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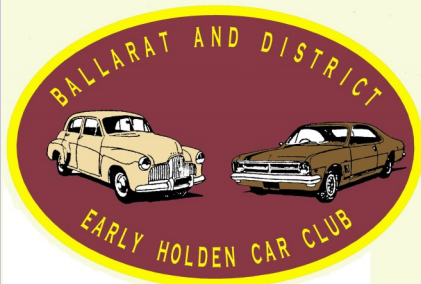
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### **CLUB MEETINGS**

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# Events Calendar

## CLUB EVENTS December 2023

- 5 Club Meeting
- 10 Club Run—Christmas Party 4pm Club Rooms
- 13 Little Red Dog Run
- 19 Club Pub Night— Cattle Yards Inn  
Red Dog Run- Returning in the New Year

## OTHER EVENTS December 2023

- Beach Road Cruise Night Sandbar
- 2 Middle Park 6.30pm
- Inaugural Cruise to Fisherman's Bend
- 3 8.30am
- 8 Classis & Rod Cruise Nite Cranbourne 5-9pm
- 16 Ballarat Street Meet Masters Carpark
- 19 Cars & Coffee Anglesea 9-11am

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# Events Calendar

## CLUB EVENTS January 2024

- 9 Club Members New Year Catch Up
- 10 Little Red Dog Run
- 16 Pub Night—Ballarat Golf Club
- 30 Committee Meeting
- 31 Red Dog Run

## OTHER EVENTS 2024

### January 2024

- 13 Geelong Classic Truck & Machinery Show
- 21 Central State Swap Meet—Bendigo

### February 2024

- 2-4 Ozcar Fest Mansfield
- 4 Aussie Classic Car Show Mornington
- 11 Torquay Motor Show
- 11 Picnic at Hanging Rock
- 17 Birregurra Show and Shine
- 18 Showcars Melbourne Moonee Ponds
- 18 Ballan Vintage Rally and Tractor Pull
- 25 Minyip Show and Shine



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# President's Report December 2023

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G'day everyone.  
Hasn't this year flown by.

Last month was a busy one for our club with both the weekend away and our most important monthly run, the November Memorial Run.

## **Club Weekend Away**

It was a great weekend away in Charlton and by all reports those who attended enjoyed themselves. Everyone arrived across Thursday and Friday with people staying at the Caravan Park or at the Bed and Breakfast. We started the weekend activities once everyone was settled into their accommodation, with a BBQ Get Together on the Friday night at the Caravan Park. It was a fantastic evening. Saturday did not disappoint with a visit to Wycheproof. There was a choice of a museum visit or a wander around the shops. At the Willandra Museum we were hosted by Mick Giddings. He is a fantastic bloke with lots of knowledge to share. I would highly recommend a visit with a one on one with Mick. We all came together at the park for a sausage sizzle and then headed back to Charlton. Our Saturday afternoon activity was a visit to the Rex Theatre for a screening of Grease. It is just a beautiful old theatre. The movie and the theatre were a hit with everyone. Dinner followed at the Vale of Avoca with a few drinks finished off the night. Sunday morning was a chance to visit a wrecking yard and see a car collection. Nippa (a local) opened up his wrecking yard and his impressive car collection for us to enjoy. Everyone headed home at their own pace. It was a great weekend.

## **I received a note from Mick when I got home:**

*"Thanks to all for your visit to Willandra Museum on 11 November 2023 and for your very generous donation to our local RSL. They were very appreciative. You're a great bunch and I hope you had a good time visiting Wycheproof come back again and day and see what else our town has to offer. Regards to all Mick Giddings. Willandra Museum."*

Small towns love clubs like ours supporting them.

Our Memorial Run was well supported by our club members with around fifty adults and the kids attending. It was a relaxing drive to Smythesdale for a coffee and stroll up the street. We continued with Mal led us towards Buninyong and around the back of Ballarat to Kirk's Reservoir. Scott and Sandra had a BBQ lunch on the go for us all when we arrived at the Reservoir. Well done guys! This is one day we cannot forget in our calendar. Thanks to our club members for attending.

