

Model A Flyer

April / May 2025



Club meetings are held at the Holroyd Community Centre, Miller St, Merrylands. At 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month. Parking is available Newman Street, Merrylands.



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Model A Ford Group of New South Wales

Presidents Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



As I'm sure you all know, 2025 celebrates 100 years of Ford in Australia and a number of events around the country have been held to acknowledge this significant and historic milestone. In Sydney, the Combined Ford Clubs has arranged a series of events to be held over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of July which I commend you all to participate in.

On the morning of the 26th is the CFC swap meet at Eastern Creek, which opens at 6:00am and finishes at 10:00am. Following this there will be an historic drags event from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. On the

Saturday evening, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, there is a gala dinner at the Liverpool Catholic Club, including participation by motorsport legends Colin Bond, John Goss, Mark Winterbottom and Todd Hazelwood. On display at the dinner will also be historic racing cars and there will be an Master of Ceremonies to facilitate an entertaining Q&A session with the drivers. Tickets are approximately \$160 per head for the gala dinner.

On Sunday the 27th will be the All Fords Day at Eastern Creek, we have 25 free tickets for the day and the CFC would like to get as many Model A's to attend as possible. So please contact Phil Dalton to gain your ticket. I encourage you to come along and celebrate this significant milestone and support the Combined Ford Clubs for all of the hard work that they have put in to make this a very special weekend.

Details for all of the above events can be found at the link below, including the ability to purchase tickets as they become available, so keep watch on the website as it is refreshed. <https://www.allforddaysydney.com/#celebrating-100-years>

The club calendar is already pretty full, however, we are still looking for club events in September and November to wrap up the calendar for the year. We would welcome any suggestions that you may have for a club run or Wednesday Wanderers event, it would be even better if you are willing to arrange it.

Lastly, our thoughts are with those members who may not be in the best of health, we send our well wishes to you all.

I hope to see you all out and about in your Model A's.

Yours in Model A'ing.

Bill Daws

Wednesday Wanderers

Exploring Sydney's Revitalized Haymarket and Cockle Bay

On the 7th of May, our group gathered at Central Railway for a relaxed coffee meet-up before embarking on a journey through Sydney's ever-evolving cityscape. With light rail as our transport of choice, we made the short trip to Haymarket, a district that has undergone remarkable revitalization in recent years. As we explored, we encountered a variety of fascinating sights, from modern developments to the area's rich cultural heritage.

From Haymarket, we continued on the light rail to the Exhibition stop, where the adventure expanded into a scenic walk around Cockle Bay. This picturesque waterfront setting provided the perfect backdrop for discussions, sightseeing, and soaking in the vibrant atmosphere. The sparkling harbor, bustling boardwalk, and architectural highlights made for a memorable outing, blending relaxation with an appreciation of Sydney's evolving urban spaces.

Hey Wednesday Wanderers!

Join us on the 4th of June as we embark on a visit to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Concord—a site dedicated to honoring the bravery and sacrifices of those who served along the legendary Kokoda Trail.

Meeting Point: Eastern end of the track near Concord Hospital

Arrival Time: 10 AM

Facilities Available: Undercover seating, gas BBQs, and restrooms

This outing offers an excellent opportunity to take in the history, appreciate the thoughtfully designed memorial, and enjoy a relaxed and reflective morning in a peaceful setting.

Following our time at the track, we'll head to Massy Park Golf Club on Ian Parade for lunch, where we can continue conversations and enjoy a great meal together in a welcoming atmosphere.

Mark your calendars for this meaningful and enjoyable event—we look forward to seeing you there!

NSW Police Museum

NSW Police Museum, Revesby

Our visit to the NSW Police Museum in Revesby proved to be an incredibly engaging and insightful experience, with a fantastic turnout of members and a few welcomed visitors. The museum is a treasure trove of police memorabilia, housing an extensive and impressive collection of artifacts that shed light on the evolution of law enforcement in Australia.

