## 49-59 FORD CUSTOMLINE



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Our Club Meetings are held on the third Sunday Bi-monthly, commencing at **11** am.

#### **The Next Meeting Dates are:**

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2017: Committee/General Meet November 19<sup>th</sup> 2017: Committee/General Meet Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017: Club Xmas Party All Club Runs are as per the Club "Run Sheet"

Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St, Sunbury.
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#### The Club Newsletter.

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Anyone interested in becoming a Club Member can do so in one of the following ways.

Contact the Secretary and ask for a membership application form to be mailed to you.

Come along to a General Meeting and introduce yourself to the Club Officials.

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<u>Visitors are always most welcome</u> to attend the Club's meetings.



## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

First off I'd like to thank everyone for their support at the AGM.

Next I'd like to thank Rob Breheny, Marg Stocks, Mick Breheny, Kevin Mulroney, Les Cross, Rob Brereton, Margie Mennen, Brenda Lee Milton, Marg Breheny, Ray Kilby and Les Cross. Their efforts

helped make the club the success it has been over this past year.

Highlights we all enjoyed last year including winning Best Club Display at a number of car shows, as well as participating in successful social events such as the coffee runs and text runs.

I'm looking forward to getting to grips with the office of President of the Club and hope that I can be as successful in the role as Rob has been over his term in office. I'm also looking forward to getting to work closely with the members of the new committee.

We have been active already, and have addressed two issues which were brought to my attention as requiring urgent attention as I started out as President;

- 1. To set guidelines for dealing with at risk members those who fall into the category of possibly defaulting on attendance requirements where they have cars on the Club Permit Scheme. Members falling into this category over the 12 months have all been advised and asked to make an effort to attend as required.
- 2. I was made aware that there was a risk to our VicRoads accreditation if vehicles which are not roadworthy are brought onto our CPS list. An amendment to the club CPS guidelines now make it a requirement for a road worthy certificate to be provided where a member wants to move a vehicle to our Club Permit Scheme from another club.

No doubt there will be further discussion about these points in months to come. For the moment, we have a strategy in place to help ensure we all retain the benefit of the CPS.

Lastly, the flyer for the Christmas Party has been included in this newsletter. Last year's party was a blast and with your help this one will be huge too!

I am looking forward to seeing our Cussys out in the sun in the months ahead!

Keep on cruising in the Cussy's!

David Healey

Your Club President.



## Happy Birthday to You

Best Wishes to all Celebrating their Birthdays during the next Three Months

#### September:

2<sup>nd</sup> David Nicholson 6<sup>th</sup> Lynette Murcott 9<sup>th</sup> Ann Wylie

12<sup>th</sup> Trevor Christie

18<sup>th</sup> Calvin Pope

19<sup>th</sup> Paul Cattach 23<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Mulroney

24<sup>th</sup> Barry Hodson

25<sup>th</sup> Rob Brereton 25<sup>th</sup> Jim Camilleri 25<sup>th</sup> Christine Holt 27<sup>th</sup> Linda Wright

#### October:

2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Gill 6<sup>th</sup> Rob Breheny 10<sup>th</sup> Larry Cornell 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Ashford

13<sup>th</sup> Colin Smith 24<sup>th</sup> Sandra Kilby

31<sup>st</sup> Joe Faralla

#### November:

3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Shepherd 8<sup>th</sup> Wayne Murcott 18<sup>th</sup> Joan Brereton

18<sup>th</sup> Joan Brereton 28<sup>th</sup> Andrew Brooks

30<sup>th</sup> Les Horne 30<sup>th</sup> Les Stocks

31<sup>st</sup> Maria De Palma



## From the Editors Desk

Hi All. Here we are again with the next issue of our newsletter. We have had some great Runs over the Winter Months with great reports in the Newsletter. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to write a report. Mick has put together another great run sheet. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and keep the Run Sheet handy.

Rob Brereton Newsletter Editor and Mick Breheny Assistant Newsletter Editor.

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We have 1 new membership application this Newsletter, so let's all welcome Les and Jill Peterson from Melton South who have a Green 55 Mainline. Les & Jill have returned to our Club after many years with another club. We hope you enjoy your time with the Club.

