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**MARCH - APRIL - MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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

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

**See Run Sheet for exact details as to Where & When**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 2019: Committee/General Meet**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 2019: Committee/General Meet**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> 2019: Comm/Gen/AGM Meet**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> 2019: Committee/General Meet**

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

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**Visitors are always most welcome to attend the Club's meetings.**





## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Fellow Customliners,

Its summertime again and the heat has certainly been on! January got us off to a great start, with the Whittlesea Cruise Night, The Picnic Afternoon at Edwards Lake Park (followed "not" by the Drive-In but a visit to a local hotel for dinner), our January Club meeting, which was held at my place, which I thoroughly enjoyed and finishing with a great day at the Northern Car Show in Pascoe Vale. We were successful in picking up Best Club Display, again!!

Those who made the drive out to Kaniva enjoyed a great weekend that was topped off with success – again Best Club Display, as well as a swag of trophies for individual vehicles! Following the car show a small group of members came home by the "scenic route", Mt Gambier, Apollo Bay, Great Ocean Road, what a run!

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February we braved particularly wet weather to remember the "Black Saturday" bushfires. A drive through from Whittlesea to Yarra Glen was followed by a fantastic BBO at Linda and Joe Farralla's place in Kinglake West. A big thank you to them for their hospitality!

There are many events ahead, all of which will give us great opportunities to get our Customlines out on the road to be seen and admired by all. Remember to check your Run Sheet and as well keep an eye out for 'Text Run' advice – "Oh" and as well, if you have not already done so, consider joining our Facebook page. It is exclusively for Club members.

I would like to welcome new members who have joined the club over the last months. You have joined what I believe is the best Club for owners of 49-59 Customlines, hands down! Please make the most of your membership, as the Club benefits from your interest and input, and you will find a wealth of knowledge available for the asking. I look forward to checking out your Customline as it hits the road with your Club Rear Window Sticker affixed!

I am nearing the end of my tenure as Club President, as stated at the last meeting. I will not be re-nominating for the position at the next AGM. I'd like to say immediately that this is due to personal reasons and in no way reflects upon my experience in the position, rather that I believe it is important that other members of the Club should have the chance to "have a go".

Rob Breheny has also given notice that he will be standing down from the committee at the AGM. Rob has been invaluable to the Club, serving in the capacity of President and Vice President as well as performing numerous other vital roles during his time on the committee. He has provided invaluable support to me during my time as President.

Rob Brereton has once again reminded us that his time as Newsletter Editor is drawing to a close. This is another great opportunity for someone to jump in and fill another vital and rewarding role within the Club. We all look forward to seeing others step up and take the wheel to steer us into the future. Consider what you can offer the Club. Don't be shy, put up your hand and have a go!

Lastly, following last year's AGM there was an issue identified that people participating in voting or nominating while un-financial could cause a major problem. To resolve this, it was decided that Membership Renewals will be collected prior to the end of the financial year. Anyone who is un-financial as of the AGM will be ineligible to participate in the AGM, as per the Club Constitution. In order to make renewal payment and processing happen efficiently, we will be sending out your Membership Renewal notice for 2019 via e-mail in early April. Please note that it is a Club requirement that the renewal form be filled out fully and sent back to the secretary by mail, or delivered personally. Include payment details if paying by EFT. Payment can also be made by cheque, or cash, (cash MUST NOT be sent through the mail).

I love getting behind the wheel of my Customline, turning the key and hearing the Y-block roar into life. I am looking forward to many more pleasurable miles of cruising the highways and byways along with my fellow Club Members in our Fantastic Ford Customlines..!

