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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great way to start our club year with a BBQ! It was really nice to see everyone in a relaxed environment following the Christmas break. I look forward to more pre-meeting dinners; I think you will all agree that this is a wonderful initiative by your committee.

Gary and I were delighted to open our home to you all for the Breakfast Run. Thank you to all those members that attended, it was a pleasure to host you all. As most of you are aware, when it comes to domestic duties I am not your man, so I would like to give a big thank you to Gary and Lin for supplying the morning tea.

Looking forward, we have a very exciting program of runs organized by a variety of club members. I am personally looking forward to the March Run organized by Sam Kimber to the Manning Sculptures at McLaren Vale, somewhere I would imagine not many of us would have been to. Don't forget to let Sam know you are attending. samanthaj.kimber@gmail.com

We also have a midweek run to Wakefield House, please let Mik know if you intend on participating in this run.

mikbojko@hotmail.com

This year's Annual Run is well on the way to being organized. I thank Kingsley and Jenny for the work they have put into making sure that we all have a memorable time. If you haven't already registered to be part of these few days away, please contact Kingsley ASAP. (0404 373 740)

As usual, you will find all our up-and-coming events in the following pages of this edition of the Buzzerbox.

Speaking about the Buzzerbox, this magazine is the lifeline of our club and no matter if you get it by post or email, it is what keeps everyone in touch with the club and the events that we hold.



I am asking you (the members) all to please take the time (once a year) to write a story, think outside the box - I can hear you say "I have nothing interesting to write about" but we have all got a story to tell it may be a story about your Model T, or even the other car in your life.

Do you know someone that may be interested in attending future meetings as a guest speaker? If so, please let a member of your committee know.

Thank you all for your continued participation and enthusiasm. Here's to a fantastic year ahead for our club!

On a personal note, I thought the world was going to end on Thursday evening as our dishwasher decided to give up the ghost, I have never had the privilege of doing dishes so something had to be done and done as a matter of urgency, crisis everted a new one was purchased today and it will be delivered Tuesday

See you all at the General Meeting Wednesday 5th March, 7.00pm

Adam Jones



On the Cover

How I became the current owner of Lizzie, 1921 Model T Ford

My Interest in Vintage cars started when my father and I acquired our very first vintage car in 1988. This car was a 1924 Dodge buckboard that was going to be a restoration project for dad and me to do together. We got started on the car very quickly but after a couple of years dad started to lose interest, and I didn't have the knowledge to



continue on my own. I do still own the car, and it will be restored as a possible retirement project for me.

In 2003 I decided that it was time for me to leave my hometown of Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, and move to the big smoke. Prior to moving to Adelaide, I was traveling back and forth with job interviews and would always find myself at Collectible Classics on South Road having a look. On my first visit to Collectible Classics (I was looking for a restored 1924 Dodge that I could already drive) I saw in the back corner of the shop a very dusty dirty grey Model T Ford with a big sign on the wind-screen saying, "NOT FOR SALE". As I was really interested in a 1924 Dodge, I Didn't enquire into the Model T.

Approx. a month later I found myself at Collectible Classics once again, this time the Model T Ford had been moved closer to one of the side roller doors still very dusty and dirty and still with a sign "NOT FOR SALE". I left and went back to the island and on my return, I had good news that I got a job and would be starting in a couple of weeks.

On the 12th of September 2003 I paid one last visit to Collectible Classics and this time Michael said, "I've seen you in here a lot lately, is there anything you're looking for". I told him I was looking for a 1924 Dodge he laughed and said I don't have one but what's wrong with this Model T Ford? My response was that it's not for sale, but I did like it. Everything is for sale in my shop I'm just not sure if it runs as it has been in the National Motor Museum in Birdwood since 1969.

We spoke about price, and I gave him a deposit on the condition that he would get it running for me. Two weeks later I received a call from Michael letting me know my new Model T Ford had been for a run around the block and when would I like

At this stage I still wasn't a member of a club and had no idea how to drive the car, so I started searching the internet on how to start and drive a Model T Ford. The following week I joined the Model T Ford club. A week after this I collected my car. I trailered the car to my Nana's house in Gawler as I had nowhere to keep it at this stage. We unloaded the car got it running and I set out around the block slowly at first and getting faster with every lap of the block. After about an hour I tried to get my Nana to come for a ride, but she didn't trust my driving just yet. I was in need of some petrol as old Lizzie was getting low so I felt I would be ok to drive into town and buy some petrol. As I pulled into the servo I panicked and pushed my foot on the left pedal and she wouldn't stop, I almost took out the fuel pump. The car then wasn't driven for about two weeks until the next club run which was to Mallala. The car ran beautifully and there I met a few people.

Old Lizzie and I have covered many miles since 2003 including 4 trips to Kangaroo Island, 2 of those being with a group of other Model T's for a week at a time covering over 1000kms on each trip.

At the time of writing this story Lizzie was living a partly retired life as with my bad back I find her a little uncomfortable on a long run, but she was still enjoying her small outings in 2017 Lizzy and I along with other club members went to all American day on the 19th of Feb and to the historic gathering in March.

In 2017 I still had a nice collection of cars in my possession (1921 Model T Ford, 1924 Dodge, 1929 Chevrolet & my 1968 Mini) and felt that I would never part with any of them as they meant far too much to me.



A lot has happened since I first wrote about my Model T. In 2017 I wrote that I still owned my 1921 Model T Ford, 1929 Chevrolet, 1924 Dodge Buckboard and my 1968 Morris Mini. I also said I would never part with any of them, my how things can change.

As many of you that travelled to Kangaroo Island for the Final Kangaroo Island Adventure in 2021 would recall family friends had a 1924 Dodge buckboard on display with us at the Kingscote Show on the Saturday. I parted with my 1924 Dodge to help get Gary & Leonie's Dodge up and running, so poor old Les still lives on in some sort of way. In Feb 2024 I also parted with my 1968 Morris Mini. That was a very difficult decision as I had owned him for over 30 years, but the offer was way too good to refuse. A nice young lady on Kangaroo Island now owns him and is planning a full restoration. I can't wait to see the end result. So, I went from a car family of four down to 2 cars, The Model T and the Chev.