## Don't forget our Christmas Party.

Included with your Newsletter is your flyer for this year's Club Christmas Party. Please send back the reply slip, with your payments ASAP, so we won't forget to cater for you and your family and don't forget to insert your Member Surname. This year it is to be held again at the Broadmeadows Sporting Club where we will be having a catered Finger Food Feast. All details as per the attached Flyer and Runs Sheet. Please return forms to Mick Breheny by the **24**<sup>th</sup> **November**, so the committee can organize this function. Hope to see you all there again this year.

David Healey. President.

I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an extra in "Twister." I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

## New Club Mugs

The New Club Mugs are displayed for you at right.

They are white ceramic and they

"do" have handles.

If you wish to purchase one or several then please see Rob Breheny or Mick Breheny at a run or a meeting.

For Members they are only \$10.00 each.



## YOUR NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2017-2018



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Trophies Ray Kilby



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At left we have our Club Permit Officer, Les Cross.

We also have Four New Committee Members: Marg Mennen, Joe Faralla, Lorraine Carroll and Mick Breheny.

Rob Brereton also holds the Webmaster position and Mick Breheny also holds the Property Officer position and the Assistant Newsletter Editor position.

David Healey also holds the AOMC Representative position. Rob Breheny has also taken on the job of Advertising Co-ordinator. Our new Welfare Officer is Marg Breheny.



## 49-59 Ford Customline Car Club Presidents

## Aghievement Ayard

At the 2017 Annual General Meeting the Presidents Achievement Trophy was voted on by the Members present. The trophy is awarded to a member who has displayed great commitment and contributed to the Club over the last twelve months.

This year the Trophy was awarded to Rob Breheny in recognition for his years of service as President of the Club.

Well done Rob, and keep up the good work, From all at the Customline Club.

## FOOD FACTORY TEA RUN SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2017

It's Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, a typical cold winter's afternoon in Melbourne. Our first meeting point was at the BP service station in Cooper Street.

There's a group of us hanging around, waiting for everyone to turn up before heading towards our main destination.

All the cars are looking fantastic, the engines are roaring and the smell of petrol is in the air. Dim sims, sandwiches and muffins are on the menu.









It's not long before we find ourselves heading towards The Food Factory in Campbellfield. It's a short but leisurely drive. As we all expect the cars are making an impact, looking great heading towards Campbellfield.

It's not long before we reach our destination, the car park beckons, we start parking our cars side by side.

It's all about creating a spectacle for the public and that's what we did. Crowds start circulating.

Those of us outside were happy to answer any questions the public had whilst those of us inside enjoyed the food on offer.

Hours passed talking and eating and it's not long before we start thinking of heading home.

The temperature has dropped, it's cold but the cars never let us down as one by one we head home.

The smell of petrol was again in the air.

A great time was had by all.

Happy Cruising!! Matt De Palma.

## ST ANDREWS PUB LUNCH ON 25<sup>TH</sup>-6-17



Joan and I left home at 10:30am on a cloudy but fine morning, although it was a bit cool. The heater warmed up and so did we on our trip out through Doncaster and Eltham to the St Andrews Pub. It was a pleasant drive





through the hills although we were alone as most of the other members came a different way.

We were the first to arrive at the pub and got our Cussy parked out the front. Not long after the vehicles from the Wallan Car Club arrived as did the others from our Club. A great variety of vehicles in all the colours of

the rainbow. Much looking and discussion followed and a few pictures were taken.

Inside the pub they had a great log fire going and we started to warm up a bit although it was a bit cool where we were seated. The meals were excellent except that poor Dave Nicholson had







a hard time getting a meal. A few members wandered off and we left the pub about 2:30pm and had a very pleasant



drive home although the traffic these days is getting

worse. Not long before we arrived home the Sun came out and it was lovely having the Sun shine on us instead of having the wipers on.

A great lunch and display of cars. See you soon. Rob & Joan Brereton.

Those who attended from our Club were: Rob & Joan Brereton, Ray & Sandra Kilby, Les & Sue Cross, Mick Breheny, Rob Breheny, Dave Healey, Dave Nicholson, Andrew Brooks and Kev Mulroney, plus all the members of the Wallan Car Club.

