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A Well Preserved 1950 Chevrolet Ute.

**Sunday November 12 to the Quindanning Inne.**

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# Editorial

Hello Chev Club Members,

As we all know by now, the last Holden built in Australia has rolled off the assembly line, marking the end of local car production. For workers in the vehicle industry, including all of the component makers, this has been a great upheaval, though they knew it was coming a couple of years ago and could gear up for a new occupation or take early retirement. This is a far better outcome compared with the sudden closing of a business when nobody is ready for it, leaving workers without severance pay, and in some cases no superannuation to fall back on.

Looking forward, we can expect the importation of a new range of vehicles from the GM stable, one of which will be a front wheel drive sedan based on the Opel, wearing the Commodore nameplate. A RHD Camaro is planned for the upmarket buyers. My concern is that none of the new range of vehicles will continue the good old Aussie ute, based on their sedan type sisters, which Holden and Ford produced for many years. Having owned a number of these vehicles over the years and still driving one, they combine the comfort and easy handling (read cruise control and auto transmission) of the sedans, with the ability to carry quite a heavy load when required.

Members are reminded that the annual Brockwell Run has been cancelled for this year due to the workload of the Motor Museum staff. The extension to the museum has taken up quite a lot of time, but is well worth a visit.

Keep on Cheving,

Hugh.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Chev Enthusiasts,

Well the year is almost over with Christmas just over a month away. How many of you have asked Santa for car parts or workshop equipment? It's not too late to get your letters in to Santa.

Speaking of Christmas, don't forget our Christmas party next month with Stealing Santa and fine food. More about this in next month's Chevroletter.

Last month we headed to the old railway tunnels in Darlington. This was a very pleasant run finishing at Shannon's office in Cannington for our monthly meeting. There was also our Mid Week run which led us to the Mandurah Foreshore for some tasty fish & chips. Just remember you don't need a Chev to enjoy these runs. We will allow you to bring anything you want to join in the fun. All we request is your company.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October was the Autojumble at Dogs West. There were 115 stalls of rusty gold to sort through. If you missed it there will be another one around July next year. I will let you know closer to the date.

Until then,

Neil.

How Sweet the roar of a Chev four!

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Joe and Erika Grech of Morangup who own a restored 1957 Bel Air sedan. We look forward to meeting them at a rally very soon.

## COMING EVENTS

- Nov 12:** Quindanning Inne.  
**\*\*Brockwell Port to Park has been cancelled\*\***
- Nov 22:** Mid-Week Run (North)
- Dec 10:** Christmas Lunch
- Jan 14:** Evening Run
- Jan 24:** Mid-Week Run
- Feb 11:** Fish & Chips at Rockingham Foreshore
- Feb 18:** Northam Swap Meet

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

#### Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>) – Quindanning Inne

*Meet 9am at Cows, Kelmscott*

As the Port to park has been cancelled we will be heading to Quindanning. Our morning Tea stop will be at the Blue Wren Café in Dwellingup before we head to the historic Quindanning Inne for lunch.

#### Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) –Mid-Week Run Return (North)

*Meet 6pm at Chicken Treat Jandakot (Verde Dr & Armadale Rd)*

We will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Jandakot and head out from there during the warmer months. This run will be to **Hillarys**. Bring along a picnic or grab something at the end. Feel free to meet us at the destination (call Paul beforehand so we can organise this – 0401 145 319).

### DECEMBER EVENTS

#### Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) – Christmas Lunch

*Meet 11:00am at clubrooms.*

Lunch will be held around noon. The club will provide a platter of meat and buns. It would be appreciated if each family could bring a salad. Please let Heather (9343 4605) know ASAP what you are bringing so she can coordinate lunch and organise other salads if required. BYO drinks.

**\*\*Adults\*\*** If you wish to join in the fun of Stealing Santa then just bring a present each, up to the value of \$15.

**\*\*Kids\*\*** If children are joining us please give Santa ONE present to give out for each child. Santa does his best but needs a little help sometimes.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER EVENTS (8<sup>th</sup>) – To the Hills**

With the very short run to the Crooked Spire, on the opposite corner where we met, for morning tea. We then made our way up the hill to the carpark of the old Swan View tunnel. The short walk from the carpark to the tunnel opening was a great time to catch up with everyone for a chat and a walk. It was a shame that the tunnel entrance was still in water and no one had brought any gum boots. Further up the hill we made our lunch stop at the Pines in Darlington where those who had the meal said it was great. The rest were on the other side of the road in the park for a picnic. We then wound our way through to Zanthorrea Nursery where the women were able to look at all the lovely plants and ornaments (and some were purchased as well). It was time to leave the hills and come back to the flat land for our meeting at Shannons.

### **MID-WEEK (25<sup>th</sup>) – To Mandurah**

We met at our normal place in Jandakot and headed south with a nice cool night for the run. At the destination we went to Cicerello's for dinner and a catch up.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

In November 2018 we will be staging the GM Owners' Day, and would appreciate some assistance in the planning and organising of the event. We have an active Committee and invite anyone who can offer support to join us. Just a few Wednesday evenings to attend the planning meetings and help to set up for the big day. Contact Paul or Hugh, and we'll be glad to welcome you along.

