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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 22/23

Dean Roberts (president@modelafordclub.com.au)

It has come time for me to write my final President's Report (for now). After much consideration I decided not to run for a further term as President of the Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia. As most of you are aware, it has been a tough couple of years for me and my family and we still have a way to go. This has meant I can not put the time into the role that I feel the position needs.

Committee

Our club can only run well if we have a good and involved committee supporting the President, which I can say I have had.

- Secretary Kathleen (keeping me on track and in-line)
- Treasurer Anne (making sure our finances are in order)
- Vice President Allan (filling in for me when I have been absent and providing advice where needed)
- Committee Horace, Andrae, Ian (giving valued input based on their diversity of experience)

Positions

The volunteers who take on appointed positions are the backbone of the club, without which we could not operate.

- Editor and Website Ian Steer
- Regalia Marilynn Horgan
- Library Dianne and Ian Paisley
- Property Ray Mahony
- Events Coordinator Horace Misko
- CMC Delegate Toni Mahony and Dean
- Printing and posting of newsletter Daniel Pinnington
- Registrar Jean Misko
- Spare parts David Bussard (now taken on by Daniel)

Items of Note

There are a few items that should be noted for 2022-23

• New Members Directory (Ross Letch)

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Front Cover: John Moorehead being presented with his Life Member's badge at the AGM









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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 22/23 (CONT)

Dean Roberts

- Parts store purchase & shifting Allan, Horace, Peter Sartori, Daniel
- Goulburn National Meet (Brett and Paul, Moores, Mahonys, Wes Hartley & Beverley Biggs)
- Christmas lunch (Brett Pollock, Paul Kelly, Marilynn & Anne)
- Cook's Tour (Kukerin, Bremer, Katanning) Kaye & Johnno Cook
- Daniel's 2023 Club Calendar
- Albany selected as the venue for the WA 2026 National Meet and committee formed of Andrae (President), Daniel (Treasurer), Ray, Toni, Gary Moore, Brett and Paul

Club Runs

We have had a number of club runs for 2022-23 club year, but if it wasn't for the regulars and extra effort by a certain member, we would have been a little short.

Christmas Lights Run (Daniel Pinnington) Feb movie night - World's Fastest Indian (Daniel Pinnington) Manning Park January run (Steers) 2nd Gymkhana (Andrae & Gary) Pinjarra/Dwellingup (Ray Major) Bassendean Breakfast Meeting (Anthony Gilberthorpe) Classic Car Show Oakover Grounds Coffee Run (Ron Andrews) Brookton Old Time Motor Show (Peter Sartori) Giants Run (Daniel Pinnington) Wheatbelt Tour (Edith Jeffree) Whiteman Park Run (Peter Sartori) Chidlow Inn Run (Steers) Coast Cruise for Classics (Daniel Pinnington) De Ja Vu Busselton Rally (Wes and Beverley)

One of the things I would like to see is more of our members attending Club Runs and events. I know that can be hard with some members living in the country, others doing fly in – fly out jobs and some with family commitments, but it would be nice to catch up with a few more people.

I am not the only person stepping down this year. I would like to thank Kathleen for the 12 years that she has been Club Secretary. Kathleen's assistance has been invaluable not just to me, but to the club as a whole.

On a final note, it has been my privilege to be in the role of President over the last few years and to be involved in different aspects of the club for 11 plus years. I plan to take a break for a while and support my family and, in particular, my wife Jenni.

Also a thank you to Ian and Anne Steer for providing the data in this report.

I wish the incoming President and Committee every success for the future and may you all enjoy many miles on the road together.

Dean Roberts, Outgoing President 2023.

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Andrae Moore (secretary@modelafordclub.com.au)

Hello all and thank you for allowing me to be the Club Secretary for the next 12 months. Thank you to Kathleen for the past 12 years as Secretary and I wish her well for the future. You have done a great job and I appreciate the offer to advise me if required while I find my feet.

For those of you who don't know me and see me as a relatively new addition to the club, I have actually been around the club for a very long time. Despite my husband Gary and I becoming 'new members' in 2019, buying my first Model A in 2019 (Michelle - a 1928 Tudor from Frank Farrelly) and then purchasing my second Model A in 2022 (Belynda - a 1928 Pick Up from Coral Blewett), I have actually been in the club, or in the shadows of the club, for my whole life.

I have very fond memories of trips every year to Kirup at Easter, in Mum and Dad's (Ray and Toni Mahony) 1929 Phaeton (Elizabeth), camping in the shearing shed, sliding down the hills, running away from the bulls and being Dad's navigator in the gymkhana in the next paddock. I have attended every National Meet that has been held in Western Australia, as well as Goulburn last year, and I am looking forward to Maryborough in 2024 and Albany in 2026.

