

# BACKFIRE

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*Mack*



**Plymouth**



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## President's Piece

Hello from the hot seat! Well it has been a little warm over the last month.

Speaking of last month. How good was our last general meeting? It was a honour and a pleasure to hand out the Honorary Life Membership awards to Graham and Judith. Both very worthy recipients of this award. There is a back story to how the presentations came about. Initially I had Ray and Judith lined up to pull a swifty on Graham to get him out of the room. They had no idea that there were two awards that night. This fell over at the last minute and we had to come up with another cunning plan, which as it turned out was very successful and funny. The best part was watching the look on Judith's face when I said her name. Priceless! Well done and well deserved both of you. Oh, and thank you so much to my fellow conspirators: couldn't have done it without you.

Also at last month we saw the new signs and petrol bowser globes. The purchase of these items to "brighten" up our clubrooms was made by committee a couple of months ago and Fred and Graham went to the trouble of driving down to a place in Gippsland to look at them first hand and this also saved on the considerable cost of postage. A big thank you to them both for their time and effort. It is these sorts of things that our members do all the time that makes me proud of this club. Nothing is too much trouble.

A little more progress on the Clubman. Electricals finished but I have a couple of gremlins. Should be able to sort them out easily enough. I have finally "wet" it and so now it should be ready to fire up once I get the fuel sender issue sorted out and back in.

I may have stumbled on my next project already, quite accidently. Watch this space and I'll tell you if it happens. I think I will need to extend the shed before I bring any more stray neglected cars home!

That's all from me this month.

Remember, get out in your cars or out in your shed. It's great therapy for those who need it.

Dallas



This blurry shot captures Judith's surprise as her life membership is announced.

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 588 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

## PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed 113 members and visitors to meeting No 588

## MEETING SUSPENDED

Seven members were asked to leave the club rooms with no explanation, (as a decoy) for voting on two new Honorary Life Members. Voting took place and the two nominated members were both approved by the members present.

## Graham Pretlove

Moved: Rod Booley

Seconded: Damien Giustini Carried

## Judith Matthews

Moved: Gary Tonkin

Seconded: Max Mc Kenzie Carried

The seven members out of the room were asked to return and the meeting continued.

## APOLOGIES

John Smith, John Bailey, Leigh Dwyer, David Perkins, Les Szalinski, Alex McLaws, Lachie Jackson, Bernie Turner, Tony Brincat, Paul Strickland, June Millard, Ron Jackson, Len Millar and Gary Wallace

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Rhonda Foran Carried

## SICK LIST

Nil

## MINUTES

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

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Graeme Anderson Carried

Ray Matthews moved that two corrections be made; 1. The Sandstone Cafe was in Grovedale not Drysdale. 2. The next meeting to be held should have read 8th January not 18th January.

## CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

### INWARD

Letters In

- Vic Roads - registration renewal for the club trailer

Emails In

Nil

### OUTWARD

Letters Out

Nil

## Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Fred Dosser 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: Rod Roach Carried

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Dallas Jones explained that Judith Matthews' talk had been post phoned till next month.

## LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary explained there were four boxes of books to find a new home or be binned. Then he read a funny yarn from the book "The Best Australian Yarns" called Arithmetic.

He also advised of some good motoring books in the library that are worthy of a read.

## DINE OUT (Gary)

The Queenscliff Fish and Chip shop: wear your Club badge for a discount.

## EDITOR (Jon)

All good. Please use the new address for the Editor: editor@wdhvcgeelong.com

## WEBSITE (Damien)

Problems with people sending to the old email addresses, Please drop the "au" off the end for the new email addresses.

## FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

Next month.

## COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

Meeting on 18th Dec 2018.

- Club Memorabilia is to be revalued for Insurance purposes.
- New engine lifter has been purchased and the old one is up for tender.
- two blinds in the club rooms are to be replaced with murals.
- New bowser globes and motorbike signs purchased for club room beautification.

## MERCHANDISE (David)

- Some drink holders that were personalized are still to be collected.
- Large car banners have sold out but more will be available next week.

## TINKER DAY (Ray)

None this month.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

### MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Jim Coates correctly guessed Sharyn Harris.

### VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus said some permits are arriving later so watch your due dates.

