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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

### Club Runs:

- Wednesday 7th August– Dartmoor
- Sunday 25th August– Glenara



This is a photo of Chris McKay's little tow truck, which is a 1948 Willys Overland Ute. This photo was taken on our visit our to Digby.

## Committee 2023/24

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<b>WELFARE OFFICERS</b>	Please contact if you know of an illness, death or any special occasion.	<b>CLUB LIBRARIAN</b> Vacant	
<b>NEW MEMBER CONTACT</b>	President/Secretary/ Treasurer		

## 2024 CLUB CALENDAR

### Meetings, club runs and events

**Clubrooms are situated at the Pastoral Museum in Hiller Lane Hamilton  
Meetings 3rd Thursday of the month@7:30pm Bring some supper to share.  
Club runs are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY and then the FOURTH SUNDAY of each month.**

<b>Wednesday 7th August</b>	Meet at clubroom at 10.00am for 10.30 departure. We will be travelling to Dartmoor for a pub lunch after which we will be given a tour and talk at the museum, around the wood carvings and have an opportunity to browse the op shop. <b>Numbers are required for this one</b> , so please try not to leave it to the last minute.
<b>Thursday 15th August</b>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Have your nominations in. The more people involved, the less work for all. Please have your nominations in early, the more people involved the less work for everyone. It is important to have a full committee to ensure the club runs smoothly; members get “value for money” and the club continues to thrive. Note, no club, no club permit for your vehicle. There will be hot pizza provided for members, please bring a small plate to share for supper.
<b>Sunday 25th August</b>	Meet at the club rooms at 11.30am. Please bring your lunch with you. We will have lunch at the club rooms, then leave at 1pm to follow Rob Brody out to Trevor Mibus’ at Glenara, Dunkeld.
<b>Wednesday 11th September</b>	Annual Memorial Run in honour of members no longer with us. Meet at the club rooms at 12.30 for a 1pm start. We are visiting Clairmont Thoroughbreds at Balmoral; please bring afternoon tea and a chair. Owner operator Geoff will give us a talk on the property and a bit about what they do. We will be able to drive on a 5km track around the property.
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	General Meeting. Speaker is Fraser Mckenzie who is a bee keeper.
<b>Sunday 22nd September</b>	Ron and Bev Ainger will be leading us out to Glendenning Homestead. More details to come.

## SOME OTHER EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN:

- **Sun Aug 25th** Hamilton Undercover Swap Meet. Showgrounds.
- **Sept 22nd** Vintage Rob Roy. Christmas Hills. 0412 339 934
- **Oct 6th** Interclub Challenge. Round 3. (Rob Roy).
- **11-13th Oct** 23rd Early Falcon Nationals. Bendigo Showgrounds.
- **12/13/14 Oct** Mt Gambier Club Spring Time Tour.
- **Nov 17th** 32nd Historic and Classic Rob Roy.
- **18-21 April** 25th Easter Vineland Rally. Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club.

The AGM is upon us!!

Step up! Step up! We need more people to take a position on committee and/or one of the other positions that keep our club active and running smoothly. The meetings don't take up a lot of time and are only called when necessary. There will be a few positions vacant, so come on someone-have a go.

Club runs are bringing out a variety of cars and still proving popular. The cold weather has not deterred too many. No one could resist Helen Waters' cream sponge on our recent trip out to Konongwootong (thanks to hosts Helen and Steve and Peter for organising) and then great fun had on our treasure hunt out to Peshurst after which we enjoyed a sit around a fire eating crumpets and honey. Many thanks to Peter and Loz for all the effort and organization putting this day together.

Don't forget the club room is open every second Friday morning for chat and cuppa.

We also have had our annual presentation dinner. Congratulations to all trophy winners. It was pleasing to see such a good crowd attend.

Pam.

**Health, Wellbeing & Welfare**

To all members, families and friends we hope you are doing well during this time. Please remember to reach out to anyone of us if you are struggling or need an ear to listen. This Month includes National Stroke Week.



Safe Travels to everyone.

May your rubber stay on the road.



