

Orange District Antique Motor Club Inc.

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Happy Christmas

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Meetings are held in the Club Rooms on the 3rd Monday of each month commencing at 7:30pm at Louie Lane, Spring Creek. All visitors are welcome. Note, the editor and /or club members do not necessarily share the opinions that may be expressed in the magazine.

ORANGE DISTRICT ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC
President's Report November meeting 2012

The year is fast drawing to a close with the weather finally warming up and Christmas literally just around the corner.

Our members have been busy attending lots of events and making a good job of representing our club at various functions outside our own organized events.

The Dwyers, along with a number of other club members attending the Fairlane show in Cowra. A well organized event according to Ray.

The Cridlands winning best period costume at the Classic Yass event, also attended by the Bowyers. A good weekend according to Kevin. Perhaps something we should consider putting more thought into attending next year. Not just a car show, but a full community event involving open gardens and other organizations.

Errowanbang Wool Shed open days proved very much a winner with up to five thousand people attending over the four day event. A very moving display with 42 blade shearers lined up for an exhibition. As one observer said the shears literally did go "click, click, click...." A number of club members made the trip on different days to display their vehicles along with other clubs including our friends from the Dinosaur Drivers Club. Time to catch up for a natter.

Our annual general meeting went ahead with a minimum of fuss. Sadly there are a few positions yet to be filled. We are in need of a secretary as Robert McKenzie has served three years and is required to hand over to another member. If you are new to the club and would welcome the opportunity to get to know our members, why not nominate yourself. The position of Secretary does require some commitment. However with the support of other club members certainly is not a difficult position to hold. *The club almost runs itself.* It only requires for the minutes to be taken at the club meetings and forwarded to the editor for publication, collecting and collating the mail. Please consider.

Our Christmas Party and presentation of awards next Saturday, Kellys Rugby Hotel 6.30 for 7.00pm. Winners of the annual awards will be published in next magazine. On the same day we will join the local Ulysses Club annual toy run leaving from the Primary Industries building in Kite Street. See events calendar for more details.

Keep you vintage vehicle in good repair. You never know when you will need it.
Happy rambling,
Ms Kerry Risstrom.

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2012/2013

All events start from Kite Street outside Cook Park at 10:00am unless advised otherwise.
For further information on any event contact Peter Amos phone 6366 3152 mob. 0411 966 882

AUTHORISED CLUB RUNS

December

- Saturday 1st Christmas Party at Kelly's Hotel – numbers please at Nov. meeting
 Saturday 1st Ulysses Club Inc. Orange Branch – Toy Run. Meet at the Dept. of Primary Industries building
 Kite Street 1:30pm. for a run to the Robin Hood Hotel via the Distributer Road.
 Thursday 6th Leave Cook Park **5:00pm** for a BBQ tea at Lake Canobolas. BYO
 Monday 17th Monthly Meeting at the Club House 7:30 pm.

January

- Wednesday 9th Meet at Cook Park **11:00 am** – Travel out to Lake Canobolas to join members of the
 Vauxhall Owners Club of Australia for lunch. – BYO This will be their 38th National
 Rally with over 70 vehicles participating in the event and after a trip to the top of the
 mountain will be having lunch at the Lake before heading back to Wellington.
 Monday 21st Monthly Meeting at the Club House 7:30 pm.
 Saturday 12th Parkes Elvis Festival. Travel to Parkes to watch the street parade 10:00am – 11:00am
 and enjoy the day. Leave Cook Park at 8:00 am. **We will not be participating in the parade.**
 Saturday 26th Australia Day – Supercar Concours D'Elegance, Sydney - Registration Kits available shortly
 Saturday 26th Display at Cook Park. Vehicles must be parked inside the grounds before 7:00 am and not
 to leave before 2:00 pm.

February

- Thursday 7th Mid- Week Run. Meet at Cook Park 11:00am for a run to Molong via Euchareena for
 lunch at the Festival Hotel. – previously the Freemason's Hotel. Return home to Orange
 via Borenore and Nashdale.
 Monday 18th Monthly Meeting at the Club House 7:30pm
 Sunday 24th TBA

March

- Sat/Sun. 2nd/3rd Wellington Vintage Fair & Swap. Leave Cook Park 8:00am Sunday – travel up on Sat at
 your leisure.

