

BACKFIRE

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President's Piece

That is another club year over and it has been an interesting year for me taking on the role as your President. I can easily say that it has been enjoyable for the most part with few difficult issues.

I put this down to three things:

- ◇ A great bunch of members who share the joy of the hobby and the company of the club members.
- ◇ A great supportive committee that wants only the best for the club's future. I couldn't have done it without Fred.
- ◇ The great condition that the previous President left the club to me.

So thank you all for your contribution this past year. I will be standing for President again this coming AGM and with luck, I will be successful in this endeavour and I will have another great supportive committee to help guide this club through the next year.

Enjoyed the Smell the Roses ride this month. Had a really good turnout with motorcycles well out numbering the cars. Perfect weather certainly brought out the fair weather riders. This particular run brought me to a decision though. As we rode at a pace suitable for the oldest/slowest motorcycle, I struggled to keep my big BMW in check. So that means I'll just have to get another bike! So as I will have a fair bit more time soon, I'm thinking the next project should be a smaller and older one more suited to these activities. I have a clue on something but open to suggestions.

Not much activity on the Clubman project front this month. I can confirm that I have finally resolved the oil filter issue. I bought a remote oil filter kit and had some hoses made, this allowed me to use the Escort oil pump instead of the weirdly designed Capri pump. I have had it running (albeit very noisy and not very smoothly) and for the first time the oil seems to be staying in the engine. Of course, this being of English manufacturing origins, there is no guarantee that will continue to be the case! So the next stage will be to get it running properly (carby rebuild I suspect) and then get an exhaust fitted. With any luck I might just have it on the road for Winter.

That's all for me this month. Remember the AGM this month and bring a plate. Also give some thought to who you might like to nominate as Club Person if the Year. There have been some very worthy members for this award this year.

You know what I say, get out in the shed or out in your car.

President Dallas

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 590 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019

PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed 137 members and visitors Phil and Lane to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Bill Guthrie, Les Szalinski, Fred Dosser, Tony Brincat, Gus Shea, Jan & Brian Clissold, Gwen Tucker, Paul Strickland, Vince Fedele, Noreen Mellington, Eva Barwise, June Millard, Ron Jackson, Wayne Oliver, Alex McLaws, Annette Marshall, Rod Roach, Steve & Kin Turner, Bryce Matthews.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

SICK LIST

Ron Smeelie.

President Dallas noted the recent passing of Graham Harvey, Tom Ivory and Terry Sheriff

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the *Backfire* confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Garry Tonkin Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Thank you card - Marg Ivory thanking the club on our kind thoughts on the passing of Tommy

Emails In

- Country Inn Southern Highlands Motels inviting us to stay in their motels if we are in the area.
- Rachel Stewart - requesting two members to judge cars at their employee car display.
- Rachel Stewart- thanking Rod and Dallas for being their special judges at their Viva Energy Geelong Refinery Show & Shine which raised \$1238 and was matched by Viva Energy for Camp Quality.
- Corio Waste Management - quote for supplying bins for the swap.
- Trico Products Aust - if we are interested having a guest speaker for their products.
- Royalauto - inserting notice for the swap in their magazine.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

East Geelong Rotary - to request their catering for our Swap

Sympathy cards:

- Stuart Harvey on the passing of Graham
- Marg Ivory on the passing of Tom.
- Bev Sheriff on the passing of Terry
- Get Well Card - to Ron Smeelie

Emails Out

- Corio Waste management - accepting their quote for the rubbish bins.
- Royalauto - reply to our notice for the swap in their magazine depending on space.

Moved: Leonie Saliba

Seconded: Graeme Anderson Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Libby Booley Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

John reminded members of the Ladies Day on March 31.

Due to tonight's guest speaker's late cancellation, a car video will be shown. A Packard video was planned but will now be held over to a meeting when Fred Dosser is attending so that he can get the full benefit of members' constructive advice.

LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary had an interesting story of a town with a railway hotel even though there had never been a railway there. A visiting politician had promised a railway but never delivered. The meeting noted how times have changed.

DINE OUT (Gary)

Next Dine Out will be at the Leopold Sportsman's Club. Nine members said they plan to attend.

EDITOR (Jon)

See the next *Backfire* for details of a minor change to the newsletter's monthly production schedule.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No issues to raise.

FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

No Federation meeting since the last report

COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

At the recent Committee meeting discussions included :

- Reinvesting the Club's term deposit;
- Sale of the Lynton Fletcher books;
- Proposed red plate scheme bylaw;
- Improvements to the workshop area insulation;

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

- Review the installation of LED lights in the hall;
- Bus to the Lake Goldsmith rally in November; and
- Agreed not to hold a mid-year dinner dance in 2019

MERCHANDISE (David)

Some ordered drink holders are still to be collected .

TINKER DAY (Ray)

This month will be at the Bacchus Marsh Glider Club hanger. Leave from Corio (not the clubrooms).

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Leigh Dwyer correctly guessed Leonie Saliba and so took home the Mars Bar this month .

VEHICLE PERMITS (Dallas - for Gus)

Three more Club cars were registered this month

CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

The Craft nights will no longer be held. .

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- Karl Lorenz reported on the excellent Ballan Vintage rally but found the Ballan Swap disappointing.
- Ray Turner reported there were Mustangs "everywhere" at the recent All Ford day.
- Lindsay Alford enjoyed the Air Show despite the very hot day.
- Graham Paech provided a detailed report in the very successful Avoca Rally, including the Clunes Truck Show.
- David Mitchell reported on our Club members' cars at the recent All British Rally organised by the Geelong MG Car Club.
- Rod Booley reported that 33 people went on the last Coffee Run to the cafe in the Brownlow stand at Kardinia Park.
- Bob Barclay told the meeting that the hot weather kept the car and spectator numbers down at the All Holden day.
- Upcoming events:
 - ◊ Highland Gathering;
 - ◊ Federation Mortlake Picnic;
 - ◊ Ladies Day lunch;
 - ◊ ANZAC day BBQ at Barwon Heads.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Still at planning stage but the area around the head of the Murray River is a likely destination this year.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

All things Steering this month.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

Preparations are well underway but more volunteers needed!

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

Remember to bring a plate to the AGM next month.

GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker this month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Thanks to Judith and Ray Matthews for their model car donations to the Club's collection.
- Libby Booley reminded the members to buy tickets for the Andrew Love Centre fund raising lunch. Make a donation if you can't attend. Thanks to Libby Mitchell for designing the ticket.
- President Dallas presented a proposed Club bylaw that clarifies the way the Club handles members' applications for a permit to drive a vehicle under the Victorian Government Red Plate Scheme. After discussion by members the following motion was put.

"That the new bylaw clarifying the process for handling club permit applications, as published in the club newsletter of March 2019, be approved."

Moved: Dallas Jones

Seconded: Damien Giustini

Carried.

- President Dallas advised that due to a misunderstanding the additional \$5 membership fee to cover "postage and handling costs" may have been incorrectly applied in 2018 and 2019. He advised that members who believed that they had been charged incorrectly in 2018 and 2019 should submit their payment receipt to the treasurer for a refund of the \$5 postage and handling costs.
- President Dallas referred to a recent incident where a club member behaved rudely towards another member. He reminded the meeting that members working for the club did so as volunteers and that inappropriate language or behaviour would not be tolerated. He urged any members with a concern about a Club requirement or a volunteer to approach the Committee. Having heard the concerned member, the Committee can review the matter and take appropriate action, as per the Club constitution.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- The Lynton Fletcher books are available for sale.
- Membership renewals are now due.
- Committee nominations must be submitted by the close of tonight's meeting..

***March general meeting minutes
continued overleaf.***

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018.