I decided to take the model T on David Carvers Presidents run in 2022 as I hadn't taken her on a run in a long time. I got her out of the garage, washed her and away we went. She was running like a dream, One could say too well, and on the way to the St Kilda Hotel for lunch she ran a bearing. I called RAA and in no time the truck was there to take me and Lizzy home. Once home we pushed her into the garage I jumped in the Merc and arrived at St Kilda just in time for lunch. It wasn't a total waste of a day. David Dunn offered to help me get Lizzy back on the road by installing a new conrod but unfortunately, she only lasted a few short miles before running the same bearing again. I then decided to put a completely new engine in her. Thanks to the assistance of Rod Hills & Allan Bennett Lizzy is almost back on the road again and I honestly can't wait as I've really missed her.

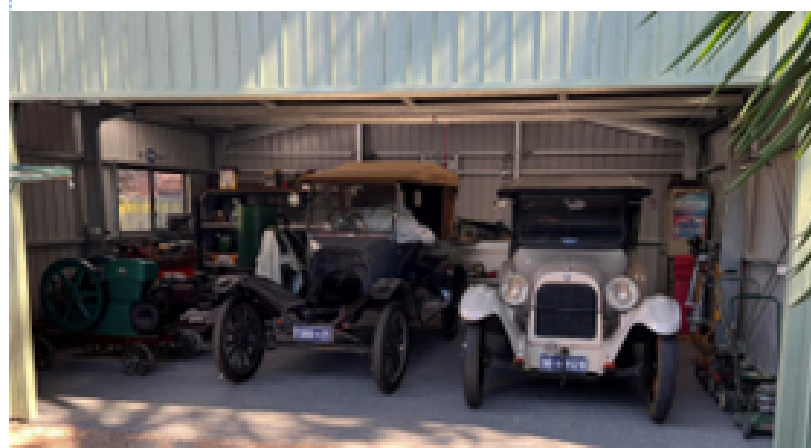


In 2023 my car stable grew by one when I acquired Laurie's 1920 Dodge which I named Dolly the Dodge. She is a great old car but gave me some terrible trouble when we first started driving her again after being parked up for 15 years. Again, with the wonderful help of Rod Hills he got her running nicely Trevor Norley and I ventured off on our first run, The Gawler to Barossa Run.



She did that run beautifully but not long after that started playing up once again. It was found that her fuel tank was full of rust and needed fully cleaning. I have cleaned the tank several times and fingers crossed she is now going very well.

Now with 3 cars home, I thought where I am going to keep them so time to rip out the pool (Which wasn't getting used much anymore) and put in a new much bigger shed. We all know how the shed build went as I spoke about it lots at meetings. The shed was finally finished and now I'm lucky enough to have all my toys home.



As I am writing this story, I am really looking forward to having

my fellow club members coming and checking out my collection. As per my president's report in the February Buzzer Box my collection goes much further than my 3 vintage cars.

Adam Jones

**LIFE'S
BORING
IF YOU DON'T
LAUGH!
BE A LITTLE
CRAZY
& JUST BE
HAPPY!**



Mik's Famous Cherry Run

A Delightful Day Out

What do you do when there are no cherries? You go to a strawberry farm instead! Members and friends of the Model T Ford Club started the 2025 club year with a much-anticipated run to Green Valley Strawberries. Although I had never been there before, the trip turned out to be a delightful surprise – what a beautiful little place, if you have never been there put it on your list of places to visit.

We all gathered at the TTG Hotel, where the usual chitter-chatter filled the air.

Conversations about the latest car modifications, holiday escapades, and family updates flowed freely. Soon enough, it was time to embark on our leisurely drive through the picturesque Adelaide hills to the quaint town of Nairne.

Some club members who reside closer to Nairne joined us there, adding to the joyful get together. Green Valley Strawberries offered a delightful selection of fresh strawberries and treats, making it impossible to resist the temptation to indulge. The menu boasted a variety of delicious options, ensuring that everyone's taste buds were satisfied. Unfortunately, snitzel was not on the menu so Rod had to settle for pancakes. Jenny and Kingsley regularly visit the strawberry farm café and recommended a bacon and egg roll – I have to admit it was the nicest bacon and egg roll I have every enjoyed, the relish was just to die for.

As we savored our meals, more conversations ensued. We shared stories, laughter, and plans for the upcoming year. Nancy and Allan shared with us the excitement of being grandparents for the third time – congratulations to Anthony and Maggie a brand-new baby girl “Genevieve”. The atmosphere was filled with camaraderie and warmth, a testament to the strong bonds formed within our club.

After a thoroughly enjoyable time at Green Valley Strawberries, it was time to bid farewell. We expressed our gratitude to Mik, who had organized the event, for providing us with such a memorable experience.

As we headed home, the beautiful memories of the day lingered, reminding us of the wonderful friendships and the excitement of what lies ahead for the Model T Ford Club in 2025. Here's to more adventures, more laughter, and more cherished moments together.

Thank you, Mik, for a truly enjoyable day. We look forward to the next adventure!

Happy Birthday Model T Ford Club of Australia

What a wonderful way to start the club year and to celebrate 61 years since this wonderful club's inception. The flagpole garden was the perfect setting for a BBQ tea prior to the General Meeting. Thanks to Mik for his expertise in cooking the food.

The evening was a testament to the enduring spirit of the club, showcasing not only the love for the iconic Model T Ford but also the strong bonds of friendship and community that have been built over the past six decades. Here's to many more years of driving, sharing, and celebrating together!



"We thank those that came before us and look forward to what lies ahead"



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Founding Member

John Lucas

My association with John Lucas began when I joined the Model T Ford Club in 1967, having been away in the U.K. when the following high jinks started.

Four students from the Norwood Boys Tech High School drove their T Models through the Adelaide CBD at lunchtime on 30th June 1963 to commemorate 100 years of the birth of Henry Ford.

Allan White, encouraged by this enthusiasm, placed adverts in the papers seeking interest in forming a car club for Model Ts,

this resulted in the inaugural meeting being held at the Avenues Hotel on 6th February 1964.

The Lucas family ran the Avenues Hotel and John was made treasurer in the new club and held that position for 3 years until Ian 'Toddy' Todhunter took over.

Toddy bought a veteran T from the Angaston blacksmith and John was conscripted to help Toddy collect the car.

They managed to start the veteran and set off on the 80mile trip to Adelaide. However, after about 10 miles it came to a stop when the fuel feed became blocked. This was cleared but recurred at regular intervals until they arrived back in Adelaide. This didn't put John off because he did it again.

