

BACKFIRE

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President's Piece

Well my first AGM is over and once again thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of the club. At the AGM we found ourselves with one less member on the committee that we wanted. We addressed this at our last committee meeting: committee members were comfortable with having all the necessary duties covered, so we decided to run with one member less and see how it goes.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Len Wilkinson, a long time member who had not been in good health the last few years. The club extends its condolences to Conchita, Leonard and family.

I was unable to attend the Andrew Love fundraiser event as I had other commitments that day. From what I hear it was a great success and the funds raised certainly go to a good cause. Well done to the ladies who put this all together and made it such a great event.

Tinker day at Gary and Noreen Mellington's place was excellent. Always interesting to see what our fellow members are up to and how they keep their trinkets and curios. Gary was most appreciative of us coming to their place as it gave him a good excuse to tidy things up. Thank you to you both for opening up your shed and your home to us.

Progress on my Clubman has been slow this month with all those little things to fit or resolve. All I have left is to make and fit the exhaust shield and sort or a couple of new minor electrical gremlins, then off to get a roadworthy certificate. With any luck, by the time you read this, the machine should be sporting some fancy new red plates.

See you at the next meeting or event. But until then, get out in your car or out in your shed.

- Dallas

PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Membership renewal fees were due by 31 March. If you have vehicles on Red Plates that are registered through our club and we did not receive 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.

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

VICTORIA

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 591 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019

PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed 111 members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Bill Guthrie, Nick Neeson, John Smith, Tony Brincat, Gus & Pam Shea, Peter & Sandra Boast, Betty Jenkins, Sam Harris, Lorraine Collinson, Noreen Mellington, Kevin Hunter, Tiny Stonehouse, Robert East, Ron Smeelie, Alex McLaws, Bob Barclay, Ken Parry, Sandra & Ken Batson, Tim Booley, Alex Booley, Graeme Anderson, Ken Jones.

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Jim Coates Carried

SICK LIST

John Smith.

MINUTES

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

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Geelong East Rotary Club - accepting our invitation to supply food at our Swap.
- Indoor Site - booking for a site cheque received.
- Thank you cards - for our thoughts from Bev Sheriff on the passing of Terry.
- Colin & Barbara Chappell on the passing of Rod.
- Murray & Rhonda Foran on the passing of Joanne.

Emails In

- Geelong Mobile ATMs - will attend our swap.
- Royal Auto - they have altered their dates to insert notices it is now by-monthly and there is insufficient space.
- Australian Historic Motoring Federation - 2020 National Motoring Festival 28th March - 3rd April Albury – Woodonga.
- MG Car Club Geelong - thanking the WDHVC for their support at the Geelong All British Vehicle Festival at the Waterfront.
- Roger Spooner - enquiring about the eligibility of a vehicle referred to Gus Shea.
- Swanpool Arts Festival - invitation to attend their event a scrap recycled art competition from 3rd - 18th August 2019.
- Consumer Affairs Victoria - reminder to lodge our annual statement before September.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- RGAPS - seeking approval to install LED lighting in the clubrooms.
- Sympathy card - to Val Arthey on the passing of Syd.

Emails Out

- Geelong Mobile ATMs - enquiring if they will attend the swap.

Moved: John Bailey

Seconded: Merv Baum 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: Leonie Saliba Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Catriona Rowntree will be the guest speaker at the next meeting .

LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary had an interesting steam railway story on "Breakfast on the Banjo" - cooking on the coal shovels

DINE OUT (Gary)

Eight members said they plan to attend.

EDITOR (Jon)

- The minor change to the newsletter's monthly production schedule is working well.
- Members are encouraged to provide a photo when they advertise their cars for sale.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No issues to raise. Damien advised that Shannons will not be attending the Swap.

FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

No Federation meeting since the last report

COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

At the recent Committee meeting discussions included :

- Production of car DVDs (Thanks to Gus Giustini);
- Recent installation of Hall blinds;
- Confirmed \$0 junior membership fee;
- Support for the Life Member Group's proposal (see below);
- Approved Hall LED lighting; and
- Discussion on car window sticker options.

MERCHANDISE (David)

No report this month.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

TINKER DAY (Ray)

Thirty members attended the Bacchus Marsh Glider Club hanger last month. It was well worth the visit and recommended to members. Next month's visit will be to Gary and Noreen Mellington.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

No one guessed Murray Foran, so he took home the Mars Bar this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Dallas - for Gus)

No report this month.

CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

Volunteers needed to organise the craft night.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- Evelyn Hill went to the recent Terry Sheriff funeral. There were 11 Morris Minors in the funeral procession.
- Fred Dosser attended the national Packard Rally based in Warrnambool this year.
- Sharyn Harris reported on the recent coffee run to Bannockburn. Once again the run was a great success.
- Karl Lorenz reported that there were 6 English classic cars at the recent Highland gathering.
- Graeme Paech saw a very good range of classic and vintage cars at the recent Federation picnic in Mortlake. He also went to the recent Tractor Auction in Geelong.
- Libby Booley formally thanked the Club for the recent Ladies Luncheon at van Loons Nursery. Once again it was a great success.
- Upcoming events:
 - ◊ ANZAC day BBQ at Barwon Heads;
 - ◊ Visit to the restored Camperdown Clock Tower;
 - ◊ Coffee Run; and
 - ◊ Seasick Rally.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

No update this month.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Lowering and lifting this month

SWAP MEET (Fred)

Preparations are well underway but more volunteers needed!

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

Volunteers needed to help with the Thursday night Swap Dinner

GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker this month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Graham Pretlove addressed the meeting on a recent initiative taken by the Club's Life Members.

They propose to take a more active role in supporting members known to be going through difficult times. The Life Members asked that members reach out to those fellow members who need support. Please let Graham know if you have visited a member or know of a member who may appreciate a visit.

- Eric Lewis has analysed the recent sales of low digit number plates and (like the rest of the members present) is amazed at the prices paid.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- See the next *Backfire* for MG TE tail lights for sale.
- See John Hickford for details of free Ford Falcons in Anglesea.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 14th May 2019 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Traffic and road slogans and safety signs are a feature of the American landscape.

One used throughout America tells motorist: "DRIVE AS IF ALL CHILDREN WERE YOUR OWN". Another is "STOP, LOOK AND MISS 'EM".

And at railway crossings, many U.S. Localities deem it wise to display ample warning. One of interest informs motorists, quite pointedly: "THE RAILWAY HAS BOTH RIGHT AND MIGHT". More good advice is found in: "BETTER STOP AT THE CROSSING THAN AT THE GRAVEYARD".

Directing attention to "pedestrianism": "THE PEDESTRIAN MAY BE WRONG, BUT HE DOESN'T DESERVE A DEATH SENTENCE".

Similarly, signs phrased: "SHORT CUT – SHORT LIFE" and "CURB THAT URGE". Also "IT IS DANGEROUS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET."

There are many ways of capturing attention. One means is a poem: "CAREFUL DRIVERS SELDOM SKID. BILL JOHNSON SLEEPS BENEATH THIS LID. HE ALWAYS CLAIMED HE COULDN'T SKID THE FACT REMAINS HE COULD AND DID."

And on the same theme of icy roads: "WINTER SHOWERS MAY BRING FLOWERS".

The chap who originated the sign: "DRIVE CAREFULLY – YOU MAY MEET A FOOL" evidently had some experience.

- Graham Pretlove



2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019.

PRESIDING : President Dallas Jones.

APOLOGIES

As tendered at the April General Meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 51th Annual General Meeting held on April 10th 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Rod Booley
Seconded: Sharyn Harris Carried

REPORTS

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

TREASURER REPORT (Maurice)

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

Moved: Maurice Healey
Seconded: Damien Giustini Carried

Moved that Gary Harbert be re-appointed as the Club auditor.

Moved: Maurice Healey
Seconded: Ray Matthews Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

All executive positions were declared vacant. Committee nominations did not exceed the positions available and so no vote was held. A vacant position was referred back to the new committee for their action.

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, Rod Roach, Barb Van Galen, Gus Shea, Rod Booley, Damian Giustini, Jon Breedveld.

Trevor proposed that the nominated positions be filled.

Moved: Roger Sykes
Seconded: Merv Baum Carried

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

John Bailey presented the Presidential Chain to newly-elected President Dallas.

25 year membership badges were presented to:

- Kevin & Joan Smith;
- Graham & Raelene Pretlove;
- Fred & Sharyn Harris;
- Barry & Lyn Johansson.

The Club Member of the year award was presented to Rod Booley.

Meeting closed at 9:37pm, followed by supper.



Re-elected President Dallas Jones is invested with the Presidential Chain and the Con Rod of Office by Past President, John Bailey.



2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

25 Year Membership Awards



Above: Kevin & Joan Smith.

