



THE CHRYSLER COLLECTOR

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THE CHRYSLER RESTORERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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CLUB DIRECTORY

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Established in 1980, catering for the following vehicles:

Dodge * Plymouth * De Soto * Chrysler * Imperial * Maxwell * Fargo * Graham Brothers * Valiant

Postal Address

PO Box 326, Modbury North SA 5092

Meetings

Meetings are held at the Combined Car Clubs (Triple C) Club rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January. Entry to club rooms is through the car park. Visitors and guests are welcome. Please bring supper to share.

Subscriptions

\$45.00 per annum from 1 July 2025 for single and family memberships, country and metropolitan regions.

Club Officers

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INVITATION EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Wed 13th August, 2025

Wed 10th September 2025

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July 2025 – Burra to Morgan Run

A weekend of motoring nostalgia and adventure. Entry forms to be completed by 1st July 2025. Accommodation should be booked ASAP – your responsibility. Entry form to be downloaded from website – www.narc.org.au - See Greg Lind for more information

Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd August 2025 – Price Tractor Pull and ShowNShine

Price oval, entry gold coin donation. Food vans, live music, market stalls More details – www.pricetractorpull.com.au

Monday 1st September – Drive It Day – Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club

Bethany Reserve, Bethany Road, Bethany 11.00am BYO Lunch. Run starting from Fremont Park, Elizabeth or Princes Park, Gawler Showgrounds, Gawler. All runs meet at 9.00am for 9.30am start. Toilets and large shelter are available, but we suggest that you bring chairs. More Information: Alvin Jenkin 85292504 or email torque@gawlercarclub.com.au

Friday 19th September – 21st September 2025 – Victor Harbor Rock N Roll Festival

Classic Vehicles, live bands, market stalls. Register online. www.rocknrollfestival.com.au

Sunday 21st September 2025 – Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic Run

See Club events

Sunday 21st September 2025 –GVVCVC - Gawler Mega Swap Meet

Gawler showgrounds, Nixon Terrace, Gawler. Gates open 6.00am for sellers and 7.00am for buyers. General admission \$5.00, children under 16 free. Food and drinks available. No pets, fires or tent pegs. Further information www.gawlercarclub.com.au

Motorfest – Monday 13th October – Friday 24th October 2025 Entries Close 1st October 2025

All events are open to all makes and types of vehicles (including moderns). Entry into the “Bay to Birdwood” is not a prerequisite for participation in the “Federation Motorfest” events. Federation Motorfest Headquarters for 2025 will be at the clubrooms of the CCC, part of the Glandore Community Complex, located in Clark Ave, Glandore. There is plenty of paved off street parking, easy access to facilities and clubrooms will be open each morning to welcome our guests.

Enquiries: Ph 0439 898 851 or email secretary@fhmcsa.org.au

Sunday 19th October 2025 – Bay to Birdwood

Entries open Monday 7th July via website

Friday 14th November – Sunday 16th November 2025 – Bendigo Swap Meet

Expressions of Interest –

Leave Friday night and travel through to the swap meet. Saturday leave around 4pm to stay in Echuca overnight. Sunday return to the swap meet then leave around 12 to travel back to Adelaide arriving approx.. 8.45pm.

If interested in going please contact Simon 0413881499 or Shirley 0439898851 or email mgmercury@tpg.com.au

Entry Forms etc.

Club events co-ordinator Greg Lind has contact details and / or entry forms for other club's events.

New Members

Simon Thompson and Victoria Short	Morphett Vale 1976 CL Valiant Wagon	Sam & Maddii Parsons	Hardwicke Bay 1962 S Series Sedan
Kerry Mitchell	Hallett Cove	1992 Holden Berlina LX Sedan	
Stuart Wilson	Primrose Sands Tas		

Life Members

Year	Name	Member #	Year	Name	Member #
1990	Norma Schopp († 13/1/24)	57	2020	Trevor & Lorraine Beythien	1030/1031
2000	Judy Hart	244	2020	Jim Dawson	1705
2003	Ross Bryant († 30/4/18)	121	2021	Kevin Williams	451
2006	Richard Hart	243	2021	Lindsay Gibb	1294
2010	Richard Tapp	545	2022	Brenton Hamilton († 16/11/23)	602
2015	Chris Howes	90	2022	Neill Wormald	552
2017	Alan Driver	324	2022	Bob Haywood	807
			2024	Brenton & Sharon Gibb	1293/1692

Cover Photos

Greg and Denice Newley's 1936 Chrysler C8

Front photographed by Richard Tapp at Virginia November 2024
Rear photographed by Richard Tapp at Willunga July 2018

CLUB EVENTS

Holden Manufacturing Heritage Museum

13 July 2025

Meet at 9.00am at Old Holden site, Philip Highway, Elizabeth in the horseshoe driveway. Entry

cost \$15.00 per person. Followed by lunch at Central Districts Football Club (Grand Central)

An attendance sheet will be going

around at May, June and July meetings.