We were fortunate to be hosted by Tony, whose enthusiasm and depth of knowledge brought the exhibits to life. As he guided us through the various displays, he shared captivating stories from real-life policing, offering firsthand accounts of challenges, triumphs, and pivotal moments in law enforcement history. His storytelling provided a rich context for many of the artifacts, turning them into more than just objects—they became pieces of a larger narrative, each with a role in the development of modern policing.

One of the highlights of the tour was the collection of police vehicles, showcasing everything from historical patrol cars to specialized transport used in major operations. Seeing these machines up close sparked plenty of discussion among members, who appreciated the engineering and historical significance behind each vehicle.

Tony also gave us a glimpse into the future with exciting plans for the new NSW Police Museum, set to open in late 2027. Designed as a fully interactive facility, the new museum promises an immersive experience where visitors will be able to engage with exhibits in dynamic ways. The prospect of a more modern and expansive space dedicated to policing history made us eager to plan a visit once it opens.

After our tour, we headed to Revesby Workers Club for lunch, where conversation continued over delicious food. The camaraderie among members made for a warm and enjoyable gathering, rounding off a day that was both educational and entertaining.

A heartfelt thank you to all who attended—this was truly a worthwhile event, and we look forward to more engaging experiences together.



Steam, Oil & Kero Day

Campbelltown Steam Museum Sunday, 18th May 2025 Menangle Road, Menangle

The day began grey and bleak—not the most promising start for our monthly event. Marie decided to stay home, saying it was too cold and that tractors and machinery weren't really her thing. So, off I went. It was an easy 35-minute drive, and when I arrived, I found Keith Smith waiting for more members to turn up. Unfortunately, we were the only ones.

Josh sent a text letting us know that he and Bill couldn't make it due to the flu. With just the two of us there, Keith and I agreed that something hot to drink was in order. Two large hot chocolates, please—just the thing to warm our hands and stomachs.

As we wandered through the event, I had the chance to catch up with some members of the steam club from years gone by. We watched the tractor pulling and the ride-on mower races, which took place on a figure-eight course. Some daring competitors had steeply castered front axles, making for incredibly direct steering—certainly a wild ride!

Three massive Fowler traction engines prowled around the complex, their valve gears hissing in a rhythmic symphony. These gentle giants were a sight to behold, their presence adding to the charm and nostalgia of the event.

Perhaps the Steam Museum would have been even more appealing on a sunny day, but despite the weather, it was still an interesting outing.

John Hyland



Bathurst Rally

2025 Bathurst Gold Country Tour: A Weekend of Classic Motoring and Scenic Splendor

The 2025 Bathurst Gold Country Tour delivered an unforgettable experience for vintage car enthusiasts, despite the icy start. The event opened with cold and foggy mornings, adding a dramatic touch to the stunning countryside routes. Fortunately, the mist lifted early each day, revealing crisp, clear skies and perfect conditions for a scenic drive through New South Wales' historic towns and rolling landscapes.

Among the magnificent assembly of vehicles, five Model A Fords stood alongside approximately 70 other classic and specialty cars, creating a spectacle for both participants and spectators. Representing the club were Joshua and Joel Daws, Keith and Anne Smith, and Jimmy and Cheryl Morrow, all contributing to the friendly and vibrant atmosphere of the event.

The program showcased the best of the region's roads, stopping at picturesque locations such as Neville, Woodstock, and the heritage-listed village of Carcoar. From the morning tea gatherings to the show-and-shine competition, each moment was filled with admiration for automotive craftsmanship and camaraderie among enthusiasts.

The Saturday evening presentation dinner, hosted at Bathurst RSL Club, was a highlight, blending celebration with good-natured competition through the Country and Western-themed costume awards.

Sunday's mystery tour of the Bathurst region provided a fitting conclusion, with the final gathering at Majellan Bowling Club ensuring a warm farewell.

With great vehicles, great company, and breathtaking scenery, the 2025 Bathurst Gold Country Tour was truly worth attending.

Josh Daws



Important Notices

Club Events:

We are currently seeking event ideas for **September** and **November** to complete our calendar. Your input is greatly appreciated, not only for this year but also for potential events in 2026.

Let's work together to make the club's activities enjoyable and engaging for everyone. Please consider getting involved and sharing your suggestions to help us fill these gaps.

