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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,

I am writing this still in the after-glow of a fabulous Club weekend away to Temora which was organised by our Vice President, Rod Luke. Over 30 of our members partook of this opportunity. By any measure it was a great success and I thank Rod for putting this event together.

I have always found our club to be friendly, accommodating and relaxed. This is achieved by meeting in a convivial and respectful manner each month. I feel that attending club events augments those sentiments, but actually going away on a club run that incorporates meals together and overnight stays inculcates an even greater sense of friendship and comradery. This won't be the last time we do this, so I encourage you to try and join us on the next big outing. Being in a car club is pretty good, but going away with members and enjoying new surrounds is even better!

At our March meeting, the Editorial Team announced their intention to not seek re-election in August this year. This now represents a great opportunity for another team (preferable) or person, to get a thorough handover before taking over in August. Not for the first time do I write that our club needs volunteers to keep on functioning properly. Please consider this role.

Lastly, I take this opportunity to advise that we have a guest speaker for our April meeting. For the second year, this will be an ANZAC themed presentation. Guest presenters really enhance our monthly meetings, and I'm always keen to uncover anyone who will give a 10 minute presentation to us. Please speak to me if this is something you could do.

Yours fraternally,

Bruce Legge

President

From the Editors desk: Sandra, Marion & Rhonda

Front Page

Mike and Alice Jones' Sunbeam Alpine is featured this month, here photographed at Terribly British Day on 2 November last year. See pages 16-19 for more photos from the day.

Bob Fulthorpe has provided a report on his trip to Rollin Chrome in Crookwell on 21 February. See pages 20-21.

Please keep the articles coming.

Editors are working on a new format for the Wheel as Publisher is being phased out. Watch this space!

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STHARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Queanbeyan Guide Hall 12th March 2026

The President opened the meeting at 7.02 pm, welcoming members and reminding them to place their phones on silent and to sign the attendance book.

Attendance and apologies as per Attendance Book.

Visitors: John Wold and Clayton Warren and his daughter, Brooke, were welcomed to the meeting as visitors. Both John and Clayton have a number of older vehicles and are looking to join the club. The President outlined the processes involved in joining, noting that members were encouraged to be actively involved in club activities.

Minutes of the 12 February 2026 meeting accepted (moved Bruce Legge; seconded Christine Hillbrick-Boyd).

New Members: On the recommendation of the Committee, members unanimously endorsed the proposed membership of Christopher Graf, Brett Thompson and Lisa Wigram and the renewed membership of Julia and Gary Ceely.

President's Remarks: The President advised members that work was in progress to update the club website, moving it to a new domain, making it easier and faster to navigate. Over the coming months, the Webmaster will be looking to include a range of club related material, including documentation and photos of members' vehicles. Malcolm Roxburgh noted that the existing website contained a lot of relevant material.

Treasurer's Report: In the Treasurer's absence there was no Treasurer's Report. However, the President noted that the current bank balance is \$16,573.72. Since last month, income has comprised membership fees, bank interest and raffle proceeds. Expenditure has comprised printing and postage of *The Wheel* and payment for the website domain.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary noted that hard copies of the Coota Hoota, Bike Torque, Crankhandle and Baw Baw Old Engine Club publications had been received since the last meeting, as well as an electronic copy of the Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club Newsletter, which had been forwarded to members. Forty three 2025/26 membership cards are available for collection from the Secretary. Report accepted (moved Bruce McCarron; seconded Christine Brown).

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Registrar's Report: John Morland reported that, with help from the assistant registrars (Malcolm Roxburgh and Jeff Allen), the registrar operations were "back in business". It is essential that members advise the Registrar if their vehicles have any modifications. The Chairman noted that members should be considerate of the demands on the time of the Registrar and that NSW members should accompany every registration renewal with a pink

