

Bendigo Sports & Classic Car Club Inc.

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This is the official monthly newsletter of the Bendigo Sports & Classic Car Club Inc. (Inc. No. A0010849), A club dedicated to the enjoyment of sport/ classic car ownership, the maintenance and preservation of the marques. The BS&CCC is affiliated with Motorsport Australia

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Hi All

Hope everyone had a fantastic Xmas and New Year. It's been a crazy summer so far with the weather, very unpredictable as to have the roof on or off.

Our Xmas function went off really well with numbers up around the mid 70s and all had a great night.

Then we finished the year off with a great run down to the Valiant museum at Kyneton to check out a lifelong collection of the Smith family.

Well done to the organisers of both events.

See you all at the January get together at Lake Weeroona on the 9th January.

Thanks very much
Graeme

Drive, Dine, Discover

PLEASE NOTE; PASSED AT AGM - IN FUTURE ALL RUNS WILL START FROM ALL SEASONS CAR PARK, McIVOR RD. This is a better parking option with a safer exit.

Sunday Runs may be OPTIONED as a breakfast OR Lunch run.

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CLUB CALENDAR 2024

(CE) = Club Event

Events for January 2024

Tue 9th (CE) Picnic at the Lake - Annual picnic at Lake Weeroona Lake 6 pm
Bring your own food and drinks, etc.

Events for February 2024

Tue 13th (CE) Club meeting 8pm at **Kangaroo Flat Sports Club** / Dinner 6.00pm

Wed 14th (CE) Lunchtime run 11am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Sun 18th (CE) Early morning run 8am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Events for March 2024

Tue 12th (CE) Club meeting 8pm at **Kangaroo Flat Sports Club** / Dinner 6.00pm

Sun 17th (CE) Early morning run 8am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Wed 20th (CE) Lunchtime run 11am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Events for April 2024

Tue 9th (CE) Club meeting 8pm at **Kangaroo Flat Sports Club** / Dinner 6.00pm

Wed 10th (CE) Lunchtime run 11am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Sun 21st (CE) Early morning run 8am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Events for May 2024

Tue 14th (CE) Club meeting 8pm at **Kangaroo Flat Sports Club** / Dinner 6.00pm

Wed 15th (CE) Lunchtime run 11am Seasons Volunteer needed

Sun 19th (CE) Early morning run 8am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Sat 25th to 26th Winton Historics

Events for June 2024

Tue 11th (CE) Club meeting 8pm at **Kangaroo Flat Sports Club** / Dinner 6.00pm

Sun 16th (CE) Early morning run 8am All Seasons Volunteer needed

Wed 19th (CE) Lunchtime run 11am All Seasons Volunteer needed



Events Reports

Sunday December 3rd.

Words: Brendan O'Donoghue

Photos: Roger Huthnance / Brendan O'Donoghue



TRAIN TRIP BENDIGO- ECHUCA - RETURN.

Bendigo 11.07 am / Echuca 12.15 pm

Echuca 3.54 pm / Bendigo 5.26 pm

Twenty three of us travelled to Echuca on the rail motor from Bendigo, a bit after 11am arriving to Echuca in time for lunch.

Some caught the train from Castlemaine, Kangaroo Flat and Epsom.

The railway between Bendigo and Echuca has gone through an extensive upgrade, with continuous welded rail, which gives a quicker, smother and quieter ride. Additionally, sleepers have been upgraded to concrete, along with extensive signaling, crossing, bridge and ballast upgrades.





Leaving Bendigo, we experienced a different perspective, whizzing past many suburban backyards to the ever-growing Epsom- Huntly corridor, including passing through the Wellsford Forest - where already, houses are marching towards Bagshot, due to continuing huge housing developments.

So, the new Huntly railway station, which is a bit isolated for now- ultimately will be around about the centre of this growing area. Back in the 1950s, there was an unmanned railway station near the brick bridge at Huntly



