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# **DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB INC.**

## **Incorporation No. A0000748U**



**\*\*\* 2023 CAR OF THE YEAR \*\*\***  
**1934 Plymouth PE Sedan - Gary Stocking.**

### **DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB INC. (DVHCC)**

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The DVHCC Caters for vehicles manufactured prior to 31 December 1942.

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Next General Meeting will be held at the,

***Dandenong Agricultural Society Club Rooms.***  
***on Friday 1st. March 2024.***

Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet Street, Dandenong.

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Doors open at 7.30pm, - Meeting commences at 8.00pm



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# Across the Editor's Desk

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Hi Everyone,

CONGRATULATIONS to Lindsay and Joy Tharle on them both being awarded the Order of Australia, (OAM) in the general division. What a well earned award for their continued volunteering to so many community groups over so many years.

What have we here for you this month. Well, it's a bigger magazine with 4 more pages and not only that, it's all in colour. This is quite a move from the usual monthly edition, BUT, we don't turn 50 every day and we haven't had such a successful 9 days of Club events ever before. We'll be back to the usual size next month.

What a busy time we have had this January. On Australia Day we had the inaugural Australia Day Car Show at Keysborough. Thank you, President Ian, for suggesting such a great idea. Thanks also to those who helped make it happen. Almost 300 cars entered this inaugural display show. We are so lucky to have the South Eastern Masonic Centre (SEMC) available to us.

What a great history lesson we had when Kevin C. as the MC on the night, invited stories on the history of our 50 year old Club, at the 50th Anniversary Dinner held at the SEMC on January 27th. Much laughter and wonder was exhibited as some of our older members recanted their stories of events past.

This night was also the 88th birthday of a founding DVHCC member, Ernie Hopgood. We sang a rousing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ERNIE, and wished he and Pam well.

A week later, we hosted the BERWICK SWAP-MEET at Acoonah Park once again. This swap was, I heard, almost the best one yet. Congratulations to all those who were involved. I include in that, the 1st Casey Scouts who certainly lowered the work load off our aging members shoulders once again Thanks to you all.

Enjoy the weekend away, Cheers Rick.

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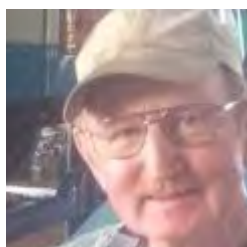
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**JUST A REMINDER IF YOU HAVE A CAR ON C.P.S. REGISTRATION YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 2 MEETINGS AND 1 CLUB RUN PER YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE, UNDER THE CLUB RULES, TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED.**

I will start this report on Australia Day, the best thing that happened was that Joy and Lindsay Tharle received the Order of Australia,( OAM ), for all of the Community work they have done over the past 60 years. Lindsay and Joy, I am so proud of your achievements over this time. You never denied helping people as soon as you knew someone needed help. You are there with meals and whatever help is needed. I love you both. Keep up the good work, your little brother is so proud of you.

Our first Australia Day car show, at Keysborough, was very well attended by DVHCC members as along with the beautiful enthusiasts' cars that arrived on the day. The number of public that also attended with their children, to look at cars and play in the animal nursery, was really good to see. Hopefully we can build on this for next Australia Day 2025. If you have any ideas, please let us know to keep our Australia Day car show firing.

Our 50th Birthday celebration was well attended, 80 members enjoyed that lovely food supplied by Ellen. My thanks to Stan for arranging the birthday cake with the 50th Anniversary badge on top. A few more to thank are, Corrie and Ben for their 50th Anniversary Balloon banner, Judith for all her beautiful chocolate boxes, Kevin for being the MC on the night and for getting members up to talk on those good fun times the Club has seen over the past 50 years. Lastly, but most importantly, the members who helped set up the hall and pack it away afterwards, to make it a night to be remembered.

A 5 day break, the cars are all loaded, the caravan on and we were off to Akoonah Park for 2 days, not for a holiday, but for the Berwick Swap. This is our biggest social event of the year. Most of the members are used to setting up the buyers parking, the sellers sites, the traffic signs, helping in the kitchen, emptying the rubbish bins and lots of other bits, too many to mention. By now it's lunch time. Thanks you girls for all those lovely rolls, washed down with a cuppa. OK, it's 1 o'clock, time to open the gates. Talk about the 'Charge of the Light Brigade'! The sellers marched on in. This was the start of a great two day, weather perfect, Swap Meet. (I did get a bit hot under the collar with a certain person from Akoonah Park Management.)

