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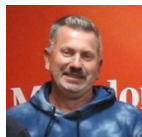
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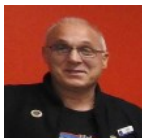
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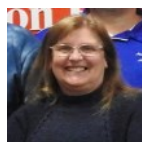
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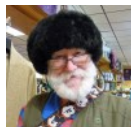
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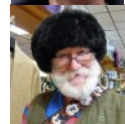
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Club Objective: To encourage the restoration, preservation and operation of motorised vehicles.

Meetings: Are now held on a Wednesday evening till later in the year. Check the Calendar for the meeting date. Meetings start at 8pm.

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Editor

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR
THE FEBRUARY MOTOR MOUTH IS
21ST JANUARY**

Hi Everyone

Wow, what a year it's been.

Firstly I'd like to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to 2024 !!

This club is always planning a run, or an event, there's not many months where there isn't anything on. It's great to be part of such a wonderful club. And the members are great too.

A few things to mention, firstly there are a few roles on the Committee that need helpers, they are Lina with Sales, and Nicky with the raffles.

Lina is getting busy and needs a helper, not to take over but to just give a hand when things get busy.

Nicky is a mum to a young toddler and can't always make the meetings, so we're after a stand in to sell the raffle tickets at the meetings that Nicky can't attend. This isn't a huge role as it's basically sell the tickets, hand over the funds and the tickets to the Exec Committee. No buying things for the raffle, that's all taken care of.

Remember this helps fund our Coffee Van - no Raffle Co-Ordinator or tickets sold, no Coffees !!!

Oh, and Hanging Rock, Kate is in need of volunteers to help set up on Saturday and take it all down again on Sunday arvo, plus numerous other jobs, see page 17 for all the info.

I am certainly looking forward to Christmas and a well earned rest, like I suspect most of you are.

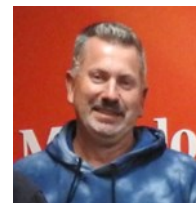
Thanks for all the emails with content for the newsletter, keep them coming.

I'll see everyone at the Christmas Meeting and then again in Feb when our meeting is on a Wednesday night as it's the Hanging Rock meeting. See the calendar for the exact date.

Cheers
Trish
Editor



President



Welcome to the December Motor Mouth.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish members and their families a very Merry Christmas. It has been an action-packed year, and we wish you all the best for the New Year – 2024.

November was a busy month for our club. The meeting was held on a Sunday, with the clubrooms opening at 8.30 for Brain, Gary, and Steve to carry out Red Plate inspections. It's a very social day for members attending with their club cars and catching up with a coffee. It's hard to get a meeting started on time, but I am not complaining.

We had a cruise to the **Royal Australian Air Force Museum at RAAF Williams at Point Cook**. It's the second oldest continuously operating military base in the world. A large group of us looked at over 100 years of military history. If you haven't been, it's worth the trip.

The **40th anniversary** luncheon held at Club Sunbury on Sunday 19th was a terrific event. It was great to see a room full of so many members enjoying the celebration, from the early days to the present. Each membership will receive one 40-year embossed commemorative wine glass as a memento. A second glass (or more) will be available to purchase at \$15 per glass.

I would like to congratulate our founding members, George Porter, Graeme Lemin, and Kevin Richards on reaching the milestone of **40 years membership**.

Sunday 3rd December is our Christmas meeting at the clubrooms from 10am. **Red Plate inspections** will not be happening on this day. Just bring your club car out and enjoy the day.

January 2024, we are still planning a club run, so please check your emails regularly for information.

Wednesday 6th February 2024 will be the first club meeting of the year, starting at 8 pm. This will be the Hanging Rock information meeting, so please make sure you have put your name on a roster sheet before then. The Annual Picnic at Hanging Rock is on **Sunday 11th February**.

See you on the road.
Adam



Vice President



Greetings Everyone,

The December meeting is fast approaching with 29 days until Christmas. It has been quite a busy 12 months around the Club, with many events and work completed throughout the year.

- Hanging Rock was a great success.
- Much maintenance has been completed around the Club.
- The Bowling evening was a fun social gathering.
- The Chrysler challenge proved to be as competitive as usual.
- The Movie night was well attended.
- Club runs out to various locations continued.
- New members joined.
- The 40th Anniversary was a great celebration and acknowledgement of past and present.

I'm sure you'll agree 2023 was a jam packed one, contributing to the smooth continuation of the Club.

This month I arranged a Club run to RAAF Museum in Point Cook. It was well attended with 56 members making the commute out to the base, many driving their club cars. A great day was had by all. The meeting point was 7-11 service station on the Western Ring Road. Prior to departing we enjoyed a coffee and chat. Once on the road it was a nice calm drive passing through the Werribee South Market Gardens.

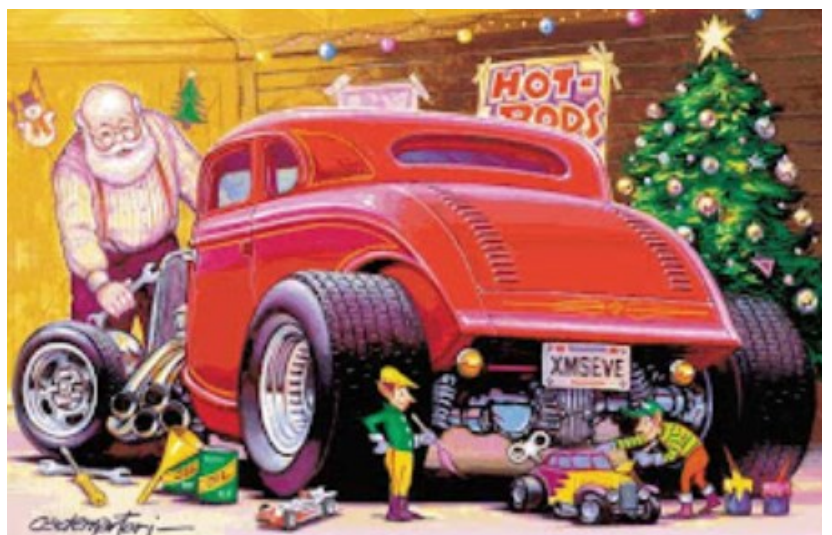
The staff at Point Cook kindly arranged private parking for Club cars.

