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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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Safety Officers are able to sign normal renewal forms

Front Cover

David Dewar's 1928 Chrysler Tourer "65" at Guide Park Wonthaggi.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well our AGM has been and gone, thanks to Keith our past President for a fantastic effort he has put in for the club over the past four years. Also thanks to our other executive members and a warm welcome to our new committee members, Robert Lavin and Mark Richardson.

To those of you who have been on the sick list in recent times I wish you all a speedy recovery.

Thanks to Brian for his perseverance with back and forth enquires to get our website up and running again and to Tony Cuzzupi who is updating the information.

At our September meeting we had Jarrod from the SES talk about the volunteer work they put in for our community which was very interesting, Thanks to Peter Mitchel for inviting Jarrod along, I've also been told the SES will be putting on a static display at our Show & Shine on November 15. On the subject of the Show & Shine our sub committee has been progressing well getting things organised for our big day.

Hope to see everyone fit and well at our October meeting. Pat Kennedy

FROM THE EDITOR

Last issues Guessing Game photo was of your editor Peter Mattea, congratulations to Bev Kurre for guessing correctly.

With Christmas just around the corner, I'd like to remind members that donations of items for hampers can be bought along to the October and November meetings, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Peter Mattea

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

A Member wishing to apply for a permit under the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) must be a financial Member, own an eligible vehicle and enter into an agreement with BCHAC agreeing to the CPS condition as required by BCHAC

Prior to application for a permit under the CPS the applicant must have been a financial member of BCHAC for a minimum period of three (3) months and attended a minimum of three (3) meetings or events.

All existing members with a CPS permitted vehicle(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with BCHAC agreeing to the conditions as required by BCHAC.

To apply for a permit under the Club Permit Scheme the applicant must provide a current Victorian Certificate of Roadworthiness and comply with the requirements of VicRoads which may be in place from time to time.

The applicant will cause to be delivered to the Club Permit Officer

Certificate of Roadworthiness

VicRoads Club Permit Application Form – this must be signed by one of our scrutineers
(Renewals can then be signed by any one of our Club Permit Signatories)

VicRoads Eligibility and Standards Declaration for CPS Vehicles

Signed Letter Of Agreement with BCHAC

Photographs of the Vehicle as required by BCHAC at time of application

The Club Permit Officer will check the membership status, stamp and sign the documents in regards to Club Membership and return them to the Applicant who can then present them for payment to VicRoads. The Club Permit Officer is not able to sign the VicRoads paperwork only the designated scrutineer can do this.

The Club Permit Officer will record the application in the Club Pending Register

Upon receipt of the permit from VicRoads the applicant will notify the Club Permit Officer of the permit number. The Club Permit Officer will enter the permit number in the Club Permit Register.

Yvonne Thompson Membership Registrar

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General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workers Club 1st September 2026

Meeting opened 7:30pm

Attendance and apologies as recorded

Visitors nil

New Members Joseph Bronstring
introduced himself to members

Guest Speaker Jarrod from SES
Peter Mitchell introduced Jarrod from the Wonthaggi Unit to the meeting. Jarrod advised he was the Unit Controller of the Wonthaggi Unit with 15 volunteers from all walks of life. Jarrod informed the meeting he was also a part time trainer for the SES being deployed all-around the state as required. The Wonthaggi Unit covers a broad area from Cape Paterson to Inverloch to Corinella attending road crash rescues, tree clearing and flooding in all sorts of weather 365 days a year 24/7. SES partners with other Emergency Services as required often arranging training exercises with with Police, CFA and Ambulance Victoria. Jarrod confirmed they will be in attendance at the November Show and Shine demonstrating the use of their equipment. Jarrod responded to many questions from the floor followed by a round of thankful applause.
Pat announced BCHAC has donated \$200 to the Wonthaggi SES Unit.

Prior to the meeting continuing Brian advised that Keith is unwell and will be attending the Traralgon Hospital for heart surgery tomorrow and we wish him well and expect him back all energised and ready help with the club. Brian announced David Dewar had just returned home from a week in Wonthaggi Hospital with pneumonia and is gradually improving. Also Yvonne is unwell feeling horrible effects of medication being taken. We all wish them a speedy recovery.

