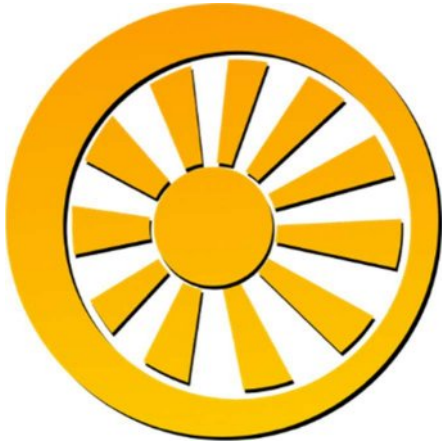


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Club Meetings & Information

Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except January), at the SCHVC clubrooms, commencing at 7:30pm. The SCHVC complex is located at 15 Greigs Flat Rd, South Pambula, with entry off the Princes Hwy via Settlers Rd. The workshop is open Tuesdays & Saturdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm for Members to work on their vehicle. Members must check with the Workshop Coordinator beforehand to ensure access is available.

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Presidents Message

Dear Members,

As we reflect on the past year, it is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of two valued members, Alf King, and Max Sinclair. Their contributions to our club will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with their families during this challenging time.

This year, we were thrilled to host visits from various car clubs, including the VW Kombi Club, Mercedes Benz Club of Victoria, Canberra BMW Club, and the Jaguar Drivers Club Canberra. These gatherings foster camaraderie and highlight our shared passion for classic and historic vehicles.

We are excited to announce the completion of our new shed, the Autohaus, which is already serving as a hub for mentoring Eden High School students in automotive and other skills. Our commitment to fostering the next generation of car enthusiasts is going strong!

To enhance security, we have installed security cameras around our premises, ensuring the safety of our vehicles and members.

In one adventurous outing, we visited Riley Farm at Forbes, where we witnessed, classic vehicles being revived to their former glory, and we even acquired a Wolseley for our collection.

We also held a CPR training session, reinforcing our dedication to safety within our club. Additionally, the Peter Learmont Estate saw successful online auctions of vintage and classic vehicles, allowing enthusiasts to find new homes for cherished rides.

Several of our members took the opportunity to travel locally and some overseas, exploring car museums and attending shows, bringing back inspiration and ideas to share with us.

Our participation in the Warbird Downunder Airshow Rally was a highlight, further displaying our commitment to community events.

Questionnaires were distributed to members, and we received several valid proposals that will help shape our future activities.

Our monthly breakfast and lunch runs continue to be well-attended, fostering fellowship among members.

The workshop has at time been bustling with volunteers working on projects involving the Railton, Morgan, Morris, and other classic vehicles.

We also made some additional bylaw amendments and changes to our constitution to ensure the club continues to operate smoothly.

The Economy Run held in August was a fantastic event, enjoyed by many and some surprising results.

Lastly, we cleared out the Learmont Pavilion and repainted the floors, resulting in a great outcome for our space.

Thank you for your continued participation and enthusiasm for our club. Together, we look forward to another successful year filled with shared experiences and a love for historic vehicles.

Warm regards, Craig

The Club Committee for 2025

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The Club is contemplating a new Logo and a renaming of the Club. The idea and intent is to widen the interest in our Club and draw in a young(er) demographic joining our activities.



The Rearview Mirror – Highlights of 2024



BMW CLUB Visit

Beginning of January, the Canberra BMW Club visited the Club and admired our cars on display in the two pavilions



Dorothy and Jim Hepburn looking on.



Riley Farm visit

In mid-March five club members and one volunteer drove to the Riley Farm outside of Parkes NSW. Some four tonnes of chassis frames and other car components were identified and loaded onto two trailers. Bob Cechet and John McNair organized the event. Fred Silk managed to get some Oldies started, the Wolseley has not been fired up for 40 years. Genuine fun was had by all, on the second last day we managed to visit the McFeeder Car Museum at Forbes which is well worth to see and spend time at. You may want to hurry as the building is for sale and subsequently the cars will be auctioned off – some opportunities there for interested parties? Then a visit to the CSIRO radio telescope at Parkes NSW, a remarkable iconic 64-diameter structure that has been in operation since 1961. Finally ended at the Bogan Gate Pub for some cold beers and dinner.