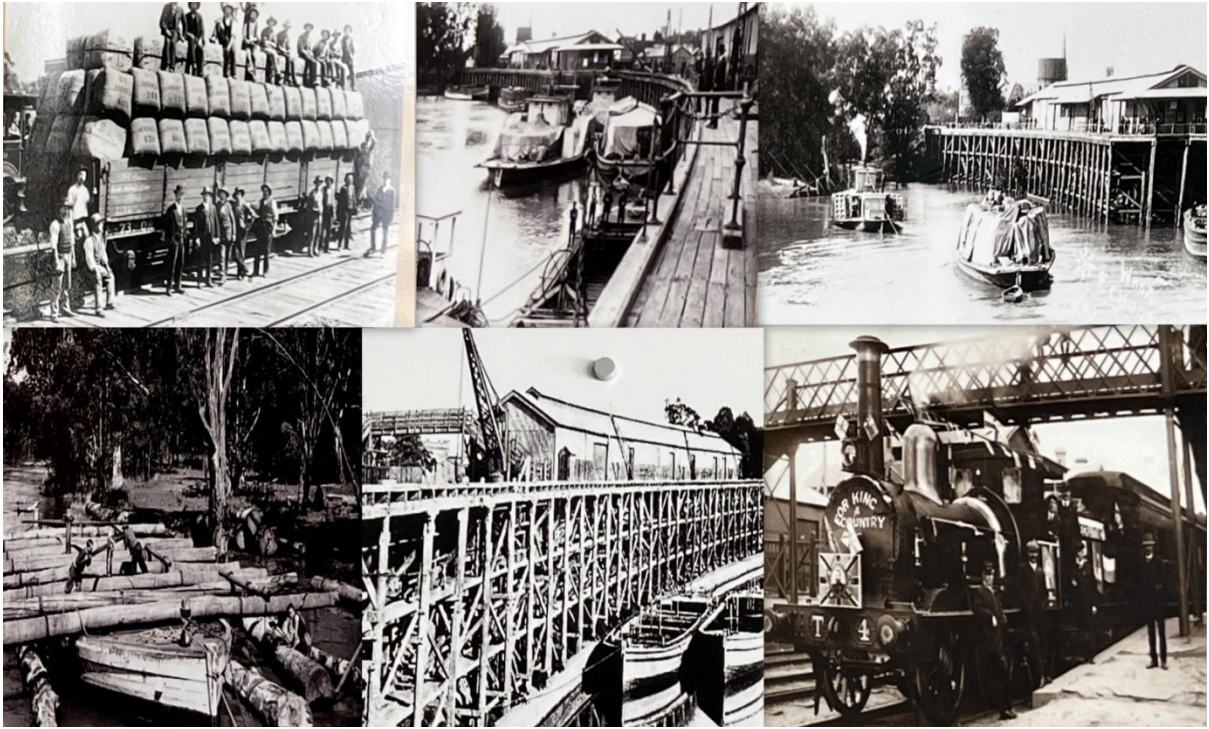
The rural plains north of Huntly are flat and now dry, with many grain crops approaching harvest. Goornong has a new station and pedestrian traffic lights adjacent to the station. The amenity of a reinstated station, means people from the surrounding area can connect with the rail network to Bendigo, Melbourne and beyond.



Then to Elmore, Rochester and arriving in Echuca for lunch.



Rochester



Workers Club Mural



Echuca





The weather was pleasantly warm



We then walked down to the town some choosing the Echuca Workers Club, some choosing elsewhere.

ECHUCA WORKERS
your venue in the heart of Echuca

<p>CAFÉ</p> <p>OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 9.30AM</p> <p>SANDWICHES • CAKES • SLICES • MUFFINS BISCUITS • QUICHES • SANDWICHES AND WRAPS PLUS MORE!</p> <p>HOT FOOD AVAILABLE TAKE AWAY COFFEE & MILKSHAKES</p>	<p>BISTRO</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lunch</td> <td>Dinner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11.30am - 2.00pm</td> <td>5.30pm - 8.30pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bookings Recommended Call (03) 5482 3140 Book Your Table Online</p>	Lunch	Dinner	11.30am - 2.00pm	5.30pm - 8.30pm
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The Workers Club has been renovated, presenting an inviting ambiance. We all enjoyed our lunches, which were beautifully presented.

We then split into groups and walked around taking in various parts of the town. Crowds were smaller than expected, with virtually nothing much happening down by the wharf.

Echuca has many small businesses - from light industry to retail, hospitality and tourism. It looks pretty prosperous, I expect tourism would be an important part of the local economy, along with Echuca being a hub, servicing the wider hinterland.





Something for Everyone





Interesting Architectural Styles

We departed Echuca around about 4 o'clock, everyone had a good day and hopefully, we might do something similar next year.

Perhaps, a train trip to Woodend for lunch, where's there are numerous choices for lunch, including a good restaurant and hotel. Something to consider next year.

BSCCC Christmas Party Bendigo Pottery 9 December 2023

Photos: Roger Huthnance / Brendan O'Donoghue

A very successful evening with 69 guests in attendance and many smiling faces.

