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 (b) to facilitate events for the display of heritage vehicles and give members the opportunity to take the vehicles on club runs and trips, and in the process to increase to public's awareness of our motoring heritage; and
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<u>BARRY COLLISON MEMORIAL TROPHY (PEOPLE'S CHOICE)</u>	1930 ERSKINE Model 53 Sedan	Lindsay Braybon
<u>JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST PRESENTED VEHICLE</u>	1955 AUSTIN HEALEY 100M	Fred & Elaine Williams
<u>DUSTY SHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT</u>	1972 FORD FALCON XA Ute	Roger & Lorraine Secomb
<u>JOHN HILL TROPHY FOR BEST MOTORCYCLE</u>	1974 ROYAL ENFIELD 500 Single	Terry Brennan
<u>ROLLS-ROYCE PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR CLUB MEMBERS OF THE YEAR</u>		Ken O'Connor

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held in the GVMVDC.Inc. Clubrooms, 40 Grahamvale Rd, Grahamvale (northeastern outskirts of Shepparton) on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 8.00pm. New members and visitors are welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE

Meets in the Clubrooms on the fourth Thursday of each month except December.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2025 **\$80** (\$30 if not getting paper Journal).
Joining fee is **\$20**. Financial year is from the Annual General Meeting in November.
Subs can be paid directly into the Club's bank account **GVMVDC Inc.** at the Bendigo Bank.
BSB **633 000** Acct No **1366 25076**. Include your name and membership number as details.

MONTHLY RALLIES

GVMVDC Inc organises club runs every month, on both weekends and weekdays. Details of this month's runs are on the Coming Up pages of this Journal. Slower vehicles may leave earlier if they wish. Members without a rally car can come modern or turn up and get a lift with somebody. Members are reminded to fill out the rally attendance sheet sometime during the run.

CLUB SHOP

Lapel badges (members)	\$4.00	Wind jacket	\$50.00
(for non-members)	\$5.00	Windcheaters (depending on size)	\$20 - \$30
Car Badges (members only)	\$16.00	T-shirts (depending on size/style)	\$15 - \$25
Contact the club librarian.		Caps	\$15.00
CD/DVD of past Journals (pdf)	\$2.00	Windscreen stickers	\$3.00
Club calendars (A4 or A3)	free	Embroidered patch of club logo	\$3.00
Car details sheet (A4 laminated)	\$1.00	Contact the club librarian.	
Contact Brendan Walsh.		<i>You can contact these members at a monthly club meeting.</i>	

RED PLATE VEHICLE PERMIT RENEWALS

When your Club Permit is due for renewal, you can:

- bring the papers to a club meeting for signing,
- post them with a self-addressed envelope to GVMVDC Inc Permit Officer, c/- P.O. Box 6, Shepparton 3632 and the Permit Officer will sign them and return them, or
- post them to the Permit Officer with a cheque and an envelope addressed to VicRoads and the Permit Officer will sign them and send them on.

See the Permit Officers at a meeting for further details. You can also contact Peter Vibert on 0408 333 172 or 5823 5865 to arrange a time. Peter lives at 7 Cardinia Court, Kialla Lakes.

CLUB LIBRARY

A full listing of the Club's books, manuals and DVDs is available in the library at club meetings.

CAR PHOTOS

Each member is entitled to have one car photo on the wall at no cost. Give your 220x140mm photo to Hugh MacFadyen with your details and the car's details. He will do the framing. Further photos can be done for \$10 each. See Hugh for details.

JOURNAL

Contributions for the next Journal should be to the Editor before 1st March.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

gvmvdc@gmail.com

Found at top of page 2 in Journal

President's Report

The Committee is once again wrestling with changes to our Constitution, this time to implement the amendments necessary to enable us to pay a significant proportion of the funds generated by our Swap Meet and other club activities to the Federal Government. One wonders why, if the country's economic horizon is as rosy as the Federal Treasurer would have us believe, it's necessary for the government to be surreptitiously sliding its hand into the pockets of small, volunteer car clubs. Our accountants have advised us that it will be necessary to align the Club's financial year with that mandated by the government (July 1st to June 30th), and to do this requires some minor changes to the Constitution.

Club Captain Barry Croke and his erstwhile team have been working feverishly throughout January organising events for you to engage with this month. February 16th will once again see the Red Plate Day at John and Jenny Grieve's property. Bring your special vehicle along, run it over the giant pit and have it safety checked by qualified members. Once you have been reassured it is safe you can take it on the Club Coffee Run on February 19th to Rushworth and Colbinabbin and to the Federation Picnic at Wunghnu on the 29th / 30th. For our lady members, there is also the Ladies Lunch at Mooroopna Bowling Club on February 21st.