## In the Drivers Seat

#### Visually Impaired Run to Sandown Motor Circuit 2-7-17

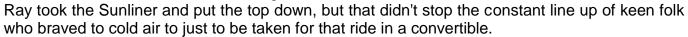
It was an especially cold July morning and by the weather report it wasn't going to get much warmer, we left home at 8.30am and made our way to Sandown, followed by Mat De Palma in his 54 Customline. Arriving at 9.30am we found Norm Myer with his Green and White Star model. After registering we got a hot drink and a snag in bread.

The usual line up was ready to take on the Visually Impaired for a spin. Mat was first to take a lady named Andrea, but Mat not sure where to go, so I assured him the marshals would direct

him. On his return Andrea asked to go again and she would show him the way, as he didn't do the full circuit. Good job Mat considering it was your first time at Sandown. You have to laugh, the visually impaired showing him the way. I must say Andrea has been going for 21 years so has the routine down pat.

Jim Camilleri arrived with his 57 Red and White Customline, Les and Maureen Horne with their

F100, Andrew Brooks also came along with his SLR 5000 Torana.



The Jesters were represented by Graeme with his 69 Mustang, Loui with his 69 Olds and Mark with his 74 Plymouth Road Runner. All the classic cars and bikes were allowed to take a spin on the track which is what the organizers do as a thank you for helping out on the day.

Although the day was cold the drivers all managed to warm the hearts of the visually impaired folk. There were a lot of motor bikes there to and about 6 other cars on the day.

We all enjoyed the day making those people very happy.

We left around 3.30pm and hopefully everyone had a good trip home.

Thanks to all who participated. Ray Kilby.



This weekend could've been a total bust if wasn't for our Knight in black and white, Rob.

On Sunday morning around 8:00am he asked if me and my sister would like to go on the mystery tour and see Customlines, (dream car) and of course we said yes. Before we left, I told Rob that I get lost very easy, trust me. Accompanied by the Jesters Car Club and the 49-59 Customline Car Club we start. 10:00 o'clock was the start of the adventurous mystery tour, our start was at McDonalds, finally we start and in bold writing it said on the list to "read all questions before starting!" Halfway through reading the questions Rob tells us let's just go. Reluctantly we go. Friends of ours have problems with their car but end up getting back on track. We went fine getting at least 15 questions then we completely miss the Wallan turnoff.

Not being the bigger man Rob blamed me when I told him, I) I get lost easily. 2) you're the driver, you have control of the car and 3) it's in bold, we had to READ ALL THE QUESTIONS!!! Anyway on the freeway Rob ends up going a different way reaching our destination, Kilmore race course.

It was beautiful but rain and hail got us before we got inside. Overall beautiful food and a beautiful place. A Jesters team had won first prize getting 54 out of 55 questions, saying the trick is to back track. The man had also said 4 teams from the Customline Club got the other top spots.

Overall thanks to Rob for letting us come on this mystery tour and hope to do it again.

Also congratulations to the Jesters team that had won. By Emily Leslie-Goggin.

## 12 Interesting, Amazing & Funny Ford Facts You Might Not Know

Ford has had a significant impact on the automotive industry since they first started rolling out cars110 years ago. As one of the oldest car manufacturers, Ford has a rich history, filled with interesting facts that you may not know.

Check out these interesting Ford facts to learn more about what makes your Ford part of a brand treasured by car owners for decades.

- **1.** Ford is the second largest family owned company in the world. Henry Ford's great grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr. currently resides as the company's executive chairman.
- **2.** The very first Ford sold was to Dr. Pfennig in 1903, for a grand total of \$850. The "Model A" had a 2-cylinder engine, and could reach a max speed of 30 mph.
- **3.** Ford's current CEO, William Clay Ford, Jr., or Bill Ford, currently owns the first Ford vehicle ever sold in 1903.
- **4.** Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford, Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."
- **5.** Ford's signature blue, oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had already been in production.
- **6.** In 1914 Ford offered its employees double the current market average, creating Henry Ford's "\$5-a-day." The new salary, accompanied by a shorter working day and company profit sharing, minimized employee turnover, and was significant in growing the middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted saying he wanted to help his workers to a "life" not just a "living."
- **7.** In 1964, after Ford debuted the Mustang, 94,000 pedal-powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season.
- **8.** In 1965, a Ford Mustang was transported in 4 separate pieces to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, using resident elevators, where it was reassembled and photographed by helicopter. The car was later reassembled inside the building, until it was eventually taken apart and removed from the building 5 months later.
- **9.** The only car that Jim Morrison, legendary Doors singer, ever owned was a 1967 Shelby GT 500.
- **10.** Chevrolet actually used a Ford Super Duty to set up their Chevy Truck display at the Texas State Fair in 2012.
- **11.** When former President Gerald Ford was describing his no-nonsense, style of governing, he was quoted as saying, "I'm a Ford, not a Lincoln," comparing President Lincoln's eloquence with Lincoln, the luxury car company owned by Ford Motor Company.
- 12. Ford F-Series has been consistently ranked as the #1 selling car in America so far in 2013.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **Hello Cussy Lovers.**