A big thank you to the organisers, Di Dole, Liz Dingfelder and Wendy Cowling for their contributions to the success of the evening..

As usual, the venue was decorated in a Christmas theme, nicely laid tables, and an enjoyable meal delivered by the staff.

A Kris Kringle ensured a bit hilarity - when presents were distributed and sometimes swapped.



President Graeme Jenkins welcomed members and thanked them for their participation this year and wished them all the best for Christmas and 2024.







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Noddy's Friend!



Clamps - Just What I Wanted! - Helen Wilson

17th December 2023. Ivan Smith's Chrysler Collection - Kyneton Victoria. Words /Photos: Brendan O'Donoghue



Smith's Chrysler Museum Kyneton Australia

A very interesting repository of auto history, especially in respect to local Australian production of Chrysler Valiants and their variants of which were many on display.

Sadly, Australia no longer manufactures cars - *essentially, the numbers did not add up*. Economy of scale was lacking, for what was a miniscule market, in terms of world-wide auto production.

Other factors: - buyer preference shifted away from buying largish sedans, in preference for smaller vehicles and no one can ignore the huge adoption of so-called SUVs of all shapes and sizes, including over-size utes!

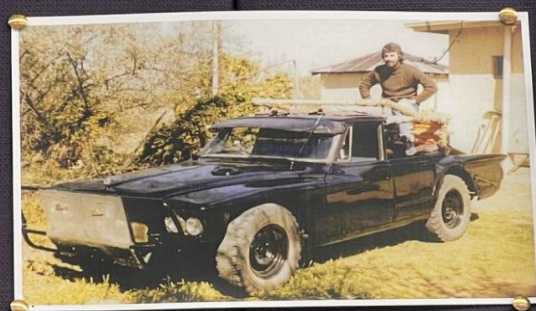
The positive outcome of the era was that eventually, Australian engineers, engineered and produced world class vehicles - refer to latter Falcons and Commodores, which were so much more superior to the vehicles previously foisted on the Australian motoring public, which frankly was - very basic American "engineering".

In the meantime, some of the design and engineering expertise survives for now - example, Australian engineering expertise in developing the Ford Ranger and other engineering projects, contracted by overseas manufacturers.

The Smith family has been active in supporting orphans in Timor -Leste, assisting with rebuilding an orphanage destroyed by the Indonesians, as they were withdrawing from the territory. The Smith family continue to support the orphanage with food on a yearly basis, plus entrance donations made to the museum by visitors.



Valiant No.1 Paddock Bomb - as found

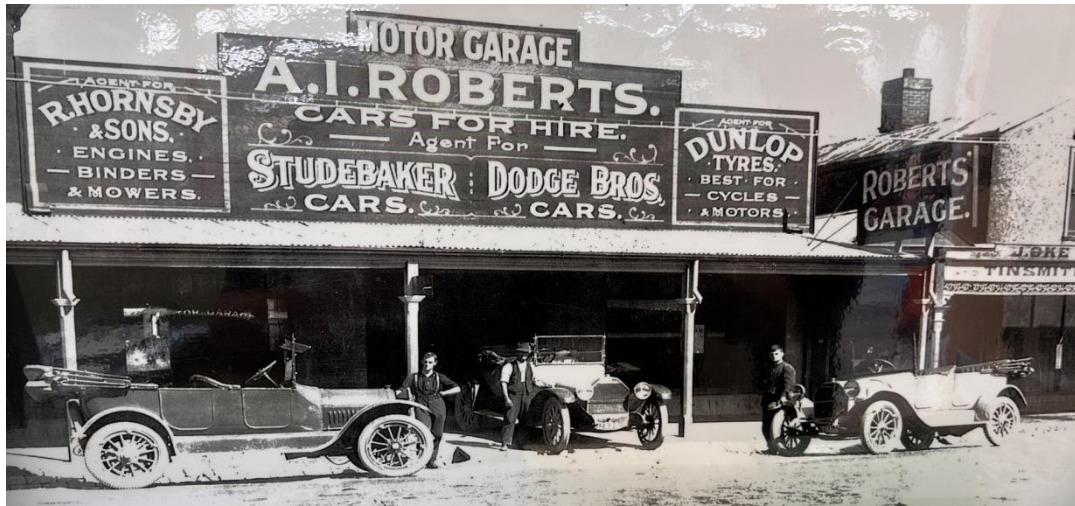


Valiant R series - the first of the series assembled in Australia in 1962.
Found as a "Paddock Bomb" and completely reconstructed / restored.