On the 19th November the Club celebrated its 40th anniversary. I attended the luncheon at the Sunbury Bowls Club. It was great to see so many members all enjoying the afternoon including the pleasure of hearing from a few longtime members recounting the history of the Club. Many thanks to the committee who jointly worked to put the 40th Anniversary celebrations together.

I'm looking forward to 2024. Last Saturday the Club held a full committee meeting at the Clubhouse, many discussions were held regarding planning and preparation for the upcoming year. Prepare to expect another year full of events and activities for members to partake in.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas.

Take care. Stay safe. Enjoy your classic.





Secretary



Minutes of General Meeting of
Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club, inc.
Held at the clubrooms, 10 Webb Crescent, New Gisborne
on Sunday 5th November 2023

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies: Ian Lumb

New Members: Terry Adair; Mark Delacoe; Mario Cilia

President Adam opened the meeting at 11.09am and welcomed all present.

Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held 8th October 2023 have been distributed. Moved: Brian Jayasingha, Seconded: Ted Delia

that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters arising: Nil

President: The President awarded a Life Membership to Robbie Green. Robbie gave a short address.

President Adam detailed his report as summarized in this month's Motor Mouth.

Vice President: VP John gave his report as summarized in this month's Motor Mouth. Arrangements for the Point Cook run to come out shortly via MailChimp.

Secretary: Normal administrative activities have been undertaken. Office upgrade continuing. The Hanging Rock roster is now available. Members are requested to sign up to help.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer advised that bills due in the ordinary course of the club's activities have been paid. 13 x Bills totalling \$8,500 approx have been paid. Moved: Drew Jessop, Seconded: Alec Mead, that the payments be approved, the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that bills continue to be paid in the normal course of Club business as and when they fall due. Carried.

Membership: No report.

Technical Officer: Next Red Plate Day in 2024. Date to be announced.

Webmaster: Nothing to report

AOMC: Nothing to report.

Welfare: Nothing to report

Librarian: Viv Hall has donated a number of VHS cassettes featuring V8 Touring Cars. The secretary has a player for those wishing to view.

Sales: No report. Lina looking for an assistant in this area.

Mid Week Run: Pam advised that approx. 35 travelled on run to Gliding Museum. Next run on 22nd November is a 'Magical Mystery Tour' being set by Roger Payne around local area. Meeting at clubrooms for a 10am start. Lunch at Lost Watering Hole in Lancefield.

Editor: Nothing to report.

Raffles: Looking for an assistant for Nicky.

Property: No report

Bar: Nothing to report.

Hanging Rock: Please put your names down on the roster for Kate to allocate roles.

Events: Nothing to report

General Business

Geoff Buchanan has a 1968 Mustang Fastback for sale.

The President declared the meeting closed 11.46am

Richard Stewart

Secretary

6th November 2023

Thanks for all your support this year. Happy Christmas and safe driving

Treasurer



Hello everyone,

After a pretty sensational month or so of events – from the Gliding Club and Point Cook Museum visits, the wonderful 40th Anniversary event, and the ‘Mystery’ Mid Week run in December, now is the time to look forward to Christmas time celebrations, and getting out in the warmer weather ahead... (plus we all get a break!).

As your Treasurer, this is the time to complete the year end work, make sure all the bills are paid, the quarterly BAS Tax Return is completed, the 40th Anniversary raffle is drawn correctly and fairly, and to get ready for all the bills coming in for our Picnic at Hanging Rock event in February – and the critical income we receive for this event is properly accounted for.

It's a big club, and incredibly busy with all the things that go on, so my thanks to all our unpaid volunteers who help make the club the success that it is.

So, in finishing, my thanks again for everyone's support over 2023, and here's to a successful 12 months ahead, as we enjoy each other's company and of course, our special cars.

Drew Jessop
Treasurer



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ROB
GREEN ON BEING GIVEN
LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO OUR
CLUB RECENTLY**

AROUND THE CLUB

Below are some of the photos from our **40th Anniversary Lunch**. More photos are on our Website.

It was a fabulous day with most of the Life Members making a speech.

Our founder, George Porter, gave a speech and received a standing ovation from the members.

It was certainly a fitting day for our 40th Anniversary, lots of food, drink and conversations around the tables, everyone was happy and had a great day.



Life Members - from L to R -
Brian Jayasingha,
President Adam Furniss,
Graeme Lemin,
John Van Groningen,
George Porter,
Noel Watson,
Lindsay Elliott,
Rob Green



From a Burnt Ruin in 1998 To Our Own New Clubrooms in 2008

Lindsay Elliott's Report from the 40th Anniversary Lunch



Our Club Founder is George Porter and the Club was established as "The Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club" in November 1983 in the basement garage of Oldmeadows Bookstore at Dromkeen, Riddells Creek. (The Club was Incorporated in February 1985.) By 1987 the membership numbers had out-grown the accommodation. In June 1987, Vice President Gary Johnstone reported to the club that an offer by the Woodend Racecourse Committee, of the old Tote Room at Woodend Racecourse, this was taken up and the Club moved in December 1987. This proved rather unsuitable and in May 1989 the Club obtained a lease to rent the old Dining Room. This was larger and more useable. There was always discussion within Committee to look at establishing the clubs own Meeting room at the Gisborne Steam Park, but this was a long drawn out process, taking almost 10 years to attain, having had to deal with Council and DNRE (Department of Natural Resources and Environment). The Club was reasonably comfortable where we were at Woodend Racecourse Reserve, member numbers were good and we even had our own Barbeque Trailer which was stored inside the clubrooms.

