



AHMF Mission Statement, Vision & Values

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To support Nationally the Preservation of Historic and Classic vehicles and machinery.

AHMF Vision

To maintain continued use and enjoyment of Historic vehicles and machinery.

AHMF Values

Respect – National Collaboration – Support Community – Preserving Motoring Heritage – Inclusivity – Sustainability.

STATE/TERRITORY COUNCILS

New South Wales

- Council of Motoring Clubs NSW CMC NSW

Queensland

- Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc QHMC

South Australia

- Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc FHMC SA

Victoria

- Association of Motoring Clubs Inc AOMC

- Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. FVVCVC

Western Australia

- Council of Motoring Clubs WA CMC WA

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- Australasian Motor Museums Association AMMA

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PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS

Welcome all readers,

As the year draws to a close and we all look forward to a well-deserved break in which we can lick the wounds of the current year and gain strength for the challenges that are sure to present in 2025, let's take a moment to review the previous year.



Insurance: This is becoming an increasing burden to the cost base of running a successful Club and hosting events that bring great benefits, not only to motoring enthusiasts, but to local areas where these events are held and the public in general. In the litigious world in which we live, it would be foolish to continue holding events without appropriate insurance coverage to protect all when the unexpected happens. With this in mind, the AHMF is evaluating several insurance options where we may be able to leverage off the mass of our movement and make discounted premiums available to all enthusiasts.

Not For Profit Changes: The Federal Government announced changes they are making to the reporting obligation for Non-charitable Not-For-Profit organisations who have an active Australian Business Number (ABN). The introduction of these obligations will add a further burden to most, if not all, Motoring Clubs and associations. The AHMF is hearing from members of the concerns they have regarding many issues which included Privacy and

Personnel Implications for Club Office Bearers. Whilst the ATO website has information available, it seems many concerns are not fully addressed. The AHMF will continue to work through these issues.

Luxury Car Tax (LCT): The current legislation applies to all vehicles over a threshold value. In previous formats of this legislation, it exempted historic vehicles up to an identified age limit. Currently only "Utes" are exempt, and this is regardless of age. The only criteria applicable is the utility must have a load carrying capacity which exceeds its passenger carrying capacity into which the vast majority of these vehicles fit. The AHMF has formed a sub-group to approach the Government of the day with a view to having the age threshold reintroduced.

Events: 2024 saw National Motoring Heritage Day enjoyed throughout Australia. I have received reports which indicated the day also received good media coverage. In 2025 this day will be celebrated on the **18th of May**, and I urge all enthusiasts to make plans to wave the movements flag on the 18th. It is testimony to the strength of our movement that every weekend throughout the year, clubs are organising interesting events for members. I know a look at my diary reveals a very busy first half of 2025.

Finally, I would like to thank all fellow delegates and their motoring organisations for supporting the movement throughout the previous year. We are all volunteers, and at times it seems we are prepared to constantly keep hitting our heads into a brick wall in the hope of bringing positive benefits to the movement which we all love. I would like to also wish all enthusiasts a happy Christmas and a safe and positive New Year. Whilst historic vehicles are great, they don't move without us.

Until the next edition I encourage all readers to keep safe and enjoy the pleasure of being out in their historic vehicles.

David Berner

President

Australian Historic Motoring Federation.

Pa and I recently attended the Golden Oldies Tour a tour for Vintage Vehicles (1919 to 1930). With our 1929 Model A Ford we headed off from Federation Marong Picnic with the other 51 entrants. The weather forecast was not good with hailstorms and cold weather predicted. Our planned route was from Marong to Maryborough, Daylesford and then Ballarat stopping at towns, various attractions and places of interest along the way. Not exactly places known for their warm weather so the tourer despite the odd draft was luxurious compared to the many open cars with only side curtains for protection.



Leaving Marong in sunny weather our first stop was Dunolly where a brief shower that lasted less than 2 minutes occurred as we were all heading to the first attraction. Leaving Dunolly I was inundated with phone calls from Bendigo people asking were we safe and alright. Turns out that Bendigo had coped with hail stones the size of golf balls.



On our way to Maryborough from Dunolly we had to do a bit of creative driving to avoid flooded roads so they had certainly coped it as well, we however had missed everything. I was to find out later that Dunolly had been inundated with winds and storm bringing down some sizeable trees just near where many of us had parked.



The weather for the rest of the trip did not really improve with rain, very cold weather and thick fog but it did not diminish the enjoyment of those participating.