**Mercedes 280CE for sale.**

Genuine 120,000 km. Excellent condition. Situated in Victor Harbor SA. Presently advertised at \$28,500 but I could anticipate some negotiable. Contact Roger Garland on 0407 720 809

**SMALL REQUEST**

Is anyone available to help out for a couple of hours to print and envelope the newsletter for those who get a printed copy?

Instructions for use of the printer will be given to any volunteers.

Please contact Pam if you can help



**Blue X Type Jaguar 2002 For Sale.**

\$5000. Call Leonie Jacobson 0407 557 239 or John 0488 940 358

**Note from the Editor:**

There are no general minutes this month as there was no meeting due to our dinner. I hope the coming month is full of laughter and blessings.

Thank you

Bianca Higgins



For Sale. Late 1950's caravan built by Matt Eddy, a cabinet maker thought to have lived along the Dutton Way. Genuine enquiries only please. A very reluctant sale due to illness. Situated near Hamilton. Phone Pam 0419145452



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### 7-7-2024 Edenhope Show 'N' Shine

Pam wandered up to Edenhope, alone, in the Mustang; discovering on her return home a significant water leak (possibly from a water hose). The theme of the day at the Show 'N' Shine was "Unusual Australian Cars". Pam had an interesting day talking to owners and spectators, she also ran into a gentleman several times who worked on the PMG many years ago with Graeme Ralph; this gentleman loved to talk.



### 10-7-2024 Treasure Hunt

It was a cold day with sunshine and drizzle. Only 6 cars took part, maybe because the start was at 1pm, an earlier time.

Points were given beforehand for having driver's licence, Log Book filled in, age of tyres and globes working. (Kms on leaving and later on return.)

The cars set out at short intervals towards Dunkeld, turning right at Lake road, where the first of 8 hubcaps was to be spotted attached to a pole and identified. Further along the name of a property was required. Then we continued along Westlake Rd and left onto Chatsworth Rd.

Next turn was right onto Petschells Lane taking note of Fire Shed name. A few kms further a left turn to Penhurst. Here it was a bit amusing with our competitors criss-crossing each other looking for dates on various buildings and the post code on the Post Office.

Leaving Penhurst on Macarthur Rd and turning right on Church Rd, still looking out for the last 4 hubcaps. We then turned right at the Tabor Bethlehem Lutheran Church cemetery corner and continued on to turn left onto Hamilton/Penhurst Rd and back to the Clubrooms.

2 Fire drums were burning and chairs were in a circle for a cosy chat. Crumpets, toasting forks and toppings were set out. Thank you to those who brought extra. We enjoyed sitting round the fires with a cuppa while the score sheets were being finalised and trophies presented. A nice sociable end to the day.

Results as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Denis Polack & Daryl Milgate 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Marr  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peter & Lorraine Wilson

Congratulations to Wendy, our new member who didn't have the help of a spotter.

About those hubcaps, they included Holden, Mitsubishi, Peugeot, Plymouth, Austin, Subaru, Cyclops (bike) and London (pram) !!

Peter Cay & Loz Hope

## 15-7-2024 Burches Ride

Thank you to those who provided cars to give residents a ride around the town and perimeters. The residents enjoyed the outing very much and the volunteers were treated to an enjoyable lunch at the Birches with the residents who came on the drive.

## 28-7-2024 Run to Konongwootong

This was a run out to Helen and Stephen Waters. Thank you to Peter Wilson for organising this one. Members enjoyed a scenic drive out to the property; with all cars conquering the "Zig Zag Road". Helen had prepared a mouth watering treat of cream sponges and Stephen had his stationary put put puttering away in readiness for us to enjoy browsing around. A most enjoyable day in the sunshine was had by all. Colin has posted some beautiful pictures of this trip on the 'I've lived in Hamilton' Facebook page (due to some technical difficulties I was unable to get them this time).

## 28-7-2024 Presentation Night

The presentation dinner was held at Alexandra House, with a good attendance of 42 members. Awards were:



*Peter Dowdle, Presidents Trophy*

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*Gus Kuilboer, Club Person of the Year*

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*Graeme Ralph, Barker Cup*

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*Rob Brody, YDIDENYA Trophy*

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*Denis Polack, Ed Baudinette  
Memorial Trophy*

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The last trophy to be presented was the Barry Ladd Touring Trophy to Pam Pollock.