Best regards / Rob Fletcher

From the Editor

I have been reading the Celebrating 50 years (Plus 2) that was compiled and written by Ken O'Connor. What a fabulous history for both the club and the members. If you haven't got your copy yet I would highly recommend you secure one. It was interesting that Lindsay Braybon and Fred and Elaine Williams won a trophy each at the Concours in 2017 and were recipients of a trophy in 2024, different cars though.

I can't stress enough that I need input from members to keep the Journal interesting. If you have a story on a restoration I would love to receive it, also if you can write a few words for the getting to know me section it would be appreciated. Who knew David Grant was born in Broken Hill and I was born in Broken Hill. Please send items to the email address that is on Page 2 of the Journal.

Yours in Motoring,
Heather Drust

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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Meeting held on 19th Jan 2025 at the Clubrooms

There were 54 members in attendance, and 15 listed apologies.

President, Robin Fletcher opened the meeting at 8.00pm thanking those present for attending and ran through the Club's safety protocols.

Previous Minutes of the December 12th General Meeting were accepted following a motion from Michael Cannon and seconded by David Grant.

President's Business: Rob Fletcher praised the work of Ken O'Connor in the editing of the update of the Club history and pointed out that he was awarded Clubman of the Year for his work. The book is now available upon payment of \$30 to Peter Vibert. He also welcomed Lindsay Braybon for his yearly visit.

REPORTS:

Correspondence by secretary John Truman Firstly, the Club details have been updated with Consumer Affairs & the A.O.M.C. by electronic means.

Inwards by Post:

- i. 4 Club magazines
 - ii. Notification from accountant that we are liable for tax.
 - iii. Notification that gas supply set for further 12 months.
 - iv. Notification of Berrima Car Club Rally.
 - v. New bank card for Catering Committee
- Outwards by Post

- i. Two letters to members re emails being unsuccessful for Journal. One has been resolved – other one ongoing.

Inwards by email

- i. One application for membership
- ii. 12 Club magazines
- iii. 3 newsletters from Council and utilities.
- Iv. 2 emails re membership matters.
- v. 2 notifications of coming events.
- vi. 2 invoices – Telstra & Origin Energy.

This report was accepted after a motion by John Truman and seconded by Leigh Johnson.

Treasurer, Peter Vibert presented a three-page report which included the balances of all accounts. There being no questions this report was accepted after a motion from Peter Vibert and seconded by Kris Healey

Club Captain Barry Croke spoke about doing his best to conduct two Club activities per month. On the 15th Jan. the coffee run heads to the Murchison Bakery & then to the Goulburn Weir for a picnic lunch. Following with the Twilight Picnic at Nathalia on 19th Jan. Then for Australia Day we gather at Ferrari Park at 10.30am for celebrations. He reminded members to keep these dates free in February. 8th Feb. Numurkah 150-year celebrations, 16th **Report from the floor:** Ray Mullins made on of his "reli" reports to amuse the members!

Swap Meet Committee in recess.

Federation Delegate In recess.

Catering in recess.

Social Group Next get together will be on Saturday 15th Feb 2025.

Facilities in recess.

AOMC Delegate in recess.

General Business: A query was made about the mail out of the Journal. Heather Drust pointed out that the short period between New Year and the meeting made things a little rushed and that future mail outs would be earlier.

Buy, Sell & Swap Greg Sutherland has a 3.8 Jaguar engine & gear box for sale.

Don Brisbane has an Austin A35 manual to give away.

Raffle: Ray Mullins conducted his raffle and eight lucky members went away with their wonderful prizes.

Neil Hammond gave a presentation setting out his view on the history of Australia Day.

Next Meetings: General – 11th Feb 2025
Committee – 23rd Jan 2025

Meeting closed at 8.39pm and members were invited to supper.

Committee Meeting Notes

1. Club to source replacement printer as old unit out of contract.
2. Financial Year for Club to be made 1 July to 30 June at request of A.T.O.
3. Can all members please check your pockets, car glove boxes or anywhere you may place keys as the **Club key set No.2** has been misplaced.

Catering Committee Report

It's been a quiet beginning to the year for the catering group. However, we have 15 members from the Weribee Car Club, who will be requiring a boxed lunch at MOVE on Sunday 23rd February. This will enable us to ease our way back into catering mode for the year.