Swap Meets and Other Events – non club runs

- December 28th to 31st Australian Early Holden Federation – FX & FJ Nationals. Bathurst
 February 9th/10th Berrima District Historical Vehicle Club 38th Annual Rally.
 16th/17th 32nd Orange Country Motorcycle Rally – Hosted by the Classic & Enthusiasts
 Motorcycle Club of Australia.
 March 2nd Crookwell Potato Festival
 Sat/Sun. 9th/ 11th Centenary of Canberra NRMA Motorfest at Lake Burley Griffin. Note – This event will take
 the place of the NRMA Sydney Motorfest usually held on Australia Day.
 28th to 1st April The Bush Council Easter Rally – Merimbula

Supper Roster

December	John Nicholson Keith Packham	January	Kevin Penson Kerry Risstrom	February	Bernie Schell Ron Shewan
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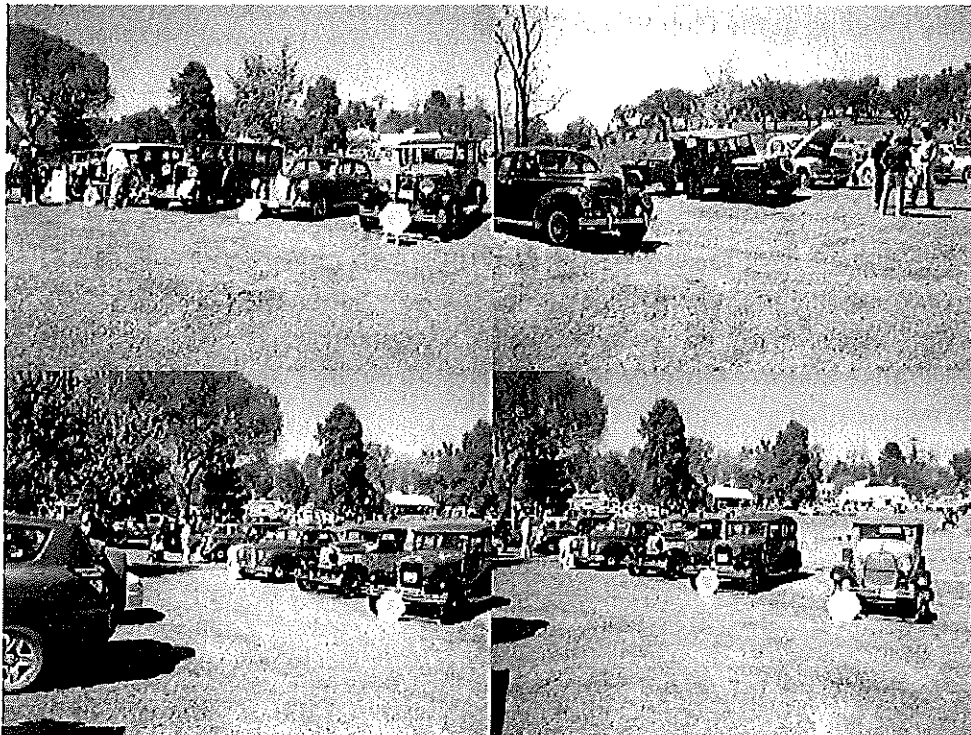
ORANGE DISTRICT ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC
EDITORS RAMBLE

I just got back from a 9 day holiday visiting my sister in Nelson, New Zealand. What a remarkable country with some of the most beautiful scenery you could imagine. Long winding roads over mountains and then dropping into spectacular valleys. Also of note amongst all the cars imported from Japan are some of the old British relics, still on the road. Morris 1100 station wagons, Skoda Octavia, Triumph heralds and vitesse, Nelson also has a very interesting motor museum, well worth a visit, with some great cars on display, Add all this to no snakes, spiders or other beasts that can do you harm or Kangaroos on the road, and a perfect climate. Bliss, absolute Bliss.

This Month there is a small spread and pictures of the Carcoar show that some of us attended on the 27th of October. The CARnival application for Australia day, 26th January. Sent in last month by Bob McNeil, and some pictures taken at the 50th Anniversary run of the Compact Fairlane, Hosted by the Cowra Antique Vehicle club staged at the park in Cowra on 4th November. Also an article on THE OLD VALE CIRCUIT supplied by Peter Amos.

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers, club members and others, a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year period.

