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CHRISTMAS *Party*

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Club will once again be sponsoring a **Christmas Party for all members and their families.**

A very special visitor from the North Pole

WILL BE JOINING US!

SUNDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2026

HOUGHTON

It will be a wonderful opportunity for our members, families and FOVM Kids Club to come together and celebrate another great year of friendship and motoring.

Stay tuned – further information will be coming soon!




MIK'S FAMOUS
Cherry
RUN
SUNDAY
8TH
NOVEMBER
Montacute
Valley Orchards
MEET THORNDON PARK
11.00AM
FOR A SHORT RUN.
Endulge yourself
IN ALL THINGS
CHERRY!
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL

FROM VINTAGE TRAINS TO VINTAGE CARS

After the 9/11 incident, issues surrounding Public Liability Insurance for preservation groups, as well as many other community organisations, changed considerably. Many groups became less active and some even closed altogether, so I found myself looking for another direction in which to pursue my interests.

Rosa and I made the decision to investigate the possibility of acquiring a vintage car. But what type?

As a small child, I remembered hearing my father talk about his younger days when he and his father were sinking wells in the bush. He often spoke about how they had a T Ford and how it would sometimes go up hills better in reverse than it would going forward!

Those stories stayed with me, so Rosa and I decided that a T Ford might be just what we were looking for.

After making a few enquiries and looking around for a suitable vehicle, I eventually received a call advising me of a 1923 Tourer that was for sale and was considered to be a very good buy.



After inspecting the vehicle a couple of times, we decided to purchase it. Trevor Norley owned the car and had decided it was time to move it on.

Matilda, as we named her, was soon parked in our garage.

Many hours were spent checking the vehicle over and personalizing it before I was prepared to take it out on the road. I had never driven a Model T before, so it was time to learn!

We also had to carry out a minor running gear overhaul before we could really start enjoying her on the road. Before too long, Matilda was ready and in September 2010 we ventured off to Windsor.

The number plate represents Rosa's Birth Date and Month





THEN ALONG CAME LIZZIE

Approximately two years after acquiring my first Model T, I was looking through the Cars of Distinction section of The Advertiser one Saturday morning when I noticed a 1921 T Ford Roadster for sale at Myponga.

The car had a Duncan and Fraser body, and luckily, we were already heading that way to visit my in-laws, so naturally we had to drop in and take a look.
The vehicle was quite unique and also came with a supply of parts, so another purchase was made.
On further investigation, we discovered that the vehicle had originated from my birthplace of Peterborough and had belonged to a lady by the name of Mrs O'Conner.
People who remembered her commented that she would speed everywhere, and other motorists in Peterborough apparently knew to give her plenty of room on the streets!
We named her “Lizzie.”

NEDDIE JOINS THE FAMILY

Sometime later, we heard about a delivery van that was for sale.
After making further enquiries, a deal was done and the van became the next addition to our collection.



While working on the vehicle in the carport and personalising it to suit our requirements, our grandson’s mother commented that it looked like Ned Kelly's car.
After explaining to her that Ned Kelly only rode a horse, the comment stuck and from that day on, the van became known as “Neddie.”
Neddie has certainly enjoyed some travelling over the years, including a trip to Echuca for the Centenary of Ford, along with many other journeys and motoring events around the country.
We love Neddie and have always wanted to arrange some suitable signwriting for the sides to finally finish the van off. Of course, whatever company name we decide to use needs to be something from the past rather than an existing business.
Our original T, Matilda, has also remained very much a part of the family and has undergone further work and an overhaul over the years.

THESE DAYS – OUR TRUSTY FJ HOLDEN

As the years have gone by, our choice of motoring has changed a little. These days, Rosa and I find it much more comfortable travelling in our FJ Holden, so when it is time for one of our monthly Friends of Vintage Motoring runs, our trusty FJ can often be seen touring the streets and roads around Adelaide.

There is something particularly special about driving an FJ here in South Australia because the Holden name has such a strong connection with Adelaide.

The Holden story began in Adelaide long before the first Holden motor car appeared. James Alexander Holden established a saddlery business in Adelaide in 1856, and over the following decades the business evolved from saddlery and leather goods into carriage repairs and eventually motor-body building.

Holden's Motor Body Builders established its large Woodville operation during the 1920s, and South Australia went on to play an important part in the Holden story. When Australia's first mass-produced Holden, the 48-215, was released in 1948, it marked the beginning of a new chapter in Australian motoring.

Then, in 1953, the FJ Holden arrived.

The FJ followed the successful 48-215 and became one of the most recognisable Australian cars of the 1950s. For many Australian families, cars like the FJ weren't simply transport — they were part of everyday family life.

