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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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Front Cover

Keith Tonkin's Falcon parked in his front yard.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2026. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. As most people are aware of the situation between the Car Club and the Workmans (Workers) Club we have been visiting other venues to find an alternative for our meetings.

We have made a decision to hold all future meetings at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.

As they are a non profit organisation we are very pleased with what they had to offer and at no cost to the club. The first meeting for the year (Clayton's meeting) was held at Tony and Teresa's farm at Jumbunna.

There was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the evening. Many thanks to Tony and Teresa for the use of their facilities and providing the amazing train rides.

It was great to see Yvonne and Irene at Tony's, hopefully their recovery continues.

The next event for the club is the Easter Car Display at Apex Park Wonthaggi. It would be good if all members made the effort to display the wonderful array of vintage cars we have.

Hope to see members at our next meeting 3rd February at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.

Regards Keith Tonkin (President)

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to 2026, I trust everyone had a good Christmas and New Year, we started the year off on a good note with the claytons meeting at the Cuzzupi's Jumbunna ranch. I'm looking forward to teeing off our club meetings at the Wonthaggi Golf Club, I'm sure there will be a few teething troubles but we will work through them and I'm sure it will be a good fit.

An important part of any club is communication between it's members, at the moment our secretary Brian often has to send out group SMS messages, which isn't the easiest way to contact everybody. We all struggle with new technology and yes you need a smart phone to down load "WhatsApp" but once you have used it you will see what a great tool it is. Brian will be discussing WhatsApp in more detail at the February meeting, I hope everyone jumps on board with this, I use WhatsApp to keep in contact with a group of mates from all over Melbourne, it's so easy.

Peter Mattea

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General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 5th November 2025

Meeting opened at 7:30pm

Keith to acknowledged the custodians of our land.

Attendance and apologies as recorded

Visitors

Jason Leffer and Ray Wallace both introduced themselves and briefly described the vehicles they were working on

New Member Nil

Guest Speaker - AnneMarie Kelly - Stroke Foundation

Anne Marie spoke passionately of her experience from surviving a stroke, recovery and on going day to day health issues not visible through an apparent healthy vibrant body whilst all the time in the company of Linda her long time carer. Anne Marie went on to provide information and discuss how to read the signs of a person having a stroke. Many questions and personal stroke experiences were shared with Anne Marie some with startling on going health similarities.

Minutes from the previous meeting - Read by Brian Asbury

Moved Brian Asbury 2nd Eddy Jackson Carried

Business arising from the previous meeting Nil

Correspondence

Brian summarised the correspondence and offered any member to view them

3/11/25 RACV re donation

1/11/25 Show n Shine Permit Application to BCS

30/10/25 WesternPort Water Authority - Water Station

30/10/25 3GG confirmation show n shine advert broadcast

28/10/25 Bendigo Bank - Marquee

27/10/25 Calvin Simpson - Ground Use

2/10/25 StrokeSafe Guest Speaker confirmation

Moved Brian Asbury 2nd Red Rodgers Carried

Treasures Report.

Dianne Adams detailed the finances, a copy of the report is attached to the minutes and maybe viewed by arrangement with the secretary.

Moved Dianne Adams 2nd Gail Asbury Carried

Reports—

Judy provided an update on the well being of Yvonne Thompson and Irene Adams as progress slowly.

Judy reported on past events including Rusty Waters and thanked everyone who attended for the help in the absence of Yvonne and announced it was a resounding success.

Future events announced included, Ladies Lunch, Christmas lunch which will be subsidised with \$10 noting those who will be attending must pay no later than the December General Meeting. The January Claytons meeting will be held at Jumbunna at the invitation of Tony Cuzzupi. The club will be providing the BBQ with members to bring salads to share. Please bring your grandkids and have some fun was Judys message.

Announced from the floor Bev Kurrle was now home with a broken leg and Tim Hancock had a heart attack.

Peter Mattea advised he and five other members rode their motorbikes on the Saturday rather than Sunday due to horrific weather forecast. As usual they finished up at Kelly's Korumburra for lunch.

Keith gave a brief report on the Show and Shine Event

Newsletter

Peter advised 19th November last day for items to published.

Membership

In the absence of Yvonne no report

General Business

Keith announced a Show n Shine Volunteers thankyou dinner and event review 18th Nov 6:00pm at WWC.

Colin Graham advised the Lower Tarwin Festival was very good with a number of members attending.

By Swap N Sell

Colin Graham announced details of a 1959 Austin Lancer needing a new home urgently

David Dewar announced the sale of 1923 Dodge \$8000. Further work required.

David also has 2 sheets of glass 2feet x 6 feet for sale.

Fun Photo, guess the person

Keith circulated two photos for members to guess the identity after a number of unsuccessful attempts Red Rodgers announced it was him.

Next Meeting 2/12/25

Meeting Closed 8:50pm

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our annual Christmas break up was held on December 7th at the Wonthaggi Workmens club, it was a well attended event with over seventy members present. As usual Judy and David Dewar did a stellar job setting up the tables and organising the Christmas Hampers/Raffle Prizes, with a ratio of roughly 1 to 4 everyone was in for a shot at a prize. A good time was had by all.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS



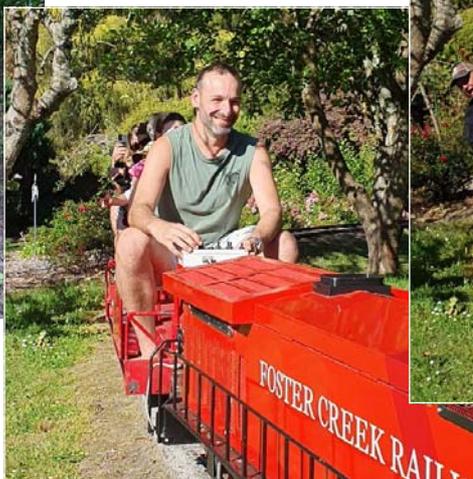
CLAYTONS MEETING

It was a perfect sunny afternoon for the Claytons meeting/New Years get together/ BBQ at Teresa and Tony Cuzzupi,s Jumbunna Retreat. Judy and David Dewar did a great job catering for the event, with members inviting their grandchildren the number were only a rough estimate. As usual all the ladies brought a salad or desert {the desert table was huge}. Keith and Brian did an outstanding job on the grill, the burgers and sausages were cooked to perfection.