**Dave Healey.    Your Club President.**



# Happy Birthday to You

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

## March:

3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Wylie  
9<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Stocks  
10<sup>th</sup> Belinda Wheatland  
11<sup>th</sup> Rob Bruton  
12<sup>th</sup> Sue Dwyer  
13<sup>th</sup> John Heyen  
21<sup>st</sup> Kevin Mulroney

## April:

3<sup>rd</sup> Pam Dahlstrom

4<sup>th</sup> Sandra Hibbert  
5<sup>th</sup> Raelene Healey  
7<sup>th</sup> Julian Gietenbeek  
8<sup>th</sup> Samuel Stocks  
10<sup>th</sup> Chris Healey  
11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Stocks  
13<sup>th</sup> Bob Stocks  
16<sup>th</sup> Sammy Micallef  
20<sup>th</sup> Beryle McKenzie  
21<sup>st</sup> Denise Evans (Cox)

23<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca Camilleri  
30<sup>th</sup> Ray Kilby

## May:

1<sup>st</sup> Janet Hamilton  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan Young  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brian Drechsler  
23<sup>rd</sup> Alan McKenzie  
27<sup>th</sup> Debbie Breheny  
28<sup>th</sup> Michael Conneely



## From the Editors Desk

Hi All. Another Newsletter was successfully Edited and sent out via the Clubs E-mail News Bulletin Service, being 20 pages in total, for December and I hope all went well with that last issue. If you are having problems reading the Newsletter then please contact the Editor for a solution. This issue should be still full of great reports and pictures (22 pages this issue) and with the odd splattering of Ford related or interesting articles. Don't forget to keep a copy of the Run Sheet handy for quick reference.

See you all on a Run or at a Meeting.

**Rob Brereton Newsletter Editor and Mick Breheny Assistant Newsletter Editor.**

## Vale: Jacqueline Bushby.

*It is with deep regret that we have to inform you that Jacqueline (Jacquie) Bushby, Graeme's wife, passed away early Sunday afternoon the 24-2-2019. We are sure you will join us in offering every condolence to Graeme and his family at this sad time.*

*Dave Healey. President. 49-59 Ford Customline Car Club of Vic.*

**Our New Members** We have two new memberships this newsletter. So let's all welcome John & Dominique Heyen from Wantirna South. They have an original White 1959 Mainline. Also David & Jessica O'Brien from Newtown Geelong. They don't have a vehicle as yet but have a great interest in our Cussy's. We all hope you enjoy your time with the Club.

## Have a chuckle at this.

I saw my mate Charlie this morning, he's only got one arm, poor bastard. I shouted to him, "Where you off to Charlie"? He said. "I'm off to change a light bulb".

Well, I just cracked up, I couldn't stop laughing. I said. "That's gonna be a bit awkward aint it mate"? "Not really", He said. "I still have the receipt".

## 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.*





# Picnic at Edwards Lake Park & NOT the Drive In Night.

INSTEAD WE HAD TEA AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL MAHONEY'S RD. THOMASTOWN  
THIS ALL HAPPENED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019.

On the 12/01/2019 we had the annual picnic at Edward's Lake Park and Drive-In Night and I arrived on site at approximately 16:15pm and there were a few members already on site. Rob Breheny was putting the kettle on to boil as I parked the Cusso.



I got my chair from the boot and placed it in position got my coffee mug and I was ready for a cuppa and a chat with whom ever. Other members started rolling in and with parking at a premium the game of musical cars started. At approx. 18:00pm we had about 13 Cussos parked and an



executive decision was made to go to the Excelsior Hotel in Thomastown for a meal instead of going to the drive-in, as it was reported that the movie was (quote) Lousy.

When we packed up our gear and were ready to leave a couple of guys with a Ute & trailer, with a BBQ, blocked some of us in while they unloaded the BBQ. Lots of laughter took place at this occurrence.



We finally got moving and cruised to the Excelsior Hotel and parked the Cussos and proceeded to the dining area where lots of chatter took place and we all ordered meals which was great and I will return again.



There was an excellent turnout to this run, 13 Cussos and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves and I look forward to the next outing.

Catch-ya on the next lap.

**Graeme Bushby.**



## The Great Drive-In ?? -- Night!

The Sun came up and there were no clouds in the sky as the day of the Edwards Lake Picnic and Drive-In night arrived. I continually checked my weather app as for three years straight the drive-

in night has proven to be a drought breaker. Global Warming must indeed be a fact as finally we had a clear rain free 24 hours!

I arrived to find that a large contingent of members had beaten me there, which was very pleasing. We had a great roll up and had 12 Customlines, all looking excellent in the sunshine!

