamundra Tour – Details Coming Soon
Sunday 7 th 10am with Lunch @12 noon	Wheel Nuts and Father's Day Brunch - MUVCCC will provide Brunch – BYO chairs, plates and cutlery Ulladulla Harbour - Meet 10am
Wednesday 10 th 10.30am	General Meeting – Ex-Servos Cub Ulladulla – 10.30am
Wednesday 24 th 9.30am	Coffee Run Tomerong – David and Kathy Chapman – Bring a plate to share Leaving Milton 9.30am

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