PART 3: Whilst the “Motorcycle wars” raged on in Hamilton, towns in the surrounding district weren’t going to miss out on that action. In June 1910, Alfred ‘Alf’ Young opened a bicycle shop in Whyte Street, Coleraine, situated on the site of what was to become Sartains Garage. Initially selling Hercules, BSA & Chater-Lea racers, built to order. It is rumoured that Alf won a large amount of money by backing a horse called Parisian and with those funds expanded his business by including a home built motorcycle named The Parisian. A variety of engines could be ordered but all other parts were manufactured in Coleraine from 1912 onwards. As well as The Parisian, Young advertised himself as local agent for Triumph, BSA, Peerless, F.N, Matchless, Precision, E.W.B & Rudge e.t.c, e.t.c. “Order through us we can advise you, teach you and thus save you worry and expense.”

**(Coleraine Albion, January 1914)**

Young continued to offer The Parisian at least until 1919 but continued to offer Motorcycles well into the 1920’s in Coleraine.

Around the same period, Albert Otto Berkfeld moved from Mt Gambier, South Australia to Casterton, around 1911 and started a bicycle shop in Henty Street. Shortly afterwards he began to assemble his own motor- cycle, The A.O.B.



**(Right: Parisian Motorcycle with Alf Young’s apprentice Arthur Pottage, Photo Neil Mason).**

Unfortunately, like many others, details of the A.O.B motorcycle are scarce. It was believed to be around 3 ½ H.P, capable of 45mph. A.O.B later, (1916) became agents for Indian Motor-cycles and Ford cars. Like Young, it isn’t known how long the A.O.B lasted in production but A.O.B Motors was still going well into the late 1920’s. It is believed there are no surviving examples of either Motorcycle.





**(c 1913 A.O.B Motorcycle believed to be ridden by Albert Berkfeld – nil notation as to photo origin in files but excellent copy held in collection of the Vern McCallum Collection, Portland)**

Back In Hamilton, by 1914 companies Leitch/Riley, Crean & Leslie had begun to advertise more well established makes above their own brands. D.D Riley had begun to offer Indian & Rudge Multi brands. Local early trials, especially with the Hamilton Y.M.C.A Motorcycle Club were conducted on Riley's, in 1914 D.D and C. Whitford competed in the 100 mile contest between Camperdown & Lismore (double journey) in a 3 ½ Rudge and 6h.p J.A.P respectively. Whitford retiring during the first leg and D.D finishing 4<sup>th</sup> after stopping to assist a rider after a crash.

In 1915, D.D left Hamilton on a Rudge Multi at 4.20 a.m, arriving in Melbourne at 10.20 with a 15



minute stop over in Geelong. Mr Riley reported that no trouble was experienced on the trip and the fastest speed recorded on good stretches was 50 m.p.h. In December 1915, Leitch was still advertising a new build Riley 4 ½ with 3 speeds, long exhaust complete with coach-built sidecar for 100 pound.

Leslie continues to advertise their own motorcycles, on 8 May 1915 promoting Precision Engines as having been used in our Leslie Motorcycles during the past 7 years and recent events have proven the wisdom of our choice (maybe WW1). We have received flattering Testimony to the durability and reliability of our Leslie Motorcycles. Leslie also advertising agencies for Peerless, Excelsior, Harley Davidson and Pope Motorcycles amongst others.

**(Left: Poor photograph but important as it is believed the only known image of a Leslie Motorcycle o/s 120 Thompson St, Hamilton)**



After continuing to build Crean motorcycles, last advertised in 1913, by 1915 Crean's had dropped its own brand and concentrated on advertising Precision Big 4's and agents for Triumph, J.A.P, Veloce, Peerless and Overseas Motors.

