

# Model A Flyer



February/March 2026

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

# President's Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



Hello everyone,

This edition of the Flyer will be a little more concise than usual. With the February run cancelled at the last minute by the event organisers—leaving no opportunity to arrange an alternative—and with fewer member contributions this month, there is limited content to report.

However, we do have an important matter that requires the attention of all members. A vote on relocating the club's monthly meeting venue will take place at the April 2026 General Meeting.

Members wishing to participate in this vote must be present at the meeting. Further details are included in this edition of the Flyer and will also be provided via an email notification to all members.

Please also note that all club correspondence is now being distributed through our new Mailchimp service. We encourage everyone to check their email regularly and ensure our messages are not being filtered into your spam folder.

Regards,

**Josh Daws**

# Venue Change Vote

## Notice of membership vote regarding Proposed Venue Change for Monthly Meetings

The Committee had confirmed its agreement to relocate our monthly meetings from the Holroyd Community Centre to Merrylands RSL, originally planned to commence April 2026. Under this arrangement, our meeting night will move to the third Friday of each month.

The Committee's actions align with the discussions held at the February General Meeting and with its responsibilities under Section 10 of the Constitution, which requires the Committee to manage and control the affairs of the club.

However, a motion was raised by John Hyland at the March meeting requesting that the membership disregard the Committee's decision and instead vote on the matter at the next meeting, this motion was seconded by Ron Cox and carried.

### Membership Vote

A vote on the proposed venue change will be held at the **April 2026** meeting, which will take place in the Miller Room Friday April 10th 2026.

Members must be present at the April meeting for their vote to be counted.

The Committee strongly recommends moving our meetings to Merrylands RSL in the interest of member safety, comfort, and long-term sustainability.

### Reason for the Proposed Change

The Committee's foremost responsibility is the safety and wellbeing of our members, and we can no longer guarantee that safety at the Holroyd Community Centre. At both the February and March meetings, homeless individuals and drug-affected persons were encountered at the front/back entry, and side pathway of the building. These incidents occurred while members were arriving and departing, creating an environment that is increasingly unpredictable and unsafe.

Holroyd Council has also imposed new conditions for continued use of the Miller Room. Due to the rising number of unauthorised individuals frequenting the building and surrounding carpark, the Committee is now required to ensure that no unauthorised person enters the facility at any time. This means we can no longer leave the back door open as we have in previous years, nor can we reliably control access even with volunteers stationed at the entrance.

The escalating safety concerns places an unreasonable burden on the Committee and exposes members to unnecessary risk. It is the Committee's firm view that remaining at the current venue is no longer compatible with our duty of care to our members.

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## Benefits of Moving to Merrylands RSL

### Improved safety

The RSL provides on-site security. As our membership ages, the Committee considers this an important factor in ensuring the wellbeing of all attendees.

### Secure, free parking

Members can access secure parking at no cost by validating their ticket at the counter before leaving.

### Access to RSL facilities

The RSL facilities include multiple restaurants & bars for members to enjoy as well as vastly superior bathroom amenities compared to the Holroyd Centre building.

### Fully equipped meeting room

The RSL provides a room already set up with tables, chairs, and an overhead video projector. This will allow us to enhance our meetings with presentations and, importantly, digitise and project the Club Honour Board at each meeting.

### No room hire cost

The venue is provided at no charge to the Model A Club, allowing us to redirect savings toward member amenities.

### Tea, coffee, and biscuits available

Merrylands RSL will provide tea, coffee, and biscuits at no cost to members, The club will cover associated costs.

### No setup or pack/down required

Members will no longer need to arrange or store tables and chairs.

### Fully air-conditioned environment

### Membership offer

While RSL membership is not required to attend, Merrylands RSL is offering five<sup>2</sup>year membership for \$5 during April 2026.

## Disadvantages

### No dedicated storage space for club equipment.

Bill has kindly offered to store the Honour Board, trophies, and other items at his residence until alternative arrangements can be made.

### Changes to library access.

The club library will move to a booking-based system. Members wishing to borrow specific publications should contact the librarian, who will bring the requested items to the next meeting.

