

# 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

Red Plate Signatories:

New registrations:  
Graeme Jenkins

Renewals:  
Graeme Jenkins

Sarah Hickman

Marinne Healey

Alan Healey

### Pressoe's Rambles - Graeme Jenkins



Hi to you all,

It's that fantastic time of year when we get to turn our clocks forward and gain some much-needed extra daylight hours to tinker with our cars and go on some evening runs.

At the moment, we have some great ideas for runs being thrown around, so watch the newsletter and be ready to attend.

This month we have Dylan and Lani taking some lucky members on the annual weekend rally. I'm sure they will have a well organised and planned out rally, hope you all enjoy.

As for the members not attending the rally, maybe you could make your way down to Mt Tarrengower to the hill climb and support our members who will be taking on the Mountain. (October 13 and 14)

***We are still looking for volunteers to take the runs for October***, if no one comes forward these runs cannot happen. At the October meeting, we will have a discussion about how simple the runs can be and hopefully encourage anyone interested in taking a run.

So, thanks once again and will see you at the next meeting.

Thanks,  
Graeme.

**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.**

## *Drive, Dine, Discover*

### **CLUB CALENDAR 2023**

(CE) = Club Event

#### Events for October 2023

- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> (CE) Club meeting 8pm at **Kangaroo Flat Sports Club**  
Dinner for those who wish 6.00pm
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> &  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> (CE) Annual Rally Dylan and Lani Hosting
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> (CE) Early morning Run All Seasons Car Park 8am  
**OPTION: Lunch Run 11 am** Volunteer needed
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> (CE) Lunch Time run to who know where 11am at the All Seasons  
Volunteer needed

28 October - car display at Bendigo show - 4 cars to date, if you are interested let Di Dole know at the next meeting,

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Dinner for those who wish 6.00pm
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup>. (CE) Lunch Time run to who know where 11am at the All Seasons  
Volunteer needed
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> (CE) Early morning Run All Seasons Car Park 8am  
**Lunch Run 11 am** - Helen Steel

25 November Car display at Dingee pub- see Di

#### Events for December 2023

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas party - more info to come

Other events to be advised.



## Bendigo Sports & Classic Car Club Inc

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**An Ordinary General meeting of the Club commenced at 2000 pm August 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Chairperson:** Graeme Jenkins

**VP:** Chris

**Secretary:** Sarah Hickman

**Treasurer:**

Graeme welcomed all present to the meeting.

**Present:** As listed in the attendance book. Members are asked to print their names in attendance book.

**Apologies:** As listed in the attendance book.

**New members:** Marian Ashton returned to Bendigo

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes from the last meeting.

Moved: Geoff Cleeve Seconded: Eric Wust Carried

**Financial Report:** Bank Balance: \$13054.58

Given by Marianne Healey as Wendy Cowling away

Financial report attached. Moved: Leo Hasset Seconded: Gayle Jenkins carried

**Correspondence:** - Letter from the bank – no more cheques

**Membership Secretary:** 85 fully paid members- 4 invites sent out 1 response accepting

**Event Reports:** Graeme Jenkins

9<sup>th</sup> Dec xmas party – Kris Kringle \$10 gift wrap and place on table.

16<sup>th</sup> August – Sue Harris – numbers required

20<sup>th</sup> August – Hickman – leaving from Marong Coffee van bring morning tea @ 0830

17<sup>th</sup> September – Damien and Annette Harris- Marong departure – morning tea to share Numbers required next meeting

20<sup>th</sup> September – volunteers for Wednesday

October rally – dietary requirements to Lani and deposit to be paid tonight

Puffing Billy – great day

**General Business** Club trailer has been sold – Annette and Damien Harris \$600

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ING: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 23 @ 193

**Bendigo Sports & Classic Car Club Inc**

**An Ordinary General meeting of the Club commenced 745 pm September 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Chairperson:** Graeme Jenkins **VP:** Chris Beale **Secretary:** Sarah Hickman

**Treasurer:** Wendy Cowling

Graeme welcomed all present to the meeting.

