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New Club Rooms Now Open - Port Road Croydon

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Presidents report as spoken at the 2024 AGM

How nice is it to be back home in our own clubrooms for the AGM after being evicted in late 2021, Welcome home everyone. It goes without saying that we all owe John and his small army who have worked with council throughout this entire project a huge amount of thanks. I would like you all to put your hands together and show our appreciation to John and team for all their efforts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee for the Support, Dedication and guidance that each and every one of you have offered me over the last 12 months. It has had its fair share of struggles, but we have overcome the hurdles and come out the other side smiling.

Thank you also must go to the general members for having the faith in me to fulfill the role of President and I hope you will be happy for me to continue in the roll into the future.

I think there is a huge thankyou that needs to be extended out to Adrian and Jess our hard-working system administrators, if you haven't seen the website that they have built you really need to head over and check it out. Thanks also needs to be extended out to all the volunteers that selflessly help every single month by setting up the hall prior to meetings, in the kitchen for suppers, packing up chairs after meetings, producing the Buzzer Box on Buzzer Box evening and generally helping out wherever needed. It really helps the club and never goes unnoticed. Thank You to you all. You all know who you are.

Maxine, what can I say. Thank you for all you do to help me out, your fellow club members and of course with producing the Buzzer Box, Words just can't say how grateful I am to have you alongside me in this journey.

The runs this year have been fantastic and I thank everyone that put up their hands to organise a run. Many hands make light work. The runs that we all have enjoyed are as follows

July 2023 Aston Hills Golf Club Luncheon organised by David Dunn

August 2023 Past Presidents Run to Aussie Apricots organised by David Carver

September 2023 From Earth to Sky organised by Paul Van Ruth

October 2023 Passage to Penfield organised by Ian & Kelly Russell

November 2023 140th Birthday Celebrations of the Nairne Railway Station organised by Kingsley & Jenny Taylor

December 2023 Christmas Dinner at the Glynde Hotel organised by Paul Van Ruth

January 2024 Miks Famous Cherry Run organised by Mik Bojko

Feb 2024 60th Birthday Celebrations at the Bartley Tavern organised by Maxine Martin.

Private car collection (Plus 3000 dolls) organised by myself also held in February

March 2024 St Patrick's Day run to the historical vehicle gathering organised by Maxine Martin and Rod Crawford

April 2024 60th Anniversary run to Port Augusta organised by Albert, Rosina and Adam Jones (I'm sure many of us will remember Horricks Pass and Spear Creek Road for a long time)

May 2024 Registration Day held at Fawk Reserve organised by The Committee

June 2024 Mid-Year Dinner at the Tower Hotel Magill organised by Maxine Martin

It's also a time to reflect and remember all the members and friends that we have lost over the last year. Many of us have formed long lasting friendships with members of the club and it was the same interest that has brought us together. I would like to reflect on my old mate Laurie or as I often called him Fossil. At our Thursday night teas our small group keep his memory alive by talking about him and telling stories most weeks. I will add most stories I couldn't repeat here.

In Closing I would like to leave you with this little Joke.

There was this Man, Let's say his name is Uncle Albert and he has a Dog, Let's say the dog's name is Ottis. Anyway, Uncle Alberts needed to have a stern talking to young Ottis about a matter that had been brought to his attention.

Uncle Albert Says "Ottis I've been told by the neighbors that you have been chasing people on bikes"

Ottis looks at Uncle Albert with disbelief in his eyes and says,

"Do you seriously believe that, I don't even own a Bike".

Thank you.

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On the Cover

FROM VINTAGE TRAINS TO VINTAGE CARS

After the 9/11 incident, the issues in relation to Public Liability Insurance for preservation group as well as other community groups totally changed and many groups became passive groups and some even closed up, so I needed another direction to flow towards.

Both Rosa and I made a decision to check out the possibilities of acquiring a vintage car, what type? As a small child I remembered hearing my father talk about while he was a boy and sinking wells in the bush with his father, he often spoke about how they had a T ford and it went up hills better in reverse than forward, so we decided to look for one of those.

I sent an email to the Model T Ford club or Australia through the Bennett family, an add was placed on our behalf in the Buy, Sell or Swap section of the buzzer box. It took approximately a month before we heard anything then I received a call advising me of a 1923 Tourer for sale and what a good buy it would be, after checking the vehicle out a couple of times we purchased it, Trevor Norley owned the car and had decided that it was time to move it on. *Matilda* as we named her was soon parked in our garage.



Many hours were spent checking the vehicle over and personalising the car before I took it out on the road, I had never driven a Model T before so it was time to learn to drive it, we had to do a minor running gear overhaul before we could venture off to Windsor in September 2010.

Approximately 2 years after acquiring my first Model T, one Saturday morning in the Cars of Distinction of the Advertiser, I noticed a 1921 T Ford Roadster for sale in Myponga with a Duncan and Frazer body, luckily, we were heading that way to visit my in laws, so we dropped in to take a look.