PRESIDING :

President John Bailey.

APOLOGIES

As tendered at the April General Meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting held on April 11th 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Rod Booley Seconded: Jim Coates Carried

REPORTS

The President and Secretary presented their Annual Reports, to be published in the May *Backfire*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer read the statement of incoming and outgoing expenses as compiled by our auditor, Gary Harbert, which is available for members to review.

Moved: Maurice Healey

Seconded: Libby Booley Carried

Ken Parry moved that the auditor be re-appointed.

Moved : Ken Parry

Seconded: Barb van Galen Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President John noted that Mike Hanneysee, Ray van Galen and Peter Telfer had chosen not to re-nominate for a Committee position. He thanked them for their support and contribution to the Club.

President John vacated the Chair and introduced life member Trevor Schneider who took the Chair, thanking John and all the office bearers for their work over the previous year.

All executive positions were declared vacant. Committee nominations exceeded the positions available and so a vote was held.

The successful nominations were:

President: Dallas Jones

Vice President: David Mitchell

*Secretary / Public Officer, Consumer Affairs
Notification for Incorporated Association:*
Fred Harris

Treasurer: Maurice Healey

General Committee:

David Perkins	Leonie Saliba
Rod Roach	Barb Van Galen
Gus Shea	Cheryl Elliott
Rod Booley	Damian Giustini.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

25 year membership badges were presented to:

- Robert & Shirley Kaub
- Les Mervin
- John & Pat Hickford
- Murray & Rhonda Foran
- Colin & Rhonda Gardiner
- Ian Duncan

The Club Person of the Year award was presented to Rod Booley.

Meeting closed at 9:50pm followed by supper.



This Mercedes children's electric car was auctioned off at the March meeting to raise funds for the Andrew Love Centre, with \$500 being bid! A generous effort -and thanks also to the Matthews, who donated the beautiful toy.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

- Evelyn Hill was the lucky bidder for the Mercedes children's car with the \$500 going to the Andrew Love Centre fund raising.
- Bernie Turner has purchased a 1994 Fairlane.
- Max Tucker is hoping to sell his 1928 Model A. He has owned the car since 1970.
- Next month's *Backfire* will have details of a Jaguar XJ6 for sale

In keeping with previous years, to enable members to lodge committee and executive nominations for the Annual General Meeting, the meeting remained open until the end of the night and closed at 10pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 9th April 2019 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting, (AGM), of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Incorporated, will be held at the Club Rooms, on Tuesday 9th April 2019.

The AGM will follow the monthly General Meeting, which commences at 7:30pm. Members please bring a plate of supper, to make it a successful social evening.

AGM Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM
2. President's Report
3. Secretary's Report
4. Presentation of the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the 2018/2019 Financial Year
5. Election of Club Member of the Year
6. Election of an Auditor
7. Presentation of Trophies and 25 Year badges

The following Executive and Committee nominations were received up to the end of General Meeting on March 12th 2019.

President:

Dallas Jones

Vice President:

David Mitchell

Secretary / Public Officer, Consumer Affairs Notification for Incorporation Association:

Fred Harris

Treasurer:

Maurice Healy

General Committee:

Rod Booley	Jon Breedveld	Cheryl Elliot
Damien Giustini	David Perkins	Rod Roach
Gus Shea	Barbara van Galen.	

As nominations for the Executive and General Committee positions do not exceed positions available, no voting will be necessary.

Fred Harris

Honorary Secretary

Andrew Love Fundraising Luncheon

14th April 2019 - WDHVC Clubrooms

A fundraising event for the Andrew Love Centre

12 noon for 12.30pm lunch

Two course meal with lots of raffles.

BYO drinks (tea and coffee will be supplied).

All welcome - men, women, members & friends

Tickets \$20 on sale now

Call Sharyn on 5259 2053. Barb on 5278 9368. Libby on 5281 5340

Donations gratefully accepted, if you can't attend but wish to support this cause.

