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From the Editor,

Many thanks to members who have sent pics and text to my email,  
heatherdarwin@bigpond.com

Just a reminder, please do not use all capitals or double spacing in your text.

Heather

## COVER CAR

Approximately 12 years ago I spotted a 1985 300ZX in a friend's backyard. Curious I asked what was the story behind it because I knew it wasn't his. The story is it belonged to his mate and has been put off the road and had fines he hadn't paid. Jokingly..I said I would pay his fines and I will have the car. To my surprise his mate rang me and wanted to know when I could pick it up. So I said am on my way. Feeling a little guilty I said to him are you sure.

He said he was over it all and glad I could take it. The body was a bit rough but motor was good. A few months passed and we were at a swap and spotted a photo of a 300ZX same year on a chaps stall. So after a chat I paid a deposit. The car was cheap and had a good straight body. Cheap because the motor was shot. So trailered it home to swap motors and to prepare the car for the paint shop.

Being a sports car the ride is firm but holds the road well. Has ample power being a 3 litre V6 and very economical to run. The car has no real value compared to others, but I like it for the pleasure I get from it, and is fun to drive. Trevor and Faye

## President's report

Hello everyone,

Time fly's, another month has passed and it will soon be Christmas.

During the month we had some enjoyable outings thanks to our program committee, the biggest was the visit to Ron Schnider's collection. This trip was planned on reports received from previous visitors and what we have read about the collection.

I was amazed at what one person has collected. I enjoyed looking around; however, I was very disappointed that so many collectable items were left out in the weather to deteriorate when some enthusiasts would have lovingly cared for them.

I am looking forward to our Christmas break up party. The club will be subsidizing the cost of the meal. Members will be paying \$15.00 per person. Please have your money in an envelope to hand to Stuart at the November meeting. Peter Looking forward to seeing you all on the 20th. Best regards Peter

## Phone Assistance

Hi all,

Thanks to the 5 people who put their name & phone make & model on my sheet at the October meeting, requesting assistance with putting their emergency contact details in their phones.

You are: Bruce Kerr, Gary Armstrong, Chris O'Beirne, Peter Bond and Lyle Jamieson. I think that we will gather after the meeting during supper to run through the process but I will confirm on the night.

As luck would have it, you all have iPhones so this first session will be much easier to manage

Please ensure that the people you want shown as your emergency contacts are already in your phones before the session and that they are at least 50% charged.

Anyone who has a Samsung, Oppo, Google or other phone who would like assistance with setting up their emergency contact details in their phones can put their names on another sheet I'll bring in November.

Thanks, Jodie

## Falls Prevention Talk Last meeting



Peter Bond thanks Warren Faneco for his talk on falls prevention.

## On the outer Marnoo where Fords are few and Holdens are a plenty

In garages and sheds and various other beds

Lies Ron Schnieder's Collection. (Apologies to Banjo)

Various members and 3 guests traveled to Ron Schneiders collection on a beautiful Sunday in October. But every story has a beginning, and this one is no different.

Some members decided to make a weekend of it and assembled for lunch in the St Arnaud Caravan Park on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Following lunch Peter Rogers took us on a Cooks tour around St Arnaud (his old stomping ground). We visited the Wax Garden Conservation Reserve to admire the wildflowers, unfortunately we were a couple weeks too early to see them in full bloom. On the way-out Fay Parry spotted a Goanna darting across the road and up a tree, fortunately the Goanna wasn't camera shy and posed for a photo. We then visited various other places of note around town. We then decided to attend the sports club for dinner.

It's a wonder that one couple made the trip at all, it seems as they were leaving Ballarat, he was backing the car up and his wife spotted a caravan in the side mirror yelling out "STOP STOP STOP". The husband, in confusion jammed the brakes on and enquired what was the problem. "Your about to back into that caravan she said". Do you mean the one attached to the car the husband politely enquired. "Oh replied the wife I forgot we had it on the back".

There was also a mix-up during dinner when one couple received the wrong meal and being the nice people they are, decided not to say anything. I will admit that I really enjoyed the alternative meal that I was served a bit later.

Onto Sunday, we were joined by the day tripping contingent in St Arnaud and proceeded to Marnoo for a comfort stop. To reinforce the adage that you never know what you will find, one of the locals spotted Chris O'Beirne's ford and invited him to have a look at his collection. Gee Chris sure can move quickly when he's onto something. We'll catchup later were his parting words.

We made our way to Ron Schneider's collection, and it boggled the imagination. There seemed to be at least 1 of every Holden model up to HZ including variants as well as Military vehicles, Planes fuselages, early model trucks, some imported cars and quite a few modified vehicles. Gordon Roberts spotted an ex-military vehicle that he still has a license for.

