



FVVC North West Tour Report by Lotte & Ray Linden

Sunday 27 August to Saturday 2 September 2023

Sponsored by RACV and FVVCVC Inc, and open to all Vehicles 25 + years.

Ray and I were excited by the idea of an all-makes tour around Ray's childhood territory in northern Victoria. We attended as members of another car club which is a Federation member.

The tour commenced at 9am on 27 August at the **Marong Picnic** and we were so happy to see Bob Kennedy (below) who was on the gate, and past HCCV members Anne (below) and Colin Anderson who we were delighted to discover were also on the tour. They were in their very fine Humber Hawk Mark VI, and between us we drove the only 2 Humbers on the tour.



There were 36 vehicles entered with 67 participants for the Tour, and we were all lined up together for display away from the main oval.

We collected our generous Rally Packs, met



some of the other participants over a welcome cuppa, and spent a pleasant hour or two walking the oval. At 1.30pm, we headed off to our first overnight stop in Kerang.

Over the next 6 days we visited the Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Museum, the Border Flywheelers Museum in Barham, Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum (Home of the Catalina), Ron Dehne's Ford Tractor Collection in Nyah. Then we visited the "Original Hornsby Suction Irrigation Gas Engine Pump" at Benjeroop. This was followed by The Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum, and the next morning we visited the National Holden Museum, both in Echuca.

We visited a huge and eclectic private collection at a farm out of Shepparton, with dozens of bowsers, motoring memorabilia, vintage and veteran cars including some very rare vehicles: Windsor; Moon; Star; and Britton

Then we visited MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution) in Shepparton, which the HCCV visited some years ago when it was known as the Shepparton Motor Museum. I've devoted the next 2 pages to showcasing its massive upgrades and some of its impressive displays.

The complex at MOVE includes an antique centre, a windmill and sweet shop, cafes and potteries. Very easy to spend a day there and not be bored!

For every organised activity there were options, and we happily took up several of them: Reedy Lake Ibis Rookery and viewing tower (beautiful but sadly too early in the breeding year for the birds), Andrew Peace Wines (I happily brought home a couple of dozen), and the Torrumbarry Weir which is 20km from Gunbower.

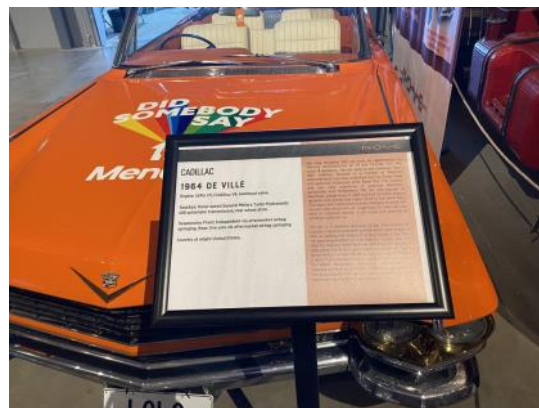
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Friday 1 September - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution) Shepparton, incorporating the following collections: Cars and Motorbikes; Kenworth Dealer Truck Pavilion; Farren Bicycle Collection; Clayton Gramophones, Telephones and Radio; The Furphy Museum.

<https://www.moveshepparton.com.au/> and <https://www.facebook.com/museumofvehicleevolution>

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Loel Thomson spent 40 years collecting Australian fashion dating back over the past 200 years. She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2019 for her service to community history.

The collection contains over 10,000 items of clothing, jewellery, fashion accessories and sewing accessories. I spent several hours there, also chatting to the volunteers who explained that much of the collection is in storage and they rotate the exhibits. I took hundreds of photos and it's been a hard decision!

The 1970s Men's Fashions in the middle photo? I can assure you that Ray NEVER wore anything like that!



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The end of the tour - farewell and thank you!

On **Friday 1 September**, the Presentation Dinner was held at the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club Clubrooms, Shepparton.

Guest speaker was Dr Norm Darwin of Hand Publishing. His topic was "Arthur Bishop - the story of how an Australian Designer built a worldwide design and development company that has its steering racks and boxes in millions of the world's automobiles."

<https://www.handpub.com.au/>

(Ray has several of his car books.)



The Federation Tour Winner was Colin Maginitty driving a magnificent restored 1927 Amilcar C4, which had originally belonged to his father.

Not surprisingly, Colin also took out the People's Choice Award - well deserved!

Saturday 2 September and the farewell breakfast was back at the GVMVDC Clubrooms. Our tour organisers and hosts for the week, Michelle and Lloyd, put on a delicious cooked breakfast. I swear that they hadn't had time to draw breath all week, and on the last morning they were still going 100 miles an hour. I bet they slept for a week once they had finished the washing up.

The whole week was meticulously planned, and we had a wonderful time.

We got to meet new people, travelled with some fabulous old cars, and saw some amazing things and places.

*FVVCC and RACV
Michelle and Lloyd
and all those working behind the scenes -*

Thank you!