There had been some rumblings about the quality of the shows on offer at the drive-in at Coburg, School Holidays seem to dictate that shows suitable for kids need to dominate the session we planned to attend. There was a brief discussion among members and finally I was asked to put to a vote that we make a change to the program for the evening and so after a brief discussion a vote was taken and it was decided to head off to the Excelsior Hotel in nearby Mahoney's Rd Thomastown.



The hotel proved to be a great hit with the group and everyone settled in for a great feed and long discussion, while our sparkling Customlines attracted attention, lined up as they were in the car park. Photos of them taken by members of the public later surfaced on Facebook.

I had a great time even though we missed the drive-in for a fourth year in a row. We may put a drive-in night up as a text run before the warm weather ends, if Village decides to put on a show which is a bit more adult (ie. petrol head) friendly, so keep an eye out! **David Healey.**

## NORTHERN CAR SHOW PASCOE VALE - 20-01-2019

Pascoe Vale Car Show.

Once again, Pascoe Vale Car Show has come around. This is the first car show on the annual calendar that we participate in as a Club, and it falls during school holidays, which makes it problematic for some members. Having said that, I was very happy with the rollup on the day with 12 cars on our stand.



I arrived shortly after 7:30 to find that Rob and Graeme had beaten me there and were already well along with setting up our gazebos etc. Thanks guys, your help is well and truly appreciated!

Lots of great cars on display and the oval was full! All in all it was a great show.





Jim Camilleri was successful in winning a trophy for his stunning '57 sedan for the second year in a row. There were a number of very good club stands on display and so it came as a great surprise to us when we were called to receive the trophy for Best Club Display, this is the third year in a row that we have collected this trophy at this show. We are definitely a crowd – and judge favourite!

A big thank you to all members who brought their cars along for the day, and to the organisers of this event.

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE – One of the great things about this show is its suburban location. It is easy to get to, well run and held at a really good dust free site. If you know of an event that is held near you and would like to see your Club attend please contact me so that I can look at it with a view to including it in our Club Run calendar! **David Healey.**







**PS. Marg Stocks won the Raffle first prize which was a wheel-barrow chockers full of goodies & thanks for the stubbies Marg. The girls can be seen above with the haul. Wayne had to ferry some of it back to Marg's place as they could not fit it all in the Cussy. Ed.**

## KINGSFORD CHARCOAL

Peter sent in a story on Kingsford Charcoal. I have expanded on what he sent which makes you wonder what this has to do with a car newsletter. Well read on.

**Kingsford** is a brand of charcoal used for grilling, along with related products. The brand is owned by The Clorox Company. Currently, the Kingsford Products Company remains the leading manufacturer of charcoal in the US, enjoying 80 percent market share. More than 1 million tons of wood scraps are converted into charcoal briquettes annually.

**History:** The Ford Motor Company sold more than one million Ford Model T's in 1919, and each of those Model T's used 100 board feet of wood for the parts such as frame, dashboard, steering wheels and wheels. Because of the amount of wood that had to be used in the cars, Henry Ford decided he wanted to produce his own supply. He enlisted the help of Edward G. Kingsford, a real estate agent in Michigan, to find him a supply of wood. Coincidentally, Kingsford's wife was a cousin of Ford - making the partnership a reality. In the early 1920s, Ford acquired large timberland in Iron Mountain, Michigan, and built a sawmill and parts plant in a





neighboring area (which became Kingsford, Michigan). The mill and plants produced sufficient parts for the car but generated waste such as stumps, branches and sawdust. Ford suggested that all wood scraps were to be processed into charcoal.



A University of Oregon chemist, Orin Stafford, had invented a method for making pillow-shaped lumps of fuel from sawdust and mill waste combined with tar and bound together with cornstarch. He called the lumps “charcoal briquettes.” Thomas Edison designed the briquette factory next to the sawmill, and Kingsford ran it. It was a model of efficiency, producing 610 lb (280 kg) of briquettes for every ton of scrap wood. The product was sold only through Ford dealerships. Ford then named the new business Ford Charcoal and changed the name of the charcoal blocks to “briquettes”. At the beginning, the charcoal was sold to meat and fish smokehouses, but supply exceeded demand.

