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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
Family Membership \$70
New M/ship Application Fee
\$15
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& Jason Barby
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2015/16 Peter Wilmot
2016/17 Bernie Sharp
2017/18 Daniel Dickson
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2020/21 Pandemic
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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.
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of Holden news and interest are
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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS October 2026

- 6 Club Meeting
- 14 Little Dog
- 11 Club Run—Ladies Day
- 20 Pub night
- 25 Club Run—Memorial Day
- 28 Red Dog

Other Events October 2026

- 4 Rob Roy Hill Climb
- 8-11 Bathurst 1000
- 11 Colac Swap Meet
- 18 FE FC Holden State Titles Maffra
- 18 Melb Best Car & Bike Expo Heatherton
- 18 Rush—Swan Hill
- 24-25 Vintage Classic Car Club Ballarat
60 Year Celebration
- 26 Talbot Swap Meet

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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS November 2026

- 3 Club Meeting
- 11 Little Dog
- 17 Pub night
- Club Run
- 24 Committee Meeting
- 25 Red Dog

Other Events November 2026

- 1 Lindenow Swap Meet
- 6-8 Lake Mulwala Rod Run—Yarrawonga
- 8 Edenhope Swap Meet
- 8 Castlemaine Car Show
- 13 Jadis Show 'n Shine—Bendigo
- 14 Trawalla Historical Sprint
- 13-14 Adelaide Auto Expo
- 21 Castlemaine Rod Shop Invitational
- 22 Wangaratta Swap Meet & Show 'n Shine
- 27 Shepparton Springnats
- 26-27 Adelaide Grand Final—Supercars



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President's October 2026

G'day everyone,

What a fantastic club we have!
We are always busy and have something for everyone.

Last month was a great run to Maryborough to attend Cars & Coffee. The event featured the mighty Charger. When we pulled over in Maryborough to park up the group it turned out to be a great choice. We had a load of Chargers and other models pass by us. It was a great sight.

Our social club dinners are a great way to spend time chatting with other members. I really like going to these nights. Jude is doing a great job keeping this alive and well. Jude has also ensured we have had dinner at many venues across the town, some many may have not seen for a while. This month we are at the Blue Bell Hotel.

October will be a busy month for the Club.

It is fantastic to see a few women in the Club coming together to create a Ladies Day. This will be held on Sunday 11 October 2026. Join the ladies for bubbles, high tea and prizes. The flyer with all the details is a few pages further along in the newsletter. I know it is Bathurst weekend and many guys won't leave the couch. Your wives, daughters and friends can still attend. All you need to do is get them to Mitchell Park BP at 10am and we will do the rest. We will drive the ladies to the event and back. The guys will be heading off to lunch after the drop off. It is set to be a great day and an event which will hopefully be an annual event on the Club calendar.

Our Memorial Day is this month—Sunday 25 October 2026. Details are also a few pages further along in the newsletter. Don't miss this one. It is a chance to remember all those who have gone before us and celebrate their love of the Club.

Safe travels to our members who are heading to Adelaide for the Bay to Birdwood event. It is again another regular event on the Club calendar.

At our Annual General Meeting held in August we voted in our new Committee members. There are a few changes; Michael Cairns has taken on the role of Vice President, we have had changes to the general committee members and to the catering committee. Thank you to Peter Nikkleson for his support as Vice President and to Pete and Liz Skrypko for their long service on the catering committee. Peter and Peter will continue on the general committee.

All of our club members definitely make our Club very special.

Jeff Dickson
President

Upcoming Events



Ladies DAY



SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026



ALL MEET
MITCHELL PARK BP
10AM



LEISURELY DRIVE TO THE
**LAL LAL SOLDIERS
MEMORIAL HALL**
TO DROP OFF THE LADIES
FOR HIGH TEA



HIGH TEA
\$10 PER HEAD
BYO YOUR FAVOURITE FIZZ



GENTLEMEN WILL CRUISE
ON TO THE **WALLACE PUB**
FOR LUNCH



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available



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(AFTER HOURS)