THEN.....my telephone rang at about 6:30 am, it was Club Editor David Howe, In the early hours of Tuesday, 10th February, 1998, not quite 2 days after a successful 11th Annual Picnic at Hanging Rock, the clubrooms were completely burnt out. The fire had destroyed all our club assets, memorabilia, boards of photographs, library books, and our barbecue trailer. Whilst writing this I had a recollection of that morning. I was standing quietly staring at the ruin, at about 8:00am., with Rod Clough from Macedon Ranges Shire, when he turned to me and said something like "Now we will have to get things happening more quickly at the Steam Park" This happened,



because the process did speed up. At this time the Club was meeting at the Community Centre in Forrest street Woodend. Agreement was eventually reached with DNRE and the Shire and the lease was signed in 1998. Quotations from Tru-Bilt and Tru-Steel were sought by the Secretary Noel Watson. At the AGM in July 1998 Noel did not stand and John Van Groningen was elected Secretary, the Late Ian Goldsworthy was our president and distinguished leader. An order for a Steel Framed Building 25x9x3m was placed with Tru-Steel in September 1998, building started soon after.

By February 1999 the Club meetings were held at the Anglican Church Hall in Gisborne. Once the building construction was completed work steadily continued with Concrete floor, internal fit-out, water supply, power supply, toilets etc. In July 1999 the first Committee meeting, and the first General meeting, had both been held in what was a very bare, somewhat cold, barren shell, and slowly the club proceeded to completion. A side door was added and featured double aluminium framed glass doors donated by Johnsons Supermarket in Woodend was secured by a Club member. The clubrooms were finally officially opened on Saturday May 31st 2003 by the State Member of Parliament Joanne Duncan.



The Treasurer Lindsay Elliott, in his 2003 AGM Report stated "the Clubrooms have taken five years from turning the first sod to completion and the total cost to date is \$54,030, a wonderful achievement for this Club".

After that, an entry Porch was added, with the Buy a Brick scheme bricks cemented together against the wall, and other internal features eg an elevated platform for meetings.



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A new Honour Board was ordered and it was installed on the side wall where it can be seen today. Some short time after this a new smaller Honour Board remembering those members who had passed on, was obtained. Although small, the intention was that when it was full a new panel to match would be suspended by brass hooks and eyes. The development continued with the installation, by our Property Officer and Plumber, the late John Kelly, of a Boiling Water unit for tea and coffee for supper. New chairs



were purchased and a large rear projection Television unit and supporting electronic devices were installed..

Our

clubrooms were becoming a very comfortable and useful meeting place. A proposal to put a framed photo of club member's club cars was accepted and a pack of 100 wooden frames was purchased. Photographs were taken and some people supplied their own photos, and they were all then processed to 10" x 8" and mounted on the wall. The photos all had the members name and car name across the bottom.



Many of them are still in place today.

2008 loomed up quickly and that meant a 25 year Celebration was to be held, and 10 years since the construction of our new clubrooms began. All that has been written about above, was achieved in that 10 years. The treasurer announced that *"the cost to date was approaching \$90,000"* More great achievements by our club members.

In 2011 the club decided that an extension of 14 metres to the building was required to provide more space for the meeting room with the growing membership numbers, and to provide a "workshop" with a hoist for Club Permit inspections..

2003 Club Meeting



NOW HERE IS THE BEST BIT

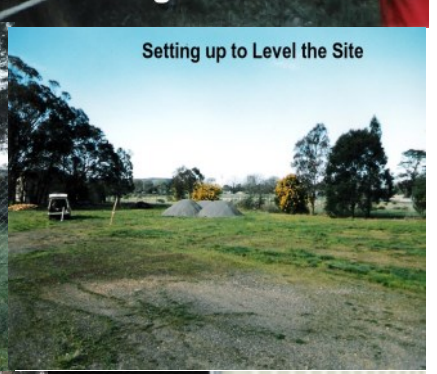
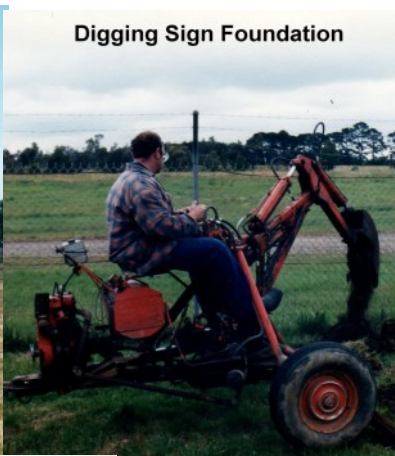
All club members, past and present, have shown, and will continue to show, the great effort and dedication that has achieved the clubrooms that we now have. Members should not forget that the achievement wasn't just related to putting effort into the building works, but all members have put in annually with Picnic at Hanging Rock which has provided the funds needed for the job. This in itself was a massive effort each year and without the Picnic we would have found it a very difficult, if not an impossible task. The Club as a whole was always very busy attending Club Runs, Annual Tours and other Club Functions etc. All members should be very, very proud of their achievement.

2008



25th OCTOBER 2023

OUR NEW CLUBROOMS DEVELOPMENT IN PICTURES



From the Librarian

Ordering a pizza in 2023

CALLER: Is this Pizza Hut?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Pizza Hut last month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: Super! That's what I'll have.

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I don't want a vegetarian pizza!

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How the hell do you know that?

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetarian pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you purchased only a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once at Lloyds Pharmacy, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another Pharmacy.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your latest tax returns, unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law!

CALLER: WHAT THE HELL?

GOOGLE: I'm sorry sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without the internet, TV, where there is no phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.

GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago...

From the Librarian

Santa has been reading
your posts all year.

Most of you are getting
dictionaries.



Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club

FG GT Falcon Quiz - Questions

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| <p>1. What date was the FG FPV range launched? A) April 2008 B) May 2008 C) June 2008</p> | <p>2. What date was the FGII Range released? A) September 2010 B) November 2010 C) October 2010</p> |
| <p>3. What was the rated horsepower of the FG GT? A) 290kw B) 302kw C) 315kw</p> | <p>4. When was the rated horsepower of the FGII GT? A) 335kw B) 315kw C) 345kw</p> |
| <p>5. There were four Limited Editions released throughout the FG & FGII FPV range. Please name the four models and their production numbers.</p> | <p>6. The FPV FG & FGII range consisted of 10 different models (excluding the 4 limited editions). Name all 10.</p> |
| <p>7. What was the torque of an FG GT? A) 451 Nm B) 551 Nm C) 491 Nm</p> | <p>8. What was the torque of a FGII GT? A) 570 Nm B) 540 Nm C) 551 Nm</p> |
| <p>9. What happened to FPV in August of 2012?</p> | <p>10. Which Australian Touring Car Champion worked on the development of the FGII GT? A) Scott McLaughlin B) Allan Moffat C) Dick Johnston</p> |
| <p>11. Name the 16 Exterior colours available on the FG FPV range.</p> | <p>12. Name the 18 Exterior colours available on the FGII FPV range.</p> |
| <p>13. List the differences between the FG and FGII FPV ranges.</p> | |
| | <p>Answers will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.</p> |
| <p>Many thanks to Rick Beales for his time & efforts in producing these really interesting quizzes on the Ford GT's.</p> | <p>All questions & corresponding answers are Provided by the Author. Any questions in Relation to this quiz or answers are to be Directed to him.</p> |

AROUND THE CLUB



The mid-week run - November

This time for something different, we met at the clubrooms for a light morning tea. We ended up with lots of lovely food. Thank you to the people that brought lovely things along to share. We spent an hour or so chatting and catching up with what everyone has been doing, it is such a hectic time of year.

Roger Payne had planned our mystery tour, (thank you Roger) so we quickly packed up and hopped into our cars, ready to set off.

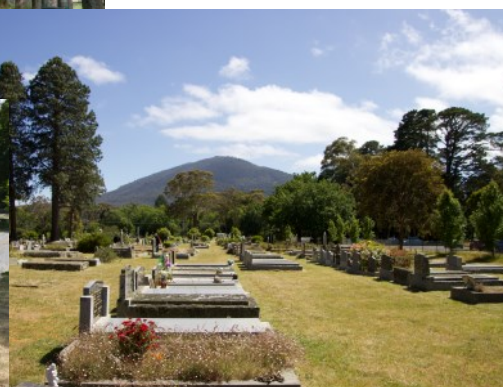
We toured through some very scenic roads to stop off at the Macedon Cemetery, for some sight seeing with many beautiful headstones, and interesting social history on show. Back in the cars for another section of lovely views, and we stopped near Camels Hump. Most of our group took the opportunity to walk up to the viewing point, for a photo opportunity, Kate had her camera at the ready so some of her shots will be shown soon.

Then back in the cars for the run around the back of Hanging rock and into Lancefield to the Lost Watering Hole for a lovely lunch.

We had thirty one people on the run, and eight or nine classic cars.

This was our last run for the year so I would like to wish all our Mid Week Run group a Happy Christmas and hope to see you all again in the new year. The Mid Week Run has enjoyed good numbers all year and is gradually building even more, with a steady group of followers.

Pam Amezdroz



AROUND THE CLUB



An (unofficial) run - November

One of the best things about being in our club is having the opportunity to go on club runs. Some official runs bring out lots of club permit cars polished up and revved up, some fewer. Recently an unofficial run was organised with just 3 club cars attending. Our Mid Week Run organiser Pam had a family wedding coming up, so she asked 2 Gregs and a Gary, ever so politely, whether we could do the honours in our 4 door sedans? As Pam has been graciously and cheerfully working for our club for years we were all happy to help.

And so it was that on the last Saturday in October, some suits got dragged out from the back of the wardrobe, and necktie skills revived from deep neural hibernation. We rendezvoused at Wallaby Avenue in Kangaroo Flat where the wedding party hopped aboard. In a convoy formation which could only be described as disciplined and professional, not to mention stylish, we took off for the reception venue amongst the vines in Harcourt. We delivered bride, dad, maids and family on time and in good nick, and the joyful deed was done .

Who planned the colour coordination? It was pure serendipity that we showed up in one blue and two grey cars, and the groomsmen were sporting blue suits and the groom was dapper in grey. Pictures were taken, congratulations made, and we chauffeurs left them to celebrate for the rest of the afternoon and evening.

At the local shops on the way back, I cranked the wheel to perform a parking pirouette, and there was a "groink!" followed by a shudder, followed by a haemorrhage of ATF out of the power steering box. So how lucky was this? It could have happened anywhere and any time, but the wedding was done and I was half a k from home. A mechanic mate just chuckled down the phone about "old car blues", but also from long experience and wisdom chose this moment to tell me that my earlier model was prone to popping studs off the steering box cover just like this, and they modified it by beefing it up in later models. So I guess I'm also lucky it took nearly 60 years to get around to dropping its bundle. All sorted now, and we are set for another club run, official or unofficial.

Greg Brown



AROUND THE CLUB

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A few roles around the club are requiring a second person (or more) to assist, if you can help please see the person mentioned.

1. **Sales Officer** - Lina requires an assistant to help out at meetings.
2. **Raffle Ticket Sales** - Nicky is needing an assistant to help her. As a Mum to a young bub there's going to be meetings that she can't attend. It would be great if we could get these tickets sold each meeting to help with the cost of the coffee van.
3. **Hanging Rock** - The club is seeking volunteers to help run the Picnic at Hanging Rock event on Sunday 11th February 2024. If you would like to help out, please email Kate at pahr-roster@mradm.com.au and let her know what days you are available to help and if you have a preferred job.

