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## CLUB DIRECTORY

# The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

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### Postal Address

PO Box 326, Modbury North SA 5092

### Meetings

Meetings are held at the Combined Car Clubs (Triple C) Club rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January. Entry to club rooms is through the car park. Visitors and guests are welcome. Please bring supper to share.

### Subscriptions

Metro single \$35.00 - Metro family \$40.00 - Country single \$25.00 - Country family \$30.00

### Club Officers

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## The Chrysler Collector

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# INVITATION EVENTS

## CLUB MEETINGS

*Wed 12th February, 2025*

*Wed 12 March 2025*

## INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

*Sunday 30th March 2025*

Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club  
10th Anniversary Gawler to Barossa Veteran &  
Vintage Run for all vehicles manufactured up to  
and including 1930. 9.30am – 2.30pm Cost  
\$15.00 This is a preliminary notice of the event  
with a flyer and entry form being available later.  
Details via the Gawler Club or Phone 0402 891  
891.

*Thursday 11th Saturday 13th April 2025*

Sporting Car Club of SA – Mallala Motorsport  
Park. This weekend includes: \* Historic racing  
vehicles across 12th & 13th April \*Family  
Friendly atmosphere with children's activities  
\*Mallala street party Friday 11th April \* Guest  
speaker Malcolm Oastler for Saturday night  
dinner \*Classic car display – Saturday 12th April  
\*Show & Shine – Sunday 13th April.



**28th SEPTEMBER - 4th OCTOBER**

*Sunday 28th Sep 2025 – Saturday 4th Oct 2025*

17th National Chrysler Rally – Griffith NSW.  
Entries will open during August 2024 and will  
remain open until 11th April 2025. The main  
entry process will be online; however, we will  
assist you with other entry processes if preferred.  
You will need to book your own accommodation  
in Griffith. (See more details – this magazine)



**Entry Forms etc.**  
*Club events co-ordinator Gary Williams has  
contact details and / or entry forms for other  
club's events.*

## New Members

None this issue

## Life Members

Year	Name	Member #	Year	Name	Member #
1990	Norma Schopp († 13/1/24)	57	2020	Trevor & Lorraine Beythien	1030/1031
2000	Judy Hart	244	2020	Jim Dawson	1705
2003	Ross Bryant († 30/4/18)	121	2021	Kevin Williams	451
2006	Richard Hart	243	2021	Lindsay Gibb	1294
2010	Richard Tapp	545	2022	Brenton Hamilton († 16/11/23)	602
2015	Chris Howes	90	2022	Neill Wormald	552
2017	Alan Driver	324	2022	Bob Haywood	807
			2024	Brenton & Sharon Gibb	1293/1692

## Cover Photo

**Gary & Rhonda Williams' 1971 VH Valiant utility**

*Photographed by Richard Tapp at Bethany 2024*

## CLUB EVENTS

### Breakfast Run to West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

**Sunday 16 February 2025**

Meet at CCC clubrooms at 8.20am for an 8.30am run to West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

Breakfast is booked for 9.00am. We have a limit of 40 people, a sheet will be circulated at club meetings.

**Ann and Greg Lind**  
0432 373 901

### Midweek Run to Langhorne Creek for Lunch

**Thursday 20 February 2025**

Meet at clubrooms at 10.00 am for 10.30 am departure. Travel along the SE freeway and turn off at Mt Barker and travel through the

Adelaide Hills via Winchester to Langhorne Creek for a Midweek Lunch at the Bridge Hotel. More instructions on the day

Lunch Special Fish and Salad with

a glass of house wine for \$20 or order off the main menu. Please indicate on the list at the meeting if interested or by phone to:

**Trevor Beythien 0409 096 070**

### 2025 Chrysler Festival (All Chrysler Day)

**Sunday 23rd March 2025**

The display day will be held at Gaza Sports and Community Centre - Klemzig Oval - from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

As always, we will be setting up a display area. For members who are displaying their vehicles, meet at 8.30am; from North East Road, turn into Wellington Street to gain access to the oval. BYO chairs,

food is available on site.

An attendance sheet will be circulated at the February General Meeting.

**Brenton Gibb**  
08 8263 2908

### Southern Venture

**Sunday 18th May 2025**

Another year, another pub, another historic town.

More details in the March/April magazine.

**Chris and Cathy Howes**  
0412 174 108



### 17th National Rally - Griffith, NSW in 2025

**17<sup>th</sup> National Rally hosted by CHRYSLER RESTORERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA, NSW**

**Location** - Griffith, NSW

**Date:** Sunday 28th September - 4th October, 2025

**Cost:** \$200 for 1 vehicle with up to 2 adults.

- \$30 for each additional adult.
- Children under 16 years of age - FREE

**Entries open:** August 2024 (online or by form)

**Entries close:** 11th April, 2025

**Eligibility:** Members of the Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia in NSW, South Australia and Victoria are eligible to enter.

