

# THE MOTOMETER

April  
2026



FRIENDS  
OF  
VINTAGE  
MOTORING INC



**“The Voice of Friends of Vintage Motoring”**  
**“Timeless Stories, Technical Wisdom,  
and Club News”**

# Committee Members

**President** - Adam Jones

**Secretary** - Maxine Martin

**Treasurer** - Bob Yates

**Public Officer** - Ian Russell

## Inaugural Committee Members

Mik & Marg Bojko

Gary Warren

Dale & Kay La Vars

Trevor Martin

Kelly Russell

Rosa Yates

## Registrars

Bob Yates - 0448 865 967

Adam Jones - 0430 118 446

Mik Bojko - 0438 814 810

**Friends of Vintage Motoring email address**

[friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com)

# WELCOME

**Marty McKinnon**

**Michael & Angie Miller**

**Tammie Syed**

**Michael & Lauren Wheeler**

*Welcome to this exciting new chapter in Vintage/Veteran Motoring*

# FAMILY BREAKFAST RUN



**Sunday 3rd. May**

**Meet Officeworks Carpark—Parafield**

**8.00am**

**Mystery Run to Breakfast Location**

RSVP—[trevmax1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:trevmax1@bigpond.net.au)

## DODGE BROTHER TOURING CAR

This Dodge Brothers Touring Car was purchased in May 2012 from Peter Wright in Patterson Lakes, Victoria, initially believed to be a 1918 veteran car. However, a subsequent check of the chassis number revealed it to be a July 1919 vintage model.

The car was fully imported from the USA as a steel, Budd-bodied vehicle by the Canada Cycle and Motor Company, based in La Trobe Street, Melbourne. At the time, due to the impact of World War One and German U-boats sinking merchant ships, shipping space was extremely limited. Most vehicles of this era were imported as rolling chassis only, with locally built, wood-framed steel-panel bodies fitted in Australia to help establish a domestic motor industry and provide employment.

As an interesting aside, the Canada Cycle and Motor Company was also among the first to import a fuel bowser into Australia in 1920.

The car required significant mechanical attention, including work on the engine, gearbox, steering, and running gear. Removing the engine and gearbox is no simple task, as the rear axle must be moved back due to the solid torque tube design, rather than the more modern propeller shaft arrangement.



I received a great deal of help, advice, and spare parts from fellow Dodge Brothers owners, enabling me to make the car reliable and roadworthy rather than undertaking a full restoration. However, before reassembly was completed, we decided to take off on a motorhome trip around Australia.

Two years later, having reached as far as the Bungle Bungles near Lake Argyle in Western Australia, we received a message from our tenant advising they wished to vacate our Melbourne home. We decided that if we hurried, we could race back, reassemble the car, and attend the 100th anniversary of the Dodge Brothers Car Company, being held in Forbes, NSW, in 2014.



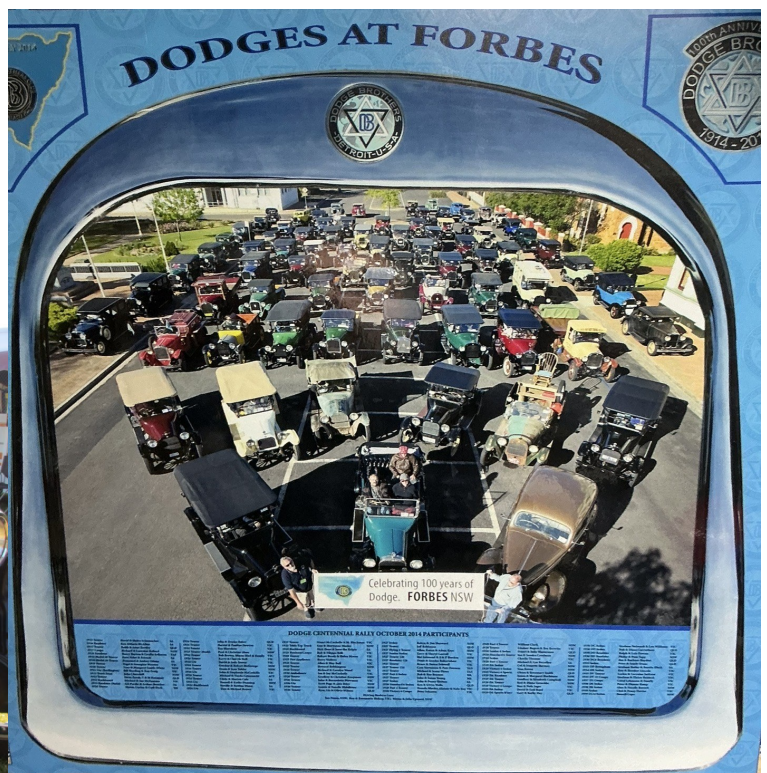
We arrived home with just six days to reassemble the car, make it roadworthy, register it, and get to Forbes. Somehow, we made it—and even managed to secure a spot on the front row of the group photo of 103 cars, taken from a cherry picker by DBCA member Bill Harding.

