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Club Meetings

WHEN: 7pm; 2nd Thursday of each month (except January)

WHERE: Girl Guide Hall, Erin St, Queanbeyan.

Contributions should be submitted **before the 22nd of the month** for the following month's issue. Articles covering events, members' experiences, automotive/mechanical items or photographs welcomed. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject or modify any section of any article submitted for publication.

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From the President's driver seat

Hello STHARC Members,

If you don't mind indulging me, I thought that I would start this month's submission by exploring what motivates us to be an historic car enthusiast. This will be a philosophical journey, so buckle up and enjoy the ride! Some vehicles simply take you from point A to point B. Other's become part of your life's story. For our members, their historic vehicle (this could be car, truck, bike or coach) could be a family hand-me-down, or maybe a long-held ambition to own it. Perhaps a vehicle that sparked something inside since childhood? Regardless of how your dreams of ownership took shape, I believe that there is a very large nostalgic feeling that makes us pursue our historic vehicles. Of course, it would not be for their fuel economy, aerodynamics, safety aspects or even ride comfort. Pick even the cheapest modern car at any car dealership, and I am sure that it would beat my historic car in most aspects. Except, perhaps, in classic style and good looks. Chances are that the modern car hasn't been used (and probably never will be used) in any classic movies or TV series. I bet that the modern car won't be drivable in 60 years, whereas my historic car is. Furthermore, chances are that the modern car looks like a lot of other cars, and that one needs to look at the badge to determine its maker. The historic vehicles offer us individuality and a sentimentality. A hint of nostalgia for the pleasures of the past (perhaps childhood), and in their ownership and use, our memories are extended. These are not anarchic and egotistical freedoms and indulgences of our youthful mind, but something upon which we can look and bookmark a time when the world made a little more sense. After all, one of the first questions usually thought (if not actually uttered) when sighting an historic vehicle is what year it was produced. When learning of the date, we then automatically start to assemble in our minds what was happening at that time (both personally and socially). I bet that a lot of people become nostalgic when they see our historic vehicles for these very reasons.

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However, I do offer one bit of advice when it comes to nostalgia, and that is: It's never safe to be nostalgic about something until you're sure that it can't come back. Maybe that's the point and why we lovingly restore and maintain our old cars. They won't ever come back into production, and for onlookers to relive their youthful dreams and wishes, they need our vehicles. I'll finish with a quote from former US Under Secretary of State, George Ball, who in 1971 said: "*Nostalgia is a seductive liar*". If George's sentiments are true, maybe those good old days we seek to remember actually had a rough edge at the time. Maybe so, but I'll always love my 60-year-old car and what it evokes in people.

Finally, I would be remiss if I don't promote our Christmas party. RSVPs to the Events Team are essential for catering purposes, and our November meeting will be the last opportunity for you to bring items for the Christmas raffle hampers. I urge you to get involved with this activity. *The more the merrier* and what could be more Christmassy than being merry!

Yours fraternally,

Bruce Legge

President



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Editors Notes: Sandra, Marion & Rhonda

Front page features Bernie Wyatt's RA 28 Celica that he took to Toyota Fest 2025. See page 19 for the article.

Bill has been out & about and provided a report on his trip to the Booroowa Irish Woolfest. See pages 24-26.

Pages 10 & 11 feature flyers for two upcoming STHARC events—check them out.

CLUB PERON OF THE YEAR

Please bring your nomination to the next meeting or send in. There is a form on page 27 that you can use.

Huge thanks to those members that have sent in articles for the wheel. Keep them coming! We appreciate them all including this little gem below from Malcolm Stewart.

The World's First Speeding Ticket (1896)

On the 28th January 1896, British driver Walter Arnold of East Peckham, Kent, became the first motorist convicted of speeding. He was clocked at 8 mph (13 km/h) in a zone limited to 2 mph, then chased five miles by a policeman on a bicycle.