I know I will probably do things differently to Kathleen, as I'm sure others will be different to their predecessors. But different can be good. They say a change is as good as a holiday, so let us see. Please bear with us as we settle into our roles, and to make the committee's jobs easier (and so we don't have to pester anyone), please don't delay in submitting forms and making payments.

On that topic, membership renewals for 2024 are attached to this newsletter, and the Christmas lunch numbers are also required soon. Also, remember there are <u>new bank details</u> for the club.

See you all at the Senior Jeffree's for Hubley night!!

Andrae

Email address change: Please amend your membership book and records for Ian Steer's new personal email address of <u>ian@steerwa.au</u> (old address was iansteer@iinet.net.au)

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MARC WA Life Members: Bill & Mavis Spencer (1987), Max & Dora Annear (2000), Ray & Toni Mahony (2004), Barrie & Gwen Guest (2006), Reg & Coral Blewett (2020), Alan & Edith Jeffree (2020), Steve Read (2020), John Moorehead (2023)

EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

(editor@modelafordclub.com.au)

I hope people are interested in reading about what other members are fixing and improving on their Model A (because you hear enough about mine). These cars are all *very* old and need heaps of work to keep them going - or is it just mine?

• Write me a few words (and it really doesn't need to be much - just a sentence or two) and include a photo if relevant for the "**Members Shed Activities**" section in the newsletter.

When you take that special photo of your Model A, don't forget to send it to me as a potential newsletter **cover photo**.



October Birthdays

Michael Beattie	Wayne Millman
Beverley Biggs	Phillip Raccuia
Guy Harrison	Steve Read
Barry Howard	Nathan Roberts
Paul Kelly	Anne Steer
Micheal Le Roy	lan Steer
Kerry McPharlin	Greg Wade
Darlene Mallett	

2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCH VENUE

Ian Steer

While members present at the January meeting were happy with the 2023 Christmas Lunch venue at the Mosman Park Bowling Club, there seems to be some desire for change for 2024. The current organising committee are all stepping back from the role for next year. Regardless of what venue is selected, it would be good to have it selected sooner rather than later so it can be booked well prior to December (before other organisations get their act into gear and book it out).

So, please contact any member of the committee if:

- 1. You would like to be involved in selecting the 2024 venue and organising the event, or
- 2. You have any suggestions for an alternative venue.

Things to be considered in selecting a venue:

- Price (of course)
- Menu offerings
- Is it a walk-in-walk-out venue? (or do we have to setup tables, provide decorations etc)
- Capacity
- Location
- Buffet or table service

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Edith Jeffree

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

September was a busy month on the club calendar with some hard decisions made on which events to attend. This month's Hubley racing event (organised and hosted by Club Legends Alan and Edith Jeffree) is on again and the competition will again be fierce. Huge thanks to the Jeffree family, always a great event. The Nungarin searchlight event has many members both MARCWA and VCCC attending. Thanks to Wayne Millman for organising this special event at the Nungarin Military Museum. The Bay to Birdwood event in Adelaide has some members attending, again organised by Wayne Millman.

Horace Misko (outgoing Events Coordinator)

MARC WA Hubley Racing Saturday 14th October

4pm until late

Location: Jeffree's house, Dianella

October

Event:

Date:

Time:

Details:

Event:	MARC WA Nungarin Searchlight Trip
Date:	Saturday night 7 th October
Details:	Incudes the "special event" lighting of the WWII anti-aircraft searchlight. Wayne currently has 36
	MARC WA and Collie VCCC members going to this event!
Organiser	Please let Wayne Millman know if you are interested ph: 0408 477 472

BYO BBQ choice, drinks and chairs. Edith will provide salads and sweets, tea and coffee. All club

members welcome (you don't have to own a racer to be part of the afternoon/evening - there are always spare cars to be allocated) Organiser: Allan & Edith Jeffree (please RSVP)

	October
Dates:	Leaving Perth/Collie 16 th October, returning by 28 th October - actual Bay-Birdwood Sunday 22 nd
Event:	MARC WA Bay to Birdwood in South Australia

Details: Open to pre-1993 cars, maximum number of entrants is 1700, registration to participate in the event is essential. See Bay to Birdwood website for more information. A proposed itinerary for travel to and from the event is available (contact Wayne), and contact details for accommodation options can be emailed to members who are interested in attending

Organiser: Wayne Millman (0408 477 472)

November

Event: MARC WA Hugh Manning Tractor & Machinery Museum, Serpentine

Date: Sunday 5th November

Time: 10:30am for 11am departure

Location: Wells Park, Kwinana

Details: Entry to the Museum is \$5 per person. Bring a picnic lunch. Plenty of parking and a public barbeque is available. No meeting is planned for this event.