Don't forget we do not have a monthly meeting in January but we still have events planned.

Our Christmas Party is always a fantastic day. Please come along and celebrate what our club is all about. It is family friendly and just a great bunch of people.

Stay safe. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Thank you all for a fantastic year.

Jeff Dickson

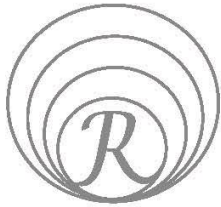
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## Photo of the Month




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# Club Events

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## **LITTLE RED DOG RUN**

**WHAT** Another Day Out

**WHERE** Meet at Lucas McDonalds

**WHEN** Wednesday 13 December 9.30am

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending  
0419 524 607

## **SOCIAL PUB NIGHT**

**WHAT** Meal and Drinks

**WHERE** Cattle Yards Inn 1015 Latrobe Street Ballarat

**WHEN** Tuesday 19 December 6.30pm

Please let Judy Lourey know if you are attending  
0417 530 498

## **COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)**

**WHAT** Another Day Out

**WHERE** Meet at Lucas McDonalds

**WHEN** Returning in the New Year

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending  
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# Club Events

## **LITTLE RED DOG RUN**

**WHAT** Another Day Out

**WHERE** Meet at Lucas McDonalds

**WHEN** Wednesday 10 January 9.30am

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending  
0419 524 607

## **SOCIAL PUB NIGHT**

**WHAT** Meals and Drinks

**WHERE** Ballarat Golf Club 1800 Sturt Street Ballarat

**WHEN** Tuesday 16 January 6.30pm

Please let Judy Lourey know if you are attending  
0417 530 498

## **COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)**

**WHAT** Another Day Out

**WHERE** Meet at Lucas McDonalds

**WHEN** Wednesday 31 January 9.30am

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending  
0419 524 607

# Report—Tom Campbell

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On the 26<sup>th</sup> of November we went to Trafalgar for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FX holden. There were quite a few FX and FJ holden cars there. During the day they unveiled the holden lion sculpture, which was used for their castings, and had a reenactment of the original Prime Minister's speech. There was a FX holden wagon and a prototype 48/215 holden sedan there. At the end of the day we went for cruise with all the FX and FJ's.

Tom Campbell



# Out and About—Charlton Weekend

Send me the photos you have taken when you have been out and about for inclusion in the Newsletter....

All photos of Holdens and our events welcome!

Email your photos to: [lisa@mbballarat.com.au](mailto:lisa@mbballarat.com.au)



# Charlton Weekend



# Red Dog Run

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As usual, the meeting point for the November Red Dog Run was at Maccas Lucas. A dozen club members arrived. Due to the persistent rain, most left their 'club' cars at home out of the rain. After the usual hour or so of chit-chat and laughs we headed off to Joe Vickers shed in Delacombe.

Joe has a variety of vehicles in his collection. The first car viewed was a Toyota powered Mazda MX5. It has had numerous modifications (such as the Toyota engine) and the necessary changes to the front suspension, firewall and numerous other area to fit in the motor. However, it looks good and the motor runs well!



In the spray booth was a modified Mini Minor body fitted with an inline motor and rear axle drive. A bit of work to do on that project before it hits the track.

Out in the back shed was the family pride and joy. A 1966 161 engined HR Special Sedan, which the family has owned since 1970. It was an ex-Government vehicle. There was also Joe's other MX5, the one he used to regularly drive, a Nissan Sports Car and a Mercedes Benz people mover to name some.



After a good look around the sheds it was lunchtime and Joe put on quite a spread. Nobody left hungry and few would need much dinner that evening!



Hendo and Burkie checking out a 20 valve four-cylinder head.

Attendees at the shed were: Hendo, Irvs and Burkie, Alan Darrell, John Turner, Rod Hamill, Murray Rodgers, Dave Trengove, Neil Leckie and 'Mine Host' Joe Vickers. Thanks from all, Joe!



