

# Southern Border Torque



## Mount Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club The Club for Collectable Classic Vehicle Enthusiasts

September 2025 Edition



Cutting the cake for the 60th Anniversary  
Doug Hill and John C Hill

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*The Official newsletter of the  
Mount Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc.*  
**CELEBRATING OVER FIFTY YEARS OF CLUB FELLOWSHIP**  
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#### Newsletter

Articles for the following months newsletter are required no later than the 12th of every month.

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to

editor.vvcc@outlook.com

All contributions will be acknowledged.

## **The Mount Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club is a member of the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc**

### **Disclaimer:**

Any opinion expressed in articles or features published in this edition of the 'Southern Border Torque' are solely the views and opinions' of the contributors and are not necessarily the views or the opinions of the Editor, Club Officers or Members of the Mount Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club who cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of materials supplied in this edition.

- The Club caters for people who have an interest and appreciation in the preservation or restoration of motor vehicles from Veterans through to only 15 years old.
- Club Meetings are held on the last Friday of each month at 7.30 pm at the clubrooms (except December or other rare occasions when the change will be advised in the newsletter). Committee Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm.
- Visitors and prospective new Members are always welcome at Meetings and Club Events.
- The Club Membership year is from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- The Annual General Meeting is held on the last Friday in August.
- Vehicle Registration through the South Australian Government's Historic Registration System is available to Financial Members of the Club who have an eligible vehicle. See one of our H.V.R. Authorized Persons, John Hill or Andrew Cameron.
- To order name badges or purchase club car badges contact the Treasurer.
- The Editor welcomes events and restoration articles and photos from members for inclusion in the Southern Border Torque. Contact the Editor by phone or email.
- A wide variety of events are organized throughout the year to encourage the regular use of member's vehicles and to promote friendships among people with similar interests.

### **Life Members:**

1968 Reg Bourke, 1980 Qwen Quill, Bob & Moreen Lawson, 1993 Ted & Maisie Spencer, 1995 Evan & Jan Jones, 1999 Doug & Vivienne Hill, 2006 John & Dinah Hill, Ron & Andrea Disher, 2009 Colin & Mavis Thompson, Dennis & Sue Bald, Murray & Kaye Langford, 2015 Ray Randall, 2018 Brian Short, 2022 Morry & Margrit Mashado, 2024-Stephen & Sherrie Scotland, Jim & Sandra Simpson, 2025 Haydn & Jennifer McPherson.

### **Membership Subs**

Subscriptions remain at \$75 with the new members joining fee \$20

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## **Presidents Report**

Hello once again, I hope you are all going okay and that you have been able to enjoy your many vehicles . We had quite a good rollup for the 60th Year celebration and it was great to hear Doug Hill give us a run down of his recollections of the early years of the club so thanks Doug, it was also really pleasing to see Chris Whittall come down from Murray Bridge for the memorable occasion thanks Chris, and also thanks for all who attended to make it a great day. Thanks to all the office bearers from the last club year we appreciate your efforts to keep the wheels turning for all our enjoyment. There is a lot of effort put in by a few people which helps us to enjoy both the club rooms and their surrounds and the use of our historic vehicles so a very special thanks to all who have helped us to have a great year.

Don't forget to get your entry in real soon for our Spring time tour, Colin has been busy organising quite an interesting event so even if you haven't joined us yet for one of our great runs why not give it a go and enter the tour this year I'm sure you will really enjoy and your vehicle would also benefit from the occasion. The Thursday coffee mornings are a great time to catch up and have yarn, we don't seem to be very good at fixing the worlds problems but I don't think anyone else is doing any better so come along and enjoy the company and coffee.

Welcome to the new committee, I hope that you enjoy the coming twelve months and get some satisfaction and enjoyment from your endeavours.

Well that's it for now so travel safe and often bye for now.

J C Hill.



