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# Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club

Was established in 2005 and offers members friendship, restoration advice. Our mid-week, weekend and annual events offer something of interest for all the family. Meetings 1st Tuesday of every month except January.

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## **FOR SALE**

1964 VW Beetle, VIN 122-121698, white/cream, 1100cc engine, lovely painted body and interior. Registered on club plates, \$25k.

Contact Peter Knigge 0417 952 482

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Another year starts and there are many people to thank for the different events we have held.

First of all the Xmas lunch, I felt that the meal wasn't up to the standard of which we would expect from the Workmans Club. I have spoken to the manager who is making some enquirers and he will get back to me.

Thankyou to the Yvonne Irene Judy and David for the great array of hampers which made up the Xmas raffle and also to everyone for their contributions.

Next event was the Wonthaggi Show, this was well attended by our members with approximately 30 cars displayed from our club. As arranged we left at 1pm of which I am sure everyone was glad to get out of the hot weather.

Our first meeting for the year was a "Clayton's Meeting" this held at Tony and Teresa Cuzzupi property in Jumbunna. From all reports it was a fantastic afternoon with everyone enjoying the BBQ dinner supplied by the club. The main event was the train ride which went around the property, many thanks to train driver Tony for a great effort. Sue and I were unable to attend the Clayton's meeting as I caught COVID at the Wonthaggi Show, thank you to everyone who helped make the meeting such a success.

Two events coming up in January are the car display at the Inverloch Park and the other is the Wonthaggi Football Club Show & Shine. The dates and information will be in the newsletter.

This year I hope will be an enjoyable one and I hope that every member will join in our rallies and events.

See you at the next meeting in February.

### Front Cover

Top - Three consecutive models of MG at our November Show and Shine. MGA, MGTF and NGTD. No hoods on a couple made the drive home interesting when the heavens opened.

Bottom - 2004 Goodwood Revival Left They don't get much older.

Right Nice Citroen in the (muddy) carpark.

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**General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 3rd December 2024**

Meeting opened at 7:28 pm

Pat acknowledged the custodians of our land.

**Attendance and apologies**

As per attendance records

**Visitors**

Nathan Leversha & Trevor Heawood

**Guest Speaker** - Nathan Leversha

**Nathan** presented commentary and slide show on the 2024 Riverena Outback Rally fundraiser in his 1967 Volkswagen Beetle. Money raised was / is for cancer research. Members showed their appreciation with applause.

Pat announced BCHAC will donate \$250 for the cancer research fund raiser.

**Minutes**

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Moved Brian Asbury                      2nd Clive Kilgour                      Carried

**Business arising from the previous minutes**

Nil

**Correspondence**

Brian summarised the correspondence listed below, when asked for approval members agreed.

29th October	3GG commercial add costs
11th November	Shire Event Permit for Show and Shine / Janine
11th November	Cr Rochelle Halstead
13th November	Wonthaggi Workmans Club / Rod
18th November	Square \$794.57
18th November	Westernport Water Authority
18th November	RACV / Nicole
18th November	Bass Coast Shire / Shirley
21st November	Bendigo Community Bank / Vanessa
21st November	Tyrepower Wonthaggi / Kris
23rd November	Bass Coast Shire - Acquittal
24th November	BCHAC various internal - Dianne / Invoices
25th November	Vicroads

Moved Brian Asbury                      2nd Red Rodgers                      Carried

**Treasures Report.**

Dianne presented the financial report, copy attached to the minutes and can be viewed by arrange-

ment with the secretary.

Moved Dianne Adams

2nd Richard Huntriss

Carried

## Reports

### Events

**Judy** reported on a very successful ladies lunch and reminded members of up coming events in particular the Claytons meeting at Teresa and Tony's Cuzzupi's home in Jumbunna where the club will provide meat, salad and bread for bbq. Judy advised members to bring desert to share and their own table and chairs.

**Preter Mattea** advised the bike ride was cancelled due to poor weather.

### Newsletter

Pete reported he, Ray and Yvonne worked together to produce his first newsletter. Pete announced he will be overseas for January, February noting Ray will publish the next newsletter.