**Accommodation:** Entrants should book their own

accommodation. The suggested booking time is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Many of the South Australian entrants have already booked at either the Griffith Tourist Caravan Park (02 6964 2144) where they have powered sites and cabins available or at the Centrepoint Apartments (02 6960 2000) where they have Motel Rooms or 1 and 2 bedroom apartments.

**We have found that accommodation in Griffith is booking out fast. If you are thinking of attending the National Rally please book your accommodation as soon as possible.**

**You will be asked to give a credit card number as security**

**but you will not be charged for the accommodation until closer to the booking time.**

**You are able to cancel reservations up to 48 hours prior to check in without penalty at most places.**

At this point in time we are aware of approximately 11 entrants from South Australia who are attending the rally and have secured their accommodation.

**Meals & Activities:** Once entries have closed in April, 2025. Entrants will be contacted to take orders for daily meals and activities.

**IMPORTANT: BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION NOW** if you are thinking of attending. You have until 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to register for the rally.

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

### President's Message



Hi all and welcome to this first edition of the Chrysler Collector of 2025. I hope everyone had a festive and safe Christmas and New Years with only moderate hangovers.

Our December Christmas meeting was our club celebration with an excellent turn out of members. With only a short meeting the main focus been the celebration send-off to 2024. Once again it showed the front row is the place to be with Allan Pike taking home the major prize of the Christmas Ham. After the formal meeting had completed the festivities began with plenty of food to share and lots to talk about. Special thanks to Lorraine Beythien for her efforts with the catering as well as Barry Just, Jeff Knowles and the Gibb family for setting up chairs, tables and decorations. Denice Newley for supplying the ham as well as the raffle prizes. Greg Newley for conducting the dodgy raffle and to everyone how brought along something to share. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Decembers run was again held at Seven 22 for our Christmas lunch. The food again was excellent and the staff was very accommodating. The member numbers were a little down from last year but still a good turnout, with the nice weather attracting a good turnout of member's vehicles also. Unusually the no show of the Beythiens had people concerned but after a few phone calls, it was determined that Trevor was locked in a battle with invading ants and the date had slipped their minds. Fortunately only been down the road the Beythiens soon arrived and made an appearance but the ants had not been so lucky. Special thanks again to Sharon and Brenton Gibb for organising the event and handling payments, again another successful Christmas lunch.

November's run was to Prices Bakery for morning tea and then a drive through the hill to the Torrens Valley Cherry farm for cherries, organised by Gary Williams. It was another nice drive through the hills and saw 18 members attend with most leaving the farm with a boot full of cherries just in time for Christmas. The reports back, were excellent fruit. Thank you again to Garry for arranging the run it is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to this year's calendar of events. January and February will see the club organise different breakfast runs. The first being in January for the Ray Miels Memorial Breakfast run organised by myself. This is a first for me as this is the first club run I have been tasked with organising, so hopefully all goes well. The February breakfast run will be to the West Beach surf lifesaving club for a breakfast organised by Greg and Ann Lind there will be more details to follow in this month's magazine. There is also a mid-week run that has been organised by Trevor and Lorraine Beythien for 20th February, to Bridge Hotel at Langhorne Creek for lunch. Details also in this magazine.

Should hopefully be another great year of events and motoring, hope to see you on the road.

**Brett Newley**



### From the Editor

#### CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Gary Williams, Brett Newley, Ann Lind, Trevor and Lorraine Beythien, Jim Dawson, Brenton Gibb and Chris Howes.

Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Sharon and Brenton Gibb plus Ann and Greg Lind,

*Please submit articles and entries to the magazine as early as possible but no later than the Friday date shown on page 3.*

#### SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

	Dec'24	Nov '24	Dec '23	Dec '14
Sessions	107	116	n.a.	554
Users	74	81	n.a.	n.a.
Page views	175	178	n.a.	4,192
Flickr views	1.70 million	1.69 million	1.57 million	n.a.
Flickr #photos	25,144	25,114	24,617	n.a.
Facebook mbrs	2,132	2,129	2,028	n.a.



## FROM THE COMMITTEE

### Treasurer's Report

#### Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Income and expense	Nov-Dec 2024	Dec 2024 YTD	Dec 2023 YTD
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions	-	7,205.00	7,748.20
Grant earned	-	-	4,525.74
Raffle proceeds	43.60	158.10	190.10
Sales	422.00	512.00	723.81
Interest	362.83	418.03	166.17
Donations	-	-	1,546.50
Sundry	-	-	20.00
Total income	\$ 828.43	\$ 8,293.13	\$ 14,920.52
<b>Expenses</b>			
Magazine	664.50	2,031.50	2,218.75
Postage and stationery	215.13	663.86	593.61
Functions	-	107.80	211.24
Function subsidies	-	1,230.00	1,300.00
Cost of sales	372.00	382.00	805.00
Insurance	106.00	226.00	919.37
Depreciation	309.50	309.50	-
CCC	-	175.00	175.00
Update honour boards	628.44	628.44	-
Sundry	- 382.49	79.92	-
Total expenses	1,913.08	5,834.02	6,222.97
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	\$ -1,084.65	\$ 2,459.11	\$ 8,697.55
Brought forward from previous financial year		\$ 42,450.55	\$ 36,484.48
Members funds		\$ 44,909.66	\$ 45,182.03

