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CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2023-2024

Nomination Fee	\$25.00
Single Member	\$55.00
Family Member	\$60.00
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Club Magazine

Advertisements for inclusion in the club magazine will run for 2 issues **Only** unless prior arrangements are made. Articles/advertisements are to reach the editor via email editor@ihc.asn.au or post to The Editor Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc, PO Box 317 Bunbury 6231.

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The opinions expressed in letters or articles are the authors own opinions and do not necessary express the policy or views of the Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc.

Members Please Note

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bunbury Motorcycle Club Rooms Shrubland Park, South Western Highway, Bunbury commencing at 7.30pm.

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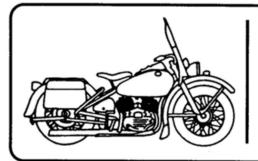
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INDIAN HARLEY CLUB (BUNBURY) INC.

Established 1971

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING held on Tuesday the 10th October 2023

Declared open at 7.30pm.

Present Apologies Visitors

As recorded in the attendance book. The attendance book is available for members to read at each General Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

As printed in the Classic Vibrations, October issue

No business arising from the previous minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: -Neville Green, Seconded: -Richard Clark, Carried.

NEW MEMBERS

Introduced by Michael Rock

David (Dave) & Pauline EDMUNDS Australind. Dave was in attendance and was introduced to meeting. Dave has lived all his life in Australind. Has several bikes including 1949 Ariel, 1976 Z9 and is negotiating the purchase of a 741 Indian.

Not Present-Mark White - Maida Vale, Craig Denic - Halls Head-Eric Austin - Manjimup. Anthony Davis – Gelorup, Geoff Haley -Stoneville, Matt Turner – Australind, Al McNevin - Gelorup.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Correspondence In: -

Email from Gail William, daughter of Dick Taylor. "This is to advise that my father has recently experienced poor health and spent time receiving treatment in hospital.

As his health condition has progressed, he and my mother, Connie, have made the decision to move into care at Bethanie Fields Care Centre in Eaton, not far from where they previously. lived at Bethanie Esprit.

We believe he was an honorary member of the club, and he would still be interested in

receiving news. However, as his email account is no longer operated, we wish to submit my contact details should they be required for any correspondence to be forwarded to him. (For example, an email can be printed off and passed on to Dick.)"

VMCCWA Vintage Chatter Newsletter. Posted to our Website.

Early American Motorcycle Club Flat Chat newsletter. Posted to our Website.

Information received from CMC. The annual classic car history run is on again - on Sunday 12th November. This year starting from Woodloes Museum in Cannington and finishing at Azelia Ley Museum in Hamilton Hill. A free event and open to anyone driving a classic vehicle.

Information Received from CMC. Nickeltown Car and Bike Show which is held in Kambalda, biannually Their 2019 event bought over 1000 spectators through the gate, 103 entrants registered and 33 stalls and food vans. This year's show is on Saturday 4th November 2023.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society October Newsletter. Posted on our website.

Email from Cloe Rees. "I am contacting you on behalf of the Collie Show, we were wondering if you guys would be able to have a small display at our show this year. Date: 18th Nov 2023. Times 9am - 10pm or whenever you want." (Advised the dates clashes with club event. Email forwarded to Cloe)

Albany Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club, October Club News.

Correspondence Out: -

Letter to the BMCC requesting permission to utilise their facilities for our 2024 Two-day. Rally.

Motion: That the Secretary's Report be accepted. **Moved:** -Michael Rock, **Seconded:** -Brian Cartwright. **Carried.**

TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance: - \$17,960.31 Income: - \$6,123.00 Expenditure: - \$1,653.36 Closing Balance: - \$22,429.95.

Term Deposit. \$70,000.00 matures on the 19/10/2023.

Motion: That the Treasurers Report be accepted. **Motion:** That an additional \$10,000 be aded to the term deposit and that the \$80,000 be re-invested by the treasurer and at the best rate and on best terms.

Both motions moved by: -Neville Green, Seconded: -Brian Cartwright, Carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dan Talbot, thanked Murray Rudler for the outstanding effort in organising and managing the BSA display at the Bull and Barrell Festival. It was a very spectacular show with over 30 bikes displayed.

Capel River Classic is on next weekend and is sponsored by the Capel Shire. Promises to be a good event with the club holding the Rustic Off Road Rally.

Dan thanked the two-day rally committee for allowing him to attend. He stated that he was impressed by the commitment.

The Albany Hill Climb is advertised and is filling up fast. Get your entries in.