Organiser: Ray Major (0435 616 820)

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Edith Jeffree

Event: Classic Car Run - Cities of Canning & Cockburn

Date: Sunday 12th November

Time: Noon for a 1pm departure

Location: Woodloes Homestead, 39 Woodloes St, Cannington

Details: Open to anyone with a classic car. Travel to Azelia Ley Museum (Manning Park, Hamilton Hill) via WWII radar detection camps, Chinese & Croatian market gardens, Pensioner Guard Settlements, lime kilns and Australia's oldest crematorium at Woodman Point Quarantine Station. Free entry (gold coin donation at museums). The route will take about an hour and a half, and finish with a free cuppa and sausage sizzle at Azelia Ley. Bookings aren't necessary although it would help with numbers for catering and printing. Booking via Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/728003166067?aff=oddtdtcreator Phone enquiries to Geoff Moor,

Heritage Services, City of Canning ph: 0418 929 035

Organiser: Horace Misko

December

Event:	MARC WA Christmas Lunch
Date:	Sunday 3 rd December
Time:	Arrive at noon for a 12:30 lunch
Location:	Mosman Park Bowling Club
Details:	See page 9

January

Event: MARC WA Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday 21st January

Time: 9:30am to 2pm

Location: Azelia Ley Museum – Manning Park – Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill

Details: Members are encouraged to visit the museum, especially the Wagon Houses that display all sorts of vintage machinery.

Organiser: Anne Steer

March

Event:Classic Car ShowDate:Sunday March 17thTime:tbaLocation:Ascot RacecourseDetails:tbaOrganiser:tba

September

Event: 2024 National Meet

Date: 1st September - 8th September

Location: Maryborough, Queensland

Details: Check under the "28th Biennial Meet" heading on the Queensland club website - includes proposed itinerary, Early Bird Booking Form and accommodation options: <u>https://modelafordqld.wixsite.com/website</u>

Organiser: Model A Ford Club of Queensland

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Edith Jeffree

Monthly

Event:LBW (Leeming, Bullcreek, Willetton) Coffee RunDate:1st Tuesday of every month (except January)Time:10amLocation:RAAFA Club, Air Force Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull CreekOrganiser:Steve Seddon (VCCC)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ian Steer

Ray & Toni Mahony very generously opened their house to host the Annual General Meeting on Sunday October 1st (since the VCCC no longer rent their premises to other organisations). The new sausage sizzle cooks (Ray Mahony and myself) may not have met the high standards of Frank Farrelly and Colin Davidson (members certainly didn't get caramelised onions like Frank's!) - but stomachs seemed to get filled with no (audible) complaints. The forecast rain held-off just long-enough to get the meeting completed, and the afternoon tea was more than adequate to fill everyone's "sweets compartments".

The following changes of people happened at the AGM:

- New President Ray Mahony
- New Secretary Andrae Moore
- New Events Coordinator Edith Jeffree
- New committee members Darren Jeffree and Jean Misko

Sadly, the expected hot competition for a permanent Newsletter Editor did not eventuate, so there was no change there.



MARC members at the AGM at the Mahony's house



MARC members at the AGM at the Mahony's house



John Moorehead speaking after he received his Life Member's Award

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

2023 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: Sunday, 3rd December - 12.00, lunch at 12.30

Venue: Mosman Park Bowling Club, 39 Bay View Terrace, Mosman Park

<u>Cost</u>: \$55 per head for members

\$60 per head for non-members

Please notify your intention of coming by email or phone to Treasurer, Anne Steer as soon as possible, but definitely by 15th November: <u>isteer@iinet.net.au</u>, <u>treasurer@modelafordclub.com.au</u> or 0407 867 703. Payment also by 15th November:

EFT - payment to our <u>NEW CBA Bank Account (different from last year)</u> BSB: 066 164 Account Number: 1062 1294 Reference: "SURNAME Xmas"

Cheques - can be posted to Anne at 7 Gransmoor Way, Willetton, 6155

<u>MENU</u>

Glazed leg ham platters Turkey breast roll Gravy and condiments

Assorted roast vegetables

Broccoli, bacon and cranberry salad Orange, prawn and avocado salad Tomato, red onion and basil salad Snowpea, apple and nut salad Fruit and rice salad

Dinner rolls and butter

Christmas pudding with creamy brandy sauce Tea, coffee and chocolates

> DRINKS Iced water on each table All other drinks to be purchased



DÉJÀ UU BUSSELTON RALLY

Wes Hartley

After much anticipation, attendees were welcomed on the evening of Thursday 14th September to Rally HQ at the home and grounds of Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs in Busselton, to part re-enact the 23rd National Model A Meet hosted nine years earlier in September 2014 by the Model A Restorers Club of WA.