# Events

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*Christmas Party*

*Sunday 10 December 2023*  
*4pm*

*Club Rooms*  
*Dinner Provided*

*Please RSVP for catering purposes*

*\*Adults to supply book to the value of \$10 approx for Santa to give to the kids*



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# CLUB RUN MEMORIAL RUN

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Our run started with members meeting at the Clubrooms. There was a large selection of cars for us to admire. Before you know it bonnets were up and we were looking over each other's cars. With comments heard of "I had one of these" or "I should have kept my old one." We headed off after a quick phone to Scott with numbers for the run (forty-five adults and six children) to ensure we would have enough food for the sausage sizzle at our destination.

The weather picked up as we headed to the highway to ensure we bypassed the Sunday morning Fun Run. We turned at Cardigan Village heading towards Haddon. We come across three bike riders and slowed down until it was safe to pass then through to Haddon and onto Smythesdale.

Once we arrived in Smythesdale there were cafes, a second-hand store and a model car store to amuse us. After eating, drinking and buying numerous bits and pieces including shelving, grease guns and model cars it was time to head to Kirk's Reservoir. Before we headed off to our destination we spoke to Scott to let him know our estimated time of arrival at the reservoir to start cooking sausages for lunch.

Mal offered to take us on the scenic route so we all followed him via (Ross Creek/Navigator/Buninyong/Warrenheip) and then to the reservoir. Thanks Mal!

Soon we were at reservoir we parked up under the shady trees and gout out the chairs and sat down around the BBQ trailer. Thanks to the precision timing from Scott, Sandra, Tom, and Jude it was time queue up for lunch.

After all being feed everyone was happy to look around the gardens or talk to other members in the shade.

Our President Jeff spoke of the importance of the day and read out the past members we have lost. He also made a special mention of Rob Whitten with his passing this year highlighting his passion for the club and the Memorial Run.

If you were still hungry there was an offer to check out Monique's cooking, - Chocolate Chip Cookies. Thanks Monique!

Of course, there was another chance to check out, talk and take photos of the twenty-nine cars. Everyone enjoyed the day and we headed of home at our own time and pace.

The final count was, fifty-one adults, six children and twenty-nine cars. Great to see everyone, looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party.

Paul Irvin

# CLUB RUN MEMORIAL RUN

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## **Attendees**

Jeff & Sharelle - HR

George & Justine - HG

Tim & Martina - HT

Peter & Gayle - VX

Jamie & Jessie - Colorado

Mal, Joe & Peter - WM

Louis & Monique - HX

Cheryl & Adam -LH

Clint & Renata - VE

Greg & Anne - FX

Sarah, Brison, Huxley & Oaklyn - FX / Ram

Emma, Damian & Jaxson - EK

Alan & Lee - HR

Wayne - VP

David - FJ

Hendo - VF

Paul - FE

Mark - HZ

Jim - HJ

Ian & Kim - FB

Peter & Liz - LX

Greg & Leanne - EH

Craig & Nigel - VE GTS

Leigh, Rachael, Jaxon & Tori - VK

Kirsty, Peter & Shelby - Prado

Peter & Justin - VH

Scott, Sandra & Tom - Amarok

Jude - Tucan

# Memorial Run Photos

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# Membership Application



**Ballarat and District  
Early Holden Car Club**  
PO Box 184  
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

### Personal Details:

Name:	
Address:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Family m/ship names:	

### Vehicle Details:

Model	Body Style	Year	Colour	Rego	Current State	Immediate Club Rego Required?

Current state: (A) completed (B) Near Completed (C) Street vehicle (D) Project

Notes: Minimum vehicle age to qualify for club permit (red plate) scheme is 25 years.

New members requiring immediate access to the red-plate scheme will be charged a one-off fee of \$100 to waive the normal pre-qualification requirements (attendance at 3 meetings and 3 club runs within the first 6 months of membership).