#### Balance sheet

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash on hand	100.00	340.00
Westpac Community Solutions	4,234.10	6,079.33
Westpac Cash Reserve	11,977.93	11,842.81
Westpac term deposits	22,641.02	22,124.33
Commonwealth Bank	324.08	264.08
Prepaid insurance	1,170.53	-
Computer 2023 (Cost 4,450.74)	3,681.50	4,525.74
Club plates B55-B99 \$5 each	135.00	160.00
Touring badges \$12 each	120.00	120.00
Tools (cost \$7,590.66)	200.00	200.00
Calendars	325.50	-
Total Assets	\$ 44,909.66	\$ 45,656.29
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Prepaid subscriptions	-	-
Grant - unearned, repayable	-	474.26
Accounts payable	-	-
Prepaid deposits	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 474.26
<b>Members funds</b>	\$ 44,909.66	\$ 45,182.03

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting held 13 November 2024

#### The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

**Summary of minutes of the meeting held 13 November 2024 - commenced at 7:45pm.**

#### Emergency Wardens

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

#### Apologies:

Per attendance book.

#### New Members & Visitors

Wally and Holly from Queensland

#### Sick List

Trevor Bran from Wallaroo. Chris Bennett was welcomed back.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Brenton Gibb, carried.

#### Business Arising from Minutes

None

#### Correspondence In:

FHMC Minutes dated 12/10/24, 12/10/24 – CCC Regarding changes to tax reporting for not-for-profit organisations – forwarded to committee, CCC minutes dated 14/10/24, LCIS Email re quote for Volunteer personal accident cover, 26/10/24 – Westpac - Re Term Deposit, 30/10/24 – CCC regarding Security upgrade codes, 5/11/24 – SCCSA re Mallala Motorsport Park 11-13th April 2025, 9/11/24 – FHMCSA re information received from DIT regarding issue of MR334 forms

**Out:** Various emails forwarded from correspondence in - to committee members, Run information sent via email forwarded to Garry Williams, Correspondence forwarded to Jeff Knowles - HVR

#### Treasurer's Report

Richard Tapp presented October 2024 Income and Expenditure Report;  
Total Income; \$28.71 (raffle and interest)  
Total Expenditure; \$331.61 (Postage and insurance)  
Deficit for Oct. 2024 ; \$302.90  
Surplus year to date \$3,920.94

#### Committee Reports

*Runs Coordinator:* Garry spoke on future events  
*Editor:* Keep sending in articles for the magazine.  
*Public Relations:* John advised clothing is on p 20-21 of magazine. Also windows stickers \$1.  
*Records:* All going well  
*Librarian:* All going well. Numbered club plates still available  
*Tech Rep:* Jim advised meeting he has been fairly slow for enquiries; however, he did help out a gentleman who was looking at an E38 from

Queensland. Jim advised after looking at information it was not an original E38.

*HVR:* All loose ends from registration day have now been finalised.

*Triple C:* Vince advised that CCC had taken up AON public liability insurance. A defibrillator was now located in the Library. A security upgrade was underway for the Glandore community hub.

*Federation Rep:* Greg spoke about discussions at the last meeting

#### Past Events

Brett advised meeting that he and Greg participated in the Bay to Birdwood Run. Brenton Gibb advised he and few club members were parked on the roadside to watch the cars going by. Chris Howes and his daughter did the run, with his daughter in her Celia.

Trevor Beythien spoke on the Motorfest runs he and Lorraine attended. One was organised by the Gawler Historic Motor Vehicles club which was a run through the Barossa Valley and the other event they attended was at the Military Museum, which was very interesting. Trevor also advised meeting he and Lorraine did the Mt Gambier rally and Loxton rally; both were excellent events.

#### General Business

Brett Newley advised meeting our club has a new security code at the CCC building; so far all is going well.  
Bob Haywood advised meeting he had the 2025 calendars available at tonight's meeting. There are 2 calendar options, calendar price is \$16.00.

#### Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

#### Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks  
Brett Newley summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.  
Meeting closed at 9:20pm followed by supper.  
*Reminder from Brett Newley regarding Xmas meeting. Please discuss with Lorraine Beythien on what members are bringing for the supper.*





## FROM THE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting held 11 December 2024

**The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.**

**Summary of minutes of the meeting held 11 December 2024 – commenced at 7:45pm.**

**BRETT NEWLEY ADVISED THAT FUTURE MEETINGS WOULD COMMENCE AT 7.30PM.**

#### Emergency Wardens

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

#### Apologies:

Per attendance book.

