

WESTSIDE CRUISERS

Hot Rod & Custom Car Club Inc.

inclusive of Rockabilly Cruisers Car Club



MINUTES OF MEETING

Held 5th May 2026, Laverton Bowls Club

ATTENDEES:	Charlie & Debbie Agius, Sam Albergo, John & Sharron Azzopardi, Noelene & Mick Brown, Carmel & John Damanio, Roland Geilen, Joe & Sue Grech, Joe & Sylvia Grioli, Jenny Kromek & Colin Levy, Lorraine Macdonald, George Mallia, Frank McBride, Chris & Ken Morgan, Rosy & Nick Pantelis, Sallyanne & Neil Pepe, Donna Henderson & Graham Reid, Barry & Karen Roper, Angelo Scanu, Michelle & Eddie Simoni, Krystina Valente, Ray & Angie Vella, Kerry & Gary Ward, Leoni & Darren Williams.
APOLOGIES:	Alby & Lynne Agius, Jane & Jimmy Cassar, Anne & Jimmy Formosa, Ray Hill, Lucy Sammut, Charlie & Sandra Schembri.
GUESTS:	Jean Claude, Theo, Edith and Frank Martin

WELCOME

The meeting was opened by Ray at 7:10pm with a welcome to all members & guests. Special thank you to the BBQ Attendants, Nick & Rosy for the photos and the Laverton Bowls Club Bar Staff.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Current balance: \$18,237.
 - Donation from Car Show proceeds still to be paid to RCH (\$4850)
 - Purchase of walls for the Club Marquee, upcoming dance (Mother's Day and Elvis Show).
- This will bring us back to our normal operating budget.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day Dance

- This Saturday 9th May, approximately 100 attendees expected at present.
- The Rockin' Daddies and DJ Jeff will be providing the music.
- Joe, Sharron, Sylvia and Lorraine offered to assist with setting up the hall at 5pm.
- **Door:** Kerry & Gary.
- **Raffle:** Michelle, Christina, Leoni.
- **Pack up:** All hands-on deck.

Elvis Show

- Tickets are being sold for the Elvis show.
 - 100 tickets have been sold so far.
 - The goal is to sell around 130 tickets.
- DJ Angelo will be performing at the Elvis show.
- Gary Ward will try and organise the stage, may have to hire a stage.

Christmas in July

- Caterers have been sent a message for booking.
- The price for non-members will increase to \$45 due to increased costs.
- This is a \$5 increase over last year (the club absorbed the cost increase last year).
- Date: 18th of July.

CAR SHOW UPDATE

As part of our fundraising for the Car Show, we applied to the Wyndham Council and were awarded a \$2000 grant. Which sounds like a lot of money, but the process was lengthy, cumbersome and also had very specific requirements which we had to meet and deliver on.

- The Wyndham Council Grant has been finalized, with no further feedback from the council.
 - Roland did the bulk of the work with assistance from Barry, Ray, Michelle and Nolene.
- We won't be seeking this grant for next year's car show.
- As an alternative we will continue to participate in the funding raffles run by the Tiger's clubhouse instead of applying for grants.



GENERAL BUSINESS

Club Merchandise

- There have been questions about club merchandise.
- Albie is away working and couldn't attend the meeting but has a full list of available club apparel.
- A committee meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (7th May) evening to discuss reordering new merchandise, especially options for jackets.

Cruising

- Our last cruise was to St. Anne's Winery with a great turnout of 14 club cars with their Westside ribbons on display and the club marquee providing a shady area and promoting the club. Great weather saw over 200 vehicles attend the winery. The Car of the Show was awarded to our own Presidents Buick, congratulations Ray.
- Our next cruise is tentatively booked for Sunday the 17th of May to the Gateway Hotel (Corio).
 - John and Sharon are organising this cruise, weather permitting.

Jean Claude's Ceramic Gear

- Jean Claude is back for a second time presenting his ceramic coating and cleaning gear.
- His products are first class and offered at a generous discount to club members.
- He has also kindly donated a complete car care kit which the club can raffle/silent auction off at some point soon.
 - One of his best sellers is White Wall Tyre Cleaner which is simply sprayed on and the pressure washed off. Applying Tyre Shine afterwards is recommended.

Club Management & Committee News

- Consumer Affairs, ATO and VicRoads have requested more frequent and extensive reporting which need to be submitted electronically.
- The club is required to make information available to all members which will be achieved through the website and in paper form where requested.
- Barry has decided to step back from secretarial duties but will stay on the committee as Cruise Coordinator and be a "general gopher" for Roland and Ray.
- Roland will act as the interim secretary with the position to be voted on at the AGM.



May Birthdays

- Happy Birthday to Nick Pantells.

Club Membership Register

- There are still 11 vehicle owners that need to provide photos.
- A membership register is being put together
 - Missing phone numbers, mostly of partners, will be collected.
 - Partners of Members are automatically social members.
 - Members with vehicles registered with other clubs or on full registration are still recorded to provide a complete view of the clubs membership.
 - The register will allow the club to meet its regulatory obligations (VicRoads, ATO and CAV) and assist with marketing and promotion.
- There are currently 38 members with a total of 49 vehicles.

Club Member Welfare

- We are a close-knit club, more of a family of like-minded people offering support and assistance (when requested).
 - As part of our commitment to each other, members are asked to inform Jenny and/or Rosy of any concerns for those who are ill, in hospital or impacted by a family issue.
 - No need to disclose details, just inform them so they can send a card or offer support.

Upcoming Club Meeting

- The next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd June with a BBQ as normal.

Mother's Day

- Wishing everyone a wonderful Mother's Day, hope to see you at the dance...

Meeting closed: 8:15 pm.