If you want to be in the Melbourne Cup sweep you need to give your name to Glenda.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Captain's Report September/October 2023.

Bunbury Mid-Week 13th September 2023.

Very heavy rain was forecast, and it did not disappoint on the day. So, in the interest of rider safety, the scheduled ride was cancelled and a coffee morning at the Dolphin Centre Café, was organised instead. Twelve members attended, including three ladies. An enjoyable 1 & ½ hours was had by everyone, solving the world's problems.

Club Captain.

Tortoise Ride. 15th September 2023.

Fourteen members, eight bikes, with some travelling in cars, attended today's event. Overcast conditions prevailed, but no rain. The destination was Evedon Lakeside Retreat for a Devonshire Tea. Something different, but no pies unfortunately. We set out from the Dolphin Centre, to Picton, Dardanup, Ferguson Valley, Wellington Mill and along Pile/Henty Roads and on to our destination. All spent an enjoyable hour, prior to our return journey back to Bunbury, retracing the course along Henty/Pile Roads, Dardanup, and home.

Club Captain.

Bunbury Mid-Week 27th September 2023.

A good day for a ride, with springtime weather. So, Ron obliged with organising and conducting today's event. Thank you, Ron. Fifteen members on fourteen motorcycles (mostly modern) fronted up to the start at the Eaton Hall. Leaving the hall, we proceeded to Dardanup, Ferguson Rd to Gnomesville and on to Wellington Mill, Pile/Mungalup Rds. to Collie for our first stop.

The coffee van was the go here, located on the former railway reserve between Throssell and Forrest Sts. The shire has done a great job developing this area and it is very popular with the locals.

Eight riders continued to our lunch stop at Dwellingup, via the Collie-Williams Rd, Quindanning-Darkan Rd, Harvey-Quindanning Rd, Lower Hotham Rd, Pinjarra-Williams Rd.

Lunch was at the Dwellingup Hotel, under the shade of the verandah, as by this time, things were starting to heat up, temperature wise. The course back home was via Nanga Rd, Government Rd, etc and onward to Bunbury. Approximately 330 kilometres in total. **Club Captain.**

Bull & Barrel Festival Motorcycle Static Display 7th October 2023

This static display was a "Muzza" initiative, who organised and conducted the event on behalf of the IHC. It had a BSA theme, but all "Historic Bikes" of any manufacturer were welcome.

Members duly responded, attending, and displaying their bikes, with a pleasing number in attendance. There were thirty-two bikes on display, twenty-four of them being BSA manufactured.

The oldest machine entered was a 1912 Rover TT Model. Other veteran machines included a 1913 BSA Model C, 1914 BSA Model K and a 1918 Indian Power Plus. All eras were well represented, up to 1971, with that machine being a BSA twin.

Three rarities, not seen that often, were a 1928 Matchless V-2 single, BSA Y13 -V twin and an even rarer 1930 Matchless Silver Arrow V twin. The weather was fine and warm, which attracted large numbers to Dardanup for the festival.

Well done "Muzz" and thank you for putting this event together. Club Captain.

Two Months' Upcoming Events.

Mandurah Meander, 14th-15th October 2023, Mandurah Council Carpark. 9.00am'

The Rustic Off-Road Rally, 14th October 2023, 1688, Goodwood Road, Capel River. 10.00am.

Side Valve Raid 2023 Static Display at Brunswick Show, 28th October 2023.

W.A. Veteran Vehicle Muster, 3rd-5th November 2023, Donnybrook Transit Park, Reserve Street, Donnybrook. 8.00am.

W.A. Veteran Vehicle Muster Sundowner, 4th November 2023, Donnybrook Transit Park, Reserve Street, Donnybrook. 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

Pre 48 Neil's Run, 12th November 2023, BMCC Clubrooms 9.00am.

Leigh & Janet's Ride, 26th November 2023, Eaton Hall 9.00am.

Ladies' Christmas Dinner, 30th November 2023, Eaton Tavern, 1 Albatross Cr, Eaton. 6.30pm.

Pemberton Overnighter, 2nd-3rd December 2023, Eaton Hall, 10.00am.

Memorial Ride, 10th December 2023, Eaton Hall. 9.00am.

2024 Rides Needing Organisers.

Spring Rally

Memorial Ride

The above rides are currently on our Club's 2024 Calendar, need an organiser and are marked as VACANT. They are all longstanding, perpetual type events, which our membership have enjoyed over many years. To ensure their continued enjoyment into the future, please give some consideration as to volunteering to organise one of these rides.