## **MOUNT GAMBIER VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.**

### **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD Friday August 30th 2025.**

**MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.30pm by John Hill**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Stephen & Sherrie Scotland, Garry Klingberg, D McInnes, B Clayson, Alan Whitehead, Clem & Deb Hutchesson, John Ashby, Allan Hansford, Helen Dalamerio, Vivienne Hill, Doug Hill, Margrett English, Haydn McPherson, David Carlyle, Peter Taylour, John Hill, Daisy Samiano, Graeme Jacobs, Eamonn Howley, Chris Whittall, Tony Jones, Gerlinde Jones, Nick DeBeen, Jim & Sandra Simpson, John & Rosie Deer, John Sturges.

**APOLOGIES:** Sonya & Graham Hosking, Colin & Mavis Thompson, Tim Cord-Udy, Ian Lewis, Kevin Hadnum, Margrit Mashado, Murray & Kaye Langford, Derick Friswell, Brian & Catherine Dolan, Colin & Glenys MacDonald, Peter Hoppood, Andrew Cruickshanks, John & Dee Hill, Bruce Auld.

**WELCOME TO MEMBERS:**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Nil

**VISITORS:** Nil

#### **CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR July 2025.**

Moved Alan Whitehead, seconded John Sturges, that minutes of the July meeting be accepted. Carried.

#### **BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Nil

#### **FEDERATION HISTORIC MOTOR CLUB NEWS:**

Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> August Meeting

New constitution – A7615.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Quote from AH Trophies for Spring Time Tour badge.

Acknowledgement of Sponsorship request from Bendigo Bank – Spring Time Tour

Acknowledgement of sponsorship from Kimberly Clark – Spring Time Tour

City of Mt Gambier – notice to attend Site Induction at Railway Lands. Request to also submit Spring Time Tour details on SA Tourism web site (compulsory!!).

Various tour entries & some advising they are not available this year.

ATO – reminder to complete Not For Profit Assessment

Revenue SA – Emergency Services levy.

Request for Tour info from Bellarine Events Coordinator – Sue Moger

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

City of Mt Gambier – Grants & Sponsorship application form

Letter to potential new member – 1965 Jaguar MkII 'S'

Email to Shannon's advising dates & details of Spring Time Tour.

Email to previous Spring Time Tour entrants advising dates & details.

Order to AH Trophies for SpringTime Tour badges

#### **OTHER CLUB MAGAZINES:**

#### **INVITATIONAL EVENTS:**

4<sup>th</sup> Oct Trident Show & Shine at Hastings Cunningham Reserve from 9am.

21<sup>st</sup> Sept Lincoln Land Pomonal – open to the public as a fund raiser for MND

**Correspondence Moved** Stephen Scotland, seconded Alan Hansford, that the correspondence be accepted as read.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Financial Report.** Haydn McPherson thanked Margrit Mashado for stepping in to the role whilst he was away. Haydn presented a detailed report of the July's club finances.

#### **Accounts:**

The following accounts presented for approval McEachern & Associates, Alan Whitehead, SE Fire Extinguishers, BGS Revenue SA, Morry Mashado, Jim Simpson, Exchange Printers.

**Treasurers Report Moved** Haydn McPherson, seconded Alan Whitehead, that the treasurers report for July 2025 be accepted, and accounts passed for payment.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD Friday August 30th 2025 Contd.

**Club Events:** Morry Mashado.

**Every Thursday 10 to 12pm** Coffee mornings at the clubrooms. Still extremely popular.

**31<sup>st</sup> Aug** – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Run

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept** Possible Glencoe or Casterton Run.

**26<sup>th</sup> Oct** Gorae West for Cricket Match.

### **SPRINGTIME TOUR:**

Tour dates set at Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Saturday 11<sup>t</sup>, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **BUILDING WORKS:**

### **GENERAL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Annual General Meeting next month 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7:45 pm.**

### **WINNER OF MONTHLY SPONSORS DRAWER**

Cocky's Award \$50.00 voucher. Doug Hill

Western Tavern \$30.00 meal voucher. Eamonn Howley

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Nil.