Kind Regards
Julie Mahoney

Valentine's Day Greetings and Gifts

Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century.

By the middle of the 18th century, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colourful pictures known as "scrap."

Today, according to Hallmark, an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year after Christmas.

It has become a commercialised day in our society where red roses are a common gift with hearts and cupid being symbols of Valentines Day.



Coming Up

**** Numurkah 150 Celebrations - Saturday 8th February 2025**

This event celebrates to the day 150 years since Numurkah and Wunghu were gazetted by the government as towns.

The Numurkah Historical Society is leading local groups in making this event happen. They have asked GVMVDC to be part of this historic event. The hope is that GVMVDC members can bring a range of vehicles, especially vintage and veteran machines to join our classic vehicles.

Our club has a special affinity with Numurkah. It is the place where the club started in 1970 before headquarters moving to Shepparton a few years later. We hope that members can make a special effort to be in attendance and be part of a great district event.

Program :

Assemble at Numurkah showgrounds about 10am, entering via a gate just east of the main entrance. Our cars will be parked around the oval perimeter so people can view them from the fence.

Free entry, and drinks/food can be purchased.

Noon Speeches and formalities.

Approx.1pm Horses and old equipment parade.

Approx.1.20pm GVMVDC vehicles parade around oval. We will attempt to assemble vehicles by decade of manufacture.

Approx.3pm Vehicles disperse.

Shepparton GVMVDC vehicles will depart clubrooms at 9.30am.

****GVMVDC General Meeting, Clubrooms – 8:00pm Thursday 13th February 2025**

Masks and sanitiser are provided for those who need them.

Guest Speaker will be from Pit Stop.

There will be a raffle on the night so bring along your \$2 coin to get 3 tickets to go into the draw for a number of prizes.



This is not a fundraiser; it is to add interest to the meeting. You are not obliged to buy tickets.

****Saturday Social Day, 10am – 2pm Clubrooms - Saturday 15th February 2025**

Our next Social Day will be held Saturday February 15th 2025 10am - 2pm at the clubrooms.

We will be having a BBQ, so could everyone please bring a salad to share.

For catering purposes, could you please let Sandra know by Wednesday 12th

February on 58231410 if you are able to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all back in 2025.

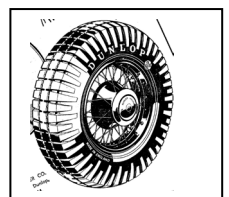
Sandra

**** Red Plate Day – Grieves Place GV Highway Kialla Sunday 16th February 2025**

Our club is particularly fortunate that John & Jenny are again prepared to host this event and provide members with a BBQ lunch. Cars should start to arrive about 9.30am. Mechanic members under the direction of Terry Brennan and Greg Sutherland will proceed to appraise your vehicle with much of their focus on its underside. And you will go home with a piece of paper recording their observations.

Bring along a chair.

Directions: GV Highway Kialla, opposite Harvey Norman.



****Coffee and Lunch – Rushworth – Colbinabbin Wednesday 19th February 2025**

Motofinish Café, 27 High Street Rushworth, will be our first stop for morning coffee/tea. For those wishing to continue on, there is the short trip to Colbinabbin. We will give their silos a quick visit, with perhaps a talk from a local, then onto the Colbinabbin Country Hotel for lunch. This has been a well-regarded run.



We need to have numbers. Either indicate attendance at the February meeting or contact **Leigh Johnston (primary organizer) on 0409 645 556 or Barry Croke on 0488 058 231.**

**** Ladies Lunch – Friday 28th February**

The ladies will meet at the Mooroopna Golf/Bowls Club on Friday 28th February at 11.30am for lunch and a chat. All ladies are welcome. Please note the wrong date was in the January journal.



Contact – Mary Apostol 0407 848 014

**** Swanpool Motor Festival – 8am – 3pm Sunday 9th March**

A few of our members have attended this event in recent years and found it a good outing. This year we will make the event our Sunday run. Members attending can gather outside the Shepparton East Primary School and leave as a group at 8.30am.

Either bring a picnic or use onsite food vans.

Falcon GT Nationals at MOVE – Thursday 13th – 16th March 2025

Public display Saturday 15th March 10am – 5pm

Cobram Barooga Volksfest – March 15th – 16th 2025

At the Barooga Hotel pre Registration from 6pm Friday

Saturday 9.30am – 10am street cruise then on display at the hotel, afternoon run to Tocumwal.

