

## The Bellarine Historic Vehicle Club.

Opportunities for friendship and association with like minded people who have an interest in Veteran, Vintage and Classic motor vehicles, along with stationary engines.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at The Leopold Sportsmans Club, Leopold, commencing at 7:00pm

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#### **Cover Photo:**

A merge of two photos—the 10th anniversary photo board created by Mal Moger, and a group shot from our 10th Anniversary dinner.

## **President's Report**

Here we are again after another 3 months of activities. I trust you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year and are ready for a fun full year of social activities planned by the Events committee.

On February 8th we celebrated our 10th Anniversary at Clifton Springs Golf Club where our first meeting was held. 32 members attended an enjoyable evening. Our weekend away is fast approaching and final planning well under way. Not too late to join us.

We continue with our enjoyable morning teas, and welcoming new members to the club. To mark our 10th anniversary, club members received a commemorative pen, these will be available at club meetings for those who are yet to receive one.



Keep an eye out for upcoming events and join us if you are interested or able to participate.

Happy motoring and have an enjoyable Easter.

#### Jan Clissold

#### **President**

## **Editor's Report**

There has been a lot happening within the club over the last few months. It's often difficult to get to every meeting, coffee morning or club run, so I am very grateful to those members who provide me with photos, articles and items for the magazine. For this edition, quite a few members have contributed to the magazine, including Sue Moger, Mal Moger, Lachie Jackson, Keith Winter, Jan Clissold, Darren Clissold, David Polson and possibly a few more that seem to have escaped my mind just at the moment. It's nothing to do with old age!

If you have something that you think would be of interest to other members, speak to me at a club meeting or outing, give me a call or send me an email. Maybe you're working on an interesting project, or have been out and about and come across something that caught your eye.

This month, Lachie Jackson has written a very interesting on his first car. No doubt many of us have interesting or funny stories about our first motoring experiences, so that's another thing to consider.

And finally, we have an article on David Polson's Valiant Charger. For those who haven't seen this car in person, be sure to check it out when David is out and about in it.

#### **Graeme Lemin**

#### **Editor**

## Display at Bunnings Christmas Fair

We were once again invited by Bunnings Leopold to provide a display of vehicles for their Annual Christmas Fair. If you have never been, this is a fabulous community event, with displays from various community groups and clubs, along with music, entertainment for kids of all ages, and even Santa comes along to share in the fun.

Our club provided a good array of vehicles, showing the diversity of the cars that members own and enjoy. It's always interesting to watch the parents and grandparents looking at the cars with their children or grandchildren, who would possibly never have seen an older car up close.

There was a lot of interest from the general public, and we had a couple of enquiries about membership. This event gives us the perfect opportunity to promote the club, and share our passion with the community.

Bunnings very generously provided a thank you in the form of a Bunnings Gift Card which formed part of the prize pool at our Christmas BBQ.















# Past Events Christmas Twilight BBQ











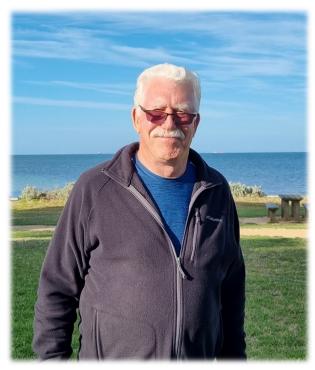
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## Midweek Coffee Run to Salty Breeze Café

What a glorious morning! 16 club members and 2 potential new members met at this lovely Café in the park grounds at Queenscliff to enjoy the delicious coffee with some members also delighting in a delicious raspberry muffin, ummmmh!

The shutters raised provided a beautiful ambience both within the Café as well as the ability to look out into the lovely park as members enjoyed chatting with lots of bantering and laughter.

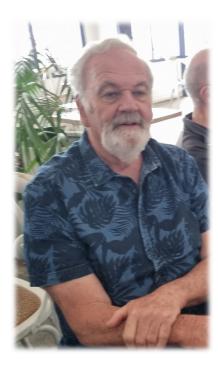
On leaving, some members chose to enjoy to continue to chat in the park whilst others took the opportunity to look around the historic town of Queenscliff and of course the Op Shops.

A most enjoyable morning.





## Midweek Coffee Run to Pier Street Café







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A sunny day, a welcoming café with great coffee (with some delicious treats) and a whole bunch of club members sounds like a recipe for an enjoyable morning—and that's exactly what it was!

Pier Street Café in Portarlington is located directly across from the ferry terminal, and it's a very pleasant spot to sit and watch the world go by as you enjoy a coffee and a snack or a

meal. And that's exactly what we did, along with plenty of chatting, a few laughs and a selection of fresh vegies from Don's garden. A perfect day indeed!











