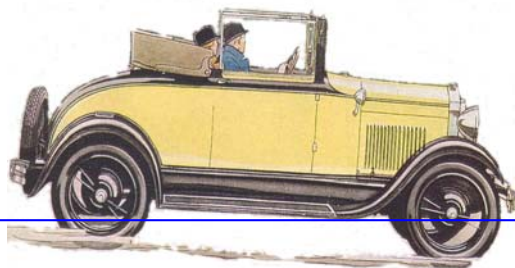


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site [www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au](http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au)  
January 2018

**Club Meetings** are held at Holroyd Community Centre, Miller St., Merrylands. The parking entrance is in Newman Street. Meetings are held from 8 pm on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise stated.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to congratulate James and Cheryl Morrow, very proud grandparents celebrating the birth of granddaughter Adelaide Rose Crisp. Daughter to Lauren Morrow and Blake Crisp. Some more good news, Des Fitzgerald is pain free for the moment, after being in terrible pain for a very long time.

Well summer has hit with a vengeance. Penrith on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 was officially the hottest place on the planet according to the weather Bureau. 47.3 degrees Celsius. The hottest day in Sydney for over 70 years. Please stay out of the heat on such extreme days and stay hydrated by drinking lots of fluids, and no this does not mean drinking lots of alcohol. I hope all

members had a great Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations and the holidays. Our first event for the year is the Twilight BBQ on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January meeting at Deepwater Park off Henry Lawson drive from 3pm. I hope to see as many members as possible attend. This is closely followed by our run to Australiana Village at Wilberforce to celebrate Australia Day, 26<sup>th</sup> January. I am sure the Northern A's will also have some great runs organised for members during 2018, and would like to see as many members attend as many run's as possible. Tom Virgona is looking for assistance for the Wednesday Wanderers runs, so please contact Tom if you have an idea for a run.

A reminder for those members who may have not renewed their membership please do so as soon as possible, **as you are now UNFINANCIAL**. If you are unsure if you have paid or not, please check with our Treasurer Charlie Sharpe who will be happy to assist you. Another reminder to those members travelling to Murray Bridge in SA for the National Meet to book their accommodation and send in their entry ASAP. Regards Robert Brown

## Your 2018 committee

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# Get your Model A out and join us!

## Here are our runs in January 2018

**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm, Twilight BBQ, Deepwater Park off Henry Lawson Drive Milperra.**

This annual run is the kick off event for the New Year and a chance for members to get together, enjoy a club sponsored sausage sizzle and celebrate surviving another Christmas Holiday period. Bring your chairs, drinks and eating irons for what always is a good night. See you there, event commences 3pm.

*Robert Brown will have honey available at \$5 per bottle.*



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Australia Day @ Australiana Village.**

**Meet:** 830am at McDonalds corner Windsor Rd & Groves Avenue, Windsor

**Departure:** 845am to convoy to Australiana Village, 3 Rose Street Wilberforce, approx 15 minute run.

**Food:** BYO picnic or purchase at venue

**Cost:** \$5 pp \$3 per child & free for car driver.



### What's on:

- Live Entertainment on the Stage all Day
- Penny Arcade
- Pony Rides, Miniature Train Rides, Carriage Rides, Hay Wagon Rides
- Slot Car Racing Track
- There will be 4 Snake Shows by Neville Burns
- Antique Cars, Trucks, Motor Bikes, Jeeps
- Antique Steam Engines
- Food Stalls
- Aussie Games including corn husking and dough tossing
- Dunny Races – we provide the equipment to build your dunnies on the day



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Model A Ford Group of NSW

**Please  
Renew Your  
Membership  
Today!**

Still 31 members who have not renewed, is that you??

## Happy Birthday to our Model A Fords - 2nd December 1927

Henry Ford's Model T revolutionized transportation in America by making the automobile accessible to nearly all, creating a need for a product that hadn't previously existed. For nearly two decades, the Model T met the motoring needs of the American public, but by the middle of the 1920s automobiles from competing brands offered more style, better performance and improved amenities. Henry Ford's response came in a secretive telegram to dealers on May 26, 1927, advising that Ford was "starting early production entirely new Ford car... superior design and performance to any now in low price light car field."

