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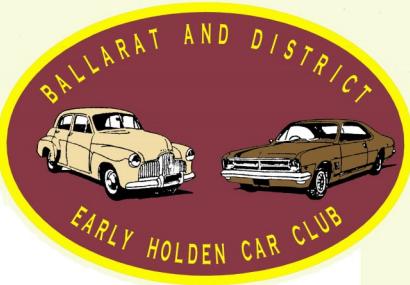
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Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month except January.

At the Clubrooms
Ballarat Airport
Airport Access Road
Wendouree
(off Learmonth Road)
at 7:30pm
Visitors are most welcome

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Fees

Single Membership \$50
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Jim Hare

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2003/04 Scott Campbell

2004/05 Peter Waterson

2005/06 Paul Irvin

& Jason Barby

2006/07 Greg Turner

& John Preston

2007/08 Greg King

2008/09 Anne Turner

& Rob Whitten

2009/10 Peter Skrypko

2010/11 Jim Hare

2011/12 Craig Loveridge

2012/13 Jeff Dickson

2013/14 Justin Mitchell

2014/15 Rob Whitten

2015/16 Peter Wilmot

2016/17 Bernie Sharp

2017/18 Daniel Dickson

2018/19 Doug Reid

2019/20 Pandemic

2020/21 Pandemic

2021/22 Mark Davies

2022/23 Paul Irvin

2023/24 Murray Rogers

2024/25 John Turner

Front End February 2026

The Front End is the monthly newsletter of The Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club. Correspondence, articles & items of Holden news and interest are invited and should be sent to:

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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS February 2026

- 3 Club Meeting**
- 11 Little Dog**
- 14 Club Run—Birregurra**
- 17 Pub Night**
- 22 Club Run— Minyip**
- 25 Red Dog**

Other Events February 2026

- 8 Lang Lang Show Shine & Swap Meet**
- 8 Rockabilly Car Show Montmorency**
- 8 Corvettes on the Bay—Glenelg**
- 8 Snake Valley Swap Meet**
- 8 Torquay Car Show**
- 8 Yarra Glen Swap Meet**
- 8 Hanging Rock Car Show**
- 15 Swap Meet Murray Bridge**
- 15 Ballan Great Vintage Rally**
- 20-22 Ballarat Begonia Rally**
- 27 Chryslers on the Murray**
- 28 Ballan Vintage Swap Meet**
- 28-29 Rob Roy Revival**
- 28 Adelaide Motorsport Festival**

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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS March 2026

- 3 Club Meeting**
- 11 Club Run—see notice**
- 11 Little Dog**
- 17 Pub Night**
- 21 Club Run—Warrnambool**
- 25 Red Dog**
- 31 Committee**

Other Events March 2026

- 1 Hamilton Tractor Rally**
- 1 Isabella & Marcus Car Show—Chelsea**
- 6 Bathurst Autofest**
- 8 Clunes Historic Vehicle Show**
- 8 Inverell Antique Motor Show**
- 15 68th Kalorama Rally**
- 15 Fergie Fire Up Ballan**
- 21-22 Stawell Tractor, Engine & Hobby Rally**

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President's February 2026

Welcome back everyone it feels like it been a long time between President Reports.

Unfortunately, as most of you would be aware club member Catherine Rogers (Murray's wife) recently passed away. The attendance of many club members at the funeral reflected the respect our membership had for Catherine.

Catherine knew many club members and had time for everyone. Fortunately for Sharelle and I Catherine had let us into her life, that friendship allowed us to love everything about her. That included her quirkiness, her funny side and loving side. Our weekend away to Charlton was almost completely organised by Catherine. She loved having everything in order. It was an absolute pleasure knowing Catherine and she is sadly missed. It's a pleasure being part of this fantastic club watching the support members have given Murray both before Catherine's passing and in the weeks afterwards. It instils the respect commitment we have to each other.

