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:	Alby & Lynne Agius Charlie & Debbie Agius Sam Albergo John & Sharron Azzopardi Noelene & Mick Brown Doug Cooper Carmel & John Damiano Edith Corbett & Frank Falla Anne & Jimmy Formosa Roland Geilen Cecellia Gibbens & Darren Lacey Joe & Sylvia Grioli Ray Hill Jenny Kromek & Colin Levy Lorraine Macdonald George Mallia Frank McBride	Damien & Kara McDonald Des & Maureen McDonald Ken & Chris Morgan Nick & Rosy Pantelis Graeme Reid Barry & Karen Roper Sandra & Charlie Schembri Michelle Simoni Jimmy Stocks Brandon & Veronika Vella Jarred & Judy Vella Ray & Angie Vella Kerry & Gary Ward Bill & Janet Weir Darren Williams
APOLOGIES:	Domenic Artusa Jane & Jim Cassar Sam Garretto Rose Geilen Joe & Sue Grech **(PR)** Donna Henderson Faith Mallia Neil & Sallyanne Pepe **(PR)**	Frank Pirritano Krystina Valente **(PR)** Lucy Sammut Eddie Simoni **(PR)** Angelo & Sally Scanu **(PR)** Leoni Williams **(PR)** – proxy received
GUESTS:	Jean-Claude Mikhail Martin Livori	

Total attendance was 53 members, with 18 apologies and 2 guests. A quorum of all **financial members** was present for voting.

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WELCOME

The meeting was opened by Ray at 7:10pm with a welcome to all members & guests, marking the 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Westside Cruisers.

- Formal acknowledgment and thanks were extended to the volunteer barbecue cooks, Doug for operating the bar, and Angelo for picking up the meat for the club every Tuesday.
- Ray provided an update on members Jim and Jane: Jim had been hospitalized for 10 days; his health is improving with discharge expected shortly. Jane was contacted, and member assistance was offered.
- Apologies were received and Proxy forms were collected and logged prior to the meeting; no additional unrecorded proxy forms were submitted from the floor.

CLUB BUSINESS

1. FINANCIAL UPDATE

- The current bank account balance stands at $18,125.75.
    - A portion of these funds is allocated toward costs for the upcoming Saturday dance.
- Following a discussion at last month's meeting, Laverton Bowls Club Social Membership expenses for Westside Cruisers members will be absorbed by the club directly through club membership funds.

2. CRUISE COORDINATORS REPORT

KILMORE CRUISE - A cruise to Kilmore was held two weeks prior with strong participation (approximately 40 attendees). The venue accommodated the club with meals, and the cruise ran smoothly without mechanical problems.

Upcoming cruise and car show schedule:

Barry noted that he will be away at times over the next few months; he will organise the logistics and itineraries in advance but requested volunteers to lead runs on the day.

Four major automotive events are scheduled over the coming 5 to 6 weeks:

- **Bacchus Marsh Car Show (Maddingley Park) on October 18th**:
    - Show organizers require clubs to arrive together to reserve a club parking section. A pre-cruise meeting point will be organised so members can roll in as a convoy.

- **Show 'n Shine and Drive-In Movie Night – St Annes Winery**.
    - Rescheduled event now to take place on **Saturday 24 October 2026 from 6:00 pm** at the same fantastic venue, **St Anne's Winery, Myrniong**. For those who have already purchased tickets, these will be honoured. We can meet in Bacchus Marsh and cruise to the winery.
- **Lara Car Show (Pirra Homestead) on October 25th**:
    - 10am till 1pm - Pirra Homestead, Windemere Road, Lara.
    - Group entry is required to park together as a club.
- **Redesdale Cruise:**
    - Involves a cruise to the Redesdale pub and car display.
- **Wyndham Retro Motor Show on November 15th:**
    - This is being run by Wyndham Health Foundation, Roland will coordinate this one. Please register your car here - https://wyndhamretromotorshow.com.au/ and let Roland know that you have registered.
    - There is a cost (Donation) of $20 per vehicle which goes to Mental Health.
    - The show is open from 9am to 1pm and will be held at 70 Overton Rd, Williams Landing.