Example:

Saturday Set Up Day, Sunday Show Day or both

Time: AM, Midday or PM or Anytime

Jobs include: Admin Tent, Catering, Security, Safety Officer, Children's Activities, Merchandise Sales Tent, Container Unpacking/Packing, Parking/traffic Attendant (inside Reserve), Road Traffic Management (certificate needed)

Please provide your Name, Membership Number and contact number.

We will endeavour to match your choices to the roster requirements.

Please feel free to add any other notes below to assist the PAHR team.

You will be notified of the final roster late Jan, early Feb.

If you are unable to email Kate, please feel free to contact her on

0490 400 611, please leave a message if she is unable to answer your call.

BAY TO BIRDWOOD, ADELAIDE

In memory of Barrie Goodrick.

Barrie was a regular traveller to the Bay to Birdwood festival, along with Brian Jay, John Mallia and many others.

Barrie will always be in our hearts, and always travelling along side us.



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A few photos from the Kilmore car show thanks to Neil & Leesa Bryant.



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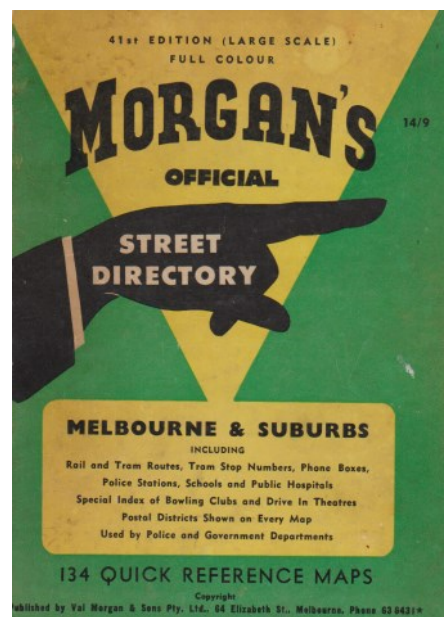
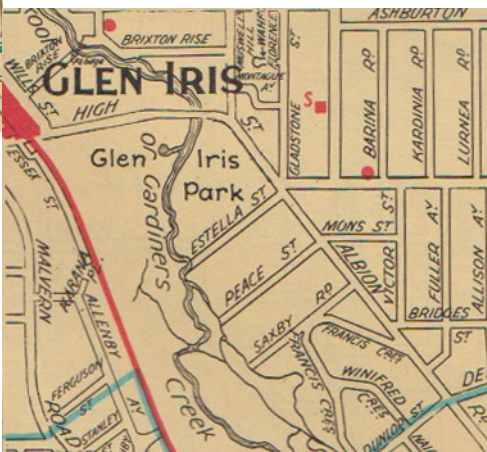
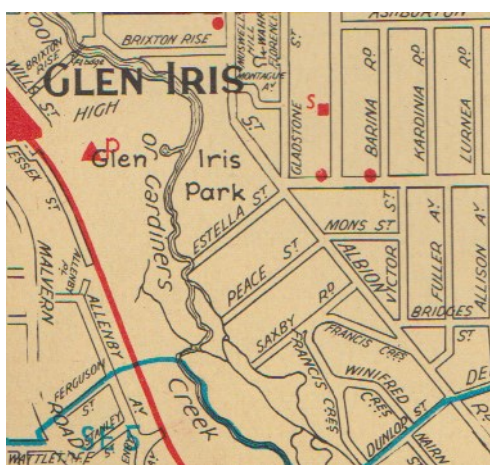
Article courtesy of Phil Browne

Older members of the club would remember how difficult it was when they were young. Roads that were barely there, cars that were not always reliable, etc. When I was in my early twenties I was faced with travelling to Sydney to do a four month training course before a positing overseas. At the time I had a HD Holden sedan which I planned to drive north so that I had wheels while in the harbour city. I had the vehicle “prepared” for the journey by my local mechanic and a mate offered to come along for the drive in case I needed help on the “journey”. It would be his first trip out of Victoria and also first flight to get back home. But there were other areas where travellers had to be careful, especially regarding inaccurate information, such as what follows.

When clearing out my mother’s house in preparation for its sale, I collected a few books from the 1000+ that had gathered during 6 decades of family occupation. These included a couple of “Morgan’s Official Street Directories”. The other day I was perusing one of these, Edition 41 (published in 1960) and looking at the area where I grew up. My attention was caught by Page 80 which covered the street in which we lived and primary school I attended. There was something wrong about it. If you know High St in Glen Iris as you travel West through Upper Glen Iris you arrive at the intersection with Albion Rd on the left and High St veers to the right to travel around a sports oval, drops to cross Gardener’s Creek and head to the railway at Glen Iris Station. However, in Edition 41 the section of road between Muswell Hill Rd and the train line does not exist. The Post Office is shown but no option on how to reach it.

In Edition 44 (published in 1966) the road has been made but the Post Office has disappeared. I knew that driving in the early ‘60s could be an adventure but one would have expected that a tome such as the Morgan’s Official Street Directory would have aided ones plans.

For the information of the younger members, on the cover are the figures “14/9”. This represents the price – Fourteen Shillings and nine pence. Decimal equivalent is \$1.48. The 44 th Edition was priced at \$1.75.