A magistrate fined him one shilling plus costs – setting the model for modern traffic enforcement

STHARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Queanbeyan Guide Hall 9 October 2025

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm, chaired by the President, who welcomed members to the meeting and reminded them to place their phones on silent and to sign the attendance book.

Attendance and apologies as per Attendance Book.

Visitors: Peter Zeck.

New Members: On the Committee's recommendation, members unanimously approved the membership of Peter Zeck. Peter introduced himself to the meeting, noting his background in naval aviation and defence support. He has a 1984 Landcruiser which has travelled over 2,100,000 kms.

Minutes of the 11 September 2025 meeting accepted (moved Bruce Legge; seconded Ray Malam).

President's Remarks: The President advised members that the Committee had considered the suggestion made by Jed Johnson at the September meeting that a number of club meetings each year be held at different times of the day to accommodate those members who found it difficult to attend evening meetings. While understanding the rationale behind this request, the Committee had concluded that varying some club meeting times could be confusing and that it was best to stay with the current arrangements.

Treasurer's Report: Since last month, income has comprised membership fees and raffle proceeds. Expenditure has comprised printing and postage of *The Wheel*. The Treasurer sought and received club approval to pay the club's 2025/26 insurance bill (moved Stephen Rankine; seconded Rod Luke) of around \$1,300; broadly comparable to the 2024/25 premium. Report accepted (moved Steve Rankine; seconded Rebecca Templeton).

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Secretary's Report: The Secretary noted that, as he was unable to access the Club's PO box during the current upgrade of the Queanbeyan Post Office, no mail had been received. Electronic copies of other club magazines have been forwarded to members. 2025/26 membership cards and some name badges are available for collection. Report accepted (moved Bruce McCarron; seconded Tony Brown).

Registrar's Report: Nothing to report.

Events Report: On behalf of the Events Team, Rosalie Ryan noted the following events:

- 18 October – Show and Shine, Parkes NSW; details have been forwarded to members electronically;
- 19 October - Tarago Car, Bike and Truck Show;
The card night proposed for Saturday 25 October has been cancelled;
- 26 October – Canberra Swap Meet, Hall Showground; details in *The Wheel*;
- 31 October – October Morning Tea, Blackstone Café, Geoscience Building, Symonston;
- 2 November – Terribly British Day, Queanbeyan Park; featuring a spotlight on pre-war vehicles;
- 23 November – STHARC display at the Canberra Railway Museum (Bob Hall organising); members are asked to arrive at 9.30 am and stay until 1.00 pm when Museum staff will host a BBQ lunch; and
- 14 December – STHARC Christmas Party, 12.00 noon, Wamboin Community Hall; RSVP essential; there is a sign-up sheet to bring a salad or dessert; BYO plates, cutlery, drinks and nibbles; there will be a prize for the best decorated vehicle; children's playground available; donations of non-perishable items for the Christmas hamper (including food, drinks, plants, Christmas themed items; and car related items) can be made up to 21 November, at the November meeting or by contacting Christine Brown.

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The club has received a message from Fletch of the Classic Restos TV show inviting members to join his Detroit USA tour in August 2026. Rosalie can provide additional details to interested members.

Editors' Report: Marion Francis thanked members who have been submitting articles for *The Wheel* and encouraged all members to continue doing so.

Property Officer: Mike Oborn displayed the club's new range of merchandise.

CACTMC Delegate: Chuck Landwehr noted that CACTMC had had to rule out attempts by one club to introduce family memberships.

Other Business:

The President encouraged members to donate to the Christmas hamper and urged all members to vote for their choice of Club Member of the Year (nomination forms to be sent out to members shortly). He also urged all members to suggest possible club activities.

John Moreland offered a number of electrical parts he no longer needed to any interested club member for free.

Christine Brown noted that the club's e-mail contacts still needed to be amended to reflect the recent change of office bearers. She also noted that attempted scams using club e-mail addresses were on the rise.