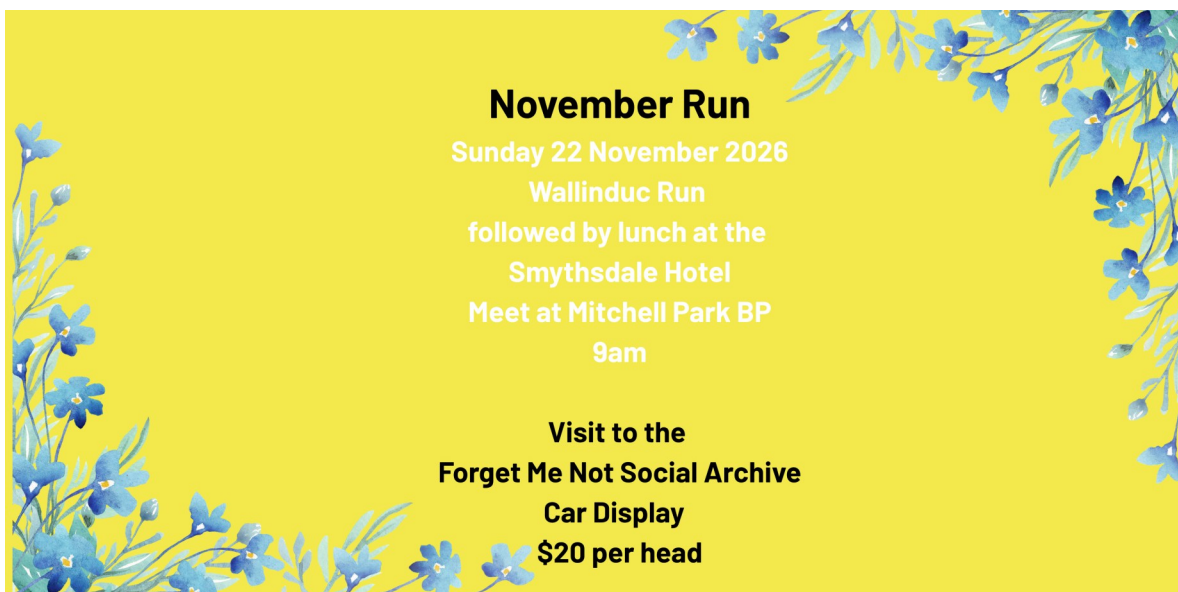
November Run Sunday 8 November 2026

**Castlemaine Carshow
50th Anniversary Event**

Details to follow.....



Upcoming Events



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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 14 October 2026

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

SOCIAL PUB NIGHT—VENUE CHANGE

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE
Blue Bell Hotel
1216 Howitt St Wendouree

WHEN Tuesday 20 October 2026 6.30pm

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

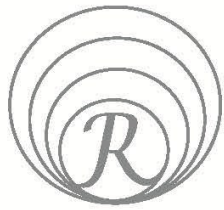
COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 28 October 2026

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 11 November 2026

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

SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE

The Market Hotel
272 Park Street West Delacombe

WHEN Tuesday 17 November 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 November 2026

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

September Club Run

We headed off from the Mitchell Park BP and headed towards Coghill's Creek. John and Norm made an excellent decision to head towards Coghill's Creek there were far less potholes than the Clunes road. The good run ended with the four changes of lights on the way to Talbot due to the bridge works.

We headed towards Maryborough joining the traffic coming from the railway station heading towards Coronation Park Cars and Coffee. One last hiccup, with the break up of the group due to the bridge works; John pulled over until we were all together again to head into the park.

The heavy traffic made it difficult to enter the park, luckily John found a back gate before the main entrance which gave us a dream run into the park.

We parked our Holdens and Alan's Valiant Ute near the Chargers while George honed his backing skills and the young fella in the hi vis vest asking the older fella for help. After all the effort we were politely shuffled to the other end of the oval a very long way from the Chargers.

Everyone worked their way around the park with many cars to admire with coffee and food vans to keep us fed and watered. Chargers were the flavour of the day as it is the 55th Anniversary. There were Chargers of every variety including RTs, E49, E55, E37 and E38. After admiring all the vehicles it was time to head out the back gate away from the crowd and head to lunch at the Maryborough Highland Society. There was a great variety of lunch options with not many having room for dessert.