It was called *The 2023 Déjà vu Rally*, designed with a flexible program, particularly for those whose work commitments only enabled them to be present for part of the proceedings.

After liberal refreshments, participants were presented with specially made cloth rally bags that contained much-needed information, such as route schedules, list of participants, locality map; all things necessary for the serious rallying planned over the following four days.

At 8.30am on Friday 15th October our Model As, along with Peter Sartori's XL Falcon and Dean Robert's FE Holden gathered ahead of a 9.00am start for a 125 mile run (200 kms) that took in Carbunup River, Wildwood Road, statutory coffee on Caves Road, before travelling to the exquisite beauty of the Karri



Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

trees of the Boranup Forest, ahead of arrival in Augusta for lunch.

Following lunch it was on to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, where the Southern Ocean and Indian Ocean meet. The weather was wild and windy.



Boranup Forest

Some chose to explore the excellent maritime museum, while the hardy took the 200-odd steps to the top of the lighthouse, an unbelievable feat of 19th Century engineering and construction skill. Replicating the wild descriptions of roaring seas, fearful for mariners, who were dependent on Leeuwin's saving light, we literally pushed ourselves out onto the external parapet, with winds so fierce that we were being blown backwards.

Then it was the descent for resuming our journey, this time back through Margaret River, Cowaramup, then Jindong-Treeton Road, before heading back to Busselton Rally HQ after a long and event-filled day. Numerous Model A stories were part of the *Nibble and Natter* session, before

preparations were make for Rally Day No. 2.

Day 2 of the Rally on Saturday 16th September was a shorter run of 60 miles (100 kms) that took in the distinctive coastal beauty of Dunsborough, Sugarloaf Rock and Cape Naturaliste, before heading to Yallingup for lunch, overlooking the wilds of the Indian Ocean. This was followed by a short journey to Canal Rocks, prior to arrival at Simmo's for much anticipated coffee and ice cream, before returning to Busselton Rally HQ.

Saturday evening was a fully-catered BBQ, in addition to many additional offerings of food, wine and dessert, culminating with the cutting of a specially decorated *Déjà vu Rally* cake. All agreed that it had been a great day of fun and fellowship - the stuff of which Model As seem to bring out in all of us.

Sunday 17th September was a special day as we collaborated with the Busselton Chapter of the Veteran and Classic Car Club of WA as they hosted the annual *"Joe Steddy Rally"*. There was a delightful variety of cars assembled for viewing, before we set off on a gentle run of 60 miles (100 kms), with lots of rally questions to be



Déjà vu Rally cake Cont. over

DÉJÀ UU BUSSELTON RALLY (CONT)

Wes Hartley

answered by the more alert, concluding with a generous lunch at Sharp's Motor Museum.

In the latter part of Sunday afternoon, several took the opportunity to experience the Busselton Underwater Observatory, along with a trip on the Jetty train, before everyone gathered at The Equinox for an early fish and chip dinner by the ocean, watching the sun gradually set on another great day.



Underwater Observatory

The fourth and longest day of rallying was on



Rally HQ

Monday 18th September that involved a journey of 150 miles (240kms), which began with a pleasant run of 40 miles to Nannup for morning tea and a brief tour of the town, before

heading out on the Balingup-Nannup Road to Kevin and Margaret Bird's property to view the world's largest wooden clock built by Kevin from natural WA

timbers. Many marveled at the sheer ingenuity of the construction and the manner in which time pieces were developed from the 15th to 19th Centuries, revolutionising the whole concept of time and space. Parallels were drawn of the power of human ingenuity of the likes of Henry Ford who took hold of a fledgling automotive idea and turned it into a reality that literally changed the world.



Wooden Clock

We then motored through the forest canopy towards Balingup for lunch, then to Kirup and Donnybrook for afternoon tea. The return journey to Rally HQ, was via Capel, then the back roads of Tutunup, Ludlow and

Hithergreen, before heading back to Busselton after another eventful day of motoring.



On the Monday evening, the *Déjà vu Rally* team took over the Emerald Chinese Restaurant in Busselton for a sumptuous feast, as a fitting way to conclude 420 miles (675 kms) of Model A motoring over four days, through some of the most beautiful scenery in Australia.