16-07-2017

The AGM is over again for another year and we have been honoured and proud to have Rob Breheny as our outgoing President and David Healey as the incoming President for the next year.



The Club would also like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work in keeping the club running so well and for all the help they gave during the year.

To our new committee a huge welcome and we know we will all work together to ensure we have another great year and to make this the best Car Club in Victoria. All the names and mug shots along with the appointed positions and the President's award can be found on Page 5.

Congratulations to Rob Breheny on being the recipient of the President's

Achievement Award.

We had a really great turn up this year with over 30 Members attending our Annual General Meeting.

After the meeting most members headed to the Black Stallion Pub in Bulla for lunch and a bit of a chinwag.



Thanks to you all for your support over the last twelve months.

49-59 Ford Customline Car Club of Vic.



## TREAT ME GENTLY, I'M AN OLD CAR.

Thirty years ago when young Normie of 'Newcastle Song' fame and his seven mates were cramming into the sweaty confines of an FJ Holden, wiser and definitely 'cooler' groups of yobbos were doing their cruising in the substantial surrounds of a Ford Customline. The car that symbolised success during the 1950s had by 1975 pretty much outlived its appeal to mainstream motorists. The finned profile and wide, grinning grille still attracted attention but the overhead valve V8 that revolutionized Ford engine design was seen as a gas guzzler and then there was the problem of rust.

Once the tin worm took hold, there wasn't much call for old 'Cussies' – as they became known – and many would end their days down the back of the pack at provincial speedways or supplying power for a clinker hull ski boat. The 4.5 litre V8 was a cinch to marinise and delivered all the torque needed to haul a couple of hefty wake hoppers off their backsides. Cars that had been carefully maintained by doting older owners were occasionally hived off to equally doting younger ones and from there to enthusiasts. Mostly though they were bought cheaply by the progenitors of today's street machine generation who flicked the original engine in favour of a larger and later model V8.

The actions of both groups have combined to unwittingly preserve Customlines in surprising quantity and reap the rewards of increasing enthusiast appeal. The re-styled, and re-engined overhead valve Customline arrived in 1955 as a replacement for the side valve model. The new V8 engine was enlarged by almost half a litre, featured brand new OHV cylinder heads with a higher compression ratio and consequent uplift in power of some 20kW. Despite having 1760kg to shift, early cars with their compulsory three speed manual transmission would reach 60mph (96km/h) in less than 12 seconds with a top speed close to 160km/h.

Police forces were quick to pounce on the revitalized Ford for pursuit duties, while the Mainline utility provided the basis for hundreds of ambulance and hearse conversions. Minor styling changes defined 1956 and '57 updates, accompanied by engineering advancements including the introduction of 12-volt electrics and three speed Fordomatic transmission.

So called because of its four pointed grille decoration, the "Star Model" Customline introduced in late 1958 brought minimal mechanical changes but more than a touch of added glamour. The already complex chrome side stripping was amended to more easily accommodate triple tone paintwork and the dashboard redesigned around a circular speedometer. Sadly, this led to the demise of the circular dial radio – replaced by a rectangular unit flanked by a clock and heater/demister controls. By this time, the majority were being supplied with automatic transmission and known simply as Fordomatics, with 'Customline' exclusive to manual versions.

Ford's Canadian operation had stopped building the Australian-shape car in 1957 and by 1959 could no longer supply parts, forcing Ford to replace its popular model with the oversized and ill-handling Fairlane 500.

