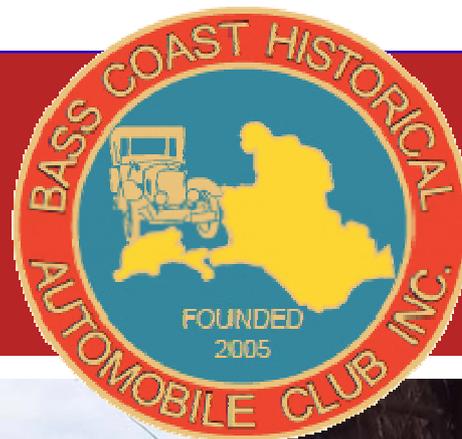


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# Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club

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## Front Cover

Peter Mattea's 1980 Honda CX500 at Kowera.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How quickly this year is moving along. It's September already and two months to go before the show and shine.

At our last meeting we asked the members if they knew of any speakers and we had quite a few good suggestions. Thankyou to all those who came forward, we now have enough speakers for the rest of the year and into 2026. If anyone has any more names don't hesitate to let us know.

We had a great lunch at Cape Patterson Tavern recently. This was a combined rally with the All British Car Club from Yarra Glen, a great bunch of people with some very impressive cars. Thanks to Graeme Talmage for organising this event, we agreed to have a return visit to their area at a future date.

At the next meeting we will be asking for volunteers to help at the show and shine. Last year was a great effort by all the members who helped and I hope this effort will continue again. Also at the last meeting I mentioned that this would be my last year as President, I have enjoyed every minute and will continue to. I feel it's time to have different ideas and different approaches from other members.

It's getting close to our annual rally, a couple of weeks and we will be at Rusty Springs in Avenel. This is a great venue and enjoyed by everyone who went last year.

Until next month Safe and Happy motoring.

Regards Keith Tonkin (President)

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Once again one of my vehicles graces the cover of our newsletter as I haven't received any photos/stories of members cars. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind the membership to send articles to the editor or give them to me at a meeting, we have some great cars in the club with interesting histories that I'm sure our members would like to read about. Peter Mattea

## **General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 2nd September 2025**

**Meeting opened at** 7:31pm

Keith acknowledged the custodians of our land.

**Attendance and apologies** As recorded

**Visitors Nil New Member Nil**

### **Guest Speaker**

In the absence of a guest speaker, Keith, using the Wonthaggi Workmens Club Emergency Evacuation Plan conducted a practice emergency evacuation of members from the meeting room. Keith nominated seven men to assist and guide members in an orderly manner out to the designated evacuation assembly areas. After members had returned to their seats Keith acknowledged some members thought the exercise was BS but explained the exercise was most important that we as a club have practiced the exercise and be familiar with the procedure in the event of an emergency occurring. Members could evacuate without injury or worse. From an insurance point of view it can be shown we have practiced the evacuation procedure.

### **Minutes from the previous meeting**

Brian Asbury read and moved the minutes                      2nd Peter Mattea              Carried

**Business arising from the previous meeting - Nil**

### **Correspondence**

7/8/25 Bendigo Community Bank Grants Acceptance night - change of date notification

11/8/25 Donation Request to WWC

11/8/25 Donation Request to Alex Scott

28/-29/8/25 WesternPort Water Authority - Hydration Station

Moved Brian Asbury                      2nd Graeme Wagland                      Carried

### **Treasures Report.**

Dianne Adams presented the financial report. Dianne & Brian advised of an Invoice for our Public liability insurance policy of \$1076.00. Dianne moved the financial report and payment of the insurance policy be accepted. It was mentioned that an amount of \$2000 is to be repaid from the Tours and Events Account. This was a loan from the Show and Shine Account to pay the deposit to Rusty Springs. Seconded Peter Mitchell                      Carried

Note: Financial details are attached to the minutes and maybe viewed by arrangement with the secretary.

### **Reports—**

#### **Events**

Judy reported on the past Willow Grove event with apologies for those who contracted COVID and an invitation by Graham Talmage on behalf of the All British Car Club (ABCC) to join them for lunch at Cape Tavern on the 17th September.

Peter reported he pulled the pin for Sunday's Bike ride due to poor weather conditions. Peter advised he had three members prepared to take their vehicles to Bunnings Fathers Day event on the 4th September. Vehicles need to be on site by 4:45pm

Keith advised a lot of work had been done in obtaining sponsorship for the Show N Shine event and announced we had received \$500 from the Wonthaggi Workmens Club, \$220 from Alex

Scott. Keith noted BCHAC was very lucky to have a sponsor for every expenditure for the event. In addition Kia Motors will sponsor the road side signage and are looking to bring four new cars to the event.