As the vehicle looked unique and also came with a supply of parts, we purchased it, only to find out that it was Art Potter's vehicle and many club members had worked on it to finish the uncompleted unit after his passing.

On further investigation the vehicle originated from my birth town of Peterborough and belong to a lady called Mrs. O'Conner, the people who knew her have made the comment that she would speed everywhere and all car users in Peterborough would give her free rights to the streets. We named her "*Lizzie*".

As many of you may remember Friday afternoons were spent at Gordie Dunns home where several of us would tinker and pick Gordie's brain, He was a wealth of knowledge and always happy to share what he knew with all those who wished to learn, one Friday afternoon at the gathering, club members were talking about the delivery van that Neil Hofmeyer had and it was for sale, as displayed on the Front Page of this Buzzer Box.

After talking to Neil and many others a deal was done to acquire the van. While working on the car in the carport and personalising it to our requirements our Grandsons mother made comment that it looks like Ned Kelly's car, after explaining to her he only rode a horse, we named the van "*Neddie*" from her comments.

In the last couple of years, the cars have not seen the bitumen roads, due to work requirements. The van was taken to Echuca for the Centenary of Ford and the National Rally in 2008, It has previously attended the National Rallies in Griffith, Barossa, Geelong and Goulburn.



We love Neddie but are still trying to arrange some type of sign writing for the sides to finish the van off, as you must remember what ever company you use its not permitted to be an existing company.

Our original T, Matilda is still undergoing an overhaul.

Not bad for a real GM supporter!!

Bob and Rosa Yates



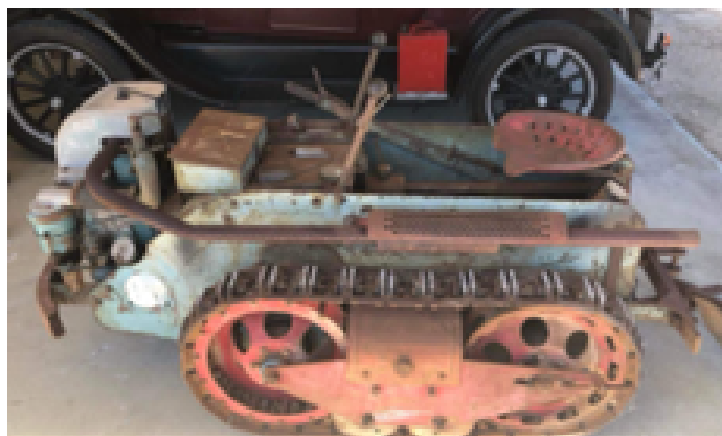
IN HIS OWN WORDS

Quentin and the 'T'

The story starts with a little Ransome tractor originally owned by my grandfather who used it on his week-ender orchard at Morialta.

The brother of a longtime friend had his eyes on the little tractor for some time and eventually talked dad into selling it to him for \$20 so off it went to their farm at Cuddly Creek.

Some years later they had to move from their farm to make way for the Kangaroo Creek Reservoir.



When we visited their new home we discovered they had a model T up in the back paddock. After many months of negotiations it was agreed the price would be the same amount as he paid for the tractor. - So, \$20 and the deal was done.

After years of work the T emerged from the shed in all its glory to be driven at every opportunity.

I think the first big adventure was probably the National Rally to Mt Buffalo.

Mum and dad squeezed into the T and drove all the way there and back. I think the only major problem they had was from Bordertown to nearly home mum had to have her arm out the window to operate the windscreen wiper with a length of wire!

In those days quite a few members would rather drive the T long distances than tow them on a trailer. Good on them! Mind you with the number and speed of the trucks on the road now it's probably not a good idea unless you can stay off the highways. Our recent Annual Run to Pt Augusta and back was a great event which we enjoyed tremendously, many thanks to the organizers and everyone who attended.

P.S. I can only remember one vehicle needing to be towed home and it wasn't a T of course!

Sorry Mr. Oates but Sally made me mention it, and I choose to forget the other car that also went home on a trailer, call it a seniors moment.

I think it was the last time the club went to Pt Augusta, where, with a recently fitted Ruckstall diff to the T, he allegedly passed the other participants doing 45 miles an hour!

Fortunately unlike mustangs (dig), that night at the Highway Motel in Pt Augusta, they were able to take a few shims out of a big end bearing that was noisy (after the thrashing on the way up) and fixed it before lights out.

I think the next big trip for Quentin was to Tasmania.

No he didn't drive it across Bass Strait silly, he put the car on the ferry!

I recently found the movie he did of the trip, yes as the older members would recall he always had that camera stuck to his eye didn't he. I am currently converting it to digital format but it is pretty boring with no sound. Some longer term members might like to see it when it's done to jog a few good memories of the event and the people they met.

There is a report written by Trevor Norley of that trip to Tasmania from the Buzzer Box February 1981. It's worth a read.

