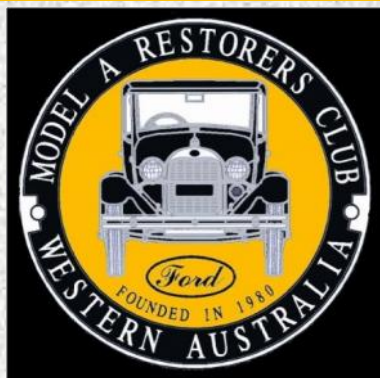




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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kelly

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Well this month has been a pretty busy one for the Club. With the Classic Car Show held this year at Robinson Reserve, for which we had a great turn out and Colin Riley's run on the 26th of April to a secret location which was particularly interesting and well worth the visit. What is also



frightening is Andrae reminding us of how few days there are left before we have our National Rally in Albany. Locals who have not already registered, the Rally Committee encourages you to do so as there could be a limit to the numbers at the Rally dinner. It seems that it is either a feast or famine for National Rally's. I recently registered for the NZ rally which is being held in Blenheim and Nelson in March 2027. I can highly recommend the location at the top of the South Island if anybody is interested in attending. It is a peak holiday period for that location and if contemplating a car ferry crossing from Wellington it needs to be booked early. If anyone is needing help getting their A in shape for Albany, remember we are a great club and there are plenty of fellow members only too keen to help to make sure you (your A that is) are mobile. Finally, there is no organiser for a May run ... a volunteer would be greatly appreciated.



Germaine Jeffree's 1929 Woody, Allan Jeffree's 1929 Ute, Colin Riley's 1928 Coupe



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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While Ian and Anne are venturing across the Nullabor as you read this month's edition, I offered to "attempt" to produce something that resembles a Newsletter—rest assured, Ian your job is very safe (sorry!!). So you may notice this is not the usual format and there are few of the regular topics missing from this edition—my apologies. Nevertheless I hope you enjoy what's been happening within your Club and please Ian—hurry home!!

Potentially interesting items out there on the web

Our very own Website: www.modelafordclub.com.au

The Ford Garage – Model A Technical Reference A legendary technical site with diagrams, engineering notes, and rare factory documentation. <http://www.fordgarage.com/>

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Ray Mahony

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This month we would like to welcome new members Maico (Mike) and Maria Del Borrello from Albany. Mike and Maria are well known by a number of our members and are keen to be a part of the National Meet in October. Mike has purchased a Model A from Bob and Marilyn Horgan. *Read all about "Florence's" farewell on Page 12.*

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

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May

Event: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser—Rally 2026
Date: Sunday, 24th May
Time: 11am
Location: Bayswater Bunnings, 245 Collier Rd, Bayswater WA 6053
Details: Volunteers required, please donate a couple of hours of your time *“many hands make light work”*
Organiser: Ray and Toni Mahony ph: 08 9271 7630

June

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 21st June
Time: 11:30am
Location: Roam Distillery, 445 Morangup Rd, Morangup (between Gidgegannup & Toodyay)
Details: Lunch at Roam Distillery, with distillery tours for those interested. **Their special winter menu is on the next page.**
RSVP to Andrae Moore by June 7th, ph: 0427 773 621 (AH)
Organiser: Andrae Moore

July

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 19th July (proposed)
Details: tba
Organiser: Organiser needed

August

Event: MARC WA Annual General Meeting
Time: Noon for a sausage sizzle (provided) and meeting to start at 1pm.
Date: Sunday 16th August
Details: tba
Organiser: Andrae Moore

September

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 20th September (proposed)
Details: tba
Organiser: Organiser needed

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

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October

Event: MARC WA 29th National Meet
Date: Sunday 18th - Sat 24th October
Location: Albany, West Australia
Details: Get your [Entry Form](#) in, and get your accommodation booked NOW. Refer to the National Meet [web page](#) and [Facebook page](#)

