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From The President's Driver Seat

Hello STHARC Members,

There is not too much about which to write this month, except to remind everyone that we are coming up to the time when renewals will be due (June onwards). This is an important piece of the pie with regard to keeping your historic plated vehicle legally driveable. I remind you all that it doesn't matter when your vehicle's registration is due, if you are not a financial member of a club, then it cannot be driven legally on the public roads (hence fines and no insurance).

I think that the annual renewal of memberships is a great time for the club to reset for the following twelve months. For STHARC to be compliant with the governing state and territory bodies, we must maintain a register of what vehicles people have with us. To that end, simply paying the treasurer your annual dues isn't enough. I remind everyone, that along with the cash, every member must complete a renewal form each year, on which partners and the vehicles are annotated. Our secretary is a very clever guy, but mind reading is not one of his many talents. To that end, as you renew your membership, and if during the year your vehicles or partner are changed, then he needs that information. In sum, as you prepare to renew your membership for the 2026/27 year, you must submit the fee and a new membership form. This year and every year!

I have previously put out the call seeking an editor (or, preferably, an editorial team) from August this year. Maybe you might be still considering forming the necessary small team, or thinking about taking on the role. I hope that someone or some people are having those thoughts, as to date no one has raised their interest with any of the incumbent editorial team. This role *will* need to be filled come August, so now is the time to get ahead of the problem. Please chat to one of our editorial team to understand what is required, and get involved in your club.

Lastly, I thank Rod Luke (our Vice President) for his succinct and thought-provoking ANZAC address during the April meeting. I already have lined up another guest speaker for our May meeting. Remember that I am always looking for someone to provide a guest speaker role at our meetings. They need not include PowerPoint and should be no more than 10 minutes long. Surely each and every member has a story to tell or information to impart?

Yours fraternally,

Bruce Legge

President



From the Editors Desk

Front Page Braidwood Show and Shine

The Editors are working on a new format for the Wheel as Publisher is being phased out. **Here it is folks!** There will be teething problems so again, please bear with us as we work our way through them.

We have decided to go with Word format as Canva was an expense for the club.

STHARC GENERAL MEETING

9 April 2026 Queanbeyan Guides Hall

The President opened the meeting at 7.01 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.

New Members: The President welcomed Elliot Hawdon and Brooke Warren, who introduced themselves to members. On the Committee's recommendation, the meeting unanimously agreed to both membership applications, together with that of Clayton Warren. Membership commences on payment of membership fees, with the President noting that members joining at this late stage of the club's year will also have to pay new 2026/27 fees from 1 June.

Minutes of the 12 March 2026 meeting accepted (moved Bruce Legge; seconded Alan Boyd).

Treasurer's Report: In the Treasurer's absence due to illness there was no Treasurer's Report. However, the President noted that the current bank balance is \$16,657.47. Since last month, income has comprised membership fees and the sale of club merchandise. Expenditure has comprised postage of *The Wheel* and payment for name badges. The President reminded members that 2026/27 membership fees would be payable from (but not before) 1 June 2026 and that members' cars were not registered if they were not financial members of a club.

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

Registrar's Report: John Morland reported that, with help from the assistant registrars (Malcolm Roxburgh and Jeff Allen), the registrar operations were going smoothly. Malcolm Roxburgh reminded members that all NSW registration applications needed to be accompanied by a pink slip and that copies of the completed registration form needed to be sent to the Registrar. Malcolm also drew members' attention to increased compliance testing for historic and classic vehicles by Transport NSW. In a recent inspection, 25 vehicles from 46 inspected were issued with defect notices, 16 of which were major defects,

and 19 vehicles were deemed ineligible for the Historic or Classic Vehicle Schemes. Registrations of those vehicles which fail to comply with the inspection directions will be cancelled.