By late 1914, 100's of young men and potential customers had left Hamilton and surrounding districts to enlist in the services for WW1. With production moving into a war footing ordering and receiving proprietary parts would have become excessively difficult for local manufacturers. Low priced & readily available American cars had started to take over the Australian market including Dodge, Buick, Chevrolet and at that stage un-hindered by war production. In 1918 Leitch Cycle & Motor Depot had ceased to trade but D.D Riley continued a very long association with both the Motorcycle, Motor Vehicle trade & motorcycle racing.

In 1918, Leslie Cycle & Motor Depot was taken over from J.J Moloney by H.J Johansen who also took the Indian agency.

In February 1920 the business and building burnt down in what was described as a 'suspicious' fire.

Creans Cycle Depot continued on until 1919 when it reverted purely to a sports store. So ended Hamilton's manufacture/assembly of unique motorcycles. Without dedicated local historians nearly

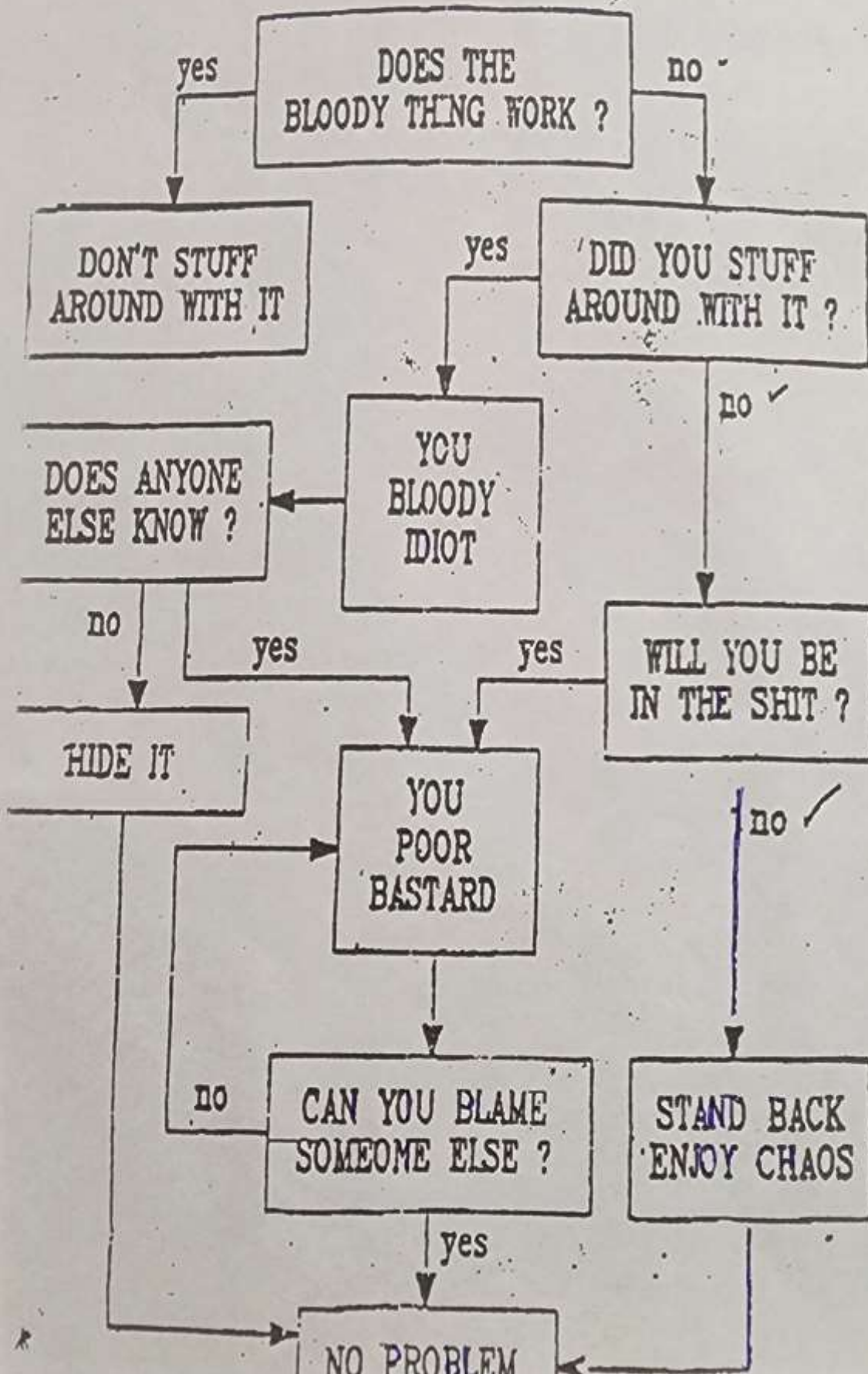