Cheryl Elliott spoke briefly on her 1966 Mustang. She spoke on her effort to get it restored properly.

### CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

Linda asked the ladies to bring their sewing box with embroidery thread and material as they are doing embroidery stitching.

### RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod )

- Gary Tonkin explained the Merrawarp Rd Maze is reopened.
- Christmas Dinner dance was a great night, fabulous entertainer but new caterer needed.
- Drysdale Classic Car event was very well attended.
- Christmas Tinker day at Ken and Ethel Shepherds' was once again a fabulous day even with the rain and no school children for our entertainment due to the rain.
- David Mitchell was presented with an early Santa gift from Ken, of an old Land Rover belonging to his neighbour.
- Upcoming events:
  - ◇ 12-13 Jan Geelong Classic Truck & Machinery Show Car Display
  - ◇ 27 Jan Visit to Geelong Museum of Motoring and Industry. BYO picnic lunch. Meet at clubrooms at 10.30am.
  - ◇ 7 Feb Morning Coffee run, meet at clubrooms 9.45 am.
  - ◇ 10 Feb Water Front Car Display, meet on Cunningham Pier at 10.30 am.
  - ◇ 24 Feb Car Boot Sale and BBQ at clubrooms. Sale starts at 11 am
  - ◇ 8-11 March 26th Annual Avoca Rally
  - ◇ 10 March Water Front Car Display, meet on Cunningham Pier at 10.30am
  - ◇ 10 March MG Car Club "All British Day" on the water front, bring along your British car to display.
  - ◇ 17 March Highland Gathering Car Display at Goldsworthy Reserve. 8 older English cars required for display.
  - ◇ 24 March Federation Picnic at Mortlake.

### LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Nil as yet

### TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Peter detailed the next tech. night to be about "Lights"

### SWAP MEET (Fred)

Meeting in next two or three weeks. Anyone welcome to come along and join the committee

### KITCHEN (Rhonda)

All good.

### GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Graham Pretlove spoke on the new signs and lights and how they were sourced.
- Old engine lifter to go to tender.
- Two birthdays tomorrow, Frank Mc Kenzie 86 and Jim Coates 83.
- Member profiles have no surnames on them for the security of member.
- Australia Day - Geelong Museum of Motoring and Industry Museum has a car display at Rippleside and there are limited spaces available.
- Red plate log book must be stamped and uploaded by Vic Roads before you leave Vic Roads.
- Torquay Auto Show is on 10 Feb.

### FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- 1928 Chev front end parts are required.
- Suggestions for Vintage radiator fin repairs.
- Numerous items.

**Two Honorary Life Memberships** were presented to surprised recipients:  
**Graham Pretlove** and **Judith Matthews**

Meeting closed at 8.56pm.

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 12th February 2019 in the clubrooms.**

- Libby Booley

### Swap Meet Meeting

A Swap meeting will be held at the clubrooms on 14 February at 8pm. Anyone interested please feel free to attend.

- Fred Harris - Swap Director

### Andrew Love Fundraising Luncheon 14th April

This is a fundraising event for the Andrew Love Centre at the WDHVC clubrooms.

It is an important event as most of our club members have been touched in some way by cancer. There will be a 2 course meal with lots of raffles.

Tickets will be on sale at the March and April meeting for \$20, to be paid when booked. BYO drinks (tea and coffee will be supplied). Any donations will be accepted as all proceeds will be going to the Andrew Love Centre.

Our club is allowing the use of the clubrooms for this function and no club funds will be used for this event.

- Sharyn Harris

# New Life Members Appointed

## Judith Matthews & Graham Pretlove Recognised

At the Club meeting held on 8 January 2019, the Committee presented a recommendation that Honorary Life Membership be conferred on two members, Judith Matthews and Graeme Pretlove.

Fellow Life Member Trevor Schneider presented brief membership profiles, summarising both members' involvement and support of the W.D.H.V.C. over many years.

The meeting overwhelmingly resolved to confer Honorary Life Membership on Judith Matthews and Graeme Pretlove.