(page 249/250 in the Buzzer Box~ First 25 Years)

Another Nationals that Dad spoke about a lot was the one in Parkes but I don't know if he drove there or trailered it, probably the latter.

He also drove (I think) to the Bicentenary Rally in Wangaratta (?)

He was always a devoted club member, who enjoyed his involvement and friendships to the fullest. He was a stickler for

procedural correctness which I know was a bit frustrating to some , but a little warning here, I think I may have inherited that gene!

Don't worry, I take a tablet to suppress it!

When he lost his license he was absolutely devastated and if it wasn't for some great fellow members of the club, who would take him to meetings and some events I really don't know how he would have survived.

A big thank you to those involved, that is what clubs are really about.

It was at this time that he gave the cars to me but as we were working seven days and some nights down here at Clayton Bay it was not possible to go on many runs. Now however we are really enjoying taking Quentin (the Model T) and Betty (the Model C) on most of the runs that come down this side of town.

Continuing in the tradition that was part of my life growing up for so many years.

Ken Durward



Lizzy LADIES



SULTANA CAKE - Very easy and very nice!

Place into a saucepan,

250gms butter or marg

2 ½ cups sultanas

1 cup sugar

1 cup water

Bring to boil and simmer 3 mins.

Let cool and add

2 well beaten eggs and sifted together 1 cup Plain flour, 1 cup SR Flour and ½ teaspoon baking powder.

Cook in moderate oven for approx. 40 mins, depending on tin size used. (Large log tin takes 50 - 55mins)

CAKE MIX COOKIES

1 Box cake mix

2 eggs

½ cup vegetable oil

1 cup add ins like choc chips, M&M's, cranberries or nuts.

Preheat oven to 180C. In a large bowl, mix together cake mix, eggs and oil until smooth. Add extra add ins. Scoop dough onto baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake 9 – 10 mins until edges lightly golden. Allow to cool on sheet for 3 – 4 mins before transferring to a wire rack.



Auchendarroch House

Pea and ham soup is my Favorite. To eat. Driving up through the Heyson Tunnel on Sunday morning I thought that I was in the middle of a bowl of it. At one stage I could only see two car lengths in front of me. It was thick. Marg was not very happy! After Bridgewater the fog thinned out and it was far more comfortable to travel, being able to see the road ahead. Living on the plains does make life more relaxed. Auchendamoc House is a splendid venue, and this was evident by the number of people there to enjoy lunch.

Our Club was well represented, with Lindsay Nash and his party travelling down from Kadina to enjoy the day.

Some Members were booked to go on a train ride at 2pm. and the staff were very efficient in serving the meals promptly so that there was time to board the train.

It was encouraging to see long time Members who have not been out for some time, enjoying their chats among new Members.

The room emptied very quickly when those who were booked on the train made their move to the station.

When I was in Primary school, I travelled by steam train and the Red Hen daily between Dry Creek and Pooraka, so I declined the train ride on Sunday.

Thanks to David Carver for organising the enjoyable day.

Mik Bojko



2024 Trophy Winners

John Eastick Club Man of the Year (2024)



It was a great privilege to be asked to present the Club man of the year to John at the Annual General Meeting.

As we all know the past two years has been very trying to say the least but John as Project Manager over that time has shown great leadership. His Email and texts are epic as we can all attest to. I was once told that if John Eastick said it was so then he had done his research and it was correct.

We must not forget the saying that behind every good man stands a great woman, thank you Di for your support to John - Kingsley Taylor

Lizzie Lady Award (2024)

It was a unanimous decision by the committee that Maxine was very deserving of the Lizzy Lady Award for 2024. Maxine has gone over and above helping out with the Magazine, Secretary position and generally helping out where ever needed. Her help over the last 12 months has been absolutely amazing and for that we thank her.

Adam Jones



Annual Run Award (2024)



Albert, Rosina and Adam had a criteria that the winner of the 60th anniversary run had to be driving a Model T ford and complete the event. For this reason we felt David and Christine Kimber were worthy winners. They didn't just drive the distance and complete the event but they had No Roof, No Door, Basically no protection at all, and they did all this with a huge smile on their faces.

Congratulations David & Christine Kimber



OUR DREAM CLUBROOMS

PORT RD. CROYDON

By the time this article is read by members, our Club and its nine (9) Hiring Clubs would have all had their first meetings at the new Clubrooms. The perimeter fencing, gates and soft landscaping have been completed and the 26 panel solar array and associated equipment have been installed and commissioned. The Club is generating and storing power for use at the Clubrooms.

The Builder's skip bin, temporary fencing and barrier mesh have all been removed and the site and carpark generally cleaned up and returned to normal operation.

Certain minor defects and outstanding works yet to be completed by various subcontractors and fit-out works by the Club continue.

I extend a big thankyou to all those members that have assisted in these works. Importantly, the Club's Honour Board has been repaired, updated and installed on the wall above the Kitchen servery. The raised planter bed that is the keepsake of the past history of the site is being refreshed.