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## Karen's birthday book

The entries for this month are:-

Karen Southall (1971)	6
Maxine Cullenane (1941)	9
Denis Stewart (1944)	12
Philip Surtees (1942)	13
Gail Ross (1947)	20
Emilio Epis (1962)	20
Ian Fitzgerald (1949)	20
Norm Hanks (1949)	24
Tim Court (1982)	24
Suzette Bonner (1965)	29



To have your name in the Birthday list please advise Paul Fullwood, so we can recognise all milestones.



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A recent visit to the Sunshine Coast in Queensland took in a trip to Gympie and Maryborough. At The Gympie Museum there were many old machines to be inspected. The one at left is a home built tractor featuring parts from Ford, Overland, Chevrolet and Chrysler, a tribute to the ingenuity of an Aussie farmer.

Below is a Leyland bus, probably built in the 1930s, while on the opposite page is an early Nash truck with Spartan comforts and solid rubber tyres.

In Victoria, the two 4th Light Horse riders and their mounts were pictured in Creswick, where many of the troops from the area took part in the famous charge at Beersheba, Palestine, in WWI, 100 years ago this month.









From the archives. Top and middle, the Chev Club visits Noble Falls.  
Below, a collection of old trucks at Old Tailern Bend, SA.





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## Number Plate Slogans

Having recently paid a visit to Queensland and Victoria, I took note of the many slogans on vehicle number plates, and wondered who dreamt some of them up. Queensland claims to be 'The Sunshine State,' when during our stay we didn't see it once. In fact, WA and Perth have more days of sunshine than any other State or Territory. Strangely, when being taken by taxi from the airport to our motel I noticed a vehicle with a WA number plate. A day later the very same car was in Noosa. No doubt they had our travel plans.

Back to slogans. Victoria claims to be 'The Place To Be', which makes one wonder what comes next. The place to be wet, cold and hot on the same day, to be accosted by beggars, or to be stimulated or horrified by their art galleries or graffiti. Take your pick. They also claim rather ambitiously to be 'The Education State', as if that's the only place of learning in the country. True, they have a huge number of overseas students at their tertiary institutions, but to put this on their number plates is, well, a little conceited, don't you think?

South Australia is 'The Festival State', but in view of the shaky nature of their power generation it might just as well be 'The Blackout State'.

New South Wales claims to be 'The Premier State', which signifies its place as the first European settlement in the country, albeit a place for felons. Nothing much has changed.

Western Australia doesn't have an official number plate slogan at the moment, but we used to have 'State on The Move', and 'A Place of Excitement' now no longer valid as we're in a bit of a slump following the end of the mining development boom and a State debt of giant proportions. We did have 'WA, Home of the Americas Cup', but as that was of short duration many of these plates had an 'S' inserted after the WA. Very fitting. With all the GST funds WA gives away to other States we should have 'The Generous State.'

Unique to WA are the vehicle number plates based on country shires, many of whom have adopted little slogans of their own, and even some small towns have their own lettering and numbers. My Chevy sedan, DLKN51, features the slogan, 'Doodlakine, the Forgotten Capital', but that's another story.

Now t'othersiders, don't get upset, it's all in fun. Well, almost.



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**1937 Sedan.** Under restoration, no rust, motor & gearbox o/hailed, new radiator, spares, all complete. At Bayswater. Owner must sell. Call Mick on 0448 812 268.

**1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Sedan Hardtop (RHD 4-Door Pillarless).** New motor, paint, wiring, chrome work, glass, radiator, tyres. Rebuilt gearbox and brakes. Asking \$85,000 negotiable. Call Mike on 0416 185 095 or email: me57wa@gmail.com.

**1979 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe.** L82 – high output 350ci V8 225hp net Red with cream interior, Chrome Rallye wheels with trim rings and caps. Good condition overall and ready to cruise! Full NSW rego NGS-555 43,000 miles. \$42,500. Picture opposite page.

**1939 Chevrolet Holden-bodied Roadster**– a rare and beautiful machine. Has an older restoration completed to a high standard. Engine # R1977622 VIN 5391287. NSW Historic rego 24146H which is NOT transferable. \$79,990. For both of these NSW cars call Ian King (evenings please) 02 9524 5112 or 0418 615 688. Picture opposite page.

**1926 Chevrolet** for restoration. Lots of parts included in this package, selling complete from Busselton region. \$5000 negotiable. For further information please contact Rod on 0412777425. Pictures opposite page.

**1988 Chevrolet Van.** V8, equipped for camping. Currently on concessional licence. \$18,500. Call Philip on 0407 450 091 or 9562 7473. Picture opposite page.

## Wanted

**1959 Chevrolet Impala Coupe.** Cash Buyer. Please contact Wayne Carroll on 0458 888 038. email waynecarroll@joondalupresort.com.au

**1959 - 60** steering column in any condition. Call Simon. 0415526989.

**1965/66** Impala bonnet in good order. Call Max Fraser 0418916069





A brief look at the 1926 Chevrolet for sale. Check the earlier email for more pictures.



For Sale:  
1939 Chev Roadster,  
1979 Corvette Stingray Coupe,  
Philip Surtees' 1988  
model Chev van.

A number of quite  
rare vehicles.  
See page 14 for de-  
tails on these cars.



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**The next Club meeting will be held at Ridley's Holden**

Museum on Sunday December 10, following the  
Christmas lunch commencing at 11.00pm.