### JUDITH MATTHEWS - Member Profile



*Judith Matthews with her life membership award.*

Judith has been a member of the Western District Historic Vehicles Club for over 50 years since the Club was first formed. During that time she has maintained a keen interest in all aspects of the Club.

In the 1980s, Judith and Ray jointly edited the Club magazine "Backfire". In those days, the Editors had to produce the monthly magazine using the slow manual processes of the day, without the benefit of today's technology, so the task of Editors required the dedication of a considerable amount of time, skill, and patience.

In 1985, Judith was voted as "Club person Of The Year" by a popular members vote, recognising her valuable and ongoing dedication to the W.D.H.V.C. For many years during the 1990s, Judith accepted

the responsibility for the control and management of the Club garments and Club memorabilia, a task that she willingly and enthusiastically carried out.

In the 1990s, Judith also managed the Club library for several years.

Over the 50 years of our Club, Judith has faithfully kept record of various aspects of activities, such as a complete record of guest speakers at general meetings. Her records summarise many aspects of members and member's vehicles. This has been extremely valuable when the Club has celebrated milestone events, as information provided by Judith has enabled many of the historic aspects of our Club to be documented. Judith has generously given of her time over the life of the Club to actually be our unofficial Historian, such is the breadth of information recorded by her.

Judith has been an enthusiastic member and active participant in our Club since its inception, and she has made a valued contribution to the ongoing function of the W.D.H.V.C. Much of Judith's involvement has been reliably carried out in the background without fanfare, and we hereby recognise her positive influence in the success of the W.D.H.V.C.

### GRAHAM PRETLOVE - Member Profile

Graham has been a member of the W.D.H.V.C. for over 25 years and in that time he has been an active participant in numerous Club activities, organising annual events such as the Hot Dog rally and the Economy run. At the Bay City Swap each year, Graham plays a vital role in co-ordinating some of the layout and parking.

He has served as a Committee member of our Club for several years and was the Program Director from 2002 to 2005 and Club Secretary from 2012 to 2014.

When the Clubrooms were extended in 1996 and the toilets added in 2000, Graham organised and co-ordinated the working bee volunteers painting of the interior and exterior, ensuring that the finish was of a high standard. As a professional painter himself, Graham carried much of this work in his own time and has continued his involvement in the ongoing maintenance of the clubrooms.

Over many years Graham has provided valuable assistance with displays in the clubrooms, refurbishing the petrol pumps, assisting with model car displays and attending to many of the photo displays. The mural on the wall behind the stage was installed by Graham and it demonstrates his attention to detail and desire to assist the Club wherever possible.

Graham is a valued Club member who has generously and actively been involved with establishing the excellent facilities that the Club now enjoys.

- Trevor Schneider



New life member Graham Pretlove (l) is congratulated by President Dallas.

## Some More About the Mustang

### FORD MUSTANG 1966-67.

History was made when this family sporting car toppled popular saloons in America's top-seller lists. The original is further developed for 1967. Mustang changed the pattern of American motoring. Its imitators are legion because it appeals to the young-generation Americans and lots of motorists elsewhere too. Sporting lines with room for children and luggage, and a great range of engine and transmission options, cater for many different tastes and pockets.

Bodies are convertible, coupe and fastback coupe. Engines vary from a 3.3-litre six to a 7-litre V8. Eight-cyl. o.h.v.; 4,728 c.c. 200 b.h.p. Ford 2-choke carb; 3-speed, four-speed or auto. Opt; hyd. Brakes: servo and disc optional; maximum speed 118 mph. Fuel tank: 1966 16 gals; 1967 13 gals.

Ford Australia imported and converted the 1966 Mustang to right-hand-drive (RHD). This coincided with the launch of new XR Falcon for 1966, which was marketed as "Mustang-bred Falcon".

To set the official conversion apart from the cottage industry, the RHD Mustangs were called "Ford Australia Delivered Mustang" and had compliance plates similar to XR Falcon. About 209 were imported to Australia with 48 units were converted in 1965 while the further 161 were done in 1966.

## January Feature Vehicle - 1966 Ford Mustang

Cheryl Elliott's beautiful bright red 1966 Ford Mustang cut a striking figure in the club garage at the January meeting. Cheryl said she had always wanted a Mustang and her late husband bought the car for her about 12 years ago.