John Eastick

Presidents Run

Sunday 18th August

Meet Clubrooms – 9.45am

*Lunch @ Barossa Valley Chocolate
Factory*



Bookings essential
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Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village

Step Back in Time

Sunday 15th September 2024

Please let Paul know you are coming

supa97@gmail.com

BYO running board lunch

Upcoming Events

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
Wednesday 7th August	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	19.00pm
Sunday 18th August	Adam Jones	Presidents Run Barossa Valley Chocolate Factory	Meet: Model T Ford Clubrooms	09.45am
Wednesday 28th August	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	17.00pm 18.15pm
Wednesday 4th September	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	19.00pm
Sunday 15th September	Paul Van Ruth	Step back in time Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village BYO lunch	Meet: Keith Stephen- son Park Mount Barker	10.00am
Wednesday 25th September	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	17.00pm 18.15pm
Wednesday 2nd October	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	19.00pm
Sunday 27th October	Ian & Kelly Russell	Monthly Run	More details to follow	

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD

3rd July 2024

1. WELCOME:

- 1.1. Meeting commenced at 7pm.
- 1.2. The President welcomed everyone present to this meeting at the new Clubrooms, reminded members to sign the Attendance Record Book and advised that this meeting will be audio recorded for minute taking purposes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes have been accepted.
- 1.3. Visitors: Samantha Kimber and Linda (Lin) Warren.
- 1.4. The President hoped that everyone had enjoyed their sausage sizzle and thanked Doretta Hills for making the necessary purchases and Mik Bojko and Mathew Edwards who had cooked the BBQ, to enable us to enjoy the bite to eat before the commencement of this meeting.
- 1.5. The President provided a brief overview of the new Clubrooms pointing out the location of the various side rooms (Kitchen, Office, Library, Store Room and Store / Service Room) and their function, the toilets and the emergency exits each side of the Meeting Room.

2. APOLOGIES:

- 2.1. Bob Yates, Paul Van Ruth, Peter & Merwyn Perry, Trevor Norley, John & Lyn Scorgie, Robbie Trunks, Myles Murray, Anthony Bennett and Lindsay & Tony Nash.

3. MYSTERY OBJECT:

- 3.1. Two objects, provided by Allan Bennett and David Kimber.

4. FUNDRAISING:

- 4.1. Doretta Hills initiated a raffle of seven prizes.

5. MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 5TH JUNE 2024:

- 5.1. As distributed in the July 2024 edition of Buzzer Box.

Moved: David Carver, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: Ian Russell; Carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:

- 6.1. Exhaust pipes: Reminder that there are ten (10) stainless steel pipes now available for members to purchase at \$100 each.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 7.1. The President provided condolences to Beth, Trevor and Maxine Martin and the greater Martin family for the passing of Beth's 103-year old sister Norma on 1 June 2024.

Moved: Nancy Bennett, that the President's Report be accepted; Seconded: Stuart Bowshall; Carried.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 8.1. The Secretary reported Correspondence In: The usual club magazines were received and forwarded/provided to Neil Hofmeyer for inclusion in the Library.
- 8.2. The Secretary reported Correspondence In and Out: Emails to Hiring Clubs; Emails to the Council; Emails to Proselec about the new alarm system at the Clubrooms.

Moved: Gary Warren, that the Secretary's Report be accepted; Seconded: Rod Crawford; Carried.

9. MEMBERSHIP:

- 9.1. As of 30 June 2024, approximately 43 of our 144 member units had not yet renewed their memberships, noting that several had done so since that date; Unpaid Members are reminded that because you have not paid your membership to the Treasurer and had your Log Book signed by an Authorised Officer, you will be now be driving an unregistered vehicle/s.

9.2. A membership application was received from Samantha Kimber of Echunga. Samantha is David & Christine Kimber's daughter and drives a Model T Ford. The Committee recommends that Samantha be welcomed as an Associate Member.

Moved: Alan Bennett, that the Associate Membership for Samantha Kimber be accepted
Seconded: John Clarke; Carried.

9.3. Associate Membership application received, proposed by Adam Jones and seconded by Gary Warren for Lin Warren of Penfield. Lin is the President's mother-in-law and wishes to join the Club.

Moved: Dale La Vars, that the Associate Membership for Lin Warren be accepted;
Seconded: Doretta Hills; Carried.

9.4 The President welcomed both Samantha and Lin to the Club and this was met with applause.

10. BUZZER BOX REPORT:

10.1. The Secretary reported: Thanks to all contributors of the July 2024 edition; Commencing with the August 2024 edition, only those members who indicated on their membership form that they wished to receive their Buzzer Box by post will receive it this way; Up to and including the July 2024 edition, Buzzer Box editions had been posted out according to the previous database; There may be a number of spare copies available at meetings and runs for members to take if they wished to have a hard copy, noting there are now only two left on the front table tonight.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

11.1. Kingsley Taylor advised: The reconciliation of accounts for the month of July 2024; a reconciliation is available for viewing after the meeting.