Russell McKinlay suggested the club consider the purchase of two way radios which could be used between the first and last cars in a convoy on a club outing to help manage the convoy and minimise inconvenience to other motorists. Other suggestions in this context were using mobile phones (where there was a passenger); signage indicating the cars ahead were involved in a club run; and, despatching cars in smaller groups with a time interval between each group. The President thanked members for their suggestions and noted that the Committee would consider this issue.

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Raffle: Three raffle prizes were won.

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Thursday 13 November 2025

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.



Final Reminder for Christmas Hamper Donations

A reminder to all members that the November meeting on Thursday the 13th, is your last opportunity to donate items for the Christmas Hamper raffle to be held at the STHARC Christmas Party.

As the Hamper and other prizes will be put finalised prior to our December meeting, it would be appreciated if all donations could be received prior to the end of November.

Should you wish to make a donation and can't make it to our November meeting, please contact Christine on 0412 442 623.

STHARC TOGETHER WITH THE
CANBERRA RAILWAY MUSEUM

SHOW'N SHINE



Sunday 23rd November

9.30 am - 1.00 pm

2 Geijera Pl, Kingston

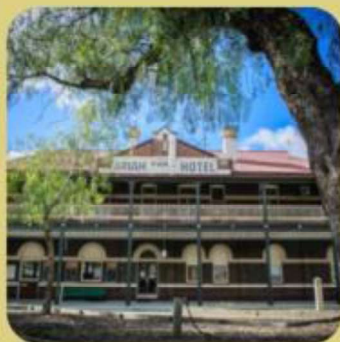
**HISTORIC TRAINS
& VEHICLES
BBQ LUNCH
PRIZES TO GIVE AWAY**



Please arrive at 9.30, to be in place before gates open at 10.00am.

STHARC WEEKEND AWAY TEMORA

13th - 15th March 2026



Get ready for another annual weekend away in 2026.

Next year, we are headed to Temora, NSW.

We recommend booking the Goldterra Motel 02 69774177 , \$150/ night.

ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Fri: Lunch Harden Bakery- Tour of Aviation Museum - Dinner Ex Services Club

Sat: See the sights - Lunch at Aria Park Hotel - Afternoon tea hosted by a friend of Rod Luke's (2km of dirt road) - Dinner back in Temora

Sun: Breakfast with Temora Antique Motor Club - visit private car collection - depart for home as required

EMAIL: EVENTS@STHARC.ORG.AU

Morning Tea

26 September 2025

September saw us back at one of our favourite morning tea venues, Red Baron Cafe in Symonston. They didn't disappoint and we all enjoyed the great coffee and company. The day however was tinged with sadness as this was the first morning tea since the passing of our friend Seve Ahearn. Steve was a regular at the monthly morning teas and he will be greatly missed.

Attendees

Jimmy & Lyn Howard

Susan & Rod Luke

Malcolm & Hazel Roxborough

Chris O'Rourke

Ronda Cornwell

Chris Hillbrick-Boyd, & Allan Boyd

Marion Francis

Sandra & Brian McNally

Christine Brown

Geoff Rudd

Bob McKay

Ray & Barbara Malam

John Kaczmarek.

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Morning Tea 26 September 2025



EVENTS October & November 2025

Friday 31 October— Morning Tea 10.00am

*Blackstone Café, Geoscience Australia
101 Jerrabomberra Ave, Symonston*

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Sunday 2 November— Terribly British Day

10am – 2pm Bike and Car show, Queanbeyan Park, Lowe Street
\$5 per vehicle

Terribly British Day is being organised again this year by Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club, on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Thursday 13 November

STHARC general meeting. Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

Sunday 23 November - Canberra Railway Museum

9.30 am – 1pm

Please arrive at the Museum, located at 2 Geijera Place, Kingston at 9.30am. STHARC cars need to be in place before the gates open to the public at 10.00am.

We are encouraging all members to stay until 1pm, the Canberra Railway Museum will be putting on a BBQ for us this year at midday.

If you can bring a slice or cake for dessert, please email Rosalie events@stharc.org.au

There will be prizes to give away on the day!