By the mid-1930s, Ford was marketing “Picnic Kits” containing charcoal and portable grills directly from Ford dealerships, capitalizing on the link between motoring and outdoor adventure that his own Vagabond travels popularized. “Enjoy a modern picnic,” the package suggested. “Sizzling broiled meats, steaming coffee, toasted sandwiches.” It wasn’t until after World War II that backyard barbecuing took off, thanks to suburban migration, the invention of the Weber grill and the marketing efforts. An investment group bought Ford Charcoal in 1951 and renamed it to Kingsford Charcoal in honor of Edward G. Kingsford (and the factory's home-base name) and took over the operations. The plant was later acquired by Clorox in 1973.



**Manufacturing:** Kingsford Charcoal is made from charred softwoods such as pine and spruce which is then mixed with ground coal and other ingredients to make a charcoal briquette. As of January 2016, Kingsford Charcoal contains the following ingredients:

- Wood char - Fuel for heating
- Mineral char - Fuel for heating
- Mineral carbon - Fuel for heating
- Limestone - Binding agent
- Starch - Binding agent
- Borax - Release agent
- Sawdust - Speed up ignition

The raw materials, primarily wood waste from regional sawmills, are delivered to the factory. The wood waste is fed into pits to undergo magnetic filtration to remove any metallic parts. The wood waste is then ground into fine particles and whisked with hot air to remove any moisture. The wood particles are later processed through a large furnace with multiple hearths (called a retort) in a controlled-oxygen atmosphere. The particles are stacked in batches in a kiln that chars the wood without burning in a controlled-oxygen atmosphere. The wood is progressively charred as it drops from one hearth to the next. The charred wood particles are combined with the other ingredients, press formed into pillow-shaped briquettes and dried out before being packaged to be sold.



Kingsford® Original Charcoal has been the gold standard of barbecuing for nearly 100 years. Each briquette is made with natural ingredients and real wood, resulting in the authentic smoky flavour that barbecue lovers crave. Kingsford continues to improve its charcoal. The newest briquettes still feature our signature Sure Fire Grooves®, which help the coals light faster than ever before, while still burning as hot and long as ever.

**Never heard of them before reading this. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Ed.**



# KANIVA SHOW

## 2-2-2019

G'day all. On the 1st of Feb our day started and with the Cusso loaded I headed to our pre-arranged meeting place at Ballan BP. I arrived and fuelled up the tank and then went and fuelled myself and meet-up with the gang. We left Ballan at approx 11am and cruised to Ararat for a quick break before heading off to Nhill for our next stop. Norm Myers joined the convoy at Dadswell Bridge which made seven Cussos. We stopped at Nhill and fuelled up the cars and headed to Kaniva. We booked in to





our motel and settled down out in the garden with some cool drinks and a few laughs. Saturday the 2nd Feb was show day and off we went to set-up our display and with all hands on deck. We built a city and placed our Cussos so as to get the biggest "wow". The heat built up



rather quickly and we consumed plenty of fluids which made Bob Stocks a happy camper as he is selling the bottles in SA at 10c a bottle.

At approx. 2.30pm it was award time and we won Best Club Display trophy and \$500 cash, Best Ute was Bill Stocks Star Mainline and best restored Car/Ute pre 1970 was won by Bill, runner up Best Ute was Wayne Paterson with his 57 Mainline. It was time to pack up all the gear and head back to the motel to freshen up after a victorious day. Many thanks to all who took the time to come along. Catch-ya on the next lap. **Graeme Bushby.**

## KANIVA - MT GAMBIER HOME CRUISE

After the Kaniva Car & Bike Show & Shine on the Saturday 02/02/19 we left Kaniva on Sunday 03/02. Mick & Deb and Rob & Marg Breheny were the first to leave for Mount Gambier as Mick was having serious overheating problems so a slower trip was being taken. I tagged along with Bill & Marg and Bob Stocks and we were approximately ½ hr behind Mick & Rob and it was estimated we would catch up before we got halfway to Mount Gambier and we did this with ease.

We all went to Bob's place and had a cuppa and a bicky and said our farewells and cruised to Penola where we stopped and had lunch and let the cars cool down. It was bloody hot out there.