To those who didn't attend our Christmas party we announced the recipients of the Jane Johnstone Award and Top Club Person Award. The Jane Johnstone Award was presented to Jodie Cairns. This is well deserved, since Jodie joined our club she has given us her heart and soul. Attending and assisting at almost every event but more importantly really getting to know our members. If you have been on the receiving end of her conversations you will understand. Congratulations Jodie. Our Top Club Person Award was presented to John Turner. Since joining the Club John has been involved with almost everything. He has coordinated club runs, red dog runs and BBQs for the red doggers. John has also taken to running the bar like a natural. He's just an all-round ripper of a bloke. Well done John.

Congratulations to Major Neil Leckie on receiving an OAM in the Australian Day Awards to recognise his extensive volunteering across many organisations. Well done mate!

Congratulations to young Tom on getting his L plates! Watch out here he comes! Well done Tom.

January may be a very busy holiday month for many but we had great turn outs at our runs and catch ups. We had a great attendance at the Legacy Run. I don't normally have the chance to attend this event. It was an eye opener seeing what our members giving kids a ride around the lake. Our members get as much out of it as the kids. Well done to the members involved in this fantastic event. The January open night at the Club Rooms was very casual and it was great to catch up with those who were able to attend. Our Australia day event was quite the surprise with 31 people indicating attendance. On the day there were 46 cars and over 90 people attended. It gave the catering committee a heart attack! We slightly under catered but we certainly know for next year. Overall, it was a fantastic day with a of couple laps of the lake and then pulling up to spend a bit of time talking rubbish on the banks of Lake Wendouree.

This year our run committee have a great list of events for us all to enjoy.

Thank you all
Presidents Jeff Dickson

Club Run February 2026

FEBRUARY CLUB RUNS

Summer Car Show Adventures

Birregurra Motor Show

Saturday 14 February 2026

Meet at the Mitchell Park BP

8am

Minyip Show and Shine

Sunday 22 February 2026

Meet at the Mitchell Park BP

7.30am

RSVP Paul Irvin

0419 524 607



Club Run March 2026

MARCH CAR RUNS

Summer Car Show Adventures

Clunes Historic Car Show

Sunday 8 March 2026

Whycheproof Show and Shine

Sunday 8 March 2026

Warrnambool Car Show

Saturday 21 March 2026

Ballarat Swap Meet



\$5 ENTRY
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SWAP MEET

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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 11 February 2026

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

SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE
Western Hotel
1221 Sturt Street Ballarat

WHEN Tuesday 17 February 6.30pm

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

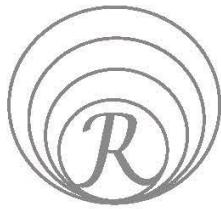
COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 25 February 2026

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending
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SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE

Black Hill Hotel
502 Peel Street North Black Hill

WHEN Tuesday 17 March 2026 6.30pm

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

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In Memoriam



The Committee and I would like to take the opportunity in this month's Front End to recognise a member of our Early Holden Car Club Community. Many of you would be aware of the passing of Catherine Rogers after a short but hard-fought battle as 2025 became 2026.

Catherine was a member of our Club along with her husband Murray. Catherine would be known to many of you as a smiling face at Club events and always willing to give a hand wherever it was needed. While Catherine was a wife, a doggie mum to Gracie and Quinn, a sibling, a daughter and a friend she was much more.

Catherine was an organiser she loved and relished the opportunity to take the reins and ensure everything ran-to-clock work; be it holidaying with Murray, organising Murray, ensuring everyone was fed at a rally event, or organising a social event. There was also her passion for shopping and ensuring an outfit had all the accessories. An outfit could be for the races or for a casual night out either way Catherine ensured she was put together. Let us always remember her sparkly runners! She was an enjoyer of a glass of bubbles, loved good tunes and to dance. Catherine loved her friends and was always willing to give advice to ensure you were living your best life.

Catherine and Murray loved their camping adventures, and particularly Charlton. I think we can safely say the Car Club has also enjoyed the Charlton experience because of that love of a little country town on a river.

As our sadness lifts, we can remember Catherine as we raise a glass of bubbles on a hot day and reminisce about the best times. Remembering those best times is what keeps those who are no longer here in our hearts.

Jeff and the Committee
Ballarat and Districts Early Holden Car Club

Car Club Adventures



Car Club Adventures



Congratulations

Congratulations NEIL



Major Neil Leckie has been recognised with an Order of Australia Award in 2026 Australia Day Awards. He has received this award for his service to veterans and the community through a range of roles.