We had very good swap. It wasn't our best but will run a very close second. To all the members who filled in their positions on the roster and then filled in for those who could not make it, I say THANK YOU for making this 2 very successful days. This is what our Club is about, members stepping up to the mark and getting it done. We are very lucky to have the Scouts on board as well. They all managed to excel in their duties on Saturday, although some of the boys complained that they had no cars to push out boggy spots this year.

All this is what helps make the President's job really great, just being able to walk around and shake hands with all of them and thank them individually on the day for their help.

A few members attended Mazz and Peters for an after-swap celebration, I'm sorry, but this little duck was just too tired. I had 12 hours of solid sleep to make up for the no sleep Friday night.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations will carry on in March, with 4 days at Moama. If you still want to come, payment can be made at the March general meeting.

Once again Heather and I express our appreciation to everyone who helped us celebrate our Clubs' 50th Anniversary, with hopefully much more to come.

Ian.

# Minutes of General Meeting held at Myuna Farm of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on the 2nd. February 2024.

## *Minutes of General Meeting of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on 2/2/24*

Meeting Opened 8 pm.

**Apologies:** Rick and Jill Cove, Pam Hopgood, Roger Bowen, Paul Tangey, Amanda Eagles,

**Minutes Motion:** The minutes of the January General Meeting published in the February newsletter be accepted as accurate. Moved Ron Barnett Seconded Dulcie Strahan Passed

DVHCC - Secretaries Report February 2, 2024

January 2024 Inward correspondence

- Tony Peake – swap site inquiry reply by Kevin
- AOMC meeting agenda
- AOMC Classic Aussie car show
- AOMC insurance survey
- Correspondence with Casey Council re Swap Permit
- AOMC – Country Motor Australia Magazine
- AOMC car shows events calendar by 3
- Federation meeting Agenda

### ***Advertising Flyers***

- Cascade Art by 2
- Pantry Fresh car show by 2
- Moorabbin plane museum
- New Zealand's legendary Repco Beach Hop car and rock 'n' roll festival by 2
- Ricardo Fogli – Italian food retailer
- Antique tyres
- Ford GHTO register book
- Coorong Reality news by 2
- Motor Ex by 5
- Performance Garage by 2
- Autoequip by 1
- Shannons by 2
- Rare Spares by 3
- Penrite by 1
- Bend Motor Sport by 3
- Retromotive Magazine by 5

3 Club Magazines by email

2 Club Magazines by Post

### ***January 2024 Outward correspondence .***

Correspondence with Casey Council re Swap Permit

# Minutes of General Meeting of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on the 2nd. February 2024.

**Motion:** that the inwards correspondence is received, and outward correspondence approved for the month of January 2024. Moved Geoff Strahan Seconded Peter Lafrank Passed

**Treasurer's Report** – outlined credit card payment facility and it works well. He also was pleased with the Australia Day Car Show where 250 cars turned up and with approximately 300 walk in attendees.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted  
Moved Stan Snyders Seconded Irwin Sinclair Passed

**Federation Report** – nil

**AOMC Report** – nil - In the last Newsletter. February 2024

**Editor Report** –

**Scoresby Picnic** – nil

**Australia Day Car Show** – Ian outlined the success of the car show, and it goes well for its future development. Ian thanked Kevin for online advertising on Facebook and elsewhere.

**Web Master Report** - nil

**Swap Report:** Ian outlined details and thanked everyone for their participation this far. Ian thanked the team leaders for setting up everything this morning

**Future Events:** Sunday week for sausages for the scouts at Akoonah Park.

**General Business.** There was a discussion on:

- Vicroads Irwin still having trouble with Paperwork
- Keven thanked Ian for all the work running the car show and the Swap thus far.
- Sam mentioned that the Ladner Park run at Warragul is on again
- About a dozen people for after swap refreshments at Mazz and Peters
- Ray mentioned that March 3 is Open Day at the Cerberus

**Car or Parts for Sale** - nil

**Meeting Closed** 8.33

**Jim Lang** Secretary

**Ian Clark** President

**MARCH**

**Friday 1st. March.** DVHCC General Meeting. at the Dandenong Agricultural Society.

**Saturday 9th to the 11th March.** The Scoresby Steamfest is on at the National Steam Centre,  
1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby. **Free entry to Club Cars.**