all would have disappeared into history. Information about them is scarce to non-existent. As far as survivors I believe there is 1 Leitch, 1 Riley and no known complete or parts of Leslie, Crean, A.O.B or The Parisian. As far as Granville no-one has ever heard of one. But this is Australia and stranger things have happened. If anyone possesses other information, I would like to hear from you.

Dedicated to Doug. Happy motoring.

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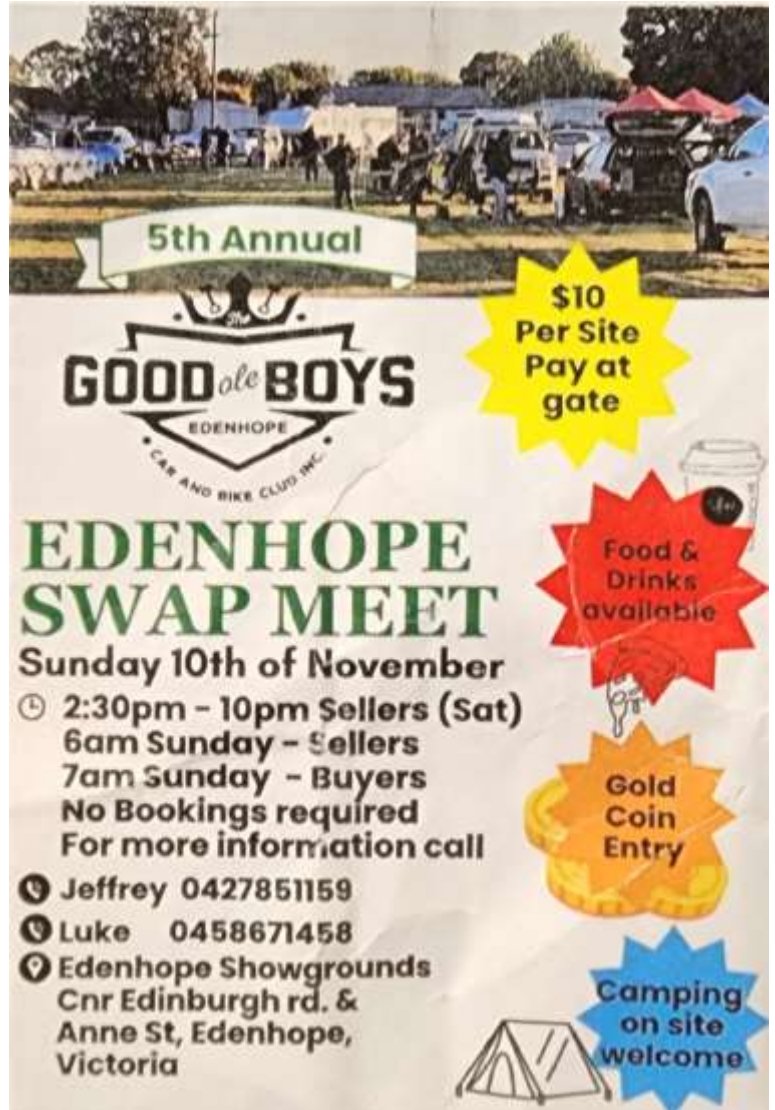
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| Vice President                   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Secretary (also Public Officer ) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Treasurer                        | <input type="radio"/> |
| Club Captain (Weekends)          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Club Captain (Mid Week)          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Committee (5)                    | <input type="radio"/> |

Please indicate preferred Portfolio (if any)

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| Assistant Secretary. | Assistant Treasurer.  | Federation Rep.(2) |
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| Registrar            | <input type="radio"/> |                    |

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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