**Present:**

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**Apologies:**

As listed in the attendance book.

**New members:**

Richard – Ford cobra blue and white 351 Mark

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes from the last meeting .Moved: Seconded: carried

**Financial Report:**

Bank Balance: \$12615.58

Financial report attached.

Moved: John Harris    Seconded: Kath Harris    carried

**Correspondence: -**

Pamphlets for – Gold Coast Motor Museum

- Mary Valley Rattler
- Qld Air Museum

**Membership Secretary:**

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**Event Reports:** Graeme Jenkins

17<sup>th</sup> September – Damien and Annette Harris- Marong departure @ 0800 departure – morning tea to share Numbers required next meeting Clipboard and a pencil required Morning tea required

20th September – Ernie and Gayle Jenkins

October rally – dietary requirements to Lani Saturday need to vote early or do postal vote and leaving from the Lake Bring clipboard and pen. Final payment asap to Wendy Cowling

- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – volunteer needed. Tarrengower on this weekend
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – volunteer needed
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – cars needed for showing at Bendigo Show 4 cars already signed up
- Subaru Brumby raffle 30<sup>th</sup> Sept with Sydney Eastern Showgrounds at the end of the month
- Antique fair and caravan fair at Deniliquin 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Classic Car Show no Shine The Dingee Hotel 1200 (event on Facebook)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec xmas party – Kris Kringle \$10 gift wrap and place on table.

**General Business**

Picnic at Marong – Brendon Harris. Heap of cars saw lots of cars and people who hadn't been seen for awhile

Cars and coffee Maryborough- good day Chris Beale

Red Centre Nats – affected by economics and publicity. Paul Hansen

Castlemaine Swap – has been cancelled

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 23 @ 2000**

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## Treasurers Report - July. 2023

<b>BENDIGO SPORTS &amp; CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.</b>	
<b>Jul-23</b>	
<b>Balance Brought forward</b>	<b>\$12,132.16</b>
<b>Add Income</b>	
<b>New Membership</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Membership Renewals</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>
<b>AGM</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>
<b>Bigtits Rally</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Xmas Party</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,812.16</b>
<b>Minus Expenses</b>	
<b>Newletter Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Membership Adj</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Meeting Room Hire</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Badges &amp; Engraving</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>October Rally</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Catering Expenses For Dinners</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Postage &amp; Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$178.58</b>
<b>AOMC</b>	<b>\$179.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$457.58</b>
<b>Bank Balance at month end</b>	<b>\$13,354.58</b>

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**BENDIGO SPORTS & CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.**



***Treasurers Report - August 2023***

<b>Bendigo Sports &amp; Classic Car Club Inc</b>	
<i>Aug-23</i>	
<b>Balance Brought forward</b>	<b>\$13,354.58</b>
<b>Add Income</b>	
<b>New Membership</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>Membership Renewals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>AGM</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>October Rally</b>	<b>\$1,560.00</b>
<b>Xmas Party</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>This Months Income</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,049.58</b>
<b>Minus Expenses</b>	
<b>Newletter Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Membership Adj</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Meeting Room Hire</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Badges &amp; Engraving</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>October Rally &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Catering Expenses For Dinners</b>	<b>\$2,310.00</b>
<b>Postage &amp; Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>AGM Expenses</b>	<b>\$204.00</b>
<b>This Months Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,614.00</b>
<b>Balance at month end</b>	<b>\$12,615.58</b>