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

- The 13-15 March Temora weekend away was a huge success; thanks to Rod Luke for organising and the Temora Car Club for hosting;
- Thanks to club members who attended, and reported on, Wheels 2026 on 22 March;
- 12 April – Auto Italia, Queanbeyan Park;
- 12 April, EJ/EH Holden Show, Belconnen Bowling Club, Hawker, ACT;
- 18 April – Ollies Garage Outing, 9.00am to 12.00 noon, 1/72 Gladstone St, Fyshwick; \$15 admission; contact Tony Brown;
- 24 April – Morning Tea, Poppy's Café, Australian War Memorial, 10.00 am; and
- Spring 2026 – Silver Jubilee Dinner and car display to mark STHARC's 25th anniversary. Possible venues being considered; expected to be around mid - September. Contributions of photos for a slide show to commemorate the club's history are needed.

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. Next month's *Wheel* is expected to be produced on the new publishing software but will look much the same as the current publication. Sandra reminded members 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.

CACTMC Delegate: Alan Boyd and Ivan Zafiris attended the March CACTMC meeting.

CHMC Delegate: Alan Boyd reported on the 21 March CHMC Delegates meeting, held at Lake Macquarie, which he and Chris attended. There are now 93 clubs affiliated with CHMC, with two more approved at the meeting. This equates to 8,170 members and 10,798 historic vehicles. Four applications have been received for the 2026 Youth Awards. New CHMC publications on good governance and vehicle registration have been provided to the STHARC Committee. The guest speaker, Matt Café from Transport for NSW (TNSW), noted that TNSW will be undertaking closer checks on new club applications and additional random checking of HVS and CVS vehicles, including motorhomes. TNSW recommends the use of the 60 day logbook for all runs. Matt also noted that wheels and tyres must comply with TNSW requirements, as set down in VSI 6; infringements are issued to the driver, not the owner, of a vehicle; and, death of a registered operator does not allow transfer of registration, unless it is to a family-endorsed club membership. The next CHMC Delegates meeting will be in Armidale on 24 October 2026.

Other Business: The President noted that the Committee expects to move to a new website within the next few months. The new site should provide a more user-friendly interface. The Webmasters are looking for photos of members' cars to add to the new website.

Guest Speaker: In an Anzac themed address, Rod Luke provided some brief background on William McKenzie (Fighting Mac McKenzie), a WW1 chaplain whose service to soldiers in the trenches of Gallipoli have made him a military legend. Rod encouraged members to read more of his remarkable story. Rod also spoke on the 'Anzac spirit', forged on the beaches of Gallipoli but which has remained with Australian servicemen and women ever since, making them exceptional in their field – a spirit of which all Australians should be very proud. On

behalf of members, the President thanked Rod for his very apt presentation and noted the importance of the Anzac refrain: "Lest we Forget".



Raffle: Four raffle prizes were won.

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Thursday 14 May 2026

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

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EVENTS MAY AND JUNE 2026

Saturday 2nd of May - Cars and Coffee

Event Date - 02 May 2026

Start Time - 9am

Location - Top Down Detailing, 8/2 Yallourn Street, Fyshwick

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17Zq8cxizA/>

For any members interested, Top Down Detailing is hosting a Cars & Coffee event again this May and there will be nice range of cars on show including some JDM icons and Supercars.

Thursday 14th May 2026

STHARC general meeting Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

Saturday 23 May 2026

Club Run – Family Day Out at Weston Park and celebrating National Heritage Motoring Day

Time: 10.30am

Destination: Weston Park, Yarralumla

Details: BYO picnic lunch or purchase from the café inside Yarralumla Play Station, BYO chair or picnic rug.

Don't forget to wear your club gear and a name badge!

Families welcome.

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 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.

Friday 29th May 2026 – Morning Tea 10.00 am

Olive View Café

5796 Federal Highway

Currawang (just past Collector)

Thursday 11th June 2026

STHARC general meeting Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

Saturday June 20th run to Gundaroo – save the date!

More details to come...