Here in South Australia, that connection was even stronger. Generations of local families had someone who worked for Holden at places such as Woodville, Birkenhead and later Elizabeth. Holden became an important part of South Australia's manufacturing history and, for many families, an important part of their own history as well.





Perhaps that is why our FJ attracts so much attention wherever we take it.
It still amazes me how many people will walk over for a look and then start telling us their story.
“My Dad had one of those.”
“I learnt to drive in an FJ.”
“We used to go on holidays in one of these.”
Or simply...
“I remember those!”
Sometimes people will stand looking at the car for quite a while before a memory comes flooding back.
Their story might be about their parents' first car, learning to drive, courting their future husband or wife, squeezing the whole family inside for a Sunday afternoon drive, or packing everything into the car and heading off on the annual family holiday.
For a few minutes, our FJ isn't just our car anymore. It has taken that person back to another time and another place in their life.
And I think that is one of the wonderful things about owning and driving an old car.
You aren't simply preserving the vehicle — you are helping to preserve the memories and stories that go with it.
That is what makes vintage and classic motoring so enjoyable. The cars themselves are wonderful, but it is often the people you meet, the stories you hear, and the friendships made along the way that become the most memorable part of the journey.
So, from an interest in vintage trains to vintage cars, it has certainly been quite a journey for Rosa and me.
Matilda, Lizzie and Neddie have each played their own special part in our motoring adventures and will always have a place in our story.
But these days, when the Friends of Vintage Motoring run sheets are handed out and someone calls “start your engines”, chances are Rosa and I will be climbing into our trusty FJ Holden.
It's comfortable, it's Australian, it has a wonderful connection to our own South Australian motoring history -and wherever we take it, somebody always seems to have a story to tell.



Bob and Rosa Yates

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Lino Santin 60
Dale LaVars
Sian Costi
Noela Adi



Kids Club Birthday

William Lawes
Zoey O'Neill
Molly Costi



Happiness is homemade and tastes better when shared

Ladies' Page

Good Friends ~ Good Food ~ Good Times



A Warmer World One Recipe at a Time

Homemade Apricot Jam

Taste the sunshine in a jar! This classic apricot jam is full of sweet, golden goodness and makes a wonderful spread for scones, toast or sponge cakes.



Ingredients

- 1 kg ripe apricots
- 1 kg white sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ½ cup water

Method

1. Wash apricots, remove stones and chop into small pieces.
2. Place apricots, water and lemon juice in a large saucepan. Bring to the boil, then simmer gently for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until soft.
3. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Bring to the boil, then simmer (uncovered) for 25–30 minutes, stirring frequently, until the jam thickens.
4. Test for setting by placing a small amount on a chilled saucer – if it wrinkles when pushed, it's ready.
5. Pour into sterilised jars, seal and label.
6. Store in a cool, dark place.

Preserving today... Sweet memories for tomorrow.



Old-Fashioned Apricot Pie

A true classic!

With a golden, flaky pastry and a sweet, juicy apricot filling, this old-fashioned apricot pie is a family favourite and perfect with a dollop of cream or a scoop of ice-cream.



Ingredients

Pastry

2 cups plain flour
125 g butter (cold, chopped)
2–4 tablespoons cold water

Apricot Filling

1 kg ripe apricots (fresh or tinned, drained)
⅛ cup white sugar
2 tablespoons plain flour
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional)

Method

1. **Make the pastry:** Rub butter into flour until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add just enough cold water to bring together. Divide into two pieces, wrap and chill for 30 minutes.
2. **Prepare the filling:** Chop apricots into pieces. Place in a saucepan with sugar, flour, lemon juice and cinnamon (if using). Cook gently for 5–10 minutes until slightly thickened. Allow to cool.
3. Roll out pastry and line a pie dish with one piece. Add the apricot filling. Top with remaining pastry (lattice or full top) and trim edges. Make a few small slits in the top.
4. Bake in a moderate oven (180°C) for 40–45 minutes or until golden brown.
5. Serve warm or cold with cream or ice-cream.

Good Food Brings People Together



♥ Old Recipes ... Timeless Treasures ♥

A Day at Fort Glanville





The firing squad

On Sunday morning, we headed over to Mum and Dad's (Ian & Kelly) house to get the kids organised for a big day out. Once everyone was ready, the kids jumped into the Statesman with Mum, while Dad and I cruised along in the T Ford.

On the drive, I told Dad that I would absolutely love to learn how to drive the T Ford one day. Dad thought it was a wonderful idea and was excited that I wanted to keep the family tradition alive. When we arrived at Officeworks and gathered with everyone else, Dad shared my comment with Grandad (Tony). Grandad was so proud to hear that I wanted to learn to drive the old T Ford, and it put a big smile on his face. It was a really special moment and one I won't forget.

Before any great adventure can begin, there was one very important stop to make... the petrol station! We filled both cars up with fuel and then made our way to Officeworks at Parafield.