#### New Members & Visitors

None

#### Sick List

Alan Martin

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Jeff Knowles, carried.

#### Business Arising from Minutes

None.

#### Correspondence

##### **In:**

24/11/24 – Internal email committee – re updating of business cards; 26/11/24 – LCIS Insurance re change to public liability insurance to include volunteer personal accident \$1276.53 yearly cost; 30/11/24 – Email -FHMCSA Minutes; 1/12/24 – Email from CRC Vic re current executive committee names; 2/12/24 – Email CCC regarding updated pin code access procedure; 2/12/24 – Email CCC Committee meeting minutes; 3/12/24 – Email – Australia Post invoice re magazine post

##### **Out:**

Various emails forwarded from correspondence in - to committee members. Run information sent via email forwarded to Garry Williams

Ann Lind moved that Correspondence report be accepted. Seconded Garry Williams. Carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

None. Richard Tapp was absent.

#### Committee Reports

*Runs Coordinator:* Gary spoke re future events.

*Editor:* Apology. Bob Hayward said to send in articles for the magazine.

*Public Relations:* John advised clothing is on p 20-21 of magazine. Also windows stickers \$1.

*Records:* All good.

*Librarian:* All going well.

*Tech Rep:* Jim advised he had received a few enquiries, including side curtains for a Willys and steering pump for a V8

*HVR:* All good.

*Triple C:* All good.

*FHMC:* Greg advised there is a meeting at Elizabeth regarding ATO information on 22 February 2025. Also looking for volunteers for 2026 Federation Rally to be held around Quorn in the Flinders Ranges.

#### Past Events

Garry Williams spoke on the November bakery and hills run to Torrens Valley Orchards cherry farm. Brett thanked Sharon and Brenton for organising the Xmas lunch at 722. He also thanked Sharon for the extra effort she goes to each year to organise Xmas pudding and mince pies for everyone in attendance.

#### General Business

Brenton Gibb asked meeting if anyone was interested in an Australia Day run organised by the Barossa Valley Ford and GM clubs to finish at a pub for lunch. Brenton sent a sheet around at meeting if anyone wants information and to put their names down.

#### Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

#### Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Brett Newley summarised the coming events.

Buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm followed by Christmas supper.

### EMERGENCY PLUS APP



When an ambulance was called for a member at a previous meeting, the Ambulance failed to quickly find the Clarke Avenue carpark.

The Emergency Plus App, screenshot on left, is available for both Android and iOS (Apple) phones.

It converts the phone's GPS location into a 3 word code which Australian emergency services can use to immediately locate the phone within 3 metres. Surely we should ALL have this App.

## PAST EVENTS

### Bakery & Hills Run

**17 November 2024**

This run (organised by Gary Williams) commenced at Prices Bakery, Hillcrest where we had coffee, cake and/or other of the delicacies that were on offer.

We then proceeded via North East Road and Torrens Valley Road to Gumeracha and the Hannaford family's Torrens Valley Orchards.

I purchased a box of large cherries and these were much admired at home and by neighbours..

A few weeks later the orchard was devastated by fruit bats. We were fortunate with our timing.

*Richard Tapp*





# PAST EVENTS

## Bakery & Hills Run (ctd)





## LIVING HISTORIES

### Trevor and Lorraine Beythien

Interviewer: Jim Dawson (INT)

Interviewees:

Trevor Beythien (T B) and  
Lorraine Beythien (L B)

Date: 22 October 2024

**INT:** On behalf of Chrysler Restorers everywhere, welcome to the latest edition of our Living Histories. And I'm thrilled to be on this occasion in conversation with the Beythiens, Lorraine and Trevor, stalwarts of the South Australian chapter of the Chrysler Restorers Club. I thank them very much for hosting me today. Welcome, Lorraine.

**T B:** Thank you for the intro.

**INT:** Trevor. We'll get into it right from the word go. I think you're both born at Alberton, which is a pretty famous part of the city.

**L B:** Certainly is.

**T B:** Yeah, the Sirius Hospital, near the railway line and the Alberton Oval. So we always say that we were born at Alberton Oval.

**L B:** We've got no choice.

**INT:** No, absolutely none.

**INT:** And for those not familiar, they're talking about the most successful football club in the history of Australian Rules football, based at Alberton Oval, and that is the Port Adelaide Football Club, the Port Adelaide Magpies. For those who are confused with the Hollywood game, there is Port Power but that's another story. We'll get to that in due course, I'm sure now.

**INT:** Lorraine, you lived at Seaton Park. So what did mum and dad do?

**L B:** Well, Mum was a housewife and dad did several things. He called himself an engineer, but he wasn't actually trained as an engineer. He did absolutely everything. He liked cars. He worked for manufacturing places, such as Perry Engineering.