Contact a Committee Member if interested.

Club Captain.

In addition to the captains report the following was presented verbally at the meeting.

Frank – Vice Club Captain

Richards ride on the 17th was a dry ride, first for Richard. Ride went through Boyanup with Moring tea at Capel Roadhouse. Bakery is now open though.

Muz's Bull and Barrell show was very successful.

Albany Hill Climb is advertised.

Neils Pre-48 ride is open to bikes with a production year of 1965 and under. Please register, entry will be \$10 to cover cost of lunch. Money will be collected at the start of the event and given to organiser to do what they like with it.

Rustic Off Road Rally will be a big weekend. The Capel Shire has really got behind the event. It is for pre 1975 machines. It is not a race it is all about enjoying the ride. There will be a swap meet, a band, show and shine with over 60 bikes. There is no entry fee. It is located on Goodwood Road and commences on Saturday at 9.00am.

Name badges, please wear them. As we have over 500 members it is difficult for new members to know people, so name badges help.

Dave Gaunt – Wheatbelt Ride.

Dave explained that there were 25 bikes with Charlie doing backup. There were no incidents or accidents. Roads where sensational and we had great weather. Accommodation at Narembeen was outstanding and as good as anywhere in Australia. We are planning next years ride and will maybe have a format of a central base with rides each day out and back.

Michael Rock – WA Veteran Muster.

This is a clover leave type rally. Shire of Donnybrook is our major sponsor. It is for pre 1919 machines. Both cars and bikes. There is a Sundowner on Saturday from 5pm. We need 12 Marshalls on classic bikes. We will supply Marshalls with a meal voucher and some fuel money. There is accommodation at the Transit Park with a nominal \$20 charge.

Michael would also like to initiate, again, a come and try veterans bike day. It will allow others who had never ridden a veteran bike to try one. Feed back from members was positive. What this space.

Bert Sykes – Two-Day Rally.

Bert provided a brief update of the 2024, 9-10 March, Two-day rally committee's progress. Everything is up and running. Entries will be between 9th January and 9th February 2024. Earlier registration creates too many issues. It is anticipated that entries will fill up quickly.

LIBRARIANS REPORT

Amanda greeted everyone upon her return from Canada to advise that she is now off to New Zealand. Lucky some.

PROPERTY OFFICER REPORT

Neville Green congratulated Steve Armstrong on an outstanding job he did as the property officer. He stated that he was handed over a position with everything in perfect order and accounted for. Thank you, Steve.

LICENSING LIASSON OFFICERS REPORT

Nothing to report.

IT MANAGER REPORT

Is liaising with Wild Apricot in an endeavour to remove files to free up our limited storage space.

GENERAL BUSSINESS

Steve presented an oil tray that will be available to members and/or sale at the two-day rally. Interested person to contact merchandise officer as there is a limited number. The tray has our letterhead logo imprinted onto it.

Norm Hart informed the members present that it was his father in the first month of the start of the club. You will notice that the bike does not have a gear stick. Thus, it is neither an Indian of Harley. He is in possession of the 50-year-old pattern that he keeps at his home.

Frank reminded everyone that the Pemberton overnight ride is on the events page. The ride is designed for club bikes. There may be a small charge for back-up. See the website. You need to register and book accommodation.

AUCTION

Arial Girder fork brake set up \$42.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Minutes complied by George Loverock. Reviewed by Dan Talbot. Dated October 10, 2023.

NEXT MONTHS DEADLINE

The Deadline for inclusion in the **December** edition of this magazine is the **23rd of November 2023.**

Can you help?

To make your magazine more interesting for our members we need your help. Please give some thought to submitting an article to Classic Vibrations to share your experiences riding, restoring or repairing your motorcycle. Any photos also would be appreciated. Also any hints or tips or advice or anything else that may be of interest to our readers. Please send via email to editor@ihc.asn.au or via snail mail to The Editor, Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc PO Box 317, Bunbury WA 6231

MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The following people have applied for membership to our club. If any member believes it is undesirable for the applicants to be a member, they should make their objections known to the Secretary 5 clear days before the next ordinary meeting on 0417 914 096 or PO Box 317 Bunbury WA 6231.

Peter STACEY-Tutunup, Bruce BUSSANICH – Lesmurdie , Joshua DEKASTE – Burekup, Brian & Cara-HOTKER - Stratham, Paul PICKFORD -Millbridge & Gregory SMEATHERS- Manjimup

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The next monthly General Meeting of the Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc. will be held at the BMCC clubrooms, Shrubland Park, South Western Highway, Bunbury on Tuesday the **14th of November 2023** commencing at 7:30 pm.