Minutes from the previous meeting Read by
Brian

Move Brian Asbury 2nd Peter Mitchell
Carried

Business arising from the previous meeting
Nil

Correspondence

27/8/26 Pamela Haigh Guest Speaker
27/8/26 Crazy Domain registration hold
27/8/26 Lija - Guest Speaker
27/8/26 AJG - Gallagher Public Liability Policy renewal.
18/8/26 AJG - Gallagher Public Building & Contents renewal.
August (27 emails to and from Crazy Domain re our website.)
9/8/26 Bendigo Community Bank - cheque presentation photo.
7/8/26 Request to Gallaghers for public liability renewal notice.
7/8/26 Guest Speaker Wolfgang Platzer for March 2026
7/8/26 Consumer Affairs Victoria - registration renewal
7/8/26 Wonthaggi Workers Club Sponsorship application \$500
5/8/26 Federation
Move Brian 2nd Robert Lavin
Carried

Treasures Report.

Dianne Adams presented the financial report and can be viewed by arrangement with Brian or Dianne.
Moved Dianne 2nd Cheryl Marks
Carried

Events

In the absence of Judy, Brian presented her

report as follows;

Past events in which 24 members attended both the Middle Pub Korumburra and the 1911 Cafe at the WWC.

Up coming events include;

8th September Morning tea at the Special School Wonthaggi

17th September Lunch at Tooradin Sports Club

October rally information announced at October meeting.

Mark Richardson reported that arrangements for the Show n Shine in November was on track with event permit to be arranged. Mark handed out event flyers to members reminding them most shop owners will only permit flyers in their windows one month prior to the event.

Newsletter last day to submit items 21/9/26

Membership

In the absence of Yvonne Brian announced two new members being;

Julie Grimshaw and Jason Leffer.

General Business

Jewel Huntriss spoke of the need to have club representatives to attend Federation quarterly meetings. In addition to David Dewar three members volunteered to attend including Tony Cuzzupi, Peter Mitchell, Dianne Adams. Brian to send dates of the meetings to each member. Jewel also suggested Federation maybe able to conduct meetings on Zoom, Brian to enquire. Pat announced and thanked Tony & Teresa Cuzzupi who have again agreed to hold the 2027 Claytons meeting at their Jumbunna property.

By Swap N Sell

Pat is after a 8-25-20 tier for his Chev

Next Meeting 6/10/26

Meeting Closed 8:35pm

WhatsApp

Since the introduction of WhatsApp as a means of sending messages to members by the Secretary. I believe it's been working effectively as an additional system to communicate with members.

There has been the odd occasion where members have responded. Please Note: when a response is sent every member on WhatsApp receives it, as a result and disappointingly some members have now withdrawn from WhatsApp. I have to play my part in the messages and include a request to members **Not To Reply To The Message**. If there is a need to comment please contact me on **0411 237 840**.

I thank members using WhatsApp for their co operation.

Brian Asbury Secretary

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Bendigo Bank Community Presentation

On Wednesday 5th August 2026 Graeme Wagland and Brian Asbury attended the Bendigo Community Bank Cowes, San Remo and Grantville community presentation. On behalf of BCHAC they accepted a sponsorship cheque for \$1,100.00. This follows a successful application to the bank

initially for a grant, later defined as a sponsorship. Brian made a brief presentation on how the funds would be applied and thanked the bank for its generosity. The bank's sponsorship will fund the PA System to be managed by Production Corp at the upcoming Show and Shine event on 15th November 2026.



Community Bank
San Remo, Cowes and
Grantville

 **Bendigo Bank**

Congratulations

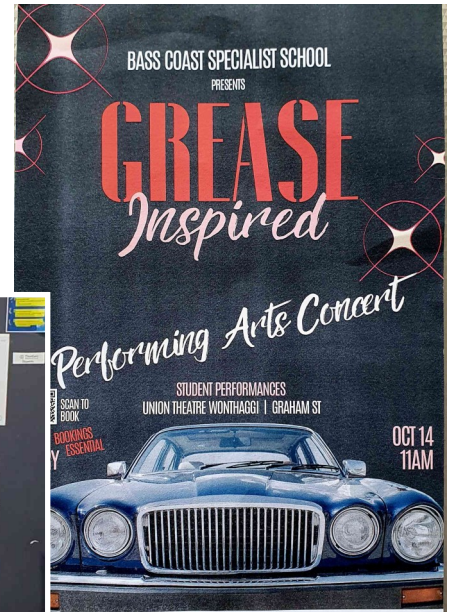
Our esteemed member Jack Moyle entered this magnificent orchid stem in the Wonthaggi orchid show and won 1st prize.