**INT:** And Trevor, you lived at Rosewater first.

**T B:** That's correct, yes.

**INT:** Do you remember much of Rosewater?

**T B:** Yeah, I could walk to Port

Primary School. In the day we lived adjacent to the wool stores, and when the British people came to Australia, there were migrant camps around SA. There was one at Pennington and there was one at the wool stores, so I got to play with some of the Pommy kids who'd come out.

**INT:** Pommy kids is not politically correct anymore, but given Trevor's advancing years, we'll let him get away with saying that.

**L B:** They were good, though they. Yeah, they were great kids to play with.

**T B:** Bradford Insulation was another factory adjacent to where we lived. They made the insulation for houses, Rockwool stuff. And as a kid, I used to go down there and some of the blokes would take me around the factory and I used to go for rides in their truck with them. That's probably where I learned to drive, actually, when I was about, 10 or 12 years old. I actually jumped the fence one night, probably shouldn't put this in here, but the keys were in the truck and no one was around on Sunday. So I fired the truck up and drove it around the yard. I was pretty clever back then.

**INT:** Yeah, absolutely. And then from Rosewater to Cheltenham.

**T B:** Yes.

**L B:** Didn't you live with your grandparents down at Rosewater?

**T B:** Yes, I had a bit of a brain fade. Then we were at two different addresses in Cheltenham, one was on Torrens Road and the other one was Whitney St, which is opposite the racecourse.

**T B:** Or what used to be the racecourse.

**INT:** But at least it wasn't the Cheltenham Cemetery.

**T B:** No, but both my parents are in



there.

**INT:** It always used to be the thing for travelling football teams coming down to play Port at Alberton Oval, you had to drive past the Cheltenham Cemetery, which was never a good omen on the way down.

**T B:** One day the West Torrens club were coming down by bus and the team coach the bus at about Holden's, near the train line, and made them all walk past the cemetery on the way to Alberton Oval.

**INT:** That sounds like something that may well have occurred indeed. Now Trevor you went to Port Adelaide Primary school.

**T B:** Port Primary. Yeah. Actually, my mother used to work there. She used to do cleaning of the school. And so yeah, that was my early schooling.

**INT:** OK. What did your dad do?

**T B:** He worked at General Motors at Woodville.

**INT:** Oh, he worked for the Evil Empire.

**T B:** Yeah, he was an inspector in the press shop, just to check the panels and things on gauges and whatever. That's correct, yes.

**INT:** A grey dust coat man. I know how it works.

**T B:** The blue band on that.

**INT:** There you go. And Lorraine, you went to Alberton Primary school. Happy memories of Alberton?

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**L B:** Yeah, Alberton primary. You know, we were all pretty easy going in those days. But yeah, we had good times. We used to have our sports days at Alberton Oval and that was always pretty good because all the kids barracked for Ports down that way, of course.

**INT:** Running around on Alberton Oval, absolutely.

**L B:** Yeah, it was very, very special. But yeah, I learned to swim from there. Well, not really "learned" to swim. They chuck you in the canal at Ethelton on a post with a leather band around your waist and say swim. I'm not a very good swimmer right to this day. It was probably the dead cats in the canal that didn't turn me on.

**INT:** You think that might have had some effect on that?

**L B:** Floating.

**INT:** Oh, excellent. That's a good story. I like that, yes. And then, Trevor, you went to Thebarton Boys Tech.

**T B:** Yeah, that's correct. Most of the lads from the area went to Le Fevre High School, but my mate Ronnie wanted to go to Thebby Tech for some reason. I like to travel with him and we went to Thebby Tech. As it turned out, before we actually started high school, his father jumped off the jetty at Grange or Henley and broke his neck. And that put paid to Ronnie going to school. So I ended up going to Thebby Tech by myself from Alberton.

**INT:** So Ronnie finished up having to go to work.

**T B:** I don't really. I can't recall

**INT:** Now I should be cheeky and ask if you knew my dad because he went to he went to Thebarton Boys Technical. You don't remember Geoffrey Dawson?

**T B:** No, I don't remember too many at all, actually.

**INT:** He graduated in 1934, so before your time.

**L B:** Probably.

**T B:** Couple of days ahead.

**L B:** Just a touch.

**INT:** Lorraine, you went to Muirden?

**L B:** Yeah.

**INT:** On King William Street in the city.

**L B:** Yeah, I went straight from primary school to Muirden for two years.

**INT:** That's where our paths cross again, because I did my matriculation at Muirden.

**L B:** Oh did you? I only went there for two years because I hated school and mum said if you can find a decent job you can leave school. Cool. So I got a job in a solicitor's office in town which suited her, so I was allowed. I was just 14.

