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Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club

Was established in 2005 and offers members friendship, restoration advice and access to a continually expanding library. 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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President's REPORT

As this is the last newsletter for this current year it will be short and sweet, as I will be writing my annual president's report.

I would just like to give a special mention to our newsletter editor Ray Watson and thank him for the work he has put into our bi monthly newsletter. Ray has been doing this for many years and has always given us a very professional and well written edition. He has come to a stage where he would like to retire from his position, so from all the members of the club a special thank you, Ray, for a job well done. If anyone would like to take on the position Ray will be happy to point you in the right direction and give you the assistance needed.

Regards, Keith Tonkin (President)

**Front cover - 1908(?) three wheeler**

This beautifully restored vehicle was the oldest to have a (shortened) run at the Rob Roy Hillclimb earlier this year. Passenger in the front, driver behind. The driver said that no help was needed to get it on or off the trailer.

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**General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workmen's
Club 2nd July 2024**

Meeting opened at 7:36pm.

Keith acknowledged the custodians of our land.

Attendance and **apologies** as recorded.

New Members

Rapi, Helen, & Natasha **Kamene**

Noel & Anne **Thornby**

Peter & Christine **Todeschini**

Guest Speaker: Leslie

Keith welcomed Leslie, the Manager of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre. Leslie thanked the club for the generous \$500 donation and went on to explain the centre operates out of Mitchell House which started in 2012. Leslie as a new person to the area dropped into Mitchell House and asked what they did and from volunteer to now Manager.

The centre provides shelter, a free meal a place to have a chat while enjoying a cuppa. Food bank provides food parcels, toiletries, frozen food meals, new blankets and scarves.

Donations come from Cape Paterson Community Gardens and Woolworths. People come in to be connected to other services, and helped with energy efficient ideas and assistance with technology. The centre collaborates with the Shire and other organisations to provide shelter for those living rough. The centre is supported by a great committee of management.

Leslie concluded by again thanking the club for its generosity and received loud applause.

Keith advised members of the passing of Dennis Leversha and expressed the clubs condolences to the family followed by a moment silence. Ben Leversha thanked the club for their condolences.

Minutes of the previous meeting

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

Business arising from the previous minutes Nil

Correspondence

- 12/6/24 Norm McLean letter of resignation
- 20/6/24 Bunnings request for 2-3 cars for Fathers day evening event
- 25/6/24 AOMC VicRoads - Club Permits/Renewals, Club Endorsement Forms
- 1/7/24 Letters of invitation to the Show and Shine to Bendigo Community Bank, Jordan Crugnale and Mayor Clare Le Serve
- 1/7/24 Letters to 3GG Outside Broadcast

Moved Brian Asbury 2nd Lyn Ashman Carried.

Treasurers Report

Dianne Adams presented the financial report (note copy of report attached to the minutes). Accounts payable Yvonne Thompson \$82.49 and Keith Tonkin \$83.00 Wonthaggi Tip

Moved Dianne Adams 2nd Peter Mattea
Carried.

Reports

Events Judy advised 30 members attended the Wild Food Farm in Rhyll and had a fantastic time. The club is welcomed back any time.

Judy advised future events at Loch Market and Tooradin Sports Club.

Peter Mattea reported on a successful bike ride last Sunday 6 riders turned up on 3 Guzzi's and 3 BMW's. Hoping for more riders on the next ride.

AOMC Daryl advised he and Keith attended a Tax Seminar held by the AOMC where the Assistant Commissioner for Non Profit Organisations advised NFPO are not exempt from taxation with the earnings threshold being \$416.00. All NFP organisations are required to obtain an ABN and TFN.

Daryl presented two motions.

Motion #1

To enable the BCHAC to lodge Tax Returns required by the ATO I move that our club apply for an ABN and TFN. Seconded Colin Graham, a brief discussion occurred prior to voting. Carried.

Motion #2

The ABN and the TFN applications require our club to nominate four members as the authorities: I move -

Keith Tonkin President

Brian Asbury Secretary and Public Officer

Daryl Minter Club Registrar

Seconded Graham Wagland, a brief discussion occurred prior to voting. Carried.

Membership

Daryl advised as at 30 June 2024 there was 140 memberships

with 3/4's have paid their renewal fees. Club members have until the end of September to pay.

Editor Next newsletter closing date 17th July.

General Business

Keith spoke about the need for members to be involved with the Newsletter, Sarah Ferguson offered to assist.

Dianne advised AutoPro holding a car gathering and encouraged members to attend.