Keith advised members who are going on the Rusty Springs rally met at Judy and David's place last Sunday so that we could get to know each other. Keith complimented everyone for their delicious contribution for the get together. And complimented Yvonne, Irene, Judy and David for organising the rally.

#### **Newsletter**

Peter noted he had a few empty pages for the next newsletter edition. Members can place items with Peter up until 28th September.

**Membership** Nothing to report

#### **General Business**

Keith advised the Dairy Industry Expo was being held at Korrumbura on the 3rd & 4th September. Donations from money raised at the expo is donated back into the community organisations providing assistance to those that are not as well off as many of us.

Keith noted guest speakers are hard to come by and mentioned all members must know someone that could be our guest speaker and to notify Brian or himself and we will arrange an agreed time.

Keith announced and congratulated Brian Davidson for turning 93 years of age next Sunday.

**Next Meeting** 7/10/25

**Meeting Closed** 8:35pm



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Keith: 0438 577 367 [www.bchac.com.au](http://www.bchac.com.au)



**Ladies Lunch**  
20th November 2025  
12pm @  
Par 3  
5755 Bass Highway  
Inverloch  
Please advise either  
Judy : 0419 371 441  
Yvonne: 0414 590 632

# BRIAN'S STORY

Where do you start your story! I suppose at the beginning.

Born in Kensington 1932, Conceived in Wonthaggi 1931, returned to Wonthaggi 1933 Therefore Wonthaggi is my Hometown. My dad Morris (Mossy) Davidson was a teacher at the Wonthaggi Technical School. I started school at 65 Billson Street in 1938. My Paternal Grandfather – Robert Davidson was an Engine driver at the Eastern area mine. Maternal Grandfather–Eynon Jones, was a Hairdresser/barber in McBride Avenue (near Powlett Hotel) for 30yrs. Early memories of Wonthaggi include red gravel roads; Horse drawn coal drays; Friday night shopping; Wednesday –half day shopping; 1937 mine disaster (lost my Uncle Richard Jones ( Deputy/Under Manager of mine)).

## FIRST MEMORIES OF VEHICLES

Dad bought a 1934 Vauxhall Tourer/dicky seat/cold and wet. Then he bought a brand new 1938 Vauxhall 14/6 sedan –crème –registered number (158-002)! He bought it from Tom Keady GM Garage, corner Graham and McKenzie Streets (later run by Sam Huther – Ford dealership) He kept the Vauxhall until 1958, sold it for a Chevy Corvette, Frightened the Bee Jezzus out of him and settled for a Holden FE Station Wagon (S/W) at Warragul.

The Vauxhall took us everywhere – Castlemaine/Wonthaggi – Caulfield/Wonthaggi – Donald/Wonthaggi – Daylesford/Wonthaggi – Warragul/Wonthaggi. Living in Donald during the war (WW2) petrol was rationed. Dad, being a teacher, had many friends, including farmers – petrol tickets were obtained through friendships in many sporting activities etc. I can remember Dad explaining to garage managers on the holidays to Wonthaggi, how he came by the various coloured tickets for the petrol.

My memories into motor vehicles started in 1950, I bought a 1936 Ariel – Red Hunter motorcycle 360cc, single cylinder, twin exhaust and upswept pipes, that kept coming off the cylinder head and burning the inside of girlfriends legs. Then a 1952–BSA 500cc single cylinder, Tele-forks (WOW) kept that for a few years until courting activities decreed a 1946 Vauxhall Tourer was more comfortable! After marriage, bought a 1938 ChevSloper – a BIG car – cast iron pistons (I believe); you could hear every firing stroke going up the PentlandHills, on the way back home to Daylesford.

Transferred to Ararat – bought a 1948 Vanguard sedan (grey) right hand gear change on the column. You had to put your hand out the window Pat the dog/change down; then your hand out again to indicate a right hand turn; then change up again – a busy operation, but younger then!

Next car was a 1950 Vanguard/Estate (S/W) grey of cause, had Baker van type rear doors/ Great Car. Put the bassinets straight into the back of car then stack all your luggage around it for your holidays.