Jeff Knowles 08 8255 8671

Presentation Lunch

Sunday 17th August 2025

Arrive at The Blacksmiths Inn, 1 Black Top Road, ONE TREE HILL, 11.30am and seated by 12.00pm.

The 2 course Lunch is \$40.00 per head (the CRCSA will subsidise \$10.00 per person) making it \$30.00 per head for main course and dessert. Payment in full

(\$30.00 per person) is to be made either at the June/July club meetings to Sharon Gibb or post a cheque to Sharon Gibb, Chrysler Restorers Club, PO Box 326, Modbury North SA 5092 or email Sharon at bsgibb22@gmail.com to arrange bank transfer of money. **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025.**

Any contributions towards raffle prizes will be appreciated on the day.

Booking sheets will be circulated at club meetings. There is secure off street parking so would be good to see as many classic cars as possible.

**Sharon Gibb
08 8263 2908**

Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic Run

21 September 2025

10.00am – 3.00pm – using as a car check up run for the National Rally

Entry is free – BYO lunch or food

is available to purchase from the Lions Club at the Macclesfield Footy Club kiosk.

Where – Macclesfield oval & sporting complex, cnr Davies and Kingrose Streets, Macclesfield.

Clubs, please do a head count of attending vehicles who would be purchasing food on the day. Contact Brian Davey 0400826969 – by Friday 12th September, 2025.

No October 2025 Run!

No October 2025 club run due to Motorfest, Bay to Birdwood and the National Rally.

17th National Rally - Griffith, NSW in 2025

**Sunday 28th September 2025
– Saturday 4th Oct 2025**

Rally entrants will now have received their entrant rally form on email to order meals and this also includes run information. This is to be completed by 31st July 2025. Rally car photos are also required by 31st July 2025.

Options for payment are credit card, EFT or cheque (but you will have to download your food form to send with payment.)

[Ed: There are 20 entries from South Australia]



28th SEPTEMBER - 4th OCTOBER

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Hi All, and welcome to the July/August edition of the Chrysler Collector. This year's May run was another Mystery run that saw the club head south, this time to Old Noarlunga and to the Old Noarlunga Hotel for lunch. It was a pleasant sunny day for a drive and we were given the option depending on how hungry you were, to go the Southern Expressway or Main South Road to get to our destination. The Old Noarlunga Hotel was a nice old pub that has been renovated with a large eating area out the back. All the meals looked good and were BIG, so I believe no one left hungry. I heard no reports of any breakdowns or issues along the way. Big thank you again to Chris Howes and Cathy Woods for organising the day and arranging the venue, it was a great location.

Saturday the 7th of June was the club's Registration Day. Unfortunately myself and the rest of the Newley's were not able to attend as a scheduling conflict saw us away up the river in Renmark. I have had reports that the day went smoothly with a steady stream of people cycling through paying memberships and stamping log books which is excellent. I would like to thank the committee members who did attend and made the day possible, as well as thank those who cooked the BBQ and brought along food to share. It is very much appreciated. Just a reminder if you haven't renewed your membership and had your log books stamped and signed by the club, please do not drive your vehicles as it is unregistered and hefty fines may apply. In case anyone was wondering, Renmark was lovely apart from when it rained and rained and rained, then it just about blew the caravan away, then it rained again, but hey, at least it was freezing!. Did I mention that it rained.

By the time this magazine is released, we would have had our annual general meeting and again I would like to thank the committee for the ongoing support as I begin my second year as your President.

Moving forward our July run will be on the 13th, to the Holden Museum at Elizabeth hosted by the Holden Manufacturing Heritage Association, organised by our very own Jeff Knowles. There is a sign up sheet circulating at the July meeting. Please see Jeff for payment. I hope to see you come along and enjoy the day with fellow car enthusiasts.

The Presentation lunch this year is going to be held at the Blacksmiths Inn at One Tree Hill on the 17th of August. Please see more details in this month's magazine and get back to Sharron Gibb as soon as possible to help organise numbers. The Presentation lunches are always a bit of fun and there are always good stories that come out of the day. As I have said at the last few meetings, I am encouraging any of you who are attending to please bring an old car, as it is an excuse for a drive and a club event and it would be great to see the car park full of Chrysler products.

Hope to see you on the road.

Brett Newley



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg Lind, Sharon Gibb, Brett Newley, Greg Newley, John Milton, Ann Lind, Jim Dawson, Neill Wormald, Cathy Woods, Chris Howes, Barry Maslin and Daniel Boffo.

Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Sharon and Brenton Gibb plus Ann and Greg Lind,

Please submit articles and entries to the magazine as early as possible but no later than the Friday date shown on page 3.

SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

	Jun '25	May '25	Jun '24	Jun '15
Sessions	117	101	98	431
Users	91	65	73	n.a.
Page views	200	179	143	1,028
Flickr views	1.74 million	1.73 million	1.60 million	n.a.
Flickr #photos	25,198	25,198	25,008	n.a.
Facebook mbrs	2,147	2,144	2,115	n.a.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report

Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Income and expense

Income	May Jun 2025	June 2025 YTD	June 2024 YTD
Subscriptions	30	7,275	7,818
Grant earned	-	-	4,526
Raffle proceeds	45	390	449
Sales	357	917	930
Interest	46	1,170	976
Donations	-	-	1,747
Sundry	-	-	20
Total income	\$ 478	\$ 9,751	\$ 16,465
Expenses			
Magazine	652	4,213	4,326
Postage and stationery	- 5	1,803	1,970
Functions	96	296	349
Function subsidies	-	1,230	1,300
Cost of sales	326	908	820
Insurance	212	862	919
Depreciation	103	619	465
CCC	175	350	350
Update honour boards	-	628	-
Sundry	-	80	-
Total expenses	\$ 1,559	\$ 11,523	\$ 10,499
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ -1,081	\$ -1,772	\$ 5,966
Brought forward		42,451	36,484
Members funds		\$ 40,678	\$ 42,451

Balance sheet

Assets	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
Cash on hand	150	100
Westpac Community Solutions	8,243	9,906
Westpac Cash Reserve	12,066	11,923
Westpac term deposits	23,178	22,641
Commonwealth Bank	324	299
Prepaid insurance	535	-
Computer 2023 (Cost 4,451)	3,372	3,991
Club plates B55-B99 \$5 each	135	145
Touring badges \$12 each	120	120
Tools (cost \$7,590.66)	200	200
Calendars	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 48,322	\$ 49,325
Liabilities	-	-
Prepaid subscriptions	6,990	6,200
Grant - unearned, repayable	-	474
Accounts payable	-	-
Prepaid deposits	120	200
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,644	\$ 6,874
Members funds	\$ 40,678	\$ 42,451

Federation "Meet the Clubs" Tour 2026

This tour will visit the mid north towns of SA from Saturday 16th May to Sunday 24th May 2026.

I have the first draft of the programme which plans to spend one night in Clare, one night in Peterborough, three nights in Quorn, one night in Pt Pirie and two nights in Maitland. Day trips are planned from places like

Quorn and Maitland.

If you are interested in attending all or part of the tour, please send an email to - treasurer@fhmcsa.org.au by Monday 14th July or contact me at gdnewley@adam.com.au or phone 0434175800 (I can extend that date a little).

This is a no obligation

expression of interest. Please state your accommodation preferences - caravan park or motel style.

Once there is a viable programme, there will be a tour launch at the CCC rooms for the formal expression of interest in the tour.

Greg Newley

1962 Milton Mopar



FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 14 May 2025

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.
Summary of minutes of the meeting held 14 May 2025 – commenced at 7:31pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brenton Gibb explained the emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book. Brenton advised that Brett Newley was unwell and he would chair the meeting.

New Members & Visitors

Simon and Victoria Thompson – CL Valiant.

Sick List

Brett Newley

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Jeff Knowles, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence

In: Email - 16/4/25 – Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc – circulated to committee members; Email – 17/4/25 via Chris Howes for Vintage Sports Car Club 30/5/25 – Brett Newley to discuss at meeting.; Email – 1/5/25 from Jim Dawson regarding Everforge Media Group using CRCSA images on YouTube channel Master of Machines; Email -Aust Post – 3/5/25 Statement re payment of account for magazines. Various magazines passed onto Library. Various invitation events passed onto runs coordinator.

Out:

None

Moved by Ann Lind seconded Richard Tapp, carried.

Treasurer's Report

April 2025 Income \$106, expenses \$485, deficit \$379. YTD deficit \$662. Members funds \$41,788. Moved Richard Tapp, seconded Lindsay Gibb, carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Gary spoke re future events.

Editor: Send in articles for the magazine.

Public Relations: John advised clothing is on page 2 and badges and transfers on page 19 of the magazine.

Records: Preparations for renewals is underway.

Librarian: Jim advised meeting that Ian Webber and his wife are going into care and has asked him to take a look at all his information regarding Chrysler.

Tech Rep: Jim advised it has been pretty quiet.

HVR: Jeff advised ready for Registration day.

Triple C: Nothing to report, meeting next month.

FHMC: Government is looking at compulsory inspections. FHMC to lobby for exemption of conditionally registered vehicles. Recommendation that wills clearly identify vehicles to avoid complications in transfer of registration. Where appropriate, registration in joint names simplifies matters. Notice was given of a special resolution for

the 21 June FHMC meeting to amend the Association's eligibility clause.