After leaving Penola it started to cool off and as we approached Mount Gambier it



was significantly cooler and quite pleasant. We went to our pre-arranged accommodation and booked in to a very nice and large room for two nights. On Monday 04/02 I was up early and so was Rob as he was making his billions playing on his iPad. As we chatted I said to Rob, what's for dinner tonight, "eh" he said, and then said roast chicken and there it was on the hoof, a bit of chuckling took place as the chook walked around and if you think Rob isn't quick think again, as he caught the chicken and then took it and showed Margaret.



Our good luck didn't last as the owner of said chicken claimed it back. Rob & Mick changed the damaged new radiator and electric fan in Micks car for his old radiator and solid fan. After, we drove for a late breakfast at a bakery café and then went to the sunken gardens where several of the troop ventured down and then had to stagger back up. We then went to the Blue Lake and HOO HOO Lookout and the Blue Lake was really blue.

On the way back to the motel the girls stopped for a bit of shopping and we got caught in a traffic jam. We left Mount Gambier on Tuesday 05/02 and went and had brekky at the Bakery Café, eggs & bacon and a mug of coffee and we were ready for the road. We cruised to Warrnambool and pulled into Caltex WW and fuelled, Bill picked up a concrete model of his Mainline and Mick enquired about his car & trailer in concrete. We finally got back on the road and headed to Wye River and stopped at the Big 4 caravan park. Very nice and relaxing. There was plenty of wildlife to keep us amused with Koalas, Kookaburras, Magpies and Cockies. Bill Stocks started to feed one cocky and one hundred more appeared from nowhere and made a hell of a racket. Robert done his block and scared them off and peace reigned once more.



going and I didn't see them again. I eventually got back on the road and cruised on to Torquay but kept going and got on the freeway and cruised home. Fuel cost was \$217.72, and Accommodation was \$572 and apart from Mick's cooling problems there were no other issues.

After a good night's sleep we were all up early and ready for a big day and we went to the Café next door to the car park for breakfast. We were soon back on the road again.

I stopped in Anglesea for ½ hr for a refreshment and a bit of a wander on the beach which I found quite pleasant and relaxing. The rest of the convoy kept



Graeme Bushby.

## ***Wallan & Whittlesea Cruise Nights***

Friday Evenings Each Month.

Although we do not have any pictures or written reports for these Cruise Nights we have had a few members attending. Its OK for those members who live just down the road from these events but it becomes difficult for other members living on the other side of the city to attend these nights. Travelling through the suburbs on a Friday afternoon is becoming much more difficult with so many other vehicles on the roads, but we have many other Club Runs to attend and keep us happy. Ed.



# *Why We'll Miss The Ford factory.*

**A month before Ford Australia closed its factory doors forever, it's worth pausing to remember what we're losing**

In early 1971 Geelong was known as Ford Town, and the Blue Oval was on a roll.

The XY Falcon GTHO Phase III had just been released and Allan Moffat defended his Bathurst 500 title in 'the world's fastest sedan' that October, when 'Hoeys' claimed the top three places, and the first fully Australian designed, engineered and manufactured Ford – the third-generation XA Falcon – entered production late that year.

Of course, this was well before Holden's first Commodore — based on Germany's Opel Rekord — arrived in 1978, but support for it fell away as Aussies turned back to the traditional large car, in the form of the Falcon.

Ford eventually claimed the title of Australia's most popular car from Holden, after it introduced the alloy-head six-cylinder engine in the 'XD½' model of 1980, and claimed Australian market leadership for the first time in 1982.

It took until the VT Commodore of 1996 for Holden's home grown large car to regain the mantle of Australia's most popular car from its direct Ford rival, the EL Falcon.

Ford's Australian car-making history dates back to 1925 when the Geelong factory was built and first started churning out Model T's in their thousands, putting Victoria's second biggest city on the map.

The same year saw the Geelong Cats win their first national Aussie Rules premiership, backed by Ford, and that unbroken, world-record 95-year sponsorship deal continues today.

When I grew up in Geelong, the whole town lived and breathed Ford. My dad worked at Ford, my uncle worked at Ford and, like most Geelong school-leavers, I too went to work at Ford's historic Geelong plant, at least on night-shift while I studied journalism at Deakin Uni.

