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# From Friendship to Family Memories

## Albert Jones and His 1926 Model T Ford

After Rosina and I migrated to Australia from London, England, in 1972, we bought a home in Valley View. During our first trip back to England, I looked up some old friends, Sue and Jeff Bradshaw. One evening, while chatting over a cold drink, Jeff mentioned that they were thinking about moving to Australia.

Jeff arrived in Adelaide in time for Christmas 1980 and found work detailing cars for a dealership on Main North Road. We quickly renewed our friendship.

One day he told me he had bought a Model T Ford and proudly showed me a photograph of a 1925 T Ford sitting on the back of a trailer. It certainly needed work, but Jeff had the tools, the space, and the skills to restore it.

Some time later he arrived at our house driving the Model T. It looked magnificent.

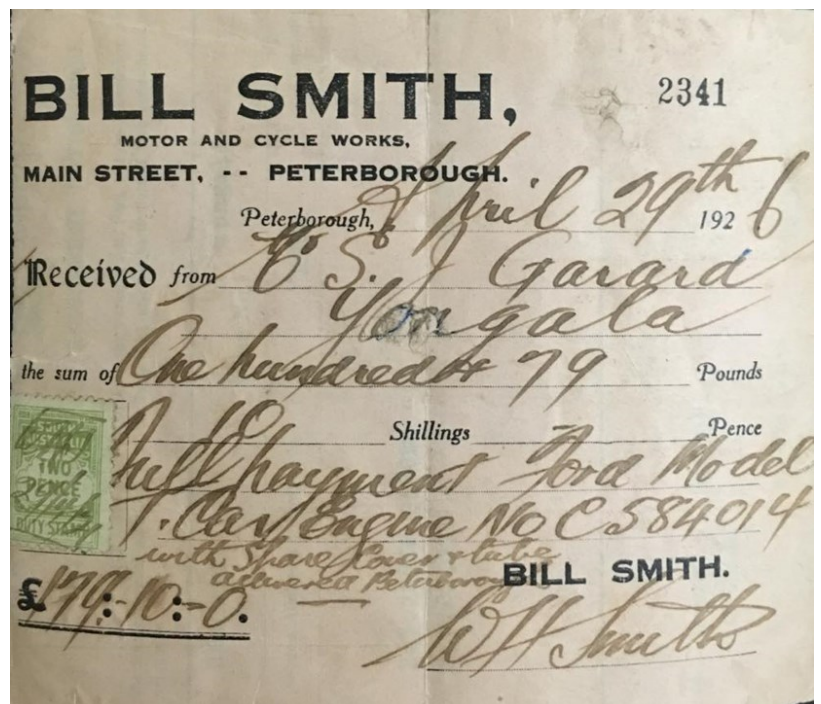
During the years Jeff owned the car, we completed three Bay to Birdwood Runs together. Although he owned several other vehicles, none possessed the charm and character of the little T Ford.

Sadly, Jeff was later diagnosed with melanoma. Before returning to England to be closer to his family, he offered me the opportunity to buy his cars. Having always admired vintage vehicles, I purchased the Model T. Looking back, I probably should have bought the Jaguar XK150 as well—it certainly would have been the better financial investment—but I have never regretted buying the T Ford.

My Model T was assembled at the Dalgety Woolstore in Victoria. It was originally sold by Bill Smith Motor and Cycle Works in Peterborough. The first owner, Mr. S. J. Garard of Yongala, purchased the car on 29 April 1926 for the princely sum of £179/10/-.

Learning to drive a Model T was an experience in itself. My entire lesson consisted of a two-hour session in the car park at Ingle Farm Shopping Centre before Sunday trading existed. It was simply a huge open space back then.

Like anything, driving a 'T' improves with time, patience, and plenty of practice.



One of my greatest pleasures has been sharing the car with my grandchildren.

My grandsons Archie and Oscar came to visit Rosina and I and, as usual, I was in the garage.

When they saw the old Ford, both boys were fascinated and immediately asked if I could take them for a ride. Unfortunately, the car was up on blocks while I was carrying out some maintenance.



I promised Archie, who was eight years old at the time, that he could accompany me on the upcoming Bay to Birdwood. Every time I saw him after that, he would ask, "**When are we going in the old car?**"

Eventually, the big day arrived. Archie stayed overnight so we could make an early start. Before leaving, the Model T received one final polish—or rather, Archie gave it one final polish. We met the other participants at Tea Tree Gully Oval, and Archie was amazed by the number of historic vehicles gathered there.

As we made our way towards Birdwood, Archie noticed people waving enthusiastically from the roadside.