And with that cryptic announcement, Henry Ford halted production of the Model T and began retooling his factories to produce an all-new automobile, designed to effectively compete against all others in the segment. A similar announcement was given to Ford dealers for posting in local newspapers, but the verbose manifesto did little more than praise the Model T and tease the public that the new and yet-to-be-named Ford would surpass the Model T in every way. The statement's closing paragraph read, "*At present I can only say this about the new model – it has speed, style, flexibility and control in traffic. There is nothing quite like it in quality and price. The new car will cost more to manufacture, but it will be more economical to operate.*"

As spring progressed to summer, and summer progressed to fall, rumours about the miraculous new Ford ran rampant. A period cartoon showed "Henry's new model," bedecked with ornamentation and jewels fit for a king, labelled with a price tag of \$500. Early spy photographers scrambled to get pictures of the car, but only the *Automotive Daily News* and the *Brighton Argus* succeeded, as Ford was particularly careful to limit testing on public roads. Despite its care, engine and chassis engineer Lawrence Sheldrick was nearly mobbed by curious onlookers during a 300-mile trip from Detroit to Claire, Michigan, and Henry and Edsel Ford were caught red-handed behind the wheel of a prototype by three curious Chicago Ford dealers who'd travelled to Detroit to catch a glimpse of the mysterious new Ford.

In late November came the announcement that Americans had been waiting for: on **December 2, 1927**, the still-unnamed Ford automobile would be shown to the public, at locations revealed to each and every Ford dealer. Pricing was announced on December 1, the eve of the showing, and to the delight of potential buyers, the new Model A would be priced comparably to the Model T. On the day of the car's reveal, *Ford News* claimed that 10,534,992 people came to see the Model A, a number that represented 10 percent of the U.S. population at the time.

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a "downsized Lincoln" by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield, hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200.5-cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colours (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue). Deposits from eager customers poured in, and in the first two weeks the automaker had reportedly accumulated 400,000 sales orders from dealers (adding to the thousands of orders that had been placed prior to the car's reveal). Though the Model A would only be produced from 1927 through early 1932, Ford sold over 4.3 million examples, and the car would help Ford transition from pioneer to modern automaker. The Model A would also go on to inspire generations of collectors, hot rodders and shade tree mechanics, helping to popularize the hobby that we've all come to know and love.

**Reprinted from Hemmings Daily website.** <https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2013/12/02/this-day-in-history-1927-ford-reveals-its-model-a-to-an-eager-public/>

# Wednesday Wanderers

## Wednesday 7th February 2018 Old Darlinghurst Gaol

We will meet at the Gateway Centre at Circular Quay by 9.30 am to board the 9.45 bus to Taylor square.

Lunch TBA.

Entry fee to the gaol is \$12pp concession

Any questions call Tom Virgona 0420 342 392



Wednesday 7th. March, Robert Brown is planning a walk through Wendy Whitley's Secret Garden at Lavender Bay.

## Tell us where you want to go in 2018??

Ken Young, our Events Coordinator is right at this minute working on our 2018 "Events Calendar". Sounds a bit like Santa. So now is the time you can contribute, by suggesting runs to Ken, 0428 697 717.

At the moment we have the following possible runs:

- **Sunday 25th February** - Sydney Tram Museum
- **Saturday 10th March 1pm** - Maintenance Event at Andrew Byrnes Car Museum Smeaton Grange
- **Sunday 18th March** - Parramatta Lakes
- **Sunday 15th April** - Cronulla Pre World War 2 Car & Bike Show
- **Weekend 12/13th May** - Aussie Model A 90th Birthday Bash @ Gulgong, for all forms of Model A Fords.
- **Sunday 20th May** - National Heritage Day with a scenic run through Wilberforce & Kurrajong with a BBQ at Bryan Wyborns
- **Saturday 2nd June** - Maintenance Day
- **Sunday 17th June** - Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens
- **Sunday 30th July** - Combined Fords Day
- **Saturday 5th August** - Maroota Muster
- **Sunday 12th August** - Shannon's Combined Motor Clubs Day
- **September** - Presidents Run St Mary's Street Parade
- **2nd-7th October** - Model A Ford National Meet, Murray Bridge South Australia
- **Sunday 21st October** - Memorial Day Run
- **Saturday 8th November** - Maintenance Day
- **November Sunday Run** - TBA
- **December Sunday Run** - TBA

All events in **BLACK BOLD** are yet to be confirmed, and further suggestions for those dates would be welcome. Please call Ken, 0428 697 717 with suggestions.