**NEXT MEETING GENERAL MEETING, Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.**



Haydn and Jennifer McPherson receiving their Life Membership Badges



Graeme Jacobs, Andrew and Trish Cameron receiving their 25 year badge



## **MOUNT GAMBIER VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD Friday August 30th 2025.**

#### **THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7:50 PM**

##### **WELCOME**

*John Hill opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 2025 August Annual General Meeting.*

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** *Stephen & Sherrie Scotland, Garry Klingberg, D McInnes, B Clayson, Alan Whitehead, Clem & Deb Hutchesson, John Ashby, Allan Hansford, Helen Dalamerio, Vivienne Hill, Doug Hill, Margrett English, Haydn McPherson, David Carlyle, Peter Taylour, John Hill, Daisy Samiano, Graeme Jacobs, Eamonn Howley, Chris Whittall, Tony Jones, Gerlinde Jones, Nick DeBeen, Jim & Sandra Simpson, John & Rosie Deer, John Sturges.*

**APOLOGIES:** *Sonya & Graham Hosking, Colin & Mavis Thompson, Tim Cord-Udy, Ian Lewis, Kevin Hadnum, Margrit Mashado, Murray & Kaye Langford, Derick Friswell, Brian & Catherine Dolan, Colin & Glenys MacDonald, Peter Hopgood, Andrew Cruickshanks, John & Dee Hill, Bruce Auld.*

##### **VISITORS:**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

*Copy of these minutes were made available in this month's SBT*

*Moved Morry Mashado Seconded Alan Hansford that the Minutes be accepted, all in favour. CARRIED*

##### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

*FHMCSA – notice to advise of new committee members*

*FHMCSA – request to advise on number of Conditional vehicles & categories listed on our books.*

##### **Out:**

*Consumer & Business Services – advice on new committee members*

*FHMCSA – advised on number of Conditional vehicles & categories listed on our books & updated Committee names.*

##### **CONFIRMATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Moved Jim Simpson, Seconded Eamonn Howley that the correspondence be accepted as read.*

##### **Presidents Report**

*John Hill gave a verbal report. This will be followed up with a written report.*

*Moved Danny McGuinness, Seconded Peter Taylour that the Presidents report be accepted as read.*

##### **Treasurers Report**

*Haydn McPherson presented the profit and loss report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. McEachern Accountants have completed the Assurance Report and in their opinion the reports fairly represent the financial position of the MGVVCC to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025, and the result of its operation for the period then ended.*

*Hard copy printouts were made available to the meeting and for filing with the secretary's minutes.*

*Moved Haydn McPherson and Seconded Alan Hansford, that the Treasurer's report and auditor's report be accepted. Carried.*

##### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

*25 Year Badges presented to the following;*

*Graeme & Prue Jacobs by John Hill.*

*Badges for Andrew & Trish Cameron, Peter Little will be presented at the next available opportunity.*

*Life Member badges were presented by John Hill to*

*Haydn & Jen McPherson*

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD Friday 30th August 2025. Cont.....

ALL POSITIONS were DECLARED VACANT by the John Hill

Appointment of Returning Officer:

Doug Hill (one of our foundation members) was appointed as Returning Officer to conduct the Election of Office Bearers and Committee,

### **Written Nominations for Executive Positions**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Endorsed</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>John C Hill</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Sonya Hosking</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Stephen Scotland</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Haydn McPherson</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**Four to six positions available, (received pre-AGM meeting):**

### **Written Nominations for Ordinary Committee**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Endorsed</i>
<i>Magazine Editor</i>	<i>Margrit Mashado</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Club Captain</i>	<i>Morry Mashado</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Tony Jones</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Jim Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>John Sturges</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Peter Taylour</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Derek Friswell</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Peter Hopgood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Nick Hunt</i>	<i>Yes</i>

### **Committee Appointed Positions**

#### **Historic [Conditional] Vehicle Registrar Positions.**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>
<i>Authorised Person</i>	<i>John C Hill</i>
<i>Conditional Registration Officer</i>	<i>Andrew Cameron</i>
<i>Conditional Registration Officer</i>	<i>Peter Hopgood</i>
<i>Conditional Registration Officer</i>	<i>Nick Hunt</i>

### **Other 'Non-Committee' Appointments ~**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Endorsed</i>
<i>Bar Manager</i>	<i>Alan Whitehead</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Publicity Officer</i>	<i>Colin Thompson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Librarian</i>	<i>Sonya Hosking</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Grounds Person</i>	<i>Ian Haines</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Property Officer</i>	<i>Stephen Scotland</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Clubrooms Caretaker</i>	<i>Alan Whitehead</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>FHMCSA Delegate</i>	<i>Chris Whittall</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>SBT Production Coordinator</i>	<i>Jim Simpson &amp; Alan Whitehead</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Public Officer</i>	<i>Stephen Scotland</i>	<i>Yes</i>

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD Friday 30th August 2025. Cont.....