There was the odd complaint about the rain and fallen trees on the road when we travelled through the Wombat State Forest and the couple of people with only 2 wheel brakes that were a little less than adequate due to the weather conditions. These issues paled into insignificance though with the fantastic private collections we had the honour of seeing.



I won't talk about all of them but just the two that were on the top of my list, and I would defy anyone to go to either of these collections and not find something of interest. The first was an amazing collection of absolutely everything you can imagine. The stunning thing was that they did not just have one of each item they had multiple examples.



The photos above and below are only a small sample of what was on offer to see.



The second collection (below), for me, was exciting due to the number and variety of machinery on offer to see.



Whilst usually perched in the actual driver's seat of a tractor, this time I was given the change of riding in a tractor side car seat. Many of us took up the

option of a ride which given the wind was a little cold and extremely unprotected so just a normal tractor ride really without our normal thermals etc.



This is only a sample of what was on offer at these private collections and only a couple of the fantastic activities and places we were privileged to attend. For anyone who has every thought about participating in one of these events I strongly recommend you do so. Pa and I have done a couple and each time we are amazed by the extraordinary things we have the good fortune of seeing.





With participants from Victoria and NSW we all had much in common and it was great opportunity to make new friends and catch up with other like-minded friends.

Regrettably, not everyone was lucky enough to make it through the week in one piece but only a couple of vehicles were forced to make the ride home with the RACV, but the occupants were still able to return in classic or modern cars to finish off the tour. For vehicles that were between 90 to 95 years old it was a testament to their upkeep and preservation. Pa who is 81 years old did comment that if he started as quickly as the Model A did each morning, he would be very happy. The Model A made it home in one piece with only a minor hiccup along the way.

A Model V's Pa

Day 2 Taillight stops working in Maryborough so Pa buys a battery operated bike light and attaches to rear bumper so we could be seen at night.

Day 4 Left hand turn indicator stops working.

Day 5 Generator stops charging unless going downhill under compression and the slight vibration makes the generator charge.

When stopped at Trentham, Pa decides perhaps, he should have a look. Wires look good on

generator so checked wires on regulator only to find earth wire slightly loose.

Nut tightened and presto generator charging like mad all the way to Ballarat.

Amazement taillight works and left hand turn indicator also now working.

Moral of the story A Model perfect only problem was operator error.

Rebecca Dempsey

Central Victorian Restoration Group

CENTRAL VICTORIAN RESTORATION GROUP (CVRG) - HAY PRODUCTION

After a lot of effort by a number of club members over 2024 the hay is now all gone from the Huntly block and the Clubs bank account is looking healthy again as we broke even on our income against costs.

It all started with a thought that CVRG members can do this. Land was found at the Echuca end of Huntly. New gateway was installed. Some historic farming equipment was purchased, fixed and used to prepare the ground.



Bit damp for ploughing

The repairs to the machinery were carried out on Saturday mornings by members at Midstate Machinery workshop in Huntly. Weeds were cultivated out with 50+ year old tractors and made

into piles and burnt. Rocks collected and removed by hand by members.



Ready to plant



Lunch

The paddock was worked up three times by members and those not involved with the use of the tractors were on hand to prepare BBQ lunches and refreshments for members. This job was harder as there is no building or power on site.

Seed and fertilizer supplies were obtained and delivered to site. This was not a cheap exercise and used up a large proportion of the clubs funds.

Members were having a great time and were keen to be out there more with their tractors and equipment and tools for repair work. A grouper was borrowed to mix the seed and fertilizer and the seeding was done with the help of a neighbour's equipment. Sadly, the seeder that members fixed only lasted two rounds of the paddock and the real reason it was cheap was found. We have another one now so hopefully that will go okay in 2025.

Then, the prayers for rain at the right time were answered. Oats were growing well. It was decided to turn it into round bales. We ended up with 122 of them weighing over 350kg's each.

A contractor bailed it up after club members mowed the oats and formed them up into rows. Good going from 70 acres of land!



Lining up the bales

Tony went out with the Ford 4WD tractor and lined the bales up making it easier for Steve with the loader to load his drop deck trailer. I believe around 40 in each load went to Daylesford to one buyer who took the lot.

The club account is looking better again now. Thank goodness as it was a gamble to undertake with Club funds.

A huge thank you to everyone involved. I know there was a lot of fun had over the year doing this but at the same time a lot of work and worry to achieve at least a breakeven point for the club.

It is amazing the depth of knowledge members have and those who have not been involved in

farming can come and learn just how hard the work on the land is and the worry you have if you will break even or run at a loss.



The load is ready to go

Next step is to have the property sprayed to stop the weeds and then wait till March and then work it all up ready for sewing again at the end of April.

