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From The President's Driver Seat

Hello STHARC Members,

I use my monthly submission to the *Wheel* to provide you with a laser focus on the issues and opportunities associated with our club. I believe that I have a few really important matters to discuss this month, and I ask that you don't ignore them.

Firstly, the month of June is the time for all of us to renew our STHARC membership. Remember that one needs to be a financial member of a car club to continue to drive a vehicle on historic or conditional plates (it's part of the registration process and therefore no current membership means no legal registration of your vehicle(s) – regardless of when their registration falls due). The club is required to maintain a database of our financial members and their vehicles. That is why (each year) you must pay your membership renewal fees and send (to the Secretary) a STHARC renewal form (a copy of which is included in this edition of the *Wheel* or can be found on our website). In sum, you have until 30 June to pay your renewal fee and submit a renewal form to remain financially compliant. Please be diligent in completing these two important steps.

Secondly, there is going to be a change of incumbents in some of the committee positions at our August Annual General Meeting (AGM). We already knew that our editorial team will not be seeking re-election, but other positions forecast to become vacant are: Vice President; Treasurer; Webmaster; and Property Officer.

Of course, all office bearer positions are vacated at each AGM, however the above list are now known vacancies. I am attracted to small teams performing some of those forementioned roles. While Vice President and Treasurer can really only be an individual, the others (including Property Officer) could be performed by more than one. None of the roles are particularly taxing in time or effort, and there is no constraint requiring a certain tenure as a member before filling an office bearer position (meaning even a new member can take on a committee role). However, what is certain is that, without nominations to fill the vacant positions in August then STHARC will cease to exist (and I don't wish to become known as the last President of a 25-year social club!!). Please consider taking on a role within the club.

Thirdly, we have now settled on Saturday 19 September for a lunchtime Silver Jubilee (25-year) anniversary function at the Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club. This will incorporate a member (and their club registered partner) to purchase a club-subsidised \$50 pp meal (vice \$75 pp for non-members). This promises to be the standout event for the club this year, and I ask that you support what we're trying to do and pre-purchase tickets early (once they become available). First thing is for you all to "ring-fence" the date where possible. I'd like to think that it will be a sold-out event, so commit and get in early when you can.

Lastly, I have a couple of guest speakers lined up for our next two meetings (for which I give my most profound appreciation). These will go for just 10 minutes apiece after the end of our usual business, and I think that they will be the *icing on the cake* of each meeting. So, I urge you to come along and listen to what they will present. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at our usual regular meetings.

Yours fraternally,

Bruce Legge

President

From the Editors Desk

Front Page features the new design for the club T shirts. There will be mens and ladies sizes and will be available soon. Great work from Mike & Rosalie to design the new shirts.

Renewal of STHARC Membership.

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June.

YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE FORM AND SAVE TO YOUR COMPUTER OR USE THE FORM AT THE BACK OF THIS EDITION OF THE WHEEL. ENSURE VEHICLE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE. EMAIL FORM AND DIRECT DEPOSIT RECEIPT TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AT SECRETARY@STHARC.ORG.AU OR ALTERNATELY PRINT FORM, FILL OUT BOTH SIDES AND GIVE TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AND PAY TREASURER AT THE JUNE MEETING.

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NO REGISTRATION = NO THIRD PARTY INSURANCE)

STHARC GENERAL MEETING

14th May 2026 Queanbeyan Guides Hall

The President opened the meeting at 7.04 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 John Wald, who had introduced himself to members at the March meeting. On the Committee's recommendation, the meeting unanimously accepted John's membership application.

Minutes of the 9 April 2026 meeting accepted (moved Bruce Legge; seconded Rosalie Ryan).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer noted that the current bank balance is \$16,487.34. Since last month, income has comprised one membership fee, raffle proceeds and interest. Expenditure has comprised the deposit for the 25th Anniversary lunch, the Post Office box renewal and tax. Report accepted (moved Stephen Rankin; seconded Hugh Spencer).

Secretary's Report: The Secretary noted that electronic copies of the Claxon, Crankhandle and WWVVMC publications had been forwarded to members. Some name tags and about 30 2025/26 membership cards are available for collection from the Secretary. Report accepted (moved Bruce McCarron; seconded Ray Malam).

Registrar's Report: On behalf of the Registrar, Malcolm Roxburgh noted that registrar operations were going smoothly.

Events Report: Hugh Spencer noted that he was participating in a fund raising motorcycle ride in Canberra on Sunday, 17 May in support of men's health and prostate cancer research. Hugh and the President stressed the importance of these issues for all men.