Barry will post more information via Messenger group for feedback to decide whether to cruise to car shows or host independent club cruises to pubs.

- **Club safety equipment for cruises:**
    - The club maintains a dedicated breakdown kit, including high-visibility red vests, emergency warning triangles, and a mechanical tool set.
    - **Protocol:** The driver acting as "tail-end Charlie" carries the kit. Colin carried the kit during the Kilmore cruise.
    - **Communication:** Two-way radios are kept by Mick for convoy communication.
    - The kit and radios **must be returned** to Barry or Ray between runs.

3. MERCHANDISE COORDINATORS REPORT

Alby reported that the Club jacket sizing kit is available today only:

- All member orders and fittings must be concluded at the AGM, as the sizing kit must be returned immediately following the meeting.
- Order will be placed in the coming week.
- The club committee will order a small surplus of spare jackets in varying sizes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was tabled by Charlie Schembri (Seconded by: Roland Geilen);

> **Westside Cruisers shall cover the cost of the meals for Committee Members (only) when a Committee Meeting is scheduled for an evening timeslot as recompense for giving up their time.**

Clarifications: Coverage applies exclusively to individuals actively performing committee roles; spouses/guests attending who do not hold committee roles must pay for themselves.

Vote outcome: Motion put to a show of hands and **CARRIED** by majority.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS AND GOVERNANCE MOTIONS

Background and rationale for constitutional reform:

- Roland developed the revised constitution over the past three months to align the club with recent government legislative changes to the Associations Incorporation Act and the Model Rules of Association.
- The new constitution establishes clear role definitions, insurance coverage parameters, the clubs responsibilities regarding the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme and standardised dispute resolution procedures to serve as the definitive club framework going forward.
- In order for the revised Constitution to be adopted, the following specific items had to be sanctioned by the AGM;

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4 Definitions

In these Rules—

associate/social member means a member referred to in rule 14(1). This extends to include **social member(s**), who have a limited membership for the purpose of participating in events (such as cruises, dances and other social events conducted by Westside Cruisers);

classic vehicles means vehicles that are generally defined as older automobiles, typically pre-1988 with a “chrome bumper”, Westside Cruisers reserves the right to allow vehicles outside of this definition where the vehicle owner is approved as a member of the club. The club focuses on Post Vintage (1931-1949), Classic (1950-1969) and Modern Classic (1970-1988) automobiles;

current means within the period of the past 12 months;

Vote outcome: The definitions above were put to a show of hands and **CARRIED** by majority.

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12 Annual subscription and joining fee

Partners/spouses of members are automatically deemed as associate members of Westside Cruisers with no additional fee payable.

13 General rights of members

Members are expected to attend at least 50% of the scheduled club meetings/functions/cruises each term (being the 12 months from the AGM).

14 Associate & Social members

(1) Associate/Social members of Westside Cruisers include—

(a) any members under the age of 15 years; and

(b) any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting.

(2) An associate/social member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.

Vote outcome: The definitions above were put to a show of hands and **CARRIED** by majority.

Division 4—Club Permit Scheme

- The following information is directly based on the VicRoads & Department of Transport Victoria **Club Permit Scheme** (CPS) regulations.
- Westside Cruiser is officially recognised by VicRoads / Department of Transport as incorporating the name "**Rockabilly Custom Car Club**" due to duplicate naming restrictions when we joined the scheme.
- All club office bearers hold the same position in both organisations.
- A club office bearer **can** sign a **Club Permit application** or **Club Permit renewal** to declare that the permit applicant is a current member of the club.
- They **cannot** sign a **Vehicle eligibility and standards declaration** for club permit vehicle form unless they are nominated as a **scrutineer or a club safety officer.**

Clarifications: It is included in the Constitution to avoid any confusion regarding the application of the CPS by the club and ensures that all CPS documentation are correctly scrutinised and authorised for presentation to VicRoads.