Next car FB Holden (S/W) (More kids). Later at Shepparton traded in for a Holden HR Premier (S/W) Then at Neerim South a new XB Ford Falcon (S/W) a great car to drive; Perrelli Tyres (was like driving on railway lines – SMOOTH) Next HR Holden (S/W) Then at Frankston – trade in for New Holden Commodore (S/W) (goose shit green) Next, Wonthaggi - trade in about 1992 Mitsubishi Pajero SUV. I am currently driving a 2009 Nissan EX Trail SUV (grey)

## RED PLATES

Prior – Vauxhall 1949 Wyvern sedan full reg number PJ148 (g/s green)

Morris Minor – four door sedan unregistered

Vanguard Vignalli–sedan 4 cylinder (currently owned by club member)

Jaguar 1969 Mark 2 – lovely car had lusted after one of these for years and reluctantly disposed of it because of physical disability.

Currently driving 1961 Vauxhall Cresta PAX – (for sale/old age)

## ON THE SIDE (MOTORCYCLES)

1942 WLA Harley Davidson

1946 Indian Scout

1956 Ariel – New Hunter 600cc (NZ historical connections)

1980's BMW, R100S, 1100cc twin – beautiful sound and ride

125cc Vespa type Chinese motor scooter - couldn't balance it, so sold it unriden!

## SOME MEMORIES OF BCHAC

An inaugural member #6

Had the Vanguard then and after enquiring in the town about other car owners, joined the GHAC at Leongatha for a few years.

Then a breakaway group was formed, Wayne Davey (President), Neil Jackson (Secretary and I think Treasurer) Our First meeting (I think) was at the WWC; then Archies Creek Community Hall was offered (Neil Jackson lived there) the offer was that we tidied up the grounds etc...etc and then cleaned the hall;

THAT WAS INTERESTING!! We had a few years there as residents and after a HUGE effort one weekend we hosted a round of AOMC quarterly meetings (lunch provided). That was after cleaning the kitchen and the outhouse etc. from years of startling occupation, rat infestation, dead bodies and bird shit.

We moved to the Wonthaggi RSL after enthusiasm/upkeep at Archies Creek waned somewhat. The favourable interlude at the RSL was concluded and WWC is our preferred location, we are well catered for here and it seems a mutually satisfactory arrangement.

Brian Davidson



## Cape Tavern with ABCCC

On a wet and windy Wednesday 17th September, 26 members of the BCHAC and 19 members of the All British Classic Car Club made their way out to Cape Paterson to enjoy an absolutely delicious lunch at the Cape Tavern. It was wonderful to look at the variety of cars that were parked outside of the tavern. Jack Moyle's 1969 John Deere tractor was judged best vehicle by Mick the landlord and Eddie Jackson's Wolesley was judged second best.

Thank you to Graham Talmage for organising a wonderful day.

Dianne Adams



# Bendigo Community Banks 2025 Grants Recipients

On Wednesday 10th September Keith and myself attended the BCBs grants recipient presentation at Dalyston Reserve. Recipient representatives were welcomed by Kelvin Simpson Chairman of the Board Of Directors who also commenced the presentations. Eighteen various organisations from the shore line communities received grants ranging from \$37,900.00 to \$318.00 a total of \$445,000.00 from the BCB back into the community.

Each organisation was asked to briefly explain how their grant will be used. Brian explained our grant of \$318.00 will cover the total cost of printing the Show and Shine flyers, additional information about the Show and Shine Event was provided. I thanked the BCB's for their support of BCHAC and the Show and Shine event.

The Cowes, San Remo and Grantville Community Banks must be commended for their community financial support.

Applying for BCB community grant has been a three year process from attending community grant information sessions, changing our club accounts to Cowes Community Bank and preparing the grant application this year resulting in a successful submission.

Brian Asbury



## Christmas Breakup

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025 @ 12PM

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club  
75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi 3995  
Cost \$30pp, 2 course lunch

Payment: By Tuesday 2nd December

Bookings: Please contact  
Yvonne 0414 590 632  
Judy 0419 371 441

Bookings need to be made before Tuesday 2nd December. As we need to pay in advance for the number booked then I am afraid if you book and do not let us know before Tuesday 2nd that you are unable to attend then the booking will have to be paid for. Similarly if you have not booked before Tuesday 2nd then you will not be able to attend.

## Christmas Hampers

Donations towards our Christmas Hampers will be appreciated.  
A list of items will be at the October and November meetings for you to get an idea of what we would like to include in the hampers.

Donations on or before 2nd December meeting please.  
A box will be provided at each meeting for your donations.  
We thank you in advance for your generosity.

