



Federation

of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc.

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FEDERATION VETERAN VINTAGE CLASSIC VEHICLES CLUBS
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Meetings – 2017/18 Quarterly meetings were held in October (Bendigo), February (Sunshine at the Flash Lube factory), May (Maryborough) and August (Casterton). We have been above 100 people attending each of our meetings. Thank you to our host clubs and their hard-working members who looked after us and thank you to the Delegates who came along to meetings throughout the year.

Administration – This year has run smoothly and been kept very busy and working hard on a number of matters. Of concern are a small number of comments from members of clubs that there should be one group to represent the movement here in Victoria. When you take in the diverse range of vehicles we have now on the system from restored, to modified, to racing to Street Rods then you have to have a lot of knowledge of each of those category requirements to be an overall group. That then would limit the number of people who could volunteer to take on those responsibilities and do a satisfactory job for all members of the movement. Please, before you agree one group is a good way forward then be prepared to take on one of those volunteer positions and the responsibility and workload. Otherwise perhaps be happy with the excellent job that the four organisations and their Committee members are doing now.

Membership – Our numbers have increased to 118 Clubs and that is manageable. The memberships behind those Clubs has certainly grown a lot but those doing most of the work unfortunately remains the nearly the same people.

Picnic Days – We again had 5 of these arranged over the past 12 months at Mortlake (Western District) March and Wunghnu (Goulburn Valley) in March – Scoresby (Melbourne) in April – Marong (Bendigo) in August – Maffra (Gippsland) in October. All continued to be free for Federation member Club participants to enter. Regretfully for the second year due rain over night and on the Sunday morning the number of vehicles at Scoresey was less than normal. However all did have a good time as the day improved. Sadly the Maffra event will not continue but we do have two other events in the planning for 2019. We maintained an in by 10:30am and stay till 2:30pm time which has caused some concerns. We will continue this though as it was a lot safer during lunch times.

Bendigo National Swap Meeting – Last year was our 42nd and an excellent event. The crowd was larger on the Saturday and the support for the event is growing if the weather is good. Well done to Bendigo Club and all the volunteers who assisted. Federation had its own stand and we received a lot of enquiries and picked up new members

Australia Day - Domain Gardens, Melbourne – This event was run by RACV on a reduced scale but the vehicles on display were excellent. 2019 and they will celebrate the 100 years of the change from Veteran to Vintage.

Fed News – This magazine is provided free to the Clubs and Delegates and is free of commercial advertising. Recently it celebrate 100 issues which is an excellent achievement. Sadly Dawn is moving onto other tasks and we say thanks for you hard work and we will be seeking a new Editor.

Club Permit Scheme – Vic Roads have conducted some face to face interviews with members and sent out a question sheet to some members from the movement to gauge what members are looking for in the way of

changes if any. No results as yet and thus no need for meetings of the State groups and Vic Roads to discuss CPS.

Future – The movement and Federation remain strong in Victoria and Clubs are receiving new member applications on a monthly basis. The restoration and preservation of vehicles and machinery is still growing at a very fast rate. With good things happening in our Clubs and good attendances at Delegates Meetings it is pleasing to approach the future as a Federation Committee member.

RACV Association – Our association with RACV has continued well over the year and they remain our only source of sponsorship and we appreciate their support of Federation. At the end of August 2017 we ran our Golden Oldies Tour with 55 Vintage vehicles attending for a week long event around the bottom of the Mallee to the Western district. In October we have an open tour in Gippsland. In March 2019 we have the next Golden Oldies tour up into the snow fields area.

Insurance – Member Clubs continue to enjoy the services offered by Jardine Lloyd Thompson. We regularly remind Clubs that if they are holding events then they must carry out the proper event disaster recovery and management tests and keep those records in case something goes wrong. Thankfully all events ran over the year were without incident which is a credit to the attention to detail being undertaken by the people involved in all events.

National Motoring Day 2018 - This was another great day across the State with many events being held. Clubs joining together on this day were Gisborne, Barham, Castlemaine, Shepparton, Western Districts and Heyfield. From 2019 Federation will be supporting an event held on this day on a rotational basis at Kerang, Swan Hill, Deniliquin and Echuca and that is an excellent and well established event.

Promotion of the Federation Name: This was another great year for us with the Golden Oldies tour, run from Bendigo to Castlemaine, Swap, 5 picnic days and 4 meetings that we organised and attended along with many members from the Movement. The Committee also forwarded a letter to all member Clubs explaining what Federation does for the movement over each year. Sadly the Western District of Victoria was damaged with a week long bush fire. Federation was pleased to be able to provide insurance cover, support and members along to a special fund raising day.

Machinery Connection: Federation is pleased with the number of clubs that are involved in the machinery side of the movement and it is good that everyone joins in to make displays interesting and successful.

Bendigo To Castlemaine: On the last Saturday in August we ran another event from Bendigo to Castlemaine. In this we try and attract as many Veterans and Vintage vehicles as we can. The road is 32 k's of freeway and then 8k's of single lane but very wide with a sealed verge. This is excellent and we do not slow the traffic at all. The day starts with a hearty breakfast at the Bendigo Club rooms.

Veteran and Vintage 100 years: Over 2019 at our Events Federation will hand out a special centenary celebration badge to all Veteran and Vintage vehicles that attend our events. One only per vehicle though.

AHMF 2020 – We have started to promote this event and we have a lot to plan for our Victorian participants. The arrangements are now all in place and all that is missing is your application. It will be a great event and one not to miss.

Thank you – To my hard working and dedicated Committee I thank them ever so much and look forward to continuing to work with them for the year ahead. It is certainly rewarding to see the success of the Federation from your hard work and attention to promotion of the movement and the appreciation that the members of our member Clubs give to the Committee. To Committee members retiring I thank you sincerely and say best wishes to you. I know I said that I would give it away but with some wanting to mock us and ask Federation to join other groups I will not now be. The future is bright for Federation and I want to be part of the Committee that is making that happen for the movement.

Neil Athorn - President