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

- 23 May – family day out at Weston Park, Yarralumla (10.30 am; BYO lunch) to celebrate National Heritage Motoring Day;
- 29 May - Morning Tea, Olive View Café, Collector, 10.00 am;
- 30 June – club run to Gundaroo, meeting at the Cork St café at 9.00 am for breakfast, followed by a look around Gundaroo;
- 26 June – Morning Tea, 3rd Space, Googong, 10.00 am
- 31 July Morning Tea, Woodworks Café, Bungendore, 10.00 am; and
- 19 September – Silver Jubilee Lunch and car display at the Roos Club, Queanbeyan, to mark STHARC's 25th anniversary. Member price \$50 per head (subsidised by the club); non-member price \$75 per head. Ticketing will be on-line, with assistance for those who do not make on-line payments. Contributions of photos and memorabilia to commemorate the club's history are needed, as are volunteers to form a sub-committee to arrange the event. The President reinforced the importance of this milestone event in the club's history and urged members to participate.

Editors' Report: On behalf of the editorial team Sandra McNally noted that the May edition of *The Wheel* had been produced on the new publishing software. The list of Upcoming Events now follows directly after the minutes.

CACTMC Delegate: Nothing new to report.

CHMC Delegate: Alan Boyd reported that CHMC is proposing changes to the CHMC Constitution and By-Laws, which will be presented to the CHMC AGM at Armidale on 24 October 2026. The current President, Jim Hatton, will not be seeking re-election at the AGM, so a new President will be needed. There are now 95 clubs affiliated with CHMC, with 8,170 members and 10,790 historic vehicles. The CHMC AGM and Delegates meeting, which Alan and Chris will attend, will be in Armidale on 24 October 2026.

General Business: The President reminded members that 2026/27 membership fees are due from 1 June. Payments need to be sent to the Treasurer and the club's renewal form to the Secretary. Members' cars are unregistered if owners are not a financial member of an authorised club. The President also noted that several of the present Committee are not currently expecting to stand for re-election at the August AGM (including the Vice President, Treasurer, Editorial Team, Property Officer and Webmaster) and encouraged members to consider whether they could serve the club in these roles, either as an individual or as part of a team. In response to a question, the President noted that a new website, on a new platform, had been developed and was currently being populated with club information. The new site should provide a more user-friendly interface. Brian McNally had a number of automotive books free for interested members. The President encouraged members to remain after the meeting for a cuppa and a chat.

Guest Speaker: Ian and Tina Oliver provided a presentation, with photos and a video clip, on early motoring events in the Canberra region, including a 1925 trip from Sydney to Mt Kosciusko, via Canberra, which included speed trials on Northbourne Avenue. Ian is currently researching former race tracks in the Canberra region and the stories associated with them. Several members were familiar with some of these tracks and some had raced on them. He is also working on displays for Ollie's Garage on ACT Heritage number plates and Queanbeyan's lost garages. The President thanked Ian and Tina for their interesting and informative presentation.



Raffle: Five raffle prizes were won.

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Thursday 11 June 2026

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm.

EVENTS UPDATE

Thursday 11 June 2026

STHARC general meeting Queanbeyan Guide Hall 7pm

Saturday 20th June – Club run to Gundaroo

Time: 9am

Where: Cork Street, Gundaroo

Join us at the Cork Street Café at 9am and a look around Gundaroo. Cassie the owner will be organising a special bacon and egg roll or breakfast pizza for STHARC. There are also other items you can order off the menu.

Jed Johnson who is a local resident and member of the historic society will also be on hand to give us a run down on some the town's history.

Jed will also be speaking at the June meeting on a fascinating story about a 1913 Delaunay-Belleville and its history and connection to Gundaroo.

Friday 26th June 2026 – Morning Tea 10.00am

3rd Space 27 Beltane Ave

Googong NSW

Thursday 9th July 2026

STHARC general meeting Queanbeyan Guides Hall 7pm

Friday 31st July 2026 – Morning Tea 10.00am

Woodworks Café

20 Malbon St

Bungendore



STHARC 25 – Celebrating 25 Years

Saturday 19th September – Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club



We are pleased to announce that the **STHARC 25th Anniversary** celebration will be held on **Saturday 19th September** at the Roos Club in Queanbeyan. The event will run from **12.00pm for a 12.30pm start** in their function room.

Members and guests are invited to join us for a **two-course meal, cake, and some fun activities**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our club's history and the members who have shaped STHARC over the past 25 years.

Member tickets*: \$50 (subsidised price)

*Members include spouses and children under 18

Non-member tickets: \$75

Tickets are available through **Humanitix**. Please note there is a small processing fee, which Humanitix passes on to charity.

Ticket link: <https://events.humanitix.com/stharc-25-years-anniversary-lunch>



Or scan the QR code!