Please support this important event: cancer touches so many lives.

All proceeds to the Andrew Love Centre.

(WDHVC is allowing the use of its clubrooms for this function. No club funds will be used for the event.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

**See also -
calendar summary
on back page.**

29 MARCH - FRIDAY

BACKFIRE FOLDING MORNING 9am Clubrooms

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

31 MARCH - SUNDAY

LADIES DAY LUNCHEON. Meet at Clubrooms at 11am, to travel to

your destination. Men to have BBQ at the home John Bailey.

Contact John 0413 258 302.

4 APRIL - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

9 APRIL - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING & AGM.

7.30pm. Clubrooms. (AGM will follow general meeting.)

10 APRIL - WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT 6.15pm Commun Na Feine, 209 Bellarine St.

Check the vacuum cleaner bag because some of that rattling up the spout might have been a few dollars. Dust them off and come and join us.

Contact Gary McCredden 5275 2544

14 APRIL - SUNDAY

ANDREW LOVE CENTRE, FUND RAISING LUNCHEON

Tickets \$20.

Contact: Sharyn 5259 2053; Barb 5278 9368; Libby 5281 5340.

16 APRIL - TUESDAY

COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

18 APRIL - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY. Starting at 10am from our clubrooms.

This will be just a short run to Gary and Noreen Mellington's place not far away. Gary will no doubt tell us about his beloved Holden restoration. Bring your own chair, mug, thermos and lunch and be prepared for a good day and a good laugh.

Contact: Ray van Galen 5278 9368. Mob. 0411 954 865. Barb's Mob. 0408 664 537

22 APRIL - MONDAY

MAY BACKFIRE DEADLINE By 5pm please.

Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

23 APRIL - TUESDAY

TECH NIGHT "Lowering & Lifting Vehicles" Bring along your old

lowering blocks, whether they be steel, aluminium, or red gum. If you have any cut coils, bring them along, also reset leaf springs, extra leaves, helper springs and whatever suits the topic. Anyone who brings a bag of cement in, gets an extra chocolate frog.

My Mk I Zephyr convertible was so low that it sat on the bump stops with four people on board. With its twin exhaust hung below the chassis rails, and straight under the rear axle, it was a challenge to get onto the punts in South Australia. I had to approach at a 45° angle, to avoid ripping off my Lukey two in /two out muffler. This used to frustrate the hell out of the punt operator, who was trying to get me to drive straight ahead. At the time, my childhood sweetheart lived in Adelaide, and I lived in Mildura, so regular weekend trips meant four punt entries and four punt exits most week ends.

Unfortunately, my convertible was tee-boned by a woman in an FB Holden station wagon with a full length roof rack. The FB rolled and spun up the road on its roof rack. On the bright side, my childhood sweetheart and her husband are still good friends of mine.

7pm, for a 7.30pm start. Please remember to bring something for supper (as well as your appetite).

Visitors are always welcome. Ladies are welcome. If you haven't been before, come along, and bring your sense of humour. REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE, TO GET A FREE CHOCOLATE FROG.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

25 APRIL - THURSDAY

ANZAC DAY BBQ at Barwon Heads. Meet at the clubrooms

8.30am. SUPPLIED - bacon, eggs, bread, boiling water, tea, coffee, sugar, milk *and the kitchen sink.*

BYO - table, chairs, crockery, cutlery and anything else you require. If you want to bring something to cook and stay for lunch, the BBQ will be there for your use until after lunch. Please add your name to the list at the meeting or ring Murray so we can organise our catering purchases.

Contact: Murray 5248 2553 (0409 841 700)

28 APRIL - SUNDAY

VISIT TO THE CAMPERDOWN CLOCK TOWER

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

NO APRIL SMELL THE ROSES DAY

Due to so many events in April, we will not do a run this time.

