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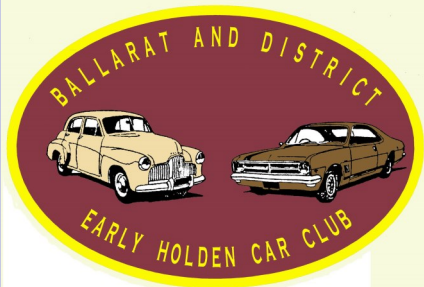
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CLUB MEETINGS

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

At the Clubrooms
Ballarat Airport
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& Jason Barby
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& John Preston
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& Rob Whitten
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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

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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
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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS April 2026

- 7 Club Meeting
- 8 Little Dog
- 19 Club Run
- 21 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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CLUB EVENTS May 2026

- 5 Club Meeting
- 13 Little Dog
- 17 Club Run
- 19 Pub Night
- 26 Committee
- 27 Red Dog

Other Events May 2026

- 2 Naracoorte Swap Meet
- 2 Annual Drive Back in Time—Beechworth
- 3 Rob Roy Triple Cup—Smith's Gully
- 2-3 Steel City Nats—Whyalla
- 2-3 MotorEx—Melbourne Showgrounds
- 16 Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally
- 17 Drive & Show Manhattan Hotel—Ringwood
- 23 NSW Hotrod & Custom Expo—Rosehill
- 30 Historic Winton



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President's April 2026

G'day everyone.

I hope you enjoyed your Easter break and the Easter Bunny visited whether you were holidaying or staying closer to home. It only seems like yesterday we were waving to Santa at the Christmas Party and enjoying a chat at the Club at our January catch up.

The family and I have had a very busy March and did not have a chance to get out and about. I may not have had the chance to be out in a Holden but I hear our members did with our local run out to Creswick, Clunes and to Learmonth for lunch with a fantastic turn out.

For those club members looking to share a meal and a chat the monthly club Pub Night is a great way to get to know your club members. Judy has been doing a great job of selecting a variety of pubs across Ballarat. Having Judy as our Pub Night Coordinator we are consistently having between 25—35 members enjoying dinner.

At the Committee meeting last week we discussed the effects of the oil predicament on the ability of our members to attend runs. It was decided for the foreseeable future we will bring our runs closer to Ballarat due to increased fuel prices and the uncertainty of being able to access fuel in some of the smaller towns. This as an opportunity to explore local, support local, experience new and rediscover places we may have not visited for some time. I'm sure Paul will keep us busy with some fantastic local runs, as there is much to explore locally. April is a chance to explore Buninyong and have lunch at the Meredith Hotel.

The club will be holding a Working Bee soon. It is time for a few jobs around the club rooms. It is great to have our club rooms but the only way to ensure the upkeep is for us all to chip in and give a hand. The more the merrier and the quicker the jobs get done. Paul as our Club Runs Officer will be providing us with details in the near future.

Thanks to everyone for their support of the club.

Jeff Dickson
President

Club Run April 2026

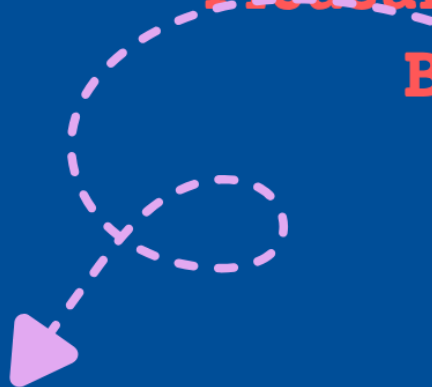
April Club Run

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

9.30am

Mitchell Park BP

Pleasant drive to
Buninyong



Followed by lunch at the
Meredith Hotel

RSVP Paul Irvin 0419 524 607

Club Run May 2026

May Club Run Sunday 17 May 2026 Talbot Market

Meet Mitchell Park BP

9.30am



RSVP
Paul Irvin
0419 524 607

Red Dog Run

A great mid week once a month run.
Met at Maccas followed by an early lunch at Lucas and finishing up with the Ford V Holden movie at Delacombe Town Centre.

There were 18 attendees from our Club plus some extras.
As always there was a variety of vehicles for the drive!
Can you see Neil's 'old' FE parked beside Greg's 'new' VY Commodore?



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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 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 Ballarat

WHEN Tuesday 21 April 2026 6.30pm

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

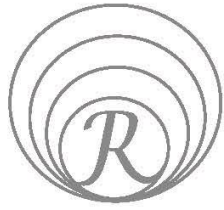
COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

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



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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN 13 May 2026

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

SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE

Royal Mail Hotel
290 Albert St Sebastopol

WHEN Tuesday 19 May 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 27 May 2026

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

Local Club Run Ballarat Surrounds

It was looking like a fine day as we left the BP heading to Creswick with twenty nine members and eighteen cars.

