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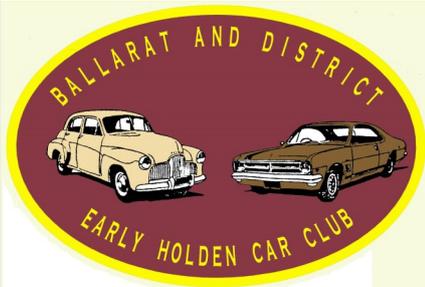
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CLUB MEETINGS

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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New M/ship Application Fee
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Peter Skrypko
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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 March 2026

- 3 Club Meeting
- 8 Club Run
- 11 Little Dog
- 15 Club Run
- 17 Pub Night
- 21 Club Run
- 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
- 13-15 Jail House Rock—Ararat
- 14 Ararat—Show Your Wheels
- 15 68th Kalorama Rally
- 15 Fergie Fire Up Ballan
- 21 Eddington Historic Sprints
- 21-22 Stawell Tractor, Engine & Hobby Rally
- 22 Maldon Swap Meet
- 28 Beaufort Car and Truck Show

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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS April 2026

- 3 Club Meeting
- 8 Little Dog
- 19 Club Run
- 17 Pub Night
- 29 Red Dog

Other Events April 2026

- 4 Moyston Easter Market
- 10-12 Melbourne Motor Show
- 11 Horsham Automotive Swap Meet
- 11 Crawl'n' the Hume—Ballan East
- 12 Show n' Shine Kerang
- 19 HD HR Holden Victorian Titles—Heatherton
- 19 Aussie Classic Car Show—Ringwood



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President's March 2026

G'day everyone I hope everyone is well.

If feels like yesterday we was having our Christmas party and we are already in March.

Our club is always active. From our Red Dog Runs, our monthly club run options and our social nights, there is something for everyone. Last month we saw one of our Club Runs cancelled. While this is a rare occurrence, it maybe because of all the car options across Ballarat and beyond in the summer months. We are spoilt for choice! Including swap meets where I am sure a few of you sold parts, purchased parts or just went for a sticky beak. Paul has organised our March runs —so come along if you can. Note there are two to choose from!

In more car event news in our neighbourhood. Andy Burns from the Vintage Car Club has booked a cinema at Delacombe Town Centre The cinema will be showing Holden and ford reels created by Norm Darwin and Shane Jacobson. The event will be held on Wednesday 25 March at 1.30pm. Andy has invited 20—25 club members to attend. Cost \$20 per head. If you are interested contact club member John Stevens.

Get your Holden's out and enjoy them.

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support of the Club.

Jeff Dickson
President

Club Run March 2026

CLUB RUNS MARCH 2026

WHYCHEPROOF SHOW
AND SHINE
SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026
7.30AM
MITCHELL PARK BP

WARRNAMBOL
CAR SHOW
SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026
7.30AM
SYMTHESDALE

RSVP PAUL IRVIN
0419 524 607

LOCAL CLUB RUN SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026

MEET AT THE
MITCHELL PARK BP
9AM

JOIN CLUB MEMBERS FOR A MORNING
DRIVE AROUND THE BALARAT AREA.
FINISHING UP WITH COFFEE AND
CAKE AT A MYSTERY LOCATION

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Club Run April 2026



Club Run February 2026—Birregurra



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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 11 March 2026

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

SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE

Black Hill Hotel
502 Peel Street North Ballarat

WHEN Tuesday 17 March 2026 6.30pm

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

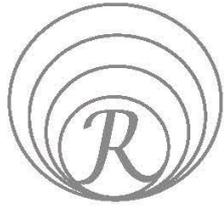
COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 25 March 2026

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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN 8 April 2026

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

SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE

Black Hill Hotel
502 Peel Street North Black Hill

WHEN Tuesday 21 April 2026 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 29 April 2026

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

Festival of Speed Canberra

The festival of Speed Canberra is located at Thoroughbred Park (The Canberra Racing Club) for those who love motor cars, the festival is motorsport's ultimate garden party.

Experience an exclusive showcase of some of the world's most exotic two and four wheeled vehicles on display and live on the circuit. Along with the display is a vibrant European food village and a variety of trade stalls.

On circuit there is a revolving rota of vehicles. Drivers drive three laps of the circuit to show their skills against the clock. Vehicles range from open wheel race cars, exotic supercars and classic demonstrations. At the end of the main event you can light up your tyres when entering the circuit for a quick hot lap.

Off circuit there is a picnic area with food and beverages from local producers to enjoy. Along with trade stalls and static car displays which included an Ingall-Perkins Commodore.

2025 marked 30 years since the first all V8 Bathurst was held which was famously won by Larry Perkins and Russell Ingall. Perkins and Lowndes clashed with seconds of the start resulting in a flat tyre, once back on the track Perkins and Russell drove hard all day and aided by a safety car were able to get close to the lead pack and from there Perkins did the rest to seal a popular victory.

What is a vehicle entrant? Entrants can be display or exhibition circuit. Entrants need to select Circuit entrant when completing their entry.