### Membership.

Yvonne advised 4 people made enquiries at the Show and Shine event, no new memberships at this time.

### CPS

Colin Graham thanked those members who had sent photographs and relevant paperwork to enable records to be updated. Colin went on to explain the frustrations with VicRoads authorising / not authorising appointed members for registration renewal.

Colin Graham, Brian Davidson, Tony Easton and Graham McBain and two members nominated as Scrutineer Jason Sach and Safety Officer Graeme Wagland completed the required VicRoads form at the meeting. Graham to visit VicRoads next day.

### General Business

**Keith** thanked all the volunteers who helped at the Show and Shine Event. The Dalyston Football Club remarked at how good our volunteers were. The finances have not been finalised but early indications we didn't make a lot of money advising all costs were covered.

Pat advised Rob Jolly had given him a book to read out titled Phillip Island - The Inside Story Of Australia's Fastest Racetrack, Our Home Of Motor Sports by Author John Smailes in which in part detailed an incident in 1967 that involved Daryl Minter of the Huntigdale Auto Club being one of three marshals injured and taken to Alfred Hospital with a broken leg.

Keith thanked Richard and Jewel Huntriss for their raffle donation.

### Next Meeting

7/1/2025

Claytons Meeting

### Meeting Closed

9:00 pm

## Bass Coast Shire Community Grants

On the 3rd December 2024, Keith Tonkin and Brian Asbury were proud to represent BCHAC at the Bass Coast Shire celebration of Community Grants where we and other organisation representatives were congratulated for receipt of their grant, in our case \$5000. We had the opportunity to meet and express our gratitude to council officer Shirley Egan Community Grants Co Ordinator and the Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead who, in her capacity as councillor had attended our Show and Shine event presenting trophies for various category winners.

Brian



## Christmas Breakup 2024

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm we all gathered at the Wonthaggi Workmens' Club for our Annual Christmas breakup. There were 62 in all which is the usual number for this occasion. The Workmens' Club once again did a fantastic job with the decorations. The centre pieces were replicas of the mine head topped with different hats.

Dianne and Richard did a sterling job of selling the remainder of the raffle tickets which weren't snapped up before the event. Our Raffle prize table was once again most impressive with a (thanks to all for their donations) total of 19 prizes.



We first drew the lucky door prizes, one on each table indicated by a sticker on the Christmas crackers which were at each place setting. This was followed by a welcome from our President Keith. Our main course was then served to all. The food was a little disappointing this year and we have indicated this to the Management of the Club. Once main course had been consumed we drew the first half of the raffle starting with the number 19.

Dessert, which was a great improvement on the main course, was served next and after this we drew the balance of the raffle with Bruce and Christine Harris the winners of the large hamper.

After that there was a lot more chat and finally with many cries of "Merry Christmas" we all packed up our belongings and headed for home.

Thank you to the B.C.H.A.C for subsidising the Christmas lunch and thank you once again to all who contributed to the contents of the raffle prizes.

See you all soon

Yvonne & Judy



# CALENDAR

## February 2025

1st & 2nd	Heritage Vehicle and Machinery Display Park, 155 Burnt Store Road, Lardner Park Saturday 10am to 4pm Sunday 9.30am to 2pm Admission \$15 12-18 yrs \$5. under 5 FREE	Lardner Sat- Ad-	Yvonne 0414 590632 or Judy 0419371441
2nd	Autopro Monthly Get Together in car park at the front of the shop, 4 Murray Street, 8.30am to 10.30am All are welcome		FYI
4th	General Meeting 7.30pm Wonthaggi Workmens Club Dinner prior to Meeting in Bistro from 6pm		
9th	Lang Lang Show & Shine & Swap Meet Lang Lang showgrounds Gates open 7am Admission \$10 per person Under 16 FREE	Lang	FYI
14th	Valentine's Day - Sunset Saunter Meet at Rainbow Park Inverloch 5pm Bring Chairs, table, drinks BYO food or buy		Yvonne 0414 590632 or Judy 0419371441
16th	Wooden Boat Regatta  The Glade Inverloch Gates will be open from 10am to 2pm Please provide your own lunch or purchase from the Local Shops Come along and show off your car or bike and enjoy the day		Yvonne 0414 590632 or Judy 0419371441
23rd	Motor Cycle Run – details of route when you meet Meet at Fincher Street 9.30am for 10am Start If you intend going on this bike ride, please check with Peter to make sure he will be available		Peter Mattea 0421832858