Past Events

Richard Tapp thanked Bob Haywood for organising the run to Virginia Nursery - a very suitable distance to a well liked destination with good parking and a nearby hotel with a reasonably priced lunch. Kevin Williams concurred. Greg Newley advised he stayed at a great caravan park when attending the Naracoorte swap meet - could be relevant for a future club event. Trevor Beythien spoke about the Mildura Easter Rally - 70 cars. Bob Haywood spoke about a Vintage Caravan club run to Mt Pleasant and free weekend attendance at Birdwood Mill.

General Business

Brenton Gibb advised meeting that the Vintage Sports Car Club are hosting Gavin Farmer on the 30th May 7.30pm. Contact the Vintage Sports Car Club if you wish to attend.

Brenton also advised meeting that a voting slip for Ken Barnes Memorial Trophy for club person of the year was included in your club magazine tonight. Please fill out and return at general meetings or by post.

Brenton reminded members of our AGM on the 9th July followed by general meeting. We are looking for a Technical Representative and Librarian.

Raffle

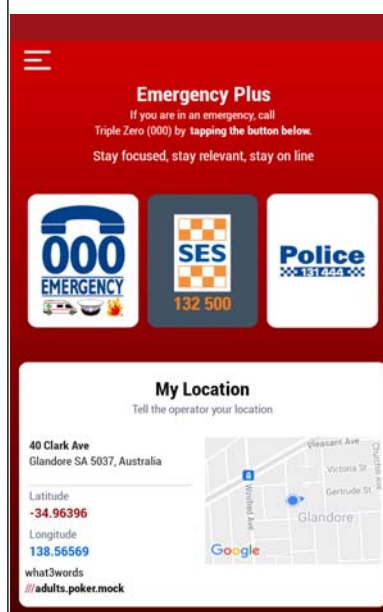
Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks Brenton summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm followed by supper.

EMERGENCY PLUS APP



When an ambulance was called for a member at a previous meeting, the Ambulance failed to quickly find the Clarke Avenue carpark.

The Emergency Plus App, screenshot on left, is available for both Android and iOS (Apple) phones.

It converts the phone's GPS location into a 3 word code which Australian emergency services can use to immediately locate the phone within 3 metres. Surely we should ALL have this App.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 11 June 2025

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.
Summary of minutes of the meeting held 11 June 2025 – commenced at 7:30pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book.

New Members & Visitors

None advised

Sick List

None advised

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Lorraine Beythien, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence

In: 21/5/25 Email – Diana Chegwiddden re update on NSW National Rally; 29/5/25 Email – Diana Chegwiddden – copy of SA entrants for National Rally ; 3/6/25 Email – Australia Post Invoice re magazine ; 3/6/25 Email – CCC Committee Meeting held 2/6/25. Various magazines passed onto Library Various invitation events passed onto runs coordinator.

Out:

29/5/25 Email – To Diana Chegwiddden requesting copy of list of SA entrants for National Rally. Moved by Ann Lind seconded Barry Just, carried.

Treasurer's Report

May 2025 Income \$844, expenses \$1,775, deficit \$931. YTD deficit \$1,594. Members funds \$40,857. Moved Richard Tapp, seconded Chris Howes, carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Greg spoke re future events.

Editor: Send articles for the magazine.

Public Relations: John advised clothing is on page 2 and badges and transfers on page 19 of the magazine.

Records: Memberships are still coming in after registration day, still have approximately 125 to receive.

Librarian: Apology.

Tech Rep: Apology.

HVR: Jeff advised that registration day was held on 7th June and the day ran very smoothly. Would like to see more people take advantage of this day to get their membership and log books organised.

Jeff thanked Greg and Vince for manning the BBQ and thanked the suppliers of cake for members to enjoy.

Triple C: Vince ran through information received at CCC meeting. The council had a blocked drain in

the toilet – paper towel had been put down the toilet. Screen door has been repaired.

FHMC: Meeting scheduled for next week.

Past Events

Brett spoke about Registration Day which was held on 7th June at the CCC clubrooms. Brett thanked all members who worked over the day with membership payments and log book updates as well as replacing log books. He thanked Greg and Vince for working at the BBQ and members for baked goods supplied. Brett also spoke about the May run organised by Cathy Woods and Chris Howes, to the Old Port Noarlunga Hotel. Brenton Gibb also spoke on registration day agreeing with Brett's comments and noting that it was good to see a lot of our country members make the effort to attend the day. Barry Thomas advised that he drove his Dodge Phoenix to Echuca to be his granddaughter's wedding car.

General Business

Brett reminded members of the AGM to be held next month on 9th July before our general meeting. Nomination forms are available at tonight's meeting. He encouraged members to join the committee. All positions will be declared vacant. We are looking for a technical rep, assistant librarian and vice president for the next 12 months, which will lead into the president's position.

Brett also asked for mid-week run ideas and members who are willing to organise these.

Brett also encouraged members to wear our apparel with pride to our events and other events attended by our members.