This time a trip to Peterborough 150 miles north of Adelaide. Club member, John Lasscock needed a windscreen for his T one ton truck restoration and had found a complete truck in Peterborough.



John Lucas, Glen Pearce and I set off with John Lasscock in his 1938 Cadillac with trailer in tow. On arrival we met Allan Bennett who had arrived earlier and searched the outbuildings for T parts and had pumped up the truck tyres. With the truck on the trailer, tied down and us ready to leave, suddenly an almighty bang as the front 30x3.5-inch tyre exploded. We arrived back at John Lasscocks plant nursery around the same time as Lucas' ears stopped ringing.

John Lasscock took off the windscreen and sold me the truck. Much later Jeff Potter, another founding club member, was employed by me as mechanic. We decided to valve grind the motor. Despite my warnings that the T had a timing problem, he cranked the motor, and the resulting misfire broke his arm.

John Lucas made sure this event did not happen to him as his next purchase had a self-starter.

This was a 7 passenger Packard, supposed to have been the Melbourne Lord Mayoral car.

John drove this Packard for my wedding car in 1969. The bridesmaid's car was John Lasscocks Packard.

In 1985 John Lasscock wrote an article for the Club Magazine 'Buzzer Box'.

He wrote: Many years ago, I wanted a T Roadster. Well, a member offered one for sale at a club meeting. I bought it but found it lacked a motor, wheels, turtledeck, hood and upholstery. After finding the parts I didn't know where to go to get it all put together.

One day John Lucas said how about we do up this car and show the members how little it costs to do up a T.

I agreed because he said he didn't want anything for his time if I would pay the out-of-pocket expenses. Well for a very long time I didn't have to pay out much and was feeling very pleased with the arrangement.

And then John rang me and said he needed some money to pay for something. \$30 or \$40 or so. But he kept ringing me for more money.



After about a month of this I suggested that we wouldn't tell the club members anything about restoring a T on the cheap but just go along quietly and restore it. John was very good, he put lots of work into the roadster just for love.

So, he finished the job but not before it must have cost more than a Rolls Royce, even without the labour.

I was very pleased with the job and told John he had better consider it half his, but he did not accept.

What a gentleman. I don't think he ever took it on a run even.

One day I phoned John on his mobile as the land line had not answered and he said he was in New Zealand on a rally with John Lasscock.

Lucas and Lasscock with others were not shy about their O.S. travel especially the U.S.A.

John Lucas developed a friendship with many people. The enduring were John Cooper, John Lasscock and Bruce Lord. Bruce lives in Broken Hill and whenever he came upon someone broken down, he would arrive with the exclamation 'Never fear the Lord is here'!

I often found Lucas and the Lord at Cooper's drop in center'!

John Lucas joined the Caddy Club around 1990 and John Cooper in 2006

Cooper went to the Tocumwal Nationals in 2006 as passenger in the Lucas 1951 Fleetwood. This car instantly impressed John Cooper and was the catalyst for the Coopers Classic Car Venture.

When Clem Ryan sold his Packard and LaSalle collection to Bob Davis. The Packard grapevine went into action.

The Lidgerwood brothers David, John and Keith owned Packards and Keith, normally resident in the UK, ended up in Adelaide with Packards in his sight.

A visit to Bob Davis resulted in Keith owning two LaSalle Roadsters.

John Lucas was party to this, and suggested Keith join the Caddie Club. John expedited this and paid the membership subs for Keith. John then brings Keith to look at my LaSalle collection. Keith was diagnosed with prostate cancer on his return to the UK and died soon after.



John Lucas from Adelaide has owned this 1951 Fleetwood for many years. John is pictured with the car at Tocumwal on his first long distance rally with the Club.

Pretty soon Keith had all my manual and service man bulletin sheets taken apart and copied.

John is worried that Keith may not be paying his way with me as Keith has made no attempt to reimburse John for the Caddie subscription. I assure John that so far no problems. However, a clutch fault in one of the cars results in the motor out and the

clutch assembly rebuilt by Australian Clutch at Wingfield.

This is a big job and again John makes sure I am not out of pocket.

Of course, I spend many hours helping Keith for nix and probably thinks this is how club friendship works and John paying his subs is another example of John's character. In the end John would chuckle about it and never asked Keith for the dough.

Theres a moral to this but I suspect it's a little too close to the bone.

John was easy to get along with and one day he imparted a classic piece of advice his father had given him. 'Never let go of the tiller'. This advice related to business and personal. John was a canny businessman, and he never let go of the tiller.

Around five years ago John had trouble with his legs. Diabetes had crept up on him. Irreversible muscle wasting limited his mobility.

On the 21st January 2025 the tiller slipped from his grasp.

Neil Murrie



LUCAS, John Maynard

Passed away surrounded by his loving family on 21st January, 2025.

Aged 83 years.

Loving Father of Sarah, Alexandra and Georgie.

Father-in-Law of Mark and Andrew.

Papa John (PJ) to Madi, Eddie,

Charlie and James.

Now back at the wheel driving through the Adelaide Hills.

"We love you heaps

Papa John.

You're the best".

March Club Run

Sunday 16th

Manning Sculptures - McLaren Vale

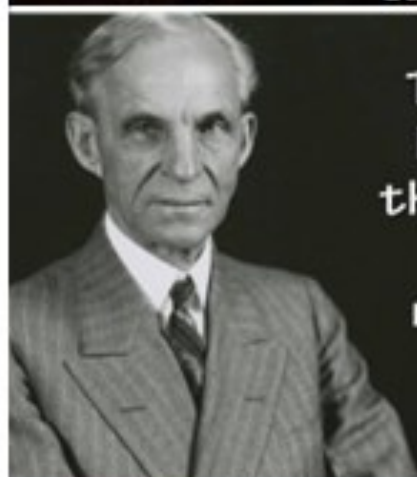
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Lunch at Pik A Pie Bakery, Meadows

Organiser - Samantha Kimber
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hardest work
there is, which is
probably the
reason so few
engage in it.