Peter Mattea agreed to coordinate the club cars to attend the Buntings Fathers day night event.

Buy, sell or give away Nil

Next Meeting 3/9/2024

Meeting Closed 8:55pm

From The Secretary

A reminder the AGM is scheduled for the 6th August 2024. I urge all members to consider nominating for the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer positions or an ordinary committee member.

Appointment Of Proxy and Committee Nomination Forms will be mailed out to all members early July. Importantly your completed forms must be mailed to The Secretary BCHAC Inc, PO Box 687, Wonthaggi 3995 and received no later than 31 July 2024.

Brian Asbury

MEMBERSHIP REPORT August/September 2024

The club welcomes its new members:

Toby & Lyn **LEPPIN** – Inverloch
Rapi, Helen & Natasha **KOMANE** – Seaford
Noel & Anne **THORNBY** – Inverloch
Peter & Christine **TODESCHINI** – Wonthaggi

Another year brings about another Annual General Meeting, which this year will be held on Tuesday 6 August with the usual presentations and election of 2024-2025 committee. The August monthly meeting will be held directly after the AGM.

The membership base has slightly increased since the 2023 AGM, which is encouraging given that the retirements and resignations for whatever reason have been superseded by some 25 new members. Total membership at 30 June 2024 stands at 239.

Activity during the twelve months has been brisk, with Yvonne, Irene and Judy presenting us with two overnight tours and a four day tour to be held in October, several day pub runs, our Christmas lunch and continual forward planning.

Raffles continue to be profitable thanks to Dianne's input, and Irene and first lady Sue have stepped in to assist since the loss of Dave Trotter.

Peter Mattea has stalwartly led his motorcycle contingent through rain and more rain and expects more enthusiasts to join him in the coming months.

A highlight of the year was our inaugural Show and Shine event in November of '23. This inspiration of president Keith was an amazing success in the fields of attendance and revenue. Staffed entirely by forty or so enthusiastic volunteers from our club and assisted by the Dalyston F & NB club, the event will be replicated in November 2024.

Cannot sign off without giving three cheers, best of health and thanks to our editor Ray Watson, and webmaster Tony Cuzzupi.

I was going to mention the age old war cry for members to assist or join the committee to develop and progress the club, but I decided not to!

Happy New Financial Year,

Daryl & Lyn.

VALE
Dennis Leversha

Dennis passed on 13 June 2024, aged 79.
A member since 2010 and previously with
GHAC.

A highly respected member of Wonthaggi
and district and the Bass Coast Historical
Automobile Club.

Our sincere condolences to Beverley,
family and friends.



SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Lunch

21st November 2024
12pm @

Par 3
5755 Bass Highway
Inverloch

Please advise either
Judy: 0419 371 441
Yvonne: 0414 590 632

WHAT THE USED CAR ADS REALLY MEAN

“ILLNESS FORCES SALE”

I'm sick. Sick of this Thing!

“WON'T LAST”

Self-explanatory - means EXACTLY what it says.

“RUNS GREAT”

How it starts, corners, and stops is a completely different story.

“RAN WHEN PARKED”

I knew this HEAP wasn't going to stay running much longer, so I parked it.

“PROJECT CAR / FIXER-UPPER / MECHANIC'S SPECIAL”

Say goodbye to your savings, your social life, and a good portion of your hair.

“RARE MODEL / HARD TO FIND”

Most of these turds got carted off to the scrap heap a long time ago.

“GREAT FAMILY TRANSPORTATION”

Years of spilled food and drink, hyperactive kids, sick animals, after-school sports, house and garden projects, and teenage drivers have completely trashed this thing.

“PETROL SAVER”

With this car, you'll be walking or taking the bus so often that you'll hardly ever put petrol in it.

“ONLY AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME”

If this heap doesn't sell by Sunday, off to the junkyard it goes!

Calendar

August 2024

4th August	Autopro Monthly Get Together In carpark at the front of the shop 4 Murray Street. 8.30am to 10.30am. All welcome.	FYI
6th August	AGM followed by General Meeting 7.30pm Wonthaggi Workmen's Club	
18th August	Tooradin Sports Club Recreation Reserve, South Gippsland Highway. Tooradin 12.30pm for lunch - meet at venue. Closing date for this event is Wednesday 14th August. Please note that there can be no additions to list of participants after this date.	Yvonne 0414 590 632 Judy 0419 371 441
25th August	Motorcycle Run with Peter. Route to be advised later on. If you are interested, please let Peter know at the August meeting	Peter 0421 832 858
29th August	Bunnings Fathers' Day Family Night in Timber Yard 6pm - 8pm. This is a free night for the community with a free sausage sizzle, face painting, craft and games. We also showcase some of our community groups such as the cadets, scouts, and soccer club.	FYI

