

Model A Flyer

June / July 2026



Club meetings are held in the "Eyes Down Room" Merrylands RSL, Miller St, Merrylands. At 7:30pm on the Third Friday of each month. Parking is available at the RSL or in Newman



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Model A Ford Group of New South Wales

Presidents Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



Over the past two months, we have enjoyed a fantastic period of activity within the club, and it has been wonderful to see such strong support from our members. Thank you to everyone who attended our recent events and helped make them such a success. The enthusiasm and camaraderie shown by members continues to be one of the great strengths of our club.

Our recent Picton BBQ and All Ford Day were both very well attended and provided excellent opportunities for members to get together, enjoy their vehicles, and promote our wonderful Model A Fords to the wider community. The Picton BBQ in particular was extremely well received, with many

positive comments from those who attended. Given its popularity, it is certainly something we may look at making an annual event in the club calendar.

I would also like to apologise for not being able to attend All Ford Day this year. Unfortunately, a last-minute appointment arose that could not be rescheduled. While I was disappointed to miss the event, I was pleased to hear that the club was so well represented and that everyone enjoyed a great day.

Our move to Merrylands RSL has continued to go very well, and I would like to thank all members for their patience and support as we settle into our new home. The facilities have proven to be an excellent fit for the club, and I am confident that our meetings will continue to improve as we become more familiar with the venue and its opportunities.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events planned, and I encourage all members to get involved whenever they can. These outings provide a great chance to enjoy our cars, catch up with fellow members, and continue the traditions that make our club so special. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about in their Model A's over the coming months and sharing many more enjoyable experiences together.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, participation, and commitment to the club. Your involvement is what keeps our organisation strong, active, and welcoming, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events.

Lastly, you may have noticed that this edition of the Flyer is arriving a little later than usual. With Microsoft Publisher, the software used to create the Flyer, reaching end of support as part of the Microsoft Office suite, the club has purchased a perpetual licence for Publisher 2021. This version will remain fully usable after official Publisher support ends in October. Finalising this purchase took longer than expected, which unfortunately resulted in the delay.

Josh Daws

Picton Memorial Park

June 21st, 2026

Our recent club run to Picton Memorial Park was a fantastic day out and another great example of the strong support and enthusiasm shown by our members. The event was very well attended, with an impressive turnout of 12 Model A Fords, accompanied by a Model T and a Thunderbird. It was wonderful to see such a variety of vehicles on display and so many members coming together to enjoy the day.

The weather was perfect for the occasion, although there was certainly a bit of a chill in the air during the morning. Fortunately, the sunshine made for very pleasant conditions, and it provided an ideal setting to catch up with friends, admire the vehicles, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the park.

One of the highlights of the day was the sausage sizzle, which was enjoyed by all who attended. While we encountered a few challenges with one of the BBQs refusing to cooperate, the team adapted well and ensured that everyone was fed without too much delay. It was a great reminder that a few minor setbacks are easily overcome when there is plenty of help and good humour on hand.

Events such as this are what make our club so enjoyable. They provide an opportunity to get our Model A Fords out on the road, spend time with fellow enthusiasts, and share in the friendship that exists throughout the club. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the day such a success. I look forward to seeing many of you again at our upcoming events and continuing to enjoy these wonderful cars together.

Josh Daws



Wanderers Report 1

Watsons Bay Harbour June 2026

The day started under cloudy skies, but that did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the nine Wanders members who gathered for our June outing to Watsons Bay.

We began the morning with a leisurely morning tea at Chambers Coffee Shop before making our way across the road to Ferry Wharf No. 2 for our harbour journey. Our ferry was one of the newer enclosed vessels, offering comfortable seating and excellent views of the harbour. After a brief stop at Rose Bay, we continued on to Watsons Bay.

Upon arrival, the group split into two parties. One group set off to explore The Gap, where the towering cliffs and spectacular views of the coastline provided plenty of opportunities for photographs. The area is now well equipped with safety fencing and surveillance cameras, along with a direct emergency phone connection to Lifeline. The impressive rock formations and scenery of South Head made the climb well worthwhile, although there were certainly plenty of steps involved.

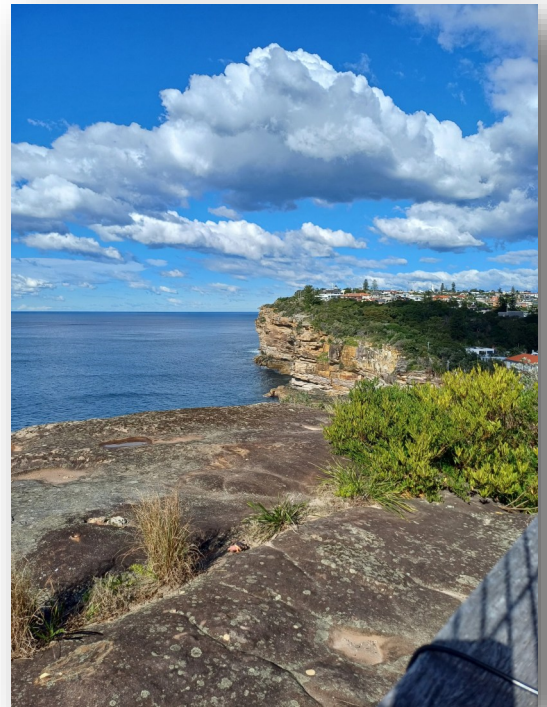
Meanwhile, the second group chose a more relaxed approach, settling in at the jetty café to enjoy the surroundings. After reuniting, we all enjoyed lunch together, with most opting for the takeaway-style meals on offer, which proved to be both generous and enjoyable.