Moved: Brian Teakle, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Seconded: Matthew Edwards; Carried.

12. PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:

12.1. John Eastick updated members on progress since the last General Meeting and article in the July 2024 edition of Buzzer Box.

12.2. Clubrooms Induction: Further to the President's brief overview at the commencement of the meeting, John explained access and egress and how it is best to move to the car park in the event of any emergency; Safety equipment – fire extinguishers located in Meeting Room adjacent entry door and inside the Kitchen, fire blanket inside the Kitchen, defibrillator and first aid kit inside the Kitchen on top of the fridges and chair lifter located in the Store Room; Lighting – explanation of switch operation in each room, some with sensors; Air conditioners are preset, go for two hours and turn off automatically; Audio Visual, Public Address, assisted hearing and communications hub equipment briefly outlined; Lease – received and under review and negotiation and the commercial terms are in confidence. Commencement Date: 1 July 2024 and runs in 2 x 5 year terms = 10 years; Certificate of Occupation was issued on Monday 24 June 2024; Hand Over took place on Tuesday 25 June 2024; Unpacking commenced on Wednesday 26 June 2024; Working Bees were held on 17 & 29 May, 11, 19, 21, 26 & 30 June and 1 July with more planned; Fawk Reserve Hall – continuing to lease, Odyssey staying and available to other Hirers until Council rolls out an expression of interest process to identify a successor to our Club; Status at Croydon – several defects outstanding, soft landscaping completed, solar panels and battery yet to be installed (after re-design and a further development approval), storage cupboards, display cabinets and various hangings installed and Honour Board will be installed within the next two weeks, curtains and /or blinds being investigated by the Committee; Hiring Clubs – Induction sessions will be conducted tomorrow night, start meetings from next Monday 8 July and Hall for Hire signs installed to encourage further utilisation; Council has approved a 2024/25 budget allocation of \$30k to assist the Club to fit-out the Clubrooms and ideas are currently being discussed

by the Committee. Whilst this will attract additional rent but at 2.5% per annum, it is economic to draw on that budget and future user groups contribute through rent and membership fees.

- 12.3. A question was asked by Peter Mullins: How much does our Club charge as a hire fee?
A: Kingsley Taylor responded to say that it is around \$70 per evening meeting and that the Club welcomes enquiry to hire during both the evening and the day and the hire fees do vary according to hours of use; Hirings considered are only long term and not one-offs.
- 12.4. A question was asked by Brian Teakle: How many Hiring Clubs have joined our Club here at Croydon; A: John Eastick responded to say nine (9), noting that when our Club was evicted from the former Clubrooms, there were fourteen (14) Hiring Clubs so we lost five (5) on the journey; any possibility that any of those that left could return; A: John responded to say unlikely from what he knew but never say never.
- 12.5. Microwave: John Clarke suggested that the Club Committee consider purchasing a new microwave from Club funds.

13. PROPERTY OFFICERS REPORT:

- 13.1. No report provided.

14. CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 14.1. Albert Jones reported that at Fawk Reserve Hall, he will be organising electrical and fire extinguisher testing and removing the under-bench water filters to transfer to and install at Croydon.
- 14.2. The Secretary reported that Rosa Yates had agreed to clean both Fawk Reserve Hall and Croydon in the short term.

15. CLUBROOMS BOOKING COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 15.1. In Bob Yates's absence, there was no report.

16. FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

- 16.1. Rod Crawford reported: In the general interests of historic vehicle safety, he raised the issue of their clear visibility using red rear lights at the last Federation Meeting. The Federation Secretary had raised the issue with Sarah Clark of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.
- 16.2. Discussion ensued amongst members about the appropriate colour and intermittency of such lights; More information will follow.

17. EVENTS AND RUNS COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- 17.1. Adam Jones is seeking Organisers for the 2025 Calendar.

18. PAST EVENTS:

- 18.1. *Mid-Year Dinner* on Saturday 15 June 2024; Organiser: Maxine Martin; The Tower Hotel; Tony Russell said it was a great dinner, both the venue and meal were good.

19. FUTURE EVENTS – CLUB ORGANISED:

- 19.1. Monthly Run on Sunday, 21 July 2024; Organiser: David Carver; David spoke about the run details: Auchendarroch is a bistro lunch; SteamRanger is anticipated to be a steam locomotive.
- 19.2. *President's Run* on Sunday, 18 August 2024; Organiser: Adam Jones; Destination is the Barossa Valley Chocolate Factory with morning tea location still being planned; Start and other details included in July 2024 edition of Buzzer Box; RSVP to Adam essential to secure lunch booking.
- 19.3. September Monthly Run to Old Tailm Town on Sunday, 15 September 2024; Organiser: Paul Van Ruth Run.
- 19.4. Monthly Run in October 2024: Organiser Ian Russell advised he is working on some ideas.

19.5. Monthly Run on Sunday, 17 November 2024; Organiser: Kingsley Taylor; destination being confirmed.

19.6. 2025 Annual Run to Strathalbyn on Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April 2025; Organiser: Kingsley & Jenny Taylor; if not already, motel rooms need to be booked.