Friday 22nd June 2026 – Morning Tea 10.00 am

3rd Space Googong

27 Beltane Avenue

Googong NSW

MESSAGE FROM THE EVENTS TEAM



Thank you to those people who have contacted Rosalie with ideas, enthusiasm and a general wish to help! If you haven't reached out and would like to assist, please email events@stharc.org.au or message Rosalie 0427292238.

March Morning Tea

Friday 27 March 2026

Eighty Twenty – Coombs

Fourteen members braved a very cold March morning to meet at Eighty Twenty in Coombs for morning tea. A lovely friendly little café serving good coffee and food. The sticky chai lattes were especially good!

Attendees

Tony & Christine Brown, Jimmy & Lyn Howard, Brian & Sandra McNally

Allan Boyd, Chris Hillbrick-Boyd, John & Frances Morland

Suzanne Stevens, Steve Harris, Rosalie Ryan, Bob McKay

Apologies

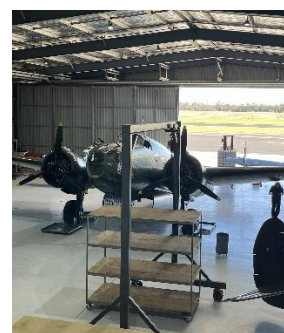
Ronda Cornwell, Bruce & Nancy-Lea Legge, Ray & Barbara Malam



BIG WEEKEND AWAY TO TEMORA

By Rod Luke

A small group of intrepid souls headed off from Queanbeyan for the STHARC weekend away in Temora to meet up with many of our members at the Harden Bakery. Following a most pleasant early lunch we again hit the road for Temora. Our first activity was a visit to the Temora Aviation Museum led by a particularly knowledgeable and good-looking guide, namely myself.



That evening we gathered at the Ex-Services club for a hearty meal and some fluid refreshments. We were joined for the meal by a contingent from the Temora Antique Motor Club (TAMC) who were most gracious in hosting us for what would turn out to be a truly fantastic weekend.



Our original Saturday plans had changed somewhat so many of our members attended the Annual Temora Rural Museum Open Day which is always a great event. Following a 'light' lunch we travelled the 40km to the hamlet of Aria Park where we visited a private car and caravan collection bolstered by many of the local cars from TAMC. Of particular interest were a collection of teardrop vans, the full model collection of immaculate Zephyrs and a stunningly restored Morris 8 convertible.



A short drive found us at another local collection of vintage trucks, tractors and stationary engines including an operating 'hot air' engine. We sat around like kings and queens under the shade of the trees and enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea of fresh scone, jam and cream.



We all gathered again that night for a meal at the Ex-Services Club.



Sunday morning saw us all gathered at the White Rose Café in the main street of Temora where we had a breakfast to be remembered. This was a particular treat as the White Rose has remained totally unchanged for the past 70 plus years and is a real step back in time.



The final activity of our action-packed weekend was a visit to a truly incredible local collection of unbelievably immaculate cars with a sumptuous morning tea provided once again by the Temora club.





Many of our members then visited the collection of Keith and Janice Bateman in Temora before starting the trek back to the big smoke. Big thank you to Janice & Keith for their hospitality providing those who attended with cool drinks on a hot day!



Our hearty thanks go to the incredible team from the Temora club who went out of their way to host us for what turned out to be a truly great weekend.

Attendees:

Bruce and Nancy-Lee Legge, Malcolm and Hazel Roxburgh, John and Francis Morland

Rosalie and Andrew Ryan, Louise Osborne (Rosalie's Mum), Tony and Christine Brown

Alicia and Dave Arton, Colin and Annette Arton, Bob Fulton, Katie Daley, Shaun and Ann Read, John Thomas, Pam Corbett, Christine Hillbrick-Boyd and Alan Boyd, Bob Hall, Sandra and Brian McNally, Keith and Janice Bateman, Russell and Kerrie McKinally, Susan and Rod Luke.