When we arrived at Officeworks, everyone gathered together for a quick meeting. Erin explained how the day would run and what we could expect. Once the briefing was over, we all jumped back into our cars and headed off down the Esplanade towards Fort Glanville.

As we arrived, the cars drove up onto the lawn and parked proudly on display. It was a fantastic sight seeing all the vehicles lined up together.





By lunchtime, everyone was ready for a bite to eat. There were lots of different food options available, and we all enjoyed lunch together.
After lunch, we watched cannon demonstrations and the soldiers perform their marching displays. Then mum and kids headed down to take part in a march of their own. All three kids did an amazing job and were proudly awarded certificates of completion.
One of the highlights of the day was watching the cannons fire. The huge explosions echoed across the grounds and terrified the kids! Luckily, Auntie Zara came to the rescue, calmly explaining that it was all just pretend and that everyone was perfectly safe.
The funniest moment of the day had to be when Ava, with a look of complete panic on her face, declared, "I'm gonna die!" It had everyone trying not to laugh while reassuring her that she would absolutely be fine.
Once the marching was finished, we headed back up where the kids were treated to ice blocks while the adults enjoyed a well-earned cup of tea or coffee and chatted about the day's events.
With the day coming to an end, we climbed back into our cars and made the journey home.

I personally really enjoy our monthly runs and can't wait to get behind the wheel of the Model T.

Zara Russell







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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FOVM KIDS CLUB

FORT GLANVILLE *Adventure*

History
Exploring
Friends
Fun!

A great day out for our FOVM Kids!

What an amazing time the kids of Friends of Vintage Motoring had on our visit to Fort Glanville!

We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful group of younger members who genuinely enjoy our monthly runs along with their parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents.

Our Kids Club is something we are very proud of and will continue to foster. These youngsters are an important part of the future of our club, and it is fantastic to see the friendships growing with each run.

EXPLORE
LEARN
DISCOVER
TOGETHER

Enjoy our pictorial of the day!



Snack stop on the big gun!



Future historians in the making!

Our FOVM Kids Club

Making Memories at Fort Glanville

Climbing, Exploring, Learning & Laughing!



Learning about our history ♡



Hands on history! ♡



Front row seats for history! ♡



Exploring together as a family ♡



Up high for a better view! ♡



So many places to explore! ♡

FRIENDS OF VINTAGE MOTORING ♡

Great Kids ♡ Great Families ♡ A Bright Future

EXPLORE
LEARN
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN!

FOVM KIDS CLUB

Junior Motoring Fun!

Little People ... Big Adventures!

DRIVE
DISCOVER
IMAGINE
PLAY!

MAZE MADNESS!

Can you help the little car get to the picnic spot?

START

PICNIC STOP

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 6 differences between these two pictures?





JUNIOR MECHANIC

Can you match the car part to its name?











- Radiator
- Spark Plug
- Tyre
- Headlight
- Steering Wheel

Well done, Junior Mechanic!

COLOURING CORNER

Colour in this classic car and make it your own!



Use your imagination! What colour will you choose?

DID YOU KNOW?

Early cars didn't have indicators!

Drivers used hand signals to let other road users know which way they were turning.



Hand signals were the original indicators!

GIGGLE GARAGE



Why did the vintage car take a pencil to the run?

In case it needed to draw some attention!

Ha! Ha!

DRIVE SAFE LITTLE LEGENDS!

Be curious
Be kind
Be adventurous
And most of all ...
Have Fun!

Same Passion ... Smaller Drivers!

FRIENDS OF VINTAGE MOTORING INC.
Minutes of General Meeting
Sunday, 20 September 2026

Welcome and Opening

In the absence of our President, Anthony, who was away working, Maxine welcomed all those in attendance and declared the September meeting of Friends of Vintage Motoring Inc. open.

Upcoming Events

Members were advised of the Club's upcoming events, as detailed on the **Events Page of The Motometer**.

Members were encouraged to take note of the forthcoming activities and support the Club's runs and events wherever possible.

September Club Run

Erin outlined the route and agenda for today's run.

Maxine on behalf of the members present thanked Erin for taking the time to organise the run and acknowledged that this was Erin's first attempt at organising a Club run.

All those present joined in thanking Erin for her efforts in putting together the day's event.

Treasurer's Report

Bob - Treasurer, provided members with an update on the current status of the Club's finances.

Bob advised that he had prepared a financial report for the Club's auditor and that a copy of the report would be forwarded to all members via email in due course.

Appointment of an Additional Authorised Person

Due to the continued growth of Friends of Vintage Motoring Inc. and the increasing number of members requiring assistance with the Conditional Registration Scheme, the need for an additional **Authorised Person** was discussed.

Dale moved a motion that the Club appoint an additional Authorised Person and nominated Trevor Martin for the position.