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

- 19 February – Twilight Club Run to Old Canberra Inn, Lyneham, had been successful, with 10 participants;
- 7 March – Braidwood Show and Shine Car Show was a great day out and will definitely be included in next year's calendar;
- 13-15 March – Club weekend away at Temora; a final itinerary has been forwarded to members; members should wear name badges to weekend events;
- 22 March – Wheels 2026, Thoroughbred Park, ACT 9.00am – 1.30pm; meeting at 8.00am on the Antill Street pull-off heading toward the Federal Highway for an 8.15am departure to Thoroughbred Park (no departure from the Park before 1.30pm);
- 27 March – Morning tea, 10.00am; Eight Twenty, Coombs Shopping Centre;
- 4 April – Bredbo Truck and Machinery Show, 9.00am-3.00pm, Monaro Highway, Bredbo;
- 12 April – Auto Italia, Queanbeyan Park;
- 18 April – Ollies Garage Outing, 9.00am to 12.00 noon, 1/72 Gladstone St, Fyshwick; \$15 admission; contact Tony Brown; and
- Spring 2026 – Silver Jubilee Dinner and car display to mark STHARC's 25th anniversary. Volunteers are needed for an organising committee. Contributions of photos for a slide show to commemorate the club's history are needed.

Rosalie and the President reminded members that any member can suggest or help organise a club event.

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Editors' Report: On behalf of the editorial team Sandra McNally thanked members for their contributions to *The Wheel* and encouraged all members to continue submitting articles. Sandra noted that the present Editorial team will be standing down at the August AGM and she encouraged members to consider forming a new team to take on this role, which she and her fellow team members had found very enjoyable. Sandra presented the 2025 Editor's Choice Award to Bernie Wyatt.

Property Officer: Mike Oborn modelled the club beanie and jacket and encouraged members wanting to purchase club merchandise to see him at the end of the meeting.

CACTMC Delegate: Alan Boyd attended the 19 February CACTMC meeting on behalf of STHARC. In the President's absence, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-President, James Scott. CACTMC Registrar, Dave Rogers, stepped down after 15 years in the position and the position was filled by James Scott. Chris Wells replaced James Scott as Vice-President. Changes to the CACTMC By-Laws will be tabled next month. The Pie-Card has been sold to the Mercure Group. The arrangements for Wheels 2026 are in place and affiliation fees will be due next month. Ivan Zafiris indicated his willingness to represent STHARC at future CACTMC meetings and to act as an alternate delegate for CHMC meetings.

CHMC Delegate: Alan Boyd reported that no new correspondence had been received from CHMC and that the next CHMC meeting will be held at Lake Macquarie on 21 March 2026; Alan and Chris will attend on behalf of STHARC.

Other Business: The President urged members to start thinking about volunteering for club positions at the August AGM, noting that many positions could be sensibly filled on a team basis, as is currently the case for the Registrar, Editor and Event's Co-ordinator positions.

Raffle: Four raffle prizes were won.

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Thursday 9 April 2026

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Inaugural Mid Week Club Run – Old Canberra Inn

by Rosalie Ryan

On Thursday 19th February we held our inaugural mid week Club Run and Dinner. For our first outing we headed to the Old Canberra Inn, assuming there'd be plenty of parking. How wrong I was. In focusing on getting everyone out in the daylight, I completely overlooked peak hour traffic and just how popular the Inn is on a Thursday.

I followed Dave Arton's '72 Mini in from Googong, losing sight of it a few times thanks to its low profile, but still managing to reach the destination. What I wasn't prepared for was the scorching heat streaming through my windscreen — thank goodness for the towel I threw over my front so I could keep driving. We also passed Philip Selmes' 1974 XB Falcon pulled over on the side of the road, but it too made the journey.

Despite the parking chaos and the heat, it was a lovely gathering of ten members, and very pleasant sitting outside. The beer and cider were absolute thirst quenchers. The burgers looked great; no gluten free option for me, so I bravely tackled the chilli chicken wings. My mouth was on fire, but the cider did its best to put out the flames.

Thank you to everyone who came out — the consensus was that we should definitely do it again. We might squeeze in another before daylight savings ends; otherwise, stay tuned for October.

Attending members:

Rosalie Ryan – 1966 Volkswagen Beetle

Chris Hilbrick □ Boyd – Modern

Rod Luke – 1982 Daimler

Dave & Ali Arton – 1972 Mini

Andrew Neuss – Walking (ha!)

Paul Moran – 1982 Dato Ute

Philip Selmes – 1974 XB Falcon (and chauffeur to Andrew)

Russell & Kerrie McKinlay – Modern

Apologies

Alan Boyd

Inaugural Mid Week Club Run – Old Canberra Inn by Rosalie Ryan



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EVENTS March & April 2026

Friday 27 March 2026—Morning Tea 10.00am

Eighty Twenty
6/1 Fairhall Street
Coombs
(Coombs Shopping Centre)

Saturday 4 April – The Canberra Car Enthusiasts Expo is back for 2026! Canberra's car show for all enthusiasts

Location: Tuggeranong Homestead

2.00pm – 6pm

“Enjoy an afternoon of incredible cars, great food and drinks, music, and stunning scenery — all in one iconic location.”