20. FUTURE EVENTS - INVITATION:

20.1. Nil.

21. GENERAL BUSINESS:

21.1. Nil.

22. MYSTERY OBJECT REVEAL:

22.1. Object #1: A late T Ford wheel brace that suits wire wheels and that is a part of a Model T Ford tool kit

22.2. Object #2: A Bag needle protector that fits over your hand to push needles through wheat bags and similar to what a Saddler would have used for sewing leather.

23. RAFFLE DRAW:

23.1. Doretta Hills conducted the raffle draw, thanked everyone for their support and reminded everyone that the proceeds go to Operation K9. Applause

24. CLASSIFIEDS:

24.1. All classifieds to be emailed to Bob Yates who will coordinate future classified advertisements and to be included in Buzzer Box.

24.2. Matthew Edwards had two oil containers that he is trying to sell for a work colleague.

24.3. Adrian Probert spoke of former member Ian Wilson having a 1922 four door Tourer 'Thomas the Tank Engine' and that car is now back in Adelaide and will be for sale in August. Adrian will seek further information.

25. NEXT MEETINGS:

25.1. Annual General Meeting: Immediately after this General Meeting.

25.2. Buzzer Box Night: Wednesday, 31 July 2024 from 5.00pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.

25.3. Committee Meeting: Wednesday 31 July 2024 at 6.15pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.

25.4. General Meeting: Wednesday, 7 August 2024 at 7.00pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.

26. MEETING CLOSURE:


26.1. The President invited all those present to take a five-minute break whilst we prepare for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting.

26.2. Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

FOR SALE

Ian Oates has many Model T parts for sale including:

1927 chassis with block trans cover heads full diff turns nicely two wire wheels with one rear hub two 21inch wood wheels 2 radius rods front and rear springs pair radius rods vet running board brackets vintage motor near complete full diff enclosed early robe rail suit T Ford good uni joint lots of body brackets suit veteran ford - Ian Oates 0429001910

A decorative birthday card with a pink ribbon border. The ribbon is tied into bows at the corners. The left side of the border is decorated with a vertical string of pink and white balloons. On the right side, a bottle of pink champagne is visible. The background is dark with gold starburst effects. The names of the guests are listed in the center in a white serif font.

**Brenton Starker
Vernon Egel
Joan Kleing
Myles Murray
David Ward
Steven Andrews
Glenda Groves
Scott Robinson
Graham Warner
John Fox
John Schulz
Stephen Koets
Robert Balfour
Mitch Taylor
Frankie Bennett
Carol Clarke
Doretta Hills
Ebony Russell
Catherine Trenorden**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

3rd July 2024

1. WELCOME:

- 1.1. Meeting commenced at 8.01 pm.
- 1.2. The President welcomed everyone present to this AGM at the new Clubrooms with the same preamble as for the earlier General Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES:

- 2.1. Bob Yates, Paul Van Ruth, Peter & Merwyn Perry, Trevor Norley, John & Lyn Scorgie, Robbie Trunks, Myles Murray, Anthony Bennett and Lindsay & Tony Nash as for the earlier General Meeting plus John Clarke and Shane Murray who left after the General Meeting.

3. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 5TH JULY 2023:

- 3.1. As distributed by email from the President on 26 July 2023 and dealt with at the 2 August 2023 General Meeting. At that meeting, the minutes were moved for acceptance by Bob Yates and seconded by Dale La Vars; Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil.

5. VALE:

- 5.1. The President called for a minute silence to remember those members, family and friends who have passed during the past 12 months.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 6.1. The Treasurer outlined a reconciliation of accounts for the 2023/24 year ended 30 June 2024; The Club made a \$500 loss over the reporting period which he considered as a reasonable outcome considering the breadth of activities of the Club. An account has been established for the SA Government grant for the Solar Battery Project and this has significantly elevated the Club's balance sheet.

Moved: Allan Bennett, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Seconded, Tony Russell; Carried.

7. PATRON'S ADDRESS:

- 7.1. Patron Tony Williams delivered his address: It was an honour to be standing up in front of you in my role. I thank the Club for the sausage sizzle tonight. I thank the past Committee, Past Presidents and John for his work and continuity with the Clubrooms Project. I respect the perseverance and tenacity of the Club members and look forward to a further long period of occupation here at Croydon. We have challenges ahead including hosting the 2027 National Rally. I wish all members well and do not lose the road map; Address followed by an applause.
- 7.2. The President thanked Tony for his efforts during the past year.

8. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

- 8.1. Adam Jones delivered his address, followed by an applause; This address will be published in the August 2024 edition of Buzzer Box.