Brett also advised there were a large number of Wheels Magazines out the front donated by Ian Webber. Please take some home.

Brenton Gibb advised meeting there will be a Show N Shine weekend at Wirrabara Oval on 30th and 31st August. We could go up Saturday have dinner at the pub and stay overnight. if anyone is interested in attending the weekend come and see him.

Dick Hart also advised meeting he went to the Kapunda Swap Meet and advised it was a lot smaller than usual.

Brenton Gibb advised meeting that it was Brett Newley's 40th Birthday. Members sang happy birthday and Brett was given a card from the club members.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Brett Newley summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm followed by supper.

LIVING HISTORIES

Neill Wormald

Interviewer: Jim Dawson (INT)

Interviewee: Neill Wormald

Date: 28 May 2025

INT: Welcome Chrysler restorers everywhere to this part of our series of living histories, and it's my great pleasure today to be in conversation with Neill Wormald, a long term member of the Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Division. Welcome Neill and thank you for hosting me today.

N W: Thank you.

INT: We better get down to the start first. Where were you born?

N W: I was born at a hospital north of Adelaide, I'm not sure what it was called. Northern Community or something like that.

INT: Right out on the Main North Road.

N W: We lived at Pooraka. My parents lived on acreage then when I was quite young, they built another house on the Main North Road and I spent my childhood there.

INT: And what did mum and dad do?

N W: My father was a shunter in the South Australian Railways. He worked there for 43 years or thereabouts. My mother stayed home, but didn't have an easy life. She not only did ironing and cleaning but lots of other things around the property because we lived off the land. We had a decent sized block. We had lots of fruit trees, so each year she preserved 300 jars of fruit and about 300 jars of jam and the old man used to grow trombones. We would have a couple of hundred of them and we'd swap with the market gardens all around us. A slaughterman who worked next door at the abattoir was allowed to bring home as much offal as he liked, and would bring mum a lot of lambs fry and tripe and brains and all this sort of thing for us to eat. We actually ate pretty well because of the market gardens around us.

INT: That's a slightly unusual upbringing, but not completely atypical of the times.

N W: Well, we probably were a bit behind the times. We only had a bucket toilet, which we had to empty ourselves. We used to boil a copper outside and bring water in and put in a round tin tub. Mostly we bathed once a week, whether we needed it or not! Every night mum would boil the jug and then she'd sort of duck bathe us before we went to bed; wipe us all over. And we never lived flash, that's for sure.

INT: And where did you go to school?

N W: I went to Pooraka Primary School.

INT: What's the first car you remembered your dad having?

N W: My parents never had a car.

INT: There you go!

N W: He rode a bike everywhere. He would put two or three of us kids on the bike - I had three brothers. Grandma also lived with us. And one of my cousins from Balaclava used to spend a lot of time with us as well. It was a full household.

INT: So what was the 1st motor car you can remember catching your eye.

N W: I think one of my uncles had a Chev, probably 1950s, had these big wings going out the side. I don't know if you know the one. I remember I was pretty happy when I could have a ride in that.

INT: Chev Impala or something like that?

N W: Yes, it was probably the first car to catch my eye.

INT: So your interest in cars solidified after that? Or is that something that came along later for you?

N W: Well. I was pretty into motorbikes and I had had a motor scooter - because you could take girls out on a motor scooter. If you ride up on a motorbike her old man would boot you out. But my brother



and I had three or four motorbikes between us and I had a couple of motor scooters.

INT: So there's the English motorbikes?

N W: The motorbikes were a BSA Bantam and we had a 500 Triumph and a little 125 Honda. Hmm. And I had a 200cc motor scooter, a bit bigger than most scooters. [Ed: All the better for carrying those girls.] I mainly rode the scooters to work. My first car was a 1934 Hillman Minx, for which I paid £20.

INT: Probably a fair bit of money in those days. So just going backwards a little bit here, at what age did you go to work?

N W: I left school at 14 and went to work on my uncle's farm at Pooraka. At that time we lived on the farm because dad owned half the land, although later he sold it to his brother. At 14 I wasn't driving, I could only ride a bike. I worked there for five years.

INT: At what age did you get your driver's licence?

N W: I think I was probably 16 or 17. I would drive the old Commer truck. They also had a little Ford Prefect, which they let me drive a couple of times. I remember an occasion when my uncle had a frozen shoulder. We loaded up a few hundred chooks because we

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had 25,000 fowls in a hatchery, the whole lot free range. And then when the truck was loaded up, my uncle couldn't drive. So he said look you're going to have to take the truck to the market.

INT: Well.

N W: I was a bit nervous that day! I was going up the OLD Morphett Street Bridge – which was very steep - NOT like it is now. A guy with a horse and cart decided to stop and give his horse a drink at the top because it had pulled the cart up the hill. I had to stop the Commer Truck and hold it with the handbrake. I was just about messing my pants, I can tell you. And I had to start uphill, but managed without hitting any cars.

