

# Model A Flyer



April / May 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,



Over the past two months, a great deal has happened within our club, and it's been wonderful to see such strong participation and enthusiasm from our members. Thank you to everyone who has attended events, contributed their time, or simply supported the club by staying engaged. Your involvement is what keeps the Model A Ford Club thriving.

One of the most significant developments has been our move to a **new meeting venue at Merrylands RSL**. The transition has gone smoothly, and the feedback so far has been very positive. The facilities are comfortable, the room is well equipped, and the environment is far more suitable for our needs.

A quick reminder for anyone who has had difficulty finding a spot: **parking is plentiful on the upper levels of the RSL car park**, so don't hesitate to head straight to the top if the lower levels look full.

Looking ahead, we have a **full schedule of excellent events** lined up—runs, displays, social outings, and opportunities to get the cars out and enjoy them. The calendar is shaping up to be one of our busiest and most varied in recent years, and I encourage all members to take part whenever they can.

I would also like to note that the **club library has now been relocated to Bill Daws's garage**. With the move away from Holroyd, this was the most practical solution, and we thank Bill for generously offering the space. If you wish to borrow any publications, please ensure you **pre arrange your request** with either Bill or our club librarian so items can be brought along to the next meeting.

Once again, thank you to all members for your continued support, your participation, and your commitment to keeping our club active and welcoming. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and at our new home at Merrylands RSL.

**Josh Daws**

# Maintenance Day

April 11, 2026

Our April 11 Model A Maintenance Day proved to be a terrific success, with an excellent turnout and plenty of enthusiasm from members keen to get their hands dirty—or at least learn something new.

The morning kicked off with informal checks and tinkering around the cars, with members sharing tips, tools, and stories from the road. A beautifully crafted custom built trailer made a special appearance and quickly became a talking point, drawing plenty of admiration for its workmanship and design.

A highlight of the day was the informative. Whether you were a seasoned restorer or a newer member still learning the ropes, there was something valuable to take away.

No club day is complete without good food, and the sausage sizzle lunch hit the spot perfectly, giving everyone a chance to relax, chat, and enjoy the autumn sunshine.

Overall, it was a warm, productive, and enjoyable morning—exactly the kind of hands on gathering that keeps our Model A community thriving.

**Josh Daws**



# Prospect Reservoir

April 19, 2026

Our April 19 club meet up at Prospect Reservoir was blessed with beautiful weather and an excellent turnout, making it a perfect autumn gathering for members and their cars.

Almost a dozen Model A Fords lined the lakeside area, joined by several Model Ts whose owners were just as eager to enjoy the morning. The mix of vehicles made for an impressive display, drawing plenty of interest from the public and providing members with plenty to chat about.

A standout attraction was Col's newly acquired speedster, recently purchased from Tasmania. Its striking appearance and lively character made it a real crowd-pleaser, with many members taking the opportunity to admire it up close.

With great company, ideal conditions, and a strong showing of vintage machinery, the Prospect Reservoir meet proved to be a relaxed and enjoyable outing for all who attended.

Josh Daws



# Wanderer's Report

May 2026

“What sort of suburb doesn't have a pub?”

The Wanderers' May outing began at Central Station, where seven members gathered at the Eternity Café for a relaxed morning tea. After catching the L1 Light Rail to Dulwich Hill, the tram eased along at first, then picked up pace after Wentworth Park, delivering us to our destination in about forty minutes.

Once we arrived, the question quickly arose: *Where exactly is the retail centre?* After asking a local for directions, we discovered—much to our surprise—that **Dulwich Hill doesn't have a hotel at all.**

We wandered through streets lined with classic California Bungalows, some beautifully restored, before eventually arriving at the **Busy Bee Café.** The friendly staff welcomed us warmly, rearranging tables and chairs to accommodate the group. Coffee and lunch arrived promptly, and the food was excellent—enjoyed at a leisurely pace in a genuinely charming café.

Stepping back outside, we were amused (and slightly exasperated) to find the **light rail stop directly across the road.** How we managed a scenic tour of Dulwich Hill just to reach a café opposite the tram line remains a mystery. The event organiser may need to brush up on his navigation skills.

Despite the detour, it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. The return trip to the city was smooth and uneventful, rounding out a pleasant outing for all.

Regards,

**John Hyland**



# A Special Request

## A Birthday Drive for Dennis

Earlier in the year, the club received an email from a family asking whether someone might be able to help fulfil a special birthday wish. Their father, **Dennis**, had just turned **90**, and all he wanted for his birthday was a ride in a vintage car. I decided I'd be happy to help and got in touch with his daughter, **Narelle**, to make the arrangements.

We agreed that I would pick Dennis up on Tuesday at around 10:30 am and take him out for a drive. Following the family's suggested route, I collected him from his home in Mortdale and headed out toward **Brighton Le Sands**. We parked by the bay, looking across the water toward the airport. It was an absolutely beautiful day—perfect for a leisurely run in the old car.

From there, we continued south along the water's edge to the **St George Sailing Club**, where we stopped to take a few photos before making our way back to Mortdale. Once home, we sat down for a cuppa and a good chat.

It really was a **great day** with a **lovely family**. They told me how much they enjoyed the drive, and I was genuinely happy to share my car with them and help make Dennis's 90th birthday a little more special.

Regards,

**Peter Wigzell**



# Bathurst Gold Rally

April 19, 2026

The Bathurst Gold Country Tour proved to be a wonderfully organised and thoroughly enjoyable weekend for all who attended.