Contact: Ray van Galen 5278 9368. Mob. 0411 954 865.

2 MAY - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS *ctd*

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9 MAY - THURSDAY

SWAP MEET VOLUNTEERS' BRIEFING DINNER

6:30pm Clubrooms. A comprehensive Swap Meet information session will follow the dinner.

Contact: Fred Harris 5259 2053

10 MAY - FRIDAY

SET UP DAY - BAY CITY SWAP MEET

From 9am. Help needed, even if you only have a couple of hours to spare. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch provided for the helpers.

Contact: Fred Harris 5259 2053

11 MAY - SATURDAY

BAY CITY SWAP MEET

Come along and support the Club's main fundraiser any way you can.

Contact: Fred Harris 5259 2053

19 MAY - SUNDAY

SEA SICK RALLY ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA.

Detail later.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

OTHER EVENTS

13 APRIL, 2019 - SATURDAY

ECHUCA SWAP MEET

Rotary Park, Rose Street Echuca
Automotive parts & collectables welcome. Show & Shine display. 200 plus sites @ \$20 per site. On site catering. \$5 entry. Children under 15 free. Gates open: sellers 5am; buyers 7am

Enquiries: 0456 010 665, echucaswap@outlook.com \$500 to local charity.

17-19 MAY - FRI to SUN

HISTORIC WINTON.

Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla
Includes Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour on the Friday and over 400 historic racing cars, motorbikes and sidecars from the 1920s to the 1980s in races and displays. www.historicwinton.org

Contact: Leanne Cutler 0400 790 060.

LAST SUN EVERY MONTH

Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc meet.

9am to noon (weather permitting) car park cnr. Cherry St & Kelly St Werribee. Free entry. Have a bite to eat and a coffee. Talk car stuff with car-minded people.

Jeff 0412 705 245. John 0407 546 235.

- Rod Booley

BAD PARROT

John received a parrot as a gift. The

parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of its mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.

John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by only speaking politely, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude.

Exasperated, John grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then there was total quiet.

Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the bird, John opened the door to the freezer.

Contritely, the parrot stepped out onto John's outstretched arm and said: "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate manner and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird enquired softly:

"May I ask what the turkey did?"



PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Membership renewal fees are due by 31 March. If you have vehicles on Red Plates that are registered through our club and we have not received your completed membership renewal form and money by 31 March, VicRoads considers those cars to be unregistered and you cannot legally drive them on public roads. So act now! (At last count over 60 people hadn't yet renewed their membership!)

If you no longer wish to be a club member, please email or post your resignation to the Secretary, Fred Harris.

VICTORIA

New Backfire Deadlines

The deadline to submit material for inclusion in Backfire has changed from a Friday to the following Monday.

Copy deadlines for the rest of 2019 are:

May <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 22 April
June <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 27 May
July <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 24 June
Aug <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 29 July
Sept <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 26 Aug
Oct <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 23 Sept
Nov <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 28 Oct
Dec <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 25 Nov

Please email copy to editor@wdhvcgeelong.com or hand it to me. -Ed. (Mob. 0417 311 441)



CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show You Belong

The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for members to purchase.

Members can select from:

Coffee Mugs	\$15
Lapel Badges	\$10
WDHVC Metal Car Badges	\$25
Black Geelong Plates	\$33
Replica Inaugural Metal Club Badge	\$20
50 th Anniversary Metal Badges	\$20
WDHVC pens	\$4 each or 3 for \$10
WDHVC Log Book Reminder Stickers	\$2
Magnetic WDHVC Badges	\$4 each or 3 for \$10
Windscreen Banners	\$10

Contact:

David Mitchell (Ph 0409 099 716)
or Rod Roach (Ph 0438 783 902)



VALE TERRY SHERIFF (1943 – 2019)

It is with a heavy heart that I write about the passing of my long time friend Terry. He joined our club in the mid seventies. He had a 1937 Dodge sedan, and I had a 1946 Morris 10 and we attended many rallies together.