Sunday 10am display at Cobram

More information Paul Vitullo 0417 323 047

**** Nagambie - Wednesday 19th March**

A display of Le Tourneau machines at two sites will be the main entertainment. Norm Cornfoot reportedly has the largest collection of this type of historic earthmoving equipment in Australia and has agreed to share his enthusiasm with us.

Great background reading; Wikipedia's article on LeTourneau Technologies.

Warning: This could be a humbling event for members with a few old cars, but it will help set a new benchmark for arguing an appropriate level of investment in such things.

Assemble at Shepparton Trotting Track entrance for a 9.30am departure.

Lunch arrangements at Nagambie to be advised in the March Journal.

**** Federation Picnic, Wunghnu – Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th March 2025**

GVMVDC car display in association with

the GV Vintage Tractor and Machinery weekend.

Melbourne to Move Saturday 5th April 2025

- Departure - CMV Truck and Bus Derrimut
- Lunch – Fowles Winery Avanel
- Destination – MOVE Shepparton

Further information email MOVE exo@moveshepparton.com.au

The GV Rallye – Save the date 3rd & 4th May 2025

All ages and sorts of cars are welcome for a great fun filled motoring weekend which helps raise funds for Goulburn Valley Hospice.

Contact: - Kelvin Maude kelvin.maude@gmail.com 0418992270

Further information with application forms and accommodation details has been received. If you are interested in attending, please ask for further details.



Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour Friday 23rd May 2025

Bookings essential as limited places - enjoybenalla.com.au/events

Historic Winton – Winton Motor Raceway Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2025

Email – historicwinton@gmail.com

Website – <https://historicwinton.org>



A working man's ute outside of the Kyabram Club.
It looks to be an original.

Rally Report

Club Coffee Run - Murchison to Goulburn Weir Wednesday 15th January 2025

Goulburn Weir provided a wonderful backdrop and shaded lawns for our picnic lunch. Always an amazing place... it is one of the very few things in our region still operating today that was built before motor vehicles existed.

This structure started no more than a handful of years after initial selection and settlement. With the river level elevated by 1890 water could flow out into the other marvels for their time; the East Goulburn Main Channel and the connection to Waranga Basin, and subsequently as far as Boort. And it all happened with gravity flow.

Initially built without a litre of petrol or diesel burnt and delivering millions of tons of water without fuel input. Our forebears who constructed it with their horses missed out on being awarded today's carbon credits. Perhaps their present-day successors should be mounting a class action for a retrospective payment!

Morningside Drive provided a road with perfect 'period ambience' for our 14 red plate vehicles and the four 'moderns' in attendance as we drove beside the rush of trucks and cars on the Hume Freeway.

Barry Croke

Attending	Year	Make	Model
Trevor Dainton	1958	MS	Magnette
Faye & Brian Briggs	1960	Porsche	356
Tom & Joy Maher	1962	Chrysler	S Series
Ross Organ	1962	Singer	Gazelle
Ronda & Colin Opie	1964	Austin Healy	Sprite
Barry & Marg Croke	1967	Humber	Super Snipe
Peter Vibert	1967	Mercedes	250 SE coupe
Terry & Pam Brennan	1975	Mercedes	280
Graham & Marilyn Dicker	1975	Triumph	TC 2.5
David & Jan Vibert	1976	MGB	GT V8
Ray & Sharon Mullins	1978	MG	B GT
Cheryl & Bill Simpson	1980	Holden	WB ute
Murray & Jeanette Robinson	1993	Mini	Rover
Alan Lavis	1997	BMW	Z3
Vic Baker	1999	Porsche	Boxter
Hugh MacFadyen & John Dohsi		Modern	
Jan & Ron Stanbrook		Modern	
Rob Balfour		Modern	
Lyn & Julie Tyrell		Modern	

Rally Report

Club Twilight Picnic – Nathalia Sunday 19th January 2025

Lawns beside the Broken Creek provided our traditional extended chance for social interaction. The 18 club cars and six ‘moderns’ in attendance were less numerous than recent years.

Members made particular comment on the excellent picnic venue and the wonderful opportunity to move around to have a proper talk.