About 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years ago, Cheryl decided to have the car fully restored. This meant a full rebuild, a bare metal respray and a couple of false starts that initially yielded disappointing results. But Cheryl persisted and, with the help of Darren Gill (Geelong Carburetors) she finally achieved what she had set out to do.

Cheryl quipped ruefully that "you could have floated the national debt" on the cost of the resto, but she loves pulling up at the lights and getting envious looks from young men. The car has a 289 V8 motor and the first of the "Pony" interiors.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WDHVC EVENTS

See also -  
calendar summary  
on back page.

### 3 JANUARY - WEDNESDAY

#### **BACKFIRE FOLDING MORNING** 9am Clubrooms

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

### 7 FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

#### **MORNING COFFEE RUN.**

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

### 10 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

#### **GEELONG WATERFRONT CAR DISPLAY**

Meet at Cunningham Pier at 10.30am. Parking will be on the lawn beside the pier.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

### 12 FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

#### **GENERAL MEETING.**

7.30pm. Clubrooms. (Membership fees and forms will be received in the workshop before the meeting.)

### 13 FEBRUARY - WEDNESDAY

#### **DINE OUT** 6.15pm Batesford Hotel. Look after the cents and

the dollars will take care of themselves, so come and join us. (Thanks to the 30 or so who attended at Queenscliff. It was a lovely evening.)

Contact Gary McCredden 5275 2544

### 16 FEBRUARY - SATURDAY

#### **SMELL THE ROSES DAY** Well all the silly tourists should be

back at work or overseas making unwanted phone calls to us unsuspecting people, so we can now hit the road again (figuratively speaking) with our old bikes. Starting from our clubrooms at 10.30am, we can go the back way to Deans Marsh and visit the corner BAKERY. It is reputed to be the best this side of the black stump. Last time we visited the wrong place in Deans Marsh and were not very happy. Please put your hand up for lead rider on the day if you know the best scenic roads to get there.

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

### 19 FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING** 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

### 21 FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

#### **TINKER DAY.** Starting at 11am from the little township of

Ceres instead of our clubrooms. This saves a lot of heavy traffic dramas around Highton. Bryce Matthews has asked us back to his place for a look at what projects he is working on at the present time and to enjoy our lunch in the shade of his trees in the back yard. As is normal, bring your own everything, mug, chair, food and drinks.

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

### 22 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

#### **MARCH BACKFIRE DEADLINE** By 5pm please.

Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

### 24 FEB - SUNDAY

#### **CAR BOOT SALE AND BBQ AT THE CLUBROOMS.**

Sale starts at 11am. Bring a few things you think your fellow members might be interested in buying.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

### 26 FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

#### **CRAFT NIGHT/TECH NIGHT "WIPERS AND WASHERS"**

Do you remember those vacuum wipers that didn't work when you put your foot down? (and went crazy when you took your foot off). And those washers with a foot pump or a hand pump that you had to pump multiple times before they even dribbled? Some of you more senior members may remember hand operated wipers. Bring along as many styles of wiper motors, arms, blades, pumps, bottles, bags, switches, etc. that you can find in your personal inventory. Be at the clubrooms around 7pm, so we can be set up for a 7.30pm start. Please remember to bring something for supper (as well as your appetite). Visitors are always welcome. Ladies are welcome, to participate in Tech Night or in Craft Night. 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.

### 8 -11 MARCH

#### **26TH ANNUAL AVOCA RALLY**

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

### 10 MARCH - SUNDAY

#### **WATER FRONT CAR DISPLAY.**

Meet on Cunningham Pier at 10.30am. Parking will be on the lawn beside the pier.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

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## WDHVC EVENTS (ctd)

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### 10 MARCH 2019 - SUNDAY ALL BRITISH VEHICLE DISPLAY

We have been invited along with other local car clubs to join a display of British vehicles, organised by the MG Car Club Geelong. We will have an allocated space along the Geelong Waterfront in the Transvaal Square area. Motorbikes are included and there are likely to be over 200 vehicles on display, so should be a great day to come along. Vehicles should plan to be in place by 10am and stay until 3:15pm.