November

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 15th November (proposed)
Details: tba
Organiser: [Organiser needed](#)

Monthly

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

Menu for Roam Distillery for June Run
(refer details previous page)

MENU

Orchard Salad	18
seasonal orchard fruit, kale, walnuts (N, V)	
Pair with: Garden Gimlet	
Spiced Moroccan Soup	18
focaccia (V, GF)	
Pair with: Room Old Fashioned	
Pumpkin & Feta Pizza	23
caramelised onion, rosemary (V, D)	
Pair with: Spicy Prickly Pear Margarita	
Lasagna	25
side salad (GF, D)	
Pair with: Mulberry Lemon Spritz	

Sharing

House Garlic Bread	15
farm olive oil, garlic, parmesan, herbs (V, D)	
Cheese Plate for Two	35
selection of cheeses, crackers, nuts, relish, fruit, quince paste (V, N, D, GFO)	
Grazing Board for Four	110
selection of cheeses & cold meats, nuts, fruit, crackers, relish, house olives, quince paste, focaccia, olive oil dip (N, D)	
make it for two	65

For the kids

Cheese Pizza	12
Mini Meatballs	12
both served w/ dried fruit, crisps & juice box	
Juice Box	3.5
Apple, Orange, Pineapple	

Something Sweet

Check the bar cabinet for today's homemade desserts	
100% Natural La Paleta Icy Poles	5
Raspberry Lemonade, Watermelon, Cucumber Lime, Mango	

Our menu is crafted with seasonal produce from our certified organic biodynamic farm.

What we don't grow, we source from local producers to showcase the best of WA.

This means our menu may change without notice based on freshness and availability.

Please inform us of any dietary needs when ordering.

Although we take care, we cannot guarantee that our kitchen is allergen-free.

(V) Vegetarian (GF) Gluten Free (D) Contains Dairy (N) Contains Nuts (GFO) Gluten Free Option Available

Drinks

Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Solo	4.5
Lemon, Lime & Bitters	5
Soda Water, Tonic Water	3.5

Long black	5
Flat white	5.5
Cappuccino	5.5
Long Mac	5.5
Latte	5.5
Hot chocolate	5
Iced Long Black	6
Iced Latte	6.5
Babyino	1.50

lactose free, almond, skim milk

Selection of teas	4
english breakfast, black, green, mint	

Spirit-free sips

zero alcohol, full flavour

Sunset Roam	10
cranberry, pineapple & lime juice, ginger ale	

Honey Lemon Highball	8
honey syrup, lemon juice, soda water	

Lemon Spritz	8
lemon juice, sugar syrup, 'sonic'	

Virgin Mule	8
ginger ale, lime juice, orange bitters	

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Ian Steer

The Classic Car Show again reminded us why it is the best car show in Perth. The weather was perfect (after they had to postpone the 1st attempt because of the rain/cyclone) and there was a huge turn-out of cars of all sorts. (The organisers said over 12,000 people and an estimated 1300 cars attended.)

While car shows can sometimes seem to drag-on, there are so many cars at this event each year, it is easy to fill-in your day in between chatting to fellow members.



MARC WA was well represented with 8 cars after a few last-minute withdrawals (although I think Brett Pollock sleeping-in counts as a "no-show" rather than a withdrawal). We had a great spot near the trees with plenty of spectators wandering past. Thanks to Colin Riley, Paul Kelly, Allan, Darren, Germaine and Teneille Jeffree, Jason

Fowler, Sam, Tracey and Lucy Furfaro for making the effort to

represent our club. A big thanks to Andrae and Garry Moore for carting the marquee to and fro (even though it had to be in the ute as "Belynda" had refused stubbornly to start on the morning).



Other members I remember seeing popping-in for a chat were Phillip Raccaia (and brother Frank), Adam Milner (and wife Melyssa) and Anne Steer. Of course Peter Sartori and John Moorehead were also at the show, but in other club displays with their cars.