**The physical Honour Board will not be on display** (though it will be digitised and projected each meeting).

Outside food cannot be brought into the venue.

# Events

## Club Events:

- 19th April** Prospect Reservoir, Andrew Campbell reserve, William Lawson Drive, Prospect. Meet at 10:30am for a BYO picnic.
- 17th May** **National Motor Heritage Day**, Meet at Penrith Panthers @7:30am for breakfast then depart at 9:00am for a drive to The Richmond Club for a static car display and lunch. Display finishes at 2:00pm. This event is organised by the Magic Metal Motor Club and attracted 220 vehicles last year, so should be a great day out.
- 21st June** **Picton Botanic Gardens**, 13 Regreme Rd, Picton NSW 2571. Meet at 10:30am at the gardens. The club will provide a sausage sizzle for members and guests.
- 26th July** **All Fords Day**, Eastern Creek. Cars to be in place by 8:30am
- 16th Aug** **Shannons CMC Display Day**, Eastern Creek.
- 20th Sept** **Run Required-Contact Peter Wigzel**
- 18th-24th Oct** **29th Australian National Meet**, Albany, WA. Refer, early bird entry form previously distributed via e-mail and in The Flyer.
- 15th Nov** **Memorial Run**, Venue To be advised.

## Wednesday Wanderers:

The next Thursday Wanders outing is on Thursday 2nd April to Manly for lunch, meeting at Chambers Coffee Lounge at Circular Quay about 9-30am for Morning tea with a trip across the Harbour to Manly, lunch is at the Ivanhoe Hotel on the Corso.

Regards,

John Hyland

## Swap Meets:

- July 19th** **Wagga Wagga**, Wagga Showground.
- July 25th** All Ford Swap, Eastern Creek.
- August 1/2** All Holden Day Swap, Hawkesbury Showground
- November 14/15** Bendigo Swap



# Events Continued

## Invitation Events:

- 30th Apr–3rd May Pre 1931 Tour, Contact [Centraltablelandshcc@gmail.com](mailto:Centraltablelandshcc@gmail.com)
- 16th-17th May Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum
- 16th-17th May Thirlmere Festival of Steam
- 23rd-24th May Bathurst Gold Country Tour, Entry forms available from mid-late January, contact Greg 0415-258-512 or [bhccrally@outlook.com](mailto:bhccrally@outlook.com) or [www.bathursthistoriccarclub.com](http://www.bathursthistoriccarclub.com)
- 10th-12th July Art Deco Festival, Leeton, NSW
- 16th Aug Maroota Muster
- 3rd October Penrith Highland Festival, Penrith Showground. Free entry for car and 2 passengers. Please see Robert Brown if you wish to attend as we will need to book a site to display the vehicles and gain the tickets.

# Important Notices

## Classic Vehicle Scheme:

There is a new address for CVS registrations and renewals, as follows:

Council of Motor Clubs, Classic Vehicle Scheme.  
PO Box 204 Engadine NSW 2233.

## Shannons Sydney Classic:

We have purchased 5 tickets which will be available from mid year. Please see Robert Brown to reserve and pay for your spot. Ticket prices are \$30 each. Volunteers are also wanted to assist in setup on the 15th of August.



# Thursday Wanderers

## New Sydney Fish Markets



The most recent outing was held on Thursday, 5 March, with a visit to the new Fish Markets. It was a pleasure to once again enjoy the Eternity Café at Central Railway Station on the main concourse, where 16 Wanderers relaxed over coffee in such pleasant surroundings. After a good chat and a very enjoyable break, we made our way to the Light Rail for the trip to Wentworth Park, followed by a short walk to the new Fish Markets.

The building itself is very impressive, stretching across Blackwattle Bay with the ANZAC Bridge providing a striking backdrop. After exploring the interior, we headed to the food court which, even at 11:00 am, was extremely busy and crowded. The takeaway options were somewhat overpriced and of lower quality than expected, though I can certainly recommend the restaurants for a better meal.

Fortunately, we had just finished eating when the fire alarm sounded. We then made our way back to the Wentworth Park Light Rail stop for the return trip to Central and our journey home. Overall, it was a very enjoyable day out.

**Regards,**

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