VicRoads Signatory Responsibilities:

- Standard Club Office Bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) are authorised by VicRoads solely to sign **permit renewals** and certify that an applicant is a **current financial member**. They are rejected by VicRoads if attempting to sign initial paperwork for new vehicle permits.
- Club Scrutineers and Club Safety Officers are authorized to sign **both annual renewals and new club permit vehicle applications**.
- **Scrutineer and Safety Officer Verification Scope:** Signatories for new vehicles must physically sight the car and cross-reference it against the VicRoads paperwork, Certificate of Roadworthiness (RWC) and vehicle photographs.

Scrutineers do not conduct mechanical roadworthy tests or override licensed roadworthy testers; their role is verifying that the physical vehicle matches the submitted documentation (make, model, colour, identifiers) and maintaining photographic records for VicRoads audit traceability.

Vote outcome: Motion put to a show of hands and **CARRIED** by majority.

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53 Election of ordinary members

Ordinary members are required to fulfil the following specific Westside Cruisers positions—

(a) Media Coordinator;

(b) Cruise Coordinator;

(c) Merchandise Manager;

(d) Welfare Officer(s);

(e) Club Permit Scheme Roles – including Scrutineers and Club Safety Officer(s);

(f) Club Photographer.

Clarifications: The constitution was updated to formally incorporate Welfare Officers, Merchandise Manager, Cruise Coordinator, Club Photographer and Media Coordinator as official committee positions. This structure ensures these volunteers are legally covered under the club's Public Liability and Voluntary Workers Insurance policies.

Ordinary members include both members and associate/social members. For Associate/Social members who fulfill a club role they will be entitled to vote on club matters whilst elected to that role.

Vote outcome: Motion put to a show of hands and **CARRIED** by majority.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was tabled by Roland Geilen (Seconded by: Ray Vella);

Adoption of the revised Westside Cruisers Constitution as tabled.

Clarifications: Given that the preceding items were sanctioned, the Revised Constitution was presented.

Vote outcome: Motion put to a show of hands and **CARRIED** unanimously.

SETTING OF MEMBERSHIP FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR COMING YEAR

Financial context and budget debate:

- The club faces rising operational overheads, including higher venue hire, escalating insurance premiums, and event subsidies.
- **Historical subsidies**: The club provides approximately $140 in member benefits per couple against the prior $55 fee (e.g., subsidising Christmas in July dinners, annual Christmas parties, and meeting BBQs, such as the $550 meat invoice for the AGM). Christmas in July dinner costs rose from $18.50 nine years ago to $25.00 per person.
- **Revenue reductions**: Outside municipal council grants have expired, and income previously generated via the Tigers club is no longer available. Projections showed that operating reserves would deplete within 2 to 3 years without fee adjustments.

Club Venue and Hall Hire Benefits

- Financial members receive discounted hire rates for the club hall & bar prices at club events.
    - The venue discount applies to personal functions, engagements, birthdays (e.g., 21st celebrations), and memorial services.
    - Borrowed club property or equipment must be returned thoroughly cleaned and in proper working order.

Approved fee structure:

- Membership renewals: Increased by $10, from $55.00 to **$65.00** per year.
- New member applications: Increased by $10, from $75.00 to **$85.00** per year.
- Non-partner Associate / Social members: Maintained at **$55.00** per year.
- Spouses and partners of full financial members: Continued at no cost ($0.00).