The event began with registration at the Majellan Bowling Club, where entrants collected their tour bags and enjoyed a welcoming cuppa before heading out onto the road.

The tour covered around 132 kilometres of sealed country roads, taking participants through the historic villages of **Rockley**, **Trunkey Creek**, and **Newbridge**, with marshals positioned at key intersections to keep everyone on track. A generous morning tea was provided by the Rockley community, followed by a relaxed lunch at the Newbridge Showground, catered by the Newbridge Art Group Space (NAGS).

At Newbridge, vehicles were parked and displayed in age categories, giving entrants the chance to vote for their favourite cars as well as the overall People's Choice **Which was won by Club Member Alan Hale**. The variety and quality of vehicles on display made judging no easy task.

The Saturday evening presentation dinner at the Bathurst RSL was a highlight of the weekend. With the theme of dressing in the period of your car, members embraced the spirit of the night with enthusiasm. We are delighted to report that **club members Keith and Anne Smith won the Best Dressed Couple award**, a well deserved recognition for their outstanding outfits and attention to detail.

Sunday morning saw the vehicles assembled once again at the Majellan Bowling Club before heading out on a short countryside tour around Bathurst. The weekend concluded back at the club with morning tea and farewells, giving everyone time to reflect on a memorable and well-run event before beginning the journey home.

It was a fantastic weekend of motoring, history, scenery, and camaraderie—everything a good tour should be.

**Josh Daws**



# Events

## Club Events:

### June

21 June – Picton Memorial Park

- 60 Argyle St, Picton NSW 2571
- Meet 10:30am at the park.
- Club provided **sausage sizzle** for members and guests.
- Enjoy a stroll through historic Picton, only a short walk away.

### July

26 July – All Fords Day, Eastern Creek

- Cars must be in place by 8:30am.

### August

16 August – Shannons CMC Display Day, Eastern Creek

### September

20 September – Club Run (TBC)

- Bella Vista Farm currently being explored as the venue by Col Bootle.

### October

18–24 October – 29th Australian National Meet, Albany WA

- Refer to entry form previously emailed and printed in *The Flyer*.
- Entries close end of May.

18 October – Memorial Run

- Held at Burnam Burnam Sanctuary.

### November

15 November – Run Required

### 2028

15–17 September 2028 – 100th Anniversary of the Model A Ford

- Celebrations in Gulgong.

# Events Continued

## Invitation Events:

### July

10–12 July – Art Deco Festival, Leeton NSW

### August

16 August – Maroota Muster

### September

28 September – East Hills Charity Car Show

- Kelso Oval, Panania South

### October

3 October – Penrith Highland Festival

- Penrith Showground, Station Street
- Free entry for car + 2 passengers
- Contact **Robert Brown** to attend (site booking and tickets required)

17 October – Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club Car & Bike Show

- **Berry Showground, Berry NSW**
- Pre-entries required by 3 October
- Entry fee: **\$20 per vehicle**
- Contact: **David Mullinger – 0417 671 107**
- Email: **vp@shvc.org.au**

## Swap Meets:

### July

25 July – All Ford Swap Meet, Eastern Creek

### August

1–2 August – All Holden Day & Swap Meet

- Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

### November

14–15 November – Bendigo Swap Meet

For the latest details and additional events, visit:

<https://ozwrenches.com/swap-meets.htm>



# Events Continued

## June Wanderers Day Out – Thursday, 4 June 2026

Our June outing will be a relaxed day at Watsons Bay, with a short side trip up to The Gap for those who wish to take in the views.

We will meet at Circular Quay at around 9:30 am for coffee before catching the ferry.

Lunch will be decided on the day at one of the many cafés and eateries around the bay precinct.

For any enquiries, please contact John Hyland – 0433 442 022.

## Wanderers – 2nd July

The Wanderers' 2nd July Monthly Event will be a visit to the **Australian Army Museum** located within **Holsworthy Base** on Alec Campbell Drive, off Heathcote Road, Holsworthy.

As with all military facilities, **security requirements are strict**, and all visitors must be pre cleared before arrival. To meet the base's entry requirements, we are required to submit a visitor list in advance.

**By the June meeting (19th), please provide the following details:**

- Surname
- First Name
- Driver Licence Number

These details will be added to our entry form for submission to the base.

You may send your information to [waikato.park@bigpond.com](mailto:waikato.park@bigpond.com), or provide it in person at the June meeting.

Further information will be provided via email.

Regards,

**John Hyland**

# Important Notices

## In memoriam:

It is with deep regret that we wish to advise of the passing of long time club members **Ken Warburton** and **Des Fitzgerald**.

A memorial service was held for Ken on April 9th.

Information related to Des's funeral will be provided soon via our Facebook page & emailed to members.



## All Fords Day:

The Club has 30 tickets for this years AFD, They will be available soon, contact Phill Dalton to secure your ticket.

## 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.



**The Model A Ford Club of NSW  
Meeting Room has Changed!**

— Now at the —  
**Eyes Down Room  
at Merrylands RSL!**

**Third Friday of the Month.**



- Parking is available in the RSL's secure car park.
- Remember to have your ticket validated at the *front desk before leaving*.
- Enter the RSL through the main doors and sign in at the front desk.
- Walk past the escalators and continue through the Sage Restaurant.

To reach Level 1, you can choose either:

- The lift, located to the left of the *play area* inside Sage, or
- The stairs, located to the right of the *play area*, opposite the Belmont Bar.
- At the top of the stairs, you'll find the Eyes Down Room



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