Barry Croke

Attending	Year	Make	Model
Lloyd & Kris Healey	1928	Ford	A model
John & Jenny Grieve	1928	Overland	Whippet
Lindsay Braybon	1940	Ford	Super DeLuxe Sedan
Daryl Williams	1948	Sunbeam	Talbot MK1-90
Hugh & Robin MacFadyen	1951	Dodge	Wayfarer
Vic Baker & Ray Mullins	1960	Triumph	Stag
Graeme Smith & John Theyers	1966	Holden	HR
Barry & Marg Croke	1966	MG	B Roadster
Greg Sutherland	1969	Falcon	GT
Alan & Denise Singleton	1970	Holden	Premier
Lorraine Tainton & Julie Mahoney	1975	Ford	XB GT
Peter Vibert & June Brewer	1976	Triumph	Stag
David & Lea Grant	1987	Mazda	MX6
Alan & Patricia Lavis	1988	BMW	735i
Jan & David Vibert and	1999	Mercedes	C200 E
Glenys & Bill Holyman			
Jock Crane		Holden	FX
Kaye Crane		Holden	Commodore VN
Russell Kerwin		Modern	
Marilyn & Graham Dicker		Modern	
Fred & Elaine Williams		Modern	
Rob Fletcher		Modern	
Don Brisbane	2025	Ultra Modern	Chev Corvette*

- * Will not be mentioned again until 2050



Rally Report

Australia Day – Ferrari Park, Mooroopna – January 26th 2025

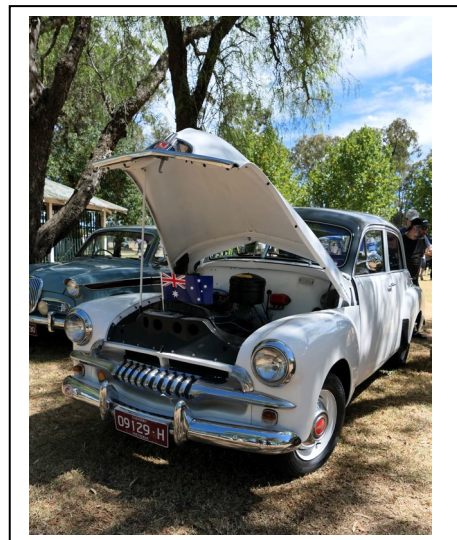
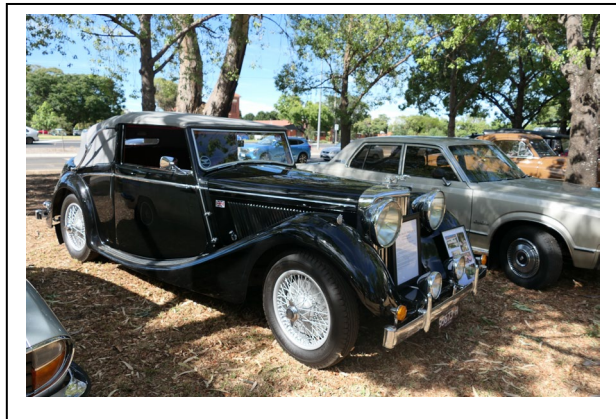
A lovely Sunday morning at Ferrari Park in Mooroopna was where a group of members with their cars gathered for the Australia Day Celebrations.

The Market was also in progress to add an extra attraction and many locals were impressed with the collection of cars. There were a few 1920's cars to add interest, not to mention the Williams' immaculate Jaguar and Don's brand-new Corvette which turned a few heads. Bill displayed his FJ Holden with an Australian flag, a genuine Aussie icon for sure and Neil and Liz had their Sunbeam draped with Australian flags.

The ceremony was enjoyable with the guest speaker, Jason Shields, giving an informative talk on his life journey and achievements from not being studious to winning awards in the fruit industry and sports. There were Aussie songs sung, bush poets reciting Aussie poems and politicians addressing the audience. The Mooroopna citizens of the year were awarded as well. All of this was followed by a sausage sizzle.

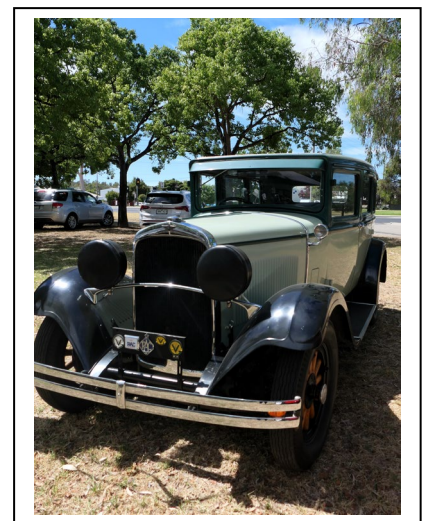
It is a pleasure to take part in this annual tradition, not only to display the cars but to show our allegiance to our country that we are proud to live in.