9. ANNUAL TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

- 9.1. The President advised that the Committee considered nominations for the Annual Awards and decided at its last meeting on the recipients for annual trophies and they were awarded as follows:
- 9.2. *Clubman of the Year*: John Eastick announced by the Treasurer for John's sterling job and spending many hours on the Clubrooms Project with no-one here tonight being more deserving of this trophy; Applause to John; In response, John said that he was honoured to receive the award and it recognises a long journey since eviction. He believes the building to be outstanding and represents a fantastic outcome for all of the resident clubs and looks forward to its long life over many years to come.
- 9.3. *Lizzie Lady*: Maxine Martin announced by the President for Maxine stepping up to the role of Secretary and her work on the Buzzer Box. The award is well deserved; Applause to Maxine; In response, Maxine thanked Adam for re-involving her in the Club and it has been really good returning after a break.
- 9.4. *Restoration of a Model T*: No award made.
- 9.5. *Annual Run Road Points*: David & Christine Kimber announced by Adam Jones on behalf of himself and Albert Jones as joint Organisers of the 60th Year Celebration Tour. Adam spoke of the Kimbers having travelled the whole Tour in their Model T Ford and travelling the furthest to get to the start location and get back home to Loxton. The car is open, no doors and no cover so they were travelling in the cold weather conditions that prevailed. They were always smiling and had a wonderful time; Applause to David (and Christine, not present); In response, David said he was shocked to receive this award and agreed it was a big and stoic effort, particularly for Christine who would have loved to be present tonight.
- 9.6. Presentation photos were taken and the President congratulated John, Maxine and David & Christine Kimber for their respective awards and this was met with an applause.

10. DECLARATION OF ALL CURRENT POSITIONS VACANT:

- 10.1. The President declared all positions vacant with the exception of the Patron, Historic Vehicle Authorised Officers, the Vehicle Dating Committee, the Audit Committee, Public Officer and the Project Manager. The Patron, the Authorised Officers, the Committees, Public Officer and the Project Manager will continue without change and election.
- 10.2. The President handed the chair to Life Member and a Past President Adrian Probert to conduct the election for the 2024/25 positions.
- 10.3. Adrian commenced by saying that it had been a long time since he had been in this position chairing a Club meeting and thanked the outgoing President and Committee for what had been a challenging year for various reasons, including the Clubrooms Project. With the assistance of the Secretary, Adrian conducted the elections; For each position, he sought advice from the Secretary about any pre-nominations that were handed to her during or after the break and also asked for any further nominations from the floor. All filled positions were applauded when announced.

PRESIDENT:

Nomination and agreed to continue: Adam Jones

Agreed and passed; position filled.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Previous nomination received and agreed to continue: **Bob Yates** (absent)
Agreed and passed; position filled.

SECRETARY:

Nomination and agreed to continue: **Maxine Martin**
Agreed and passed; position filled.

TREASURER:

No nominations received.
Position not filled and Committee to resolve.

COMMITTEE:

David Carver: previously agreed to continue.
Mik Bojko: previously agreed to continue.
Matthew Edwards: previously agreed to continue.
Albert Jones: previously agreed to continue.
Paul Van Ruth: previously agreed to continue.
Nomination received and agreed: John Eastick.
Nomination received and agreed: Ian Russell.
Nomination received and agreed: Kingsley Taylor.
Eight positions passed and filled.

OTHER POSITIONS:

Minute Secretary Committee Meetings:

Previous self-nomination received: **Paul Van Ruth** (absent)
Agreed and passed; position filled.

Minute Secretary General Meetings:

Nomination received: **John Eastick**
Agreed and passed; position filled.

At this point, Adrian passed his heartfelt thanks to John for his communications with Council for the new Clubrooms which has required diplomacy.

Clubrooms Booking Coordinator:

Previous nomination received and agreed to continue: **Bob Yates** (absent)
Agreed and passed; position filled.

Events and Runs Coordinator:

Nomination and agreed to continue: **Adam Jones**
Agreed and passed; position filled:

Federation Representative:

Nomination and agreed to continue: **Rod Crawford**
Agreed and passed; position filled.

Clubrooms Maintenance Coordinator:

Nomination and agreed to continue: **Albert Jones**
Agreed and passed; position filled.

Fundraising Officer:

Previous incumbent Doretta Hills declined the role and went on to suggest the Committee, in the first instance, needs to evaluate new forms of fundraising

going forward and potentially redefine the role. Doretta advised that it is difficult to gather worthwhile prizes with the current format and in her opinion, the Committee needs to derive a way where the moneys raised were a 100% contribution to charity.

Position not filled and Committee to resolve a way forward with fundraising.

Adrian thanked Doretta for her great efforts for the last two years.

Supper Coordinator:

Nomination and agreed to continue: **Doretta Hills**

Agreed and passed; position filled.

Librarian:

Nomination and agreed to continue: **Neil Hofmeyer**

Agreed and passed; position filled.

Property Officer:

Nomination received: **Kingsley Taylor**

After a brief explanation about the role, Kingsley agreed.

Agreed and passed; position filled.

Buzzer Box Editor:

Nomination: **Maxine Martin**

Maxine only prepared to collate each edition with the expectation of assistance from the Committee and members generally.