While Australian buyers were offered only the four-door sedan, locally designed Mainline utility and station wagon, those overseas enjoyed a wider selection that included the elegant Crown Victoria hardtop, two door Club sedans and the Sunliner convertible. Australian Production was: 1955-59 18,000 (est) – sedan only.

Customlines in today's market range from the manifestly original to significantly modified, with several stages in between. At one extreme will be the car that retains its original engine/transmission, drum brakes and undersized tyres. These appeal most usually to enthusiast owners who will use them sparingly and accept the limitations of a fifty year old design.

Those seeking a 'Fifties Cruiser' will most likely be attracted by a later model V8 and transmission, Falcon or Fairlane front brake discs and power steering and the perceived advantage of smaller diameter, wider wheels.

Long live the Customlines of Australia.

Sourced from the internet. Ed.

## IT'S A BOY, IT'S A CIRL, MO IT'S

## OUR TWINS

## YES, IT'S TWIM STAR MODELS...

I was Googling on the internet and I came across this Star Model Customline, I thought it looked very pretty and neat, so I showed Henk and he said "I really like what I see". He has wanted a Star Model for ever. We investigated further and Patricia was the lady's name who we dealt with, she said she had two the same. They are wedding cars and originally purchased from

Victoria in 2002.

Henk had discussed this with Billy Stocks and he said he was interested as well.

A few days later we flew to Newcastle with Billy, Marg and Cindy Stocks.

We met Patricia at her shed, where she has



an awesome collection of stretch Chryslers, Jaguars, and a 1940's Dodge, which she had fully restored. She also had another Ford Customline which is her toy, and a Chrysler 300c and all were wedding cars.

After doing blockies and discussions we purchased them both and decided to drive them back to Victoria. Patricia directed us to a hotel for the night.

Next morning we started our long trip home, I was nervous about getting around Sydney, but

with Cindy directing us it was a breeze. We had a great trip till Holbrook where we stopped for petrol and it wouldn't start, it was just on dark and we were hoping to get to Albury for the night. Well we did get to Albury,



with our car on the back of a truck where we stayed for the night. Next morning we were back on the truck heading to Bendigo. It was a failed electronic distributor. Our petrol consumption from Newcastle was really, really good. The next week we had the distributor replaced and all



has been good since. Luckily we bought the cars with Rego so we were able to drive home with no issues. Since then we have had road worthies and put them on the Club Permit Scheme.

I am sure we will see you all on the road enjoying our Ford Customlines. Regards Henk & Margie Mennen.

## LESSER KNOWN HENRY FORD FACTS

It's common knowledge that he invented the Model T, but here are some amazing facts about Mr. Ford that have almost nothing to do with cars!

Henry held a lot of different jobs. Like most people, Henry Ford worked a number of different



jobs long before he founded the Ford Motor Company. At 15, he gained a reputation as a talented watch repairman. He was also a race car driver, competing in a coast-to-coast race in 1909 (he was disqualified for changing the engine).

Henry was a farmer. Twice. Ford was born and raised on a farm in Greenfield Township near Detroit, Michigan. It was always assumed that he would take over the family farm, but instead he left for the big city at the age of 16. It was a well-known fact among those who knew Ford that he hated working on the farm. Strangely though, he returned to farming at the age of 25 after marrying Clara Bryant, so that he could support his family before

moving back to Detroit.

One of Henry's first real jobs was as an engineer with the Edison Illuminating Company, where he quickly became Chief Engineer. In his spare time, he continued to experiment with a new-fangled contraption known as the "gasoline engine."

In 1896, Ford was introduced to Edison, who reviewed his plans for a horseless carriage. He thought it was a promising idea, and advised Ford to keep working on it. His encouragement led Ford to create a second prototype, leave the Edison company, and well... you know the rest.

Ford Motor Company wasn't his first car company. In fact, it was his third. His first, the Detroit Automobile Company was dissolved because Ford wasn't happy with the low quality and high prices of the cars produced.

Shortly after, he formed the Henry Ford Company. Unhappy with the investors' decision to bring in a consultant named Henry M. Leland, Ford left the company after a few months, in early 1902. After a year of refining his vehicles, Henry Ford founded the Ford Motor Company on June 16, 1903 and the first Ford, a Model A was being sold in Detroit a few months later. The rest is history.