It was fantastic to see member Karl Bellette from Karratha there (although not in the best of circumstances, and the club wishes his wife Gail a speedy recovery). Karl now has 2 Model A's plus a BB truck currently under restoration. If we need proof that showing our cars at events such as this - Karl is it! Karl's interest in Model A's started when he saw our cars at Azelia Ley Homestead / Manning Park a few years ago.



APRIL RUN : BEYOND THE BURBS

Colin Riley



Resting at the Lime Kilns, Yanchep

Sunday 27th April 2026

The day was looking good as cars started to arrive at the Alkimos start point. It was going to be a perfect day for Model A touring with an expected temperature in the mid-twenties. The "OH, F%&@" moment came when someone said I had put "Marion" instead of Marmion Ave in the instructions for the start point. Did that mean we were going to have participants lost before we even started? Fingers crossed, let's hope not. As the 9.30 start rolled around, we decided to head off even though we only had 4 cars. Exiting the car

park with a few blasts on the horns and waves from a few interested onlookers, we were on our way to the morning tea stop. With a leisurely drive of only about 15km up Yanchep Road, we arrived at Lavender Estate for a little sustenance. Some members had covered a fair distance by now, so the fresh lavender scones, strawberry jam and cream seemed pretty inviting. The seven of us (Jerry, Brett, Paul, Darrell & Cerena, Chris & Colin) chatted and put the world affairs in order for about an hour before it was time to depart for our next destination. The old "Yanchep Lime Company" lime kilns were our point of interest and were only



A little dirt



One of the 3 Lime Kilns

about 12km away, with the final 200m of dirt just to keep drivers on their toes. The drive was interesting, winding amongst various fields of vegetable and fruit tree plantings. The old lime kilns (3) were some of many in the area and operated from 1939 to 1970 by Yugoslav immigrant Joe Hribar. We, would be engineers, wandered around for about an hour discussing how we thought the kilns operated, while the girls chatted about secret women's business, I guess? We were all impressed with the place, and it would have made a great place for a bush BBQ picnic lunch. But that was not to be, and our final destination was calling us. (Yanchep National Park)

APRIL RUN : BEYOND THE BURBS

Continued.....

It was now about 1pm, and from the many cars in the car park, it was clear that others had also decided it was a great venue for a day out.

Armed with chairs and lunch packs, we headed for a section of the park away from the crowd and found a picnic table and chairs. Brett and Paul had decided to buy their lunch, but as the café was out of sight, we decided that, following the very filling scones earlier that day, we had plenty of lunch between us to go around. As 2pm rolled around, the members from “down south” started checking their watches and calculating their travel time, so we decided to call it a day and head home.

Although this was only a short day run of about 60km from the start/finish point, it seemed to be long enough and allowed time to explore and chat. Hope all those attending enjoyed the day.

NOTE. *This disclaimer accompanied the trip notes. (Just for a laugh)*

Disclaimer: *The following information is general in nature only, so the organisers accept no responsibility for any, misinterpretations of the route details, vehicle damage, food poisoning, stress, sunburn, demerit points or other unanticipated events leading to damage to vehicle or limb or for any mishaps arising from the driver's attempts to reach the nominated destination.*

Colin & Chris



Four beautiful Ladies

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

172 days to go! (maybe less by the time you read this)

Rally entries close 31 May — don't miss out! If you haven't completed your entry yet, please do so by 31 May. Early entries give the committee a clear idea of numbers and help us plan activities and events with confidence. Entries can be completed online via the [National Meet 2026 Entry Form](#) or a paper form is available via the Club's website.

The rally is shaping up to be a fantastic week, and preparations are well underway. The rally merchandise order forms will be sent to entrants very soon.

Fundraising Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held at **Bayswater Bunnings on Sunday 24 May from 11am**. If you can spare a couple of hours to help, please get in touch with Ray or Toni Mahony.

Donations We are seeking donations of prizes for our raffles, as well as items for the craft sales table at the rally. If you have access to potential prize donors or would like to contribute handmade items, please contact a member of the Rally Committee.

