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FORD TORQUE SA



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7th December
Club Christmas Party

Friday 16th January
Fish n Chip Run

PLEASE NOTE Our January Meeting will start at the earlier time of 7:30pm in the hope a few more members are able to attend

Meetings & Contact

Model A **Ford** Club of South Australia Inc. – meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the C.C.C. Club Rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore starting at 8:00pm

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From the President!

Another month has flown by and Christmas is coming, with shops already gearing up with Christmas themes.

Coming up is our Christmas party on 7th December.

Please advise Kev Draper 0423 380 917 of your intention to attend.

So, for those of you who cannot make the Club Christmas Party, on behalf of the committee, we wish you a joyous Christmas and a much improved 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to meetings and Club runs we have planned.

In closing, keep your "A" fuelled up and ready to go. Till next time, safe and enjoyable driving

Cheers Eileen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Christmas Party

Club Christmas Party
Sunday 7th December 2024
Club rooms, from 4.30pm

Let's make it a great day, helpers can come along to help set up at 4.00pm. Come along and join in the Christmas party festivities
The club will again be providing food for dinner plus welcome drink on arrival (bubbly and/or orange juice)

Bring your own drinks and nibbles, if you want pre-dinner nibbles. No need to bring your own plates as we need to use up the box of plastic plates and cutlery that we have collected over the years
It is hoped Father Christmas will be able to come, so if bringing children, please bring a present (with their name clearly marked on it) for Father Christmas to give to them.

Please contact Kevin Draper on 0423 380 917

Fish N Chip Run

Friday 16th January

Meet at the clubrooms at 6:00pm.

More details to follow

Please remember there is no meeting in December.
Next meeting is Tuesday 18th November at 8:00pm

HAVE YOUR SAY

We are always happy to receive submissions for the newsletter. If you can email your stories to the editor by the 1st of each month for inclusion

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Website Update .

Remember to check out the Club website for information about upcoming events and other trivia
<http://www.mafcofsa.epizy.com>



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Need help with your "A"?

Have a question you can't answer?

Have a chat with our
Technical Reps

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8276 7561

Don Cresshull
0400 779 004

Wayne Stapleton
0429 677 374

FOR SALE/WANTED

New Burns aluminium inlet manifold to suit 3 bolt pattern of Stromberg 97, 81 or Holley.