Over the following years, we attended many rallies across New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, and South Australia. My five-year-old grandson Zac was especially keen, so we fitted a child's booster seat and took him along on several trips, including one to Mount Gambier.

During that trip, Zac announced that he would love a car like this one. I told him, "You can have this one. When I die, I'll leave it to your dad—and when he dies, he'll leave it to you."

"Great," said Zac. "When is that?"

**Nigel Wooster**



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 31ST MAY

11.30am

FOLLOWING THE MEETING BBQ LUNCH

GLANDORE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CLARK AVE, GLANDORE



# Penfield Park



Meeting in a busy public car park certainly has its drawbacks, but before long we were successfully on our way to Penfield, armed with a detailed run sheet kindly prepared by Ian. Upon arrival, our Vintage/classic cars were proudly parked on a rise, creating quite a spectacle for visitors heading through the gates to see the model trains. It was a fantastic display that drew plenty of interest throughout the day.

The canteen offered a good assortment of lunch options—although sadly, no cream cakes! That said, there was no shortage of delicious treats, including the much-appreciated hot cross buns kindly provided by Kelly after lunch.

The effort and dedication of the engineers on site was truly impressive. While many of us maintain vehicles we've purchased, these talented individuals start with raw materials and construct incredible working machines from scratch. The model trains that carried passengers around the expansive grounds were a highlight—powerful, smooth, and a joy to ride.

Adding to the charm, the grounds were dotted with an array of whimsical displays—stuffed animals, toy vehicles, and quirky scenes that made the journey especially magical for children (and the young at heart!). A personal favorite was the blue monkey swinging happily from a tree.

The action didn't stop there. The dirt circuit provided plenty of excitement, with high-speed model cars racing around, and skilled radio-controlled drivers even managing to flick up dirt as they sped past us—much to everyone's delight.



For those dreaming big, there was even a backyard-scale garden train setup—battery powered and radio controlled—that had many of us imagining what we could do with just a bit more space at home!

Indoors, opposite the canteen, a magnificent landscaped electric train display drew admiration from visitors of all ages. The detail and craftsmanship were outstanding.

The day had a wonderful Easter theme woven throughout. We even spotted the Easter Bunny hopping about, sharing eggs with those lucky enough to catch them! A huge thank you to Debs for organising the Easter biscuit decorating table—it was a big hit with the kids.

And thank you to Maxine for the bubbles and chips, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. From Easter biscuit decorating and face painting to train rides, RC cars, hot cross buns, and even ice cream, it truly was an amazing family day out. It was heartwarming to see children, parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents all enjoying the day together.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and made the day so special. Thanks to the welcoming spirit of our amazing club, we were also thrilled to gain a few new members who clearly enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

Days like these are exactly what our club is all about—friendship, fun, and making memories together. Who knew a bunch of car enthusiasts could be so easily distracted by trains... and hot cross buns!