Who can enter? Features a wide variety of vehicles from high end luxury, supercar, exotic and motorsport vehicles. Clubs are welcome.

What is included with an entry? Circuit entrants have access to the Motorsport Lounge and Marquee. Static entrants can also access Lounge for additional cost on the day.

Keen to participate next year?

Visit: www.canberrafestivalofspeed.com

Festival of Speed Canberra



Club Member Neil Leckie (far left) with three of his fellow Two Year National Service Army officer at the Festival. Wayne, beside Neil is obviously a Holden Man!



Two Mitsuoka Le-Seyde vehicles. Left Mark 2. Cost in 2001: \$79,000.00 today: \$160,000.00. Not a car to take to the shops—they are huge!



A few Holdens: A Bute Ute, Let there be light and goes fast but not good around left hand bends.

Neil Leckie

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:

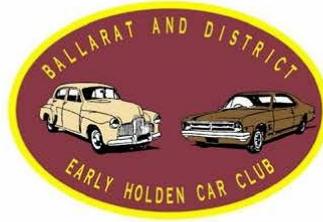
1. In person - attendance at first meeting
2. **D/Deposit: Ballarat Early Holden Club (Bendigo Bank) BSB:633 000 A/C:110 408 309**
Please include your name as a reference

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

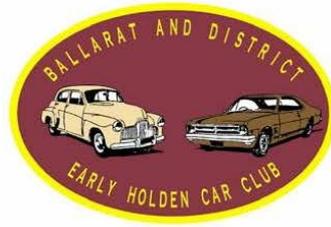
- ___ - Original VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- ___ - Original of VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Form
- ___ - Original Road Worthy Certificate
- ___ - A signed and completed copy of this Checklist and Declaration
- ___ - Proof of current financial Membership (Membership 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 VS18 and/or VS133? ___ 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 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

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 Feb 2026

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Members present: 75.

Apologies: Megan Turner, Sarah Millard, Joe Viccars, Clinton and Renata Johnson, Rod Hammill, James Lutjohn.

Guests/New Members: Trevor Maddern, Adam VanLieshout.

Previous minutes read by Peter. Moved Norm Wittle, seconded Steve Booker. Carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence In/Out: Nil.

President's Report: Jeff addressed the club expressing his sadness at the passing of Catherine Rogers. A minute's silence was observed in Catherine's memory. (Never to be forgotten).

Congratulations were extended to Jodie Cairns on her being awarded this year's Jane Johnson Award. Congratulations were also extended by President Jeff to John Turner being the recipient of this year's Top Clubperson Award. Additionally congratulations were extended to Neil Leckie having recently being bestowed the Order Of Australia Medal, which recognizes Australian citizens for meritorious service or exceptional achievement in a particular field or locality. Well done Neil!!

Treasurer's Report: Read by Sandra. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet provided. Special thanks were given to John Turner for his bar contribution of \$1,000 to the club coffers. Moved Sandra, seconded Anne Turner. Carried.

Membership Officer's Report: Four new members have joined our club, Wayne Swards, and Adam, Trevor and Lisa Bennetts.

Run Co-ordinator's Report: Paul reported that the official February run would be to Birregurra, with an additional run to the Minyip Car Show on February 22. Details in Newsletter.

There are a number of Swap Meets on in February with details in Newsletter.

The Red Dog Run will be a visit to Andy Burns' sheds in Scotsburn.

Bar Report: All going along fine.

Clubrooms Report: The toilets have been fixed, and new floor covering will be installed.

Merchandise: Jodie advised that all sizes of the new club shirts are available to try on.

CPS: Scott advised that changes are rumoured to be imminent, however no detail is available yet. Black and white plates may be available for H plated cars and there's talk that the original registration designation may be available as well. Awaiting confirmation.

Scott also advised that a calendar of each month's events will be available on our club Facebook page.

AEHF: The 2027 Nationals will be held in Tasmania from 2nd. to 4th. of January. Bookings are open.

Tom's Torque: Thomas now has his "L" plates.

Tom spoke of the Peugeot Car Club visiting the Campbell Corner Of Cars.

Lake Cruisers ferried 15 cars to the Clunes Car and Truck Show. Greg King was awarded two trophies at the Great Western Show and Shine.

Scott mentioned that the Australia Day Breakfast was a big hit with some 90 people and 45 cars in attendance.

Scott recommended that members check their car insurance details, with particular attention to ensure that vehicles parked in a garage which is not adjoining the home, that they are in fact covered.

Buy: Graeme Grey is after a 7 blade VB Commodore V8 air con fan.

Norm is looking for a HR sump and pickup.

Sell: Alan Darrell 2.78 banjo diff \$500, WB Statesman roller \$900. Wayne Mead 202 with Trimatic \$700. Bernie a set of 14" wheels to suit Holden. Steve steering box to suit HKTG \$800. Justin VS S-Pack V6 Ute 28,000kls \$22,000. Greg EK wagon \$15,000.

Membership draw, no show.

50/50 Hendo \$118.00. Minor winners Mal, Greg Turner, Trevor, Paul, Ricky, Greg King.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter lost a few friends but extracted \$28.00.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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