## Birregurra Show and Shine

After the success of their first Show and Shine last year, things were looking good for an even better event this year. It was all going well, until Mother Nature had her say in things. The forecast was not looking good, plus we had a few members on the sick list. We still managed to have three members, and three guests, representing our club in Birregurra.

Numbers at the show and shine were well down on last year, again due mostly to the weather. To their credit, the host club had gone to a lot of trouble to improve on last year's event, with better facilities, more food options, a relocated stage for entertainment and more.

Despite the lower numbers and occasional rain shower, people were still happily walking around looking at cars, chatting and generally having a great time. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us in 2026!















## **BHVC 10th Anniversary Dinner**

Although a bit noisy to start off with due to unexpectedly sharing the room with golfers who had completed a golfing tournament, the evening eventually settled and 31 of our members enjoyed drinks and dinner at the BHVC's 10th Birthday Celebration at the Clifton Springs Golf Club, which was followed by delicious Birthday Cake provided by BHVC.

The Clifton Springs Golf Club was the very first meeting place for the BHVC so there was a bit of reminiscing that brought back memories for our founding members who joined us. Thank you to Mal Moger who put together a BHVC 10th Birthday memory photo board, which prompted a lot of interest and conversation. All members present were provided with a special BHVC 10th Birthday celebration boxed gift, which they were asked to open later that evening, on opening members found a useful ball point pen in the club blue and gold colours highlighting the clubs 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Through the night, members took part in a "lucky number prize" which was a \$50 Bunnings voucher and won by Chris Olsen. Lachie Jackson (BHVC's First President and key person in establishing BHVC) provided a speech on how the club was initiated 10 years ago to the day. Lachie acknowledged and remembered some of the valued club members who are no longer able to be present with us, as well as the challenges of the BHVC club surviving through COVID. He highlighted that the club wouldn't be here today without its past and current members and how important it is that members play a part in making and keeping it successful.

BHVC Founding members were then presented with "Founding Member Badges" - These were Lachie & Lorraine Jackson, Jan Clissold, Ian & Heather Duncan, Dianne & Peter Kemp and Lorraine Collinson, Congratulations to you all.









The night ended with a raffle with the first prize won by Neill and Shirley Remeeus, second Prize Sue & Mal Moger and third prize David and Pat Poulson. A group photo finalised the evening. All in all a very enjoyable and lovely night.

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# Members' Stories Lachie Jackson—My First Car

## "What was your first ever car / motorcycle "

It has always fascinated me as to how and why people become involved in car clubs and also how they share such a long-term interest in all types of cars along with motorcycles.

So I have decided to write an article that I hope other members will be inspired to also write an article on the very first car you ever owned called *my first ever car* that I ever owned, and I must admit there has have been so many over the years that I have lost count, but the very first car I ever owned was a 1940's Austin 18 Sedan and I remember like it was yesterday that I took possession of this car.



Austin 18 - 4 door sedan - photo obtained from the internet.

The story starts back in the early / mid 1960's in Box Hill South when I was about 12 years old and living in our Family home with my three brothers and my Folks.

My interest at the time was in go carts and minibikes, but I always wanted a car to tinker with, but cars were scare during this time. At the time I used to mow lawns around the neighborhood to raise petrol money and also this enabled me to buy bits and pieces to keep my go karts and minibikes in running order

As we lived near the Box Hill golf course a good fund raiser was to find lost golf balls and sell them to the Golf Pro, so one day I was heading home on my bike with my good mate Vince who lived one door up the road from my place, and he was also a car nut which was also a reason that the car bug got me, anyway on the way back we rode past a home near the golf course that needed the lawns mowed so we knocked on the door and a very kind old Lady said if we wanted we could mow her lawn that was fine with her, so we went home attached our Victa mowers to the rear of our bikes and off we went to do the mowing job. Once on site we both finished the front yard and started on the rear yard and about half through the back yard Vince called out and signaled for me to come over to an old fibro sheeted garage the type that had a pull up door at the front, so I went over and we rubbed the dust and dirt of the small window in the side of the garage and we were able to see an outline of a car which appeared to be dark blue or black so we went around to the garage front door but it was nailed shut and the side door was also padlocked.

Once completing the lawn mowing job Vince and I had a brain wave and we would offer to do the Lady's lawn for several cuts if she was willing to give us the car, so we approached the Lady who went on to explain that the car once belonged to her late husband and had been in the garage for many years. The good news was the Lady accepted our offer, and we celebrated with some Cottees cordial along with some Arnot's biscuits in her lounge room.