Fred Silk at his best

One of many Mondays Lunch Runs



Tathra Pub and Seahorse Inn

VW Kombi Club Meeting

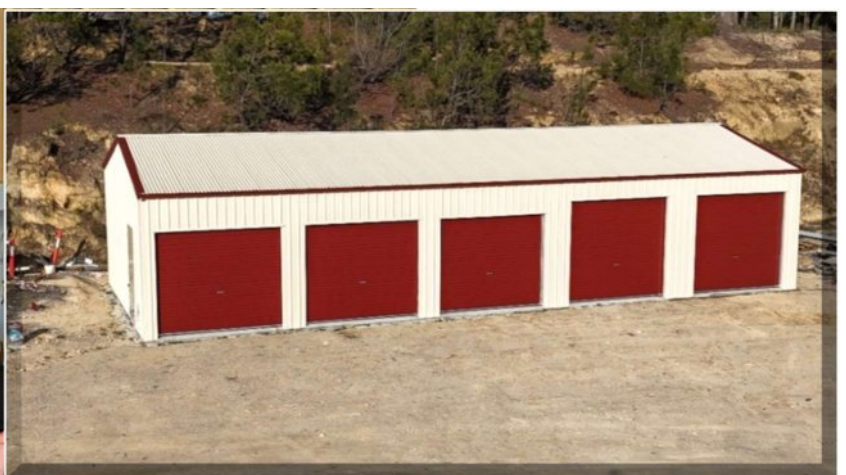
Everybody wants a VW Kombi. Or so it seems. But the early cars are now the realm of the hard-core enthusiasts who need to be on their toes to keep these antiques running. Road trips, Camping, Surfing, you name it, they have been there. Since the Kombi first landed on Aussie shores, it has been a favourite of adventurers. When surfing took the east and west coasts by storm in the 70s, the Kombi was there to help. With enough space for thrill-seekers to strap their boards to the roof and go. Since then, the Kombi has continued to reconnect Aussies to the outback and the beaches. On Easter Saturday some 50 VW Kombis and over one hundred enthusiasts showed up at the club for a meet and tour of our premises followed by tea and snacks. The visitors enjoyed the display of our cars and the most enlightening and entertaining presentation by our tour guides. Just listening to Neville Leech giving a history of Peter Learmont and his cars was very entertaining, excellent job Neville. It was quite a remarkable sight with all sorts of weird and wonderful VW people carriers and campers on display.





“Autohaus”

was completed, thanks to all who had an input to the project, a great asset for the Club, especially for the Mentoring Group who now have their own and dedicated space.



Mercedes Club Australia Visit

In May the Mercedes Club, mostly from Victoria, showed up at our Club, enjoying our cars on display followed by a succulent lunch. Twenty-six of the German finest (some may disagree here) rolled in.

Would have been exceptional to see more of the “Oldies,” next time?



Some of the local machinery



The Chef and Sous Chefs



Exquisite Menu



Mercedes' everywhere



Even visible from space

Jaguar Club Canberra

In May the Jaguar Club of Canberra graced us with their presence. Some beautiful machinery showed up including our own member Paul Jacobson displaying the blue Jag E-Type. The XK 150 is an outstanding example of its kind.





The Peter Learmont Estate

In late June, Online Auction Sold the Peter Learmont Vintage and Classic Vehicles. With the auction of the Learmont Car Collection having successfully been completed on the 29th of June, Ken Coates has been documenting the Peter Learmont story. Ken interviewed Murray Learmont and Neville Leech and produced a YouTube video in Memory of Peter and his car collection. Copy and paste the link below or best go to our website to view.

<https://youtu.be/Rutj07O5QiM>

Cars which were auctioned off

1928	Essex Super Six Tourer
1929	Ford A Model Roadster
1929	Chevrolet Roadster
1930	Chrysler 70 Roadster
1931	Ford Model A Sports Coupe
1934	Hudson Terraplane Tourer
1934	Chevrolet Standard 6 Roadster
1949	Holden Model 48-215 (FX) Sedan
1953	MG TF 1500 Sports Roadster
1953	Studebaker Champion Sedan
1962	Ford Thunderbird Coupe (LHD)
1976	Datsun 260Z 2+2 Coupe

1977	Lincoln Continental Coupé
1915	Ford T Model Tourer *
1920	Buick Roadster
1924	Buick Tourer
1924	Buick Model 35 Tourer with wire wheels
1926	Minerva Tourer
1926	Ford T Model Tourer
1926	Chevrolet Roadster
1926	Packard 336 Runabout Roadster (Straight 8)
1927	Packard 7 Seat Tourer
1928	Studebaker Californian Hard Top 4 Door Tourer
1928	Oldsmobile Sedan

Vale

We were deeply saddened in 2024 by the passing of three distinguished members of our club, our Patron Geoff Grenenger, Max Sinclair, and Alf King. Each of them contributed immensely to our club and community, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, passion, and camaraderie. Their memories and contributions will forever remain a cherished part of our history. They will not be forgotten.