A small group from STHARC attended this last year. The Canberra Car Expo leans heavily toward muscle cars and modern modified street machines, complete with custom trims, big wheels and performance upgrades. It's a very different scene from our classic and vintage collection, but always fun to wander through.

If several people are interested in attending, last year we pulled up on the side of the road before the Homestead and drove in together so we could park together. Rosalie is unable to attend this year, but encourage other members to attend if interested.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://canberracarenthusiastsexpo.com.au/>

To see what last years event looked like click here: <https://streetscene.net.au/2025/04/29/canberra-car-enthusiasts-expo-2025/>

EVENTS April 2026

Sunday 5th April – Bredbo Truck and Machinery Show *(note change of date from last Wheel)*

At the Historic Bredbo Inn

Location: 1 Monaro Highway, Bredbo NSW 2626

6:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Join us for a massive day of trucks, tractors, machinery, markets, and country fun at the Bredbo Truck & Machinery Show — celebrating The Year of the Prime Mover!

- ☐ Prime Mover Park (truck showcase)
- ☐ Tractor Pull Arena
- ☐ Kids' Zone + jumping castle
- ☐ Market Lane + food + bar
- ☐ Live music + family-friendly entertainment

Tickets:

\$20 per machinery/truck (includes driver)

\$5 per person (kids under 12 free)

Book now and be part of this iconic local event! <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1433812>

Thursday 9th April 2026

STHARC general meeting Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

Sunday 12th April – Auto Italia 2026 Canberra

WHERE—Queanbeyan Park, 1 Lowe St, Queanbeyan, NSW 2620,

WHEN—Sunday 12 April 2026—Time: 8am (for cars and bikes)

9:00am - 2:00pm

PRICES

Display Car \$20, Display Bike/Scooter \$10, Vehicle for Sale \$50

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/auto-italia/auto-italia-2026>

EVENTS April 2026

Saturday April 18th 2026 - Ollies' Garage Display

Visit to Ollies Garage to view Ian and Tina Oliver's collection of classic cars and automotive memorabilia.

Ollies Garage is located at Unit 1/72 Gladstone St Fyshwick and the cost of entry is \$15.00 per person. Tickets can be pre-purchased on line at www.olliesgarage.com.au or at the door on the day. All monies go to the Sir Henry Royce Foundation for its charitable works.

The museum is open from 9am to 12pm with an introduction at 9.30am. The plan is that STHARC members arrive a little before 9am for the 9am start. Ian and Tina encourage visitors to bring their classic cars and there is plenty of free safe parking in Gladstone St in front of the museum.

If you are interested in participating, can you please phone or send me a text and let me know you are coming.

Tony Brown, Organiser

Mobile 0431 539 354

Friday 24 April 2026—Morning Tea 10.00am

Poppy's Cafe

Australian War Memorial

15 Treloar Crescent

Campbell.

EVENTS May 2026

Thursday 14 May 2026

STHARC general meeting Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

May Club Run – Family Day Out at Weston Park

As the calendar settles after a busy March and April, May offers the perfect chance for a relaxed club outing. This month we'll be taking an autumn cruise to **Weston Park**, one of Canberra's most beautiful lakeside spots and a favourite for families.

With plenty of parking, wide open lawns, Weston Park is ideal for a laid-back picnic together. Bring your lunch, a chair or blanket, and enjoy a calm Saturday surrounded by classic cars, good company, and the last of the season's golden leaves. The Yarralumla Play Station will also be open for those wanting to have some fun in the maze, playing mini golf or to enjoy the café.

Date: Saturday 23 May

Destination: Weston Park, Yarralumla

Details: Meet, cruise in convoy, park together, and enjoy a relaxed picnic by the lake.

Families welcome.

More details and meeting point will be shared closer to the date — but for now, mark your calendar for a family day out.

Friday 29 May 2026—Morning Tea 10.00am

Olive View Café

5796 Federal Hwy

Currawang (just past Collector)

Message from the Events Team

Got an idea for a club event? You can lead it!