Adrian commented that Buzzer Box is a wonderful magazine, and he enjoys receiving each edition and appreciates everyone's efforts to produce it.

With all positions dealt with, Adrian thanked the President, Secretary and Committee for the good runs and new Clubrooms and how everything appeared to run smoothly. He thanked all those that have accepted positions and to please continue with the good work.

Adrian then handed the chair to the incoming President Adam Jones to continue with the meeting. This was met with applause.

Adam thanked Adrian for conducting the election process.

11. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

11.1. The President delivered his address; This address will be published in the August 2024 edition of Buzzer Box.

11.2. In addition, the President acknowledged Jenny Taylor for her support of the Treasurer Kingsley Taylor for the past 6 years.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

12.1. Tony Russell spoke of the 8&10 Sidevalve Club's Invitation Run on Sunday 28 July 2024 and how two other Ford Clubs are planning on attending.

13. NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

13.1. Wednesday, 2 July 2025 at Croydon.

14. MEETING CLOSED:

14.1. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them for cake, a coffee, and a chat. Ian Oates was thanked for providing the cake.

14.2. The meeting closed at 8.40pm with applause.

IN COMING PRESIDENTS REPORT

As spoken by Adam Jones at the AGM

I promise I will not babble on for too long as I'm sure you are all sick of hearing my voice by now.

Thanks again for having me lead the Model T Ford Club into the next 12 months. I'm excited to see what the next 12 months holds. We have new clubrooms to enjoy and lots of exciting events coming up for the rest of this year. Please try and support the organisers and come along, even if its only one or two runs a year.

The one thing that has brought us all together is the Model T Ford, but our club extends beyond our cars, It's the long-lasting friendships that have been formed with like-minded people. **That's what I love most about this club.**

A huge heartfelt thank you goes out to the retiring committee members that have given up so much of their precious time to help keep the club running smoothly.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy your retirement.

Thank you to the new members of your committee including those that have change or taken on new responsibilities for the coming year. The committee is an extremely important part of the Model T Ford Club, and we simply cannot function without you.

This brings me to the remaining committee/Office bearers in particulate David Carver who is just starting his 46th consecutive year serving on your committee and Mik Bojko just stating his 40th consecutive year. I think you all would agree with me that, that is one very impressive achievement.

Last but not least I think it's extremely important to say thankyou to all of you, the general members, as without you we simply don't have a club

Anyway, enough from me at this time and before we get back into the AGM I would like to leave you with another little joke

3 old gentlemen are sitting on a park bench, The first gentlemen says "It's Windy", The Second Gentleman says "No, Thirsdy" then the third Gentleman says "Me too lets go to the pub for a drink"

Thank you

Greetings Model T Ford Club members

Hoping you are all warm and well. It was terrific to see so many members attending our recent 2024 AGM in the Club's 60th year at the new Port Road Plantation Reserve Clubrooms by Queen St Croydon with car park entry off King Street. I am very pleased and proud to be your Patron #4 in my fourth year. To work with you all and the Club Committee has been sensational to get this outcome with the partnership of City of Charles Sturt and the Federal Government Grant. The new clubrooms cost well over one million dollars. Location Location! Like winning the Lottery!

Of course it has been a journey of trials and tribulations after Council had to evict us from the old damaged clubrooms est. 1934 – 71 as Croydon Bowls Club then Barney's Rascals Netball Club early 1970's, and MTFCA from 1995. Change is constant, rust never sleeps nor do termites apparently. Our past Club's leadership members especially Sarah, John, David, Kingsley tenaciously demonstrated again patience, persistence and perseverance to aspire to the best for the relocation transition processes after the venue upheavals. The vision and long term goals have been achieved and now celebrated. At the AGM, I was very impressed with the new premises in the company of all our Club members, the new elected Committee led by President Adam Jones, Secretary Maxine Martin, Vice President Bob Yates with other returning Committee members including retiring Treasurer Kingsley who still remains on the Committee. Also, to see past Presidents David Carver, Trevor Martin, John Eastick, Tony Russell, Adrian Probert, Allan Bennett and Mik Bojko enjoying the meeting too was a big bonus.

We have arrived here thanks to the energy, commitment and enthusiasm of members over 60 years.

Congratulations to all involved with our Great Club.

Cheers for the next 10 years and please pass the roadmap!

Cheers

Patron Tony



November Club Run

Strawberry Fete

SINCE 1927

Sunday 24th

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The logo for the Macclesfield Strawberry Fete is a rectangular emblem with a red border. At the top, a semi-circular banner contains the word 'MACCLESFIELD' in black capital letters. Below this, the words 'Strawberry Fete' are written in a large, stylized, red font with white outlines and a drop shadow. The background of the emblem is a light pink and white checkered pattern. Several strawberries with green leaves are scattered around the text. At the bottom, a white banner with a black outline contains the text 'SINCE 1927' in black capital letters. The entire logo is set against a white background.



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