Two extra members joined us on the road as we headed into Creswick to visit Tell-Tale Collectables. There were many treasures to admire including records, cassette tapes, Elvis memorabilia, pedal cars, vintage clothing and much more. After a coffee, ice cream and a chat we headed towards Clunes and waved good bye to Kim.

Our numbers grew as we headed towards Clunes, and once we were all parked we headed off to explore the town. It was time to wave good bye to nine members before we set off to our final destination—Learmonth.

Hendo took charge and navigated us into Learmonth and lunch at 321 Café. As had been the theme of the day we waved good bye to a few and gathered more members. There was much variety on the menu at the café, there was something for everyone's taste.

After lunch we all headed home at our own pace. Great day with thirty four members and twenty two cars attending.

Paul Irvin
Run Coordinator



Club Run Wycheproof

A small group of three; John Turner, Greg King, and myself set off from the BP at 7:30am with our departure marked by a light drizzling rain. As we drove to Learmonth towards Waubra the rain stopped and it was a fine day as we travelling through Lexton, Avoca, St Arnaud to Wycheproof.

On arrival we were greeted by the friendly Lions club members and a chance to enjoy a great variety of cars, motor bikes and a truck. We met up with th Charlton crew; Jeff, Sharelle, Murray, Renata and Clint.

We moved around hearing from owners about their cars and history. There was a HX plumbers van turned into a very nice Mint green Sandman Pannel van, a 1964 Dodge Phoenix 50-year anniversary model, a 1939 Willys Overland Holden Taxi used in the Slim Dusty Documentary and a 1950 Mark V Jaguar.

We grabbed a coffee and with our egg- bacon in hand we listened to the trophy presentation. Of course our club brought a trophy home. The GF Kustoms Choice Trophy awarded to Greg for his two-door coupe. We headed into Charlton for a quick lunch before getting on the road for the trip back to Ballarat. It was a great town show and well worth the visit.

Paul Irvin
Run Coordinator



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:

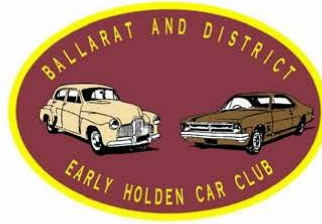
1. In person - attendance at first meeting
2. **D/Deposit: Ballarat Early Holden Club (Bendigo Bank) BSB:633 000 A/C:110 408 309**
Please include your name as a reference

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 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 Mar 2026

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

Attendees: 56.

Apologies: Adam Vanlieshout, Jim Hare, Peter Bingley, John Stevens, Paul Furneaux, Graeme Paizis, Tash Grey, Alan Darrell, Mark Boswerger.

Guests/New Members: Wayne Lineker.

Previous minutes read by Peter. Moved Justin, seconded Steve Booker. Carried.
Post minutes report, thanks were extended to Paul Schaefer and Paul Irvin for the Memorial Board update.

Correspondence In/Out: Nil.

President's Report, read in Newsletter.

Business Arising: John Stevens advised members of the opportunity to purchase tickets to a special screening of historic Holden and Ford newsreels and archival footage to take place at the Delacombe Town Centre Cinema on Wednesday March 25th. This event has been organised by Andy Burns of the Vintage and Classic Car Club, Ballarat.

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

Membership Officer's Report: Mark advised that we have one new member, Carmel Ladner, VS Commodore.

Run Co-Ordinator's Report: Paul reported that three cars represented our club on the Birregurra run. A good and varied range of cars were displayed at the show.

The Torquay event as per usual was a big show of motoring. Scott took out the Peoples' Choice award with his FX convertible.

Additional run options for March are the Wycheproof Car Show, and the Clunes Truck and Car Show.

March 15 will be a more local run with morning coffee and lunch at mystery locations.

The February Red Dog Run was drive to the Clunes Bakery.

Bar Report: All good.

Clubrooms Report: All good.

Merchandise Report: Ordered shirts not ready yet.

CPS: Nothing new at this stage.

General Business: Meagan advised of the impending Show and Shine at the Rokewood pub on April 18.

HD and HR State Titles will take place at the Shannons facility in Heatherton on April 19.

Scott advised that Thomas had bought a nice WB ute on advice from Wayne Mead.

Tom's Torque: Tom spoke of the Showcars Melbourne event. Greg's FJ coupe attended.

Buy: Tom requires a WB headlight lens.

Sell: Grant Bidari has a complete 308 available for \$3,500.

Steve Booker has 4 club tee shirts for sale @ \$20.00 each, and a HK panel van \$18k.

Paul has a 2002 A/Van pop top for sale @16,350.

Scott has a mate with a HZ 202 manual ute for sale @25k. See Scott if interested.

Technical Issues: Scott told the story of the freshly installed starter motor in his FX ute spinning the wrong way.

Membership Draw: Peter Wilmot.

50/50: Joe Viccars \$103.50.

Minor prizes: Sharelle and Wayne Mead, a bottle of wine each.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter lost a couple of friends but collected \$18.45.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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