Morning Tea at Bass Coast Special School

Tuesday 8th September a small group of club members attended the Wonthaggi Special School for morning tea, the kids enjoyed seeing the vehicles and blasting every car horn. After being deafened we went into

the gym for a scrumptious morning tea and concert, the kids sang everything from modern hits to old classics, the young boy singing Frank Sinatra was a stand out. Everybody enjoyed the morning, if you couldn't make it this year try to make the next. Keep an eye out for their concert next month.



Sunday Morning Ride & Coffee

Get your bike out of the shed
and on the road
for a gentle ride through
the Bass Coast hills
we stick to back roads
no highways.

Last Sunday of the month
Weather permitting
Meet at Fincher Street
9:30 for a 10:00 start
Ring Peter on
0421 832 858 for details
or just turn up.



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CLUB RUN TO TOORADIN SPORTS CLUB

On Thursday the 17th September 30 club members enjoyed lunch at the Tooradin Sports Club. We had our own room off to the side of the main restaurant which was a good thing as there was a lot of chatting going on, at least until the meals came, then it went quiet for some reason. Vice President Keith got up and gave a small speech and thanked Judy for all her hard work organising not just this lunch but all the events she does for the club, everyone applauded her effort, After lunch we all made our own way home.

I'm sure I wasn't the only one to have a nap that arvo.

Peter Mattea



GUESSING GAME



Can you guess who this Bass Coaster is?
Bring your guesses to the August meeting, huge prizes for the correct answer.
(or maybe no prize at all).



Baw Baw Picnic
Historic Vehicle and Engine Display
Sunday 25 October 2026
10am onwards
Darnum Historical Complex
48 Pedder Street, Darnum VIC 3822
(110km south east of Melbourne)
Free entry
Sausage sizzle and drinks available
All vehicles, engines and machinery
25 years and older invited to display
Hosted by Baw Baw Old Engine and Auto Club Inc.
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Supported by Federation of Veteran,
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GROWING UP WITH CARS

My first car was a 1939 Pontiac Chief when I was about 12. I spotted it in Arthur Crask's backyard in Rhyll – not sure if I paid anything for it but we towed it home with Dad's little Fergie. My sister gave me a tow in the paddock and it started! That was a great day. I don't think Dad was too impressed. The paint job came later (the paint probably came from the tip) My only income was collecting bottles and selling the rabbits I trapped.



Colin under the bonnet of his Pontiac

so I removed the body just leaving the front seat and built a flat tray on the back which came in handy backing into scrub to pick blackberries. I had to fit duel wheels so I could

get enough traction. One memorable night I had all the cousins riding on the tray as we hooned around the paddock – only lost one before going through a fence.

I was about 16 when I heard Lloyd Jones had 2 BSA

Bantams for sale at 5 & 10 pounds at his house in Cowes. Dad's Fergie came in handy again as Howard Jones and I drove out to pick them up. One was going, the other needed a bit of help. Dropped Howard off at his place and they got it started that day. I took my bike home to a

My next car was a late 40s Bradford Jowett small van, 2 adjacent cylinders – boxer engine. I bought it from Frank Wolfenden in Rhyll when I was 14 or 15 and probably paid about ten pounds for it. I stripped it to the chassis and put the seat over the diff extending the steering, pedals, exhaust to the rear position. That was my little race car which some times had a run on the road (when mum & dad went out)



My brother Len was given a 1950 Ford Mainline ute (manufactured in Geelong) to use as a play car by Fat Jack Cleeland off a farm in Cowes. After awhile he wasn't using it so I took possession. The body was deteriorating badly



pretty frosty welcome. I don't think Dad spoke to me for a week. Just a part of growing up.