Carcoar Show on 27th October. A good turnout by members, about 15 cars on a beautiful sunny day



50th Anniversary run of the Compact Fairlane, Hosted by the Cowra Antique Vehicle club staged at the park in Cowra on 4th November. A very pleasant well organized day with a good selection of Fairlanes and various other cars.



I received this from my sister who received it from a work colleague and thought I would pass it on to you all, a sobering tale.

"I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving. As we know, some of us have been lucky not to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the various social functions over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many, and then topped it off with a margarita. Not a good idea. Knowing full well I was over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a taxi home. Sure enough I passed an R.B.T, but because it was a taxi, they waved me on. I arrived home safely without incident, which was amazing because I've never driven a taxi before, and I'm not sure where I got it."

January's magazine will be a little late as Wangerang Industries, our printers, are on holidays until 2nd January 2013

My contact details are 63659224 or 0428659224 and my email is cbromley111@optusnet.com.au for any information, news, interesting stories or pictures, or anything that we can add to the newsletter. All is gratefully appreciated. Chris.



Australia Day

Australia Day Council of New South Wales

CARnivale

Saturday, 26th January 2013

To register on line go to: www.australiaday.com.au/CARnivale

If you register on-line you do not need to mail this registration form

In 2013 there will be two sections:

- 1. For veteran, vintage and classic vehicles – as in previous years – register on-line or use this form**
2. To register for the Concours d'Elegance 'Best of the Best' Competition, Supercar Gathering, Motorcycle Display and Concours d'Elegance 'Prestige Oblige' go to www.supercardelegance.com.au/web/australia-day-motoring-event or email info@supercardelegance.com.au or phone 1300 229 961

REGISTRATION FORM

Participation in Australia Day CARnivale is FREE. Entry is on a first-in basis depending on the number and variety of vehicles. Entries will be accepted until **Friday 9 November 2012** or **earlier** if the total allocation of spaces has been filled.

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Phone: (home)

(mobile)

Email:

Name of club you belong to (if applicable):

Display with this club? YES NO

Vehicle Make:

Model:

Year:

Must have been built before December 31 1982 or be an identical model run-on

Reg. number:

Mail this form to: Australia Day CARnivale, GPO Box 5341, Sydney 2001

Enquiries: Vehicle Co-ordinator John Flower 02 9513 2023 or carnivale@dpc.nsw.gov.au

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GPO Box 5341 Sydney NSW 2001 ■ ABN 34 945 244 274 ■ www.australiaday.com.au
Tel: (02) 9513 2000 ■ F: (02) 8243 9455 ■ E: australiaday@dpc.nsw.gov.au

To be eligible to participate in the veteran, vintage or classic section of Australia Day CARnivale in 2013 your vehicle needs to be at least 30 years old, meaning it must have been built before 31st December 1982 or be an identical model run-on.

Entries are accepted on a first-in basis, depending on the number and variety of vehicles.

Applications will close on Friday 9 November 2012 or **earlier** if the total space allocation has been filled. If your registration is accepted you will receive a letter confirming arrival times and set-up details in December.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY

- Assembly of vehicles will commence at the Domain Car Park from 6.00 am.
- Free breakfast will be provided in the car park forecourt by the Rotary Club of Granville.
- Vehicles will travel in convoys from 7.00 am to their designated display positions.
- For crowd safety reasons vehicles must stay in their allocated position until 5:00 pm when they may leave under the direction of police and marshals.
- Marshals will assist drivers to position vehicles according to the space available.
- Entrants displaying flags or banners must affix them to their vehicles only and not to fences or buildings.
- No portable cooking facilities may be used in or around vehicles on display.
- No temporary structures, gazebos, tents or sunshades are to be erected in the precinct.

ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY

Adjacent to CARnivale, the kids' festival in Hyde Park will be transformed into a wonderland of fun for kids and kids at heart. It is the place for families to celebrate Australia Day through live entertainment, shows and activities.

The Concours d'Elegance 'Best of the Best' Competition, Supercar Gathering, Motorcycle Display and Concours d'Elegance 'Prestige Oblige' will ensure that every motoring enthusiast will be well catered for on the day. For updates on the day's activities visit www.australiaday.com.au in the lead up to the event.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE PRIOR TO THE EVENT

An information kit will be sent to successful entrants in December containing a windscreen sticker designating your arrival time at the Domain and your on-street location, a map of the location and details about the day.