**Wednesday 13th. March.** Mid-week Run to TRIOS for lunch. 30 Grant St, Cranbourne VIC 3977

**21st to 25th.** Weekend away to Moama. Please get your money to Stan.

**APRIL.**

**Friday 5th. April.** DVHCC General Meeting at the Dandenong Agricultural Society

**Saturday 6th. April.** Upper Yarra Museum, 'CRANK-UP DAY' at The Old Yarra Junction Railway Station.

**Sunday April 7th. 2024**

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Central Road, Blackburn

Arrive 10.00 am at the Visitor Centre for a talk on the lake and its history, then take time to stroll around the lake and grounds (gently sloping gravel paths, no steps).

Lunch is booked (under Marg Detez) at the Mitcham Hotel, 556 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham, from 12 noon.

**MAY.**

**Friday 3rd. May .** DVHCC General Meeting. at the Dandenong Agricultural Society

**Saturday 5th. May.** SCORESBY PICNIC

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**AUSTRALIA DAY.**

By John Jenkins

Many years ago after I joined DVHCC, I joined our club members in an excellent day at the gardens near

Government house. This superb annual day was virtually finished for questionable reasons. So, no car show on Australia Day.

Our committee, led by Ian Clark, decided to hold a similar event in an ideal location, which was the Masonic property in Keysborough. What a superb decision.

Our concern for our inaugural event was attendance. One each of 288 raffle tickets were issued to display cars. I guess that there were about 80 spectator cars. Our likely attendance was about 400 people, so very gratifying.

I have never seen so many DVHCC members displaying their cars at any previous DVHCC event. There were 29 Vintage and Post-vintage vehicles lined up facing Greens Road as a welcoming group.





# AUSTRALIA DAY, 2024.

Here are a few of the eye catching vehicles

A 1970's Ford Falcon ute with huge rear burn out wheels and a huge blower, towering above the engine where a bonnet was once located.

A 1976 Holden HJ sporting a RR Silver Spirit front and rear.

A 1974 Mazda Rx4 Coupe with factory standard Wankel motor.

A 1985 Zimmer Golden Spirit. A huge custom car sporting 4 road wheels and 2 tyres spares as well. It had huge bucket head lamps and four horns.

A lovely .E type Jaguar

Numerous hot Rods that once carried a Ford badge .

The 'Hartwing' Plymouth Special race car, looked to be 20' or 30's vintage.

A1936 red 540K Mercedes Benz complete with 2 horns and an extra central light.

A1934 candy red Coupe with a blown 350 Chev.

.as well as a 1929 red LaSalle. A superb car and I wonder if Irwin ever regrets having sold it.

There were several food stalls. One was operated by the Dandenong lodge as a charity fund raiser. The Animal Farm was popular for children.

A daily laugh is good medicine, and Don Jones provided that. His Small Austin A30 towed an even smaller trailer which bore the sign "Short Vehicle"

Here are the award winners.

Best Commercial. Ian's Chev truck with trailer and Furphy water tank.

President's Choice. Chevy 64 Impala.

Best Post Classic. 76 Holden with Rolls Royce front and rear.

Best Classic. 34 Ford V8 Pick-up.

Best Vintage. 30 Singer Junior.

Best Bike. It seemed certain that my grand daughter on her peddle had to be the recipient due to lack of contenders, but later a Harley 80FLX electro- Glide arrived. Sorry Lily.

Commendations are due to Ian Clark and his committee for their inspiration for this event and their organization. I know that many hours were spent prior to Thursday which was set up day. It was pleasing to see a large group of DVHCC volunteers. The Display day, for the Committee started early, and finished late. Thanks to all those who assisted with the many needed tasks. from J.J.

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**DVHCC Inc.**

**'AUSTRALIA DAY CAR SHOW'**

**(YES! It's on again!!)**

**Sunday 26th January 2025**

# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024.



**Best Vintage .**

1930 Singer Junior.

Owner –  
Thys Striker



**Best Classic .**

1934 Ford V8 Utility.



**Best Post Classic .**

1976 Holden Kingswood Bodied Rolls-Royce.

Owner –  
Ken Harris



**Best Commercial .**

1939 Chevrolet Truck and Furphy Tank.

Owner – Ian Clark



# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024.