Heather Drust



Attendees at Australia Day Celebrations

Attending	Year	Vehicle	
		Make	Model
Rob & Kaye Morcom	1926	Chev	Roadster
Ian Organ	1926	Austin	12HP
John & Jenny Grieve	1928	Plymouth	"U"
Phil Podbury	1928	Sunbeam	Saloon
Bruce Mellington	1929	Dodge	DA
Fred & Elaine Williams	1948	Jaguar	MK4
Neil Hammond & Liz Capuano	1953	Sunbeam	Talbot
Bill Winter	1955	Holden	FJ
Hugh & Robin MacFadyen	1956	Dodge	Wayfarer
Ross Organ	1962	Singer	Gazelle
Colin & Ronda Opie	1964	Austin Healey	Sprite
Ron & Jan Stanbrook	1968	Holden	Premier
Graham & Marilyn Dicker	1975	Triumph	2.5TC
Ken & Anne O'Connor	1977	Leyland	Moke
Heather Drust	1978	Toyota	Crown Super Saloon
Ross Smith	1992	Mercedes	300G
Pat & Judy Mellington		Modern	
Don Brisbane	2025	Ultra Modern	Chev Corvette





TOWN TALK

with Marnie



Drivers' club has meant so much to Keith

Hi guys.
Sometimes — if we are fortunate — there is something in our lives, apart from our home and work, that becomes important — an interest, a hobby, a passion, perhaps.
Over time, it can help carry us through good times, and bad.
For Keith Raverty, it is the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club — and this is how it came about.

In October 1970, Keith was looking to buy a home for his wife and children.

He was interested in a house in Sutherland Ave.

On the property was the remains of a 1928 Buick, with a man — let's call him Tom — and some young fellows attempting to move what was left of the car.

Watching them struggle, Keith asked if there was a club in town; the members might give him a hand.

Tom said there wasn't a club and Keith — also interested in vintage cars — said that he would put an ad in the newspaper asking for interest.

In the next newspaper, Keith saw an advertisement asking for interest in a club and inviting those interested to a meeting in Numurkah.

Around 50 people attended the meeting, which was chaired by Tom.

It was decided that a club would be formed, the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Collector's Club, and Tom became the first president.

They all took a number, which would remain with them throughout their membership.

Laughing, Keith told me that he didn't realise he'd be "stuck with the number for ever". Tom was number 1 and Keith was 39.

In the second year of the club's existence, Tom was no longer a part of it and Keith became president for the next three years — and for six of the first 10 years.

Keith started the first swap meet — which was, for many years, a substantial fund raiser for the club; with hundreds of sites sold, originally at the trotting track.

People came from all around Victoria.

Keith took care of this activity for just on 20 years.

There were regular rallies and barbecues, and the club continued to grow.

Meetings were relocated to Shepparton, where the majority of members lived.

Limited registration and name change

There were two similar clubs in Melbourne, which benefited from 'limited registration'.

This meant that owners of vintage cars weren't expected to pay the full registration fee — as most people rarely drove these cars on the road. Keith wanted the same benefit for Shepparton members.

So, he began taking regular trips to our capital, to persuade the necessary people.

When he told me that he had taken 12 trips before succeeding, I laughed.

"You just wore them down, didn't



Keith Raverty at a family wedding with his 1927 Cadillac Tourer.

you?" I said. "They were sick of the sight of you."

However, Keith had ensured that the GV club was the first regional club to obtain this serious cost saving for members.

The state government provided registration books, in which details of activities were kept, and their registration costs were considerably reduced.

It also saved time and effort because previously, whenever a rally was held, each driver had to contact the Vintage Drivers Club to ask for permission to use the limited registration.

Each participant had to include details of the rally's duration and length — then wait for a response.

The name of the club was changed to Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club — because it more accurately reflected the membership.

About Keith

He was born in Melbourne and raised in Flemington; therefore, becoming a supporter of the North Melbourne Football Club.

He relocated his family to Shepparton in 1967, to take up the position of meat inspector at Stuart's Bacon Factory and the abattoirs.

He didn't purchase the house in Sutherland Ave because it had an outside toilet, which was too inconvenient with a son dependent on a wheelchair.

He found a more suitable home in Hawdon St, where he lived until purchasing 80 acres of orchard, with a house, in Lemnos.

He had been looking to purchase a home on a couple of acres — because, at this point, he had 65

vintage cars (at various stages and in varied condition).

But he settled for the orchard, compensated by the possibility of working it, in addition to his regular work, as a meat inspector.

He says he didn't know an apricot from an apple, but he successfully worked the orchard for four years, in addition to his regular job.

Then, there was yet another move, to Congupna; a brick veneer home on 150 acres; he retired from his job, relocated the 25 cars he still had and became a dairy farmer.