**INT:** Wow, what were you doing in the solicitor's office?

**L B:** I was doing typing and switchboard and sorting. Papers, you know all the legal stuff ...

**INT:** At 14, in a legal office. Those were the days.

**L B:** Well, you could get a job anywhere in those days, you know? Yeah. And being at Muirden for two years, that helped.

**INT:** Sure, full employment.

**L B:** Because if you went to a high school, you couldn't start your typing and shorthand until second or third year, I think it was.

**INT:** You had two years of that already.

**L B:** Straight through.

**INT:** And how did you travel from your home?

**L B:** Train, tram, bus and walking.

**INT:** You didn't like school?

**L B:** Hated it. The more I could get out of it, the better I was. I used to skip school so often ...

**INT:** There you go. Children, don't listen to this!

**INT:** And Trevor, you left school after how much high school?

**T B:** Three years. It's intermediate that they called it back in the day.

**INT:** Three years? Yeah, well, that was that. You got a certificate for



Trevor, into cars at a young age

that and you're on your way and you went straight to the evil empire, General Motors.

**T B:** Yes, apprentice fitter and turner at Woodville. Then a tool making course and spent 46 years at General Motors.

**INT:** You had a long a long career there, 46 years. We will get to talk about some of what you did at the other plant when we get to that part of your life on the other end of town. Now, what's your first memory, Trevor, of a car that you really took an interest in?

**L B:** Oh anything to get you from A to B.

**T B:** The first family car was a Holden, early 50s Holden that mum and dad bought. They'd never had a car up until then.

**INT:** That was quite typical.

**T B:** And because of my experience driving that truck around the yard, I could hop in that and drive it up the road.

**INT:** Licenced or otherwise.

**T B:** Yes. I remember one night we had friends come around. I reckon it might have been a Morris 8/40 they were driving. And they give me the keys. I was about 14 years old and never licence and I drove that thing around for about two or three hours,

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around Rosewater and Wingfield and everywhere and then brought it back home. Uncle Jack was in the transport industry and he had a big Ford Customline. I think it was a single spinner, the first one he had. I can remember that.

**L B:** Uncle Jack was Symons of Symons & Clark Transport.

**T B:** Symons & Clarke, down the Port. The Symons side of that was started by Tom Symons, who was Uncle Jack's father and then Uncle Jack took it over, and then my cousin, Janice. After Uncle Jack passed away, my cousin Janice was the Symons part of Simons and Clark until she passed away, and now it's still called Simons & Clark, but it's all Clarks.

**INT:** Sure. And Lorraine, what's your first recollection of a car that meant something to you. I know your dad was in the Speedway.

**L B:** Yeah, he did a bit of buying and selling cars and doing them up and selling them and passing them on I. I don't know. He had all sorts of cars. He had a Morgan at one time. There was always different cars, about every three months would be another car in the driveway.

**INT:** Well, it's probably just as well with the Morgan, because if the white ants got it, that was the end of that.

**L B:** I forget what happened to the Morgan. Something happened to the engine. I think it blew something out the side of it or something? I can't remember because I was pretty young then too, but I know he didn't keep it very long. He patched it up and got rid of it.

**INT:** And after the solicitors office, you went to Addison Motors?

**L B:** No, I went to Willsmore Carrying Company, which was on the Port Road, on the corner of Pope St where you get used to go to Pope manufacturing. From there I went to Addison Motors.

**INT:** OK. And what did you do with Addison?

**L B:** I was in spare parts and the service centre. I did typing and



Lorraine's first car. Late 30s Vauxhall DX

booking people in and I used to go and pick up spare parts around the district for the workshop.

**INT:** Right. And at the time your dad was involved at Rowley Park.

**L B:** Yeah, Dad was involved at Rowley Park when I was about 12 years old, 12 or 13. And he drove Rowley Park and Skyline. Alan Pike is one of the people that used to come down with the guys. Dad used to do the welding for them and as soon as he saw me he said I know you!

**INT:** And for the listeners and readers, can you describe the location of Rowley Park and what it was actually like?

**L B:** It was at the top of Torrens Road. We called it the pug hole, which was where they took all the soil out to make bricks.

**INT:** Yes.

**L B:** Friday night was speedway night at Rowley Park, even when I was working later on in years. That's how I met Trevor through Rowley Park.

**INT:** And for those not familiar with the city of Adelaide, this is very close to North Adelaide, a posh part of town.

**INT:** I remember as a teenager getting hit in the face with lumps of clay coming off the track. (Me too – Ed)

**L B:** We had our own spot when I was a kid. We used to sit in the

stand with mum, but after that, when I was working at the RAA, we used to go down there. Even if we were working the 12 to 8 shift, we would all go down to Rowley Park after work because we were at North Adelaide.

**INT:** And I understand you used to get down to Rowley Park as well, Trevor.

**T B:** I've never involved myself but I had mates, they rode solos. I had mates who rode side-cars and then later, Peter Denton who I went to school with, got into super modified.