**Best  
Motorcycle –**

Harley  
Davidson



**President's  
Award –**

1964  
Chevrolet  
Pillarless  
Impala.

Owner – Ian  
Wilson



# AUSTRALIA DAY with some of the Club People. 2024.



# AUSTRALIA DAY "Here Come the Cars" 2024.



# CONGRATULATIONS on AUSTRALIA DAY 2024.



The members of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc. congratulate both:

**Mr. Lindsay Victor Tharle**  
and  
**Mrs. Lavinia Joyce Thare,**

on their becoming members of the  
**Order of Australia, OAM , in the General Division.**

Both Lindsay and Joy were awarded their OAM,  
**“For service to the community through a range of organisations.”**

The list of Organisations in which Lindsay and Joy have been a part of is far too large to list here.

If you wish to be amazed, look here.

<https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-01/AD24%20-%20Honours%20List%20Media%20Notes%20-%20Order%20of%20Australia%20-%20OAM.pdf>

Congratulations, both of you! From all your friends in the DVHCC.



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To one of our founding members  
**ERNIE HOPGOOD.**

We wish you a **HAPPY 88TH BIRTHDAY** on the  
27th January 2024.

Also a big Happy Birthday to Pam whose birthday  
was just 8 days prior to Ernie on the.  
19th January 2024

Not only that, but on the 21th January they  
celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

So in January on the  
19th it was Pam’s 83rd birthday  
on the 21st they were Married 63 years  
and 27th it was Ernie’s 88th birthday.

**Well Done Both of You!**



# Flying the flag on AUSTRALIA DAY at Keysborough 2024.



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# AUSTRALIA DAY at Keysborough.



## Australia Day Car Show 2024 South Eastern Masonic Centre

### Club cars:-

Stan and Margaret Snyders  
Graham and Sue Bates  
Leigh Howes and Graeme Chard  
Max Hobson  
Geoff and Dulcie Strahan  
Fred and Valda Lubbe  
Ern and Pam Hopgood  
Kevin and Carol Clarence  
Max and Jeanie Tuckerman  
Gary Stocking  
Ray Griffin  
Irwin and Beverly Sinclair  
Ray Nichol  
Peter and Deane Boxall  
Ian Clark and Heather  
Brian Jelliff  
Peter Lafrank  
Len Mizzi  
George Rae  
Jim Lang

1930 Model A Ford  
1926 Overland (Whippet)  
1931 Chev  
1938 Ford  
1926 Oldsmobile  
1939 Chev  
1928 Chev  
1928 Model A Ford  
1934 Hupmobile  
1934 Plymouth  
1937 Pontiac  
1940 Coupe Cadillac  
1933 Hupmobile  
1929 Willys Knight  
1937 Chev Ute  
1925 Dodge Tourer  
1929 Chev  
1928 DeSoto  
1938 Dodge  
1929 LaSalle

### Vehicles of interest:-

Don Jones  
1954 Austin  
Frazer and Carole Carless  
1958 Holden  
John Jenkins  
1976 VW  
Bill and Sally Carson  
1953 Austin A40  
Don Fleiner  
1997 Ford Falcon  
Frank Fazio  
1985 Bronco  
Mazz Lafrank  
1974 Cadillac  
Graeme Smith  
1975 Statesman  
Ron and Pam Barnett  
1983 Mercedes

### Modern:-

Rick and Jill Cove  
Ben, Corry and Aria MacDonald  
Michael and Sandra Cogley  
Judith Cowley  
Marg Detez



# AUSTRALIA DAY at Keysborough.



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## The DVHCC 50th Anniversary Dinner at Keysborough.

### The 50th Anniversary of the start of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

Like many others, I was amazed at the work done by a few committee members who were involved in the preparations for the most important celebration in the history of our Club. I arrived at the South Eastern Masonic Centre in Keysborough quite a bit earlier than the 6:15pm opening time. I was able to assist the other Committee members with the final preparations for the night. My job was blowing up some 100 blue, and also yellow, balloons using the bottles of helium gas. The balloons were placed onto the tables as decoration along with a bottle of red and a bottle of white wine. There were boxes of jelly beans and thanks to Judith Cowley, a small box of chocolates for everyone. Thank you Judith, for your chockies. It was unfortunate that you could not able to join with us on the night. You missed a good night.

Kevin Clarence took on the job of MC for the night and introduced our President Ian. (Not that he needed any introduction to us.) Ian welcomed us and then explained the evenings proceedings.