Over 56 years, Falcon has become the longest running vehicle name in Australian motoring history, and the oldest surviving car nameplate in the 113-year history of the Ford Motor Company. Only Ford's F-Series truck and the discontinued Lincoln Continental limo date back further, to 1948 and 1939 respectively.

All that ends on October 7, when Ford closes the doors to its Geelong and Broadmeadows factories for the last time, and the last of more than 3.5 million Falcon sedans, wagons, ute's and vans (not to mention long-wheelbase Fairlane's and LTD's) rolls off the line.

Various factors have been blamed for Ford's – and Australia's – car manufacturing demise, but the truth is probably a combination of a strong local currency, import tariff reductions and a unionised, overpaid workforce making the industry uncompetitive in the face of a flood of high-value Asian imports.

Is it better for a government to directly subsidise the nation's car manufacturing industry to create and maintain jobs, as most successful car-making nations do, or to directly fund the larger number of welfare recipients when it no longer exists? I guess we'll soon find out.

Yes, unlike Holden and Toyota, Ford Australia's vehicle development legacy will live on post-manufacturing, when more than 1000 engineers and designers will continue to create models from the ground up Down Under.

But without car manufacturing, Geelong, Melbourne and Adelaide's northern suburbs will never be the same, and Australia will forever rely on other countries to make all of its vehicles -- just like its tyres, fridges and Blundstones.

***Sourced from the Internet. ED.***



# Black Saturday

## Remembrance Cruise 9-2-2019

Saturday the 07/02/2009 was a dark day in history for Victorians, it is remembered as "BLACK SATURDAY" and on 09/02/2019 it was 10 years ago and still fresh in our minds. A remembrance cruise from Yarra Glen to Healesville had been organised and our Club was to be involved. We decided to start from Whittlesea and cruise through Kinglake to Yarra Glen but not go through to Healesville but return to Kinglake and go to Joe and Linda Faralla's place for a BBQ.



The cars started lining up outside Whittlesea Showgrounds and it was raining, but five cars finally got going up the mountain led by Mick, Capt Dave, Robert, David Nicholson and Myself and the further we went the heavier the rain got. We turned onto Kinglake Rd and it was bucketing down. Some of the convoy decided to not continue so Capt Dave and myself followed by David Nicholson continued to Kinglake but couldn't see two feet in front of us so

I stopped and so did David N but the rain eased and David N continued and I met up with Graedon.

I decided to continue to Yarra Glen and met up with Jim Camilleri and we had a quick discussion and Jim said I'm going back home. I finally met up with Capt Dave and David N at the Ice Creamery and Chocolate Factory and David N decided to go home.



Capt Dave and I went back to Kinglake to Joe's for the BBQ. All in all it turned out to be not a bad day apart from the earlier downpour but the BBQ was very enjoyable and our hosts Joe and Linda were thanked very much for their hospitality. There would have been eight cars had it not been for the weather, but there were six cars at Joe's so not a bad result in the end. **Graeme Bushby.**





# JIM PIERCE MEMORIAL RUN DAYLESFORD MOTORFEST

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Well Joan and I set off in the Cussy this sunny Saturday morning (late) to meet other members at the Rockbank BP before starting our "Jim Pierce Memorial Run" to Creswick. We



left the BP at 1:50pm and headed up the highway with three Cussy's and a F100 in convoy. What a wonderful sight to behold as these Customlines cruised up the

highway in the bright Sun glistening and glinting all the way. It's enough to make the heart skip a beat.

We arrived at Creswick about 3:00pm to find that other members had already arrived, checked into our Motel and had a rest and a drink under the big Willow Tree. Joan and I had a quiet day and headed off home Sunday morning as Joan was not well.



After leaving the Pub the rest came back to the motel for a few more drinks and some good old chinwagging. All into bed by 10:30pm as there was an early start on the Sunday Morning. **Rob & Joan Brereton.**



**Jim in his role as President**

## "Jim Pierce Memorial Run" & Daylesford Motorfest

Saturday, mid-morning, saw some members arrive in Creswick early and check out the local market. Rob and Marg with Kevin and Brenda Lee came for coffee to my place and checked out a problem I had with the Star, only then for Star to run perfectly. Isn't that always the way, anyway all good. They all then check

ed in at the local motel and the rest of the crew arriving as well, making a total of Mick & Debbie, Kevin & Jackie, Rob & Joan, Bill & Marg, Charlie & Greta, and our esteemed President, Dave.