Geoff Grenenger



Alf King



Max Sinclair

The annual Economy Run

The 2024 Economy Run was held in August on a windy but sunny day. It started off at the Merimbula Boat Ramp parking lot after everyone filled up their cars, some more, other were doing less so. After a staggered dispatch of twelve vehicles via Pambula to the Golf Course at Narooma, we enjoyed a good lunch and made our way back to Merimbula. The tanks were filled up again, this time under the attentive eye of Geoff Dunstan who made us squeeze every drop of Benzine into the tanks. That is, where (jokingly) the first thoughts of lodging a protest by some members had been conceived. There were well-deserved and surprising winners and equally many “also rans” despite their best efforts, finally congregating at the Sapphire Club for the award ceremony. Looking forward to many more Econo Runs in the future.

What an eclectic, interesting and fun range of vehicles were entered for this year's *Fuel Economy Challenge*. From a Mini Cooper S to a 460ci Mk4 Lincoln Continental



Econo Run Start at the Merimbula Wharf Parking Area



Arrived at Narooma Golf Club



Drinks and Lunch at the Golf Resort Narooma



Back at Sapphire Coast Club late afternoon



Awards Ceremony at the Sapphire Club Merimbula



Some good and not so superior results despite their best efforts

Results and awards:

Entrant's MPG Estimate **1st Alex & Jenny (Falcon Convertible)** **2nd Ken & Sandy (DS21)** **3rd John & Irene (Chev Belair)**

“Weight for Age” **1st Ken & Sandy (DS21 Pallas)** **2nd Doug & Bob (Range Rover)** **3rd Vic & Joy (Falcon Sedan)**

Outright MPG **1st James & Jean (Capri Conv) 39.66** **2nd Kevin & Lesley (Cooper S) 38.79** **3rd Ken & Sandy (DS21) 36.64**

Thirstiest Vehicle MPG **1st Mark & Nola (Lincoln Continental) 14.5** **2nd John & Irene (Chev) 14.72** **3rd John & Mary-Ellen (Buick) 16.75**

TON/MPG main award 1st Ken & Sandy (DS21) 47.60 **2nd Doug & Bob Range Rover) 47.49** **3rd Vic & Joy (Falcon Sedan) 43.63**



landscaped and transformed as it were, into a little paradise among the gum trees, with the planting of ferns, palms, camellias, azaleas, roses, fuchsias, daisies, various annuals, and begonias. All this is displayed in terrace gardens, which have been constructed and planted by Jim Speers (the club president) and his energetic wife, Irene.

It is envisaged that the club will have the happy duty of being host to other clubs of a similar nature from as far as Queensland, Adelaide, Tasmania, Sydney etc. and that they will avail themselves of country hospitality, whilst taking in the magnificent views of the ocean from the heights of Merimbula, the clean beaches, and the old gold mining town of Pambula. The fishing port of Eden is nearby, an old whaling town with its famous complete skeleton of a killer whale, whaling boats, huge cauldrons (the blubber used to be boiled in these) and other memorabilia from those days, housed in the local museum. The district is halfway between Sydney and Melbourne, on the coastal route, Highway #1, and is an ideal stop over for car events and rallies which are encouraged by the club. Other facilities that the car club provides are taking the elderly from local nursing homes on scenic day tours and providing morning, lunch or afternoon teas.

Car club members also make their cars available for parades, static displays at shows, food festivals, spring carnival events, the very popular . June long weekend jazz festival and of course their own 'Jazzie Jamboree' at the car club venue. The club also supports various charitable organisations such as The Salvation Army, The Pambula Pool Fund and last year's Tornado Victims of Merimbula, among others.

In April, this year 29 club cars participated in the Budget Rally to Tasmania and back. It was a resounding success due to the stupendous and excellent effort of Tasmanian car club members who organised an interesting rally around 'The Apple Isle' taking in vintage and veteran, cars, farm machinery, fire engines, steam and wood-fired machinery including a steam operated boat, a fruit farm, a pub with a beer swilling pig, the copper/gold mine at Queenstown, Port Arthur's old penal settlement etc. and of course the scenery was magnificent from the very green softly undulating hills to the lofty peaks of mountains, the sparkling rivers and the neat patchwork like fields of agricultural produce.

Budget Motels (also provided good accommodation and service and gave us a contribution of \$10,000 to our club.

