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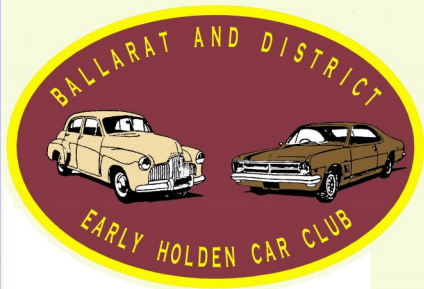
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CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the
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except January.

At the Clubrooms
Ballarat Airport
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MEMBERSHIP

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Single Membership \$50
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& Jason Barby
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& 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

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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
invited and should be sent to:

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Events Calendar

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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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS June 2026

- 2 Club Meeting
- 10 Little Dog
- TBA Club Run
- 16 Pub Night
- 24 Red Dog

Other Events June 2026

- 8 Geelong Bay City Swap Meet
- 10 May Classic Muscle Cars Port Melbourne
- 16 Caffeine & Gasoline Geelong Federal Mills
- 16 Cavalcade of transport Trentham
- 16-17 Highfield Vintage Machinery Rally Heyfield
- 17 National Motoring Day Albury/Wodonga
- 23 Ballarat Heritage Fest Camp St Car Display
- 23 NSW Hotrod & Customs Expo Rosehill
- 29 Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour
- 30-31 49th Historic Winton Benalla



The advertisement features a blue background with a white text box containing the question: "Would you like an accountant who has a real interest in you and your business?". Below the text is the URL rsm.com.au/ballarat and an illustration of a clipboard with a checklist and a magnifying glass. To the right, the RSM logo is displayed above the text: "At RSM, we provide you with strategic tax, accounting, audit and business advice." This is followed by a bulleted list of services: "Always accessible", "Offer unparalleled client support", and "Committed to helping clients achieve business goals". A light blue box at the bottom right contains contact information for Sandra Campbell: "For more information, contact Sandra Campbell today. RSM, 12 Anderson Street West, Ballarat VIC 3350, T 03 5330 5800, E sandra.campbell@rsm.com.au". At the bottom of the ad, the tagline "THE POWER OF BEING UNDERSTOOD" is followed by "AUDIT | TAX | CONSULTING".



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President's May 2026

G'day everyone I hope everyone is well.

How good has this weather been?

I'm sure most of you have had your cars out and about but I am sure it's all about to change.

How good was last month's meeting?

Pete Niko did a fabulous job talking about converting our original radios into blue tooth. I have been looking at getting this done for quite some time so I can ensure the now just to keep the old stock look. Thanks Pete for taking the time to present to our meeting. It was fantastic.

What about Greg King and his machine?

This car is a masterpiece. I know the build process has been many years but it has been definitely worth the wait. Almost every show Greg attends he brings home well deserved trophies. This has resulted in an article in Street Machine and a podcast episode. Well done Greg. You are very talented.

Paul and a couple helpers have been busy replacing the floors in the bathrooms which has created a cleaner look and feel . Paul does so much for our club it's ridiculous! Thanks again Paul.

How good was last month's club run to Meredith?

It was very well attended. It is always great to catch up for a chat with new and old members. I love days like that.

Paul has a few great runs coming up. The May run is a club favourite. Looking forward to catching up with you all on the next run. We have the best club.

Jeff Dickson
President



Club Events



A poster for a 'Working Bee Club Rooms' event. The background is a light yellow honeycomb pattern with vertical stripes and small white stars. The title 'Working Bee Club Rooms' is written in a yellow, curved font. The date and time are in black text. There are several cartoon bees flying around the text. At the bottom, there is a row of four bees sitting on a yellow honeycomb border.

**Working Bee
Club Rooms**

**Saturday 16 May 2026
9.30am**

Paul - 0419 524 607



A poster for a 'May Club Run' event. The background is a solid light blue. The title 'May Club Run' is in large, blue, curved font. Below it, the date and location are in red and purple curved fonts. The meeting point and time are in purple text. At the bottom, there is a black winding road leading to a market stall area with signs for 'FISH', 'GARDENS', and 'GAMES'. The contact information is in red text.