Again a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Neil Athorn

Federation Veteran Vintage & Historic Vehicle Clubs, Vic.

Greg and I went for a bit of a drive over the Christmas/New Year break, driving from the Sunshine Coast to Parkes NSW for first day, on to Adelaide for 2 nights, Melbourne for a further 2 nights, 1 night in Newcastle, then back to the Sunshine Coast.



I know I am short - but they are a good size banner

Whilst in Adelaide, we met up with SA Delegates - Hugh Davies and his partner Mary, Brian Daley and his wife Cynthia and FHMC SA Secretary Shirley Tomkins for dinner. We passed on one of the Robert Shannon Foundation banners to Hugh; he is setting it up in the National Motor Museum in Birdwood, replacing the old outdated banner in the museum. FHMC SA now have RSF Flyers - and we had already posted flyers to the museum.

David Berner was busy when we were in Melbourne so we didn't get to catch up, but we left the second RSF banner and more flyers at reception of the hotel where we were staying and



Robert Shannon Foundation now has 2 new Banners and new and updated flyers. The old address and phone numbers have been removed and a QR Code added to keep them current.

David collected them. FVVCVC and AOMC will share the banner and display it at their events. I would love to have kept the banner in Brisbane to have it for the National Motoring Heritage Day event on the Bayside but I couldn't justify keeping it here for 1 event when it will be displayed at multiple events in Victoria.

Some of the State Councils are considering purchasing their own banners so they have them at all of their events.

If your State Council wishes to purchase their own banner, they are \$129.99 each, and I am happy to order the banner/s for your council.

Christine Stevens

Chairman, Robert Shannon Foundation

KAAN KOMBAK, ROBERT SHANNON FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Kaan Kombak in receiving a Robert Shannon Foundation Grant.



The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, Classic & historic vehicles up to 30 years old.

Kaan has well & truly done this by undertaking the restoration of his own Morris 1100. Kaan was only 18 and still studying when he bought two Morris 1100s in July 2023, with the aim of doing a light restoration of one vehicle and using the other for parts. He wanted to get it running and registered.

However, it has turned into a nut and bolt restoration, almost as soon as Kaan started doing the work, he decided to actually restore it to the best of his budget and ability. Initially his own individual project, it is now also part of a larger Year 12 School Project.



As a member of the VCCCWA, Kaan has made good use of the club facilities, to source spare parts, see restoration work being done, and sometimes to seek advice and learn from all the members there.

Kaan's mentor Phil Stockdale, has gone to his home on several occasions with specialised tools to help him and keep him on track, and has always been available on the phone to answer questions.

There was a large amount of mechanical and panel work needed to complete the restoration, most of which was done by Kaan himself, with limited funds and while he was still studying, and took under 2 years to complete and then licence on 21st August 2024.

The Robert Shannon Foundation was established in 2003 to perpetuate the memory of Robert

Shannon, founder of Shannons Insurance, to support younger people, particularly in the areas of the preservation and restoration of classic vehicles.

The path to nominating Kaan for this award saw the Council of Motoring Clubs (CMC WA), as the peak motoring Association for WA, resume its Membership of the Australian Heritage Motoring Foundation (AHMF) which administers the Robert Shannon Foundation. Ultimately our submission proved successful with Kaan being an award recipient.



A presentation was made to Kaan at the Club's October General Meeting by Andy Wearmouth and Terry McGrath, the Vice President of the CMC WA.

Kaan's parents are justifiably proud of their son's achievements and expressed their thanks to the Club for the support received by Kaan and particularly Phil's contribution to the project.

Thanks should go to the many members of the Club who have assisted Kaan to complete this project and receive a grant from Robert Shannon Foundation, especially his club mentor Phil Stockdale, and Rob and Gerald in the restoration shed.

Andy Wearmouth

President, VCCCWA

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FROM THE SPOKE'N'HUB TORQUE EDITOR



A belated Happy Yew Year to all. I do hope you and your family had an excellent Christmas and welcomed in 2025 in style.

My husband Greg and I enjoyed a seafood buffet at Kawana Waters Hotel on the Sunshine Coast and I *did* stay awake to welcome in 2025 but "staying awake" is about all I can put claim to.

Spoke'n'Hub Torque was due out 1st December and was delayed due to the late arrival of the Presidents Report. It was then decided to wait until Christmas to send this out so the Newsletter did not get lost in emails over the Christmas/New Year Break. This then overlapped with multiple commitments. Due to this, the next newsletter will be distributed mid-April, then 1st of June so we are back on track.

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