Contact **Peter Wigzell** or any other committee members with your ideas.

Thank you for your support! Let's keep the momentum going and create more great memories.

All Fords Day 2025 Tickets:

If you wish to attend All Fords Day this year please see Peter Dalton for tickets ASAP.

Maintenance Day

31st May 2025

On Saturday the 31st of May Rob Taylor once again welcomed us to his facility and hosted our Technical Seminar.

On this occasion Brian Wyborn was our guest speaker, presenting on the topic of Model A gearboxes and the changes that were implemented over the 1928-1931 period to correct issues that arose, such as jumping out of gear (and knowing Ford's mantra also to reduce the cost of production.)

Brian walked us through the changes from multi-plate clutch onwards and enlightened us with the variations in dimensions and tolerances in manufacturing and changes in assembly, as highlighted in the Ford Service Bulletins.

This meant that many items were "select-to-fit" to ensure correct margins were maintained and to ensure the best performance and life possible.

Brian also enlightened us with his practical experience gained over many years in the typical issues found in service and how these traced back to different wear characteristics within the gearbox and how these can be addressed, such as leaks, shaft and selector wear, gearstick ball wear, different types of bearings, sealing, etc.

Whilst numbers were down on the day, I'm sure that all who attended learnt a great deal and I wish to thank Brian on behalf of the club for sharing his knowledge with us all.

Bill Daws



Events

Club Events:

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| 15th June 25 | Wollondilly Heritage Centre, The Oaks. Meet at 10:00am in Edwards Street Carpark. Entry plus morning tea is \$15:00 per person. The club will provide a sausage sizzle for members. |
| 27th July 25 | All Ford's Day at Eastern Creek. |
| 17th August 25 | Shannons CMC Day at Eastern Creek. Tickets @\$20 each will be available mid year for purchase. Please contact and pay Robert Brown ASAP. |
| 15th Sept 25 | Club run required – please contact Peter Wigzell if you wish to arrange. |
| 19th Oct 25 | Memorial Run, Burnam Burnam Sanctuary, Woronora. |
| 16th Nov 25 | Club run required – please contact Peter Wigzell if you wish to arrange. |
| 18th–24th Oct 26 | 29th Australian National Meet, Albany, WA. Refer, early bird entry form previously distributed via e-mail and in The Flyer. |

Invitation events:

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| 26th July 25 | CFC Classic Drag Racing, Eastern Creek. |
| 26th July 25 | 100 Years of Ford in Australia, 6pm Liverpool Catholic Club. |
| 17th Aug 25 | Maroota Muster, Maroota Public School. |
| 24th Aug 25 | Flathead Day, Campbelltown Oil, Kerosene & Steam Museum, Menangle. |
| 6th–13th Sep 25 | Kidney Kar Rally, Bathurst to Dubbo via Port Macquarie. |
| 29 Sep–5th Oct 25 | Red Dust Revival. |

Swap Meets:

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| June 8th | Picton Swap Meet #1, Picton Showground, gates open 6:30am |
| July 26th | All Fords Swap Meet, Eastern Creek. |
| September 7th | Cootamundra Swap, Cootamundra Showground, gates open 6:00am. |
| September 21st | Picton Swap Meet #2, Picton Showground, gates open 6:30am |
| November 15th–16th | Bendigo Swap, gates open 6:30am. |



Trading Post

For Sale: 1928 Woody Station Wagon

Looking for a classic that's been meticulously restored and maintained? This stunning Model A Ford underwent a full restoration in 2012, rebuilt to original specifications—including a complete engine overhaul by renowned expert Bob Croft.

Since its restoration, the car has been enjoyed on regular club runs and interstate National meets, proving its reliability and charm on the road.

- Full NSW registration until 19 November 2025
 - Inspection by appointment only at our farm in Rosebrook, Hunter Valley (once the flooding subsides!)
 - Pickup by trailer recommended for those unfamiliar with driving a Model A
- Asking price: \$40,500

For more details, pictures, or to arrange an inspection, contact **John & Kate Taylor** at 0407 611 716.



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