As the afternoon progressed, the weather began to look a little unsettled, so we decided to catch the next ferry back to Circular Quay. The return trip provided another opportunity to take in the beauty of Sydney Harbour before heading home.

Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing day, with good company, pleasant scenery, and plenty of conversation throughout.

Regards,

John Hyland



All Fords Day 2026

July 26, 2026

Sunday saw another excellent All Fords Day, with a terrific display of vehicles spanning many decades of Ford history. The event attracted a strong crowd and provided plenty of opportunities to admire some outstanding restorations and catch up with fellow enthusiasts.

A particularly pleasing sight was seeing Des Fitzgerald's Model A on display, driven by his son Shaun. It is always special to see these cars being enjoyed by the next generation, and Des's Model A looked right at home amongst the many vehicles on show.

One vehicle that generated a great deal of interest was a beautifully restored Model A Ambulance owned by John, a friend of Robert Brown. The quality of the restoration was exceptional, with every detail carefully finished and presented. What made the story even more remarkable was learning that this is just one of seven ambulances John has restored over the years. To undertake restorations of that scale is an impressive achievement in itself, but to have completed all seven projects personally speaks volumes about his dedication, skill, and passion for preserving these unique vehicles.

One of the great things about events such as All Fords Day is the variety of vehicles and stories on display. While the cars themselves are always the main attraction, it is often the people behind them and the history they preserve that leave the strongest impression. From family-owned vehicles to rare and unusual restorations, there was certainly no shortage of interesting conversations throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped showcase the Model A Ford. The club was well represented, and it was pleasing to see our cars continuing to attract attention and admiration from the many visitors who stopped to take a closer look.

Peter Thompson



Wanderers Report 2

Visit to the Australian Army Engineering and Military Police Museums, Holsworthy Barracks July 2026

We must have been blessed by the weather gods, as the days leading up to our outing were far from pleasant. Fortunately, the sun was shining on Thursday 2nd July, providing ideal conditions for our visit to the Australian Army Engineering and Military Police Museums at Holsworthy Barracks.

Sixteen Wanders members gathered in the car park adjacent to the Pass Office and enjoyed a self-supplied morning tea before commencing the day's activities. Club member Ivan Gibson, a former Army Engineering Officer, met the group and assisted with the entry formalities. After assembling at the Pass Office, we were marked off against our entry forms and received a comprehensive briefing from Sergeant James, who explained the various do's and don'ts while on the base.



Following a short walk, our first stop was the Military Police Museum, located in one of the original World War II barrack buildings. The museum contained a fascinating collection of photographs, memorabilia, and displays tracing the history of the Military Police through the years.

We then moved on to the Australian Army Engineering Museum, and what an impressive sight it was. The scale of the display area was remarkable, with an enormous collection of artefacts, equipment, photographs, and historical exhibits covering Army engineering activities from the mid-19th century through to more recent operations in Afghanistan. The amount of history that has been preserved is truly outstanding and provided plenty of interest for everyone in the group.



By lunchtime, we had worked up an appetite and made our way to the New Brighton Lakes Golf Club, where we enjoyed a very pleasant lunch and the opportunity to reflect on the highlights of the day.

A sincere thank you to Ivan Gibson for organising and facilitating our visit, and to all the members who attended. It was an informative and enjoyable outing, made even better by good company and great weather.

Regards,

John Hyland

Events

Club Events:

August

16 August – Shannons CMC Display Day, Eastern Creek

September

27 September – Intershed Truck Museum

- 631 Old Pitt Town Road, Oakdale.
- Entry is \$10 per vehicle, includes carshow and shed tours.
- Gates open at 7:00am, suggest we arrive around 8:30 - 9:00am.
- BBQ breakfast and lunch available for purchase, tea & Coffee available.

October

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

18 October – Memorial Run

- Held at Burnam Burnam Sanctuary.
- Details will be supplied via email closer to the event.

November

15 November – Run Required

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

- Celebrations in Gulgong.

Swap Meets:

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

Invitation Events:

August

16 August – Maroota Muster

23 August– Bathurst Historic Car Club Show N Shine, Mt Panorama. \$5 car entry plus \$5 per person swap meet entry. 8:00am entry for Show N Shine.

30 August – Side Valve Day at Campbelltown Steam Museum

- Gates open 8AM for vehicle entry.
- \$15 entry for Side Valve Vehicles
- \$5 entry for other vehicles

September

5 September– St Mary's Spring Festival and Static Car Display.

- More details to follow. See Robert Brown if you wish to attend

19 & 20 September – Clarendon Classic Truck & Car Show, Hawkesbury Showground.

- Gates open at 8:00 on both days.

20 September – Lugarno Lions Club Charity Car Show

- 9:00am at Ganons Park, Riverwood.
- Entries limited to 150 cars, \$20 entry which is donated to charity.
- Enter using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcCKweKqrCBLuiykn4pLYKOQLs1vn_uYOA9wUB7IzanrcQQ/viewform

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

18 October – Camden Car Show, Gledswood Winery

- 900 Camden Valley Way, Catherine Fields
- \$20 per vehicle entry
- Gates open at 7:00am with all cars to be in place by 9:30am.
- Contact John Fenato 0418-238-919



Important Notices

Shannons Sydney Classic:

For those attending Shannons Day at Eastern Creek, please be advised that we are located in area A, adjacent to Garage #36.

Our track tour time is 10:30am, so be ready at 10:00am if you are going to participate. Please note that speed is limited to no more than 60kmh and there is no overtaking.



**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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