WHAT TO BRING

The windscreen sticker, without which you will not be allowed entry and sunscreen or raincoats – the event goes on whatever the weather



Australia Day

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CARNIVALE

We are excited to announce the continuation of one of the largest vehicle displays in the southern hemisphere: Australia Day CARNIVALE, proudly sponsored by Supercar d'Elegance, which is being held on **Australia Day, Saturday 26 January 2013**.

Sydney hosted its first motoring celebration on Australia Day in 1986. Australia Day CARNIVALE will proudly continue that tradition by welcoming a Concours d'Elegance 'Best of the Best' Competition, a Supercar Gathering, a Motorcycle Display and a Concours d'Elegance 'Prestige Oblige'. These new elements will add a fantastic dimension of high performance and luxury vehicles to the display of veteran, vintage and classic cars, buses and trucks.

VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC VEHICLES

To display your **veteran, vintage or classic vehicle**, it must be over 30 years old and must have been built *before 31st December 1982*.

A registration form and information about the event is enclosed with this letter. You can also register on-line at www.australiaday.com.au/CARNIVALE

The closing date for all entries is **Friday 9 November 2012** or earlier if the total allocation of space has been filled. Acceptance is based on the number and variety of vehicles wishing to participate.

Successful entrants will be notified in mid December and will be supplied with further details on the event at that time. If you have any questions about the event please contact the CARNIVALE Vehicle Coordinator John Flower, on 02 9513 2023 or e-mail carnivale@dpc.nsw.gov.au

CONCOURS VEHICLES

To be part of the Concours d'Elegance 'Best of the Best' Competition, Supercar Gathering, Motorcycle Display and Concours d'Elegance 'Prestige Oblige', please visit www.supercardelegance.com.au/web/australia-day-motoring-event or phone 9646 1005 or 1300 229 961 or email info@supercardelegance.com.au.

We look forward to seeing you at **Australia Day CARNIVALE**.

Yours sincerely

John Flower
Vehicle Coordinator
Australia Day CARNIVALE

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The Old Vale Circuit

Early motorcycle racing in Bathurst began on the roads in the area in 1911 on two known courses. Both circuits started at Kelso with one proceeding out through Palmers Oakey then back to Kelso and the other following the roads to Sunny Corner and Limekilns also finishing at Kelso.

By 1931 conflict with the local police was causing some problems so the Auto Cycle Union of NSW (ACU) began looking for another course. With the help of the Bathurst City Council and the Abercrombie Shire Council, the ACU held its first annual classic road race meeting on the Vale Circuit on Easter Saturday 4 April 1931.

The circuit was 7.2 miles (11.6km) in length and was gravel all the way except for about 100 yards of bitumen at the starting line. This sealed section was part of the saleyards and was preferred by the riders because of the necessary push starts.

It was a very fast course with speeds of up to 90 miles an hour (144 kph) reached on the main straight. Hairpin bends, tricky turns and hilly stretches gave riders the opportunity to show their skills providing the public with first class motor cycle racing entertainment.

From 1931-1933 the race was run in an anti-clockwise direction west along the Perthville Road starting and finishing on the small incline just in front of the saleyards. The circuit turned left along Lagoon Road and left again at Hairpin Bend to return to Bathurst over Mt Tamar now known as Wonatabee. Dust thrown up by the bikes caused very bad visibility in the afternoon sun so the decision was made to reverse the direction in 1934 when the event was run the opposite way.

During the event an imaginary line was drawn down the centre of the main road (Vale Road) separating the racing bikes from the travelling public. Occasionally a mound of gravel was graded so that a ridge was formed along the centre with motor cycle racing on one side

and public traffic, mainly horse drawn vehicles, on the other. This situation obviously caused a great deal of anxiety to everyone involved. Why the road was never fully closed is not known; some stories centre around disagreements between Bathurst City Council and Abercrombie Shire. Others say it was because the Vale Road was the only pass between Perthville and Bathurst and so it should be kept open.

The annual cycle race continued to grow in popularity attracting the best riders in the state. In 1932 gate takings doubled from the previous year. Bathurst experienced a large influx of visitors for the Easter Race, not just riders but also large numbers of spectators. Racing continued on this circuit until 1938 when the meetings were moved to the new circuit on Mount Panorama

In its day, the Vale Circuit was home to two major events; the Senior Grand Prix for machines with a capacity in excess of 330cc and the Junior Grand Prix for smaller capacity machines. Both events covered fourteen laps or 101 miles (162 kilometres) of the gruelling circuit.