**T B:** And I used to mechanic in the later days, with Peter on the Super Modifieds.

**INT:** So what engines were they running?

**T B:** Chev 327 Chev at the time.

**INT:** Yeah. So that's a fair bit of power for going in one direction, isn't it?

**T B:** Oh yeah, General Motors again. We manufactured a quick change diff for Peter's race car. We turned the diff upside down and run it backwards and set up a gear train in it so we have quick change gears for different tracks. And Peter actually designed it all.

**L B:** Peter worked for Holdens as well.

**INT:** Just to indicate what a village Adelaide was in those days, my father was a volunteer for Saint



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John at Rowley Park, in the days of the JAP and Offenhausers and those types of engines that were coming in. So we really were living in a village in those days.

**L B:** Some of the guys that were patrols at the RAA were St. John's Ambulance guys as well.

**INT:** There you go. They just all dovetails together. So that's where you actually met, I believe.

**T B:** No. Peter had built a new race car and we were taking it up to Rollo Hein's Airfield out of Murray Bridge to do some testing, just try the car out and drive it around up there and on the way an RAA car was going down Portrush Road the other way and Pete said "Oh, there goes Lorraine up there". So they pulled up in the RAA car because she was a pilot driver and we had a chat. Then we went out on a double date. There was an air show out at Edinburgh. Peter invited Lorraine to go and I had this other lady I knew at the time. We all went to the air show together and I've taken a bottle of port with us because I was interested in this young lady, I thought she might like a drink ...

**INT:** That's what you told yourself, was it? :-)

**L B:** He didn't even offer me a port because I was with Peter and Peter didn't drink.

**T B:** This other lady disappeared out of my life and Peter and Lorraine, they were mates going back from early church days. And so I sort of picked up with Lorraine from that meeting. That's how we met.

**INT:** And was Lorraine susceptible to your "port moves"?

**L B:** Not at that time.

**T B:** Not immediately. :-)

**INT:** Working as a pilot driver for the RAA, how did that come about?

**L B:** I got that after I've been at the RAA for a while. I worked at the call centre for the road service and then they invited me to become a pilot driver. In those days, if RAA members didn't like to drive in town, we could pick them up on the outskirts of town. Two girls would



drive to the outskirts in one RAA mini, one to drive the member's car to wherever they wanted to go, the other to follow along in the mini and pick up the other RAA driver and go back. It was good and we often used to have cars coming from overseas by ship and we'd go down with the patrol to the Port or Outer Harbour and they put the petrol in, do the batteries and make sure it was roadworthy and our girls would drive it to wherever it was wanted. We drove all sorts of things and I drove a Rolls Royce one day from the Port up to Woodside or somewhere. Oh, that was pretty good because it was one where you sat out the front and there was no cover!

**INT:** Oh, you're the chauffeur.

**L B:** That was very posh, but we used to pick up all sorts of cars and a lot of the cars that came from overseas were, you know, people's lovely cars. But they were so rusted out in those days it wasn't worth bringing them. Because in England you know there's lots of snow and wet. So yeah, it was pretty sad for a lot of them. Most of the cars we brought in were coming from England.

**INT:** And GMH? Working in the machine shop first?

**T B:** Yeah, first of all did my apprenticeship in various sections at Woodville and I ended up in a section called "die try out". We built the new tools and the tryout

section, put them in the presses and then make the tools function. I ended up a leading hand in that area of try out.

**INT:** And what was General Motors like to work for?

**T B:** Good. They paid well.

**L B:** You got a bit of overtime too, didn't you?

**T B:** Yeah

**INT:** And then at some point, married each other.

**T B:** Peter and I had taken his super modified to Darwin 1967. We got married on the 1st of June 1968 so that our honeymoon could be in Darwin for the Speedway events starting on the 7th of June.

In 1967 we had met a couple of chaps that had initially built the Speedway out there; Bob Ekins and Maurie Blake. They both had an interest in racing motorbikes and things. Over the years I'd met those guys in Adelaide and they actually invited Peter to take his car up there and us going to Darwin with that car was like the Americans coming to Australia because Darwin at that point hadn't got into that type of race car. So I'd been up prior and through that when we got married, we would go to Darwin for our honeymoon. So we drove to Darwin in our new Vauxhall Viva.

*Continued next issue.*



## PAST EVENTS

### Christmas Lunch at Seven 22

#### 8 December 2024

As in previous years we again visited Seven22 for our Christmas Lunch with around 55 members attending. Vicki and her team provided us with excellent service, a choice of good quality meals at a very reasonable price with a real Christmas vibe with the table settings and Christmas tree. Next year we will try to find a similar venue in another part of town, so if anyone knows of a good venue please contact someone on the committee with your suggestion.