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Nil**

*Nil*

*Meeting Closed 8.10 PM*

MINUTES CONFIRMED DATE 28/08/2026.

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Committee positions as agreed by members at AGM 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Office Bearers

President	John C Hill	c
Vice President	Sonya Hosking	c
Secretary	Stephen Scotland	c
Treasurer	Haydn McPherson	c

#### Ordinary Members

Club Captain	Morry Mashado	c
Magazine Editor	Margrit Mashado.	c
Conditional Registrar	John Hill	c

#### Committee (4 required as per constitution)

Committee	Tony Jones
Committee	John Sturges
Committee	Jim Simpson
Committee	Peter Hopgood
Committee	Margrett English
Committee	Derick Friswell
Committee	Nick Hunt
Committee	Peter Taylour

#### Non-Committee

Publicity Officer	Colin Thompson
Public Officer	Stephen Scotland
Librarian	Sonya Hosking
Bar Manager	Alan Whitehead
Property Officer	Stephen Scotland
Grounds Person	Ian Haines
SBT Production	Jim Simpson, Alan Whitehead
Clubroom Caretaker	Alan Whitehead
FHMC Rep	Chris Whittall

Authorised Club Person DIT #1	John Hill
Authorised Club Person DIT #2	Andrew Cameron
Authorised Club Person DIT #3	Peter Hopgood
Authorised Club Person DIT #4	Nick Hunt



## **MOUNT GAMBIER VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025.

PRESENT Morry Mashado, John Sturges, John Hill, Jim Simpson, Sonya Hosking, Colin Thompson, Derick Friswell, Stephen Scotland, Haydn McPherson, Peter Taylour, Tony Jones.

APOLOGIES: Margrett English, Nick Hunt, Colin Thompson

MEETING CHAIRED BY: John Hill

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOVED John Sturges, Seconded Tony Jones, **CARRIED.**

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Security screens for windows – Derick Friswell has measured windows. Now that the Store-room works are almost complete this task can be restarted. The idea is to reposition the curtains to allow for an internal steel mesh frame to be fitted. The aim to is have this lock-able but hinged to allow for cleaning etc.

FEDERATION NEWS – (FHMCSA):

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Public Liability Insurance AON

Bendigo Bank – Approval for \$700.00 sponsorship.

Kimberly Clark – Approval for product donation.

Potential new member enquiry – 1969 Inter truck

Events Coordinator Bellarine Club – contact email address.

Holdens of Age club Mt Gambier – invitation to attend their third annual all Holden Day at the Railway Lands on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Consumer & Business Affairs – advise on working paper relating to RSA training.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Response to various Springtime Tour enquiries (Triplow's, H Cooper, plus others)

Forwarded Holdens of Age Mt G email to Portland, Warnambool, Hamilton & Wimmera car clubs.

OTHER CLUB NEWSLETTERS in addition to those forwarded by email

Hamilton & District, Maryborough, Cex Coffs, Kerang, New England Wheels, Colac, Wimmera Malley, VCC Ballarat, Western District Historic Vehicle Club, Vintage Sports Car Club

INVITATIONAL EVENTS:

Lake City Rodders William Wallace Memorial Cruise Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

Show & Shine Hastings Cunningham Reserve 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.

2025 Down Under London to Brighton Run 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Starts at London Road Mile End & finishes at the Wattle Reserve North Brighton.

Holdens of Age Car Club – All Holden Day Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**CORRESPONDENCE MOVED** Stephen Scotland, Seconded Jim Simpson, Correspondence is accepted as read.

**CARRIED.**

TREASURERS REPORT: Haydn McPherson presented a verbal report on current account balance and accounts were presented for payment.