These roles have included Army Reservist, Officer Training Unit Association, Ballarat Ranger Military Museum, Ballarat sub-branch of the National Service Men's Association, Clunes CFA (made a life member in 2022), Treasurer of the Sebastapol Historical Society.

Congratulations Neil from your friends at the Early Holden Car Club



Congratulations

Congratulations
TOM



Membership Application



Ballarat and District
Early Holden Car Club
PO Box 184
Howitt St PO,
Wendouree, VIC 3355

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	\$50	
Family Membership	\$70	
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

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)



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

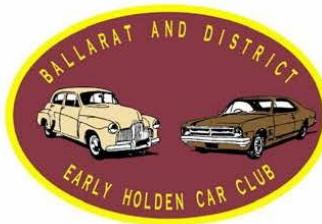
- Original VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- Original of VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Form
- Original Road Worthy Certificate
- A signed and completed copy of this Checklist and Declaration
- Proof of current financial Membership (Membership Card)
- Proof of ownership 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 VSI8 and/or VSI33? YES NO

If YES to above provide:

- Original VASS Approval Certificate

Permit Scheme Application (Page 2)



Ballarat & District Early Holden Car Club Club Permit Scheme Declaration

Make _____ Model _____

Vehicle Year _____ **Build Date** _____

Engine# _____ Chassis # _____

List any modifications from standard:

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 is 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

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 Dec 2025

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Members present: 61.

Apologies: Peter and Jamie Martin, Craig Loveridge, Clinton and Renata Johnson, Russell White, Rob Ferguson.

Guests/New Members: Warren Swards, VS and VZ. Wayne Jones, HJ GTS coupe.

Minutes of previous meeting read by Peter. Moved Ken Vincent, seconded John Stevens. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

President's Report: Read in newsletter.

Membership Officer: Nil to report.

Run Co-ordinator's Report: Paul reported that the Camperdown run to Laurie Vautier's shed was a success with 24 members and 14 cars participating.

The Christmas Party is to take place on Sunday 14 December at the clubrooms from 3.00pm.

Our usual January catchup is scheduled for Tuesday January 6th., 7.30pm at the clubrooms. An Australia Day breakfast is planned @ \$5.00 per head, followed by a cruise.

Ballarat Swap Meet will take place at the new showgrounds on Saturday February 7th.

Runs for February and March are in the planning. Details TBC.

The Red Dog Run was to Bruce Howlett's shed in Smythesdale, followed by lunch at the Through The Gate Cafe.

Bunnings Delacombe car display will take place on Thursday December 4th., 6 to 8 pm.

Bar report: All good.

Clubrooms report: Thanks to Andrew French for looking after cleaning duties.

Merchandise report: Jodie is taking orders for black or maroon shirts.

CPS: Nil.

AEHF: A proposed rule book amendment has been forwarded. Ratios of street, street customer and modified vehicles to be ratified.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Sandra, Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet provided. Moved Sandra, seconded Graeme Grey. Carried.

General Business: Nil.

Tom's Torque: Tom reported that he attended the Trentham Brock Run, the Talbot Swap Meet and Springfest.

Buy: Arnaud Thiell is seeking a driver's side WB reflector headlight and d/s front door. Greg King is after a VH40 brake booster.

Wayne Burridge wants to acquire a set of 6.00 x 13 or 5.5 x 13 wheels.

Sell: Greg Turner has a VK wagon for sale @\$15k.

Bernie Sharp has a set of American Racing wheels 17x7 and 17x8 available to suit HQ to WB.

Grant Badari has a Holley 800 spreadbore double pumper available.

Justin thanked those members who helped him acquire the parts he needed.

Membership Draw: Graeme Grey.

50/50 Murray Rogers \$103.50. Minor winners: John Turner, Paul Irvin, Vicki Winfield, Thomas Campbell, Steve Booker, Graeme Grey, Peter Wilmot, Mal Laurie, Warren Swards, Theo Goossens.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter did his rounds and collected \$23.50.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm.

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The Rear End