Words and photos by Colin Carter

Website Update

Good news everyone after being down for 2 months our website is now up and operational. Tony Cuzzupi (our Webmaster) is completing an update on all the various categories. Please logon to www.bchac.com.au become familiar with its layout and content. *Learn About Us, Membership Application, Gallery, Events Calendar, News Letters, Members Only, For Sale, Sponsorships and Contact Details.* Forward photographs of club activities, items for sale etc to Tony Cuzzupi at tony.cuzzupi@bigpond.com

Brian Asbury

CALENDAR

4 th October	Autopro Monthly Get Together in car park in front of the Shop 4 Murray Street Wonthaggi 8.30am to 10.30am All welcome	
6 th October	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workers Club Graham Street Wonthaggi @ 7.30pm Dinner prior to meeting	
9 th – 13 th October	Annual Rally to Geelong	Judy
14 th October	Bass Coast Special School Performing Art Concert 11am start Tickets available see Judy	
25 th October	Baw Baw Old Engines Historical Vehicles & Engine Display 10am onwards at Darnum Historical Complex, 48 Pedder Street Darnum Free Entry. Sausage Sizzle and Drinks available All vehicles, engines and Machinery 25 years and older invited to display. Meet at Venue	Judy 0419371441 Yvonne 0414590632
25 th 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
1 st November	Autopro Monthly Get Together in car park in front of the Shop 4 Murray Street Wonthaggi 8.30am to 10.30am All welcome	
3 rd November	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workers Club @ 7.30pm Dinner prior to the Meeting	
14 th – 15 th	Bendigo Swap	FYI
15 th November	Show & Shine See Flyer in Newsletter	
19 th November	Ladies Lunch Par 3 Golf Course 5755 Bass Highway Inverloch Lunch @ 12pm	Judy 0419371441
29 th 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



Christmas Breakup

Save the Date Saturday 12th December 2026 5pm to 8pm Wonthaggi Worker's Club
75 Graham Street Wonthaggi Contacts: Judy: 0419 371 441 Yvonne: 0414 590 632
Raffle tickets for Christmas hampers are available from October meeting right up until the day of the dinner.

David's 1928 Chrysler Tourer "65"

Purchased in 1969 in original, but well used, condition from the original owners near Maldon for \$120. Towed back to Melbourne behind my 1929 sedan with a rope !!

Over a period of years between marriage, house reno's & children I fully restored the car.

Remade wooden body frame, re-upholstered with a Singer "walking foot" industrial machine, and spray painted.

Put on the road without a hood in 1978 utilising a tonneau

cover. I then manufactured hood bows from American Oak slats & went on to sew the hood.

Chrysler was ahead of their time with modern improvements such as rubber engine mounts, 14" internal hydraulic 4

wheel brakes. My car body was manufactured by Holden in S.A before GMH.

It has been on the road consistently since 1978 travelling many reliable kilometers around Victoria, SA, NSW, and Tasmania.



FEDERATION

Good news our club is once again a member of the Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc (FEDERATION).

At the September general meeting three members - Peter Mitchell, Dianne Adams and Tony Cuzzupi agreed to represent our club at the 2027 Federation quarterly meetings in addition to David and Judy attending the Federation October 2026 meeting in Hamilton. These meetings are typically held at various locations throughout Victoria.

It's important to have our club represented at these meetings. It would be preferable if attendance could be shared between members. Please contact Brian Asbury if you are able to assist.

It's worth noting that expenses for travel and accommodation will be reimbursed by the club.

Brian Asbury Secretary

FOR SALE

1995 Ford Econovan Long Wheel Base. White Automatic No Power Steering. Registered to 15th December 2026. Engine No. FEZ 96704, Chassis No. JCOAAASGMESL1347 Registration SPK579 Mileage 281493 Price \$2000 please call Yvonne on 0414590632.

1946 Oldsmobile Ace series 66 sedan, Built by Holden between 1946 - 1948 Good condition, Colour is parkstonian green with Leather interior camel colour, Pearl steering wheel. 4611.9 miles on the clock. Price \$20,000 contact Bev Kurrle on 0447 123 318

1970 MGB unregistered, chassis number J15211837, no rust, done little since engine rebuild \$18,000 firm Call Allan Prentice on 0407 331 733



WANTED

Looking for a left hand front headlight glass lens or complete assembly for a WB Holden Statesman Deville. Contact Joe Kozina 0417 725 355

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