To entertain the kids and big kids Tony prepared two trains, he drove the green diesel and his son Joe drove the red electric. For the first stint I was on one of the track switch points down the back of the property and the commotion I could hear through the trees it was hard to tell who was having the most fun, the kids or the adults.

A big thank you to the Cuzzupi family.

Peter Mattea



KORUMBURRA SWAP MEET

Sunrise Sunday morning 11th January started with a calm [finally] wonderful morning. Left home just past 6am for a casual drive to Korumburra before the sun became too much of a nuisance. With my arrival at the show grounds at 6:30, I was near the first to get there.

The footy ground was soon filled, half with classic cars and half with modern cars from people looking for rusty gold. The next few hours was spent shopping and catching up with friends and car club members; Juanita & Colin Carter, Alan Francis and Trace & Peter Mitchell. I'm sorry if I didn't see everyone there. A very wide assortment of sites with most items for sale I couldn't tell you what they were.

Dianne Adams



Annual Vintage Rally 21 & 22 March 2026

10am to 4pm



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| Tractor Pull | Variety Market Stalls | Vintage Tractors |
| Heritage Horses | Food Trucks & Coffee | Classic Car Display |
| Woodchopping Demo | Free Children's Activities | Vintage Engines |
| Harvesting | Horse & Tractor Wagon Rides | Army Tanks |
| Historic Trades | Sheep Shearing | Earthmoving Machines |
| Blacksmithing | Wool Spinning | And more..... |

**Metro Quarry Group site
5875 South Gippsland Hwy Nyora VIC**

DECEMBER BIKE RUN

We had a big ride for the last Sunday of the year, with a line up of 3 Guzzis - Colin Carter-v85TT, Noel Thornby v7, Ben Thornby on Noel's T3 and 3 Beemers - Glen Pascoe-R100, Bruce Higgs-K1100 {South Gippsland Riders} and Peter Mattea-R1100GS, we left Wonthaggi at 10:00 rode through Glen Forbes, Nyroa, Poowong, Poowong East and onto Korumburra for lunch. John Hague-R1100RS joined us at Kelly's Bakery and Bruce Higgs called it a day so we still had six riders for the ride to Mirboo North via Ruby and Mt Eccles, for afternoon coffee and another good chat, from there we all went our separate way home. John and I rode through Leongatha, outtrim to get home, my odometer showing 240kms a great way to finish the year, bring on 2026.

Peter Mattea



WhatsApp

As you are aware information is sent in Messages from me on the club phone. I find using Messages is very restrictive, cumbersome and time consuming. I am going to set up a club WhatsApp page to send out messages in a group format. WhatsApp is stand alone and is easy to install on any smart phone, there is no need to be on any other social media, it is safe with content encrypted. I can assist you with installation if required. Once you have installed WhatsApp or you already have it, please contact me on 0411 237 840 (my personal number).

Brian Asbury Secretary

CALENDAR

February 2026

1 st	Autopro Monthly Get Together in car park at the front of the shop, 4 Murray Street, 8.30am to 10.30am All are welcome Autopro is a great sponsor of our Club – it would be nice if we could have a few more to support them in this way	FYI
3 rd	General Meeting 7.30pm Dinner 6.00pm Wonthaggi Golf Club 11 Dr.Sleeman Drive (off McKenzie St), Wonthaggi,	*****Note New Venue*****
7 th – 8 th	Darnum Heritage Display Day 48 Peddar Street, Darnum Saturday 10am to 4pm Sunday 9.30am to 3pm Admission \$15 5-12 yrs \$5.00 Exhibitors FREE	Yvonne 0414590632 or Judy 0419371441
8 th	Lang Lang Show & Shine & Swap Meet Lang Lang showgrounds Gates open 7am Admission \$10 per person Show Car to be Judges \$15 Under 16 FREE	
14 th	Valentine Day – Sunset Saunter Meet at Rainbow Park, Inverloch 5pm Bring Chairs, table & drinks BYO food or buy	Yvonne 0414590632 or Judy 0419371441
15 th	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 0414590632 or Judy 0419371441
22 ND	Motor Cycle Run – details of route when you meet. Start 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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22 nd	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 0414590632 or Judy 0419371441
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Keith Tonkin's EB Falcon

About 10yrs ago I had a phone call from my niece's husband Mark in Bendigo. He had a blue EB Falcon which he thought I might like.

The story was his brother had asked the Ford dealer in Bendigo to look out for a car for his daughter. The dealer had a customer asking if he would be interested in a trade in. The car turned out to be a Ford Falcon which was in shed and had belonged to an elderly gentleman.

The car was towed into the Dealership, it was then offered to Marks brother, who said fix it up to a roadworthy condition and that would be fine for the daughter. After costing \$2000 to fix up, and register the Blue Falcon was presented to the daughter who said "I am not driving that old thing it's too big". Marks brother rang him and asked him to take the car to his house and get rid of it. So luckily for me I got the phone call and was

the new owner of the Blue Falcon for \$200.

I drove it home from Bendigo and have had very little trouble since. The motor has been good and the body was perfect. And as they say the rest is history.

Keith Tonkin



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