Accounts for payment; AON Insurance \$2597.23, Exchange Printers \$14.30, S Scotland \$229.00, A Perryman \$80.00, AGL \$200.01

Moved: Haydn McPherson, Seconded Tony Jones, that the treasurer's report is accepted, and accounts passed for payment. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Application received from Bryce Crick & Drew Laslett.

Moved: Haydn McPherson, Seconded John Sturges, that the new member applications be accepted. Carried.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT & COMING EVENTS:

**Coffee morning** at the clubrooms every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00 midday. Good numbers in attendance.

One Forty One – possible visit to their Nursery at Glencoe. Stay tuned for more information.

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 Cont.....

### SPRINGTIME TOUR:

Dates set for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.

18 entries to date.

Induction at Railway Lands Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 3pm.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

25 Year badge still to be presented to Peter Litte.

Do we now issue a 50 & 60 year badge to those eligible members? Committee agreed.

How many 'Responsible Persons' do we have at the clubrooms? Can those members that are RSA accredited please advise the secretary & provide certification number please.

We currently have more committee members nominated than what our constitution stipulates, what do we do? Options could include the following;

Do nothing.

Reduce the number of committee members by withdrawing nomination, create sub-committees?)

Change the constitution.

Tony Jones moved that we review the existing constitution with a view to increase the number of committee members (possibly with a range of min 4 & max 8), review the committee quorum number & change the Life Membership voting requirement. The aim is to review these details at committee level and then follow the procedure outlined in the constitution to submit these changes to Consumer & Business Services (this is expected to take 3 months). Seconded by Derick Friswell, Carried.

What action is to be taken regarding those members that are still unfinancial? Treasurer to make contact with these people advising of the situation and the consequences of remaining unfinancial.

Updated membership lists now provided to SBT team for post.

Email list & Facebook lists yet to be updated.

Cupboard previously approved to purchased was in fact purchased but is to be returned to supplier as it was not fit for purpose. Secretary will source an alternative.

South Fence replacement. 2 quotes requested (3MP & DIY). Quotes received from DIY for "Supply & Install" as well as "Supply Only". Club to discuss with adjoining property owner. We need to look at the option of concrete sleepers instead of timber.

New storeroom is almost complete.

Only clean items that are regularly used to be stored in the storeroom.

No building materials, fuel or garden tools to be stored in new storeroom.

Plan of storeroom layout is on the western wall.

Spare chairs & BBQ's from back shed to be cleaned before placing into new storeroom.

Sonya to follow up with northern neighbour on painting of storeroom north wall.

Colin Thompson to find out current address of previous Aust Tour attendee.

Doug Hill's historical books have been located. Suggest we have a timber box made to help preserve them. All agreed.

Do we as a committee generate a forward plan on what we would like to achieve this year? Maybe each member can table their thoughts at the next committee meeting. All agreed.

COMMITTEE MEETING CLOSED At 9:15 pm

### NEXT MEETINGS

General Meeting Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Committee Meeting, Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025, at 7.30 pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED DATE 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025



Speech given by Doug Hill at the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

Founding Members/Foundation Members Bob and Moreen Lawson, Tom and Gwen Quill and the rest.

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in their home. Then held monthly meetings in members homes. The meetings the moved to the Mount Gambier Cycle clubrooms in Vansittart Park for some time.

Eventually Reg Borke offered us our clubroom property in Shelton Street at a set price payable over a fairly long period interest free. We raised money by many means and particularly the lady members help with regular cake stalls under Giffords Hotel veranda.

The building on the property was built as a temporary home, while the main home was built. It was two rooms with one room having a pit for car repairs. For some reason the side door to the room we used for meetings had an opening about 5'6" high so most had to duck on entering. Tom Quill our President wrote on the side wall the names of people who forgot to duck. There were foundations for the new house taking up about 70% of the property. These were eventually removed. Also, at the rear of the block was a full-length chook yard, this was also removed.

The clubrooms over a number of years were enlarged and the walls lined, and this work has continued to the present time.

