

5 March, 2023

Lunch at Beaufort Hotel



We had a record 26 apologies for this event!! Not sure what was happening, maybe it was because we had shifted the run to the first Sunday of the month, and that caught people out??? The 11 of us who were able to make it, had a wonderful time.

It was a leisurely type of day with a later than usual departure time from DTC, a short run of only around 68 kilometres, stopping briefly to admire the World War 1 memorial wall on the M8 overpass wall before travelling on through Learmonth and Waubra, followed by a very lay-back lunch at Beaufort .

Alan and I led the group in our **2000 Mitsubishi TJ Magna Solara wagon**, **Mark & Judy R** were in their **Rover 216 I**. They kindly went Back Markers for us, but with the group being so small, no one was ever out of sight from the Leader or the Back Marker, which meant our two-way radios were not really needed this time. **Paul D** was on his **1975 Kawasaki Z1000**, **Mark R**, who came from Bacchus Marsh, was on his trusty **ZZR250 Kawasaki**, **Robert T** was riding his **Kawasaki KLR 650**, **Ted & Janet K** came in style in their sweet **1964 Ford XM ute**, and **John E and Helen Mc-S** met us at the hotel in their **1960 Triumph Herald**.

The roads are certainly not improving with time. Alan turned on his hazard lights whilst on the Waubra/ Beaufort Road to warn the travellers behind to avoid a large and very deep hole that took up almost the entire width of the lane. When we did the reccy the previous week, we didn't encounter any traffic on that back track. On Sunday every farmer and his dog, including a police car was on the road, forcing us to slow right down and move off the bitumen several times.

We arrived at the hotel right on the estimated time of 12:15. The temperature was still rising when we went inside and met up with John and Helen, who had driven over from Bendigo to join us. It was lovely to catch up with them again. They were busy buying some of the turned wood items on sale. The lass from the hotel explained her father had recently passed away and she was selling off his beautiful pieces to raise money for a local charity. Everything was priced at \$15. We bagged a very nice bowl with a spiral motif on the lid. Helen and John bought a couple of vases and an unusual item, possibly made from a banksia seed. They were unsure of its purpose, but found it delightful and eye-catching.

The lunches arrived fairly promptly, and we believe everyone was happy with their choices. There was a lot of chatting going on the whole time. When Helen produced a photo of a large spider that had travelled with them, everyone began to exchange stories of their encounters with the delightful creatures. That thread led to tales of snakes, leeches, and other creepy-crawly critters.

At around 2:30 pm we began to say our "goodbyes", and slowly made our way back outside to the cars and bikes.

It was a very relaxing day. The company, as always, was excellent. Thank you everyone who joined us. See you on the next outing - **Motorcycle Only Ride - Sunday 26 March, 2023.**



At Starbucks Café and in the DTC carpark





Ted & Janet's 1964 Ford XM Ute



Ballarat Avenue of Honour History

The Ballarat Avenue of Honour is famous for being the first avenue of its kind in Australia (perhaps in the world) and the longest of its kind in the southern hemisphere. It incorporates the Ballarat Arch of Victory and extends for approximately 22 kilometres. In total, the trees represent 3,912 Ballarat and district men and women who served in World War One - 528 of whom were killed in battle or died of wounds or disease.

The trees were planted in order of the soldiers' enlistment along the Western Highway, consisting of 3,771 trees.

Most of the cost for the plantings was met by the Lucas Girls through the sale of dolls made from scraps they had salvaged at the Lucas Clothing Factory.

Later developments included a memorial wall, with names and tree numbers inscribed, that was opened by Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop in 1993. Also in 1993 a five kilometre section of the Avenue at the Burrumbeet end was 'disconnected' when the Ararat rail line was cut through during the construction of the Western Highway Bypass - leaving 26 trees between the bypass and the rail line inaccessible to the public.

All 3,800 trees have now been reconnected to the Avenue by the building of an overpass during the latest (2015) Western Highway Upgrade works.



Early plantings in the Ballarat Avenue of Honour, c1920. Courtesy Federation University Historical Collection [Cat.No.1279].

**The Ballarat Avenue of Honour
was officially re-connected
on 12th April 2015**

**by Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson
Minister for Veterans Affairs
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister
for the Centenary of ANZAC
Special Minister of State
and Hon Luke Donnellan MP
Minister for Roads and Road Safety**



Having been manager of the team who were involved with the community consultation, design and construction of this feature initiated through VicRoads, Alan gave the group a little bit of background history on the memorial wall





Leaving the War Memorial wall





John & Helen with their 1960 Triumph Herald outside the Beaufort Hotel





Alan with Helen & John showing off their purchases



Some of the lovely turned wood pieces - all for sale at \$15 per item

MEMBER'S PLEASE NOTE:

Alan and Pam Stork will not be available to facilitate and attend the following events:

Motorcycle Only Rides



30 April, 2023 Sunday

Meet at 7-Eleven/Starbucks Carpark, DTC at 9:30 am

Leader and Destination to be decided on the day by those who turn up

28 May, 2023 Sunday

Meet at 7-Eleven/Starbucks Carpark, DTC at 9:30 am

Leader and Destination to be decided on the day by those who turn up

Combined Runs



7 May, 2023 Sunday

Meet at 7-Eleven/Starbucks Carpark, DTC at 10:00 am for a 10:30 Departure.