*David Mitchell 0409 099 716*

### 17 MARCH - SUNDAY HIGHLAND GATHERING CAR DISPLAY

Goldsworthy Reserve. 8 older/English cars required please, 11am to 4pm.

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*

### 24 MARCH - SUNDAY FEDERATION PICNIC AT MORTLAKE

Meet in Inverleigh at 9.30am.

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*

## OTHER EVENTS

### 17 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

**ALL FORD DAY** Sutcliffe Reserve, Plantation Rd Corio.

### 17 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

**DAYLESFORD MOTORFEST** Victoria Park

[www.daylesfordmotorfest.com](http://www.daylesfordmotorfest.com)

### 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](mailto:echucaswap@outlook.com) \$500 to local charity.

### 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*

## GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



# 11th May 2019



Watch this space for more details of the

### **VOLUNTEERS DINNER & INFORMATION NIGHT**

and the

### **SET UP DAY - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### *With this edition ...*

**Your 2019 Membership Renewal Application & Committee Member Nomination Form.**

WDHVC membership fees are due by 31 March 2019.

Bring your completed forms and money to the February or March meeting.

Monies will be collected between 6:30pm and 7:30pm before the meetings.

**No money will be accepted without a completed membership renewal form.**

Nominations for the committee and office bearers must be in the hands of the Secretary by the conclusion of the general meeting of 12 March 2019.

**NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the clubrooms on Tuesday, 9 April 2019, immediately after the monthly general meeting, which commences at 7:30pm.



# MOTORING MISFITS - the Three Wheelers

Having finished off the "World's Worst Cars" series, this month Graham is continuing the 3-wheeler theme with a piece on the little-known Morgan 3-wheeler.



## Morgan 3-wheelers

- the no frills, all thrills model, designed to bring the fun and passion back into personal transport

It was Harry or "HFS" Morgan who started it all. He was the son of a country vicar, public school-boy, Great Western Railway apprentice, garage owner, and like many of his time, a dabbler in the new art of motor car design.

Morgan appeared relatively late on the scene, with motoring well established and growing rapidly. Henry Ford had started production of the Model T in 1908 and 1909 Herbert Austin produced a very presentable 5 KW two-seater for £150. The vicar, the Rev. George Morgan, put up the capital (£7000) and HFS went into production.

Morgan launched his three-wheeler at the 1910 Olympia Cycle and Motorcycle Show. There were two models, one with a single-cylinder 3 kW JAP and the other with a V-twin 6 kW JAP. They weighed only about 150 kg. The cheapest 67 kW per tonne available which with 72 km/h put it straight into the sports car class. Bodies are hand built up from fine-quality Belgian ash, the same timber used to make top-name tennis racquets.

Although the prototype had been a bit tatty, the first production model had a lean and hungry look about it that went well with the sporty

image it was soon to acquire. Being well conceived in its technical simplicity, without any frills whatsoever, so it looked right, went well, was cheap at 85 guineas, but one seat wasn't a big selling point and it was untried. But Harrod's took up an agency and orders began to come in, helped no doubt, by the development of a two-seater during 1911 and the string of successes which HFS began to record in the long distance trials which were important proving grounds in those days.



*HFS Morgan in a trials event in an early 1920's Blackburne-engined Grand Prix Morgan trimog.*

Three-wheeler Morgans dominated British trials and class speed records virtually from their inception.

They went like hell and didn't have a third and reverse gears until 1931, when the first major changes were made since 1910. Simple it may have been, but HFS Morgan's idea was also a bright one and the car lasted 43 years to become a unique and enduring legend.

The works expanded to a production rate of about 40 to 50 cars a week in the post war boom, and prices soared in line with demand. But the bubble soon burst for the cyclecar business, when the Austin Seven went into full production. In 1923 the cheapest Chummy was £165 and Morgan's range was now down to £128 – £163 with internal expanding front brakes now available for an extra £6. Dynamos, electric lighting and self starters were other fairly inevitable refinements. In 1933 a more refined Matchless motor began to replace JAP which had become a bit expensive.