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### **WANTED**

**Chev 350 Engine**

*Will consider anything and in any condition.*

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## BEECHEY'S HOT HUDSON

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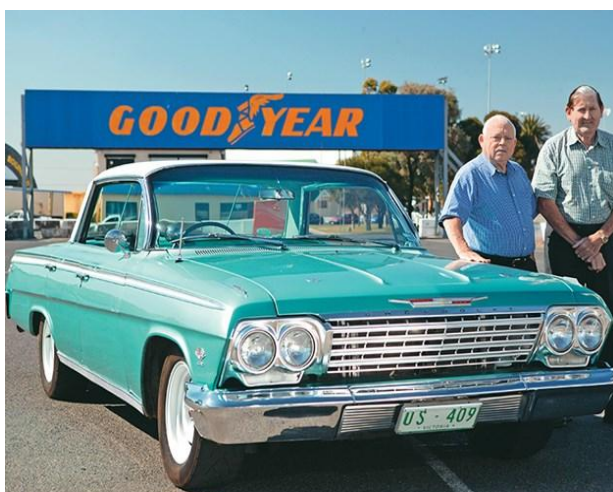


### Norm Beechey's Hudson.

Stormin' Norman Beechey to turned up in a 1952 Hudson Hornet at a recent hot rod and classic car gathering in central Victoria.

For readers who might be a bit hazy about tin-top racing

action prior to the Moffat/Brock era it's worth noting that Norm Beechey more or less set the stage for Australia's enduring love affair with V8 touring car competition. Beechey's exuberant punting of a V8 Ford Customline in the 1950s began to build his fan base. In 1965, Beechey, along with Bob Jane, went on to introduce Ford Mustangs to Australian motorsport – very emphatically in Beechey's case, using his new 'Pony Car' to win his first Touring Car Championship.



Bob Jane / Norm Beechey

Chevrolet Impala

He was very ecumenical, competing in numerous makes during his 16-plus years of competition. Prior to his Mustang adventures (and post-Customline) he had been the Holden tribe's first superhero, initially in his 'Humpy' PK 752 followed by his EH S4 PK 751(cars often competed wearing number plates then and many were driven to and from circuits). He was back with GM when he won his second Touring Car Championship in 1970 with his mighty GTS 350 Monaro. Beechey retired from racing in 1972 to concentrate on his business activities.

In the early-1950s Hudson Hornets were proper US muscle cars given their dominance of early NASCAR racing.



"This actually isn't my first Hornet. I bought my first when I was 19. It was a right-hand-drive car that was brought into Australia from Malaya. I bought it locally in Melbourne from a jockey."

To understand how a Brunswick boy of 19 could be flush enough to stump up the money a Hornet was

worth it helps to know something of Beechey's background as a trader.

Throughout his racing career as he delighted fans with his flamboyant race-winning style, Beechey was running a number of car and truck businesses. However it wasn't widely appreciated that he began trading in cars before he started shaving. He revealed to me that he was only 13 when he bought his first car, a Swift. He quickly moved it on, more than doubling his money in the process. He built on that profitable-trading template throughout his teenage years, enabling him to contribute to the family budget while establishing his bona fides as a successful businessman. Buying that first Hornet at age 19 was a mark of that success.

"I bought this one in the USA a few years back after a bit of a search. I like its open pillarless styling and it's a surprisingly lively performer – it's quite light for its size because of its advanced chassis design for the time, with plenty of torque from the big 'Twin H-Power' 308."



### ***Five-litre flathead***

In its day the muscular 160hp from the big twin-carb 308ci (5-litre) flathead six made the Hornet super competitive in NASCAR competition.

The ace up its sleeve was its combination of superior aerodynamics and handling, both due to its "step-down", semi-unitary chassis design that reduced the car's height and weight, while also lowering its centre-of-gravity.

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## **CARANDDRIVER 7/2023 1985 ZiL Russian Limousine**

This Russian Federation artifact was rumoured to have been Mikhail Gorbachev's transporter at one time. (EDITED) BY [BRENDAN MCALEER](#) PUBLISHED: JUL 21, 2023



- **As the official state limousines of the Soviet state, ZiL limousines offered luxuries available to only a select few.**
- **This one was reportedly part of the fleet used by Mikhail Gorbachev, and was in service with the Russian Federation until 2001.**

With all due respect to the likes of the Lada Niva or the GAZ Volga, some Russia-made cars are more equal than others. Today's pick is a battleship-sized limousine from the height of the Cold War, a ZiL 41045 believed to have ferried none other than Mikhail Gorbachev himself.