Our club was the first outside Adelaide and having our own clubrooms showed how our early members had real foresight and enthusiasm. We had a large thermometer made that showed the gradual movement until the red met the top and our final payment was made. Most members paid their years subs in advance plus donations.

*Members:* most of the early members where in the 20 – 30-year age group, although Ted and Maisey Spencer where over 45, so very senior to most. Most of the early members had young families and large mortgages that had to be met. Nevertheless, we managed.

*Vehicles:* As you know all vehicles had to be manufactured before December 31<sup>st</sup> 1930. Many of our members scoured the countryside far and near and it was relatively easy to find veteran or vintage vehicles in these early years. We had a great variety including Rolls Royce, Chenard and Walker, Vauxhall Hupmobile, Lasalle, Lancia, Austin, Chevs, Fords, Ansaldo, Rugby, Armstrong Siddeley, Morris, Overland and many more we had a few motorcycles to add to the mix. Jack McCabe was the first member that came with a more modern vehicle a stepdown Hudson Hornet to supplement his 1924 Essex 4. We accepted this and now Veteran and Vintage Cars are rarely seen.

*Runs and People:* The first official run was held early 1966 to Dartmoor. Cars being the Spencer's Phantom 1 Rolls Royce, Bob Wright's Dodge 4, Doug Hill's Austin 7 and Roger Harfull's Pontiac. Some runs I can remember being to Portland, Warrnambool, Nelson, Beachport and Bordertown and club holidays that Vivienne and I organised to Swanhill, Mildura, and the Flinders Ranges including a steam train ride on the Pichi-Richi Railway. This was highlighted by the rear carriage being derailed and our members sent to another carriage as the advice given to the maintenance crew upset their hard work.

One trip I can remember was to Lake Mundi, where we met the Waters family who became good members and made many trips to the Mount in their Daev 4 and later Austin 12 tourers. Return club visits to their Coleraine farm and their memorable parties in the shearing shed will never be forgotten. This also goes for visits to Dartmoor to the Spencer's farm and shearing shed. Another run of note was to a federation event to Adelaide with a large contingent from our club entered. On the eve of leaving a statewide petrol strike was put in place for the following day. As our old cars on an average only have a range of 150 miles on a tankful, we had to take enough in each car to get to Adelaide. For us about 5 gallon tins plus 2 persons luggage in an Austin 7 was quite a squeeze. I organised a 44-gallon drum of petrol to be delivered to my sister's home in Adelaide. By the time we arrived in Adelaide the strike was called off and Evan Jones who was in his Ford Panelvan took the unopened drum back to our home in Mount Gambier. Ron Disher was our restorer par excellence, doing a vintage overland and veteran Ford T to a very high standard. John Hill far and wide to put together a large collection of Veteran and vintage vehicles and motorcycles. Bill Blackell restored the La Salle of Tom Quill's, a very large V8 sedan that performed as well as it looked. Jim Mitchell had a vintage Nash and also later a bright yellow Dodge that he got from David Hill of 'We never sleep', Night Patrol. Allan Harrop had some very interesting vehicles, a large Packard 8 Sedan, an equally lengthy Lancia Lambda and a stately Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire. Chris Cram did a great job in helping many of our members who had limited mechanical knowledge in keeping their cars mobile.

Speech given by Doug Hill at the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations continued...

One example of his ability came to the fore was when Bob Lawson who had mainly himself restored his Chenard and Walker including constructing the bodywork. He was never happy with the performance or more to the truth – lack of – from the rather small side valve offering but was able to obtain a completely dismantled OHC Chenard engine which was more to his liking. Chris agreed to try to piece the engine together – he had no details at all about its construction, valve timing, ignition as at the time it was a very rare sports engine of only a limited production. Nevertheless, Chris got the engine together and going and in practice proved as good as Bob's expectations.

Our major runs over the years being Australia Day Rally, Beachport and robe weekends. Firstly, the Australia Day Annual Rally was started by the Victorian and South Australian Vintage Car Clubs as an annual get together of like-minded people. Usually held in Mount Gambier but not always. I know they used Horsham and Halls Gap on some years. In 1970 they handed the organising of the rally to us completely and we continued to the present day although it has been held for the last few years in springtime. The VSCC's continued to support the rally for a long time.