\$350.00 plus post

Bernard Livingston

Mildura

0423509538

Model A diff Ring and Pinion \$150

2 Tyres 700-16 light truck Hankook -new \$300[cost 400wholesale]

5 Tyres 215/70/16 radial Autogreen new \$400

4 Tyres 205/70/16 radial Continental as new \$300

5 wire wheels 17 in Ford \$350

2 ford A cyl heads machined \$50ea

2ford B cyl heads machined \$50ea

1ford AA gearbox 4 speed needs work \$100

1 ford A motor with slipper bearings \$6000

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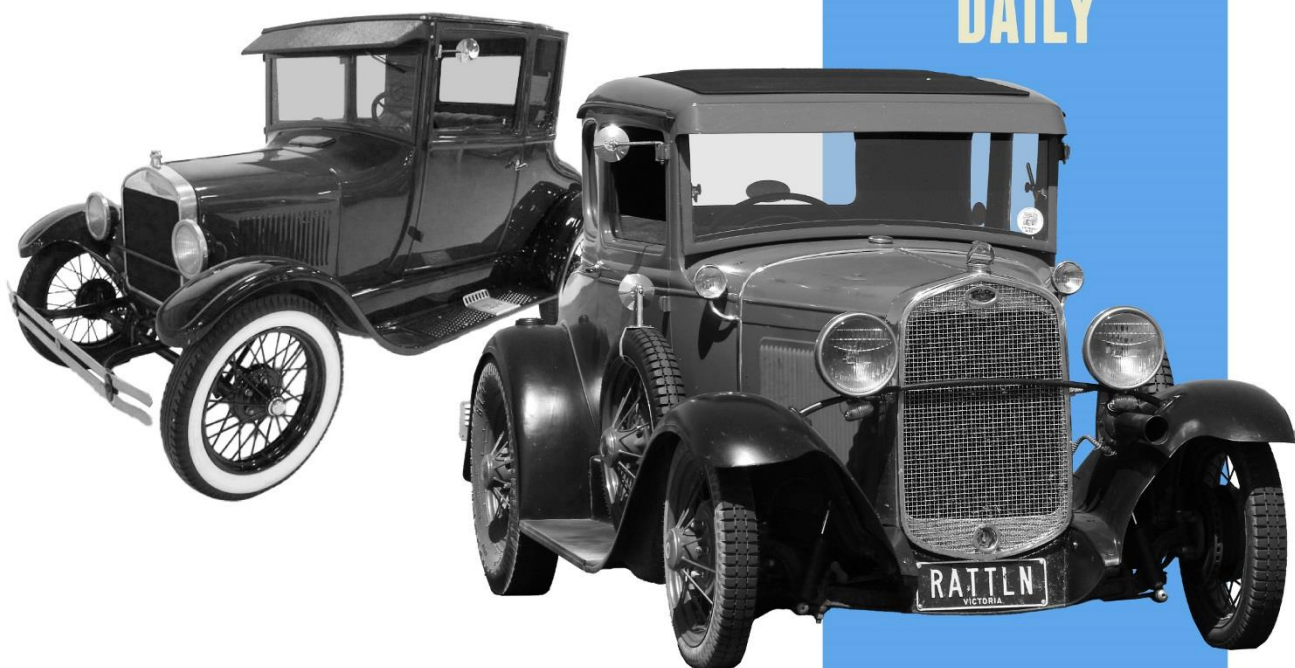
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From that Garages

Murraylands Community Men's Shed Update

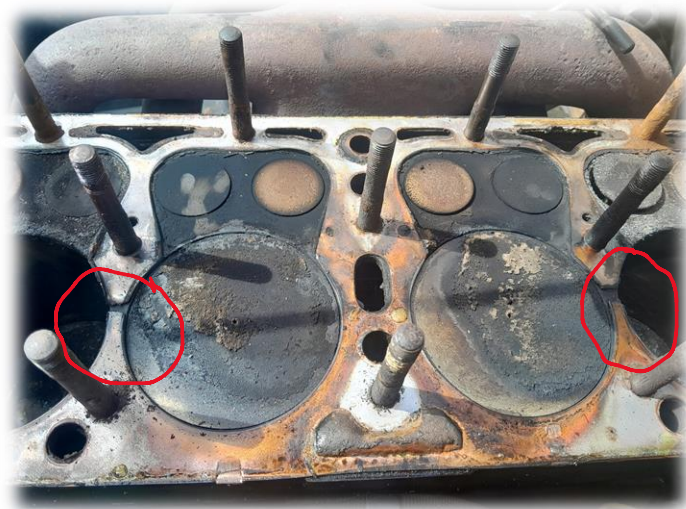
Work progresses. Rims on and down off the trestles today as things were getting a bit wobbly with all the weight being added. Much safer to move around now.

It almost looks like a car again!



Chaos at the Blanchard's Place (Again)

Despite being interstate (visiting Warwick onsite at Lake Perkolilli) my darling son took his grandmothers sport coupe to Birdwood to watch the end of the Bay to Birdwood on the day we returned from WA. The car was making some odd noises so he retarded the timing and kept going. Upon arrival he found the engine refused to restart. DAAAAD!!!! Can you come and rescue us please? The engine was showing signs of a distinct lack of compression and would not even fire. What we found is illustrated below. Not one, but two anti-compression points in the gasket! Thank fully I had a brand new gasket in the shed. Although it meant missing the Saturday display on the anniversary run and the V8 picnic, it is almost back together ready for summer.