## Market Place

**For Sale - 1928 Model A Ford ute** - NSW rego to March 2018 new wet weather gear, trim and carpet. Performance enhanced for touring \$28,500 Call Ian 0448529482

**For Sale - 28/29 AA truck** wood spoke wheels and rims restored and ready to run. New cast front drum conversion, machined rear drums, new front wheel bearings and used spindles, all new h/t bolts. 12 of 24 rim cleats. Willing to swap for an A model open car wind-screen posts & parts. Doug, Newcastle 0447 745714

**Received this email, but the email address bounces.** Hello. Just wondering if anyone in your club interested in my A Model in outstanding condition It's a 1930 Model with canvas roof. Would love it to go to someone who would appreciate it. **It has won best unrestored in Bathurst show** Thanks Barry

**Wanted 28/28 Model A Ford Motor** - operational, call Phil Dalton 0413 970 704

**Services: Model A Ford White Metal Bearings** - if needed call Dean, Dean Repairs 0401767761

*Please advise me if your ad is no longer required. Editor*

## Invitation Event - Parkes Rally 4 - 6th May 2018

**NOTE: The Rally will run concurrently with the Annual ABBA Festival at Trundle.**

**Although this is 70km from Parkes, the festival places a significant demand on accommodation in the surrounding area, including Parkes, Forbes and Peak Hill.**

**Rally entrants are encouraged to make accommodation arrangements as soon as possible.**

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*The National Trust of Australia (NSW)***

Contact [parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com)

### **OUTLINE PROGRAMME**

- Registration Friday 0830am - 1pm
- Friday morning there is a "Long" Run, commencing at 9.30am
- There will be a "Short" Run, commencing at 1.30pm, for those who travel to Parkes on Friday 4th.
- Both runs will converge on Friday afternoon for a group display.
- Saturday's run will converge on Trundle for the Annual ABBA Festival, and vehicles will be displayed in formation in a dedicated area.
- Presentation dinner Saturday night
- Farewell breakfast Sunday morning.

Please request booking form from [parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com)

### **INVITATION EVENT**

#### **The Robertson Heritage Railway Station Classic Car Show and Shine Event Sunday, 8th April 2018**

It is a lovely time to visit the Southern Highlands with the autumn colours on show.

**There will be a sausage sizzle, gourmet coffee van, tea and home made cakes, model train exhibitions and vintage farm machinery on display.**

Also an art show in our gallery and the monthly village markets are on around the corner. It is a fund raiser for our volunteer non-profit railway association.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

There are no prizes but it is usually a fun relaxed day for all concerned.

**You may like to see some of the cars from our 2017 event, click this link:**

<http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/classic-car-show-868132.html>

For info call Steve on 4885 2323 or

email me: [stevercarey@bigpond.com](mailto:stevercarey@bigpond.com)

or visit our website <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/classic-car-show.html>

Regards

Steve Carey

RHRS Committee

## A little ray of sunshine has come in to the world, in the shape of a girl.

Members Jim & Cheryl Morrow are now grandparents. Their daughter Lauren Morrow and partner Blake Crisp proudly announce the birth of Adelaide Rose Crisp on 7th December, 2017.

Congratulations to everyone.



- **Des Fitzgerald reports that he is feeling the best he has in the past 18 months, and is looking forward to 2018**
- **We wish Phil Dalton a quick painless recovery from his recent hip replacement. I guess brought on by constant gear changing from driving trucks all his life.**
- **Our club membership is growing. So welcome aboard to our new members, we look forward to seeing you all on our up coming runs.**

## Australian National Meet 2018

**25th Australian National Model A Ford Meet Murray Bridge S.A.**

**2nd – 7th October 2018**

**Celebrating 90 years of the Model A Ford in Australia**

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Secretary - Margaret Fischer 0885322908



**Please note that ALL queries received should be directed to the Chairman Gary Fischer or Secretary Margaret Fischer as per above.**

Official Entry Forms for the 2018 National Meet have been sent to all Early Bird Entrants, together with Newsletter Number 2 and a list of available Accommodation in Murray Bridge. Further copies of the above are available on our website: [www.fordsa.homestead.com](http://www.fordsa.homestead.com)

**Gary Fischer**

**Chairman 2018 National Model a Ford Meet Committee**