Braidwood Show and Shine

March 7th 2026 at the Braidwood Showground

By Rosalie Ryan

Early on Saturday 7 March, Rod, Keith, Janice and I rolled out from the Girl Guide Hall and set course for Braidwood, with a quick stop in Bungendore to collect Bruce. I took the lead in the Volkswagen, happily cruising between 80–100 km/h, the bug does enjoy a spirited run now and then. The Jag sat comfortably behind me, and Keith and Janice brought up the rear in their modern car with great patience.

We pulled into Bungendore and waited for Bruce Legge to appear. While we were parked, we spotted Doug cruising past in his HR and gave him a wave. Bruce soon arrived with a guest, Robert, newly arrived in Australia as the inaugural Polish Defence Attaché. Fun fact: the role exists because all military hardware Australia sends to Ukraine is routed through Poland.

Arriving in Braidwood, I managed to confuse myself about which gate to enter and almost led everyone on an accidental off-road adventure. Thankfully the others were wiser and slipped through the correct second gate. After a slightly embarrassing U-turn, I re-joined the group at the back.

This year the cars were allocated the racing track, so we lined up neatly along the rail. It didn't take long to notice we were sharing the space with some unexpected four-legged desert locals, camels. Their rides were operating from the track as well and watching them plod around provided plenty of entertainment.

Before long, the need for sustenance kicked in, so Rod and I took a "hot lap" around the Braidwood Show. With a cuppa in hand, we wandered through the pavilion. It was wonderful to see a country show still in full swing, art, baked goods, produce, and pumpkins of truly impressive proportions.

In true country-show fashion, I completely missed the announcement of the car awards. Sadly, no STHARC winners this year, but there was a fantastic mix of historic and classic vehicles on display. The photos will tell the story better than my memory.

All in all, it was a great day out. With lightning and heavy rain threatening, we made a sensible early departure and thankfully avoided the downpour. The VW wasn't so lucky, a leaking rear seal meant the trip home was taken at a gentler pace. Ah, the joys of old cars.

I thoroughly recommend this event for next year. It's an easy drive and a lovely day in the country.

Attendees:

Rosalie Ryan – 1966 Volkswagen Beetle

Douglas Curry 1967 HR Premier Wagon

Rod Luke - 1957 Jaguar

Bruce Legge - 1965 Mustang

Paul and Pete Bakos - Modern

Keith and Janice Bateman- Modern





Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc.
Rally Program
20th – 23rd August 2026

Thursday 20th 2pm – 4pm Registration at the Lismore Showground. Afternoon Tea provided.
Entry via Dunoon Road, 2nd gate.

Tea & Coffee will be available at the kitchen from 8 am each morning.

Friday 21st Meet at Lismore Showground, (entry via Dunoon Road, 2nd gate).
8.30 am for briefing, with a 9 am departure to Casino.
Late registrations available.
BYO or purchase your morning tea from the bakery (short walk)
Lunch is at the Tattersalls Hotel, Casino. (ticket required). See meals page for details.

Saturday 22nd Meet at Lismore Showground.
8.30 am for briefing, with a 9 am departure for Ballina.
BYO morning tea.
Lunch - BBQ in the park. BYO plate, cutlery, cup, chair and drinks. See meals page for details.
Dinner at 6 pm at the Lismore Heights Bowling Club, 181a High Street, Lismore Heights, NSW 2480.
If you require transport the Lismore Heights Bowling Club has a Courtesy Bus available. Phone: 6624 3040 or look on the following webpage for more details.
<https://www.lismoreheightssports.com.au/bowls/#courtesybus> or call for a Taxi 6621 2618.

Sunday 23rd Meet at Lismore Showground (Entry via Dunoon Road, 2nd gate), at 8.30 am for briefing with a 9 am departure.

**Note – Lismore Swap Meet is on at the Lismore Showground.
If you wish to have a look – go earlier.**

Morning Tea – BYO or Purchase.
Return to the Lismore Showground for lunch to finish the rally.
Entry via Dunoon Road, 2nd gate.