September 2024

1st September	Autopro Monthly Get Together In carpark at the front of the shop 4 Murray Street. 8.30am to 10.30am. All welcome.	FYI
3rd September	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 7.30pm	
15th September	Cardinia Park Hotel Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Meet at Grantville 9.30am - Morning coffee at Degani Cafe, 5 Station Street. Koo Wee Rup Lunch 12.30pm Closing date for this event is Wednesday 11th September. Please note that there can be no additions to list of participants after this date.	Yvonne 0414 590 632 Judy 0419 371 441
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Annual Rally
October 11th to October 15th 2024
Rusty Springs/Nagambie
Stay tuned for further details

Rob Roy Hillclimb



Hillclimbing is a unique form of motorsport, with only one vehicle on the track at any time and the driver competing against the clock - or perhaps more importantly against themselves.

The vehicle must be just right and technique correct to shave a few hundredths of a second off their time.

The earliest recorded event appears to be one in France in 1897.

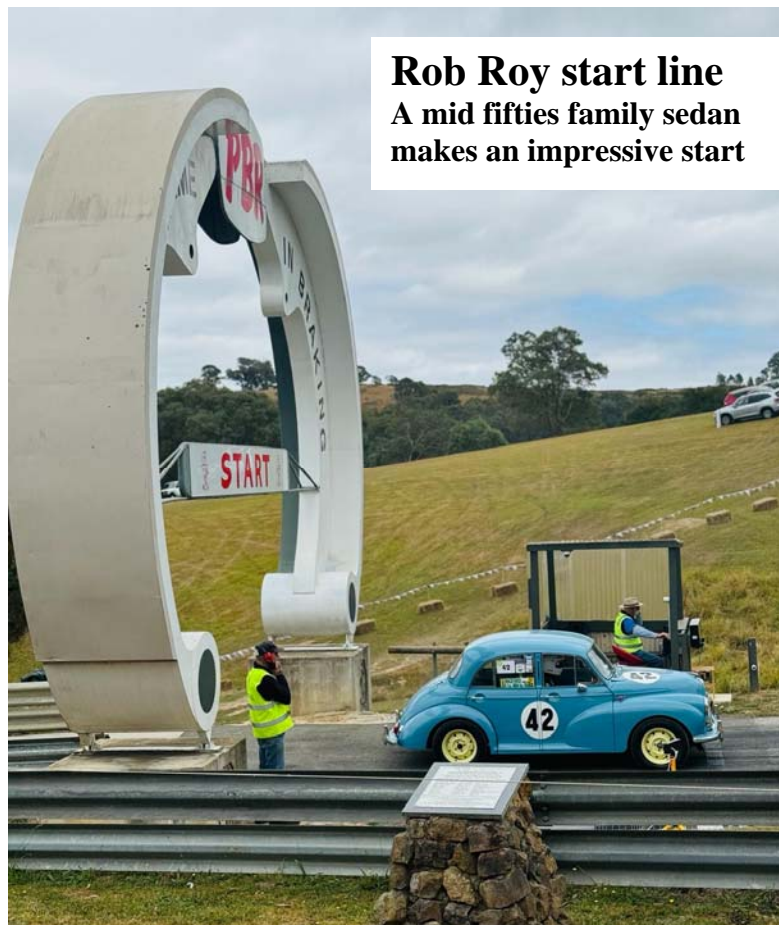
In Victoria it goes back to at least 1904 with a Burgundy Street, Heidelberg Hill Climb. Victorian Governor Reg Talbot, driving a Talbot, was a participant. At that time hillclimbing was a genteel affair with people dressing up, cars often taking passengers, and afternoon tea being served.

Hillclimbing was also popular in England, where there are a couple of different types of hillclimb events. One is where classic cars try to climb a muddy hill, often with passengers bouncing up and down trying to gain traction. Here the main aim seems to be to actually get to the finish line without sliding back down the hill. Perhaps club social events with few spectators.

To distinguish the types of event, the English sometimes refer to the type we are familiar with as “speed hill climbs”.

For this type, an example of a very old purpose built facility is the track at Shelsley Walsh, run by the Midlands Automobile Club and dating back to 1905. It is the oldest motorsport venue in the world today still using the same track.