Muscular dystrophy finally took the life of his son, Steven, in 1982; he was 22 years of age.

Three years later, his surviving son, Ian, died in a motorcycle collision.

These were devastating times for Keith and his wife, Aileen.

However, his passion for the club, of which he was an inaugural member, remained.

He continued to attend meetings and events until 2019 when his health deteriorated.

Aileen passed away in 2023.

Keith spent Christmas with his daughter Margo and her family.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with Keith Raverty.

Although, like me, he is occasionally searching for a date or a name, he remains sharp, interesting and good company.

I thanked him for the fun we had and left, very aware that, like many who have lost their lifelong partner, he is lonely.

I was now also aware of just how much this club had meant to him — and still does.

In case you are interested, a three-bedroom brick veneer house

with the five remaining acres at Congupna will be on sale shortly.

My number is at the bottom of the page if you want details.

Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club Inc today

It was time to give Peter Vibert a call.

He is treasurer of the club and I wanted an update on the situation.

He told me that the club remains strong, almost 54 years since it began; although smaller than the early days of its existence.

In 2025, no-one is attempting to rebuild a 1920s Ford because it is no longer possible.

However, anything over 25 years of age is considered 'vintage' and there is still strong interest in the club's activities, particularly the swap meets.

The Federal Government has decided that incorporated car clubs should pay tax on their profits.

Surely, this is ridiculous — making a lot of work for members — particularly, I imagine, for their treasurer.

Perhaps someone has whispered in the federal treasurer's ear about swap meets. Or perhaps there's a long-term plan for incorporated clubs of all kinds.

Time will tell!

The club is always keen to accept new members, and you'll find contact details on its website — or you can give me a call on my number, if you wish, for phone contacts.

Darkest Hour

I came across a movie I really enjoyed. It's not new but well worth

your time, if you have yet to see it.

It tells of Winston Churchill's first month as prime minister — it was 1940.

I thought I knew all I needed to know about England's experience of World War II, but I was wrong.

I never gave thought to Churchill negotiating with Hitler because I never gave thought to Britain surrendering.

But the decision had to be made, and made quickly, with all that was left of the British Army on the beaches of France.

Churchill wasn't his party's first choice for prime minister — but he became their last hope.

England's fate — perhaps the world's fate — hung on his shoulders.

And this was the man whose 'brainwave' sent 8700 Australians to their deaths at Gallipoli. (With more than 18,000 wounded).

Gary Oldman gives an electrifying — and Academy Award-winning — performance as Churchill.

This is worth watching for his performance alone.

(There is an underground scene, which gave me chills; however, I'm not at all sure that it is historically accurate, or that it happened at all.)

I watched this on Netflix and I believe it is available for rent on Apple TV or Google TV.

Also, YouTube.

I wish you the very best of years; May 2025 be memorable for all the right reasons.

And may it be easy, my friends.

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Getting to Know Me

When I mentioned to Heather at the last meeting that I liked her “Getting To Know Me” section was a great idea, as you found out about people before it was too late. She replied “Good, you’re next’. So here we go. It’s not easy putting one’s life into a few paragraphs. I hope others follow.

I was born in Broken Hill and spent the first fifteen years of my life there. Being a bit of a loner and loved the freedom and the opportunity to roam the surrounding desert after school and at weekends. After completing primary school, I was sent to boarding school in Melbourne. The shock of Melbourne was quite dramatic, losing my freedom at Broken Hill, and put into an environment of strict draconian discipline, bullying, and extreme punishment for minor indiscretions. I hated the place and consequently my exam results were not good.

I began to study Mechanical Engineering at RMIT in 1964, and commenced work at G.M.H. Technical Section in January 1965 as a Technical Report Writer. Two years later I was made Assistant Road Test Engineer, then on to Prototype Vehicle Build-up Engineer - working on such vehicles as the first Bathurst Monaro’s, the London to Sydney Race cars, the Hurricane Project, the prototypes of the HQ, and the introduction of the first Torana motor vehicles.

I left GMH in 1969 and joined a construction company, World Services and Construction, as a planning engineer at Altona, then the Shell Refinery at Geelong. Whilst at Geelong I was told I would be posted to Bougainville and was to attend an orientation day in Melbourne on 14th October 1970 with others going to Bougainville. On the way back to Geelong we called in to see some colleges working on the West Gate Bridge. We could not get down from the top quickly enough as we all realised something was very wrong with the bridge. It collapsed early the following morning, killing 35 workers. Returning from Bougainville I was posted to Gladstone in Qld. I resigned W.S. & C. in September 1972 and returned to Melbourne where I took up a position as Product Development Engineer with the Silentbloc Pty. Ltd. in Blackburn, close to our home in Doncaster East. This led to the positions of Manufacturing Engineer and finally to Technical Manager.