Our best events often start with a member's great idea. If you've been thinking, "Someone should organise...", that someone could be you.

As Events Director, I'm always happy to hear suggestions—but I also want to empower members to plan and lead events themselves. It doesn't have to revolve around me organising everything. If you have an idea for a drive, visit, social outing, or activity, I'd love to help you bring it to life.

Just have a quick chat with me, or email events@stharc.org.au, and we can make it happen.

Let's build the calendar together.



STHARC 25

Celebrating 25 Years

We're planning a spring celebration — member dinner, car display, history timeline, honour roll, and a photo slideshow.

Date: TBA

Want to contribute? Email events@stharc.org.au



February Morning Tea

Members in attendance:

Dave and Ali Arton, Graham and Alida Bell, Tony and Christine Brown, Rhonda Cornwell, Eddie and Marion Francis, Steve Harris and Sue Stevens, Shaun and Anne Read, Bruce Legge, Rosalie Ryan, John Kaczmarek, Brian and Sandra McNally, Bob McKay, Allan Boyd and Christine Hillbrick-Boyd

Apologies:

Pam Corbett, Jimmy and Lynn Howard, Ray and Barbara Malam

It was another lovely morning tea, with 21 STHARC members in attendance. Everyone appeared to enjoy the delicious fare at the National Library, despite a little confusion when matching names to orders.

Eighty Twernty at the Coombs Shopping Centre has been booked for 27 March and Poppy's Café at the Australian War Memorial booked for 24 April. Sandra McNally has kindly offered to host.

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Terribly British Day—2 November 2026

Report by Mike and Alice Jones

Terribly British was held on 2nd November in Queanbeyan. It was a beautiful day with about 200 wonderful British cars. I photographed a few that interested me.

The Bristol 400 won the best in show.



The blue Bristol belongs to a friend who used to have an AC Aceca. He is in his 80s now and needed to swap the Aceca for something easier to get in and out of.

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Terribly British Day—2 November 2026

Report by Mike and Alice Jones

The Lanchester was so quiet when running it was barely audible. When revved it sounded like a sewing machine!



The Bean is Warren Brown's. It's story is well known. We had a great chat with Warren



Terribly British Day—2 November 2026

Report by Mike and Alice Jones



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ROLLIN CHROME SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY CROOKWELL NSW

By Bob Fulthorpe

Katy and I took the Toyota Soarer for a run , Nice drive there , spent a couple of hours there looking at a large display of cars, truck ,bikes . A bit of everything at this show, I believe over 400 entrants in the various categories . \$20 to enter. has it all Music, Bar, food stalls and nice shade area under some trees. We had a nice fish and chip lunch in town and a leisurely home via Goulburn. All in all a great day. Should make this a club trip next year.



ROLLIN CHROME SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY CROOKWELL NSW

By Bob Fulthorpe



MEMBERS VEHICLE FOR SALE

2012 Honda Accord Euro Six Speed Manual, two owners from new, cobalt blue metallic with grey interior, full NSW Registration - An excellent reliable daily use vehicle.

1986 Toyota Cressida Automatic, three owners from new, beige metallic with burgundy velvet interior, dual fuel on NSW Club Registration - Very Reliable.

1993 Mercedes Benz 180E, two main owners from new, deep blue with grey interior, petrol, beautiful car to drive, smooth and quiet, a very collectable 124 chassis Benz.

1978 Datsun 200B Automatic, three owners from new, factory airconditioning. soft blue with beige interior, petrol, what a car has travelled and lived throughout Australia.

1993 DC11 Ford LTD Automatic, V8, Duel Fuel, Two Owners from new, Metallic Bugundy, Grey Leather with Tailored Sheepskins throughout, highly accessorised, modest KM's owned for decades and is a very flash looking vehicle in excellent condition, a very tight and sporty car to drive.

1995 DF Ford LTD Automatic V8, Duel Fuel, Two Owners from new, Metallic Burgundy, Beige Leather with Sheepskins throughout, Factory Sunroof, Glorious to drive.

Contact
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0413564222

MEMBERS VEHICLE FOR SALE



1978 Silver Mercedes Coupe 280 CE

All original

Cruise Control, power steering

Power windows, disc brakes, sunroof

288,610 kms

Contact – Rhonda 0408119285