HENRY FORD



Upcoming Events

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
Wednesday 5th March	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	7.00pm
Thursday 6th March	Mik Bojko	Wakefield House	65 Acre Ave, Morphett Vale	Meet Clubrooms 9.30 departure
Sunday 16th March	Sam Kimber		Manning Sculptures	Meet Echunga Memorial Park 9.15am
Wednesday 26th March	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	5.00pm 6.15pm
Wednesday 2nd April	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	7.00pm
Thursday 3rd - Satur- day 5th April	Kingsley Taylor	Annual Run	Strathalbyn	Meet TTG Hotel carpark 10.00am
Wednesday 30th April	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	5.00pm 6.15pm
Wednesday 7th May	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	7.00pm

My Other Car

This is the story of how I acquired, and became the 2nd owner, of a baby blue 1974 6-cylinder 250 Ford TC Automatic Cortina in 2011.

It all started out when my older brother, Allen, was relocated to Northgate Disability Services in Northfield. This would

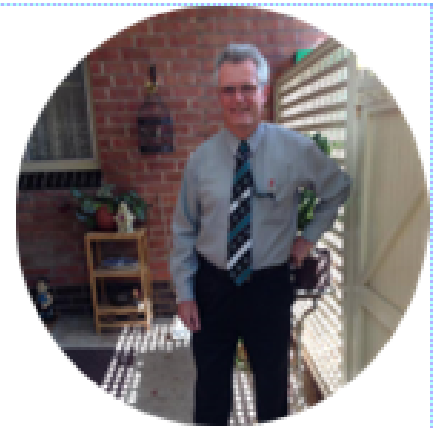


be his final accommodation place in late 2018 after having spent time at many other locations during his lifetime. Allen was Down Syndrome and when he took up residence there, Management approached me to become a member on the Relative and Advisory panels to represent him, and I accepted. When Allen passed away in 2021, aged 70, I was again approached about remaining on the panel, to which I agreed, and I currently still hold this position, but I digress... Back to my car.

There were several people on the panel, and unbeknownst to me, another married couple who coincidentally, I later discovered, were related on my mother's side of the family. The wife had her brother residing there at the disability center. Anyway, quite a few years went by when they suddenly approached me to see if I was interested in purchasing their Cortina after they had recently purchased a new car. I assume this offer eventuated following a previous discussion with them about my interest in Model T Fords, where I also found out that they were members of the Ford Owners Club, with the Cortina being on their Club registration.

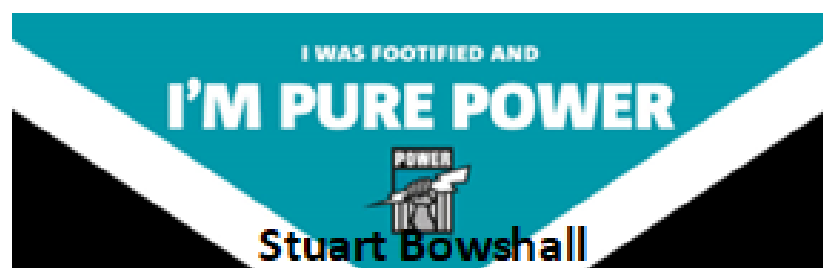


I must admit, I wasn't very interested at the time, but I thought that our daughter, Sarah, might have been as she already owned a 1974 TD Cortina. So, in due course, a meeting was set up for us both to meet the couple at their home to view the vehicle in March 2011. Sarah immediately fell in love with the car, with it having the sloped back that she loves, and which I jokingly describe as the poor cousin of the fastback Mustang. It was immediately decided that I would purchase the car, which was a 4-door automatic sedan with a 250 motor.



Sarah used the car occasionally to travel to work when her 'baby' Cortina, being only a 4-cylinder, 2 litre, 4-speed manual, was out of action from time to time, and I, of course, have used it extensively on various club runs. It has never given me any problems on performance, and apart from having due to minor rust spots on the car and a damaged vinyl top, it is in pretty good condition overall for its age.

I recently had the car resprayed, so it is now looking great! All she is waiting for now is a new vinyl top which will hopefully be fitted sometime this year to bring it back to its original condition. As I write this, it is currently at a garage having a new flexplate fitted as I was having problems with the starter motor engaging properly... Flywheel worn teeth, you know the drill.



ANNUAL RUN
3rd, 4th & 5th APRIL 2025

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OR

SOMEONE TO DRIVE TAILEND CHARLIE
SOMEONE TO SUPPLY A CAR TRAILER



THE BREAKFAST RUN

Sunday 16th February 2025

After a week of extreme heat, it was good to drive into the clubrooms car park on a pleasantly cool Sunday morning, the starting point for President Adam's breakfast run.

I was driving my good mates Jaguar XJ 300, this car is Paul's pride and joy and

until recently served as a chauffeur vehicle in our wedding car fleet.

She is a "civilian" now as we are retired, makes a change not to be dressed with wedding ribbons.

It was great to catch up with old friends, and it was my first visit to the new clubrooms, all I can say is **wow!**

My mind flashed back to a Saturday afternoon some years ago when I first saw a rundown building in Main Street Eastwood' the outstanding feature being a pile of pigeon droppings, a legacy left by the previous tenants a pigeon club.

From then to today to quote an old TV program **it's a Quantum leap.**

President Adam called us to order and issued a detailed run sheets that would direct our convoy to the Watershed Cafe at Mawson Lakes.

My first surprise on arrival was the number of cars in the car park, this many people go out to breakfast on a Sunday morning, I really need to get out more.

We followed through to a special area reserved for the Model T Ford Club, to say the breakfast menu was extensive would be an understatement.

The list of extras you could order with breakfast had no ending, the service was good and the prices were reasonable.

Paul and I were on table 2 and in no time were engaged in conversation covering a number of topics, he mentioned to me that he was delighted with the warm welcome he was given.

Most of us could have probably stayed on however president Adam signaled it was time to move on to our destination.

A short drive took us to Adam and Gary's home where we were in for a treat.

The guys have been working on outside renovations for sometime and things are really taking shape.

The garage with a special coated floor was the venue for Adam's stationary engines display, restored to the last detail, vintage lawn mowers, outboard motors, the list goes on, then we ventured inside.

A collection of antique pocket watches, vintage radios and a beautiful gramophone that was playing a record older than Adam.



Then an urn for tea and coffee and an assortment of tasty cakes.

All in all a well organised enjoyable run and thanks to Adam and Gary for their hospitality and hard work.