Just look at the *size* of this thing. The styling is pure Soviet Blocky, all square angles and imposing bulk. You can just imagine it idling at a curb in front of some brutalist concrete structure, waiting patiently to ferry its occupants to a high-level meeting about nuclear proliferation or vassal states or the strategic national vodka reserve.

ZiL stands for *Zavod Imeni Likhachyova*, the name taken from the factory in which these cars were built. Before that, the company was ZIS, the S standing for Stalin. This is a car as deeply Russian as borscht, or accidentally coincidentally falling out of a window after issuing public criticisms of the current ruling party. This example was built in 1985, which saw ZiL make



some minor cosmetic upgrades to its long-running limousines. The mechanicals remained the same as the previous 4104 model: a 300-hp 7.7-liter V-8, a three-speed automatic transmission, and a curb weight of roughly 7000 pounds.

Oh, and by the way, that V-8 has redundant ignition and fueling systems and is hardened against EMP strikes.

Inside, this ZiL is as well appointed as a Soviet leader's summer dacha, with mohair seats in back and birchwood veneers. You also get a Radiotekhnika stereo and a Vilma cassette player—ideal for blasting out Boney M's *Rasputin*. It's 20 feet of Politburo special treatment. You'd probably also need to get yourself one of those fur hats.



Built in vanishingly small numbers, a ZiL limousine makes for a unique collector car, albeit one with a prodigious thirst for high-octane fuel (95 octane is recommended). You need not approve of the policies of an era which produced a for-elites-only car.

**Misc.....**



**Allan Thomas- has his Moggy back on the Road.**

Lost Bendigo & District shared Travis McScratchey's photo. Bendigo Police Station, Bull Street, photo taken in 1960. The Triumph TR3 pictured was purchased in June 1960 and disposed of in September 1960 after having traveled just over 5000 miles. It was trialed at the time Victoria Police were using many Triumph motor cycles and was used on the Calder Highway Patrol from Melbourne to Bendigo and driven by First Constable Jack Brauman. The car was considered too small and the truck drivers continually complained they could not see it, so it was sold. The car is still alive and well, more at this link: <https://www.tr-register.com.au/Files/powderblue/wettenhalla.htm>



### ***A Recent Visitor to my Garden***





Led Lights





**Specifications: 2023 Mercedes-AMG C63 S Coupe - Sources: Car and Driver / Mercedes-Benz.**

**Front-engine, rear-wheel-drive** PRICE : about \$200,000

**ENGINE TYPE**

twin- Displacement: 243 in<sup>3</sup>, 3982 cm<sup>3</sup>

Power: 503 hp @ 6250 rpm Torque: 516 lb-ft @ 1750 rpm

**Engine, Transmission, and Performance**

The 2023 Mercedes-AMG C63 S comes with a hand-built, twin-turbo 4.0-liter V-8 engine turbocharged and intercooled DOHC 32-valve V-8, aluminium block and heads, direct fuel injection that makes 503 horsepower and 516 lb-ft of torque. A nine-speed automatic routes power to the rear wheels.

The 2023 C63 is offered only in the more powerful S guise and **is the last of the nameplate to be powered by a twin-turbo V-8 engine.**

**TEST RESULTS (Car and Driver)**

Zero to 60 mph: 3.8 sec Zero to 100 mph: 8.3 sec Zero to 130 mph: 14.0 sec Zero to 150 mph: 19.6 sec Zero to 170 mph: 29.7 sec Standing ¼-mile: 12.0 sec @ 121 mph

Top speed (governor limited, mfr's claim): 180 mph All C63s come standard with an electronically controlled limited-slip rear differential and an AMG Ride Control suspension with adaptive dampers. Handling is, as you'd expect, beyond excellent.

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