On Tuesday morning, 19th September, participants gathered for a sumptuous breakfast at Rally HQ ahead of journeys

back to Perth. Everyone spoke of their delight at being able to participate and the quality of the facilities at Rally HQ. Ron Andrews observed the food was *"to die for"*. Certainly no one went home hungry. The only note of disappointment expressed was that more had not been able to avail themselves of the opportunity.

However, it was unanimously agreed that regional events such as the Busselton *Déjà vu Rally* add a great deal to the variety of opportunities the Club provides, highlighting anticipation of the 29th National Model A Meet that our club will host in Albany during October 2026.

MUST HAVE TOURING ACCESSORY

Allan Jeffree

This kettle was purchased for just a few dollars here in Perth as an interesting item off the internet, by Darren and Germaine Jeffree.

It is made for picnicking in your car. It is 12 or 24v and boils water in 5 minutes with enough water for 3 cups. It was purchased new here in WA in 1968 from Drover Leeds Supplies 915/197 Hay Street Perth.

A novelty item to display on your Model A outings!!



Wouldn't it be fabulous to see Guido Meens' beautiful 1930 Deluxe Coupe on a club run or two?

MODEL A COMINGS AND GOINGS

The 1928 Panel Van mentioned in last month's newsletter was bought by new member Mark Quinn.

TECHNICAL TIP

Allan Jeffree

De-Rusting and Coating a Model A Fuel tank

With all my panel preparation, I start the de-rusting by placing the rusty panel in an old "bath" of water, with a hand full of washing soda thrown in. Then I connect an old computer power supply (12V) to it and leave it for several days (depending on size). The positive goes to a sacrificial anode in the water, and the negative goes to the panel. This is **most Important** - get it wrong and the process eats away your panel. If the object doesn't get fully covered with water, just do half at a time.

The photo shows me de-rusting a Model A fuel tank, half at a time. The anode is any piece of steel (larger for large objects being de-rusted). The amount of time you leave it in depends on the amount of rust - could take one day or three. After the bath, sand off the remaining rust and Ranex the cleaned surface and keep dry until undercoating.



Then to clean the inside of my tank, I selected a jam tin of blue metal with pieces approximately a half inch in size

Electrolytic de-rusting in process

and tipped them into the tank. I then tumbled it attached to my cement mixer for two days. It is **very** noisy - you need good neighbours! The reason for knowing the number of pieces of blue metal is to make sure you've got all the pieces out once finished.



Looking at the photo to the left, you will see why it takes time to get the blue metal out - each corner of these divisions has small cut off corners. I have also used this method to clean out the water jacket in a Model A block.

Inside a Model A fuel tank

To coat the inside of the tank, there is a product available from your vehicle parts shops which is a three step process. Just follow their instructions.

The Model A tank has several compartments, so I placed my tank back on our cement mixer for tumbling for each step. I have a fitting which attached to my camera and here is a photo of the inside once complete!



Nice even distribution of the internal sealer

MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

Daniel Pinnington had to provide close supervision as Peter Sartori, Ron Andrews and Gerry ten Bokkel replaced the Clutch Release Arm mechanism arm in his Fordor that failed during the Busselton Déjà vu Rally.











Ian Steer also had a Déjà vu Rally experience (that was much more easily fixed than Daniel's problem).

<u>The symptoms</u>: ammeter waving about all over the place and engine starting to miss and backfire as the car got hotter - then all is good when the car cools down.

<u>The solution</u>: - tighten the bolt on the main cable on the fuse holder that obviously wasn't tightened correctly after the recent wiring loom replacement!

(My theory is the bolt lengthened (and the joint loosened) as the engine bay got hotter, then tightened (to some degree) as the bolt cooled-down.)

My radiator is also ready to be re-installed after the 2nd attempt to get a minor leak (weep) fixed.



MARC OCT ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GOME BY

10 Years Ago: Toni Mahony's write-up of a pre-National Meet exploration run to Busselton by the Miskos, Sartoris, Paisleys and Mahonys.

20 Years Ago: Report on a rainy run by 9 A's from Morley to Toodyay via Bullsbrook to Pat and John Laurie's property.

30 Years Ago: Report on a wildflower run by 9 A's and a modern to Moora, Morawa, Yalgoo, Mt Magnet, Bencubbin, with various mishaps with motel (non)bookings and general shabbiness.

40 Years Ago: Story of a Toni Mahony-organised run that had a lunch stop at Lake Gnangara and finished in Padbury.