Terry was a guard on the railways at the same time as I was a signalman, and we saw each other regularly at work until 1988 when he was transferred to Warrnambool. This is where he met his future wife Bev and they spent 26 happy years together.

He was a quiet, east going person who loved his cars, his guitar and ukulele, and was a great lover of Slim Dusty music.

He had been unwell since last September and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially those in the Warrnambool Morris Car Club. He was the president of that club for many years.

Rest in Peace my friend.

- Graham and Elaine Baldock

VALE - JEAN GOLDING

We note the passing of Jean Golding, a former very active member of our Club. Her husband, Jock was our President from 1975 to 1977 and we very much enjoyed their involvement during that era.

- Trevor Schneider

RALLIES & RUNS

March Tinker Day



We all had a fabulous time at the Australian Gliding Museum near Bacchus Marsh. We were greeted at the entrance and ushered into the Museum by Captain (Retd) David Goldsmith and we all sat down to tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

David was a very good speaker and very easy to listen to, as he explained how the Australian Gliding Museum was formed, and how it operates now and hopefully will in the future.

David also explained how gliding started and we saw some replica first gliders. We were all shown the painting booth and the workshop and saw some restorations in progress.



David is a retired commercial pilot and he and his wife have been gliding planes since they were 15 years old. He answered our many questions and made our stay very enjoyable.

Thank you Ray for another great Tinker Day.

- - Libby



March Smell the Roses

We once again enjoyed the finest of Geelong weather for our run. It was well attended as 19 club members turned up for the run in various machines. We tootled along to 13th Beach via Horseshoe Bend Road and had the road almost to ourselves the whole way to Ocean Grove. From there we headed back along the Bellarine Highway until we hit the dirt road to Manuel and Lillian Vella's place, to see the new project he has nearly completed. Manny has done a beautiful job of marrying a BSA motorbike to a Fiat 500 car motor. This will be a very nice bike to ride and nearly indestructible as the motor will be very under-stressed, the bike weighing less than half of a Fiat Bambino. Some riders mentioned that they didn't get into top gear on their later model bikes, where as I hardly got out of top gear on the old Indian. As is almost compulsory on all our runs and rallies, much talking and consumption of tea, coffee and biscuits were the order of the day.

Thank you to all the folks that have us over on these days: it is all good fun.

Participants were:

Dallas Jones	BMW Boxer.
Richard Anderson	BMW four.
Ray van Galen	1922 Indian Scout.
Ray Matthews	Suzuki 500 Triple.
Adrian Matthews	Honda.
Manuel Valla	1942 Indian.
Jessica Vella	Honda.
Charlie and Diane Vella	Vespa.
Graham Wilson	CB 750 Honda.
Haydn Stacey	Honda CBR600.
Greg Stephenson	early Harley Davidson
Fred Harris	Henrietta Ford.
Graham & Helen Cameron	modern.
Merv Baum Ford	Laser.
Bernard and Jean Ellson	Land Rover.
Judith Matthews	Capri.

- Ray van Galen

Affordable British Classics

- first published in *Popular Classics* magazine,
November 1999

Singer Vogue

THE Singer Vogue was the first Rootes model to use the redesigned body destined for all the group's saloons from late 1961, and was introduced in July of that year.

The Vogue was distinctive in that it had twin headlamps and a rounded grille, while the interior, more luxurious than that of the Hillman Minx, was not unlike that used for the Humber Sceptre.

Less than a year after the launch an estate car was added, one of the most attractive estates built for many years.

The cars were powered by a 1592cc engine, producing 62bhp, and giving a top speed of 83mph. From October 1962, front disc brakes were introduced, but performance improvements had to wait until the Series II models of 1964 when, as well as other developments, the engine



faster family saloons of its day.

