WESTSIDE CRUISERS

Hot Rod & Custom Car Club Inc.

inclusive of Rockabilly Cruisers Car Club

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held 1st September 2026, Laverton Bowls Club

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

WELCOME

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

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CLUB BUSINESS

Financial Update and Administrative Reports

Club Bank Balance:

- The current bank balance stands at $16,060.
- There are currently very few outstanding bills to be settled.
- The club operates strictly as a non-profit organization. Its overall fee structure is designed solely to cover operating costs and keep the club afloat.

Raffle Donations

Heartfelt thanks were extended to members who donated raffle prizes, with a total of three different lots of prizes received.

Club Membership Fees, AGM, and Constitution Review

Major agenda items to address at the upcoming AGM include updating the club constitution (which has remained untouched for 10 years), reviewing the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) to ensure proper management, administration, and training, and specifying what membership entails in compliance with the Corporate Affairs Incorporations Act.

Highlighted changes to the constitution will be shared with all members for review prior to the AGM which will be held on the 6th October where members will be called upon to vote on and ratify the changes at the AGM to submit them to Corporate Affairs.

Membership Fee Structure

As part of the membership structure and renewal fees for next year, Ray has had a discussion with the Lawn Bowls Club regarding Social Membership. Approximately 85% of Westside Cruisers Members are already Social Club members of the bowling club and receive member prices on drinks.

Under the current system, the Lawn Bowls Club has no clear and easy way to track who is a social member and who isn't, meaning non-paying members and outside visitors receive the discount at dances and events.

Comment from the floor - "It's not fair for the ones that are paying the membership and everybody's benefiting from it."

During the Christmas in July event, all 170 attendees received the discount, even though only about 30 people had actually paid their membership.

The meeting discussed this and put forward a number of suggestions

- One proposed solution is to incorporate the Bowls club fee into the general Westside Cruisers club membership fee as a one-off annual payment to ensure everyone receives the discount all year.
- Another solution is to distribute membership cards so only cardholders receive the discount, though a disadvantage is that outside visitors at dances would have to pay $3 or $4 more than current prices, and the lawn bowls club currently has no cards for this purpose.

- Another proposed raising ticket prices for dances by a couple of dollars to fund a group booking. "If you put the tickets up a couple of dollars, then we could do a group booking with them. We pay for it, but we get it back at our dances from the outsiders."

Current membership fees are $75 for new members and $55 for existing members. Members previously paid $36 (Lawn Bowls Club Social Membership) on top of their Westside Cruisers membership fees.

The Bowls club may offer a discounted rate of $30, which could bring total membership to roughly $85 (calculated as $55 + $30). For those who already paid social membership directly to the Bowls club, the combined fee will be less than what they currently pay.

Doug advised that there will be a price increase for drinks in the new year.

Action Items:

1. The committee will review the numbers and present the best options at the AGM meeting to be discussed and voted on.
2. All fee and membership options will be documented and distributed to members to review prior to voting at the AGM.
3. The committee has started discussions with Doug (Laverton Bowls Club).

Club Merchandise and Apparel

Car Stickers:

- Eddie organised and brought in new waterproof car stickers.
- The stickers are free of charge for members, paid for by the club.

Apparel and General Merchandise:

Alby has organised sample sizing jackets for everyone to determine their correct size. Once we have a list of orders and sizes Alby will be able to provide an accurate price.

We are hoping to be able to have the sizing jackets at the AGM for those who missed out at this month's meeting. Please note: that we will be placing the order after the AGM so please make sure you have your order in at the AGM.

EVENT/DANCE & CRUISE PLANNING

'Gatsby' Dance – 10th October

12 tables have been sold so far, and the club needs to sell at least 15 tables.
Attendees are requested to wear Gatsby-themed costumes.
Members wishing to pay for the upcoming dance can do so via the link on the website or by direct deposit or cash to Kerry (our treasurer).

Christmas Cruise / Breakout

Scheduled for Sunday, December 6th (the first Sunday in December).

August 23rd Cruise Recap

14 people attended the cruise down to the Bannockburn Hotel. A good time was had with great food and company.

Next Cruise Planning

Next month's cruise has been scheduled for **Sunday, October 4th**, after considering dates like September 13th, September 20th, October 4th, and October 11th.

- Information and updates will be posted on Messenger, and there is a possibility of organising a coffee cart and barbecue.
- Potential pub destinations being considered include the Castlemaine Railway Hotel, Malmsbury Hotel, Kyneton Hotel, Mount Moriac Hotel, Flowerdale Hotel, and the Kilmore Irish pub.

Other suggested destinations

- Cruise to Trafalgar (which features a car museum) and Barry will look into this.
- Hanging Rock was suggested, but Barry noted it requires booking, has a $10 entry fee, and has a dusty access road
- Hepburn Springs was highlighted as a successful weekday picnic location from past trips.

Barry aims to organise one cruise every month, with picnic and barbecue cruises planned once the weather improves.

Cars and Coffee

Scheduled for **Sunday, September 27th** (the last Sunday of the month) at Hoppers Crossing Harvey Norman Car Park (next to Bunnings).

Wyndham Health Car Show
The club has been invited to participate in the next Wyndham Health Car Show on November 15th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
The event will be located in the car park behind the Target headquarters in Williams Landing (moved from the racecourse due to space constraints).
The event focuses on men's health and features food trucks.

Roland to notify the organisers of the club's interest. Club members must RSVP closer to the event so we can secure a large enough area for our vehicles.

Ticket Booking Platforms Investigation

An item was raised from the floor by Angie regarding a better online booking system. Angie had experience with Trybooking recently and suggested that this should be investigated.

Roland will look into this and present some alternative options including costs.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Happy Father's Day for Sunday

Happy Birthdays

As no meeting was held last month, birthdays for both were read:

August

- Frank Falla
- Rita Boyle
- Kerry Ward
- Barry Roper
- Jenny Kromek
- Judy Vella
- Joe Grech
- Karen Roper
- Sandra Schembri

September

- Jimmy Formosa
- Anne Formosa
- Neil Pepe

Club Member Welfare

- Congratulations to Neil & Sally who recently became first time grandparents.
- Darren Williams thanked the club for the flowers for Leonie, she loved them and is doing well.

Upcoming Club Meeting

- The next meeting which will be our **Annual General Meeting** (**AGM**) is on **Tuesday 6th October** with a BBQ as normal.

Meeting closed: 7:45 pm.