"Are those people waving to us?" he asked.

"Yes," I replied. "You'd better wave back."

At the end of the day, Archie told me how much he had loved the experience and that he wanted to do it all again the following year.

Archie and I have now completed two Bay to Birdwood together, creating memories that neither of us will ever forget—one ride at a time.



Like most Model T owners, I have experienced the occasional breakdown—once during the Echuca Rally in Victoria

As for Rosina, she has become less enthusiastic about travelling in the Model T these days. Her reasons are quite simple.

"It's uncomfortable, it's cold... and it hasn't got any brakes!"

I continue to enjoy every mile behind the wheel of the old T.

**Albert Jones**



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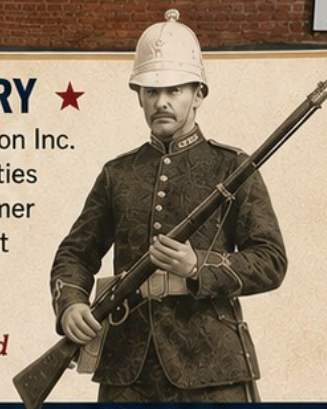
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## McLeod's Daughters August Monthly Run

This month's run was a great day out, organised by Maxine and Trevor, with a fantastic turnout of 36 members in attendance.

We all met at Carisbrook Park, where the usual pleasantries were exchanged as everyone caught up for a chat before the day got underway. There was plenty of chatter, a few laughs and, naturally, some discussion about the cars before it was time to hit the road, being such a lousy day weatherwise most of us decided to bring our Moderns.

The day started with four kids trying to work out whose car they were going in and, more importantly, where everyone was sitting! In our car, we ended up with Karissa and myself, along with Xavier, Mia and Eivie.

Before leaving, Mum and I mentioned that we both needed fuel. Dad (Ian) assured us we were heading towards Gawler and could stop at the Caltex at Munno Para. That plan quickly changed when we received the run sheet and realised we were turning off at Black Top Road!

So, Mum and I made a quick detour to Hillbank for fuel before catching up and joining the end of the run.

Mia was put in charge of reading out the directions and did a fantastic job, getting them all correct and keeping us on track. Xavier, on the other hand, wasn't interested in navigating at all and decided that going straight to sleep was a much better option!

Apparently, Trevor Norley was given the important job of navigator in Colin's car. Unfortunately, Trevor managed to take them on not one, but two wrong turns! Colin has since advised that he may be looking for a new navigator for future runs.

And by the way, Trevor... there are TWO hotels in Freeling!



When we arrived at Outback Rustic Garden Art, the kids jumped out and quickly joined the rest of the group. The gentleman running the shop gave each of the kids a ladybug on a stick, which they were all very happy with.

Everyone then enjoyed a lovely morning tea prepared by Kelly before having a good look around at all the wonderful and unusual garden art on display.

I did notice that a few members did more than just look and managed to shop their way around Garden Art, with a few purchases finding their way back to the cars!

Afterwards, everyone jumped back into their cars and we headed off to the pub for lunch.



We decided to go with what we thought would be the easy option for the kids — eight chicken strips and a bowl of chips for the glorious price of \$45!

Safe to say, for \$45 we were expecting enough chicken to feed the kids, not leave us wondering where the rest of it was!

We also learnt another valuable lesson that day — apparently new publicans really don't like you moving their seats around!

All jokes aside, it was a wonderful family day out. The kids had a great time, there were plenty of laughs along the way, and we really enjoyed spending the day with everyone from the car club.

It is always lovely to see the kids enjoying these runs just as much as the adults and making their own friendships and memories along the way.

The usual club raffle was also conducted, with Debbie being our lucky winner for the day. Congratulations, Debbie!

Thanks again to Maxine and Trevor for organising another great monthly run — wrong turns, shopping, expensive chicken and all!

Jayden Russell



# Ladies Page

## RECIPES & HANDY HINTS

SHARING IDEAS, TIPS & DELICIOUS INSPIRATION



### Recipes

#### **Grandmas Curried Sausages**

1kg thick beef sausages

1 tablespoon oil

1 brown onion

2 tablespoons curry powder

1 cup beef stock

400g tinned tomatoes

1 cup frozen peas

1/2 cup sultanas

Place the sausages in a saucepan of cold water—bring to the boil. Slice. Heat oil in large saucepan, cook onion until soft. Add curry powder. Add sausages, stock and tomatoes, simmer uncovered. Stir in peas and sultanas. Cook until thickened.