AROUND THE CLUB

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

HERE'S THE LINK -

<https://www.youtube.com/@mradmcclub>

Members are reminded that the club now has a YouTube Channel with new content being added regularly, thanks to Graeme Twycross. He currently has 14 videos for you to view, including interviews with club members about their cars, Hanging Rock Car events from past years, a couple of past car club tours and even some tech talk. So if you have some spare time over the Christmas break take a look at - <https://www.youtube.com/@mradmcclub>

ANOTHER 40TH ANNIVERSARY

TWO OF OUR MEMBERS HAD THEIR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE CLUBS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WE HAD TO TAKE A PHOTO - CONGRATULATIONS TO KATE & MICK TABONE



News from the outside world



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Sunday 18th February 2024

Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen



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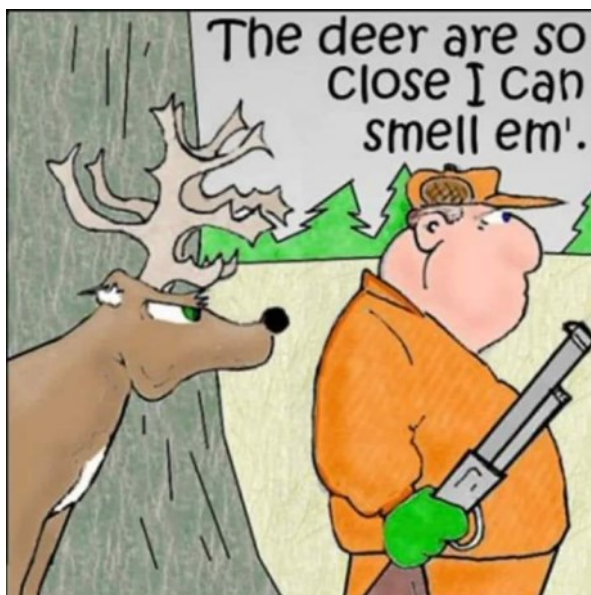
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NEWSLETTERS.**

CLICK ON THE LINK TO READ.

Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.) W.D.C.V.C

<https://www.wdcvc.org.au/newsletters/>

The Australian MOTORLIFE Museum - Motorlife News

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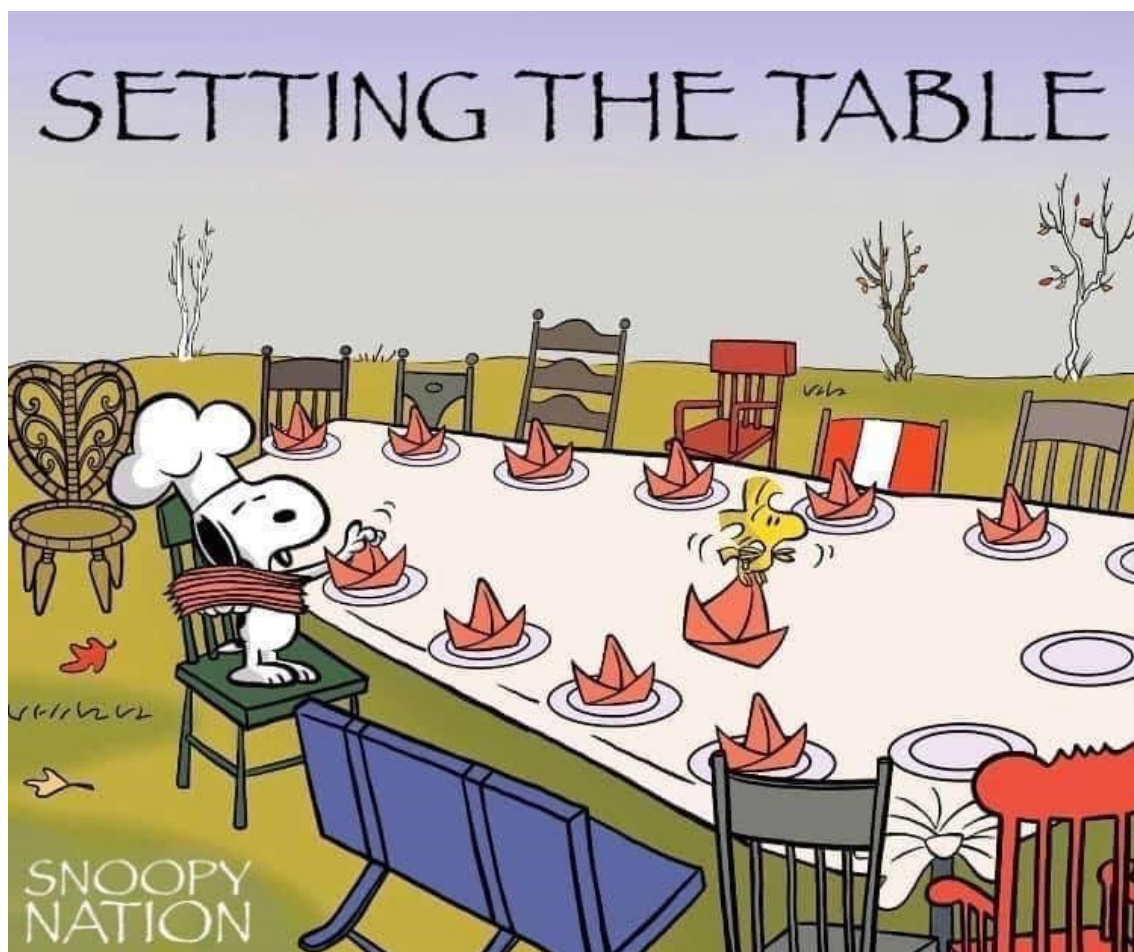
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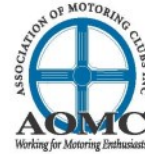
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News from the outside world



THE ASSOCIATION OF
MOTORING CLUBS

Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm Sunday 21st January 2024

Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old.
Club displays welcome
A Celebration of Motoring Throughout the Decades.