*Brenton Gibb*





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# OUR MOTORING HERITAGE

## AP5 VALIANT

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In the recent 1964 Mobil Economy Run a Valiant automatic was the outright winner and also winner of its class. The 1,380 mile course took in some of the trickiest road and driving conditions in Australia. To win the event, the Valiant, entered by Sydney distributor Harden and Johnston Ltd., averaged 27.07 m.p.g.

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High average speeds were set for all sections of the course, Long and Armstrong calculated the Valiant's most economical speed was 50 m.p.h., highlighting its excellence as a touring car.



Pictured at left is the Valiant (standard transmission) entered by Collins Motors Ltd., Melbourne, and driven by Bob Foreman and Pat O'Sullivan. In Class "E", with cars of very much smaller engine capacity, they put up a brilliant performance to return an overall average of 31.69 m.p.g.

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**OUR MOTORING HERITAGE**

**VF PACER**

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Here's Chrysler's first entry into the Australian "sporty" market. It's only one of a run from this normally staid and very proper company. The best is yet to come — but for a price. **By THOMAS B. FLOYD**

**C**HRYSLER Australia is billing it as "a five-seater sports car". Tagged as the Pacer, this "five-seater sports car" is one of the bravest moves ever made by Chrysler Australia, and is just a whisper of what's to come later this year when the company presents its challenger to the Monaro and Falcon GT.

What's it all about? Well, it seems Chrysler wanted to research the market in a very direct fashion. Basically, it was after the under-25s who don't have a lot of ready brass but are loaded with good credit ratings — and want something strong and beautiful to storm the neighborhood.

We drove the car in a pre-release demonstration in Adelaide, and it's everything Chrysler claims. It comes as a basic car, with no options and no extras — although everything from the new VF range of Valiants will fit, bolt or screw in if buyers want to add options later.

*Driving position is good, seat is fully adjustable for and aft and is also fully reclining. Tachometer on top of dash is small but efficient. Instruments are black numerals on white facings.*

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### VF Pacer (ctd)

Sixteen trim-paint combinations are available, and the exterior is pretty wild with decal-type stripes along the side and Pacer coming in decals not badges (see how Chrysler has tuned into the young market?). The suspension is factory lowered and it comes with wide rims and radial tyres. The interior is quite different from the rest of the family VF range. The seats are space-age buckets with inbuilt headrests, rubber mats on the floor and matching trim on the doors. The gauges are white with black numerals (vice versa for the family cars) and a tachometer sits on the top of the dashboard.

Chrysler has fitted the Pacer with its best six-cylinder engine, with a capacity of 225 ci. It develops 160 bhp at 2500 rpm using one 2 bbl carburetor with automatic choke. In this form, the engine produces 220 ft/lb at 2500 rpm. But Chrysler isn't releasing any hp figures for the Pacer, as development work has gone on with the exhaust system (mainly to achieve an acceptable note for all users and requirements) which will certainly have upped these figures slightly.

Mating the six-cylinder engine to an all-synchromesh three-speed transmission with floor mounted shifted was a good move. For one, it keeps the price down.

Priced at around \$2800, the Pacer will be slightly dearer than the 186S Monaro — but our impressions are that it will have better performance. On our preview test, we recorded a top speed of just over 110 mph; 30 to 60 mph in second gear stopped the watch at an average of 6.6 secs while

*The Pacer sits well and is very predictable on corners. Brakes are more than adequate for the job and car leaves the line on standing quarter mile in a stable position thanks to the limited slip rear end.*

in the third gear, 40 to 70 mph took 11.8 secs.

Other features of the Pacer are magnetic seat belts (standard on the range) and collapsible steering column (also standard) while exterior features just as headlight and accessory light positions remain the same. The grille, however, has been painted with black to give the nose a touch of distinction against the family range.

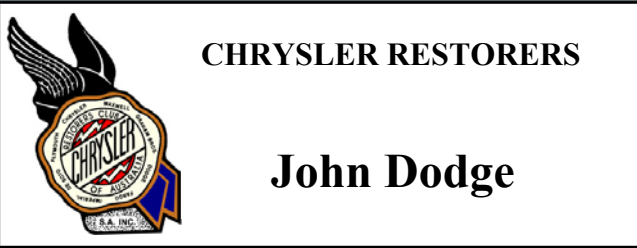
And that's Chrysler's first high performance offering. It won't be the last. To come this year (at a time not yet specified) is the two-door challenger to the Monaro and Falcon GT. Although details haven't yet been released, rumor has it the name will be Swinger (but we doubt it) although we do believe it will be fitted with the 318 ci wedge V8 now being made in Australia at Chrysler's new foundry in Adelaide, and will have optional two and four barrel carburetors, three or four-speed manual and automatic transmission and limited slip differential (which the Pacer now has). One thing we can't answer is whether it will be a fastback or hardtop. #

*THE B-I-G Pacer — showing the 5½ in. rim wheels with high speed radial ply tyres and heavy front sway bar. Grille is chrome and black, unlike the rest of the range, which has all-chrome grilles.*

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