**Thank you Kelly and Ian for organising such a pleasant day. Mik & Marg Bojko**





# FRIENDS OF VINTAGE MOTORING INC.

## REGISTRATION DAY

### 31st May 2026

CCC Clubrooms  
10.30 AM - 14.30 PM



Apply for New Membership /  
Renew Existing

• membership form available

Receive or Renew Your  
Club Log Book

BBQ Lunch  
included

Make payment -  
cash accepted



### Event Details & Payment



**Venue: Glandore Community Centre, Clarke Ave, Glandore**

**Time: 10.30 - 14.30**

**Fees payable in advance or on the day to: Friends of Vintage Motoring,  
Beyond Bank Australia**

**BSB: 325185, Account Number: 04162535. Ref: [Your Name]**

### FOR FULL DETAILS AND ALL FORMS:

 [friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com)  0400 660 654

### Payment Notification Reminder

When making any payment into the Club's account -  
whether for membership, memorabilia, or club runs  
- please email :

[friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com)

clearly stating:

**Who the payment is from**

**What the payment is for**

**Friends of Vintage Motoring  
Beyond Bank Australia**

**BSB: 325185**

**Account Number: 04162535**

# The Cedars

## Home of Hans Heysen

As I woke to the sound of my alarm, I glanced out the window to find a miserable morning—just a light drizzle, but enough to make me consider rolling over and going back to sleep. Tempting as it was, I resisted. I had been looking forward to the run with friends to The Cedars.



The Cedars is the historic home and property of renowned Australian artist Sir Hans Heysen, along with his daughter Nora Heysen and their families. Having visited about ten years ago, I knew it had undergone a bit of a makeover, so I was especially keen to see it again. Thanks to a substantial government grant, a new reception area and café are well on the way to being completed.

We all gathered at Gillies Plains where, after a warm welcome, it was time to fire up the cars and head off. With wipers gently sweeping away the drizzle, we made our way up the freeway towards Hahndorf.

Arriving at The Cedars, we were greeted by the peaceful beauty of the property. The surrounding gums and rolling landscape looked fresh and alive after the rain, exactly the kind of scenery that inspired Sir Hans Heysen in so many of his works, many of which are on display throughout his home and studio.



Walking through the home and studios offered a real glimpse into the lives of the Heysen family. It was fascinating to see where they lived and created their art, and equally so imagine Hans's wife, Sarah, raising their eight children in this beautiful yet busy household.



Having learned a little more about the history of this remarkable artist and his family, it was soon time to move on to our next destination. Thankfully, there was just enough time to stop for a coffee at the Cedars café.

Back in the cars, we made our way through the main street of Hahndorf and on to Auchendarroch House, where Adam had reserved a table for us all to enjoy lunch—and, of course, plenty more chatter. I chose the exact right seat because I was entertained all afternoon by our two stooges, Tony and Paul.

After a wonderful day of great company, it was clear that the early morning temptation to stay in bed had been well and truly the wrong choice. The rain had cleared and the conversation had flowed freely.

All in all, a fantastic day out—proving once again that good friends, a scenic drive, and a shared love of old cars will beat a lazy morning every time... even if the alarm doesn't seem to think so!

**Thanks Adam another great day out.**



# GENERAL MEETING

## Minutes

### 29/03/2026

Welcome	<p>President Adam Welcomed all those present to The March Meeting of the Friends of Vintage Motoring, he thanked Ian and Kelly for organising such an amazing day out.</p> <p>He welcomed those that members who were enjoying their first run</p>	
Present:	56 Members and Friends were present as per the data base list	
Apologies:	Bob & Rosa, Jake & Cheree	
Acceptance of Minutes:	<p>Minutes of a committee meeting held on 22nd March 2026as distributed by email.</p> <p>Minutes of General Meeting held on and distributed in the March edition of the Motormeter</p>	<p>Moved: Dale Seconded: Trevor That both sets of minutes as distributed be accepted</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>
Secretary's Report: From the Committee:	<p>We're pleased to announce that our website is now live:  <a href="http://www.fovm.com.au">www.fovm.com.au</a></p> <p>If you would like your vehicle featured on the <b>Members' Cars</b> page, please email your photos and details to the Secretary.</p> <p>Membership Renewal &amp; Payments          Membership renewals are due at the end of June. However, payments and logbooks can be processed from 1st May for the 2026/27 financial year.          Bank card facilities are now available; however, a 3% fee will apply to card payments.</p>	<p>Moved: Ian Seconded: Mik That Secretary's Report be accepted</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>
Treasurers Report:	In the Absence of Bob there was no report	
New Membership:	Marty McKinnon Michael & Angie Miller	<p>Moved: Kelly Seconded: Maxine That the members listed be accepted</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>