# One-pot creamy chicken and leek

As the winners of the inaugural meat tray at the August meeting, we thought we would share a recipe that used the chicken Maryland which was part of the meat tray. I have not used chicken Maryland before & the meal was delicious & plenty left over for another meal.

A one pot of creamy chicken, bacon, leek and mushrooms makes this bistro-style dish a winning winter warmer.

## Ingredients (12)

- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 4 (about 1.4kg) chicken marylands, skin on
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 225g bacon, rind removed, cut into 1cm strips
- 250g small button mushrooms
- 2 leeks, trimmed, cut into 2cm-thick slices
- 6 fresh thyme sprigs, plus extra, to serve
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 125ml (1/2 cup) dry white wine
- 250ml (1 cup) chicken stock
- 250ml (1 cup) thickened cream

## Method

- **Step 1** Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Place the flour in a sealable plastic bag and season. Add the chicken and toss until well coated.
- **Step 2** Heat the oil in a large flameproof dish or deep, ovenproof frying pan over medium-high. Add the chicken and cook for 4-5 minutes each side or until golden. Transfer to a plate and set aside.
- **Step 3** Add the bacon, mushroom, leek and thyme to the dish, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 4-5 minutes or until the leek has softened. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until aromatic. Pour in white wine and cook, stirring, for 3-4 minutes or until the wine has reduced and almost evaporated. Stir in stock and cream, and bring to the boil. Remove from heat and return the chicken to the pan, skin side up
- **Step 4** Bake for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Sprinkle with extra thyme sprigs and serve with risoni, if desired.

Happy cooking and good luck to everyone for the next meat tray raffle.

Wendy and Garry Rees



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# CALENDAR

## October

5th October	Autopro Monthly Get Together in car park in front of the Shop 4 Murray Street Wonthaggi 8.30am to 10am All welcome	FYI
7th October	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workmen's Club Graham Street Wonthaggi @ 7.30pm Dinner prior to meeting	
10th –14th October	Annual Rally Rusty Springs—Avenel Rally	Booked Out
26th October	Motorcycle Run—details of route when you meet Meet at Fincher Street 9.30am for a 10a.m start	Peter Mattea 0421 832 858

## November

2nd November	Autopro Monthly Get Together in car park in front of the Shop 4 Murray Street Wonthaggi 8.30am to 10am All welcome	FYI
2nd November	Tarwin Lower Festival 47 Walkerville Road Tarwin Lower 9am to 3.30pm	Yvonne 0414590632 Judy 0419371441
3rd November	Cup Eve BBQ & Sweep Pioneer Reserve 1455 Konwak-Wonthaggi Road Kongwak 5pm onwards BYO Picnic tea/coffee facilities available BBQ Available	Yvonne 0414590632 Judy 0419371441
4th November	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workmen's Cub @ 7.30pm Dinner prior to the Meeting	FYI
16th November	Show & Shine See Advert in this Newsletter	
20th November	Ladies Lunch Par 3 Golf Course 5755 Bass Highway Inverloch Lunch @ 12pm	Peter Mattea 0421 832 858
30th November	Motorcycle Run—details of route when you meet Meet at Fincher Street 9.30am for a 10a.m start	Peter Mattea 0421 832 858

## Peter's 1980 Honda CX500

I worked for Budget Car and Truck Rentals for 15 years, back in 2018 a customer came into my shop for a moving truck to move from Mt Dandenong to western Victoria, he noticed my motorcycle helmet on the back bench in the office and said he had a motorcycle to sell but I probably wouldn't be interested. I asked him what it was, he said Honda (he had my attention) then said an old CX500, with my best pocker face I said oh one of those, (I had been looking for one for two years ever since I saw a heavily customised one in Europe).

The customer said he's had the bike for nine years and it's just been sitting in the shed the whole time and realises he will never get around to restoring it. He wanted to sell it to someone who would get it back on the road and only wanted what he paid for it which was \$500.

I went to his house on my next day off with a mate who had a ute, walked into the shed which wasn't weather tight and had a dirt floor, every bit of chrome was rusty, the brakes were seized, he'd lost the key and the seat was ripped. It looked a very sad bike but it was all there and original. I bought the bike and when I got it home emptied the tank put in fresh fuel, connected a new battery and it started with the second press of the start button.

Over the next six months I stripped it down and rebuilt: brakes, forks, exhaust, water pump, alternator, repair and painted side covers/tank/headlight surround and fitted a custom seat/rear guard/tail light. Its a smooth and reliable bike to ride and when I'm at the petrol station guys come up to me and chat about how they had one in the day and wished they still had theirs.

Peter Mattea



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