The Model Y Ford Eight had started production in 1932 at the new Dagenham factory, and its 933 SV four-cylinder engine, which with the E93A 1172 cm version was to power many a special and production sports car for the next 25 years.

Production of the three-wheelers was down to 29 in 1939 and ceased during the war. In 1946 the factory's stock of parts was assembled into 12 Matchless-engined Super Sports models of which nine were shipped to Brylows of Melbourne. The twin had now ceased production and the F type followed it in 1952. The good idea of 1909 had lasted for 43 years.

Originally produced between 1909 and the 50's, the iconic design of the car has been updated with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. The power train is a 2 litre V-twin fuel injected engine coupled to a Mazda 5 speed and reverse gearbox. 115 mp/h, 30+ mpg, £40,000 .

To those who say "THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE THAT ANY MORE" - at Morgan, they do.

- *Graham Pretlove*



*Early versions included a commercial ute (well before Ford's Lewis Bandt?)*

- and a 4 seater!



## New Membership

### Application Procedure

*Your committee has adopted a new procedure that makes the process of applying for membership of the club clearer. The new procedure is as follows:*

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

##### PREAMBLE

Due to the large number of people wanting to join the club and having to go on the extremely long waiting list, the club needs to have a clear procedure that all prospective members and Committee can follow.

It has been previous practice for the Committee just to fill in the nominee and seconder sections almost as a rubber stamping exercise. We, the Committee, cannot continue to simply sign off on every application that comes to Committee.

The practice of adding a person's name to the waiting list because they rang or emailed cannot continue. The prospective applicant must fill in a Membership Application and attend a meeting or event. (If they haven't already done so).

##### PROCEDURE

When a person decides to join the club, the applicant will need to fill in a Membership Application form. This will need to be completed with a Nominee and Secunder from the membership.

The prospective member must be nominated and seconded by someone known to them already in the club. If the prospective member is new to the area and perhaps does not yet know anyone, they are encouraged to come along to a few meetings or outings and become known.

Once an application has been received and ALL sections are completed correctly, the application will be given to the Membership Registrar, dated and numbered so that it can be entered onto the waiting list in the correct order.

The Committee will only process correctly completed applications.

When a membership vacancy occurs and the applicant's name reaches the top of the waiting list, the applicant will be notified by the Membership Registrar and will be invited to attend a Committee meeting, where their application will be discussed. If they are unable to attend this Committee meeting, they will be offered another opportunity for the following Committee meeting. If they are unavailable for this meeting also, the Committee will review that application and may decide to offer another opportunity at the next Committee meeting or the application may be moved to the bottom of the waiting list. In this case, the next applicant on the list will be offered an opportunity in their place.

If the applicant is successful at the Committee meeting, he/she will be notified in a timely manner, usually within one week.

On receipt of their notification, they will have two general meetings in which to offer to join the club by paying their membership fees.

If payment is not made within this time the offer to join will be deemed to have lapsed and will require no further consideration by the Committee.

The next on the waiting list will then begin the process.

# RALLIES & RUNS

## Museum Visit – 27 January

Last Sunday speed was on the minds of the men riding in the Cadel Evans bike race. However Simon



Anderson set a more leisurely mechanised pace in his 1909 Hupmobile, as he led out about 30 club members who trundled across from the clubrooms to the

Geelong Museum of Motoring & Industry. On a perfect day weatherwise we met others who had driven directly to the museum. Cheryl Elliot, Linda Parker and Ron Pocock were among the volunteers on hand to greet us. Fred Harris added to the positive mood when he announced that the Club was subsidising half the entry cost. So in we went – and had barely entered before Barb van Galen advised that free tea, coffee and fresh scones with cream and jam awaited!

All that before even looking at the many beautiful vehicles housed in the museum!

The collection itself is impressive. Although dominated by Fords, it includes many makes and decades and is well housed in the fresh and well laid out buildings. As well as complete examples, the Ford collection includes a number of cutaway vehicles that expose their inner workings with the

clever use of mirrors and lighting to show visitors drive trains, suspensions, brakes and accessories.