Monthly Runs:	<p><b>Presidents Run – The Cedars</b>  Sunday 12th April  We will meet at: Gillies Plains RSL  Corner of Ways Road &amp; Bennett Avenue, Manningham  8:45am Cost: \$20.00 per head  At the conclusion of the tour, we will enjoy lunch at:  Auchendarroch House</p> <p><b>Breakfast Run</b>  Sunday 3rd May  \$10.00 per head (children free)  Meet at Officeworks Carpark, Parafield</p> <p><b>Registration Day</b>  Sunday 31st May  10:30am – 2:30pm  Glandore Community Centre</p> <p><b>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>  Sunday 31st May  11:30am  Glandore Community Centre  Followed by a BBQ</p>	
The Motometer:	Maxine thanked all those that contributed to the March edition and encouraged all those present to	
General Business:	Nil	
Meeting Closed:	Adam thanked all present for their support of our club .	

A short meeting was held during the Cedars Run on Sunday, 12th April 2026.

The following items were discussed:

- **Upcoming Event:** Breakfast Run – Sunday, 3rd May
- **Federation Update:** Dale advised members that, following the Federation meeting held the previous day, our club has now been officially recognised as a member of the Federation
- **Merchandise:** Maxine presented the new car magnets and calico bags, which are now available for purchase

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

# REGISTERING YOUR CAR

Friends of Vintage Motoring is a **recognised club through DPTI**.

This means we are authorised to **issue MR334 forms and Logbooks** 🏠

**What do you need to do to transfer your vehicle to Friends of Vintage Motoring?**

**Prior to 30 June 2026 and after 1st May 2026**, you must complete the following steps:

1. **Have your current logbook cancelled**

This must be done by a registrar of the club you are currently a member of. If you are a member of the *Model T Ford Club*, Bob is a registrar of that club and can cancel your logbook for you.

If you are a member of another recognised club you must go to a registrar of that club to have your logbook cancelled

2. **Have a new MR334 form completed**

This will be completed by one of our Friends of Vintage Motoring registrars. Our recognised registrars are Bob, Mik, and Adam.

3. **Complete a MR1 form**

Available from one of our three registrars

4. **Lodge the MR334 form along with the MR1 Form**

Take the completed MR334 along with your MR1 forms to your local Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

5. **Purchase a new logbook \$5.00**

Buy a new logbook from one of the Friends of Vintage Motoring registrars.

## Important Note

You **must be a financial member of Friends of Vintage Motoring** before a new MR334 form and logbook can be issued.

Membership Fees for 2025/26 are \$15.00

Membership Fees for 2026/27 are \$25.00 (due 30th June 2026)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with either myself or one of our registrars - we're happy to help.



# Upcoming Events

## Friends of Vintage Motoring

**Sunday  
3rd  
May**

**Breakfast Run**  
**Organisers: Maxine & Trevor Martin**  
[trevmax1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:trevmax1@bigpond.net.au)

**Sunday  
31st  
May**

**Registration Day  
&  
AGM**

**Saturday  
13th  
June**

**1st Birthday Dinner**  
**Organisers: The Committee**  
[friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com)

**Sunday  
5th  
July**

**Army Museum of S.A.  
Keswick**  
**Organisers: Dale La Vars**  
[djlv@esc.net.au](mailto:djlv@esc.net.au)

**Sunday  
2nd  
August**

**Mark the date in your diary**  
**Run Location**  
**To be advised**

# SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

**Sunday 3rd May - Old Crocks Run Wigley Reserve Glenelg**

**Sunday 14th June—Sedan Swap Meet**

**FIND TREASURES YOU NEVER  
KNEW YOU NEEDED!**



**Club Polo Shirts & Caps are now  
available**

Polo shirts - \$35.00, Caps \$20.00

email Maxine to place your order

[friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com)