AGENDA

Welcome
Confirmation of Previous months, Minutes
Correspondence
Reports
General Business
Close

LADIES LUNCHEON

The next ladies luncheon event will be the "Ladies' Christmas Dinner" which will be held on Thursday the 30th November, commencing at 6.30 pm.

The venue will be the Eaton Tavern, Albatross Crescent, Eaton. Please contact Leith Presland on 0409 291 260 or leith49@hotmail.com for more information on this event.

FOR SALE

Triumph T140 Gilardoni Nikasil alloy barrel, Comes with head studs, alloy cam followers and chrome steel push rod tubes. No pistons. There is no lip or scores on liners, happy to send photos, if your interested. **\$800**, Located in Bunbury 0457115248 gavinharvey@live.com

STOLEN
Vintage, BSA 500cc 1936 Model W337 Engine Number D7.757. Stolen from Boxhill, Victoria, September 2023.

A family heirloom having been in the owner's family for over the past 55 years. See attached image.

If you become aware of or have heard of such a bike offered for sale.

Please contact, Rowan Hore, VMC of Vic Member on 0428709708 or email tennihore@bigpond.com



CAPEL RIVER CLASSIC, RUSTIC OFF-ROAD RALLY, SHOW & SHINE, SWAP MEET AND MUCH MORE. 14TH OCTOBER 2023



A large turn out of entrants for the Rustic Rally (possibly 40 bikes/riders), as well, the Show and Shine was very well supported, with a impressive assortment of bikes from all eras.

The public also was there in large numbers, as the weather gods turned on clear skies for the day's activities.

Many took up the opportunity of the free camping on offer

and stayed for the weekend.

A kiddies animal farm, mechanical bull ride, bar, live music, food vendors and more, were in attendance, to keep everyone entertained and fed.

Well done Jeremy Connor and his committee of organisers and volunteers, in putting this event together.



MANDURAH MEANDER.14TH-15TH OCTOBER 2023.

Text & images David Lind.

Very close, nearly did not happen. But with lots of calls, found some accommodation at Toodyay, at a refurbished Pub, which was very nice. Thanks Tammy.

Day1. Early morning, top weather for riding bikes.

Got to the starting point at Mandurah and from there went to the second pick up at Lakes Rd truck parking. This ride was Phil's route, as he does go out this way a fair bit and knows some top roads.

We got to Mundijong, then meandered to Mundaring, then onto Chidlow, then meandered some more to Toodyay.



On the way, we went via the Zig Zag one way traffic, then on to Peter Brock's last drive.

A bingle was had at this point when a bike fell over with Nola on top. Lucky Jan and Brian were driving and took her to get stitched up.

We caught up at Toodyay, all good, but a little sore. That night after dinner, had a quiz which is entertaining, thanks to Jan.

Day 2. Beautiful time to ride, as we made our way back home.

It was good to see the BSA M22 made the ride with no problems.

Thanks to all the Mandurah people who made this happen.



FOR SALE

CAFE RACER, HONDA CX500 1981, - VIN: 14449 – very good condition, starts well, good tyres, new battery, Full Licence. \$4,800.00 o.n.o

Terry Germain AT BIKE BUNKER BUSSELTON 0419554735



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2023 IHC WHEATBELT RIDE WINDUP

A beautiful day greeted us for the 2023 IHC Wheatbelt ride, held on the 5th-7th October. The initial group met at Pratt Rd & we headed out at 8.30am to catch the Busso crew & more of the Bunbury mob at Dardanup, then onto Collie via Pile & Mungalup Rds., where the Busso crew, were very keen to get a coffee!!

A few of us continued to the Woolshed at Williams & met a further 2 members from Perth & Michael Rock, the seconds, friends. All up, we had 25 bikes & riders with 8 pillions & Charles Smalley, as backup, in his trusty cruiser & trailer. With more coffees consumed, we headed off to Narrogin, Cuballing, Wickepin, Yealering, pulling into Corrigin for fuel & lunch.

The temperature was a magnificent 26-27 degrees, just perfect. After a good break, the first group headed off on the last leg of the day to Narembeen. Some magnificent corners through the lakes were enjoyed by all & us pulled into the Morning Sun Motel at Narembeen around 3.45pm with 400kms covered for the day.