A current Vic roadworthy certificate is required for red-plate applications (to be supplied later)

### Fees:

Type	Cost	Tick as applicable
Single Membership	\$40	
Family Membership	\$60	
Immediate Red Plates	\$100	
Application Fee	\$15	
Total		

Note: Application fee includes name badge, key-tag, sticker, monthly newsletters, and access to free club ap.

### Payment Options:

1. In person - attendance at first meeting
2. D/Deposit: **Ballarat Early Holden Club (Bendigo Bank) BSB:633 000 A/C:110 408 309**  
Please include your name as a reference

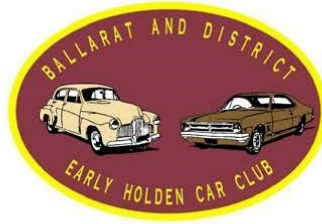
Email completed forms to New Membership Officer: [mark.davies.met@gmail.com](mailto:mark.davies.met@gmail.com)

**Sign:** I hereby apply to become a member of the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club Incorporated and agree to comply with the rulings of the club.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Permit Scheme Application (Page 1)

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## Ballarat & District Early Holden Car Club Club Permit Scheme Checklist

- Applicants are required to supply originals of the documentation as listed below when applying for Club Permit Scheme (CPS) approval.
- A RWC is required for all Vehicles entering the scheme.
- Applicants must have been a member for at least six calendar months
- Applicants must be a financial member.
- Applicants must have attended at least two Club General Meetings prior to application
- Applicants must have attended at least two club runs prior to application

### CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ - Original VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- \_\_\_ - Original of VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Form
- \_\_\_ - Original Road Worthy Certificate
- \_\_\_ - A signed and completed copy of this Checklist and Declaration
- \_\_\_ - Proof of current financial Membership (Membership Card)
- \_\_\_ - Proof of ownership of the vehicle
- \_\_\_ - Photographs of vehicle
  - \_\_\_ Front View
  - \_\_\_ Drivers Side View
  - \_\_\_ Engine Bay
  - \_\_\_ Engine Number
  - \_\_\_ Drivers Position
  - \_\_\_ Rear View
  - \_\_\_ Chassis Number

Is the vehicle modified beyond VS18 and/or VS133? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

If YES to above provide:

- \_\_\_ - Original VASS Approval Certificate

# Permit Scheme Application (Page 2)

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## Ballarat & District Early Holden Car Club Club Permit Scheme Declaration

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Build Date \_\_\_\_\_

Engine# \_\_\_\_\_ Chassis # \_\_\_\_\_

List any modifications from standard:

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) the undersigned, being a financial member of the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club, hereby declare that I:

- 1) Have detailed a true account of this vehicle being considered for the Club Permit Scheme
- 2) Will only use or permit to be used, the unregistered vehicle described above, and issued with a valid permit for its restricted use, in accordance with the requirements as specified by VicRoads.
- 3) Will remain a financial member of the club at all times this vehicle is on Club Permit and will maintain the vehicle in a safe and roadworthy condition.
- 4) Will notify the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club of the Permit Number and the expiry date as soon as the permit is obtained from VicRoads.
- 5) Will notify forthwith the BDEHCC in the event of (a) disposal by sale or otherwise of the above vehicle, (b) the vehicle becoming fully registered, (c) the permit being surrendered to VicRoads for whatever reason.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Club Run Etiquette

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There is nothing better than sharing our love of cars with a group of likeminded enthusiasts out on the road, and we encourage all members to join us on our club runs. You can come along in any car, it doesn't need to be old, and it doesn't even need to be a Holden. It's about getting out as a group and enjoying each other's company, not about what we're driving.

However, there are a few simple protocols to ensure everyone has a good day...