When you tell someone you are a member of a car club they look at you and normally say "it's all about cars"

Certainly cars are the drawcard that starts clubs like our Model T Ford Club however I have found it to be much more than that.

It is about people and the friendships you make, people who share their skills and there have been any number of those I have met in my years as a member of the T Club.

The run today had a special significance for Adam and myself.

As you would be aware the 1920 Dodge tourer Adam now drives did belong to Laurie Leonard a life member who served on committee, served as president and a man who helped numerous members over the years.

Adam and I are proud to call him a close friend.

Although in his early nineties when we started working on the Dodge to get her back on the road he was with us, in fact two days before he died he was working still, slower maybe, but just as keen.

One afternoon while we were working away Adam told Laurie that he would be the first passenger when she got back on the road.

Sadly we ran out of time, but today with his daughter Noela's permission Adam was able to keep his promise.

Laurie was on the run in spirit.

Trevor Norley





PICKLED BEETROOT

Serve with cold meats or part of a salad.

Teams wonderfully with goats' cheese and can be

grated and mixed through sour cream with a little horseradish to taste.



1 kg beetroot

1-2 cups sugar

4 cups white vinegar

12 black peppercorns

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground allspice

10 cloves (or Apple Cider vinegar)

1 teaspoon salt

Cook beetroot in boiling water until tender, peel and slice or dice and pack into sterilized jars.

Combine remaining ingredients in large saucepan. Bring to boil and remove from heat.

Cover and allow to stand for 20 mins to allow vinegar to cool a little and flavors to infuse.

Strain (I don't) and pour over beetroot making sure beetroot is well covered with liquid.

Seal immediately. Store in cool, dry dark place for up to 1 year.

Beetroot can be consumed immediately.

SULTANA CAKE

Very easy and very nice!

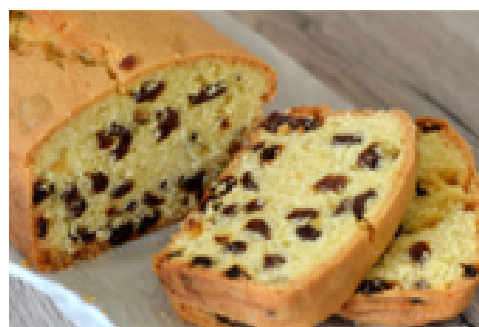
Put into a saucepan

250gms butter or marg

1 cup sugar

2 1/2 cups sultanas

1 cup water



Bring to boil and simmer 3 mins. Let cool and add 2 well beaten eggs and sifted together 1 cup Plain flour, 1 cup SR Flour and ½ teaspoon baking powder.

Cook in moderate oven for approx. 40 mins, depending on tin size used.

(Large log tin takes 50 – 55mins)

Wakefield House Positive Ageing Centre

65 Acre Ave Morphett Vale

6th March

Meet Clubrooms 9.30am departure

Organiser Mik Bojko

3 course meal \$14.00

Please let Mik Know you are coming

mikbojko@hotmail.com



Model T Ford Club Annual Run

3-4-5th April 2025

- ◆ Leisurely run through the Adelaide Hills, arriving in Strathalbyn.
- ◆ Travel from Strathalbyn to Goolwa. At 9.45am board the Coorong Experience Cruise (Private Charter) for a leisurely 6hr Cruise past the Murray Mouth and down the Coorong. Morning tea/lunch and afternoon tea provided.
- ◆ Visit Collectable Classics, Gilbert's Motor Museum, Op Shops, Antiques and Collectables.....BBQ Lunch.
- ◆ Accommodation at StrathalbynPhone 08 85363311 for bookings.
- ◆ Dinner location to be arranged, own cost
- ◆ Cruise \$144.00 per person (concession)
Children \$100.00 per child
- ◆ BBQ Lunch \$10.00 person, children on run free
- ◆ NOT GOING ON THE RUN,
THE Cruise IS OPEN TO YOU.....
see or phone Kingsley....0404373740
- ◆ Registration Forms now available



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD

4th February 2025

1. WELCOME:

- 1.1. Meeting commenced at 6.59pm.
- 1.2. The President welcomed everyone present to this 61st Birthday meeting, reminded members to sign the Attendance Record Book and advised that this meeting will be audio recorded for minute taking purposes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes have been accepted.

2. APOLOGIES:

- 2.1. David & Gayl Carver, Diane Eastick and Michael Trenorden.

3. MYSTERY OBJECT:

- 3.1. Supplied by Ian Oates.

4. FUNDRAISING:

- 4.1. A raffle was initiated using three prizes, with all proceeds to *Bowel Cancer Australia*.

5. MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 4TH DECEMBER 2024:

- 5.1. As distributed in the February 2025 edition of *Buzzer Box*.

Moved: Dale La Vars, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: Tony Russell; Carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:

- 6.1. Nil.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 7.1. The President was pleased to report that the Clubrooms Lease as between the Council and the Club had been signed just before Christmas 2024 and if any member wishes to see the confidential document to please contact the Secretary.
- 7.2. The President advised that cans of soft drink are \$1.50 each and bottles of water \$1 each and thanked the Committee for arranging this evening's celebratory BBQ with a special mention of Mik Bojko for the cooking.

Moved: Ian Russell, that the President's Report be accepted; Seconded: Tony Russell; Carried.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 8.1. The Secretary reported Correspondence In: The usual club magazines were received and forwarded/provided to the Librarian for inclusion in the Library; Leaflets / Entry Forms were received for the: *Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run* on Sunday, 30 March 2025, *Charity Run Muster, Vehicles and Old Machinery at the Flat* on Sunday, 30 March 2025, and the *Old Crocks Run* on Sunday, 4 May 2025 – refer to the Notice Board in the Foyer for Leaflets and potentially Entry Forms.
- 8.2. The Secretary reported Correspondence Out via email to Club Members: Christmas Greetings, Cherry Run, 61st Birthday BBQ, 2024 Annual Run plaques, 2025 Annual Run (including Entry Form), Diary Dates, Change around of February and March 2025 Runs and Death & Funeral Notice for long time member Ian Smith; The Events and Runs Coordinator provided an explanation about the swap around of the February and March 2025 Runs.

Moved: Ian Russell, that the Secretary's Report be accepted; Seconded: Rod Hills; Carried.