Trevor accepted the nomination.

The motion was seconded by Ian Russell and was carried unanimously by all members present.

Accordingly, Trevor is to be nominated as an additional Authorised Person for Friends of Vintage Motoring Inc., subject to the necessary approval by the relevant authority.

Future Runs – 2027

Maxine thanked everyone for their attendance and asked members to start thinking about places they would like to visit and ideas for Club runs during 2027.

Members were encouraged to put forward their suggestions for consideration when planning next year's events calendar.

Close of Meeting

There being no further business, Maxine thanked everyone for attending.

Erin then handed out the run sheets and asked everyone to start their engines in preparation for the day's run.

Attendance

Members present and apologies are recorded as per the Club's attendance sheet on the club's database.

Meeting Closed.





MERRY Christmas

Santa is coming to Houghton to visit the children!

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2026

2.00PM

GIFTS FOR ALL CHILDREN UNDER 12

All Members and their families are welcome to attend.
A DINNER will be served at 5.00pm
RSVP - kiar@bigpond.com
RSVP no later than 1st December

Friends of Vintage Motoring SA

All members Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren will receive a free gift from Santa if present on the day.
Please fill in your details below if you intend on bringing your special person.

Do you wish to bring along a non relatives child?
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Members Name	Childs Name	Age	Gender	Relationship to Member

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UPCOMING EVENTS

★ FRIENDS OF VINTAGE MOTORING ★

Sunday 11th October	**The Big Rocking Horse** **Gumeracha** **Organisers: Dale LaVars** *friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com*
Sunday 8th November	**Mik's famous Cherry Run** **Adelaide Hills** **Organisers: Mik Bojko** *friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com*
Sunday 13th December	**Christmas Party** **Houghton** **Organiser: Kelly & Maxine** *kiar@bigpond.com*
Sunday 10th January	**Kids Club Run** **BBQ Lunch** **Organised by the Kids of the club** *Friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com*
Sunday 7th February	**February Run** **Save the date** **location to be confirmed**

OTHER EVENTS

Great Events
Great Cars
Great People!

Get Out & Support These Events

OCTOBER
SAT 24th – SUN 25th

Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club
(Ph. 0428 839 335, contact@rvccc.com.au)

Renmark Red Mud Run

Renmark SA 5341
2 Day Event



OCTOBER
SUN 25th

Vintage Sports Car Club of SA Inc.

39th 'Down Under' London to Brighton



Starting Location:
London Road, MILE END
SOUTH SA 5031
End Location:
Wattle Reserve, HOVE SA 5048
09:00 – 14:30
Veteran and vintage cars and motorcycles (over 100 years old) only.

OCTOBER
SUN 25th

Mallala RSL
(Ph. Joanna Grotto (President), Ph. 0422 968 452 OR/ Colin Castanelli, Ph. 0407 228 574)

Mallala Classic Vehicle Show

Mallala Sporting Grounds, Wasleys Road, MALLALA SA 5502

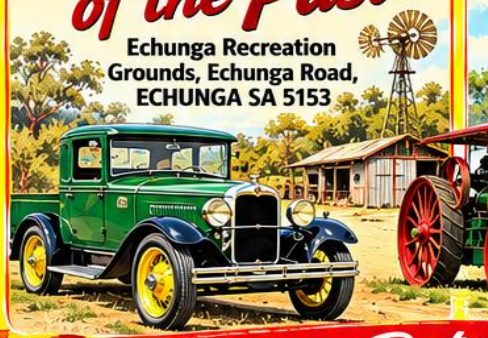


NOVEMBER
SAT 14th – SUN 15th

Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club Inc.
(pop@ahmrc.org; Allan Wheaton)

38th Power of the Past

Echunga Recreation Grounds, Echunga Road, ECHUNGA SA 5153



JANUARY
SAT 16th – SUN 17th

Milang Vintage Machinery Club Inc.

Yesterday's Power Rally

Milang Oval, Weeroona

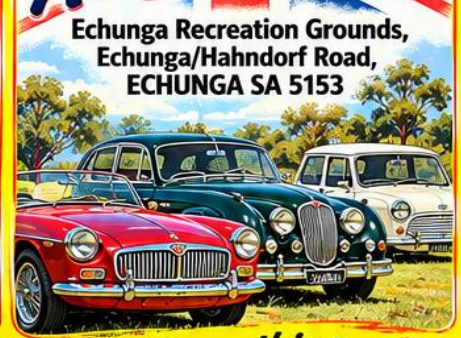


FEBRUARY
SUN 28th

All British Day Committee

43rd All British Day

Echunga Recreation Grounds, Echunga/Hahndorf Road, ECHUNGA SA 5153



Mark These Dates in Your Diary!

Always Something Great to See!