The rally to Robe was started in the early years and continued for a few years with the Adelaide sporting Car club but eventually stopped.

The manager of SAFCOL Port Mac Donnell (crayfish dealers) who was a member of the club organised an annual pilgrimage to Beachport, and we stayed at the hotel. Plenty of seafood was supplied for each dinner. This also lasted a few years.

Also, the Bob Cram Memorial competition run was held in memory of Chris's father who died far too young.

John C Hill also gave an impressive speech but it was all adlib so if you weren't there you missed it.

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## Morning Tea at the Club Rooms

Every Thursday the club brooms will be open from 10am to 12 noon.  
Come and have a coffee and a chat..... Feel welcome to bring friends along or maybe pick up a club member who is unable to get there under their own steam—see you there                      Margrett



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Presentation of the 60th year anniversary badges for John C Hill, Ron Disher (accepted by Terry Disher) and Doug Hill



Doug Hill and John C Hill giving their speeches for the 60th Anniversary (cake by Sandra Simpson)



## Welcome New Members:

*Nil*



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## Club Captain –Morry

Saturday the 4th of October the Trident Show and Shine along with The Southeast Street Machines will be held at Hastings Cunningham Reserve 9.00 am until around 1.00 or so.

This is an invitation event open to all and any make or model of car, bike, truck etc. anything of interest. I have found this event always good and they always seem to get the weather nice.

The last year's event cost \$5 to enter. Come along and have a good day out, food and drink available. Morry.

Sunday the 26th of October.

This is a special days outing where our club with well skilled members who will be attending the historical cricket match played against the Portland Powerhouse Car Club. We WILL be returning to Mount Gambier with the prestigious trophy in our hand to be displayed in it's rightful place at our Club rooms not on top of a fridge.

The venue is at the Gorae West Hall (near the Cape Bridgewater junction) on the Nelson Portland Road.

Meet at the clubrooms at 9.00 to be away by 9.15 sharp. Bring along your Whites.

This year the Portland club is catering the BBQ, but bring along a cake/sweet or something to share.

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### ***10th Friday October:***

Registrations - **Pizza Tea**

### ***11th Saturday October:***

Coastal tour, Shipwreck, Crayfishing, **maritime history**  
and Maritime Museum.

**Evening meal at Western Tavern**

### ***12th Sunday October:***

Public Display at Railway lands, visit to **Lavender Farm**  
and **Burrungle Paint Ball Park tour**. Fun with Paint Ball  
guns and knock down targets, and Lavender oil pro-  
duction and products display.

BBQ lunch, Fun awards and farewells.

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## Club Calendar of upcoming Events

When	What	Where	Who
September 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th	Car Club Morning Tea	Club rooms from 10am details page 2	Margrett 0417416 637
September 26th	General meeting	Club rooms 7.30, bring a plate of supper to share	Steve 0418 809 826
October 2nd,9th, 16th,23rd & 30th	Car Club Morning Tea	Club rooms from 10am details page 2	Margrett 0417416 637
4th October	Trident Show & Shine	Details page 14	Morry 0455 250 308
October 10th, 11th & 12th	Spring Time Tour	Page 13	Colin 0417 855 436
October 26th	Interclub Cricket Match with Portland Car Club	Details page 14	Morry 0455 250 308
October 31st	General meeting	Club rooms 7.30, bring a plate of supper to share	Steve 0418 809 826
November 6th,13th, 20th & 27th	Car Club Morning Tea	Club rooms from 10am details page 2	Margrett 0417416 637
November 28th	General meeting	Club rooms 7.30, bring a plate of supper to share	Steve 0418 809 826

### Editors Report.

Hello Club Members,

I would like to thank Sharon for her great efforts over the last few years of her being the Newsletter Editor.

I will now be taking over her position and hope to provide you with interesting articles so please feel free to email me at [editor.vvcc@outlook.com](mailto:editor.vvcc@outlook.com) for any articles that you would like to have added to the newsletter in MS Word and any photos in JPG format and emailed no later than the 12th of the month to be added to the next newsletter.

Regards Margrit



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