RECENT EVENTS

ANNIVERSARY RUN October 24th to 26th 2025

Well Team what a great weekend at Mt Pleasant. The weather forecast was kind of iffy with forecast of heavy rain, thunderstorms and cyclone force winds – but – the Model A's braved the weather and came home smiling as it only rained heavily Saturday evening. Highlights included meeting up with Marg and Gary Fischer at Birdwood for lunch at the Fold Café on Friday and the usual Happy Hour in the camp kitchen at Mt Pleasant Caravan Park. Saturday morning our Model A's were on display at the Farmers Market and received many admiring comments. After browsing the market, purchasing goodies (and enjoying some) we headed off for a lovely run through Mount Crawford Forest, past the Warren Reservoir and on to Williamstown. A leisurely stroll along the main street, perusing the local OP Shop and headed back along the street for coffee and for some, ice-cream. The weather was threatening as we headed off to Springton and stopped off visit the Herbig Family Tree. The Saturday evening dinner was held at the Mt Pleasant Hotel with great food that we all enjoyed. Sunday Breakfast was again barbequed by our Model A Chefs Extraordinaire in the camp kitchen. The honour of organising the Annual Run next year was given to Warwick Little and Gil Ludlam. Breakfast complete we headed off to Jim and Margaret Ellis' property where we enjoyed the tour through the goodies that Jim and family had on the property. A beautifully restored AA Truck, several trucks and cars for restoration, also tractors and other memorabilia. Thank you, Gary and Margaret for organising a lovely weekend, we certainly enjoyed ourselves.

Kev & Eileen Draper





Warwick & Gill being awarded the trophy



Checking out the restored AA



Unrestored AA Truck



Fischers, Merrets and Don Cresshull's Cars

Other Events – Red Dust Revival

For those of you that don't know, this is an event that takes place at Lake Perkolilli 40km NE of Kalgoorlie WA. Lake Perko is a normally dry claypan. The event is a re enactment of the motor races that were held there up until 1939. The rules are anything made or cobbled together using pre 1939 parts. There are cars of all makes, including some rare brands:- Lagonda, Bentley, Star, Dort, Gwynn, Singer and a Willys Knight V8 sleeve valve (only 4 made for INDY.) Of course plenty of 'A's and Austin 7s. The objective is to race against the clock, and have fun going as fast as you dare, or the car will allow. Our A went very well and posted some respectable times, better than some V8's. At scrutineering we had to relocate the battery kill switch. During the event the only thing we did was advance the timing 3 deg, and lower the tyre pressure. It ran reliably all week without fiddling or repairing bits. Due to the dust I changed the pre cleaner on the air filter every run. At the end of the week, it turned from a dust bowl and willy willy's, to rain that flooded the lake, where upon the ancient shrimp reappeared, and the people disappeared.

The event was organized by and for VARIETY Children's Charity, who did a fantastic job!! Warwick.





Model A



1935 Rolls Royce



1913 Oldsmobile



1928 Model A



1935 Rolls Royce & 1921 Chev



Willys and a Model T



Faces of Racers



MG PB



Red Label Bentley





Austin 7s and a Chrysler



1930s Stutz Blackhawk



Chrvsler



Technical – Downdraft manifolds

It is possible to make a downdraught manifold from your original manifold. If choosing a manifold use a straight edge on both the flat edge and the bottom edge as the heat is most prominent on the exhaust end causing it to sag with the weight of the muffler etc. Using an angle grinder cut off the existing carbie inlet just below bolts. This must then be sealed by brazing. It must then be drilled using a hole saw. Make up a new flange and inlet pipe 2 1/2 inches long. This can now be brazed to the inlet manifold. Swing the whole inlet manifold over and rebolt. The Ford A flange will now take either a Holden or falcon carbie. You now have a downdraught exhaust. (EDIT: The Blanchards have just purchased from Henrys one of these with a Stromberg 97 – See last photo)

Submitted by Gary Fischer



CLUB CALENDAR

For further information and details on individual events please contact the organizer of the run as indicated, or our Events Co-ordinator Kevin Draper

Club Events marked are the official club runs, where points are allocated towards the clubman trophy.

CLUB EVENTS

November	Tuesday 18th	General Meeting—Clubrooms
December	Sunday 7th December	Christmas Celebration see front page
	NO MEETING	
January	Friday 16 th	
	Tuesday 20 th	General Meeting EARLIER TIME 7:30
February	Sunday 15 th	Breakfast Run
	Tuesday 17 th	General Meeting

OTHER EVENTS

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