A couple of the highlights were a Helicopter used by the Queen mother on a visit to Australia and an Transavia Airtruk used in a Mad Max film.

After a pleasant lunch under the trees, we made our way home. A very enjoyable day was had and many thanks to the organisers.

Gerard & Sally N



## Florence Thomson Tour

28th to 30th March 2025

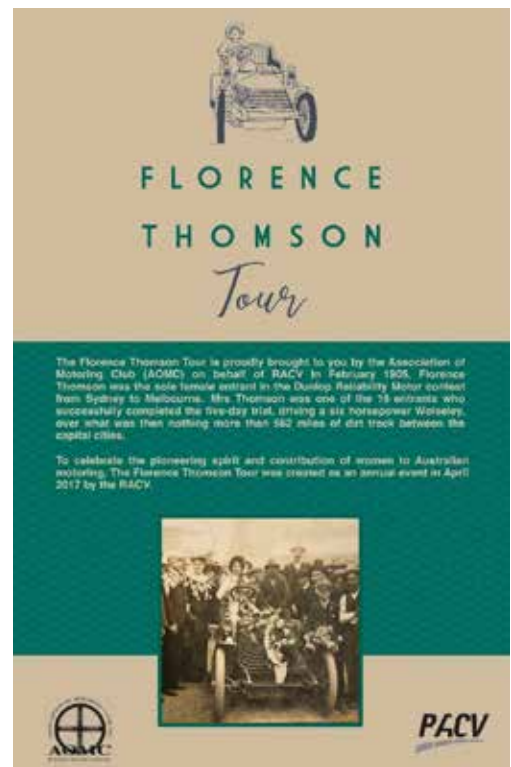
Ladies, the Florence Thomson Tour for female drivers in classic cars is happening again.

We will be based in midst of Victoria's fabulous Gold Fields, just 115 kms from Melbourne.

- The tour's aim is to show a diverse range of vehicles and hence places are limited.
- You must apply for entry to the event by filling in the online application form on the AOMC website. (see link below).
- Applications close on 22nd November 2024 and successful applicants will be notified on 16th December 2024.
- Entry Fee is \$150 per person

[Click here to register for the Florence Thomson tour](https://www.aomc.asn.au/events/ftt-2025)

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## AMERICAN CHROME AND COFFEE

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 9.00am  
North Gardens Lake Wendouree

Last year I approached the GCC to see if the club would host the American Chrome and Coffee annual car show which is conducted in February each year.

Prior to 2024 a small group conducted this event on an informal basis but this left access to North Gardens Lake Wendouree as a precarious situation as there was no guarantee that access would be available on the day.

This year there were 100 cars on show and this was up 35 cars on the previous year, and with this number it would be unmanageable without GCC support. We would be very grateful if Goldfields Car Club would again host this event as it has allowed for an approved permit to be obtained from the City of Ballarat and also ensures that the requirements of Heritage Victoria are met. There is no financial cost for this event to GCC.

The event is free entry to enthusiasts and the public and consequently we are grateful to the City of Ballarat for their generosity in allowing us access to this wonderful site. This is a static display and a minimum of 8 volunteers or more, from GCC on the day would be sufficient to control the gate and marshal the car parking.



This number of volunteers would enable rotation and free up volunteers to take time to view the cars on show. At the October club meeting I would be grateful for an indication of volunteers as we would like to know that the support is there before formally committing our application to the City of Ballarat.

Anyone available to assist could you please add your name to the list to be circulated at the meeting OR phone me on 0418399339. I encourage club members to support this event.

John SMYTH 0418399339





## **GOLDFIELDS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

***Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>***

*At Invermay Sports Centre*

*From 11.30 onward*

***The Train may be running.***

***Menu: Roasts as per last year.***

***Numbers are needed for catering.***

Come along to our Christmas fun, dressed in your best or oldest Christmas attire. Also bring along a present each (1 for each person attending) (So, if there are 2 of you attending, 2 gifts will be required)

**To add interest** this year all presents will need to be pre-used, re-gifted, found in your local op-shop, **or amusing and silly items** will be **encouraged and recommended**. So, the amount of money you will need to spend is minimal, and I will leave it up to members to spend what they feel is a fair thing. Present giving at our Christmas party is a fun thing to do and should not be treated as the chance to receive a popular gift of great value by any person attending. We will be there for fun and companionship and not a benefit to individuals. Join fellow members for this day of jovial, joyful, jubilant celebration of which we will all delight in. Frances O'B

### **PAST MEMORIES**

Whilst on our tour of a Holden collection at Metcalfe last weekend I happened to notice an object on the dash board of an old Holden that holds a very sentimental memory of my past years.