Below: Graham and Raelene Pretlove.



*Club Member of the Year
- Rod Booley.*



Above: Barry & Lyn Johansson.

Below: Fred & Sharyn Harris.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

See also -
calendar summary
on back page.

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)

26 APRIL - FRIDAY

BACKFIRE FOLDING MORNING 9am Clubrooms

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

28 APRIL - SUNDAY

VISIT TO THE CAMPERDOWN CLOCK TOWER - followed by lunch at the Commercial Hotel. Meet at Inverleigh car park at 9.30am.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

2 MAY - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

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

14 MAY - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

15 MAY - WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT 6.15pm Valley Inn. Come and celebrate the Swap and have dinner with us.

Contact Gary McCredden 5275 2544

16 MAY - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY. Starting at 10am from Steiglitz Road, **NOT our clubrooms**, just off the Ballarat road (Midland Highway), not far from the Ring Road intersection. We are going to visit a metal sculpture in Meredith which used to be located in North Geelong last year. We will travel to Meredith via Maude and Steiglitz so we can enjoy the hilly back roads on the way, use your powerful brutes on this trip as the hills are steep. Some folks might like to meet up with us along that route if they live in that area. I thought that we could have our lunch at the Hearn Meredith Hotel. It was quite good last time we ate there.

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

19 MAY - SUNDAY

SEA SICK RALLY ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA. Meet at Ferry Terminal Queenscliff at 9.30am for 10am Ferry. \$22 return per person.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

21 MAY - TUESDAY

COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

25 MAY - SATURDAY

SMELL THE ROSES DAY

This run will start from our clubrooms at 10.30am, and end up at Torquay for coffee and a chat at a popular café. The weather could be a bit chilly by then, so pack your warm woollies and Peter heater. We could use the back roads so as to get away from the worst of the traffic. There may not be too many opportunities for motor bike runs after this one, so join the fun while you can. Cars welcome too.

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

27 MAY - MONDAY

JUNE BACKFIRE DEADLINE By 5pm please.

Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

28 MAY - TUESDAY

TECH NIGHT "Window Winders" Be they plastic, cast, chrome or simply an old leather strap you heaved up the door! Mechanical or electric. Fancy or plain.

A conversation sure to go round in circles! (Thanks to Trevor Schneider for the suggestion.)

And craft night is also on - card making is the topic. 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. Please bring along some supper. All welcome. Bring your sense of humour.

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE TO GET A FREE CHOCOLATE FROG.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS

See also -
calendar summary
on back page.

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

Warragul Rally

Melbourne Cup Weekend , November.

I have been in touch with the Warragul Gardens Caravan Park and there are a limited number of cabins available for the Warragul Rally in November.

If you wish to join Fred and myself please ring them and book your cabin. The number is 5623 2707.

Please let them know that you are with the car club and then let me know so we can travel together.

- Sharyn 0417 546 089

**Did you know on
the Canary
Islands there is
not one canary?
And on the
Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not
one canary there
either!**

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New Backfire Deadlines

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

Copy deadlines for the rest of 2019 are:

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019

Good evening. Taking the reins of this club was a great honour and privilege. And when holding the reins, being the chief, the head honcho or whatever, can be both rewarding and challenging.

I have to say the year has mostly been rewarding. Never one to seek a leadership role, I am happy to have had such a great supportive committee to assist me in this role. My going in approach was to try to continue with the good work that my predecessor John had done; to keep things ticking over so to speak.

One of my aims was to set some protocols around the way the club as a whole functions. There are still more to do however I was happy that we managed to make a proper procedure for joining the club that all future members can follow. Also giving the committee the responsibility of determining whether a vehicle is in the spirit of our club and the historic vehicle movement in general, thereby removing the sometimes difficult decision by the club compliance officer/s was important. We have all witnessed the issuing of club permits to some vehicles and wondered how. We do not want this for our club so we have taken appropriate measures to prevent it.

Once again we lost some of our number. Our condolences went out to those families and friends. Also, some of us and our families have faced or are facing significant health issues this year. Our thoughts are with you.

This was a special year for two of our members with Graeme Pretlove and Judith Matthews being honoured with Life Memberships for outstanding service to the club.

The club will not function without the support of all of our wonderful volunteers.

Firstly, my thanks go to Fred who does such a good job in the secretary role. The volume of correspondence is huge. He makes sure I have all I need to run the meetings and his brilliant memory for the names of the members seated before us has been invaluable.