Leader and Destination to be decided on the day by those who turn up

4 June, 2023 Sunday

The Ross Skinner Memorial Dinner



at the Bunch of Grapes Hotel,
401 Pleasant Street South, Ballarat

This will be an evening event,

Possibly arriving at 7:00 pm

(Pam Stork will book the venue.

Details to be provided closer to the date)



If any Member would like to put up their hand to organise and lead one or more of the above events, please let Alan & Pam Stork know, we will be happy to provide assistance, advice, etc.

Details for our Combined Run - Sunday 2 April, 2023

Will be posted soon



Motorcycle Only Rides **Last Sunday of Every Month**



Departure Point:

7-Eleven/Starbucks Carpark

Delacombe Town Centre, 315 Glenelg Highway, Delacombe

Arrive 9:30 am for a coffee and a chat

Ride will depart when everyone is ready to leave

Destinations and Details will be posted prior to the event, if known,

If not, we will decide on the day

All rides are Weather Permitting - Guests/Friends Always Welcome

Contact Alan Stork

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"Calendar" page RSVP Form

Our Next Motorcycle Only Ride

Will be to Phillip Island to see the World Super Bikes

Sunday 26 February, 2023

PLEASE CONTACT ALAN STORK FOR DETAILS

AND TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

To ensure that all members and visitors feel safe and are able to enjoy their time with us, we ask that anyone participating in any event conducted by Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc. follow this Code of Conduct:

- Obey all laws at all times, including COVID, road laws and Club Permit Scheme rules
- Any vehicle participating in a club event should be safe for road use
- Participants should ride/drive within the limits of their capabilities, weather conditions, etc.
- Be respectful to all participants and the public
- Never put anyone or anything at risk by behaving in an unsafe or reckless manner
- Never behave in a manner that would be deemed to bring disrepute to the club

Guidelines for Participating in a CRD Club Run

If the participating numbers are large (more than 10 vehicles), the run will be conducted with a Leader and a Back Marker. These two participants will have mobile phones and each other's phone number to enable contact in case of any problems or emergencies.

Slower moving vehicles can cause the dynamics of a run to fail. If for any reason you do not wish to, or your vehicle is not capable of travelling at a maximum speed of 100 kph, tell the Leader before departing. We are happy to accommodate by splitting the run into various groups, each with a Leader and Back Marker. The slower group will always leave last, and the first group (usually bikes only, followed by cars) will always wait for them when re-grouping.

If you would rather travel at your own pace, or take your own route, and then meet up with the group at the final destination, or some other point along the way, that's fine. Just make sure the Leader and Back Marker know before the group leaves the departure point

Remember: You are participating in a fun group event, NOT a race

It is a delicate operation to keep a moving group together, especially when traffic is heavy. Everything that can be done, will be done to ensure no one is "lost" on a run, but it is up to each participant to follow these basic guidelines and respect their fellow travellers:

- **NO PARTICIPANT SHOULD EVER OVERTAKE THE RUN LEADER**
- **MOTORCYCLISTS CAN MARK CORNERS ONLY IF THERE ARE NO CARS PARTICIPATING**
- Always arrive at the departure point on time with a **full tank of fuel**. If your vehicle has a limited fuel range, let the Leader know so that they can accommodate your needs
- When travelling in a group, **ALWAYS** keep the participating rider/driver behind you in your **rear-view mirror**. This may mean slowing down, and even stopping if necessary
- If you see that the vehicle immediately behind you **fails to proceed/disappears from sight**, pull over to a safe spot and wait. The rest of the group and Back Marker will eventually catch up and stop as well. This should cause a chain reaction (known as the "Rubber Band" effect) that should bring the Leader to a halt. The Leader will be updated by phone by the Back Marker. The group should proceed again once the situation is under control
- In the event of a **break-down**, or emergency, pull over to a safe place and wait for the Back Marker to arrive. Explain your situation, and that person will do what is required to provide assistance and to notify the Leader - **Please do not pull over unnecessarily. Only the Back Marker is required to stop to assist**
- If you have to **pull out of the run** for any reason and cannot wait until you reach the next re-grouping point, wave the vehicle behind on, and leave a message with the Back Marker to advise you are not proceeding but are not in need of assistance. **Do not overtake the run leader to depart group as this is dangerous and causes confusion**
- If you take a **wrong turn, or miss a corner**, try to re-join the group in a safe manner, or leave a phone message with the Leader or Back Marker. You will have a run sheet, if possible, do your best to reach the destination or the next stopping point. If not possible, please let either the Leader or Back Marker know your situation and if you require assistance
- If you see the **vehicle behind you take a wrong turn, keep going**. If they apply the above guideline, they should be okay. Continue to keep the next participating vehicle in your rear-view mirror
- **Never overtake on the left**, and please show **courtesy when passing** other vehicles

Most Importantly: ENJOY YOURSELF and STAY SAFE

DISCLAIMER:

The Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc will not be liable for any damage, injury or loss caused directly or indirectly by anyone participating in a CRD event/activity, whether to the participant, or to any other party. Participants will fully indemnify and hold the club harmless in connection with all claims arising from such damage, injury or loss.

Child Protection Policy: Any child participating in a CRD event will be under supervision of their parent/guardian at all times.

Don't miss out on the fun,
stick this calendar on your
fridge today

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Combined Runs for March, April, May & June shifted to the first Sunday of the month due to Long Weekends & Mothers Day

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 = Combined Run = Motorcycle Only Run