Valiant No.1 - Restored





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WOOLWORTH'S

WOOLWORTH'S KYNETON OPENS ON THURSDAY

The scene above will be re-enacted many times. Woolworth's say that they turn shopping into family fun - it's all part of the present-day revolution in retailing -

with better brighter stores designed for shopping comfort and large range of stock. Below: Just two of the exciting opening bargains. See more in this supplement.

TENDEREST & TASTIEST OF ALL
TENDER JOY CHICKEN
 No. 5 MILD WEIGHT - 2 lb. 6 oz. **99c**

BIG REDUCTION ON
CHILD'S STRETCH NYLON PERFECTS
 *SOREY! Limit 4 Pairs
SPECIAL 2! PR

Thanks to Damien and Annette Harris who stepped in to lead the run, due to Peter Tepper being unavailable.

Ed.



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No Ordinary General Meeting - December 2023



Treasurer's Report - December 2023

To be presented at the monthly club meeting February 2024.

FROM THE EDITOR



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Contributions to your newsletter are always welcome, as I am constantly looking for articles, technical information and photographs, brochures are welcome. I can assist with the scanning / processing / editing. Send to :bautotravel77@yahoo.com or give me a call 0438 395 707.

Wishing all members a happy and healthy year 2024 and look forward to your participation in club events.

Particular thanks to Roger Huthnace for his numerous quality people-photos, recording various club activities.

Cheers,
Brendan.

Reflections of.....

BMW 325I E46 5 SPEED MANUAL 2002



This car would have to be the best all-round ICE car, I have possessed - superbly built, a quick car, with incredible driver satisfaction - possessing a silky smooth powerful 6 cylinder, fuel injected engine - which never felt stressed, no matter what gear or rev. range - tactile steering, 5 speed manual gearbox, brakes and roadholding - an incredibly integrated driving experience - *it was like a glove!*

A R.W.D. sporting sedan in the true sense.

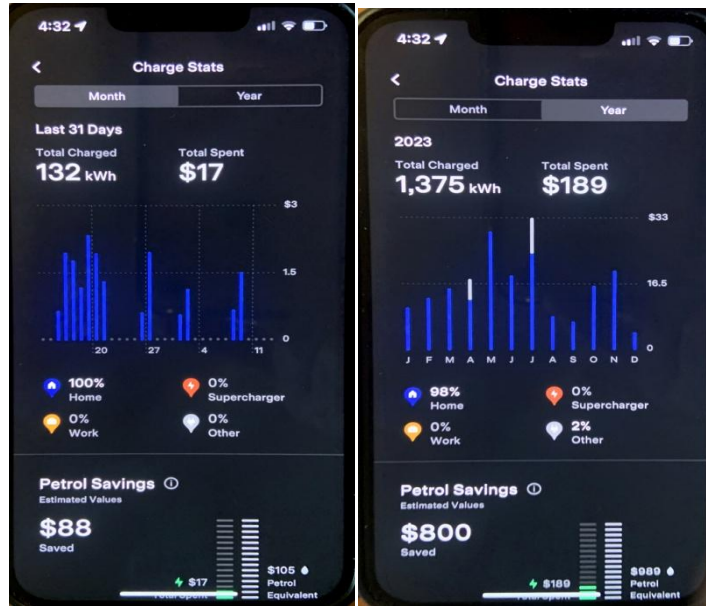


TESLA Model 3 2022

Moving on to the Tesla Model 3, which has been in my care for 16 months - apart from being a technical masterpiece - *it's a drivers car* - reminding me, so much of the aforementioned BMW.

So heaps of driving pleasure - and the throttle steer is incredible!

I could bang on about all its performance and technical innovations, like speech recognition, over the air updates, etc., etc. and the incredibly low \$18 monthly energy cost - along with the minimal annual maintenance - i.e. like topping up the windscreen washers!



If you have owned or now own a special car - you are invited to submit an article for this newsletter. I can assist with the write up and editing of photos.

Ed.



SIGHTED IN STRATHFIELDSAYE -This Falcon 2 Door Coupe, with an American body, from the A pillar back - which was transplanted onto Australian 4 door Falcon underpinnings. It took the owner 10 years to complete and has a few Falcon GT features - very well done and a handsome vehicle.



These hub caps are available from Rob Cowling 0417 484 973 - *for the taking.*

Club Apparel is available from Embroiderall, 9 Highett St, Epsom.
Phone: 5448 8535 email: embroid5@bigpond.net.au Prices are around \$27 - \$30 for
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