- Always RSVP to the Run Coordinator and let them know if you change your mind. It's helpful to know how many are expected and saves the group waiting around for a no-show who's changed their mind.
- Listen to the pre-run briefing to get a basic understanding of the route and more importantly the destination. Blindly following the car in front is great - while they're there.
- If the weather forecast issued the night before a run is over 35 deg C, then the run will most likely be cancelled. Keep an eye on the App for any updates.
- Get to the departure point on time – or phone ahead if you're going to be late.
- Out on the road, work off the car behind, not the car in front. In other words, keep the car behind in your mirrors and adjust your speed accordingly. Don't try to catch up to the car ahead. This helps ensure the group stays together.
- Make sure the car behind has seen you when turning a corner - wait at the turn until the car indicates before continuing, then they will wait for the next car etc. Don't be concerned about losing contact with the car in front, as they should be looking out for you.
- Leave a reasonable gap between you and the car in front so that other motorists can overtake if they wish.
- If you're joining us on route, make sure the Run Coordinator knows of your pickup point to ensure we take that route. Also be ready to roll as the convoy approaches.
- We don't leave anyone stranded on the road - if you lose sight of the car behind, pull over and wait. If they don't appear, turn around to render assistance.
- Always follow the car in front. If you think they've taken a wrong turn then let's all take the wrong turn. It's better the club gets lost together than splits up in all directions – it also saves the person behind you having to make a split decision as to who they trust the most!
- Remember it's a club run, not a club race. If there's a tired old grey in front, so be it - enjoy it for what it is. Who cares if you're late in your 308.
- Generally, the return trip from the destination is up to you – but let the 'Run Coordinator' know when you're heading off.

Following these simple pointers will help ensure everybody has a good day – together!



# General Meeting Minutes Nov 2023

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Meeting opened at 7.34pm.  
Members present: 52.

Apologies: Peter Skrypko, Peter Nikkelson, Brett Mould, David and Emma Turner, Clinton and Ranata, Paul Furnaux, Rod Hammill.

Previous meeting minutes read by Peter. Moved Mal Laurie, Seconded Scott Campbell. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Guests and New Members: Bill Hannah, Daryl Kopke, Arnold Thiel.

Correspondence In/Out: Nil.

President's Report read by Peter. Full report in Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Sandra. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet provided. Moved Michael Cairns, seconded Theo Goosens.

Membership Officer's Report: In addition to the three new members aforementioned, six new inquiries have been made.

Run Co-Ordinator's Report: Bay To Birdwood run was a huge success as is usual of this exciting and massively exciting annual event. Our club was well represented by a total of 25 people including Rob's son, daughter, grandchildren and Son In Law.

This month's run will be our annual Memorial Run, departing the clubrooms at 10.00am, Sunday November 19th, BBQ lunch at Kirk's Reservoir.

Jeff made mention of the great work put in by the volunteers at the recent FX/FJ State Titles, thanks to you all!

Bar Report: All good.

Clubrooms: All good.

Merchandise: More kids' tee shirts ordered.

CPS: Nothing new to report.

AEHF: Megan Turner thanked everyone for their efforts with the State Titles, both in the planning phase, and on the day.

Scott explained the myriad tasks involved in the twelve months of planning to get the event to fruition. A huge undertaking and a credit to all involved. Particular praise and thanks were extended to Sandra for her major contribution in the planning, administration and execution of the event.

Additionally Andrew French and Greg King were acknowledged for their work scrutineering the entrants. And also to Peter Nikkelson and Mark Davies for their major contribution undertaking judging.

The Committee extended it's special thanks to Sandra, Anne, Greg, Thomas and the caterers for their great work.

General Business: Bunning's DTC display Tuesday December 7th.  
Fisherman's Bend run, Sunday December 3rd., refer Justin.

Buy: Graeme Gray looking for VB Commodore visor clips and jack.  
Sell: Wayne Burrige has a set of 19x8 alloys to suit Commodore.

Membership Draw: Craig Loveridge 12 stubbies.  
50/50: Peter Martin \$99.00. Ivan, Wayne, Graeme and Greg minor winners.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter collected \$29.40.

President Jeff declared the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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