- Display Vehicles Must Be Pre Booked www.aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring
- Cruden Farm, Cranbourne Frankston Rd, Langwarrin
- The McClelland Drive gates open for display vehicles from 9am
- \$20 Entry for display cars (Includes passengers)
- Spectator entry and car park off Cranhaven Rd.
- Spectator Admission \$10 per person, Children free
- All profits from this event will be donated to Beyond Blue
- Childrens Entertainment, Music, Food & Trophies



Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs in association with RACV
For further details contact 0473 832 277
www.aomc.asn.au and aomc facebook

To register for this event - <https://www.aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring>

Jokes from Members

By Phil Browne

Fabulous Man Gone Troppo

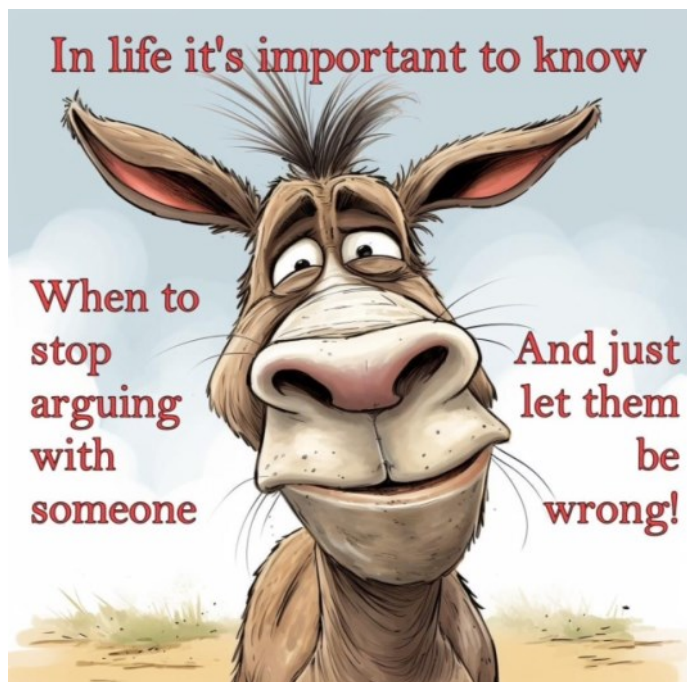
Ever been cruising along on a day drive, enjoying the sunshine and the burbling note from your exhaust when you noticed a car in front with a strange arrangement of Alphas and Numerics where the number plate sits? M84FUN? B14NCA? 1LUVM3? In days gone by, before personalised number plates it was just 3 Alphas and 3 numerals ABC123 or in more recent times 1AM2BR. But then the option to identify your wheels with some fun or a desire to see your name in (tail) lights.

There have been some classics such as 4MYEGO on a Roller and 6ULDV8 carried by a braggart in NSW before somebody realised and had it withdrawn. A certain footballer allegedly had FIG-JAM to tell the world just how good was. These days it can be obvious, such as BIGKEV, MAGIC1, LOADED. BOBSHQ (on a 72 Holden) etc. We recently spotted RSA2OZ which we assumed meant a Seff Efriken who had moved across the pond. However it is occasionally a given name where letters are replaced by numerals because the plate is already in use. B14NCA for BIANCA, 3LV1S for ELVIS.

Some are even more subtle. Years ago I was looking for a present for Her Majesty and I thought of a personalised number plate, except that she said she would never have one on her car. At the time I had access to a system that allowed me to search the RTA database and I discovered that a standard 3 Alpha 3Number plate was available. It was a standard white on black plate and if you didn't know who the driver was it looked just like an antique plate. However, reading the 3 Alphas and you said her name. As I said, you've got to know the lady and her moniker to pick it. By the way, I had to pay a premium price for what was once a standard plate.

Over the years I've had personalised plates on my muzzas. Two of them involved the letters FMGT, meaning Ford Mustang GT. However, the other day I was parked in a shopping centre in Bendigo and a guy walked by, looked at the plate and asked "What does FMGT mean?" The simple answer is

Fabulous Man Gone Troppo.



Shannons RetroAutos

Graham Bateman's 1946 Mercury Convertible: Winged Messenger

At 82, Graham Bateman is happily retired and yet -- like so many so-called retirees - just about as busy as he has ever been, spending much of his time working on cars.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/member-spotlight/graham-batemans-1946-mercury-convertible-winged-messenger/>

Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution: Ultimate turbo- charged all-wheel-drive road rocket

The Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution - usually shortened to 'Evo' - has established a brilliant reputation in Australia, regardless of the surprising fact that for much of its 25-year history the model was not sold locally.



<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/super-models/mitsubishi-lancer-evolution-ultimate-turbocharged-all-wheel-drive-road-rocket/>

Suzuki Jimny 5-door here January

SUZUKI'S tiddler-size Jimny three-door "fourbie" has had a bumpy ride this year hit with the double whammy of production constraints and high demand that saw Suzuki Australia temporarily close the order books on automatic variants.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/go-auto-news/suzuki-jimny-5-door-here-january/>

Dodge Phoenix: Chrysler's unique Aussie-American flagship

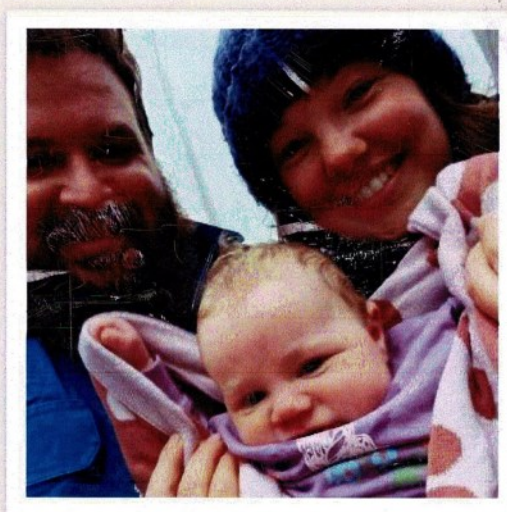
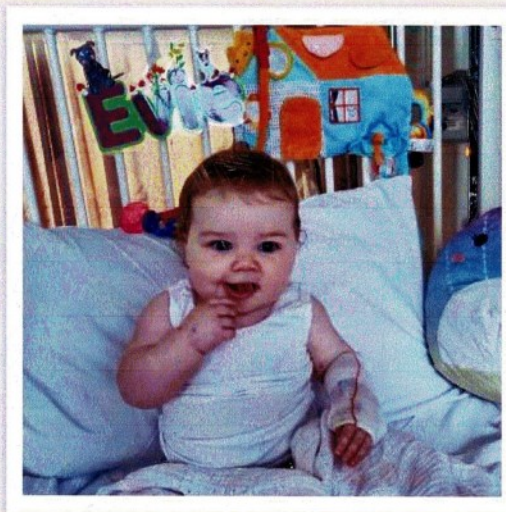
1960 - "Here's the car of your life for the time of your life!" claimed Chrysler Australia's sales brochure for its new Dodge Phoenix.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/super-models/dodge-phoenix-chryslers-unique-aussie-american-flagship/>