Scrap Metal and Containers for Change collections are also continuing and remain a significant part of our fundraising efforts.

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Marilynn Horgan

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There is also the option of a blue Chambray shirt in both men's and women's sizes for \$55. The Club logo is above the left pocket and there is an option to have your name embroidered above the right pocket for an extra \$5.

Have a look at [Regalia - Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc](#)

Give me a call on 0403 434 004, or email me (marilynnhorgan@iinet.net.au) to place an order.

Regalia can be posted or, if you live in the metro area, I am happy to arrange a suitable drop off for you.

THE UNIVERSAL STORY

Peter and Kaye Eardley

A Very Memorable Day of Model A-ing on our way to Maryborough Qld 2024

We had camped behind the pub at Westmar on the Moonie Highway, in Queensland. Next morning after travelling 12 miles towards Moonie, things went wrong. There was a strong smell of burnt grease and some very serious noise, so I pulled the car up straight away. It locked tight and would not move. The universal joint had broken.



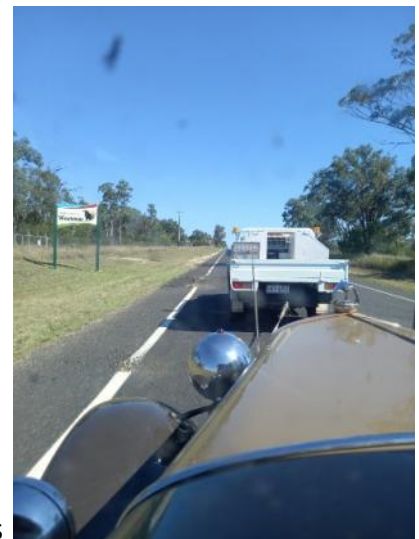
Our car has an overdrive, giving us the option of selecting neutral and enabling it to be towed back to Westmar. Two local shire guys hooked us behind their ute back to Westmar and a nice green area under a shady tree behind the pub.

Maybe those vans have something to do with breaking differentials ?

What a perfect place to fix our problem. Kaye and Janette made a nice cup of tea and biscuits. Out with the front floor mat and boards to get at couplings surrounding the uni joint, removing all bolts. The nuts holding the rear spring were removed, two straps were put



around the diff onto the chassis to support the diff. We jacked the car and took the wheels off, then lowered the diff and spring, using ratchet straps, onto some thin boards on the ground.



We then jacked the car until the spring was clear. The rear brake rods then needed to be disconnected, as well as the speedo cable. The front wheels had been made firm. With the diff now on the ground, we eased it back until the broken bits fell out. We then removed the old parts and put the new uni joint in.

THE UNIVERSAL STORY

Continued.....

Brett Pollock and Colin Riley, who had been in front, had returned to help. Brett had produced, from somewhere, a beautiful new uni joint which was duly fitted.

Some local farmers called in to see the action, making themselves at home and enjoyed the camaraderie of the afternoon.

I will let you work out for yourselves whose legs or bums were under the car. It wasn't me - there had to be a boss!

The job was done by late afternoon, we had a couple of cool frothies with the locals, a bit of a clean-up and went off to the pub for a meal.

Note the equipment used: 1 block 15", 2 small jacks, some small blocks and boards and ratchet pulls, small tools and 3 strong men.

Thanks to the touring party of Kim and Janette Seinor, Brett Pollock and Colin Riley for getting us back on the road.



Brett in the shit again



MODEL A COMINGS AND GOINGS

Marilynn and Bob Horgan

Florence Has a New Home

Bob and Marilyn are very happy to announce that Florence has left home in Greenwood to become the much loved addition to the car fleet of Michael and Maria Del Borrello in Albany.

We purchased Florence from Alma and Ross Letch in 2014 and we have had many adventures and good times with her over the last 12 years however the time had come to hand over her custody to someone else to treasure her. Michael and Maria have promised to keep her name as Florence and have joined our club so we will get to keep in touch.