9. MEMBERSHIP:

- 9.1. An Associate Membership application was received from Frederick 'Derick' Carpio of Clearview with a 2000 Mercedes Benz. Derick is a work colleague of the President. The Committee recommends Derick's application be accepted.

Moved: Dale La Vars, that the Associate Membership for Derick Carpio be accepted; Seconded: Bob Yates; Carried.

- 9.4 The President welcomed Derick to the Club and would congratulate him at work tomorrow. Derick's membership was met with applause.

10. BUZZER BOX REPORT:

- 10.1. Maxine Martin reported: Thanks to all contributors of the February 2025 edition; Stories are required for ongoing front covers so if your Model T Ford has not yet been featured in the past ten years, please seriously consider writing your story; Ian Russell continues to look out for articles called 'My other Car' and to follow up, Ian reported that he has two further articles ready for future editions.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 11.1. In Merawyn Perry's absence, Kingsley Taylor outlined the reconciliation of accounts for the month of January 2025.

Moved: Moved: Dale La Vars, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Seconded: Stuart Bowshall; Carried.

12. PROPERTY OFFICER'S REPORT:

- 12.1. Kingsley Taylor reported that he had recently visited the Clubrooms and commenced the documentation of Club assets using photographs and lists to insert into a data base.

13. CLUBROOMS BOOKING COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 13.1. Bob Yates reported: The *Land Rover Register* had transferred its general meetings back to the last Friday of each month (was the 3rd Thursday); *Hettie's Patch* had conducted a 4-day workshop from last Thursday to last Sunday in which there were about 40 persons sewing; *Ice Hockey Association* has booked additional days, including every Saturday in December 2025; Generally, there are few evenings left for hire.

14. CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 14.1. Albert Jones reported that the two 'Hall For Hire' signs had been removed from the façade of the building and shelves have been fitted to the storage cupboards allocated to the newer Hirers.
- 14.2. The Secretary reported that there had been a recent problem with the sewer plumbing and this matter had been referred onto the Council for investigation and rectification.

15. FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

- 15.1. Rod Crawford advised that he had nothing new to report with the first meeting in 2025 scheduled for this coming Saturday, 8 February 2025.
- 15.2. The Secretary would forward to Rod the minutes of the last meeting in 2024.

16. EVENTS AND RUNS COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- 16.1. Adam Jones: Advised there are Organisers for all 2025 events and runs and he is happy to accept Organiser names for 2026; Asked that members support events and runs organised by the various members. Organisers put in a lot of effort and the Club needs to respond with support and in some cases, increased attendance.
- 16.2. Attendance lists for the February and March 2025 runs are on hand – please add your names if intending to attend.

17. PAST EVENTS AND RUNS:

- 17.1. *Annual Christmas Dinner* on Saturday, 7 December 2024 at the *Bartley Hotel*; Organiser: Maxine Martin; Both Tony and Ian Russell spoke - this was a good night with good meals and good company in a private space within the complex.
- 17.2. *Kids Christmas Party* at 2pm on Saturday, 14 December 2024 at the Clubrooms; Organisers: Ian & Kelly Russell; Tony Russell spoke – he congratulated Ian and Kelly and was proud of the tremendous job done and hoped that this event would continue going forward. Present were two, four generation families, being Russell and Bojko. Tony mentioned that he had recently welcomed into the world his 12th great grandson; Father Christmas did a great job and Mik Bojko thanked Rod Crawford for attending with *Yellow*

Peril to transport Father Christmas – this was met with applause; The bouncing castle was a great hit; Patron Tony congratulated everyone involved with a lot going on; The Secretary mentioned a few highlights on the day and that she considered this event to be a highlight for the year and advised that this event has already been booked for December 2025 and all members are welcome; Because the event was so good, Patron Tony made a frivolous quip about conducting a 'Christmas in July' event.

- 17.3. *Cherry Run* on Sunday, 12 January 2025: Organiser: Mik Bojko; There were no cherries again at the time of this run; The modified run included lunch at *Green Valley Strawberries* Café at Hay Valley with all venue and meal reports being very good, including by Maxine Martin, Allan Bennett, Adrian Probert, Mik Bojko and Brian Teakle; Strawberries were very competitively priced; Sam Kimber and her sister Jo (visiting from Katherine, NT) attended in father David's 1919 T Ford Buckboard and Rod & Doretta Hills attended in their 1946 Sunbeam Talbot; John Eastick suggested maybe consideration of a cherry destination in a different location, noting that there is a cherry farm on Pages Flat Road on the way to Myponga which he observed may still have had cherries available in early January 2025; Another suggestion from Paul Van Ruth was to conduct this run in November / December when cherries are more ordinarily available.
- 17.4. *2024 Annual Run*: Co-Organiser Adam Jones corrected his mis-information provided at the December 2024 General Meeting in response to a query by Peter Perry about plaques. Plaques were designed but not on offer and instead, embossed mugs were issued as memorabilia to those who ordered. After soliciting members recently, an order was placed for three plaques and one was provided to John Eastick at the meeting with delivery to the two others to follow at a later time; Adam thanked Rod Crawford for organising these plaques at short notice.

18. FUTURE EVENTS AND RUNS – CLUB ORGANISED:

- 18.1. Adam Jones said that he only wanted to talk about future Events and Runs up until April 2025, noting that the Club has a full year of organised Events and Runs.
- 18.2. *Breakfast Run to Watershed Café* (at Mawson Lakes) and President's home on Sunday, 16 February 2025: Organiser: Adam Jones; Details in the current edition of *Buzzer Box*; A breakfast booking has been made for 30 persons, after which there is no guarantee of a place; Numbers are not so important for morning tea; Adam spoke of the diversity of his personal collections that will all be on display; Note change of breakfast venue due to certain confusion about the previously advertised Birkenhead Tavern.
- (At this point in the meeting, a Tom & Sharon Hurley entered the meeting as Visitors – they had come along to catch up with David Carver (who unfortunately was not present at tonight's meeting). Tom & Sharon stayed for the balance of the meeting.)
- 18.3. *Wakefield House Run* on Thursday, 6 March 2025: Organiser: *Wakefield House* with Mik Bojko coordinating; Onsite between 10.30am and 2.30pm; A two-course meal for under \$10 or a three-course meal for \$14; Orders in before 11am on the day; Mik Bojko sought interest for this mid-week run and early indications at the meeting were not great; Consideration would need to be given to continuing with this run and in the meantime, a reminder email would be sent out next week by the Secretary.
- 18.4. *Monthly Run* on Sunday, 16 March 2025: Organiser: Samantha Kimber; Details in the current edition of *Buzzer Box*; Please support Sam with her first time at organising what looks to be an interesting run for the Club.
- 18.5. *2025 Annual Run* on Thursday, 3 April to Saturday, 5 April 2025; Organiser Kingsley & Jenny Taylor; Entry Forms have been distributed; Kingsley outlined the detail of the two and a half day itinerary; The current seven reserved but unbooked rooms at the *Strathalbyn Motel* will be released back to the Owner next week; The *Spirit of the Coorong* full day cruise is encouraged and open to any member, whether attending the entire Annual Run or not – 30 seats have so far been booked and the vessel has a capacity of 50; Plaques are available as memorabilia and can be ordered on the Entry Form.

19. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 19.1. *2027 National Rally*: The next planning meeting of volunteers is on at 7pm on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at the Clubrooms. A reminder email would be sent out by the Secretary.
- 19.2. *Kernewek Lowender* in the Copper Triangle between 12 and 18 May 2025: Lindsay Nash (who lives in Kadina) asked if any other Club Members were intending to attend. If so, he could arrange a visit to a friend's property with an interesting petrol pump collection. The President suggested members, if attending, need to book accommodation sooner rather than later.
- 19.3. General Meetings on certain occasions: The Secretary asked members if there was a general preference for any food offering before a meeting or after a meeting. Of the two, the consensus was the before meeting option.
- 19.4. *A Class Metal Finishers P/L*: Following on from the advice provided at the December 2024 General Meeting, Kingsley Taylor confirmed that this company is capable of still undertaking chroming services upon request.

20. MYSTERY OBJECT:

- 20.1. A petrol consumption gauge circa 1930-40 which prompted discussion.
- 20.2. This object enthused Allan Bennett to talk of the activity held on a Club Camp-Out Run to Clare in the late 60's whereby participants filled up their vehicles at the start location at the Esso Service Station at the corner of Main North and Montague Roads with a prescribed volume of petrol and drove as far as they could with the furthest distance travelled being declared the winner. Rod Hills then spoke of an 'economy leg' from Salt Creek in the Coorong to Meningie as a part of a Club run many years ago.

21. RAFFLE DRAW:

- 21.1. The raffle draw with three prizes was conducted; The President congratulated those who won a prize.

22. CLASSIFIEDS:

- 22.1. All classifieds to be emailed to Bob Yates who will coordinate future classified advertisements and to be included in *Buzzer Box*.

23. NEXT MEETINGS:

- 23.1. *Buzzer Box Night*: Wednesday, 26 February 2025 from 5.00pm at the Clubrooms.
- 23.2. Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 6.15pm at the Clubrooms.
- 23.3. General Meeting: Wednesday, 5 March 2025 at 7.00pm at the Clubrooms.

24. MEETING CLOSURE:

- 24.1. The President suggested it be appropriate that the meeting sing 'Happy (61st) Birthday' to the Club. Lead by 'beautiful voice' Sue Van Ruth, 'Happy Birthday' was sung with gusto and followed with three cheers and applause.
- 24.2. The President then wanted members to remember the significance of the photo above the Office door of Alan White as Founder and first President of the Club back in February 1964, the other four original members of which three survive with John Scorgie having continuous membership to this day and that his original 1925 Model T Coupe is still a Club car now owned by members Colin & Julieanne Hein. To these original members, this Club is indebted for their firm foundation; Initiated by Tony Russell, a free-flowing conversation ensued that reflected on certain individuals and activities within the Club during its 61-year life. These included reference to the legacies left by such personalities as Dennis McCarthy (dec) and John Lasscock (dec) and how for a period of time, John Lasscock assisted so many members to drive and go on to purchase a number of vehicles from his extensive stable.
- 24.3. The President invited all those present to stay for the supper and a chat.
- 24.4. Meeting closed at 8pm with an applause.

TINKERING WITH BOB

FRONT WHEEL WOBBLE OR SHIMMY

AND WHEEL ALIGNMENT

Most Model T Fords don't shimmy or perform other highway gymnastics. This gives credence to the convictions of many that the front wheel wobble long associated with the T is not natural and is curable. The cure to fix is sometimes difficult as the cause of this unwanted friskiness most always arises from one or more devious or paltry malfunctions. Among the most ardent Model T owners, there is one well known axiom; "One problem cured often begets a second." So, when tackling this problem, be prepared for such an eventuality.

In an interview with Henry Ford many years ago, a then writer for a widely read automotive magazine approached the subject of front end wobble. To this, Mr Ford allegedly replied that this was brought about by the use of the new demountable rims and heavier tyres that increased the gyroscopic effect present with any rotating mass. He cited several tests on cars that had a wheel wobble with a larger and heavier tyre and wheels, which disappeared when the original light tyres and wheels were reinstalled, the reporter replied that he was not so sure this was correct.

Most of us have witnessed the gyroscopic effect of a rotating mass, whether it was with a childhood toy or in a high school physics class. Due to this law of physics, when the front wheels of any car turned 'deflection' away from the straight-ahead position, there is natural tendency for them to return to their original position with Vigor. If a Model T's steering system linkage is loose, this sets the stage for a possible front wheel wobble, which can continue until acted upon by some outside force, usually the driver.

Very educational. One soon becomes aware of these old tricks, which can cast an interesting glow on the fine art of Model T driving. They would drive as far as possible to the right side of the road so that the T leans a bit to the curb side, but in Australia they would need to keep as far as possible to the left side curb. This kept a steady strain on all the steering components, eliminating all backlash and play in these parts, "no play, no wobble," no matter on which side you were driving on. Should the front wheels start to wobble, they would give the wheels a slight swerve to the left or right. This would often bring things back under control.