The club recently supplied morning tea to the Peugeot Club and will be hosting the 'Dodge 4 Rally' in October 1996. Future plans are to build a shed for storing spare parts for different vehicles, to be acquired at swap meets and sold to members at cost.

We thank the club president, Jim Speers' for this information also for their hospitality

when they invited us (Eddie and Jeanette Ford) to Pambula to open the extensions to the club buildings, this was in February of this year, when the club photos were taken.

for this feature. The club is very interested in hearing from other clubs who would like to call in when passing or wishing to stay awhile. The club rooms and garage are available for their use, and we can testify the coastal and bush areas nearby will rival any of the best in the nation. They have set a standard of club activities that would be envied by others, and this comes from the enthusiasm of all club members.

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Eddie Ford, Restored Cars Magazine Editor and Publisher, right, unveils the plaque opening the Sapphire Coast Historical Vehicle Groups New Club Rooms, pictured on the right is Jim Speers, the Club President,

See captions on Colour Page below.

1. A **1920 Studebaker** touring car in the workshop undergoing repair. This car is owned by Ken and Dawn McDonnel.
2. The 'engine rebuild' section of the workshop.
3. Car line up outside the club rooms. Starting with Allyson & Ron Boulton's **1927 Pontiac**, Jim & Irene Spears **1928 Dodge**, Alisa & Max Sinclair's **1929 Pontiac**, Alan Johnson's **1934 Chevrolet**, Judy & Roger Lesleaghteris **1929 Chevrolet**, Norm Smith's **1939 Chevrolet**, Debbie & Jim McGrath's **1929 Buick**, Barbara & Peter Learmont's **1926 Packard**, and others.
4. **1928 Dodge Roadster** on the club ramp, this car belongs to Jim & Irene Spears.
5. Reg Buckland's **1934 Albion** truck, **1927 Chev Four** jointly owned by Jim Spears and Jim McGrath, **1929 Chevy Six** truck owned by Linda & Ken Whitby.
6. Overall view of the club rooms and workshop, from the road.
7. Peter Bennett's **1923 Hupmobile Delivery**.
8. In the workshop, a **1936 Chevrolet coupe (Sloper)**, belonging to Jim & Carolyn Roger's, under restoration.
9. **1926 Packard Roadster** belonging to Peter & Barbara Learmont. Models are Frank Rodwell and Valmai Mylan.



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Club and workshop activities.

Painting of the Learmont Pavilion Floor was completed following the auction of Peter Learmonts collection of cars. Pavilion is looking very tidy. Next Mission the Grenenger Pavilion



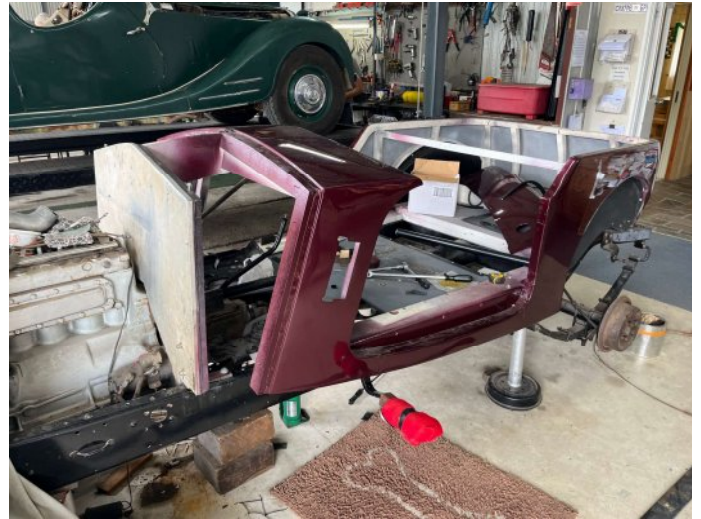
Mentoring Space



The students and mentors have been remarkably busy over the last number of weeks building shelves, work benches and tool storage in the two bays of the Autohaus which are allocated to the Eden High School mentoring program. We have up to six very keen students show up who seem to enjoy and appreciate it immensely. Thanks to Alec, Cliff, Rod, and others for keeping it up.

Workshop

The Oldsmobile, the Railton, the Republic Truck, the Morris, and the Morgan have been worked on diligently by many of our club members. Great progress and outcome so far on all the projects. Thanks to all the volunteers who put in endless hours making it happen. It is fantastic addition to the Club's multitude of displays.