Help us provide support for **Evie's Battle with Cancer**



Support the Moorhouse family as their 8 month old daughter Evie battles Leukaemia

On October 11th, 2022, the Moorhouse family of Gisborne received the shocking news that their 8 month old daughter Evelyn (Evie) has an aggressive form of Leukaemia. Evie was immediately admitted to the Intensive Care unit at the Royal Children's Hospital where the team is working to get Evie well enough to start chemotherapy.

Evie has a long road ahead of her, with at least a month of intensive treatment and then two years of ongoing care. We are raising money to help ease the financial pressure on the Moorhouse family as Evie's parents will be unable to work so they can be by her side. Any donation will help Evie and her family throughout this heartbreaking time.

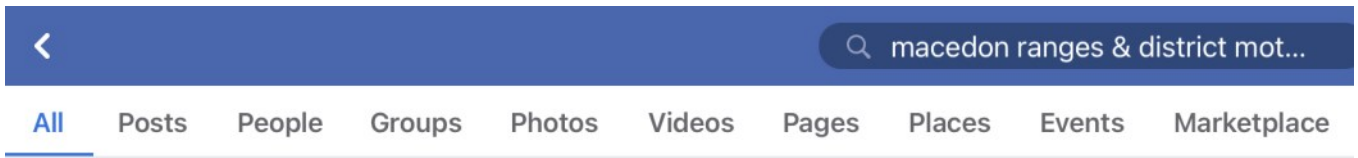
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Website News

Scan this QR Code to go directly to our new Instagram page, where you can get the latest updates on events and everything going on at our club. Or just type in @macedonrangesdistrictmotorclub in the search bar in Instagram.


Our website also has the link to our Facebook, Instagram and a new YouTube Channel for the club.

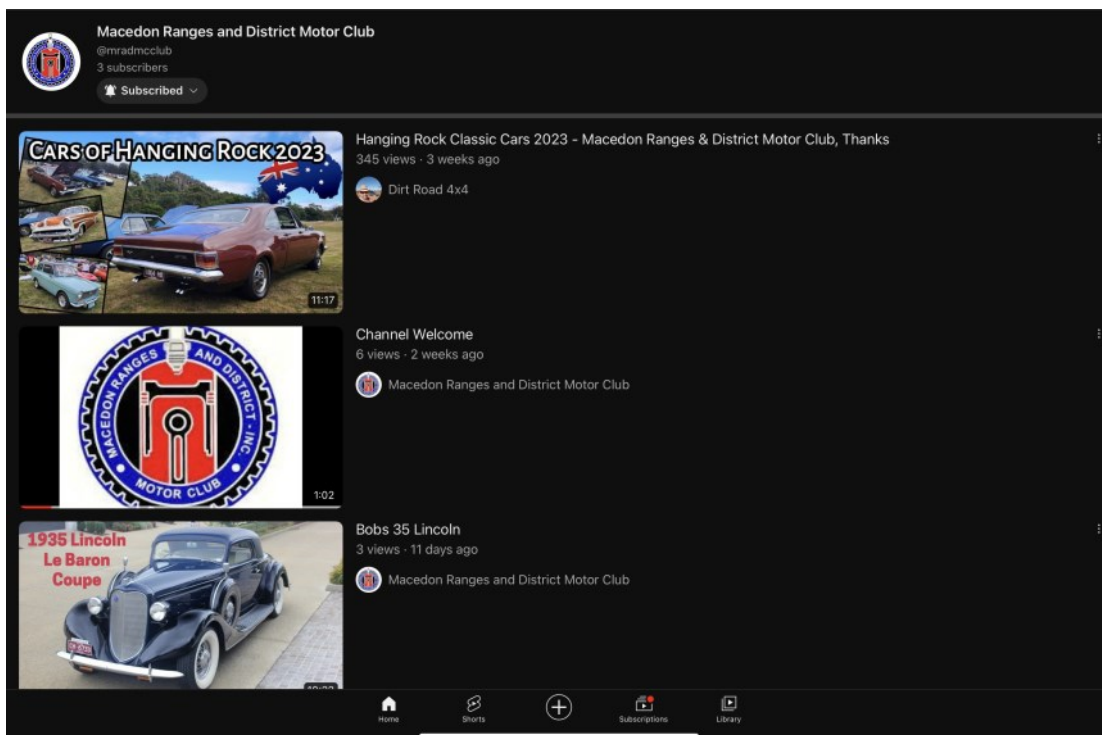


Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club

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- i** This is the facebook page for the Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club. The club's aim is to provid
- ☰** 1 post in the last two weeks

Following 



Upcoming Events (See Calendar)

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| DECEMBER | |
| Club Meeting and Xmas Party for Members | 3rd December |
| Coffee N Cars | Sunday 17th December |
| JANUARY | |
| FEBRUARY | |
| British & European Motoring Show | 18th Feb - Yarra Glen Race-course Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen (see flyer) |
| MARCH | |
| Variety Rally Around Victoria | 1-3 March (see flyer) - scan the QR code to register |



"Bigfoot?! BIGFOOT!! Well, you've got a BIG NOSE! What do you think of that, Mr. Smarty-pants?!"



December 2023

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January 2024

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