May Club Run
Sunday 17 May 2026
Talbot Market & Clunes Hotel

Meet Mitchell Park BP
9.30am

RSVP
Paul Irvin
0419 524 607

Club Events



Red Dog Run April 2026



Club Merchandise

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Club Merchandise Co-Ordinator

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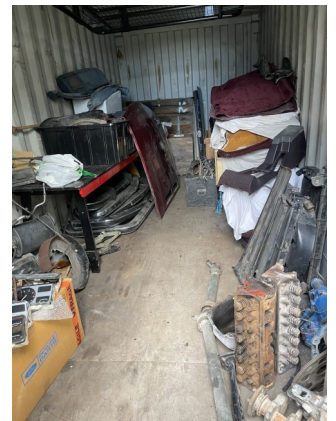
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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 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

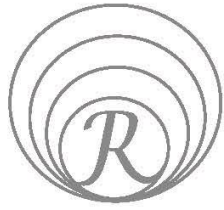
COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

WHAT Another Day Out


WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 27 May 2026

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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 10 June 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 16 June 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 24 June 2026

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

Buninyong Coffee & Meredith Lunch

We left the service station with twenty members and thirteen cars on a fine Sunday morning. We were in John's capable hands as we headed to Buninyong to catch up with a few more members.

We pulled into Buninyong with multiple parking options and it was time for a coffee and chat. After we had enjoyed our coffee Peter took the reins and we headed on a scenic drive through Mt Mercer. Apologies for the few hundred meters of gravel road.

Twenty members and seventeen cars pulled up at the Royal Meredith Hotel with Jeff, Sharelle, Jessica, Lacey and Di joining us for lunch.

It was then time to sit down for lunch and enjoy a good meal. Sorry there was not a roast option. (sorry no roast). There was plenty of conversations around the tables, including a conversation about the Canadian Holden Hell Drivers program.

As the day got on it was time for members to head home at their own pace. Everyone enjoyed good food, company and the car run. In total we had thirty three members and nineteen cars attend.

Paul Irvin

Run Co-Ordinator.



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:

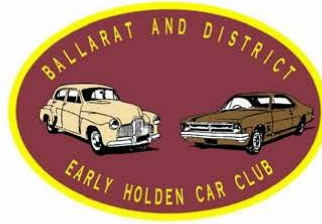
1. In person - attendance at first meeting
2. **D/Deposit: Ballarat Early Holden Club (Bendigo Bank) BSB:633 000 A/C:110 408 309**
Please include your name as a reference

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 April 2026

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Attendees: 52.

Apologies: Peter Skrypko, Murray Rogers, Mark Davies, Clinton and Renata Johnson, Peter and Jamie Martin, Megan Turner, Sarah Millard, Joe Viccars, Rod Hammill, Peter Bingley, Graeme Paizis.

Guests/New Members: Nil.

Previous minutes read by Peter. Moved Michael Cairns, seconded Justin Mitchell. Carried.

Correspondence In/Out: Invoice from Australia Post for club post box. Sandra has paid.

President's Report: Read in newsletter.

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

Membership Officer's Report: Nil to report.

Run Co-ordinator's Report: A small number of members attended the Wycheproof Show And Shine in March, and Peter Nikkelson was the lone club representative to attend the Warrnambool Lake Pertobe event. The main club run for March was a journey to Creswick and Clunes with lunch at Learmonth. An excellent rollout of 35 cars took part.

The April run will be a trip to Buninyong, then Mt. Mercer, followed by lunch at the Meredith Hotel.

John Stevens reported that the DTC movie event featuring historical Ford and Holden reels and documentary footage was very informative and enjoyable.

Clubrooms Report: Paul advised that the vinyl floor covering for the toilets has been ordered.

Bar Report: Jolly John the bartender advised that all is good behind the bench.

Merchandise Report: Jodie advised that the new shirts are not yet available.

CPS: Nil to report.

AEHF: Rule book amendments have been approved.

General Business: It was reported that long time GMH employee Noel Bedford who is credited with naming the Holden Monaro, passed away recently.

Peter Nikkelson demonstrated how old car radios can be converted to Bluetooth.

Tom's Torque: Tom attended the Clunes Cars and Coffee meet, and won a trophy at the Colac Show and Shine with his WB utility.

Buy: Peter Nikkelson is seeking a M21 gearbox.

Graeme Grey is looking for a 20mm fan spacer and studs to suit his VB Commodore V8.

Jason Van Boven is chasing a VB, VC, VH Commodore up to \$15,000.

Sell: Grant Badari is selling a Turbo 400 transmission and Chrysler 318 Fireball V8 with Torqueflite automatic.

Justin has a VS Statesman V8 available.

John Stain is selling his Holden Archive Collection, \$290.00.

John Stevens has a Mazda 3 available at \$4,000.

Tom has a VZ utility canopy and a set of wheels for sale.

Alan Darrell has a WB Statesman available for wrecking.

Membership Draw: John Bourke.

50/50: Grant Badari won \$90.00.

Minor prizes: Neil Leckie, Wayne Mead, Vicki Winfield, Norm Wintle, Mal Laurie, Jason Van Boven, Wayne James, Peter Wilmot.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter lost a few friends but collected \$19.00.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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