In addition to these two main events, two handicap races were held over a course of 30 miles, one for solo machines and the other for sidecars.

Don Bain was easily the most successful rider during the seven years the races were held there. His bike can be seen at the National Motor Racing Museum at Mount Panorama.

A clockwise lap of the Vale Circuit

The bikes left the starting line near the end of the main straight near where Bathurst Saleyards once stood. After travelling a short distance they turned right around the saleyards, past the pits, down through a dry creek and along to Palmer's Bridge. The approach to the bridge was on an angle making it difficult to find the right line and to miss the railings - a task many riders found

hard on the loose gravel. The circuit then made a right angle turn at Wright's Corner into Tamar Straight, which was really a series of small bends. The gutters provided by the Council to drain off rainwater and the gritty granite surface made it impossible to ride this narrow road in a straight line. Matters were made worse in some years by the large amount of dust coming off the road by the bikes themselves. It has been recorded that one year, due to lack of rain, the dust was so thick that the riders used the tops of the telegraph poles to steer the course.

The steep climb to Mt Tamar was straight with small dips and finishing with a sharp peak, going up and then almost immediately down on the other side. Riders became airborne off this peak landing onto a narrow, heavily cambered road with a smooth decomposed granite topping creating an ideal skid situation. They had to handle their bikes so that when they became airborne over the top, they then came down straight with the front wheels not taking the fall too heavily. Riders were careful to avoid a heavy rear wheel landing and loss of steering. Not all riders accomplished a good landing and spectators congregated to watch. Many measured and recorded the distances in 'free flight' achieved by

some of the riders. Stories have been told about one rider who was measured free flying for a distance of 130 feet!

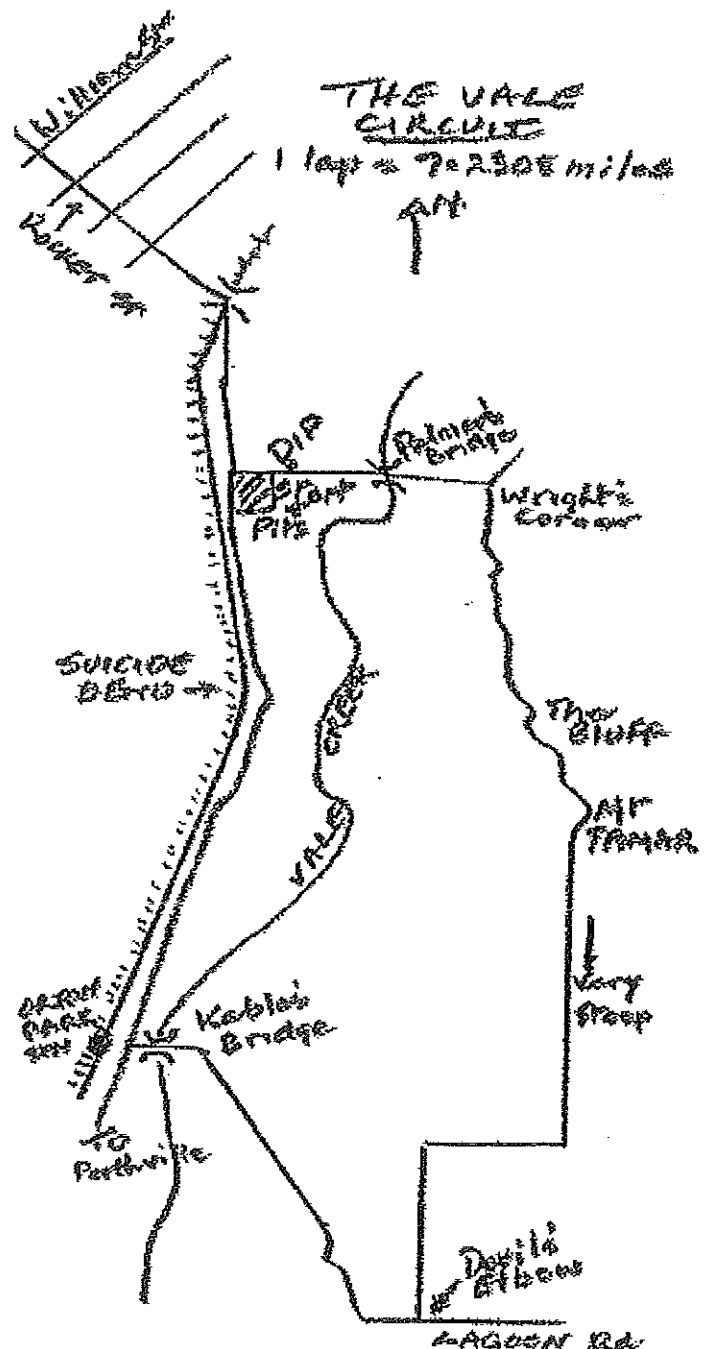
After composing themselves, riders were then faced with a right angle bend leading on to a short straight. At the bend was a double gate to a farm paddock, which was left open by the farmer after a number of riders hit the gate.