Most of us stayed at the motel, & to a person, we all believed it is the best accommodation in rural WA, if not Australia! We met the owner, Des, a local cockie, & Gwenda, the manager & complimented them on the complex & how clean & well designed it was. We highly recommend it to anyone if you are heading that way.

Tea was at the local hotel & after a few beers & reds, we retired for the night.

Next morning, everyone was up early, grabbed a coffee, & departed Narembeen around 8.45am for Bruce Rock. Some stopped there for brekky, while others continued up the backroads to Hines Hill, crossed Great Eastern Hwy & continued on to Nungarin. It was warmer than the previous day, around 33 degrees with a strong northerly blowing. We spent a bit of time in Nungarin, where a few of the crew took time out to go through the military museum & found it very interesting. Others continued going through Kununoppin, Trayning, Yelbeni, Wyalkatchem & then pulling into Cunderdin for lunch at the Ettamogah Hotel.

We had to wait a fair while for a feed, but time was on our side as it was only 100kms to our overnight destination at Beverley. The wheatbelt roads were sensational, apart from a couple of stretches, with little traffic & some great country. Crops in the main looked pretty good, so the farmers will be happy again in the areas we rode through.

After leaving Cunderdin, we headed south to Quairading & then Beverley, completing about 375kms for the day. Booked into the Beverley Hotel & had tea at the Freemasons, which has just undergone a \$1.35million renovation. It was flat out & we all ate well. The evening was concluded with another few bottles of red which went down well.

Saturday morning was again glorious & most were up by 6.00am. The Busso crew headed out at 7.00am while others had a coffee & hit the road at 8.00am. Headed down the highway to Broockton, Pingelly & the backroad to Boddington. Another coffee stop & it was the final leg to Quindanning, Collie & home, with the temperature getting up to about 33 degrees as we neared home.

A terrific 3 days riding & camaraderie with just over 1000kms ridden in near on perfect weather. Special thanks to Charles Smalley for providing the backup, which I am pleased to say, was not required once. Charles enjoys it that much he has already put his hand up to do it again next year. Some thoughts are already in the pipeline as to next year's run, so will keep the captain posted.

Until then, see you all on the next ride. Regards Michael Rock (second) & Dave Gaunt, Ride organisers

FOR SALE

Matchless 7B 770 Matchless, Collier JAP engine cases, fitted with the correct "CV" variable speed rear hub and rare "castor wheel" side car.

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Asking A\$60k.

Contact Andrew Bartleet – (on Tasmanian Time – 3hrs ahead)

M: 0418 467 242



BULL & BARREL FESTIVAL DARDANUP MOTORCYCLE STATIC DISPLAY. 7th October 2023.

The display had a BSA theme, with a good showing of thirty two bikes, twenty four of them being BSAs.

They ranged from a 1912 Rover TT to a 1971 BSA twin, with a good selection in between.

A few rarities, a 1937 BSA Y13-V twin, 1928 Matchless V-2 single and a even rarer 1930 Matchless Silver Hawk V twin

Thanks to "Muzza" for putting this event together.



TORTOISE RIDE FRIDAY OCTOBER 13.

Nothing like blue skies and warm temperatures to bring out the riders for a very pleasant run to a busy Collie for morning tea. 13 solos, 1 outfit, 1 trike with 2 passengers plus Amanda with an injured ankle. Several bikes that caught the eye were Dave and Kevin's Honda CB 750s and Huw's BMW R100RS.Good to see John and Tracey back from holidays.

The route took us through Dardanup, then up Pile Rd and across to Wellington Mills where Ross and Peppermint tried out a detour. Then through Gnomesville, Louden, Mumballup and on to Collie for pies and chatter. Despite it being Black Friday, Charles towing the backup trailer had no takers. Thanks to all who attended.

Ross Eaton

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TALES FROM THE SHED THE HOMEBUSH MUSTANG STORY

By Dan Talbot

Okay, so not a historic motorcycle but definitely a classic. Recently I had my Mustang on display at a car show in Bunbury and one of our members was quite taken by the car and suggested I do a Tales from the Shed about it. As Ross pointed out, many of our members are also classic car enthusiasts, so that's enough for me. This tale features my 1966 Mustang and takes us on a history lessen into a little-known chapter of a nineteen-sixties Ford Australia's experiment with the Mustang as a promotional tool for the release of the XR Falcon.