INT: Good job! When you left the chooks and the fowls, where did you head then?

N W: Well once caged chickens came in, the farm didn't do that well. The caged chickens really put all the old fashioned farms out of business.

INT: Scale of economies and all.

N W: Yes. W used to feed them hot mash in the morning and it took a lot of work. My dad got me a job in the railways. Initially I worked lifting carriages off the bogeys (wheels) at the Islington works. I worked there, but never liked it, locked in and never had enough to do. And when the boss came out, you had to make out that you were busy. I don't know how you'd do that. But anyway, I worked there for quite a few years. And then a job come up in their tarpaulin shop. I went for the interview and Mr Bird, who interviewed me, said to me "This is a job you can do outside". And I said "Oh is it!?" And he wasn't too sure if he wanted to give me the job. But then he said that since my father worked for the railways and had been there 43 years or so that he would give me the job.

INT: It's not what you know, it's who you know.

N W: And I really never looked back. I took to that like a duck took to water. I picked everything up and I was willing to learn. I reckon you can learn from everybody. Even the bludgers can teach you something, because they know the quickest way to do everything.

INT: That's the old story. If you want something done, give it to the lazy bloke who will find the easy way.

N W: Yeah, that's right. I started doing a lot of part time work for some of the other companies around town, because Vietnam War was on and there was lots and lots of work. I ended up leaving the railways and starting my own business. And I never looked back.

INT: So by now you were married.

N W: Yes. I got married at 21. I'd already bought a block of land at Banksia Park. I had a house built up there. My first child was born by the time my house was finished. So we moved in there. By that time, I had sold the Hillman and I had a side valve Morris Minor.

INT: Side valve!

N W: You had to change gears even to go to Tea Tree Gully; it would run out of steam. My second child was born there. And then my

marriage went south when the kids were quite little. And I was left with the 2 boys.. I was working from home in the shed, which I was able to do. They didn't have unmarried fathers pensions in those days, it was only for the women.

INT: No, sir!

N W: So I worked from home in the shed and I went around to a lot of the canvas factories and they gave me piece work. They'd bring loads of stuff and I'd sew it all up and that's how I made my living for a few years to put the kids through school. Slowly the business got bigger and I bought a house at Ridgehaven, and built a larger factory in the back. I employed two or three people there and started doing more work. Then the boys went to Mount Gambier to live with their mother for a while, when they got up in their teens.

INT: How did you feel about that? Having bought them up from small?

N W: It knocks you about a bit, but I didn't stop them because she might have talked them him into it. I thought, well, that'll be good for them. They knew they could come back. They both came back eventually. I'd been going with Joan by that time. I was on my own for eight or nine years before I met



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Joan. And then I sold my house and came to live with Joan and we bought a factory together.

INT: What were you driving by this stage.

N W: A Valiant.

INT: Tell me about the first Valiant you owned.

N W: I'm not really sure of the models. The first one was slant 6.

INT: The leaning Tower of Power.

N W: Yeah, it really was.

INT: The only motor worth knowing about.

N W: It was unstoppable. I used to often drive my two boys over to see their grandparents. They lived in Coleraine, Vic. Often I was busy and I had to get back. A few times I drove over and back in one day – 900km return. I used to push that Valiant value. Really used to push it to high speeds and it just kept on going. It never hurt it. I might have to get back for work, because I used to work very hard around school holidays and before Christmas. That's where I made my cream because I used to mainly do repairs and camping things those days. Once I got the factory I did a lot of work for defence department contracts. I was the person who designed the modern swags that you see today. When I was young a swag was really just a piece of

canvas that went over here with a couple of studs on it. The swags they've got today I designed. For many, many years, I used to sell 15,000 a year.

INT: That's getting into serious production.

N W: But of course, China makes them all now.

INT: Probably not as well as Wormald Canvas did ...

N W: No, but, and they're all my design, that they haven't really changed much.

INT: At the peak of your production, how many employees did you have?

N W: Pretty close to 40 at one stage.

INT: That's getting way beyond a cottage industry - that's starting to be a serious player.

N W: Yes. I also made . Camper vans that went on 6 by 4 trailers before they were popular. When I was quite young I made my first camper van with beds that would pull out. Then I started making camper vans and selling them throughout Australia. I used to make several hundred a year and with them had come several hundred awnings and a lot of them would have annexes. I made them for different height trailers and all that sort of thing. So that was quite

big. I had that and the swags all going at the same time.

INT: Plus you've got defence contracts and people walking off the street wanting a tonneau cover for a Valiant Ute.

N W: Yeah, I would do that as well; and canopies.

INT: Yeah.