Then it was off to the American Hotel for a yummy tea, with Dave bringing his cousin along





too. There was a lot of sharing of meals going on with much hilarity. We found out that Charlie has a very good appetite, none of us can speak French and Brenda Lee doesn't like wire in her meal. Next morning it was an early get up and off to Daylesford at 0700. Luckily we got a great

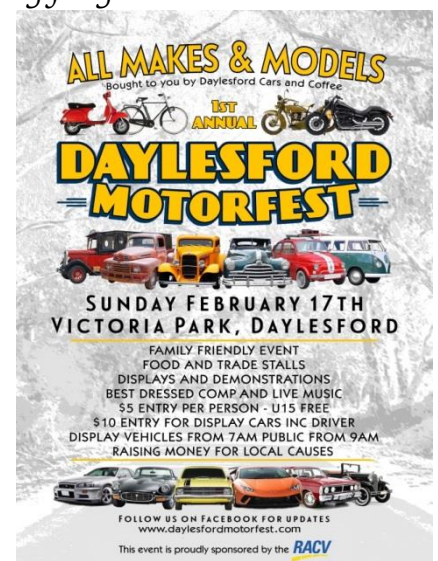


spot under the trees. Happily Graeme Bushby, Jim Camilleri and Henk and Marg arrived for the day also. Wow, for an inaugural show, they had a huge turn out with a great array of cars and bikes. Marg Breheny played taxi, taking some of the girls to and from the Daylesford market, she did a great job, not getting lost and battling the traffic. By mid-afternoon it was pack up time and we then all headed off in our different directions, with it agreed we would be back next year as well. No trophies for us this time, but there were a lot of great vehicles being judged. A Great day out. **Helen Tuo.**

**G'day Customliners.** I could not go to Creswick for the "Jim Pierce Memorial Cruise" and dinner so I left for Daylesford early on Sunday and arrived at the venue at 07.00 am. I made



a phone call to find out where the convoy was at, then sat & waited for their arrival. As I waited I watched the cavalcade of cars as they drove in and there was a huge variety to keep me entertained.





At about 07.30 our mob arrived (WOW) what a line-up. I filed into line and followed as we drove into the venue and picked our spot and built our village. The kettle was soon



on the boil and everyone was settling in for the day. It was not long before cameras were appearing and shutters were clicking. Next to arrive were Bill & Marg and not far behind was Jim Camilleri.

We also had a ring-in, a very nice Sunliner so our display totalled eleven cars. We received a lot of attention and several Membership application



forms were handed out as well as enquiries as to where we would be next. I walked around the ground and admired some of the other Customlines & Mainlines (pic's supplied).

All in all it was a successful day and although we did not win Best Club Display, (as there wasn't any), but we would have if there was one. We started to pack up mid-afternoon and said our farewells and were soon on the

road. I soon found myself in an unusual position at the front of the convoy from Daylesford to Woodend. I am looking forward to the next run. Catch-ya on the next lap guys & gals. **Graeme Bushby.**





# Hamburger Run to Altona

23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

Joan and I are off again today for the Hamburger Run to Altona. Arriving at the United outbound approx 3:45pm we found Les & Sue had already arrived, on this lovely sunny Saturday afternoon. We both waited until about 4:25pm when a couple of phone calls revealed that all the others were just going straight to the park. We then headed off and found the rest at the park. We found our usual spot amongst the trees, parked the cars and set up camp, although the gate was padlocked this year and we had to park in the car park. Eleven Cussy's parked up together, "just magic", and many questions from the public. The grass was a bit brown but the wind was quite strong and a bit coolish, although it was very pleasant sitting amongst the trees chatting and having a drink or two.

Our Fish & Chip Run has now become the Hamburger Run as most members opted for the Burger supplied by the Club. Rob Breheny supplied the Barby and a few hands made the Hamburger making easy. That was a good feed and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Rob & Marg for organising all the food. There were a few who opted for Fish & Chips, so off to the local take away they went to order their meal. It was great to see some family members attending also.