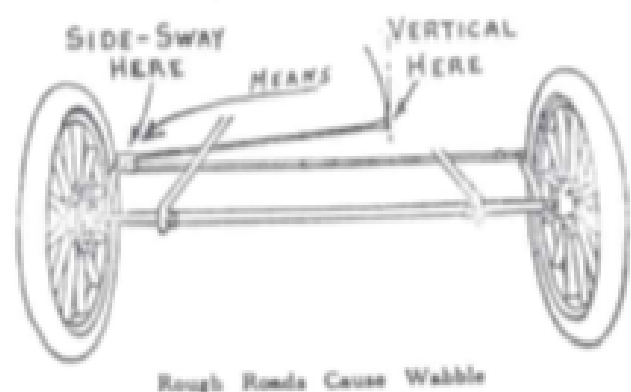
At times, for no apparent reason, your favourite Model T starts doing a hula down the highway. With fear in your heart and the dearest in near panic, you slither to a halt. It would have been better had you made a few shallow turns; first to the left and then to the right, and reverse if in Australia. This would have given the old Model T a chance to get its act together, what is done by this manoeuvre is to bring the front wheels back into harmonic balance. Though just a temporarily cure, the balance of the front wheels must be checked at the first opportunity. The stick-on wheel weights applied to the fellows or rims, as need do work wonders.

It has been subjected by some old timers that the engine torque could rock the Model Ts on its transverse front spring and with the position of the steering gear connecting rod in relation to the front axle, could cause the front wheels to wobble !?!, closing the throttle and momentarily declutching was the suggested remedy in this case. When the front wheels start doing their thing, sometimes after crossing a railroad track, we grab the steering wheel with all our strength, hanging on for dear life, this is the wrong thing to do, instead the driver should allow the wheel to drag through his hands, giving some frictional resistance and thereby dampening the erratic movement of the wheels.

There is a uniqueness to the Model Ts steering, as illustrated. When travelling on rough roads with the steering wheel held rigidly, there is a side sway to the front wheels.

Since the connecting rod, "some call it the drag link" is attached to the spindle connecting rod at one

end and the steering gear ball arm at the other, any up or down movement of the spring causes a slight movement of the spindle body. While this movement may be just $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at the spindle, at the outer diameter of the tyre it translates to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or more. With the looseness in the steering gear connection, we are again all set for wheel shimmy. As either the left or right wheel is where the wobble is likely to start, depending which country you are in, on rough roads this wheel should be kept, if possible, on the smoothest part of the road, this could be as far left or right as possible but not entering the opposing lane.



A festive birthday card with a dark blue background covered in white confetti. The top corners feature clusters of blue balloons with white streamers. A single blue streamer hangs vertically on the right side. The bottom corners show the tops of two white gift boxes tied with large blue bows.

HAPPY *Birthday*

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Arab Shabana
Oscar Forest
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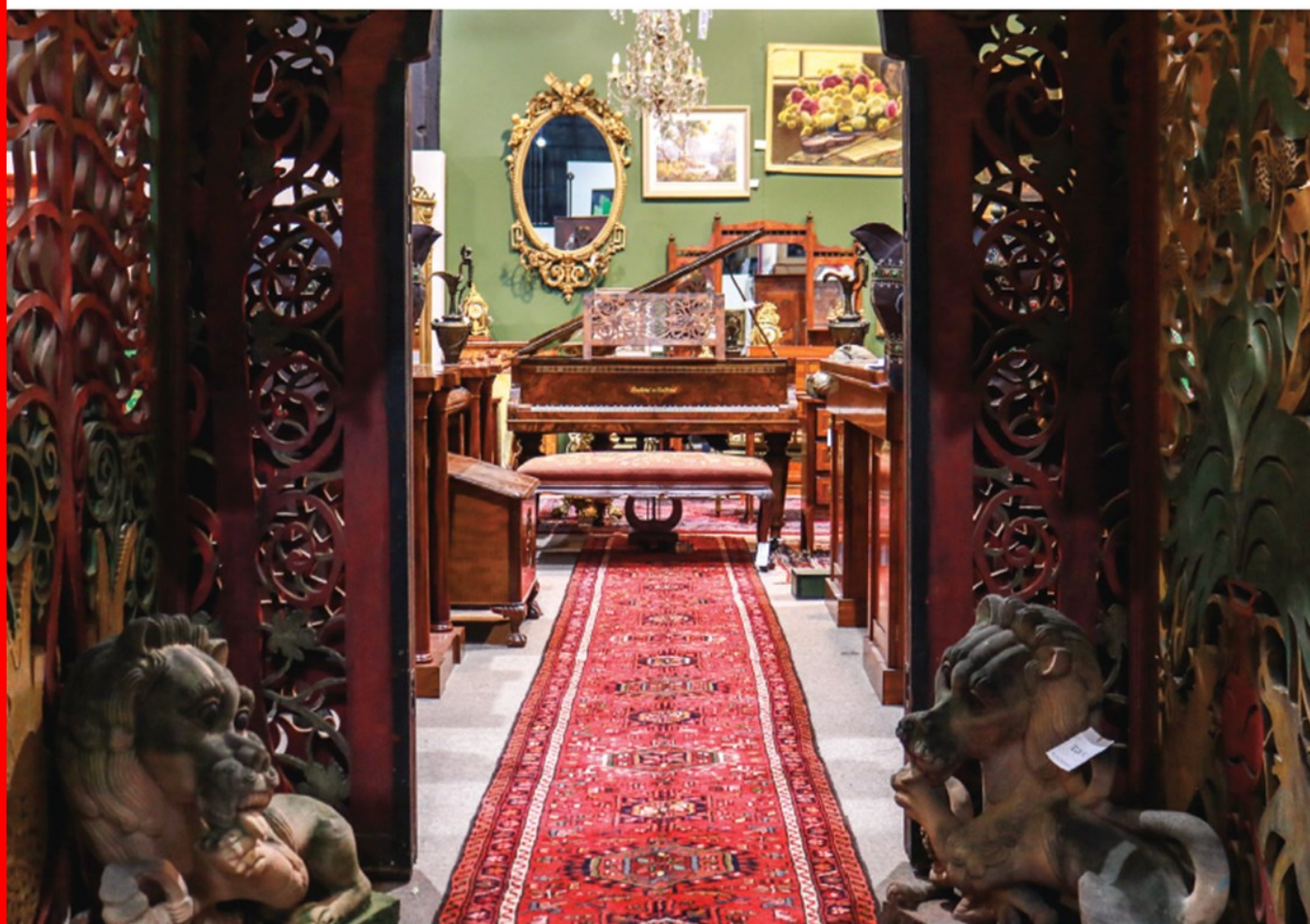
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