As well as being attractive cars, all Vogues are enjoyable and, especially with the faster models, satisfying cars to drive. A Series IV, for example, will cruise all day at 80mph if required. They are also reliable mechanically, and easy to put right when things finally go wrong.

Bodywork is quite tough, although they rust badly around the sills, spring hangers and wheel arches.

They are not expensive: an extremely good

saloon should cost no more than £1500.

1965 Vogue distinguished by more upright rear window

was changed to a more powerful version, with alloy head, producing 78bhp and lifting the top speed to 90mph. Reclining seats were now fitted as standard.

The final, Series IV, version of the Vogue – before the

1967 Arrow type – was given the five-bearing long-stroke 1725cc engine used in the other cars of the Rootes organisation.

This unit produced 85bhp, enabling the car to reach 98mph, making it one of the

ENGINE/POWER

1592cc/62-78bhp, 1725cc/85bhp

SPEED 83-98mph

PRODUCTION 1961-66

ECONOMY 22-33mpg

New Printed Blinds

Vice President David has organised two new printed blinds for the clubhouse and these were installed recently. The two images printed on the blinds show people and vehicles on the streets of early Geelong.

The images were sourced from the Geelong Heritage Centre collection. The Heritage Centre, located on the 3rd floor of the Geelong Library, is well worth a visit if you are into local history or researching your family tree.



Moorabool Street, Geelong, c.1940

Looking south along Moorabool Street from Malop Street, c.1940. View includes one of Geelong's neon bar traffic lights in the foreground, with another in the background at the corner of Moorabool and Ryrle Streets.



Crowds in Gheringhap Street, 1924

Awaiting the arrival of the British Fleet. Looking south along Gheringhap Street, from near Lt. Malop Street, 1924. A flurry of activity sees people vying for the best vantage point from which to see the fleet.

Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



Sat. 11th May 2019



Geelong Showgrounds

(Melway Ref 452 E10)

Plenty of room for displays. Bargains for motorists, restorers, collectors, craft enthusiasts, DIY mechanics etc.

7am start

Admission: Adults \$5 Children free

Outdoor sites (10m X 6 m) \$10 plus \$5 admission charge.

(No booking required for outdoor sites)

Area for display and sale of Special Interest Vehicles

Overnight camp sites available for stallholders only.

Food available on Friday evening from 4pm to 8pm.

Geelong mobile ATM facilities available on site.

Enquiries:

Phone: **0417 546 089**

Mail: WDHVC PO Box 200 Newcomb VIC 3219

STRICTLY NO DOGS ALLOWED IN SHOWGROUNDS NO FIRES PERMITTED

NO UNAUTHORISED FOOD VENDORS

**NO RIDING OF SKATEBOARDS, BICYCLES, MOTOR BIKES OR
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN SHOWGROUNDS**

**PARKING FOR NON SELLERS IN
RACECOURSE, BESIDE SHOWGROUNDS**

Great Mars Bar Competition

The April Competition



I well remember the days when most of our tyres looked this bald on our cars. Who had money for those sorts of luxuries in the 60's on apprentice wages?

Well, these boys are about to learn the fun to be had in downhill tyre rolling. Our soon-to-be-victim, who will end up with bruises and gravel rash, is the **smaller of the two, on the right**. He is our Mystery Member for this month. Most of his cuts and abrasions are not visible nowadays, so that makes it harder to guess his identity.

Get the name right and you will walk away with the prize of a mouth full of Mars Bar.

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen
Ph 52789 368,
or
email rbvangalen@gmail.com



Quotes About Cars

"Leave sooner, drive slower, live longer."

-Author Unknown

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Lindsay

Where were you born?

Melbourne

Family?

Wife Lorraine, 3 daughters & 6 grandchildren

Number of years in the WDHVC?

5 years

Other interests?

CFA Volunteer, fixing things & old things

What was your first vehicle?

Hillman Minx

What vehicle would you love to own?