Friday 28th November—Morning Tea 10.00am

Venue—TBA

EVENTS December 2025

Thursday 11 December

STHARC general meeting. Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

Sunday 14 December—**STHARC Christmas Party**

12.00pm, Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Hall.

RSVP is essential for catering, please RSVP to events@stharc.org.au or to Rosalie 0427292238. The Club will provide a BBQ, dinner rolls and condiments, including gluten free options.

There is a signup sheet to bring a salad or dessert. If you were present last year, you would remember the excellent selection of salads and desserts. Let's do that again! You can also email events@stharc.org.au to indicate if you can bring something.

Members need to bring Plates, Cutlery, Drinks and Nibbles

There will be a prize for the best decorated vehicle. Last year the Isuzu brought its own Christmas Tree for the win, so you'll really have to bring your A-game. We also have our giant hamper, so bring your coins to buy tickets as well as our annual club presentations, including Club Member of the Year. It's a wonderful event and we hope you can all come along.

See following pages for more information on the Christmas Party & the Hamper.

No morning tea in December but they will be back early next year.



STHARC 2025 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 14th December

12.00 PM

The Wamboin Community Hall

Bingley Way, Wamboin

RSVP by Friday, 30th November

stharcvents@gmail.com

or

Rosalie Ryan

0427292238



RSVP is essential to cater for this event.
PLEASE indicate how many are coming, including partners
and children.

Thank you

PLEASE READ OVER FOR MORE INFO

INFORMATION

Club members are to make their own way to the hall.

The club will provide BBQ meats (sausages, chicken etc. (gluten free), bbq onions, dinner rolls and condiments.

Please bring a salad or dessert as you indicated on the sign-up sheet.



BYO

Plates

Cutlery

Drinks

Nibbles.

Salad or Dessert

Your decked-out vehicle



HAMPER

Tickets are available for purchase; please bring cash.

Lots of other great prizes

BEST DECORATED VEHICLE

Prize for the best decorated vehicle: let your imagination run wild with your car, truck, tractor or bike.

ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS

Including Club Member of the Year

This day is a great day for members old and new to take the opportunity to get together and realise why you are a member of STHARC.

STHARC CHRISTMAS HAMPER

**Please give generously to our Giant Christmas
Raffle & Hamper!**

Christmas Party Date: Sunday 14th December

The more prizes we have, the more chances you have to win.

Donations deadline: 21st November

Please bring your donations to the October and November meetings and place them in the designated box.

Items could include: Christmas-themed items, plants, art, wine or spirits, vouchers, car-related items, or any other non-perishable food items.

Items can either be placed in a hamper or be awarded as a separate prize. All items are greatly appreciated!

If you can't make it to a meeting and would like to donate, please contact:

Christine Brown on 0412 442 623.



STHARC at Toyota Fest 2025

by Bernie Wyatt

On the weekend of 5th October, Mark and I headed up to Sydney for Toyota Fest, and what a fantastic day it was! The event had an incredible range of vehicles on display — from beautifully restored classics to the latest models and rugged four-wheel drives. We took our RA28 Celica along to represent STHARC, and it drew plenty of attention from fellow enthusiasts. It was a great event and an even better catch-up with others who made the trip. Already looking forward to next year's show!



September 2025 - STHARC Club Run to Cooma

September 2025 is the fourth consecutive year that STHARC have held a club run to the Cooma Car Museum and lunched at the Cooma ex-serviceman's club.

Unlike last year when we started out in drizzly conditions from the Guide Hall, this year the morning was balmy and it turned into a sensational spring day, just the ticket for run down to Cooma

Six vehicles left the Guide Hall; we picked up Rosalie Ryan on Old Cooma Road and the rest of the group at the pull off area at Williamsdale. We proceeded south and the run along the highway was smooth as the ski traffic was fairly light. In fact, at a couple of points during the run we had no public traffic queuing behind us.