Vote outcome: Motion moved by Roland, voted upon, and **CARRIED**.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2027

All committee offices were declared vacant by Roland. Nominations were called from the floor, with the following outcomes:

- PRESIDENT: **Ray Vella** (uncontested, re-elected).
- VICE PRESIDENT: **Barry Roper** (uncontested, re-elected).
- SECRETARY: **Roland Geilen** (uncontested, re-elected).
- TREASURER: **Kerry Ward** (uncontested, re-elected).
- EDIA COORDINATOR: **Roland Geilen** (confirmed to manage websites, IT platforms, and social media).
- CRUISE COORDINATOR: **Barry Roper** (confirmed).
- MERCHANDISE MANAGER: **Alby Agius** (confirmed).
- WELFARE OFFICER(S): **Jenny Kromek and Rosy Pantelis** (confirmed).
- CPS SCRUTINEERS: **Colin Levy, Charlie Schembri and Graham Reid** (confirmed).
- CPS CLUB SAFETY OFFICERS: **Eddie Simoni, Barry Roper & Roland Geilen** (confirmed).
- CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER: **Nick and Rosy Pantelis** were recognised as our official photographers and it was agreed to add this role.

OTHER BUSINESS

Privacy Policy and Welfare Reporting

Welfare communication protocols:

- Personal medical details must not be broadcast over public messaging platforms.
- Members are directed to notify Ray, Jenny, or Rosie directly regarding illness or hospitalisations (e.g., stating only that a member is hospitalised).
- Members must ensure the affected individual has consented to sharing their status before notifying welfare officers, preserving personal privacy.

Data security and Privacy Act compliance

The club maintains a centralised, secured membership register containing member residential addresses, telephone numbers, and vehicle records.

- Access is strictly restricted to designated committee personnel to ensure adherence to Australian Privacy Act requirements.
- Roland manages electronic platform security.

Social Events and Upcoming Activities

Cars and Coffee:

The inaugural Cars and Coffee event was held last Sunday and had a positive member and general public turnout, despite conflicting with daylight saving transitions and an adjacent club function.

- Thanks to Eddie for operating the barbecue breakfast.
- Special thanks to **Fancy a Cuppa** for providing coffees.
- The event will become a recurring fixture held monthly during warmer months.
- Future dates will be scheduled to avoid clashes with other automotive club gatherings.

Great Gatsby Dance:

Scheduled for the upcoming Saturday (10/10/2026); seat bookings reached approximately 140 to 150 attendees, effectively achieving sell-out capacity.

- Lead performer Damien Webster confirmed performance arrangements.

Event ticketing transition:

The club is migrating event ticket management and seating reservations to the TryBooking digital platform to streamline operations for Angie and Kerry, while continuing to accommodate cash payments where required.

Future planning:

- The New Year's Eve dance will be officially advertised starting the coming Saturday.
- The committee will meet next week to coordinate logistics, sponsorships, and scheduling for the Sunday Fun Day planned for March.

October member birthdays acknowledged:

Happy Birthday wishes go to Sam Garretto, Christina Valente, Eddie Simoni, Rose Geilen, Sam Albergio, Gary Ward, David Mez, and Donna Henderson. We hope you have/had a great day!

MEETING CLOSE & ACTION ITEMS

The meeting closed at 8:45pm. Next meeting will be held on **10th November** (as the first Tuesday is Cup Day).

Action Items:

1. Roland to lodge the finalised constitution document with Corporate Affairs, publish the document and distribute access link to members, and provide physical copies for those who request one at the following meeting.
2. Members must complete updated Membership Forms and the accompanying Code of Conduct form with current residential, email, and telephone details, returning them to Roland by the next monthly meeting. Note that payment is due and can be made by direct deposit to;

   Westside Cruisers HotRod & Custom Car Club Inc
   Bank of Melbourne - BSB: **193879** Account: **424543367**
3. Barry to post polling dates on Messenger regarding the car show convoys versus pub cruises.
4. Alby to process all jacket orders submitted at the meeting and return the sizing kit to manufacturers.
5. Tail-end drivers on cruises to coordinate the handover of the breakdown kit and two-way radios back to Barry, Ray, or Mick prior to subsequent events.
6. Special thanks recorded to Jean-Claude for ongoing automotive care product support and donations.