So I now have a car and it was going to live at my place, as I was the self-appointed and recognized new owner they were my rules so no arguments from anyone, but now the task was how to get it back to my place which was about one km away, so we spent many hours after school working out a plan as to how to get this car home.

We had no idea if it ran, had a drive train and even would the tires pump up as they were dead flat, and would they even pump up and hold air, the list just went on and on.

I will now explain how and what we did to get the car home.

First task was to get the tires pumped up and sadly all we had was an old brass hand pump and for those

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who have used one of these to inflate tires you will understand just how difficult a task this was, but the good news was after spending most of the weekend we got three tree tires to stay up but needed the last one to be repaired at the local servo, so now with all wheels back on and tires inflated we were ready to see if we could get the car out of the garage and from there and with all the help we could muster up we were a chance to finally move it out and you could have cut the air with a knife as the tension was at the next level, so after removing the bolts holding the front door closed we tried rocking the car with no success it was locked up solid, what to do now then we spotted the greens keeper from the golf club who was working just across the road doing some mowing and see if he could tow us out of the garage which he replied yep sure the Boss had gone home early so all was good.

We then hooked up a tow rope to the front of the of the car and once attached to the old tractor it finally rolled once again well sort of as the rear brakes were locked on but after a good tow down the concrete drive the brakes eventually released and it would then roll with a simple push, and that cost us a dozer golf balls good deal I reckon!!!!!.

Heading home feeling very satisfied with our first mission our thoughts now turn to how are we going to get the car home, and our options were a tow but we had zero brakes, so it was decided to push it home and ram it into gear if we needed to stop, so a posse was rounded up consisting of Vince and myself, yep just the two of us, so off we go out the drive and onto the street with the Lady of the property waving us good bye, and thank fully the roads were flat but what a task it was and anyone out walking or doing the garden was asked to help out which most did, and after what seemed like six hours we made it home and actually it was more like one hour or so but dam hard work to get the car onto the rear concrete patio area making



it an ideal place to move onto the next stage of the resto, just a side not and I look back now with much laughter when I needed to convince my folks and other that we did not drive the car home, as I promised my Mother that I would never drive the car on the road whilst I had it and I held true to that commitment for the whole time. We had an excellent contact at our local servo in Middleborough road – Box Hill who spent much of his time explaining the way forward and how to achieve best results with our resto, important when you consider we had zero funds as the Bank of Mum and Dad was our best option plus our lawn mowing jobs keep as somewhat financial, so contemplating what to do next with a head full of advice and our own ideas off we went to work, but firstly I must explain a bit of history and condition of the car which surprisingly was not all that bad, and after a few washes and cleaning of the interior with a soapy rag it came up very well, so here we have a four door Austin 18 with suicide doors, four speed manual gear box, four cylinder overhead valve engine and fitted with four wheel hydraulic brakes.

Next was the engine which took very little effort to get to turn over, we got a good secondhand battery from our servo mate and the engine spun over very well on the starter, we both felt we were winning, and things were looking good. We put some fuel into the tank spun the motor over with no success. But armed with our newly acquired skills and knowledge we set about checking all the wiring, including distributor,

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coil only to find we had a bad distributor condenser which we were sourced from a bin at our mate's servo, cost us four golf balls.

We filed the points and with great trepidation we again tried to start the car and only to have it go bang bang out of the carby and all did not seem right, so our new best friend at the servo called in to diagnose the firing order was not correct so after resetting the spark plug leads, we hit the starter again and it started after a few attempts it was just amazing to see it running after all these years, and I have never seen so many spiders coming out the exhaust pipe, smoke pouring out of the exhaust system but it was running, I will never forget my Father hooking up the garden hose just in case of fire, but not needed as here we had a running engine which had oil pressure and ran so well, and I think my folks were also happy knowing how much time and effort we had put in to get to the position., and I must say here my



father did not know the difference between a spark plug and a spare wheel so on a scale on one to ten he was a solid 1 – private school boy education for you !!!!



The next step with the engine running was to see if we could engage a gear and also to see if the clutch was going to play the game which can i say worked a treat so we were able to move the car back and forward on the patio stripe I must admit here that most of our weekends were spent driving up and back more times than I care to remember, so what comes next is we want to drive the car so we can use all the gears and check the brake efficiency, and there was an ideal bush area in the middle of nowhere out behind the new constructed of Bow Water Scott factory where we spent many hours just driving around not upsetting anyone or anything, and I say here the car did all we asked of it and we would leave it hidden in the bush when we went off home.