The morning she left, Alma and Ross came to meet Michael and Maria and share some of her history with them.



L-R : Mike Del Borrello, Ross Letch, Alma Letch, Bob Horgan

MODEL A COMINGS AND GOINGS

Continued.....

It was a combined effort to load the trailer make sure all the ropes were secure and it was with mixed feelings we all watched the car pull out on its trip to Albany. Sad to part with such a beautiful car but absolutely thrilled about her new owners, Michael and Maria and we welcome them to the wonderful world of Model A's ! As fate would have it, Michael and Maria were driven to their wedding by Edith and Allan Jeffree in their magnificent Fordor. It was meant to be!



Ross , Bob and Michael (already in his club shirt !) tending to the tie downs.

FOR SALE

1928 Ford Model AA Truck
Kerry & Lyn McPharlin
(EDITOR: Just before going to print,
Lyn called me and confirmed their
Truck has been sold and is relocating
to sunny Queensland.)



EARLY FORD PARTS



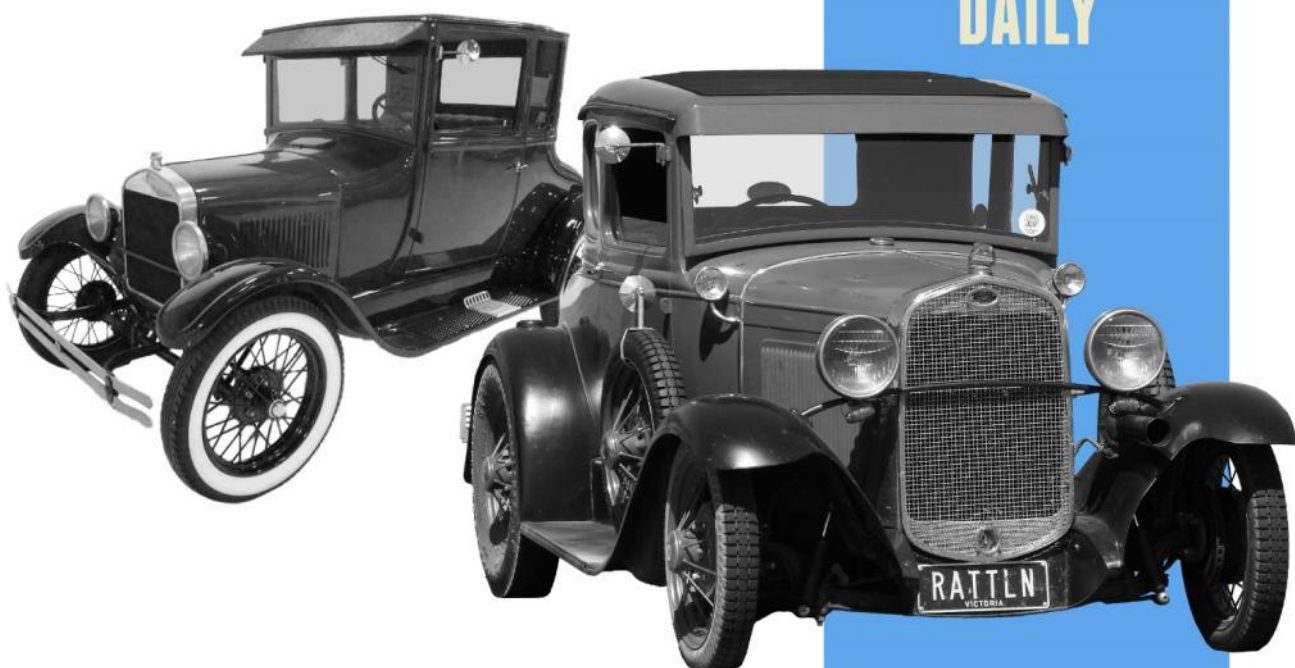
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