### Handy Hints

**Soak neglected paint brushes in hot vinegar to clean and make them as pliable as new.**

#### **Fog-Free Mirrors**

**Prevent your bathroom mirror from fogging up after a hot shower with car wax. Apply a small amount of car wax to the mirror, let it dry, then buff with a soft, dry cloth.**

Good  
Food  
Great  
Company  
Happy  
Hearts

Serve your curried sausages with  
Rice, Yoghurt and  
Coriander



# See Australia First

## Reso Tour to Alice Springs

### Unique Victorian Scheme

In the 1920s, the Victorian Railways sponsored a series of special train tours into regional Australia under the banner **Victorian National Resources Development**, commonly shortened to "**Reso.**"

These tours brought together businessmen, educators, scientists, and publicists with the aim of exploring ways to further develop regional communities. They sought to strengthen the links between city and country while promoting business, agriculture, tourism, and investment throughout Victoria and beyond.

In August 1927, one of the most ambitious of these expeditions set out by rail for **Stuart**, in Central Australia—now known as **Alice Springs**. Although the town was commonly referred to as Alice Springs, its official name remained Stuart until 1933. At the time, the settlement had a population of just ninety people.

Among those travelling with the expedition were a medical doctor and a professional cameraman. The cameraman's task was to produce a moving picture record of the journey that would later be shown throughout the English-speaking world, promoting Australia as a land of opportunity and encouraging tourism and development.

The railway line extended only as far as **Oodnadatta**, where the expedition transferred to a fleet of **16 Dodge Brothers motor cars, two utilities, and a Graham Brothers truck**. Supplied by the **Canada Cycle and Motor Company** of Melbourne, these vehicles carried the party and their baggage over the remaining **450 miles (approximately 725 kilometers)** to Stuart, traversing some of Australia's most remote and rugged country.

The expedition became a remarkable demonstration of the reliability and endurance of both the Dodge vehicles and the pioneering spirit of those determined to open Australia's inland to greater opportunity.

Shell supplied all the fuel and lubricating oil for the expedition, and each vehicle carried a distinctive red Shell fuel can strapped to its running board. These cans became a familiar sight throughout the journey, serving as a reminder of the careful planning required for such a remote expedition.

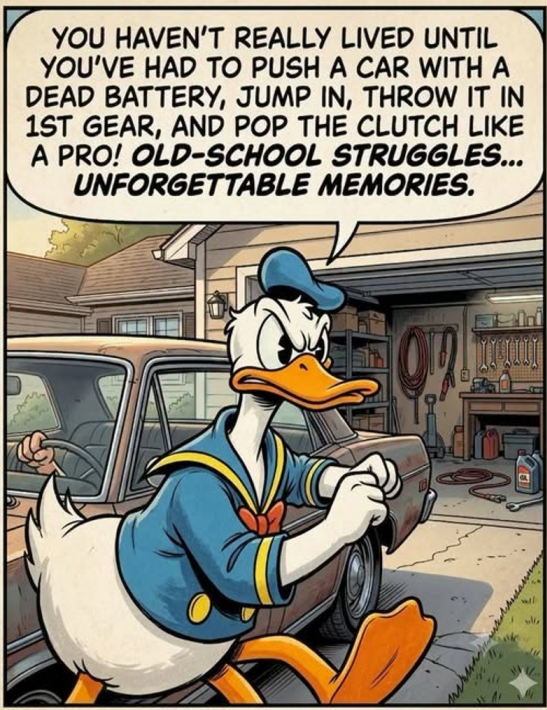


Beyond Horseshoe Bend, the railway ended and the real adventure began. As the photographs show, there were no formed roads—only rough, sandy tracks winding through the vast outback. Despite these challenging conditions, the fleet of Dodge cars and support vehicles performed remarkably well.

A key factor in the expedition's success was the meticulous logistical support. The British Imperial Oil Company, working in conjunction with Wallis Fogarty Ltd. of Oodnadatta, established strategically placed supply depots along the route. These depots provided essential fuel, oil, food, and other supplies, ensuring the convoy could continue its long journey across one of Australia's most isolated regions.

Looking back nearly a century later, it is hard not to admire the determination, ingenuity, and pioneering spirit of those involved. Travelling hundreds of miles across the Australian outback with little more than sandy tracks to follow would have been an extraordinary adventure—one that few of us today can truly imagine.

Submitted by  
Nigel Wooster



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# UPCOMING RUN

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## FOVM KIDS CLUB – ANOTHER GREAT DAY OUT!

What a wonderful day it was in Kids Club world, with 11 of our FOVM Kids Club members joining us for this month's car run!

