

WESTSIDE CRUISERS

Hot Rod & Custom Car Club Inc.

inclusive of Rockabilly Cruisers Car Club



MINUTES OF MEETING

Held 7th July 2026, Laverton Bowls Club

ATTENDEES:	Angelo Scanu Barry & Karen Roper Carmel & John Damiano, Charlie & Debbie Agius Darren Williams Eddie & Michelle Simoni Frank McBride George Mallia Graeme Reid & Donna Henderson Jenny Kromek & Colin Levy Jim & Jane Cassar Jimmy & Anne Formosa Jimmy Stocks Joe & Sue Grech Joe & Sylvia Grioli	John & Sharon Azzopardi Kerry & Gary Ward Lorraine Macdonald Neil & Sallyanne Pepe Nick & Rosy Pantellis Noelene & Mick Brown Ray & Angie Vella Roland Geilen Sam Albergo Sam Garretto Sandra & Charlie Schembri
APOLOGIES:	Alby & Lynne Agius Lucy Sammut Krystina Valente Ken & Chris Morgan Ray Hill Frank Vella	Des & Maureen McDonald Frank Falla & Edith Corbett
GUESTS:	Jean-Claude Michail Martin Livori	

WELCOME

The meeting was opened by Ray at 7:15pm with a welcome to all members & guests.

Special thank you to the BBQ Attendants, and the Laverton Bowls Club Bar Staff.

CLUB BUSINESS

Treasurer's report

- Current balance: \$21419.00, with costs for the Christmas in July event pending.
- Clubs Public Liability Insurance has been paid and we now have a Certificate of Currency for the next 12 months.



Secretary's Report

- AGM planning has commenced, will have a draft Constitution out to all members for review/comment soon.
- Suggestion for members to bring their vehicles to the AGM for the annual photos shoot of CPS registered vehicles, will provide more information closer to the AGM.
- Club Merchandise: Alby is currently investigating Club Jackets, more information as it becomes available.

EVENT/DANCE & CRUISE PLANNING

Christmas in July

SOLD OUT, 170 seats confirmed. There is a waiting list. Friday night setup has been OK'd by the Laverton Bowls Club, volunteers have been advised.

Event Volunteers were called for;

- **Ushers:** (role is to control the flow of people to the food to prevent a rush, starting from the back corner (near the band) towards the food. Two people on each side of the hall) – Sally, Leone, Carmel and Susie
- **Raffle Sales:** Rosie, Krystina, Jane, Sylvia
- **Plate Collectors:** (collect plates, separate cutlery, rubbish) – Sam, Neil, George. Jared, Frank, Angelo
- **Dessert Service:** Donna, Annie, Sandra, Angie
- **Final cleanup:** Consistently the same people, so request for more to commit to stay at the end of the event for final cleanup. Also need to encourage people to leave and clear the way for the cleanup team to do their thing.

Request made to advise of any Dietary requirements for your friends/family to be provided asap.

Neil will contact 'Santa & his Elf' to attend the event.

Tablecloth Management after the event will be to use a Laundromat. Angie & Karen will coordinate with a volunteer.

Cruises & Car Events

June Cruise – Broadford, Commercial Hotel

Attendance:	44 people.
Experience:	Good lunch, fun, nice cruise, no car issues, beautiful day.
Reception:	Well received; the hotel has asked the group to return.
Future Possibilities:	The hotel will offer a special price or menu. Discussion held about a barbecue, using an undercover area, and having dancing with a speaker. The hotel was receptive to these ideas.

July Cruise – TBD 26th July

Availability:	Some members may not be available on this date.
Action Item:	Barry will organize the cruise if there is sufficient interest and will put out a call for suggestions.



Suggested destinations: Pyalong, Bannockburn. King Lake was suggested but deemed "a little bit more difficult because we're going through too many lights." King Lake Pub: Considered a "terrific pub" but can be "freaking freezing" in August, so will look at it for better weather.

Inaugural Coffee & Cars Day – 16th August

We are planning a Cars & Coffee morning to be held at the Laverton Bowls Club on Sunday 16th August from 8am – 10pm ish.... Aiming for at least 20 cars to justify organising a Coffee Van, also running a BBQ in the grass area beside the shed. Barry is organising this and will need to check with the local sports clubs to see what else is on at the same time.

Monthly Cruise Schedule

Aiming for a set weekend every month, specifically the second or third Sunday, to allow for planning. Suggestions for cruise destinations are welcome. Barry as our Cruise Director will handle organising and booking.

Cruising Safety and Procedures:

General Safety: "Please stay safe."

- Breakdowns and/or people joining the cruise: If you experience a breakdown and need to stop your vehicle, pull into aprons or the side of the road, not the middle lane. For those who join the cruise along the way please make sure you are joining in a safe manner. People already cruising do not need to stop for you.
- Breakdown Kit: A breakdown kit is being organised to be carried in the last car – 'Tail End Charlie'.
- Tail End Charlie: A designated "Tail end Charlie" will be at every cruise with the breakdown kit.
- Breakdown Protocol: If a car needs to stop (in the event of a breakdown) all others should continue on, the Tail End Charlie will stop to assist.
- Increased safety and control needed due to growing numbers (currently 20+ cars, previously 70 cars).
- Handheld radios will be provided for the leader and the Tail End Charlie.
 - Please be patient and once we get these rules in place, it's up to everybody to stick to them.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Conduct while on club cruises or attending events

A gentle reminder that your actions reflect on the club, especially when you're wearing club colours. If an issue arises, please communicate directly with the club organiser (cruise director or event coordinator on the day), who will handle the issue.

- Hotel/Pub Issues: Please direct them to the cruise/event coordinator.
- Personal Food Complaints: Please handle these yourself with the venue.

10th Year Anniversary Weekend Cruise

We are considering a weekend cruise for the club's 10th year anniversary next year.

- Similar to a previous event organised by Dezi, it will include an overnight stay with a travel time of 2 to 3 hours from Melbourne.



- Seeking expressions of interest from members. Targeting 40-45 people (22-23 couples) for an overnight trip in "warmer weather."
- Looking for venues that can accommodate dancing and a "port afterwards."
- The previous weekend cruise (Deniliquin, 2-2.5 hours away) was well-received, including a museum visit and breakfast.

Members are asked to give thought to potential ideas and express interest.

Elvis Show or similar

Looking at other potential tribute 'stars', the committee will run a survey via the club's Facebook Page to get feedback on the viability/interest for such an event.

The previous Elvis show was well received and attended but required significant effort to sell/market the event when compared to previous year.

Drive-In Event

We investigated booking a private event (see last month's minutes) but this was found to be extremely expensive. Our Cruise Director is keeping his eyes open for a suitable Drive-In movie for us to attend (simply rock up).

Club Facilities and Equipment

A 'Home of Westside Cruisers' sign has been installed on the Laverton Bowls Club building. Thanks to everyone who helped last Sunday.

The Club Storage Container has had a clean-up and re-organisation and now contains the gear previously stored in the Ward's/Vella's/Roper's Bathrooms/Cupboard and Garages.

Marquee Walls

New walls for the marquee have arrived. The club now possesses a 6m x 3m marquee with four panels enclosing three sides of the marquee.

Both our Large and small marquees are available for use by members for functions, please make your request to a committee member. In general - **"if anybody borrows anything, it's got to be written down."**

Happy July Birthdays

- Joe Grioli
- Graham Reid
- Michelle Simoni
- Angie Vella

Club Member Welfare

Our condolences go to George & Faith Mallia on the passing of Faith's mother.

Upcoming Club Meeting

- The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th August with a BBQ as normal.

Meeting closed: 8:30 pm.