Ian, then called founding member Ernie Hopwood to the mike, and we all sang **'Happy Birthday to Ernie'**, who turned 88 that day. Well Done, Ernie!. More on that special event later in the magazine

During the evening, many members were called upon to expand the history of the Club, which was being delivered, in , by Kevin Clarence. Kevin, along with Bob Jones, Lindsay Thare and others told us stories of those early days. Many laughs were heard, as those speakers told stories of some of the funny things that had happened during the preceding 50 years of the Club.

The meal, supplied by Ellen, was right at, or even above, her usual standard. There was not much left for the 'Doggy Bags', afterwards. That Bee-sting was delicious, thank you Ellen and crew.

The Life Members of DVHCC Inc. were called forward and assisted Lindsay Tharle to cut the celebratory 50th Anniversary cake. What a great mob they are. I am sure our thanks go to all of them for the effort they have, over the past 50 years, put into our Club to help make it the Club it is today.

Congratulations to the Dandenong Historic Car Club Inc. for achieving such a mile-stone. **by Rick Cove.**



# The DVHCC 50th Anniversary Dinner at Keysborough.



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## BERWICK SWAP MEET 3rd February 2024.



### *Swap Meet 3rd February, 2023.*

We were blessed with a fine, warm day for our 2023 Berwick swap meet at Acoonah Park, and I hear that it was probably the second biggest swap in our history. We will hear from Stan on that later. However, I am getting ahead of myself here. When I arrived for my first shift at 10.00am on Friday morning, the guys doing the ground layout were well advanced and all work seemed to be running smoothly.

I was amazed that at that time on Friday morning there was already a large group of sellers lined up outside the gate. I cannot remember seeing so many so early before. It was obvious even that early that we were going to have a bumper swap. By the time the gates opened at 1.00 pm the early bird sellers were queued way down Princes Highway, and also down Cardinia Rd. The gate people did a great job to get them all in smoothly, as did the parking guys. Sellers kept coming in until quite late in the evening.

Saturday morning saw the whole of Acoonah park filled with sellers and buyers. There were very few vacant sites and by 8.00 the main car park was pretty well filled up. From where I saw things, everything seemed to run very smoothly. I guess that we have all had plenty of experience by now. By mid day things started to wind down and buyers drifted off and sellers packed up. All of the sellers I spoke to were very happy and reported excellent sales. Of course that depended on what they had to sell. I am always amazed at the sellers who turn up with absolute junk, then wonder why it doesn't sell. Amazed too at the junk people buy!

Besides the wonderful job done by the people laying out the grounds, manning the gates and putting sellers on their sites, and the multitude of other important jobs, we must also thank the ladies who kept us volunteers fed and watered, a great job thanks ladies. A big thank-you too, to the scouts (and their families) who so ably assisted. They were invaluable. Thanks too to the weather god who turned on a perfect day.

Frazer Carless.

# BERWICK SWAP MEET 3rd February 2024.





**FOR SALE**  
**1929 Dodge Sedan. \$22,000.**



**FOR SALE.**

1929 Dodge Sedan.

This car was treasured by Peter O:Dea, one of our club members who passed away .

Peter was in the process of restoring the Dodge and only had the assemble of the bonnet area and front floor pan ,plus a clean up to complete the restoration.

Due to Peter having a hip problem, a Holden motor and Automatic transmission was installed.

The car comes with lots of spare parts, including spare mud guards, the original Dodge motor and gear box, another Dodge motor, plus spare wire wheels and tyres.

New wiring has been professionally installed with all electrical components upgraded or replaced and converted to 12 volt.

Body, paint and interior are all in good condition . A beautiful car for club events and vintage cruising.

If interested (the price is negotiable) call Liza on 0482705342

***This advertisement was submitted by Peter Jones. He may have further information about it.***

# Club Merchandise

To purchase items, please see the Committee Person at the next General Meeting

CLUB SHIRT  
\$25



POLO SHIRT  
\$28



CLUB MUG  
\$9



WATER-PROOF JACKET  
\$70



**NOT AVAILABLE**

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WIND CHEATER  
\$40



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\$1



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\$3.50



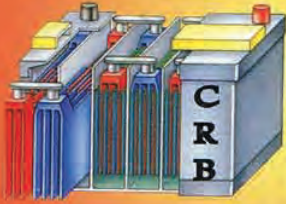
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