

THE MOTOMETER

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FRIENDS OF VINTAGE MOTORING INC



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

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WELCOME

Neil D'sylva

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Welcome to this exciting new chapter in Vintage/Veteran Motoring

“DOLLY” my 1920 Dodge Model 30

Dolly my 1920 Dodge has been a well know car in the Model T ford Club for a very long time. I acquired her from my old mate Laurie Leonard and have been honored to own her, although things haven't been all that good with the old girl.

Some of the history I know of the car is that I'm the third owner from new. Laurie got the car from the original owner that was a painter in Snowtown north of Adelaide. On one of Laurie's many trips up north he seen the back of the car sitting in a shed and knocked on the owners door, This was in the 1950's. Laurie and the previous owner made a deal and soon Laurie and his brother-in-law Max went back to Snowtown with a car trailer to drag the old girl home to Nailsworth. Dolly was loaded onto the trailer and then he and Max headed for Port Wakefield. A funny story Laurie told me was that they were almost in the town of Port Wakefield when a car came screaming up behind them flashing their lights, Laurie pulled over on the side of the road and the driver came up to Laurie's window saying that the dodge had come off the trailer and the back wheels where on the road with the front wheels still on the trailer. Laurie told the guy they were trying to break the engine in. Seeing they were already stopped Laurie said to Max maybe we should see if the old girl will start. They unloaded Dolly and put some fuel in the tank, towed her down the road a short distance and to his surprise she started. He said to Max you head off and I will drive her back to Gepps Cross (This was the end of the world in the 50's and dirt roads). According to Laurie she ran kind of ok but not great.

Now they had Dolly back home and in the shed. She was originally a grey car and complete in every way. The hood and interior were in really poor condition. Laurie started on the restoration and did everything himself apart from the interior upholstery and the hood which was done by Don Davies.

Dolly had sat idle in Laurie's shed for 15 years untouched and I talked him into getting her out for a run one Sunday. He didn't want to drive her as he found her too difficult to get behind the wheel (After all he was 90 at this stage).



Anyway, fast forward and she is now my car. Initially she gave me lots of trouble and with the Help of the Dodge man in SA Mr. Dick Heart she was running, But not the best. I took her on a Bay to Birdwood with my cousins, but she wouldn't pull up the hill to Haughton unless in first gear doing less than 5 Miles per Hour. Then bravely I decided to take Dolly on the Port Augusta run as the model it was still off the road. She did get me there and back, Gods knows How. After getting her back home she just was lacking power and wasn't as a Dodge should be. I contact Tom Brown from "Tom Brown Vintage Engines" In Bendigo. I've known Tom for many years and call him the Dodge Guru as that is his specialty, plus he owns about 6 Dodges of his own. I begged and pleaded with him to come to SA for a weekend and see if he could sort Dolly out for me. The news wasn't good and he sat me down and told me the engine was simply worn out. We then proceeded to remove the engine, and he took it back to Bendigo with him for a full rebuild. After pulling the engine down he rang and said the valve guides were badly worn, Cam was worn, Conrods were no good and the list went on, I asked if anything was good and was told the cam gear was excellent (What a relief).

He also decided that it would be best to do the clutch and gearbox at the same time seeing they are already out of the car. Bob and I did a quick trip to Bendigo and back to drop the gearbox off to Tom in March of 2026.



Whilst the engine and gearbox are getting rebuild, I decided to replace the lower wind-screen frame as that was all rusted out and I was lucky enough to find a replacement in Victoria a couple of years ago. The windscreen is now finished and back in the car, so I decided to get Spencer trimming back out to install a new back to the hood. The hood had been fitted with an oval shaped glass window, and I keep cracking it when get the car out of the shed as she doesn't fit under the carport with the hood up. The correct



windows in the hood should have been 6 cathedral shaped windows. I should have that back in the car over the next couple of months. I'm planning on taking Dolly to the Remark rally in September 2026 so fingers crossed everything is all back together well before then so I can get some miles on her before tackling a big trip like that. She has currently been sitting in my shed with no engine since July 2025 and I'm really missing not being able to drive her but hopefully we are on the downhill run with the rebuild now - One can only hope

Adam Jones

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 31ST MAY

11.30am

FOLLOWING THE MEETING BBQ LUNCH

**GLANDORE COMMUNITY CENTRE
CLARK AVE, GLANDORE**





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,
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FOR FULL DETAILS AND ALL FORMS:

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Transfer of number plates for a deceased estate

Information is available on the sa.gov.au website regarding the transfer for number plates as part of a deceased estate.

The page is available online at

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/registration/number-plates-and-trade-plates/deceased-estates-number-plates>.



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**SATURDAY
13TH JUNE**



**7 O'CLOCK
IN THE EVENING**



DINNER



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CELEBRATING A YEAR OF FRIENDSHIP,
CLASSIC/VINTAGE CARS, AND MEMORABLE JOURNEYS



Breakfast Run

Rain Rain and more rain was the week of the breakfast run, after a few 'what if' phone calls it turned out to be a great morning, not a drop of rain.

It was an early start at the meeting point and very cold and chilly. The only person I believe that was prepared for it was Erin in her furry oodie. All the kids jumped into Erin's soccer mum van to keep warm. Bob welcomed everyone explained what was happening, handed out the run sheets to breakfast.

Once it looked like everyone was here, we took off on a short drive to the meeting point for breakfast. As we arrived at Paddocks Reserve Playground you could see Jake and Trevor on the BBQ cooking, pancakes were being made, cereal, juice, tea and coffee an amazing spread for everyone to enjoy.