The short straight was loose gravel and often rutted, followed by a left turn and several small bends to Devil's Elbow. This was a sharp right hand turn on to the Lagoon Road. Riders appreciated the hard granite road that led them through light curves to Kable's Bridge, being careful not to be pitched by the hump in the bridge.

A short narrow stretch followed before the riders turned right onto the Perthville Road for the two-mile straight

back to the start. This was a flat, dusty section and was home to 'Suicide Bend' a slight veer to the left, which most riders approached at high speeds. It was a dangerous straight that worried the ACU and many riders, because of the danger of passing in the dust and not being able to see. An additional worry was whether a sulky or a car might be using the other half of the road.

Why not experience a drive around the Old Vale Circuit while you're in Bathurst? Directions to the start of the circuit are available from the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre at 1 Kendall Avenue.



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This map was had drawn by Arthur Mead

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FOR SALE AND WANTED

Please note, advertisements will run for three months unless you advise the editor to the contrary.

(12) **For Sale.** 1971 Hillman Hunter manual sedan in very good, original unrestored condition. 73k Miles. on club plates (not transferable) \$4000.00.ono Phone Chris Bromley 0428659224. Orange area. (ODAMC club Member)

(10) **For Sale.** 1964 XM Falcon sedan, on club rego, excellent club car \$6000.00. Contact Royce Finlay 0428267236.

(10) **For Sale.** 1967 HR Holden special station wagon, ACT Rego, needs some work \$2000.00. Contact 02 62816173.

(10) **For Sale.** 1949 Morris Minor Convertible (MM series) Heaps of parts go with it, Older restoration, \$8000.00. Contact Adrian on 42614557 or Joe Bullman 0415961051.

(10) **For Sale.** 1953 Morris Minor two door sedan, Restored in 2008, on club rego, has CB radio, is in good condition and comes with spare parts. \$8000.00. Contact Bill Robertson 02 46818767

(10) **For Sale.** 1928 Standard Coventry, Fairly complete, missing 1x front guard, generator with dissy or magneto and a couple of gauges. 5.00 x 20 tyres. Some spares available, such as head, gear boxes, windscreen frame. The vehicle is close to Orange and pictures are available from Bob on 63613958

(10) **For Sale.** 1930 Chevy 4 door hardtop sedan (Deceased estate). Registered 01/13, is in immaculate condition inside and out and has always been garaged. \$18500.00. Contact Janelle Willmot 0429154903 or Carol 44472908 or David 0418649021.

(10) **For Sale.** 1954 MGTF Roadster. In very good condition, chrome wire wheels and red leather upholstery, A beautiful machine on club rego. \$30000.00 ono Contact Greg McGirr 0427442227

(11) **For Sale** New springs to suit 1937 Austin,???. These need to be gone. \$ offer. Contact Lindsey McKellor 63683354

(10) **For Sale.** 1961 Austin Healy Sprite Mk II. Good condition with some spares. Registered YHS 696 01/13. \$9900.00 ono. Contact Graham Barnes 63668709.

(12) **Wanted.** 6v Trumpet type horn to suit 1940s vehicle. Single is OK but would prefer twin set Contact Neil Freeman 99132467

(10) **Wanted.** HR Holden. Must be in excellent condition. Must be ready to just drive away. Contact Michael Hall 6365 1233. Clifton Grove. (no or minimal work required)

(10) **Wanted.** Front left hand mudguard for MGB. Contact Les 42564464.