Another famous English venue is the Bugatti Owners track at Prescott. They purchased the land in 1937 and the first event was held a year later. Stirling Moss was a competitor here in 1948 and it is still used regularly.



Rob Roy

The Rob Roy track is of similar age to Prescott.

In the 1930s the Light Car Club of Victoria was looking for a suitable venue. They had discussions with Bill Clinton who had been a mayor of Heidelberg and was perhaps familiar with hillclimbing.

He had the Rob Roy Shetland pony stud at Christmas Hills/ Smiths Gully some 35km north-east of Melbourne. Here he also developed "Clinton's Pleasure Grounds". This was partly designed for employers to take their workers out for a picnic (not much chance of that these days). It was open to the public at weekends and had a swimming hole, sports facilities, tea rooms and a dance hall. The chimneys that remain at Rob Roy are probably from that era.

Owner rescued this for historical reasons not believing it would be competitive.
TWO V8s inline and a truck gearbox = a lot of mass.
He was correct.



The Light Car Club of Victoria developed a track there with the first event (on gravel) held in 1937 and won by Peter Whitehead from the United Kingdom in an ERA (English Racing Automobiles).

It was sealed soon after, making it the second oldest and one of only three sealed purpose built tracks in the world, with Prescott and Shelsley Walsh.

In January 1962 bushfires ravaged the area and with repairs too expensive the site was abandoned.

In the meantime - since 1951 - a track had been established at Templestowe.



From 1979 to 1987 the MG Car Club ran events there. However a decision by the owner of the land to subdivide soon put an end to that.

Some MGCC members managed to acquire the large PBR (Patons Brake Replacement) brake shoes that featured as the start gate. The Club negotiated with Eltham Shire and the Board of Works who now controlled the site with a view to resurrect Rob Roy.

A great deal of voluntary work was done by club members over the next 12 months (and since) to restore the track. The PBR shoes now grace the start line.

Many famous racing drivers have competed at Rob Roy, including Harry Firth, Len Lukey, Lex Davidson, Bib Stillwell, Jack Brabham, Norm Beechey, and Peter Brock, who as a guest of honour in a demonstration run created an unofficial class record of 23.76 seconds in a Holden Torana GTR-XU1.

Modern Day

The MGCC continues to manage the site with a long term lease and the track has recently been resealed. Events are held regularly, some by other car clubs. Perhaps the event of most interest to BCHAC is the 2-day 'Rob Roy Revival' held in early March. This year all vehicles were pre mid-50s and were driven with much enthusiasm. If you are interested in a pleasant day out this would be a good choice.



Brain teasers

This month's puzzles

1. A ring is hidden in a box.

Based upon the inscriptions on the boxes (only one is true), work out which holds the ring.

Gold Box: The ring is in this box.

Silver Box: The ring is not in this box.

Lead Box: The ring is not in the gold box.

2. At the annual dancer's ball a number of very experienced dancers performed their favourite dance with their favourite partners.

Alan danced the tango, whilst Becky watched the waltz.

James and Charlotte were fantastic together. Keith was magnificent during his foxtrot and Simon excelled at the rumba.

Jessica danced with Alan, but Laura did not dance with Simon.

Can you determine who danced with whom and which dance they each enjoyed?

Answers to last issue's puzzles

Riddle

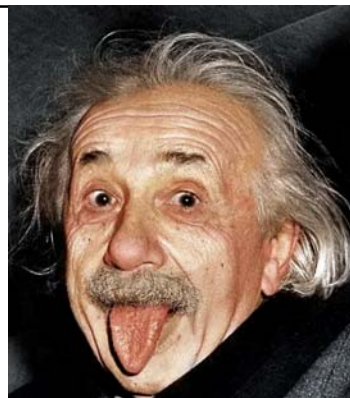
You are *smart* if you got this one.

Puzzle

Scotto is not lightest, so not dearest. It must be second in price and third heaviest. This puts Jagra lightest and most expensive.

Cost: Jagra Scotto Miroza Venz

Weight: Venz Miroza Scotto Jagra





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Christmas Breakup

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024
@ 12PM

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club
75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi 3995

Cost \$40pp, 2 course lunch

Main: Turkey, ham with roast vegetables,
gravy & cranberry sauce

Dessert: 50/50 drop - plum pudding with
custard or pavlova with a berry compote
& cream

Payment: By Tuesday 3rd December

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

Official Conversion Chart

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HOW TO INTERPRET

ANTIQUÉ CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

Old Autos' writer, Paul Jordan, sent in this chart he found, to help our readers when trying to interpret "old car ads".

Calendar

August 2024 - January 2025

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