N W: I bought a factory across the road from my house in Ridgehaven. I sold that house when I moved in with Joan. Later I leased an additional factory than bought a factory next door to that. I was going to buy a 3rd property and I thought "What am I doing?" That's when I went down to Golden Grove and we bought 2 big blocks and built a brand new factory down there, which is the one that I still own and is being leased to the people who bought the business from me two years ago.

INT: I sent a second cousin there not two months ago and he had a roof and side curtains for a WW 2 Jeep done there. Very happy too, by the way. So they're keeping up with good standards.

N W: Good. Well, I hope they do.

INT: So how long have you been with Joan now?

N W: 46 years.

INT: That's almost a career there.

N W: When we got together, Joan (who already had 2 children and her own house) not only looked after all matters at home (including mowing lawns, painting etc) but worked in the business. This enabled me to put in more effort at work, without which we would not have been able to forge ahead as we did.

INT: After that first experience with the Valiant, the die was cast? You were a Chrysler man, from then on?

N W: The next one I bought, you'll probably find a photo of it, and know the model. It was when they started making the Hemi.

INT: So that would be 1970 or thereabouts.



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N W: At that time my factory was just down from Rick's Frith's wrecking yard. And of course he had an old Chrysler that I always had my eye on. So I went down to see him and asked if he would you sell it to me? He said he would on condition that I definitely restore it and become a member of the Chrysler Restorers Club - which is probably the best thing I've ever done.

INT: Do you remember when you joined the club.

N W: I'm not sure. I was gonna join then and then Rick said to wait until after Christmas. [Ed: In those days our membership year ran from January to December]

N W: The first National Rally that I got a little bit involved with was in the Barossa. Richard would probably know when that was.

INT: I'm sure Richard will pull the date. [Ed: 1992]

N W: And I can show you a photo of that rally and you'll understand the club I joined.

INT: Yes.

N W: It is not like the club today.

INT: No. So tell me what you told me on the phone when we first

touched base about this.

N W: Well, I've got some photos there that I can grab. That's my son's racing car.

INT: OK, so that's a VF or a VG. One of the other? O'Connor Airlines. There's another blast from the past in Mount Gambier.

N W: You used to park it as that might have been in the petrol station then. Yeah, because they sponsored him.

INT: Ampol City - I can't think of the characters who had that now, but I do remember it. There you go. We'll take that and let Richard have a copy of that.

N W: Now. That's the club I joined.

INT: Lots of wooden wheels. A great many wooden wheels.

N W: Joan and I went up to the Barossa Rally for the day. Ross Bryant spent hours with us up there on the display day and took us around. I don't think he was president at that time. He might have been, I don't know. [Ed: He was] But you know, it was this sort of thing - a much different club.

INT: So lots of 1925 or virtually all 1920s stuff. I remember you

saying to me, if someone turned up with something from the late 30s, you thought they were very modern.

N W: That's right. You can see why by looking at these photos. If we were doing a trip, going places, if you broke down, you'd have 6 heads under the bonnet, you'd have parts coming out of everyone else's cars and you'd be on the road. In no time.

INT: Just wonderful, isn't it?

N W: Especially if Dick [Hart] was there.

INT: Dick's been proving a bit elusive to getting his story done.

N W: Good luck with that.

INT: So what was the car that you bought from Rick Frith's wrecking yard?

N W: It was a 1926 Chrysler. When I brought this car home, some of the family wanted to know whether I had "lost it".

INT: Looking at a photo, I can understand the feeling. Lots of ageing wood and 3 buckets of rust.

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PAST EVENTS

Southern Venture Pub Run

Sunday 18th May 2025

34 club members joined together at the CCC for a short run south. Some chose the expressway and the older cars' drivers preferred Main South Rd.

Our destination was "The Oldy" or the pub in Old Noarlunga.

It was great to see Bill, Margaret and Brett Ellis from Victor Harbor; Doug Sweetman was part of their group as well. They are planning to go to Griffith for the CRC National Rally.

There was lots of chat and good food.

Thanks to the regular attendees. If you keep attending, we will keep organising an annual pub run.

Cathy Woods & Chris Howes



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RESTORATION STORIES

Hey Dad!

I was at the President's Breakfast run in January, just finishing my bacon and eggs, when I heard, "Hey dad." Brett asked me if I knew anyone who would love to do a tidy up job on a ute? He stressed that a concours standard job wasn't needed but just a job to make it look presentable. He said that Helena wanted some paint and panel work done on her Dodge ute. My first thought was that Lindsay Gibbs may like the job, but after a bit more thought, I decided that perhaps he wouldn't be interested - something about his age niggled at me.

After some more Q and A with Helena she said that she felt embarrassed about driving it around Mannum and would like it to look reasonably tidy. She was also finding it difficult to find a painter who wasn't aiming to break the bank or clear the national debt.