Everyone headed off after lunch at their own pace with fingers crossed to miss the predicted rain. The weather gods were kind to us and it was a great day for us to enjoy each others company.

Thanks again to Norm and John for organising the run.

Paul Irvin
Run Co-Ordinator

September Club Run





There has been an extensive audit of current stock. Merchandise purchases are limited to current items in stock.

Club Merchandise Co-Ordinator
Jodie Cairns
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ADVANCED NOTICE

Christmas Party
Sunday 13 December 2026

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:

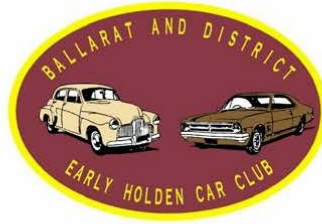
1. In person - attendance at first meeting
2. **D/Deposit: Ballarat Early Holden Club (Bendigo Bank) BSB:633 000 A/C:110 408 309**
Please include your name as a reference

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

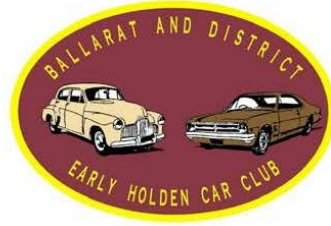
- ___ - Original VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- ___ - Original of VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Form
- ___ - Original Road Worthy Certificate
- ___ - A signed and completed copy of this Checklist and Declaration
- ___ - Proof of current financial Membership (Membership 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 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 Sept 2026

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Members Present: 54.

Apologies: Murray Rogers, Jim Hare, Justin Mitchell, Mal Laurie, Adam Vandelshout, Jodie Cairns, Graeme and Tash Grey, Meagan Turner, Peter Martin, Wayne Linneker.

Guests/New Members: Nil.

Minutes read by Peter. Moved Grant Badari, seconded Andrew Wheeler. Carried.

Business Arising: The annual food handling inspection has been completed, all ok. Only item to be addressed in future is to keep records of any catering events as a Council requirement.

Correspondence In/Out: Nil.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Sandra. Annual Consumer Affairs return has been lodged by Peter. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet provided. Moved Sandra, seconded Anne Turner. Carried.

Membership Officer's Report: One new member, Ian Smith. Torana LJ GTR XU-1.

Run Co-Ordinator's Report: Paul advised that the Trentham/Blackwood Pub run attracted 33 members and 21 cars. 28 members participated in the Blackwood Pub lunch.

Next month's run will be on Sunday September 13th. taking part in the Maryborough Cars And Coffee, followed by lunch at the Maryborough Highland Society.

A ladies' day high tea at the Lal Lal pub is being organised by Renata for October. The men will be lunching at the Wallace Hotel. Details TBC.

Vicki is looking at a dinner at the Ballarat Leagues Club as a club fundraiser where all proceeds from their meat raffle would be donated to our club.

The August Red Dog Run was a visit to the Airport Museum. The September run will be a run out to Rob Nicholls' shed in Mt. Helen.

Bar: Jolly John reported that all is well in front of the fridge.

Clubrooms: All is well. Thanks to Adrian Pritchard for looking after the cleaning duties.

Red Plates: Scott advised that September is audit month, so please ensure your membership fees have been paid.

AEHF: Entries are still available for the Tasmania event. The Brimbank get together will take place on October 3rd.

Tom's Torque: Tom advised that Clunes Cars and Coffee is to take place on fathers' day.

Buy, Swap, Sell. BUY: Thomas VZ utility hard lid. Andrew French, banjo diff coarse spline.

SELL: Grant Badari, V8 valve covers \$150.00. Bernie Sharp various wheels, see Bernie.

Andrew French, FJ quarter vent windows and miscellaneous parts.

Thomas, a set of 17" Holden alloys.

Membership Draw: Damian Green, six pack.

50/50: Vicki Wingfield won \$92.50. Minor prize winners: Grant Badari, Paul Furnaux, Theo Goossens, Michael Cairns.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter collected \$20.90.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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