As things have turned out, I am not very proud of the fact that I was once a very heavy smoker, but in those days, there was no recommendation that one should stop the smoking habit. Only my mother, who was worried that it did my health no good at all, but hey, whoever took any notice of what mothers said. My mother told me she would give me a thousand pound if I didn't smoke until I was twenty-one. On reflection, she must have been very confident that there would never be a pay-up day, because she probably didn't have a thousand anyway, and by this time I was hooked and it would have taken more than money to dis-persuade me from my bad habit.



Just a memory from many years past. Frances O'B

## Coffee/lunch run Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Ten members shared lunch and viewing some nice vehicles ranging from vintage to sport and modern. The weather was good as was the lunch and the company. Socially an excellent day and thanks to the members that attended.



## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> November 2024.

We invite you to join us in a very casual club run to Moonambel, to attend the very popular day held annually in Moonambel to acknowledge the existence of some wonderful old cars that have not received the love and attention that our own vehicles have received in the past.

This does not mean that they are any less valuable than the shiny well-maintained cars that we drive.

The day is a celebration of the perfectly imperfect motor vehicle.

Lunch has been booked at the local hotel for about 12.30 and numbers are needed for this popular meal venue on this popular day in Moonambel. If you haven't already let me know of your intention to come along, would you please

RING FRANCES ON      0448- 464- 500      ASAP  
MEET AT      -      Masters Car Park West end.  
LEAVING TIME -      9.00am  
COMFORT STATION:      Avoca

At the venue there is plenty of coffee available on sight for those (who may not appreciate rusty cars), there is plenty of seating available under the veranda of the football club rooms with lots to see.

Hope you will see fit to join us on this run, as this is a truly iconic type of event that seems to me "very Australian" she'll be good mate type occa event, that we should still enjoy while we can.

Frances & Chris



USED, BUT NOT ABUSED.  
WORN IN, BUT NOT WORN OUT.  
A CELEBRATION OF THE PERFECTLY IMPERFECT.

## OUR DAY AT THE DUNOLLY GOLDFIELDS RALLY

Sunday 20 October 2024 saw Chris & I along with Russell Nicholls and Beth Smith travel to Dunolly to attend the Dunolly Goldfields Rally held at the old Dunolly Race Course. This was the event, that our club had intended to attend, but was advised that it would not be taking place this year. The giving of this incorrect information, does not surprise me at all after experiencing the way this event was run. There was no signage or any inclination that there was anything happening in Dunolly that day at all. No parking information or attendant and no person that knew much about anything really.

The day turned out quite hot and windy, and there was not much shade to speak of. The noise of the old Lance Bulldog tractors participating in the Tractor Pull events was deafening, but worse than the noise was the foul smell and constant dispersal of black clouds of burnt gases gushing into the air from the tractors. Now having all that to say about the Rally, we really didn't have a bad day considering. There were plenty of old interesting vehicles to peruse, as well as trucks of all sorts, many tractors, a dog high jump competition (which I missed) a couple of collections, and lots of food and coffee. There was a trailer full of sheep for some reason but the best attraction of the day was the local blues band.



## **BALLARAT CUP DEC 7 PARKING HELP**

Greetings Members, as you are no doubt aware the club has historically provided members to supervise parking at the Ballarat Cup. It is a great no risk fundraiser for the club and contributed over \$1,500.00 to our finances last year. It looks like we will be asked to undertake this task again this year. I am asking for members, where possible, to keep Dec 7<sup>th</sup> free. We require 12 people, to allow for rest breaks and the like. It would be great if you are able to assist with this and hopefully the weather is better than it has been for the last couple of years. I will be compiling a list of names as the cup gets closer.

Cheers Gerard Nagle





## VALE Peter Blayney

It is with sad news we learn of Peter's passing on 25 October 2024, aged 84. Peter joined Goldfields on 18 July 2001 and owned several unique cars including a curved dash Oldsmobile.

<b>Nov</b>	Thursday 14	Coffee Run	Meet 1.00pm East Ballarat Bus Exchange. Creswick Newelyn/Dean Area Coffee at Creswick	Peter & Fay Bond 0400 327 918
	Saturday 16		Bendigo Swap	
	Sunday 17	Club Run	Moonambel Patina Breakdown \$10/car entry	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm. Jody to demonstrate ICE Phone assistance	
	Wednesday 27	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
<b>Dec</b>	Sunday 8	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	Pay November Club meeting, money in an envelope to Stuart
	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	TBA.	
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	



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