Event Report

By: Pam Stork

14 December, 2025

Christmas Lunch Run - Wallace Hotel

Participants: **Alan & Pam Stork (Leaders)** - 1981 Volvo GL244, **Daryl & Sandra D (Back Markers)** - 2002 Mazda MX5, **John E & Helen McM-S** - Skoda Roomster, **Joanne & Darren H** - 1973 Honda CB450 & 1972 Honda CB750, **Ivan & Helen T** - Ford SUV Escape, **Mark & Maureen R** - Mazda, **Robert T & Helen T** - DMax, **Shane P** - 1963 Holden EH Station Wagon, **Bohdan & Mandy K** - 2006 Holden VE V6 Commodore, **Paul D** - Mazda CX 5, **Pete & Sue R** - 2001 Holden Monaro CV8, **Mick & Ronda H** - 1990 Holden Statesman, **Reggie P, Casey J-P, Merrin, Genie, Aurora & Gwenovere** - 1949 Ford Club Coupe *Spinner,* **David & Trudy C** - 2017 Toyota Prius PHV (Daily), **Mark & Judy R** - Black Rover P5B Saloon, **Peter B & Julie T** - Subaru Liberty, **Alan & Dawn E** - 2000 Mercedes Benz 430 V8, **Alex & Lou M** - MGB MK II, **Shane & Simone J** - 1982 Corvette Stingray 350 *(Gold, Small Block),* **Richard L** - Daily - *Bike gets roadworthy tomorrow!!,* **Anthony J, Charlene R, Santino & Tyler** - 1983 Mitsubishi L-306 Express van, **Ray & Marjorie D** - 2001 Statesman, **David & Belinda E** - 2020 Toyota Prado

We hit a milestone this weekend … we had an amazing 49 participants join us on our Christmas Lunch Run to the Wallace Hotel.

On the Friday afternoon we had 52 people coming, but unfortunately, three of our members had to pull out due to health reasons. We wish them a speedy recovery, especially **Connie F.**

For those who met at Starbucks at the earlier time of 9:30 for a 10:00 am departure, there was lots of chatter and catching up, especially with those people who were either new members, such as **Shane and Simone J** - welcome to CRD - or those who hadn't been able to join us on an outing for a while. It was great to see them again.

The weather wasn't the best, but at least it wasn't raining. The wind was strong, and hopefully not too challenging for our group. Alan led from DTC, taking the B160 then turned down Bells Road. He meandered along the back roads out to Buninyong, then went through Yendon, Mount Egerton, skirting Ballan, then on to Gordon, where we made an "Emergency" pit stop at the toilets. The stop wasn't on the Run Sheet, so we hope we didn't confuse anyone too much. Alan apologized to all, explaining that he really should not have had that cup of coffee at Starbucks. It caught him out short.

It seemed no one minded too much, and as we had made good time and were a bit early for the hotel, we made use of the break from driving to chat some more.

From Gordon, we took the Butter Factory Road, arriving at Wallace around 11:15, where we were met by a few members who had chosen to go directly to the hotel. It was warm and snug inside; a welcome relief from the chilly wind outside. We had been given the front room, owing to the large number of participants. That was wonderful, but the down side was that Reggie P and his family, being a party of six, ended up sitting on their own in the bar area adjacent. We apologized to them, and hoped that they still managed to feel a part of our group and enjoyed themselves.

After everyone had ordered, Santa arrived with a sack of presents for the four children.

President, Alan gave a short speech, **welcoming our new members; Shane and Simone and Richard L.** Vice President, Daryl stood up and gave a lovely speech that moved everyone to cheer and clap enthusiastically. Thank you Daryl, for your kind words and excellent delivery.

The meals were served promptly, and as always, were huge and delicious. At around 2:00 pm, people started to leave, saying their good-byes, and wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It was a most pleasant day out. The company was excellent and we hope everyone had a good a time, as did Alan and I.

We look forward to bringing you more fun events in the new year. A copy of our Calendar of Events for 2026 is on Page 14.

Take care all. Have a Marvelous Christmas, and a Joyous and Healthy New Year.

Merry Christmas

Above: New member Simone with Sandra D *Below:* New Members Simone & Shane

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Our unscheduled pit stop at Gordon Toilets

14 Dec 2025, 11:54 am

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Merry
Christmas

DON'T FOLLOW ME...
I'm going to a swapmeet
to look for trinkets!

Roomster
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HYBRID

Alan & Pam Stork

Hope that all our

Wonderful Members,

Their Families and Friends

Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc

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Motorcycle Only Rides

Last Sunday of Every Month

Departure Point:

Shell Sebastopol Service Station

112-118 Hertford Street, Sebastopol

Arrive 10:00 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

Sunday

28 December, 2025

Full Details to be Advised ASAP

Don't miss out any of our fun events in 2026

Keep a copy of our Calendar of Events

On your Fridge, Phone, etc

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

January						
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= CRD Combined Run Events = CRD Motorcycle Rides = Mothers Day = Labour Day /AFL Hol/Melb Cup

Public holidays 2026 Australia

1 January	New Year's Day	3 April	Good Friday	25 April	ANZAC Day	25 December	Christmas Day
26 January	Australia Day	4 April	Easter Saturday	8 June	King's Birthday	26 December	Boxing Day
		6 April	Easter Monday			28 December	Substitute day

Please Note: Combined Run Events for the months of March & May have been moved to the third Sunday due to the Labour Day Long Weekend & Mothers Day

Remember, you can always keep up to date with our events

By linking your device to the

Calendar on our Website

www.classicridesdrivesclub.org

CRD We're here for a good time

Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc

CRD Code of Conduct

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 PARTICPANT 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.