I desperately wanted to get out of Melbourne to have some space around me, so in 1976, I accepted a position as Production Engineer, with Flexible Drives Pty. Ltd. in Gisborne. In 1978 I was utterly sick of engineering and working for someone else and wanted to work for myself. With this in mind we purchased the Katunga General Store and Post Office and Mail Runs, planning to spend a few years there. After six months we realised that we would never leave the area as we became very involved with numerous clubs and organizations. It was one of our best decisions.

In 1995 we purchased a small orange orchard just up the road, sold the General Store in 1998, and moved to the orchard to retire. We sold the orchard in 2014 and moved to Numurkah in 2014 where we are still today.

I married my wife Lea, in December 1965, and we have three daughters (one deceased), five grand-children and at this stage no great-grandchildren on the horizon.

We have been members of the G.V.M.V.D.C. since 2015 and have enjoyed every minute of that time.

Regards, David Grant

History

GVMVDC has a Barry Collison Memorial Trophy presented annually for the People's Choice at the Club Christmas event.

The recipient for 2024 was Lindsay Braybon with his immaculate 1930 Erskine Model 53 Sedan that he restored. Barry owned a 1930 Erskine Studebaker, how appropriate that Lindsay was awarded this trophy.

This is a newspaper article about Barry that was sent to me from Ken O'Connor who compiled the 50 plus 2-year history book.



Dedicated . . . Barry Collison as many workmates remember him, at the SPC cannery. The SPC agreement catapulted Barry and his workmates onto the pages of national newspapers.

Death dealt a double blow

A TRUCK accident at Dookie last month claimed not only the life of a loved family man but a key worker in the successful SPC workforce agreement.

Mr Barry Collison, 42, died when the DECA truck in which he was a passenger overturned in the Nalinga Hills on June 16.

Mr Collison, was an electrician and union shop steward at SPC who found himself in the middle of the biggest industrial relations story in 1990.

As part of an historic agreement, Barry was privy to the early discussions and negotiations and had to shoulder some of the burden when the company and workforce were criticised for their co-operative deal.

Friends described him as a perfectionist, and his hobby of meticulously restoring old cars was proof of that.

By GEOFF ADAMS

While she was preparing for the big night at the Civic Centre she had to teach Barry how to dance so her father could join her.

The family's snapshots from the night show an attractive and smiling girl with her partner, Aris Lynch-Jones.

Family friend John Grieve stepped in to have the dance normally reserved for fathers.

"It was tough for her, but we were proud of her.

"Barry would have wanted here to go on with it," Mrs Ann Collison said later.

"He always said to take things one day at a time."

● Barry James Collison was born in

Melbourne in 1949 to Lesley and Bobbie Collison. His mother, Bobbie and brother, Peter live in Tatura.

He attended Tatura Primary School and went on to the North Shepparton Technical School before joining SPC as their first electrical apprentice.

In 1972 he married Ann and they had Andrea, Rachael and Matthew.

All three are students at the Wanganui Park Secondary College.

Barry was a member of the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Collectors' Club and co-ordinator of the club's annual swap day, one of the largest events of its kind in Australia.

His own restored vehicles included a 1925 Studebaker, a 1965 Red MGB and a 1930 Erskine Studebaker.

Barry would be known to many young couples because he and two other friends ran a wedding car service.

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Restoration Report



Russell Kerwin and his 1975 Mini Clubman GT. Pictured right, the car at various stages of its restoration.

Restoration of Mini Clubman GT

Russell started his mechanic life working for Alex and Harry Cox who were the BMC dealers in Kyabram and he worked on Minis during the day while attending Echuca Tech in the evenings to get his motor mechanics' certificate.

He found two minis lying in a paddock at Undera. One was a bare shell, rolling chassis and the other really rusty which had a set of mag wheels he wanted so he purchased both. It took him four years to restore it to the condition it is today doing all of the work himself, mechanics and painting.

It has a 1275ci engine bought out to 1310 and has a Mini Cooper S transmission. It's the same as a Cooper S, same twin carbs on it but it has bigger camshafts in it.

Russell loves driving it, he calls it "a happy little car."

Russell was awarded a trophy on 24th January at the Kyabram Kruisers Summer Street Nats

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