If you find purchasing tickets online challenging, please see Rosalie at the **June, July, or August meetings**, and she can assist with the purchase.

Wheels at Thoroughbred Park, ACT

Sunday March 22nd 2026

By Jed Johnson

This year seemed to surprise the organisers with many hundreds of entrants packed in at the Racecourse entrance carpark areas.



STHARC attended with 5 restored vehicles while Dave Sullivan managed to sneak in these two other smaller cars without paying!





The winning entrant on the day was the marvellous 1923 Stanley Steamer, which also won the event last year.

When it arrived on scene with steam tooting gently out the top of the condenser (the converter radiator), it parked and then released all the pressure which completely covered the crowd in steam. Quite a moment.

The sheer number of cars and quality was quite imposing.



It included a special display of military vehicles of all sorts.

With GMH machines galore, and Fords forever, indomitable Imperials, and endless vistas of Volkswagens made for an impressive display.

A few attractions included this stunning 59 Ford with its roof that folded into the boot, no mean feat!



However, check the actual boot size which is reduced to a small box under the roof.



The kermit coloured Gogomobil and the over-the-top fancy Mitsuokas added curiosity value.

More info and many more photos online. Try this article [here](#).

A big thanks to Rosalie who was feeling unwell but still drove all the way from home to meet the team at our rendezvous before the event, then drove off home to curl up in her sick bed. Here's a yellow bug to help put a smile on her face.



Attendees: - Dave Sullivan's Valiant Regal VF 770 and 2 vintage remote controlled cars, Jed Johnson's '34 Dodge Truck with 10-seater mounted cabin, Brad Cole's '74 Toyota Celica TA22 Series 1, Bob Fulthorpe's Red Toyota Sourer, Mike Jones' Red '68 Sunbeam

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Bill Grzeskowiak also attended and provided some more photos.



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Toyota Nationals in Dubbo

2nd–6th April By Bernie Wyatt

This year's Toyota Nationals, held in Dubbo from Thursday 2nd April to Monday 6th April, brought together enthusiasts from across the country. Attendees travelled from Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and all over New South Wales, making it a fantastic celebration of Toyota passion and community.

Our Canberra contingent was well represented, with around 30 people and cars making the trip. Among them were Mark's 1976 TA23 Celica, the bronze RA40 driven by my son-in-law, and my own 1983 Supra. It was a great opportunity to showcase a range of classic and performance Toyotas while catching up with fellow enthusiasts.

Friday's Show and Shine at the Dubbo Showground did not disappoint. The variety of vehicles on display was outstanding, spanning historic classics through to modern and contemporary builds. The quality and presentation of the cars reflected the pride and dedication of their owners, making it a highlight of the weekend.

On Saturday, we returned to the Showground for a day of fun and friendly competition with the motorkhana. It was a great atmosphere, with plenty of laughs alongside some impressive driving skills on display.

Sunday took us to Bodangora Drag Racing Track, where the action stepped up a notch. The drag racing event proved a success for our club, with two STHARC members achieving excellent results. A big congratulations to Bob Fullthorpe, driving his Toyota Soarer, who secured second place in the elimination rounds—an outstanding effort.

Mark Wyatt also had an exceptional result, taking home a trophy for the fastest naturally aspirated 4-cylinder car at the track, recording an impressive 9.36 seconds over the 1/8 mile.

For those who may not know the story behind Mark's TA23 Celica, it makes the achievement even more remarkable. The car was originally destined for the scrap heap before Mark rescued it and undertook a full ground-up rebuild in 2014. Completing approximately 99% of the work himself, Mark rebuilt everything from the engine and suspension through to the bodywork and paint.

The restoration involved extensive strengthening of the shell, including stitch welding the body, along with countless hours of preparation and panel work. Built primarily for hill climb competition, the car is powered by a fifth-generation 3S BEAMS engine, also built by Mark. The result is a testament to skill, perseverance, and passion—and clearly a very capable machine on the track.

Overall, the 2026 Toyota Nationals was a fantastic event, combining great cars, competitive events, and an even better sense of community. We're already looking forward to the next one.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM Current

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I/We accept the conditions of membership as set out the Club's Constitution and By Laws as enacted and amended from time to time and agree to observe them.

(Yes/No)

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Signature of Member	Signature of Member's Nominated Partner

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Details of members' vehicles also change. The Registrar is required to hold a copy of the registration papers of all club registered vehicles, so please complete this area of the form to ensure that our records remain current – if you require additional space, please copy this sheet.

NOTE: CLUB REGISTRAR is John Morland Ph. 0406 375 640

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN/ CHASSIS	COLOUR	DATE INSPECTED	REGISTRATION No,

- Also list separately if possible other historic vehicles such as motor bikes, trucks and machines for club records.