As is often the case on club outings, the social interaction was a highlight, as members chatted and exchanged knowledge, prompted no doubt by what they were seeing. After a couple of hours, some members headed for a BYO picnic lunch by the water, while others headed home (and I made it back across town just before they closed my local roads for the bicycle race!). Thank you to the museum, its volunteers and our organisers for another happy, relaxed and enjoyable event.



## Stay as you are

A 65 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table she had a near death experience.

Seeing God she asked: "Is my time up?"

God said: "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck.

She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 33 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"

## Quotes About Cars

"A tree never hits an automobile except in self-defence."

- American Proverb



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# RALLIES & RUNS

## January Technical Night

It was a warm night and a lot of people turned up. You needed to be early to get a seat, otherwise you had to sit in the outer back stalls.

Members brought along a collection of historic and modern lights. Your Willys and Packard owners had examples of the development of the lights on their vehicles. Some ideas were good, some not very good. Historical lights included buggy candlelight, a railwayman's light, with rotating colour filter for red, green or just white. Other old lights included kerosene lights, with both wick and pressure lights.

Two members had old carbide lamps and their generators, where water drips onto the carbide to produce a gas. Carbide lights are still used in caving. For the technical minded:

Carbide lamps, or acetylene gas lamps, are simple lamps that produce and burn acetylene ( $C_2H_2$ ) which is created by the reaction of calcium carbide ( $CaC_2$ ) with water ( $H_2O$ ).

When all of the carbide in a lamp has been reacted, the carbide chamber contains a wet paste of slaked lime ( $Ca(OH)_2$ ). Slaked lime is used in making cement. (Source: Wikipedia.)



*An early miner's carbide lamp*

Our bicycle man had an interesting collection of old bicycle lights using kerosene, candles and carbide. Also on bike lamps, a 'collector' had old bike lamps using traditional globes and dry cell for the front and back. The rear light was still in the original cardboard box. He also had a dynamo and light that worked on the tyre. It looks like a bike one but was bigger and heavier and was for a motorbike.

A member explained how LED lights work, and had many examples of modern lights. Other members had examples of LED touches, head touches, cap lights, work lights etc.

Another member told us how he changed the caravan light (Festoon) to LED as the original did not always work reliably. (I have done the same with a trailer). He also upgraded the interior light in the van to LED. They are so much brighter and produce so much less heat.

Another interesting historical light was for a Delage car (French). It was a 'back to front light'. The globe was supported on a metal bar at the front of the light at the glass cover. The globe pointed backward to a silver plated reflector. This light had two auxiliary globes, one was a double-ended Festoon globe. (And we thought that the Festoon globes were a modern invention!)

There was a collection of sealed beam of different brands and Halogen lights. They were such a feature that the glass cover had Halogen written on it. Also on modern cars with expensive plastic encased lights, the plastic tends to get affected by UV. This can be fixed by replacement or it can be polished out.

Yes, washing machine have lights: indicator lights to drive them! I had examples of Neon indicator light from washing machine and other electrical equipment. It consists of the small glass bulb with two electrodes and filled with low-pressure Neon (Ne) gas. When the main voltage is applied it glows red.

They have a current limiting resistor in the assembly. Modern appliances have electronic / computer controls that work on 5V DC and use LED indicators. They also have a current limiting resistor.

Thanks to all that brought along their lights.

*- Lindsay Alford*

## Heard it on the Wire



*VicRoads fence to stop the tree from wandering onto the road. We cannot have the trees being injured! - Lindsay Alford*

# Great Mars Bar Competition

The January Competition

# WDHVC

# MEMBER PROFILE



This young fellow is all dressed up at this tender age for what he will be doing for the rest of his working days.

He was born with a Whitworth spanner in his hand instead of the usual dummy, and could drive anything that he could reach the pedals on (if he could see over the dash), on the farm or on the road.

He has also worked in jobs that few people ever applied for. We will let him fill us in on the detail on the club night.