More chatting, inspecting of Cussy's and a drink or two helped the time pass quickly and in no time we found it was time to head off home. Joan & I stopped off at Maccas for an Ice Cream and then headed off down the highway for a leisurely trip home. **Rob & Joan Brereton.**





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# RUN SHEET

Official Club Runs are in: ***"Bold Italics"*** with  indicated.






## March 2019

1 <sup>st</sup>		<b><i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i></b> <b>FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Yarra Glen Swap Meet &amp; Car Show"</i></b> Full Club Display. Yarra Glen Race Course \$10.00/car (\$8.00 Driver only). Ring David for more details. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Wallan Cruise Night"</i></b> <b>FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. <b>DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Committee General Meeting"</i></b> <b>NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE</b> The Meeting will be held at the Presidents Place, 7 Wilton Place Attwood. Tea & Coffee provided. Followed by BBQ lunch. <b>BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!</b> We will start the meeting at 11 am. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b><i>"American Motoring Show"</i></b> . <b>SATURDAY</b> Akoonah Park Berwick (Mel 111-H10) Display Vehicles \$10 incl Passengers. Gates Open 8:00am Show Closes 2:00pm. Ring David for more details. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
31 <sup>st</sup>		<b><i>"Mernda Fair"</i></b> Mernda recreation Reserve, Shotters Road, Mernda. Full Club Display. Ring David for more details. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>

## April 2019

5 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i></b> <b>FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Lancefield Swap Meet and Car Show"</i></b> Lancefield Park, 69 Chauncey St. Lancefield. Ring David for more details. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Kruise For Kids"</i></b> Good Friday. Langama Park Sunbury. Full Club Display. Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Jells Park BBQ/Picnic Lunch"</i></b> Jells Park, Wheelers Hill. Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>

## May 2019

3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b><i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i></b> <b>FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Keilor Car Show N Shine"</i></b> Keilor Hotel. We have won "Best Club Display" at this event many times. Come along and be part of another successful display! Ring David for details if you wish to attend. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Wallan Cruise Night"</i></b> <b>FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00 to 9:00 pm. <b>DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Committee General Meeting"</i></b> Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury. Mel Ref: 382 F4. We will start the meeting at 11 am. Tea and coffee will be provided. We will have a sausage sizzle after the Meeting. Don't forget to <b>POLISH &amp; DRIVE the Cussy.</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>"Moorabbin Airport Aircraft Museum"</i></b> Second Avenue, Moorabbin Airport. \$10 entry fee. Just across the road is the Moorabbin Airport DFO. After negotiating with the museum management we have been given access to



*park inside the museum yard and also to use the museum BBQ facilities.  
10:00 AM -2:00PM. Ring David for more details.  
Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.*

## **June 2019**

<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><u>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</u> FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b><u>"Wallan Cruise Night"</u> FRIDAY</b> Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. DRIVE the Cussy.

**NOTE: Keep an eye out for a Text Message  
or an E-Mail re some fill in Runs.**

**Please contact our Temporary Run's Co-ordinator Dave Healey for full Run Details.  
Phone Dave's Mobile: 0419 217 044 & before 8:30 pm.**

*Regarding our Runs and Events, if you are not attending any of these then you are missing the best part of being a Cussy Club Member. At these Runs and Events you can get to meet all the Committee members who run the Club and all the other Members who attend, just for the fun of meeting up with other people with the same intrests in our Customlines.*

*If you have a place of interest you think might suit a Run then please contact Dave Healey as he is open to suggestions. You might even like to take on the Run Co-ordinators job as Dave is only filling in on a temporary basis.*

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**PS.** Whilst I have my pen going I would like to invite any member of the Club to step up and think about taking on the Newsletter Editors position, as I now have less than 18 months to go before I hang up my pen. I would like to get a member to learn this role as when I retire there may not be a Newsletter unless someone steps up and takes on this position. I have always said that if you can send e-mails, send text messages or write stuff on Facebook, and I know a lot of you can, then you are eligible for the Newsletter Editors position. **Rob Brereton Editor.**

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