Newly painted Learmont Pavilion



Oldsmobile

Warbirds Down Under Rally 2024 Temora

was held late October. Below a good barbeque and many a laugh at Junee Tourist Park after the Warbirds Airshow on the first Saturday of the tour



The tour starting off a Temora, was a major success. It involved a 9-day tour with thirty-four participants, including nineteen vehicles, fourteen from the organizing SCHVC and five from other clubs. The first stop was the Temora Airshow, where the rally's participants enjoyed a fantastic event. Unfortunately, Geoff Easton had to drop out due to a Mercedes computer issue at Tumut. This rally marked the 14th edition since its inception in 1994, this year the routes including places like Junee, Leighton, Wodonga, and Rocky Horse Factory. The group visited various destinations of interest, including cotton and goat farms, with Mulwala being one of the highlights.

Tony Stove expertly organized the rally, and everyone is looking forward to future rallies. It was an event full of adventure, camaraderie, and great experiences.



Best Performed & Presented Car on the Rally -
Harvey & Roslyn Howarth
for their 1967 Holden Sedan.



Rubber Ducky Award - Ron Douglas



Spit the Dummy Award - Roger Budd



Rally Jester Award - Ian Baker with previous
winner Anthony Lee



Dumb & Dumber Award - Anthony Lee

Ladies' Christmas Lunch



The Ladies enjoyed a luncheon at the RSL Club at Merimbula on Thursday the 12th of Dec 2024. Thanks to Robyn Vella and Jill Fogarty for ensuring fun was had by all.



Club Christmas Party

On Sunday the 8th of December, the Club hosted a fantastic Christmas party and lunch at its premises, which was a memorable event. The gathering included a wonderful collection of our cars, adding a unique touch to the occasion. A total of eighty guests attended, including honorary guests and sponsors. There was no shortage of delicious food, with plenty to go around, Pam cooked up excellent cuisine and some fun entertainment was provided by Geoff ensuring everyone had a wonderful time. The event was filled with genuine fun and festive cheer, making it an unforgettable occasion for the year. Some memories below, many awards given and recognitions made, thanks to all for participating and adding to the cheers.



Our President & Master of Ceremony Craig Ruting performing at his best



Some of the helping hands, Jill, and Pam





Micheal Maxworthy outlining the background to the EMHS Mentoring Scheme



Thank You Certificates presented to Total Tools and Mitre 10 for their contribution to the Club for the Mentoring Scheme



Life Membership recipient Merlene, well deserved, Mayor Russel Fitzpatrick congratulating Merlene



Tony Stove presented an extensive chronology of Merlene's achievements and contribution to the Club.



The Ladies Table supervised by Barry Fogarty



Tony Bassett Recipient of Certificate of Appreciation



Rodney Newman Recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation, well done to Rod and Tony



Rhonda Sutton Member of the Year. Rhonda and her helpers keep the Gardens and Club Premises in their perfect condition



Hard Luck Award of the Warbird Rally presented by Tony Stove. Winner - Geoff Easton

The winner of this prestigious award was not present, but it will be presented on another occasion at the proper time.





Everyone was a winner, plenty of "Give Aways" were to be had



Fred Silk's two beauties on display



To the Ladies team – thanks a lot



The Greigs Flat Sweep Stake was drawn by Merlene & won by new member Sam Ingels



Birds View of Members cars on display



Club cars on display in front of SCHVC workshop.



Congratulations - Bob Rawards 95th Birthday



Bob Raward celebrated his 95th Birthday with a luncheon at the Candelo Café on 12th Dec. 2024. Clearly he travelled in the style he deserves. Thanks to all who attended, Fred, Ian, Geoff, Ken, Walter, Grant and the Gary's (Dews & Harvey) Happy Birthday Bob and many more to come!

Merimbula Rotary New Years Eve Market



Collingwood Homestead - November Gathering

"Always a fantastic time at Jane and Phil Boyd's stunning property in Candelo. The weather was on our side for most of the day, with the rain only arriving towards the end. Already looking forward to next year's event. Huge thanks to Jane and Phil for their incredible hospitality!"



Good to see Charles Hodsdon's Jag MK1 out again



Does it look broken Ian?



and then the rain came.

Sponsors

"Thank you to all our sponsors for their invaluable support throughout the year. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and play a vital role in keeping our club thriving!"



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The logo for Mighty Helpful Mitre 10 consists of a solid blue rectangular background. At the top, the words "MIGHTY HELPFUL" are written in a light blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "MITRE 10" are written in a larger, white, bold, sans-serif font. The number "10" has a white circle with a diagonal slash through it, representing a hole in a tire.

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-Enzo Ferrari



All the Best for 2025

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