As everyone greeted Maxine and Trevor, the kids ran off to the playground and bike track. What makes this club amazing is how everyone is happy to see each other and to share stories, but not only the adults the kids are happy to catch up with each other again. Ava-lee and Sophia were so excited to see Zoey and play, car club besties those 3.



Then breakfast was ready there was no way anybody left hungry, so much food and all was delicious. I believe the only person who did not eat was Zoey as she was too busy playing... (poor kid... what was her Grandma doing?)

After breakfast plenty of chatting amongst the adults and playing from the children. Even the big kids had a try on the bike track and left with scraps on their knees just like when he was a little. The raffle was drawn and won by Jake – who donated his winnings back to the club.

After a great morning of weather, food and friends it was time to go home. I know I went home and did exactly what the babies (Zavier & Molly) did and went for a much needed afternoon nap.

Thankyou Maxine & Trevor on a great get together xx

Kelly Russell



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SENIORS TEXTING CODE

- ATD:** At The Doctors
- BFF:** Best Friend Fell
- BTW:** Bring the Wheelchair
- BYOT:** Bring Your Own Teeth
- FWIW:** Forgot Where I Was
- GGPBL:** Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
- GHA:** Got Heartburn Again
- IMHO:** Is My Hearing-Aid On
- LMDO:** Laughing My Dentures Out
- OMSG:** Oh My! Sorry, Gas
- ROFLACGU:** Rolling On Floor Laughing And Can't Get Up
- TTYL:** Talk To You Louder.

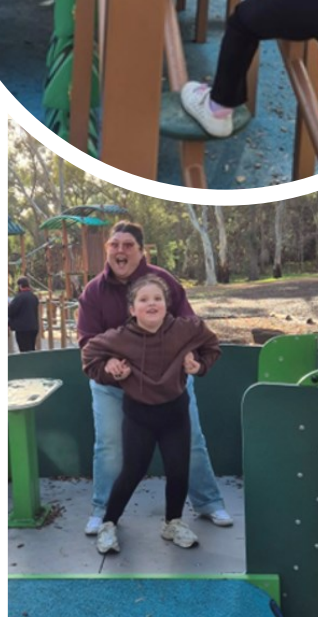




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Meet at 10:00 am on the
5th of July







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at the Corners of Third Ave
and May St Sefton Park.



Please be aware that
there is no onsite Café
on weekends – BYO
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leisure

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Tour will be approximately 2hrs duration
commencing at 11.00am.



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NO LATTER THAN
THE 21ST OF JUNE.

MEETING MINUTES

03/05/2024

Welcome	In the absence of Adam Bob Welcomed all those present to The May Meeting of the Friends of Vintage Motoring, he thanked Maxine, Trevor and Jake for organising today's run. He also thanked Kym and Alan for the donation of eggs. He welcomed those members who were enjoying their first run	
Present:	As per the clubs database	
Apologies:	Adam and Gary, Colin Greene, Anthony Russell, Michael & Lauren Wheeler, Giles & Karen Kirby	
Acceptance of Minutes:	Bob called for a motion to accept the previous minutes as published in the April Motormeter	Moved: Dale Seconded: Ian That the minutes as distributed in the Motormeter be accepted Carried
Secretary's Report: From the Committee:	Official advise that Friends of Vintage Motoring are now a member of the Federation	Moved: Maxine Seconded: Mik That Secretary's Report be accepted Carried
Treasurers Report:	As presented by Bob	Moved: Dale Seconded: Heather
New Membership:	Neil D'sylva	Moved: Ian Seconded: Trevor That Neil be accepted Carried
The Motometer:	Thanks to all those that have contributed to the Magazine - we are still in need of cover stories	

<p>Monthly Runs:</p>	<p>May 31st - Registration Day & AGM June - First Birthday Dinner July - Keswick Barracks We are currently looking for Organisers for August September - Fort Glanville October - Rocking Horse 28th November - Cherry Run December - Christmas Party</p>	
<p>General Business:</p>	<p>Chooks Graphics have kindly come on board as a club sponsor and have donated car stickers Allmat Timber are continuing their sponsorship by way of the website Please support those that support us. We have a variety of club memorabilia for sale please see Maxine to place your orders. Ian requested that we look into the purchase of jacket hoodies - Maxine to move forward on this item of clothing.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed:</p>	<p>Bob thanked all those present and declared the meeting closed</p>	



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – 2026 / 2027

A friendly reminder that annual membership fees are now due.



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FOR A WONDERFUL
FIRST YEAR!

\$25.00

Due & Payable by
30th June 2026



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To maintain your **Historic Registration**, memberships must remain current and financial.



Your continued support helps keep our club active through club runs, social events, newsletters and the preservation of historic motoring.



Thank you for being part of the Friends of Vintage Motoring family.



PLEASE RENEW PROMPTLY TO AVOID INTERRUPTION TO HISTORIC REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY.



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

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Upcoming Events

Friends of Vintage Motoring

**Sunday
31st
May**

**Registration Day
&
AGM
Free BBQ Lunch**

**Saturday
13th
June**

**1st Birthday Dinner - Sailmasters Tavern
Organisers: The Committee
Bookings essential
friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com**

**Sunday
5th
July**

**Army Museum of S.A.
Keswick
Organisers: Dale La Vars
djlv@esc.net.au**

**Sunday
9th
August**

To be advised

**Sunday
20th
September**

**Fort Glanville
Organiser: Erin Lawes
erinlawes@gmail.com**

SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

Sunday 14th June - Sedan Swap Meet

Sunday 20th September - Arthur Clisby Picnic Day
Macclesfield

Mon 12th October 2026 - Wed 21st October 2026
Federation Motorfest 2026

Sunday 18th October - Bay to Birdwood

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