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16th	Korumburra Working Horse & Tractor Rally—Nyora. Meet at Venue 10am. 5875 South Gippsland Highway, Nyora. Metro Quarry Group Sitee (opposite Lang Lang Golf Course) Admission \$15 Exhibitors FREE		Yvonne 0414 590632 or Judy 0419371441
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Please also note that if we are advised of any events not already listed we will be sure to let you know



## Goodwood revival

There are many classic racing venues in the United Kingdom such as Brooklands and Briands Hatch. The two events held at Goodwood are of great interest. The Goodwood circuit of approximately 2 miles was built around the Goodwood aerodrome and was opened in 1948.

It was used for a wide variety of two and four wheel events. Many famous drivers such as Graham Hill drove here and Donald Campbell demonstrated his bluebird before it was shipped to Australia for the world speed record Formula One cars raced here but not as part of the official championship. In 1966 racing ceased because the increased speed of cars made an unwanted upgrade necessary.

In 1993 Lord March wanted to bring motorsport back to the Goodwood area. He could not get a permit to use the circular track at the airfield so he used his own property which did have some history of motorsport going back to the 1936.

The festival of speed as it was called is basically a hill climb event with some extra events thrown in and it caters for cars of all vintages.

In 1966 inspired by the success of the festival of speed it was decided to hold events back at the circuit but this time limited to cars that were actively racing in the period when it was an active circuit that is 1948 to 66.

This called the Goodwood revival has gone from strength to strength until at this stage it is now a ticketed event to control crowd numbers at around 100,000 per day. It is a three day event with practice on the Friday and racing on the weekend.



At Goodwood - a Morgan

**NO** For a start it is a four wheeler.

Can you identify? You can buy one for about £34,000



Sunbeam V12 engine dating back to around 1920. Based on an aero engine.

Around 350 hp.

It is far more than a race event. It has a real festive atmosphere. There are carnival rides, good food outlets, live music and many vendor displays. There is also a of vintage aircraft on display.

But it does not come cheap. A weekend pass which includes access to a covered grandstand but no allocated seats costs over £450.



Sunbeam (V12)  
First 100 mph car

The racing here is serious. Cars and bikes are pushed to the limits as they were during the original years that the circuit was open.

One rider on a vintage bike dating back to pre-war times commented that it was a lot of fun but it was a bit hard getting used to a bike with the gear change on the opposite side and having to change gears with the other foot.

One feature of the revival is patron participation. Most people dress up for the occasion and things like mechanics overalls are seen everywhere. The grandstand guide was wearing one of the most impressive brass fireman's helmet that you could imagine. Military uniforms of the period are also popular.

**Well worth a visit if you get a chance.**



### **Solutions to last issues puzzles**

1. The given solution was TGMBFLOSEZ but GMBFLOTSEZ seems to work also. Any comments?
2. From clues 5 and 6 the keys are from left to right are red, yellow, blue and green. This puts the wig in three;



## Claytons Meeting at Jumbunna

On the 7th January 2025 approximately 60 members attended Tony and Terese's Jumbunna rail property in perfect summer conditions. We all enjoyed riding seated on carriages around the property with Tony at the controls of an electric powered locomotive.

A BBQ was supplied by the club with members providing sweets to share. The meeting was most successful with members and family taking the opportunity to mingle and catchup since last year and some members for the first time. Thanks to Tony and Terese for opening their property to the club, Judy, Yvonne and Irene for the purchase of the bbq supplies and to Colin and Brian for ensuring the snags, burgers and onions were cooked to perfection.



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