When I started searching for a Mustang, I was fairly sure I wanted a right-hand drive (RHD) car. In the back of my mind, I was looking for something that might have made an everyday driver which basically ruled out left hand drive cars. The one I settled for, sight unseen, was advertised as a Ford Australia factory converted RHD car. I never knew there was such a thing back in the sixties but if the factory had converted it then it must be a proper job, not some backyard hack that I was learning were all too common.

As we negotiated the sale of the car across the country with telephone and email, it became clear to me the car was not exactly concourse, indeed, it was a bit rough but I figured the money I would save in not having to convert the car to RHD would go a long way towards knocking the rough edges off.

Eventually the car was loaded onto a truck and bound for WA. The owner instructed when it arrived the car would start easy enough, but the transmission would need to warm up a bit before she would move. The alarmed me a bit. When the fateful day arrived and my alarm only increased when the truck driver said words to the effect, "good luck with this one," as he unloaded it from his trailer.

I could tell she wasn't about to effortlessly glide off the trailer. It took a lot of revving to finally coax the old girl into moving backwards and down onto the road. Once parked up, I was able to inspect just what I had purchased.

Two immediate observations were the unmistakable lines of the classic, first series Mustang. To my mind then, as now, one of the most beautiful cars on the road. The other thing was the truly sublime rumble coming from the old 289 V8. Modern V8 engines just cannot replicate that sound. When I popped the bonnet, and I was immediately confronted by an ugly mess. The engine may have sounded nice, but it was in a sad, sorry old state of disrepair. Never mind, I purchased the car as a fixer upper.

Whilst checking the engine out, I couldn't help noticing a few oddities about my factory RHD conversion. The first thing was the wipers, they had not been moved so the driver only gets half his view wiped when driving in the rain

My immediate thought was "surely that's not factory." Turns out it was, but more on that later. Elsewhere in the engine bay the firewall hadn't been altered, which forced the brake booster to be located in front of the right-side shock tower. The steering box was too large for where it was located which resulted in the right-side shock tower and chassis rail having great dents hammered into them to accommodate the box. There was a massive brace extending from each shock-tower back to the firewall. I later learned this was a Shelby Mustang accessory which was also fitted to cars designated for expert, hence it was called an 'export brace.' Incidentally, mine was just sitting on the top of the firewall, basically doing nothing.

When I finally got to drive the car, the engine started easily and settled into a smooth tickover. From the driver's seat the old 289 sounded orchestral. It was exactly what I had been hoping for. I settled in, selected reverse, and waited, and waited. Nothing. Move the T-bar back and forth, yep, that's reverse but nothing was happening.

The engine was still ticking over so I give it a rev and the car responded with the slightest budge – backwards. I revved the engine a bit more and felt the faintest tension play along the driveline. A few more revs and she began moving out of the driveway with all the grace of a cruise liner.

The 60-kilometre drive home filled me with ambivalence. Here I was in my dream car, the car I had been waiting the best part of 40 years to own, an old-school, US muscle car powered by a Ford V8. And it was bloody awful. It wallowed around, the steering was vague, and the engine seemed to rev too high for the ground speed. By the time I got home I had come to terms with much of the car. I also started to do some research about Ford Australia factory converted Mustangs at the Homebush plant in Sydney.

There was a long and complicated history as to how roughly 44, 1965 Mustangs and maybe 161, 1966 cars would come to carry Ford Australia Motor Company of Australia compliance plate, guaranteeing a rare place in Australian motoring history.

I ducked outside, whipped up my bonnet and, sure enough, popped-riveted to the right guard was a small piece of aluminium with numbers pressed into it. All the print had worn off, but it was unmistakably a Ford Australia compliance plate.

In bringing Mustangs to Australia, it was Ford's intention to put a Mustang on the floor of all 435 Ford dealerships in the country to promote sales of the soon to be released XR Falcon. Indications were the buying public might not be so accepting of the newly designed Falcon so, in a cleverly designed, if somewhat expensive, marketing campaign, the XR was marketed as "the Mustang-bred Falcon."

The architect of the Mustang-bred Falcon campaign and, by necessity, the RHD conversion was Ford executive Bill Bourke. Evidently, when it came to introducing the Mustang, Ford Australia's ambitions raced very much ahead of their abilities and the conversions proved to be far more complex than Bourke anticipated.

In getting ready to carry out the conversions Bourke arranged to have a number of newly pressed, replacement dashboards airfreighted to Australia ahead of the arrival of the cars. This proved to be a wise move as the panels were not symmetrical and some fancy, old-school metal work was required to change them from left to right. Contractors were employed to undertake the work, and everybody basically got to work by trial and error (some would say more error than trial!).