It was after some twelve months that some older guys from Blackburn approached us at the bush block where we had the car, and asked us if we were interested in selling, so we asked what was the offer which at the time when you consider we were just two young Boys the offer they put to us was far beyond our wildest dreams so we made the deal, and I have not seen or heard of this car since, and do I miss it well for sentimental reasons yes but as a daily driver I have little interest but what a start to my first ever car.

In closing this Austin was a very upmarket car with hydraulic jacks on all four wheels controlled by a valve system set up under the bonnet, it also had leather upholstery, a wind out front window it was so well done a credit to the Austin car manufacturers for making such a fine car, so there you have it my first ever car story. - *I trust you will enjoy the read*Lachie Jackson – Member – BHVC - 2024

## **Ballarat Tramway Museum**

The day of the run to the Ballarat Tramway Museum was a hot one, but a small band of members and one visitor made the drive up to Ballarat to tour the museum and have a ride on a restored tram.

The museum is well laid out and has a wide variety of old trams on display, including a Geelong tram which our members voted as their favourite!





The group went for a ride along the track which runs alongside the lake and the Botanic Gardens, which was followed by lunch at the Sebastapol Bowling Club. The original plan for a picnic was abandoned due to the heat.

It was a very enjoyable day, and it was great to see a group of people dedicated to keeping our history alive by restoring, maintaining and using these old trams. Without people like them, these trams would just be a memory.



















## **BHVC Book Swap**

Due to members' requests we have commenced a book swap. Below is the list of current books held. If you would like to read any of the books below please email: <a href="mailto:events@bellarinehistoricvehicleclub.com">events@bellarinehistoricvehicleclub.com</a> to arrange.

If you would like to donate a book/s, please bring along to a Club meeting.

The list below will be updated regularly. Here are this month's new titles.

Author	Title	
Belinda Alexandra	<b>The Invitation</b> —Sometimes the ties that bind you are the most dangerous of all. In Gilded Age New York money buys everything. What is your price?	
Tania Blanchard	<b>Suitcase of Dreams</b> – 1956 after enduring the horror of Nazi Germany a family arrives in Australia full of hopes and opportunities and bright future for their children.	
Tania Blanchard	<b>Letters from Berlin</b> – Berlin 194, inspired by a true story of love, courage and betrayal.	
Susan Duncan	<b>Sleepless in Stringybark Bay</b> – When five retired couples pool their resources to live in a house located where a turquoise lagoon meets the sea, how will 10 people, one in a wheel chair, survive where only the way in or out is by boat?	
Kate Grenville	<b>The idea of perfection</b> Winner of the 2001 Orange prize for fiction	
Maggie Tabberer	Maggie - Autobiography	
Pip Williams	<b>The Dictionary of Lost Words</b> - In 1901, the word bondmaid was discovered from the Oxford English Dictionary. This is a true story of a girl who stole it.	
Katherine Scholes	<b>The Rain Queen</b> – Two women, bound by a shocking event, drawn to a vast and beautiful country they cannot forget.	
Mary-Lou Stephens	<b>The Last of the Apple Blossom -</b> Deep in Tasmania's Huon Valley – an inspiring story of two orchards, two women and the secret that binds them.	
Nicole Sparks	<b>Two by Two</b> – Russell Green has it all – a loving family, a successful career and a beautiful house. But underneath his seemingly perfect world, cracks are beginning to appear.	
Evan McHugh	Red Centre Dark Heart – Murders in the Outback	
Nora Roberts	<b>The Witness</b> — When you've been running all your life, is it ever safe to stop?	
Katherine Scholes	<b>The Rain Queen</b> – Two women, bound by a shocking event, drawn to a vast and beautiful country they cannot forget.	
Barbara Taylor Bradford	<b>Unexpected Blessings</b> – The great granddaughters of Emma Harte follow in her legendary footsteps	
Harmony Verna	<b>Daughter of Australia -</b> Forbidden lovechance brought them together, nothing could keep them apart.	

## And finally.....

#### Microsoft Windows vs Ford

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated.....