CFA Tanker to restore, restoring history not big boy toys

What vehicles do you have now?

Hillman Imp 1969

Profession?

Maths/science teacher
White goods repairer

Skills?

Mechanical & electrical

What bugs you the most?

Cars using 2 lanes to do a turn (They think they are in a truck)

What makes you happy?

Grand kids & family, and making things work.

- Libby

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



11th May 2019



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!!

The Swap Meet has been running annually for many years and, pleasingly, gets better each year. The event is important for our club, but would not be possible without the generous support of our many volunteers, who donate their time in the lead up to, and on the day.

Members who can volunteer, please register your name with either Kevin Smith or Murray Foran at the next monthly meeting.

VOLUNTEERS DINNER & INFORMATION NIGHT Thursday 9th May 2019

A dinner followed by an information session will be held on this night in our Clubrooms, for all volunteers. This lovely dinner is provided by our wonderful lady members, and will commence at 6:30pm.

A comprehensive information session will follow the dinner and comprise a list of all duties that volunteers will undertake in the lead up and during the Swap Meet, together with rostering and emergency procedures.

This is your opportunity to ask any questions that you may have to ensure things run smoothly on the day.

Enquiries - Fred Harris,
Swap Director
(03) 5259 2053

SET UP DAY - Friday 10th May 2019

On this day, we will need assistance from plenty of volunteers to help with the set up of the arena ahead of the Swap Meet the following day.

Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided to volunteers attending. The more hands on deck we have, the quicker we will get the job done: we would be grateful if you are able to assist, even if it only be for an hour or two.

Fred Harris
Swap Director
(03) 5259 2053

SWAP DAY! Saturday 11th May 2019

We will be looking forward to another successful Swap Meet, and thank you again our generous volunteers.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

1975 Jaguar XJ6 sedan. Reg. 26461H.
\$5,000. Call Les 0428 887 544. **4/19**

Chrysler Parts 1938 Plymouth honeycomb radiator. Mopar VG order. Intake & exhaust manifold; 1964 Mopar Plymouth slant engine, intake & exhaust. Prices negotiable.
Call Norman 0434 831 664 **3/19**

Clues:

1988 Mazda RX-7 Series 4. 2 dr man 5 spd 13 Bi rotary. Fully restored - like new.
Call Les 0428 887 544. **4/19**

CLASSIC RESTOS is back on free-to-air TV on Sunday's at 1pm and 1.30pm on Ch 73 7mate .

Also worth a look is AUSSIE PICKERS 6pm Friday and 5.30pm Saturday on Ch 73 7mate.

- Trevor Schneider

For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the newsletter email earlier editor@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0417 311 441).

Reminder: All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number & Price or Registration Number & Price, otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

All ads for cars also appear on the **club web site** where greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be viewed. To see ads, go to <http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com/wdsale.html>

All ads remain on the website until you request their removal. To remove an ad from the website, email webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0418 587 415).



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Crocker "Big Tank" 1940

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Federation Picnic Mortlake	25	26 Tech Night "Steering" 7pm	27	28	29 <i>Backfire</i> folding morning 9am Clubrooms	30
31 March Ladies Day Luncheon 11am	1 NO Smell the Roses in April	2	3	4 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am Clubrooms	5	6
7	8	9 General Meeting & AGM 7.30pm Clubrooms	10 Dine Out 6.15pm Commun Na Feine	11	12	13 Echuca Swap Meet
14 12 noon Andrew Love Fundraising Luncheon	15	16 Committee Meeting	17	18 Tinker Day 10am Clubrooms	19	20
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21	22 NEW May 2019 <i>Backfire</i> Deadline	23 Tech Night Lowering & Lifting	24	25 Anzac Day BBQ 8.30am Clubrooms (Bwn Heads)	26	27
EASTER						
28 Visit to Camperdown Clock Tower	29	30	1 May	2 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am Clubrooms	3	4