## More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen  
Ph 52789 368,  
or  
email [rbvangalen@gmail.com](mailto:rbvangalen@gmail.com)



### Name?

Murray

### Where were you born?

Geelong

### Family?

Wife Marilyn, 1 daughter & 1.5 grand children

### Number of years in the WDHVC?

Almost 1 year

### Other interests?

Local church community, singing, dancing, live theatre & BMW motorbikes

### What was your first vehicle?

BSA Bantam motorbike then 1958 FC Holden

### What vehicle would you love to own?

BMW 530i M Sport

### What vehicles do you have now?

ED Falcon Futura & BMW 525i

### Profession?

Hospital Supplier

### Skills?

People person, a good listener

### What bugs you the most?

Impatient drivers

### What makes you happy?

Spending time with my wife & family

- Libby

## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### For Sale

**1956 Peugeot 403** Original motor inc. (in pieces) \$14,500. Call Colin 5248 4417. **2/19**

**1938 Ford 1 ton truck C cab.** Inc's. timber stock crate (folds down) & Furphy water tank. Orig 21 stud V8 motor & 3 spd crash box. Bare metal respray. No rust. WW2 ex-army. Inc Army maintenance manual & orig advert. Excellent condition. Starts and runs well. No reg (was on club plates). Eng no. 49209151. \$35,000 ONO. Call Geoff 5286 1483. **2/19**

**Chrysler P T Cruiser** 2004 150,000 km Red. Auto. Eng no: 4t342447. \$6000 ONO.

**Workzone Mig Welder.** Gasless. New. All acc. \$200. Call Ray 0415 512 269. **1/19**

**1975 Mercedes Benz 230.6** manual drive sedan in good condition. 2.3 ltr. 6 cylinder. Engine No 18095420125998. Good clean car. \$5,000. Call Laurie. 0412 930 445. **1/19**



**1968 HK Kingswood station wagon.** 186 motor 01288D. \$1600. Complete and running. Call Ray 0415 512 269 **12/18**

**TV/entertainment units (2)** \$30 ea. Veneered chipboard in good condition. Each has storage cupboards, shelving and CD/DVD shelves. Darker colored unit 1180mm W X 1830mm H X 406mm deep. TV space is 800 W X 730 W.



Lighter unit is 1500mm W X 1230mm H X 600mm D.

For the TV in the shed, or to store those cars mags! Call Jon 0417 311 441.

**2/19**



## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### Wanted

WANTED: 4 early headlight bodies. Any sort, any condition. To be incorporated into some garden art, so rusty is good! Call Dallas 0432 172 171. **2/19**

### Clues

#### **Parwan Clearing Sale 9/2/2019**

Vehicles to be auctioned by Elders Rural Ballarat. Details, directions & photos at <https://eldersrural.com.au/classifieds/plant-machinery-clearing-sales/451/>

Cars inc 1960 Wolseley 15/60, 1978 Volvo 244 DL, Series 1 Land Rover Ute, 3 early 90's Volvo's. Some trucks 1950 - 1970's various makes. Starter motors, generators, magneto's, old stationery engines, various makes and sundries too numerous to mention.

*Clue contributed by Ian Thomas.*

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](mailto: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>

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### **Irish Bus Thieves**

Two Irish friends leave the pub. One says to other: 'I can't be bothered to walk all the way home.'

'I know; me too but we've no money for a cab and we've missed the last bus home.'

'We could steal a bus from the depot.' replies his mate.

They arrive at the bus depot and one goes in to get a bus while the other keeps a lookout.

After shuffling around for ages, the lookout shouts: 'What are you doing? Have ye not found one yet?'

'I can't find a No. 91.'

'Oh Jaysus Christ, ye t'ick sod, take the No. 14 and we'll walk from the roundabout.'

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## BACKFIRE



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# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 <i>Backfire</i> folding morning 9am Clubrooms	31 January	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am Clubrooms	8	9
10 Waterfront Car Display 10.30am	11	12 General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms	13 Dine Out Batesford 6.15pm	14	15	16 Smell the Roses 10.30am Clubrooms
17 All Ford Day Sutcliffe Reserve. Daylesford Motorfest	18	19 Committee Meeting	20	21 Tinker Day 11am Ceres	22 March 2018 <i>Backfire</i> Deadline	23
24 Car Boot Sale & BBQ 11am	25	26 Craft/Tech Night "Wipers"	27	28	1 March	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 - 11 March 26th Annual Avoca Rally	10 March Waterfront Car Display 10.30am