When the Mustangs started to arrive in Australia in 1965 it became evident that Ford Australia were not equipped to carry out the conversion, in expertise nor facilities. Makeshift workshops were set up first within Ford Australia's Homebush plant, followed soon thereafter in a factory unit (or units) nearby the plant, thus these unique cars have become referred to as Homebush Mustangs, and I had one!

A major challenge to the conversion was the firewall. In standard form, the firewall bulges out on the right side to accommodate the Mustang heater box. This presented a couple of problems. Firstly, the heater had to be removed and an alternative sourced. Secondly, the bulge was right where the brake power-booster would ordinarily go. The first item was solved by fitting a smaller, Falcon XP/XM heater box.

The second by relocating the brake booster to the front of the engine bay. It looks a bit cobby, but in the interests of keeping things authentic, I stuck with having the booster up forward. I could have replaced the firewall with a brand-new, RHD panel but again this would have detracted too much from the authenticity of my original Homebush car.

As it turned out, my car was in terrible shape. It was once owned by Australian Touring Car champion (and a childhood hero of mine) Kevin Bartlett, the car looked like it had been raced, crashed, and rebuilt, maybe more than once. Kevin assures me he never raced it, but he can't account for the other owners between he and I. With the car sandblasted, I was presented with a costly decision: do I cut my losses and move the car on, or do I bring a piece of Aussie motoring history back to life?

Naturally, I chose the latter.

*Kevin Bartlett is perhaps best remembered for going down Mount Panorama on the roof of his Channel 9-sponsored Camaro, thus rendering it the Channel 6 Camaro. In 1967 he became the first driver to lap Bathurst at better than 100 miles per hour and in 1969 he won the Macau Grand Prix.



WA VETERAN VEHICLE MUSTER – DONNYBROOK 3-5 NOVEMBER 2023

ANNOUNCMENT:

The Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc and the Veteran and Classic Car Club of WA are jointly hosting the inaugural WA Veteran Vehicle Muster over the weekend of 3-5 November 2023 based in Donnybrook, WA. This event is for road-going motorcycles, cars and other vehicles manufactured before 1919.



AIM:

This event aims to bring together road-going veteran vehicle enthusiasts for a weekend of social and riding/driving pleasure.

ROUTE FORMAT:

The riding/driving involves three short loops out and back to Donnybrook and some optional even shorter cruises (within 15km radius) for the more elderly or infirm vehicles. All corners will be marshalled, and we have a cunning plan to keep the slow and fast vehicles separated. Both mornings will begin with a 0900 drivers/riders brief at the Transit Park for a 0930 start.

Saturday morning's 77km loop is out for a self-catered morning tea stop in Capel and back to Donnybrook's main street for buy-your-own lunch. We have permission to park on the grass in front of the railway station opposite the cafes on the main street.

Saturday afternoon's 79km loop is a hilly ride out to Gnomesville for refreshments and back to Donnybrook.

Sunday morning's single loop of 102km will include a buy-your-own brunch stop in the town of Balingup with return to Donnybrook for an early finish at the Transit Park. Moonrising Hill will test some of the single-speed bikes on this route.

SOCIAL FORMAT:

Saturday evening is the main get-together from 5PM for a Sundowner, then a group outdoor dinner from 6PM with refreshments and story-telling at Egan Park (Sunset 6:46 PM). Historic Vehicle riders or drivers of any club are welcome to join us at the Sundowner. If you wish to stay for the meal as well (\$10/pers), you must book with Michael by email michael@vintagesteel.com.au or Ph: 0437 999 009 by Friday 27 October.

For those planning to get to Donnybrook on Friday before the official rally start, we have warned the Donnybrook Hotel that our group is in town and we'll need a few tables for the evening meal where we can make ourselves known to each other.

ACCOMMODATION:

We have booked exclusive use of the whole Transit Park for the two nights, Friday and Saturday. This is our Rally Headquarters and also the site for our Saturday evening meal. It is only a 500m walk from either the Motel or Hotel. To make administration of campsite bookings simple, we have decided on a \$20 per adult flat fee for the weekend.

There are 10 powered concrete van pads and a greater number of grassed sites both with and without power. We are all in this together and we aim to ensure those who want power will have access to it so please bring an extension cord. To book a site, please email Vic Hayes with your requirements at vichayes@westnet.com.au or call 0429 450 045. The site will be available from early Friday afternoon for the two nights. There is ample car & trailer parking on a gravel area adjacent to the Camping Park.

