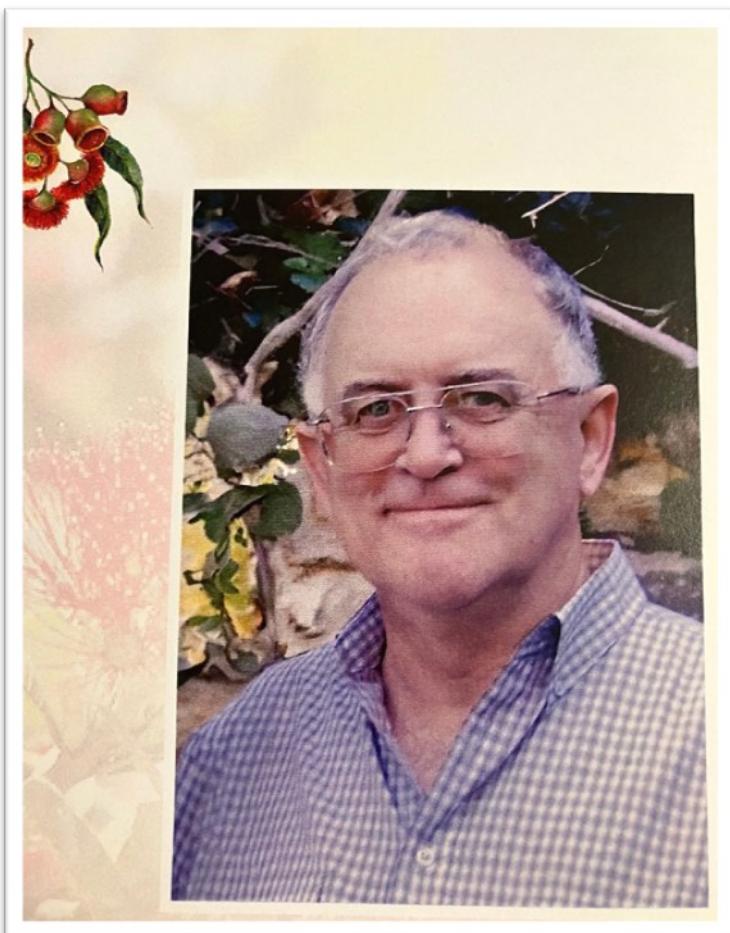


VALE TERRY THOMPSON OAM

The CMC has been saddened by the passing of its much-loved President, Terry Thompson OAM on New Years Eve 2025. After enduring extended illness during the past year or so, Terry said goodbye to his loving wife Sharon, daughter Laura and her family. Terry was a family man first and foremost and shared a 54-year long marriage with Sharon, the love of his life.

They both shared a love of cars, so Sharon accompanied Terry on his journey through Motoring Car Clubs and Associations, giving him the support needed to work through the endless achievements on his "To Do List". Here is a short story covering that lifetime of work.



1967 he joined the Sydney Tech Car Club and in 1968 made his motorsport debut in the Forty Bends Hillclimb, Lithgow.

He was a member of the 48 – FJ Holden Club.

1979 he joined the committee of the NSW Automotive Museum Association.

1984 Terry was elected to the committee of the CVV&TMC and in 1991 was elected president, a position he held until the end of 2025 with only a gap in 2007 when he stepped back to fill the Secretary role because we couldn't find one.

1992 to 2001 he was president of the AHMF and in that time he was one of the key organisers of the AHMF 2001 Shannons Tour to Canberra celebrating 100 years of Federation.

He was a Member of HSRCA committee.

In 1999 he was selected as an expert examiner for the Moving Cultural Heritage Act.

He was also on the CAMS Historic Commission.

He was also at the time deeply involved in negotiations with the RTA for the HVS scheme to replace the previous permit to move an unregistered vehicle.

Was also later heavily involved in negotiations for the CVS scheme.

In 2000 he made the revolutionary proposal to change the name of CVV&TMC to Council of Motor Clubs, simply to reflect the changing times and bring the Council forward into a new era. While Terry was at the helm, the CMC grew from 54 clubs to almost 240 and it's still growing.

Terry was an ARDC board member from 2007 until he stepped down in 2025. He stayed on as the ARDC Classic registrar and public officer.

He was a Life member of the Historic Touring Car Association. Patron of the Cronulla RSL Motor Enthusiast Group and he was a founding member of the Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs in around 2010.

Terry was one of the 6 inaugural members of the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation, instrumental in its establishment and in finding a home at Sydney Motorsport Park.

He was responsible for the processing of CVS paperwork for ACMC and later for CMC when the responsibility was shared out a little.

Terry also ran the Volvo Club motorkhanas at Albion Park.

MOTORSPORT

There was that initial hill climb, but he also took part in things like the Jaguar Mountain Rally.

He was probably best-known driving Herbie, the Group Na VW and then a Mark 2 Zephyr for a while. He won the AHTCA Cup for Na in 2002.

He also worked with his friend Bob Pearson to help run the PRO-DUCT team in Production Car racing.

GOVERNMENT

In recent times he has sat on Transport for NSW committees like VSWG, RSAC and Historic and Classic Industry Working Group.

In all of that he was never just a passive member, he was deeply committed and active. He was a true leader. He could guide things along without being bombastic or autocratic.