I gave it some more thought and decided that I needed to see the job and learn exactly what I was in for. We made arrangements to view the Dodge at the Langhorne Creek mid-week lunch run. At lunch my highly honed powers of observation noted that Helena and Richard weren't there. Later we learnt that the Dodge had "failed to proceed" and was on the back of a tow truck headed back to Mannum. The problem had something to do with diesel and petrol not mixing.

I eventually caught up with the car at their house. The car had some rust and peeling paint work and my ego told me I could do something to make it look better, so I took the job on. I had to emphasise that it was a tidy up job - good from a

distance, but not *concours d'elegance* standard.

After Helena and Richard dropped the car off, the driver's door looked to be the main problem. The rust had really made a mess and Brett arranged to get another door. But then we decided that door had its own problems and it was probably better to fix the old door. Luckily, I have a mate who can fix anything, so I left him to do that while I went on with the rest.

Of course, a lot of the rust was down low. I had good fun getting up and down off the ground - just as well I am very agile! When John returned the door, Brett learnt that just because something come off easily, it doesn't mean that it goes back the same way.

It took some time to finish the preparation work and mask it up and then it was time to paint. This was the easy bit. When the body was finished it highlighted that the bumpers needed painting. Then that made the wheels look shoddy and that lead to the hub caps needing paint and of course the ute's tray needed to be tarted up. At last, it was done.

When Helena and Richard picked it up, I made it very clear to them that they shouldn't leave it in the rain, or the paint might fall off. Also it might be wise not to go over any bumps, or the bog might fall out.

I have learnt a valuable lesson from this. If I hear, "Hey dad," I'll hide.

It was a pleasure to help Richard and Helena.

Greg Newley



PAST EVENTS

TJ Richards Trouble

Summary of the Inquest into the death of Mrs Ann Lister Oldfield

Mrs Oldfield was a passenger on a tram which was travelling from the City to Hilton on the 13th of November 1937.

Just after midday on Fisher Terrace Mile End (now South Road) a long piece of metal tubing came through the floor of the tram and went through Mrs Oldfield's left leg before becoming embedded in the tram wall.

The tram made an emergency stop and the Driver and Conductor attended Mrs Oldfield.

No tools were available to assist her so a decision was made to continue on to Doctor Hurst's surgery on Rowland Road (now Sir Donald Bradman Drive).

Dr Hurst attended promptly and after a morphine injection the tubing was sawn off sufficiently to allow Mrs Oldfield to be carried to the Doctor's Surgery.

She was then transported to Hospital to remove the tubing from her leg, but despite several Hospital stays over the next 2 months she eventually died in the Memorial Hospital from blood poisoning on the 16th of January 1938.

The remaining metal tubing about 9

feet long was removed from under the tram to investigate the source.

The MTT did not stock or use the metal tubing which was described as being D shaped and around 7/8 of an inch Diameter.

The Manager of Modern Metal Products of Bowden confirmed that the tubing was identical to a delivery he had received from T J Richards & Sons Keswick just before midday on the 13th of November 1937. The delivery consisted of 660 x 10'6" lengths of tubing.

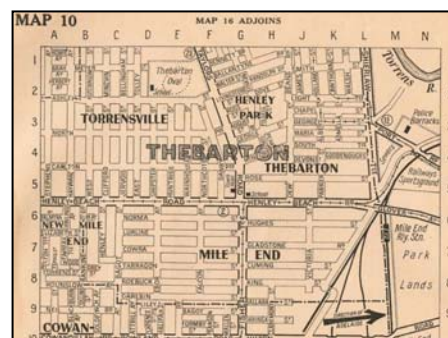
A driver employed by W & R Gibb

carriers of Port Adelaide had picked up the tubing from Richards, but instead of being bundled as expected it was supplied as loose lengths. The tubing was placed along the lorry tray and secured with a rope. The driver proceeded to Modern Metal Products via the Bay Road, South Road, Fisher Terrace, Taylors Road, and then across Port Road to Bowden.

Coroner's Conclusion: The metal tubing had accidentally dropped off the lorry and into the tram track at Fisher Terrace Mile End, the driver was unaware and the occurrence was entirely accidental.

Mrs Oldfield is buried in the Myponga Cemetery.

Barry Maslin



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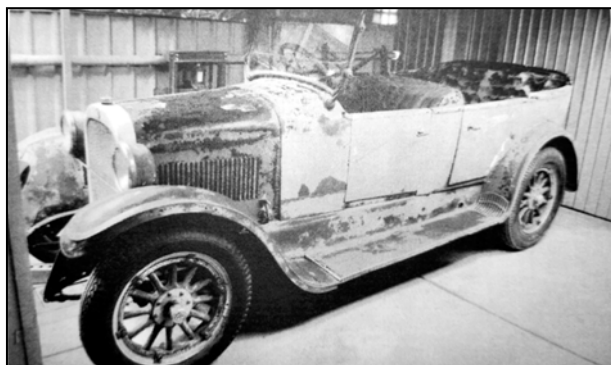
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