"If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

- 1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash......twice a day.
- 2.. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3... Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
- 4.... Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
- 5..... Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive but would run on only five percent of the roads.
- 6..... The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
- 7...... The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
- 8...... Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- 9...... Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
- 10....... You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

## Club Calendar Coming events and meeting dates.

### Proposed BHVC Events Calendar for December 2025—March 2025

**NOTE:** Activities may be subject to change which are out of our control. All events will be confirmed at Club meetings and an email sent to club members with details. (updated 6/3/25)

	Dates	March – May 2025 Activities
Month		
March	Monday 10/3/25	Club Meeting, Leopold Sports Club – 7:00pm (or meet earlier for dinner) <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Chris Hibble. Chris is restoring a Steam Engine at Queenscliff, we are hoping to follow-up his talk and visit to view the train on 16/3/25 (TBC)  Please consider bringing along any donations for Cottage by the Sea and Email the Events Coordinator if you require any books from the book club.
	Tuesday 18/3/25	Committee Meeting, Leopold Sports Club – 3:00pm
	Sunday 16/3/25	Following Guest Speaker Chris Hibble, we have been invited to view the steam train at Queenscliff. Those who wish to can also take a 45 Minute return ride to Lakeside. Concession/group bookings is \$15.00 per person. Meet at 10:30am at Queenscliff Station, 20 Symonds Street (bottom of Hesse St) Queenscliff to view the Steam Train. If interest we will book train ride for 12 noon. BYO lunch or purchase from local shops.
	Wednesday 19/3/25	Coffee Morning – 10:30am – The Garage, 15 Lelean Street, Ocean Grove
	Fri - Mon 28/3/25 -31/3/25	BHVC weekend away – Warrnambool. A schedule of activities and other information will be provided to members who have registered and discussed at meetings.
	Sunday 30/3/25	Car run – Federation – Mortlake Picnic, Tee Tree Lake Park, Mortlake (all day event) – further details TBA. <b>Please note</b> this event is for interested members who are not attending the Warrnambool weekend away.
	Sunday 6/4/25	BHVC Vehicle Display – Customs Lawn, Geelong Waterfront. Please consider registering your vehicle, a great day to promote the club and show off your car to the public.
April	Thursday 10/4/25	BHVC Vehicle Display at Bunnings, Leopold Easter Community Event. 6:00-8:00pm. Cars are to arrive by 5:30pm to position prior to public entering area. A fun community event with other stalls and sausage sizzle etc., a good opportunity to chat to other members and interested public. Please register and consider bringing your vehicle along to this event.
	Monday 14/4/25	Club Meeting, Leopold Sports Club – 7:00pm (or meet earlier for dinner)  Easter Raffle – Don't forget to bring your change (tickets 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5:00)  Please consider bringing along any donations for Cottage by the Sea and Email the Events  Coordinator if you require any books from the book club.
	Tuesday 15/4/25	Committee Meeting, Leopold Sports Club – 3:00pm
	Thursday 24/4/25	Lunch get together – 12:30pm. <b>Please note Venue Change</b> – we are now meeting at Leopold Sporties Club, 135 Kensington Road, Leopold. Google Leopold Sporties to view lunch menu.
	Sunday 27/4/25	Car Run – Barwon Park Mansion 105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea (all day event). BYO Picnic or purchase lunch from Mansion. Mansion Entry fees apply: Free for National Trust Members, Adults \$10, Concession \$7, Children \$4, Family (2 adults + 2 children) \$20. Entry to Mansion is by Guided tours only which run on the hour between 11:00am – 3.00pm being the latest.  Those interested can drive onto the Country Dahlias Flower Farm, 195 Mathison Road, Winchelsea. One of Australia's largest collections of Dahlia's. Café onsite. Entry fee ap-
		plies - \$8 for adults. Flowers and pots can also be purchased. Gates close at 4:00pm.
May	Thursday 8/5/25 Monday 12/5/25	Club Dinner – 6:30pm - Drysdale Pizza, 26-28 High Street, Drysdale
	Monday 12/3/23	Club Meeting, Leopold Sports Club – 7:00pm (or meet earlier for dinner. <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Kevin Centra from Shadforth Financial Group. Kevin will talk about entitlements that people often don't know about and other financial matters. <b>Mother Day Raffle</b> - Don't forget to bring your change (tickets 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5:00)  Please consider bringing along any donations for Cottage by the Sea and Email the Events Coordinator if you require any books from the book club.
	Sunday 18/5/25	Car Run – Gisborne Steam and Vintage Festival, 10 Webb Crescent, New Gisborne (all day event). Vintage Machinery Rally and Tractor Pull. Entry fees apply \$15 Adults, children free. Classic vehicles and drivers are free with adult passengers \$10 each. BYO lunch or purchase from vendors. <b>Please note:</b> This is also National Motoring Heritage Day.
	Tuesday 20/5/25	Committee Meeting, Leopold Sports Club – 3:00pm
	Wednesday 21/5/25	Coffee morning – 10:30am, The Range @ Curlewis, 1201 Portarlington Road, Drysdale. Also provides an opportunity for members to practice their golf on the driving range or enjoy a game of mini golf. Fees apply.