If you are one of the few who got in early and managed to book a site with the Shire, please feel free to ring Vic to confirm your site.

Alternate Accommodation Options:

Donnybrook Motel (600m East) 08 9731 1499 info@donnybrook motel.com.au Donnybrook Hotel (600m South-East) 08 9731 1017 admin@donnybrookhotelwa.com.au If you are searching for other Accom on Stayz or Airbnb etc, you could include Argyle (7km), Boyanup (15km) or Kirup (18km) in your search area.

Your Rally Committee:

Andrew Repton 0409 371 001 Michael Rock 0437 999 009 Vic Hayes 0429 450 045

PEMBERTON OVERNIGHTER 2-3RD DECEMBER 2023

This event is not a designated Pre-48 ride but is designed for the older bikes (especially newly acquired Nortons)

All the information is on the IHC events page re accommodation etc. Can participants, please register so I have some idea of numbers for dinner and breakfast.

IHC Members welcome, riding any motorcycle but "Historic" preferred. Backup will be provided. Ross Mob:0448052919

Regards FB

EVENT ORGANISER: Frank Barron 0437201601 frankbarron@wn.com.au THERE MAY BE A SMALL CHARGE FOR THE BACKUP.

A ride down to Pemberton & return, staying at the Pemberton Hotel overnight. Have a few drinks, a meal & enjoy the fellowship of IHC Members.

Route, distance, and timing will be calculated for historic bikes.

Start time 10am @ Pratt Rd Hall.

Club will arrange numbers for dinner and breakfast with the hotel all at the cost of the participant Distance will be about 430kms in total. Hotel bookings 97761017 (Great Western) Pemberton Hotel Also, alterntive accommodation in Pemberton if you wish to organise.



FOR SALE

Suzuki GS 650G Katana, 6/1981. Not licenced. Pulled off road 3 years ago to restore. Needs full restoration. Engine turns over. Can supply more pictures of the motorcycle on request.. \$1800 ono

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS The Calendar of Events is correct at the time of publication but maybe subject to change					
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wed	01/11	Mandurah Mob Mid-week	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Wed	01/11	Committee Meeting	6.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Fri	03/11	W.A. Veteran Vehicle Muster 3 Day Event	8.00am	Donnybrook Transit Park, Reserve Street, Donnybrook	
Sat	04/11	WA Veteran Sundowner	4.00pm To 6.00pm	Donnybrook Transit Park, Reserve Street, Donnybrook.	
Wed	08/11	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Fri	10/11	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Sun	12/11	Neil's Run Pre 48 Event	9.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton	
Tue	14/11	IHC Club Meeting	7.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Wed	15/11	Busselton Mid-week Lunch Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed	15/11	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Wed	15/11	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton	
Wed	15/11	Mandurah Mob Meeting	6.00pm	TBA	
Fri	17/11	Tortoise Ride Bunbury	9.00am	Dolphin Centre Carpark Bunbury	
Sun	19/11	Mandurah Mob Ride	9.00am	Council/Cicerellos Carpark, Mandurah	
Wed	22/11	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Fri	24/11	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Sun	26/11	Leigh & Janet's Ride	9.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton	
Wed	29/11	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed	29/11	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	

Wed 29/11	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton
Thur 30/11	Ladies Christmas Dinner	6.30pm	Eaton Tavern Albatross Crescent Eaton
Sat 02/12	Pemberton Overnighter 2 Day Event	10.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton
Wed 06/12	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton
Wed 06/12	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine
Wed 06/12	Committee Meeting	6.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms
Fri 08/12	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton
Sun 10/12	Memorial Ride	9.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton
Tue 12/12	IHC Club Meeting	7.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms
Wed 13/12	Bunbury Mid-week Ride Christmas Lunch Ride	9.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton
Wed 13/12	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine
Fri 15/12	Tortoise Ride Bunbury	9.00am	Dolphin Centre Carpark Bunbury
Wed 20/12	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton
Wed 20/12	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine
Wed 20/12	Mandurah Mob Meeting	6.00pm	TBA
Fri 22/12	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton
Sun 24/12	Christmas Eve Breakfast Ride	7.00am	33 Ipsen Street, Manjumup
Sun 24/12	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	8.00am	Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton
Sun 24/12	Mandurah Mob Ride	9.00am	Council/Cicerellos Carpark, Mandurah
Wed 27/12	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine
Sun 31/12	Pre-48 Christmas Ride	TBA	TBA