Our first stop was Outback Rustic Garden Art, and of course, no Kids Club outing would be complete without something to eat! The kids enjoyed a great little snack spread of kabana, fritz, cheese sticks, crackers and dip before having a look around and getting ready to hit the road again.

Then it was back into the cars and off to our second stop, the Gungellan Hotel, where lunch was waiting. The kids tucked into chicken and chips, with just enough room left to finish the day with a Freddo Frog – always a winner!

The kids looked fantastic in their matching FOVM Club jumpers and T-shirts. It is wonderful to see them proudly wearing their club gear and feeling like such an important part of our club.

One of the loveliest things about our monthly runs is watching the friendships between the kids continue to grow stronger. They genuinely enjoy being together, and each month they look forward to catching up, having a laugh and sharing another adventure.

Even our babies of the club managed to stay awake for the fun this time! Well done, Xavier and Molly!

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful group of kids who absolutely love each other's company and look forward to our monthly runs.

11 kids, plenty of smiles, full tummies and another great FOVM Kids Club adventure!

See you all on the next run!





# Happy AUGUST Birthdays!

4/8



Hany Soliman

5/8



Sue Friend

13/8



Ronette Mandingiado

27/8



Michael Wheeler

28/8



Ebony Russell

30/8



Lin Warren

30  
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24/8

Julian Kirby

Wishing you all a  
fantastic birthday!



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I'd love to include a review for the excellent service I received from Kieren at Allmat Timber, one of our great club sponsors. I contacted Kieren on Monday morning, and by Tuesday morning all the timber I needed had been delivered, allowing me to get started on building Karissa's new salon.

The service was prompt, professional, and made the whole process incredibly easy. I highly recommend Kieren and the team at Allmat Timber and would like to thank them for their fantastic support. **Jayden Russell**



# MEETING MINUTES

## 09/08/2026

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Welcome                                    | Maxine welcomed all those present to the August meeting of Friends of Vintage Motoring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                              |
| Present:                                   | As per the clubs database                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                              |
| Apologies:                                 | Anthony and Ebony, Bob and Rosa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
| Acceptance of Minutes:                     | Ian called for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the July Motormeter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moved: Dale<br>Seconded: Mik<br>That the minutes as distributed in the Motormeter be accepted <b>Carried</b> |
| Secretary's Report:<br>From the Committee: | The Secretary reported that we had received a letter from the federation to update our contact details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                              |
| Treasurers Report:                         | In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                              |
| The Motometer:                             | Maxine thanked all those that had contributed to the latest Motometer and especially thanked Nigel for his submission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                              |
| Monthly Runs:                              | Fort Glanville—20th September , Vintage and Veteran cars will be allowed to park in the grounds, Moderns to find a park nearby. It was suggested that we bring a picnic lunch to share.<br>Wakefield House—28th September, we will meet in the Drakes carpark cnr. East Ave and Port Rd. leaving at 9.30am sharp<br>Details can be found in the Motometer |                                                                                                              |
| General Business:                          | Dale reported on the recent meeting of the Federation. He reminded all those present that Motofest program is out please refer to the Federation website for further information <b><a href="http://www.fhmcsa.org.au">www.fhmcsa.org.au</a></b>                                                                                                          |                                                                                                              |
| Close:                                     | There being no further business all those present were invited <b>TO START THEIR ENGINES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                              |

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Sept.**

**Fort Glanville**  
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**Monday  
28th  
Sept.**

**Wakefield House**  
**Organiser: Mik Bojko**  
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**Sunday  
11th  
October**

**The Big Rocking Horse  
Gumeracha**  
**Organisers: The Committee**  
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**Sunday  
8th  
November**

**Mik's famous Cherry Run  
Adelaide Hills**  
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**Sunday  
13th  
December**

**Christmas Party  
Houghton**  
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**MOTORING**  
**EVENTS**  
**CALENDAR**  
**&**  
**SWAP MEETS** **CAR SHOWS**

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SUNDAY  
**20**  
SEPTEMBER

★ **ARTHUR CLISBY**  
**PICNIC DAY**  
★ **MACCLESFIELD** ★

SUNDAY  
**4**  
OCTOBER  
2026

★ **KADINA**  
★ **SHOW & SHINE** ★  
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MON  
**12**  
OCTOBER  
2026

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WED  
**21**  
OCTOBER  
2026

**FEDERATION MOTORFEST**  
⚙️ **2026** ⚙️

SUNDAY  
**11**  
OCTOBER

**EDINBURGH**  
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