Ford never stopped being a scientist. Awarded 161 unique patents, Ford had long been interested in materials science. In particular, he was keen on the development of alternative plastics derived from soybeans. If that sounds familiar, it should. The idea is still alive today in the 2013 Ford Fusion.

Ford was also considered a pioneer in the development of ethanol as a fuel source, engineered wood, and charcoal briquettes composed of scrap wood.

Henry built an entire town. Ford was a big believer in vertical integration. If a car factory needed steel, he'd build a factory to make it. But his ultimate attempt to manufacture everything inhouse was Fordlandia, a town he constructed in the middle of the Amazon.

His vision was to create a self-reliant town and rubber tree plantation that could supply his company with rubber for the manufacturing of tires. It didn't work out. Ford tried again in Belterra, but by 1945, synthetic rubber had become common. The town still stands empty to this day.

He ran for U.S. senate, didn't spend a dime, and almost won. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson personally wrote to Henry Ford imploring him to run as a Democrat for a Senate seat in Michigan. Wilson hoped that Ford's election would help secure support for the fledgling League of Nations.

Ford replied, "If they want to elect me let them do so, but I won't make a penny's investment." Regardless, Ford ran with no money, and lost by only 4,500 votes of the 400,000 cast.

These are just some of the lesser-known, yet no less sensational, facts about a man who lived life like very few do: to its fullest. His drive to learn, create and improve inspired his work and the work of Ford Motor Company for over 100 years. Sourced from the Internet. ED.

## New New, New for You....Club Merchandise

## BE SEEN IN THE LATEST GEAR FROM OUR CLUB

For all Inquiries and Orders Please Contact: ROB BREHENY, on (03) 9302 1638 between 7:00 & 8:30 pm please. Or catch him at a Club meeting or run, where he will have order forms ready for you to fill in, or download one from the Club web site.

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September 2017 Please note "All" Runs are "OFFICIAL" Club Runs.

Text	A text Lunch Run is planned for Sept, weather permitting. Await further details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
15 <sup>th</sup>	"Wallan Cruise Night" This is a Friday Night from 6.00 pm 9 pm.
	Ring Mick for further details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
	"Committee General Meeting" Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury. Mel Ref: 382 F4. We
17 <sup>th</sup>	will start the meeting this day at 11 am. After the meeting we will have a sausage
''	sizzle for lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.
	Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
2 Ath	"Wallan Swap Meet - Car Show" Ring Mick for further details.
24	Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

October 2017

Text	FORD	A text Lunch Run is planned for October, weather permitting. Await further
		details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
4st	FORD	"Euroa Show 'n Shine" Ring Mick for further details.
<b>'</b>		Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
6 <sup>th</sup>	FORD	Whittlesea Cruise Night. Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick for more details.
O		Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
15 <sup>th</sup>	FORD	"Marsh Rodders Swap Meet'n Car Show" Ring Mick for more details.
15		\$10 per car entry. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
20 <sup>th</sup>	th FORD	"Wallan Cruise Night" This is a Friday Night from 6.00 pm 9 pm.
20		Ring Mick for further details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

<u>Nover</u>	mber 2017
Text	A text Lunch Run is planned for November, weather permitting.  Await further details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whittlesea Cruise Night. Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick for more details.  Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
10 <sup>th</sup>	"Bright Rod Run" From Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12 <sup>th.</sup> Ring Mick for further details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
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26 <sup>th</sup>	"Kilmore Car Show" Come along on Sunday the 26 <sup>th</sup> November to the Kilmore Car Show 'n Shine. It's a great day out with the Club. Ring Mick for further details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

#### December 2017

1 <sup>st</sup>	(FORD)	Whittlesea Cruise Night. Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick for more details.  Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
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	FORD	"Cussy Club Annual Xmas Party" Come along on this fun day and see
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The state of the s	Santa. Return your slip by 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov. It's being held at the Broadmeadows
	Spoi	rting Club again this year. See the flyer for all the details.

Please contact our Run's Co-ordinator Mick Breheny for full Run Details. Phone Mick's Mobile: 0418 341 667 & before 8:30 pm.



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