The group adhered to the recently introduced STHARC 'Guidelines for participation on club runs', which meant that each club member knew exactly how the run would be conducted, with the result that all members arrived at the museum safely.

The Cooma Car Club has over 200 members, many of whom own multiple vehicles. Therefore, the club has the capacity to rotate the display vehicles at the museum a number of times each year, thereby ensuring that visitors will be viewing different vehicles each time they visit.

As always, a number of Cooma Car Club members were on hand to answer questions about the club and the vehicles on display. The members are very enthusiastic about what they have at Cooma, always looking for an opportunity to promote the club, the museum and also their bi-annual vehicle display the Cooma Motorfest which will be held on the first Saturday in November next year. Could be an opportunity for STHARC to organise a club display next year?

September 2025 - STHARC Club Run to Cooma

The STHARC group spent a very pleasant hour and a half at the museum and then headed off to the Cooma ex-serviceman's club for lunch. As we have used this club for the last three visits to Cooma, we were not surprised that the food was still excellent as always, and we enjoyed a leisurely hour or so socialising while enjoying our great lunches.

The run back to Canberra was a leisurely affair with each member making their individual way home. This run is now an annual STHARC event, so pencil in the first Saturday in September 2026 for next year's run.

Attendees

Bruce and Nancy-Lea Legge	1965 Ford Mustang
Tony and Christine Brown	1966 Ford Mustang
Keith and Janice Bateman	1995 Ford LTD
Andrew Neuss and Phil Selmes	Holden HZ one tonner
Bob Hall + One Guest	Clipper Coach
Steve Harris and Sue Stevens	HJ75 Toyota Landcruiser
Jimmy and Lyn Howard	1986 Nissan Skyline
Rod Luke	Mark One Jaguar
Rosalie Ryan	1966 VW Beetle
Barry Stewart and John Brown	1946 Ford Sedan
Colin and Annette Arton	VW Kombi
Ray and Barbara Malam	Modern
Russell McKinlay	Modern
Jed Johnson and Liz Lynzaat	Modern
Hazel Roxburgh	Modern

Apology

Allan Boyd and Christine Hillbrick-Boyd

September 2025 - STHARC Club Run to Cooma



September 2025 - STHARC Club Run to Cooma



Boorowa Irish Woolfest - 5 October 2025

by Bill Grzeskowiak

The 2025 Boorowa Irish Woolfest was a great success and been running for a number of years now !

The main feature was the running of the sheep - Although there was a very nice mix of things to see. Music and singing were performed. Wood chopping / Working sheep dog display / Market stalls / Vehicle display. There was plenty of food and drink vendors.

The event is on each year on the October long weekend. I do highly recommend that its certainly worth going to see.



1986 Giocattolo - One of only 12 built !!! Based on an Alfa Romeo GTV body. The rear mounted engine was a 253 Holden V8.

The engine compartment of the Alfa Romeo - The engine is a 253 Holden V8. With tool kit. It is mounted at the rear of the car.



Boorowa Irish Woolfest - 5 October 2025

by Bill Grzeskowiak



The running of the sheep

Freightliner semi trailer used as a mobile sheep sheering shed



A mix of tractors on display
Ferguson / McCormick - International / Farmall - International / Chamberlain

Boorowa Irish Woolfest - 5 October 2025

by Bill Grzeskowiak



1992 VP Holden Commodore / 1976 Toyota Corolla sedan / 1977 XC Falcon panelvan - Part of car display

1982 Holden Statesman / 1978 Holden Ute / 1977 Ford F100 pickup Part of car display



1967 Holden Premier / 1936 Chevrolet sloper - Part of the car display



SOUTHERN TABLELANDS HERITAGE AUTOMOTIVE RESTORERS CLUB Inc

CLUB PERSON(S) OF THE YEAR - 2025

Name of Nominee:

(May be an individual or a couple)

Name of Proposer

Signature

(An email with nominee and proposer names will be accepted as signed)

Action by Secretary:

Membership check and date received. _____