Maurice has managed to keep on top of the club finances and when you see the amount of work he has to do during the month prior to the meeting, a thank you and well done is certainly in order.

Thanks also to Leigh for keeping the minutes of our meeting. I understand that just recently he has passed his uni course on Advance Hieroglyphics Reading. This will help him greatly when reading the apologies left at the door.

A very important job in the club is the Events' Organiser. Rod had once again given a great selection of activities to participate in.

The coffee run seems to be one that continues to grow and grow. Soon there won't be a venue big enough for us all!

John continues to drive the bus on club events. This has been such a great asset to our aging club membership.

The Tinker Days and Smell the Roses events continue to be popular and always interesting. Thanks Ray for all your work.

The Tech Night/Craft Night is always interesting and a fun evening for all. Thanks Linda and Peter for doing these nights.

Of course where would we be without Gus? Gus makes himself available all hours of the day so the members can sort out their club permit issues. His feedback from the authorities is invaluable.

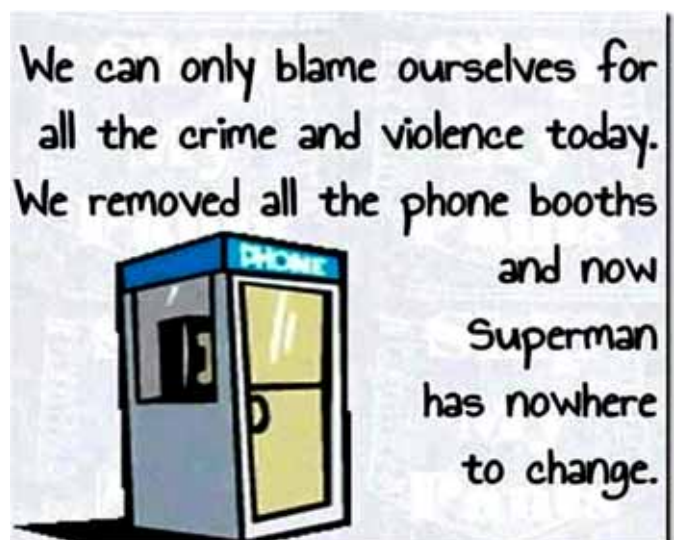
Now we must not forget Gary. He has regaled us with his poetry reading and his own unique way to entertain us about all things books. His organising the Dine-Outs is also greatly appreciated.

Our editor. We need to appreciate that the *Backfire* is, for many, the lifeline of the club. This is a BIG job and one can't underestimate the hours that go into producing this fine piece of parchment. Thank you Jon: you do this job brilliantly.

Last but in no way least, the committee. I thank you for your support and the effort you have made to steer the club for the benefit of the members. Those long nights in discussion have been appreciated. My thanks to the out-going committee members and welcome the new members to the committee.

I thank you, the membership, for entrusting me with the stewardship of the club and I look forward to another year of success.

Dallas Jones
President



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

2018 - 19 was another very enjoyable year for our club.

Sadly some of our members have passed away including Tom Ivory a life member and an ex- treasurer for many years. To all those families who have suffered loss we extend our condolences.

We started off the year with a new President, Dallas Jones, who has fulfilled his role extremely well. We also had some new faces on the committee, being David Perkins, Leonie Saliba, Barbara Van Galen and Damien Giustini.

Our first big event after the Annual meeting was the Bay City Swap. Our volunteers worked through some extreme weather setting up on the Friday and I guess Friday's weather kept a few site holders away on the Saturday.

All the volunteers did a great job setting up and also running the swap on the Saturday. The day was very successful and all volunteers should be well pleased with their efforts.

We have held many rallies, bus trips, BBQs, luncheons, dine-outs, tinker days, coffee runs, display days, ladies rallies, tech nights, craft nights, long distance rallies, motor bike runs and many more. All draw good attendances and many thanks to all who organised these events.

There are a lot of members who work behind the scenes to keep this club functioning as well as it does. Well done to all of you.

One of the highlights of our year was the honouring of two Life Members, Dame Judith Matthews and Graham Pretlove. Both were well deserved.

To our President Dallas Jones, Treasurer Maurice Healy, Vice President David Mitchell, and the Committee I would like you all to show your appreciation for their dedication over the last 12 months.

We all look forward to the next 12 months of club activities so keep those wheels turning. Enjoy the driving and the friendship.



Fred Harris
Secretary

RALLIES & RUNS

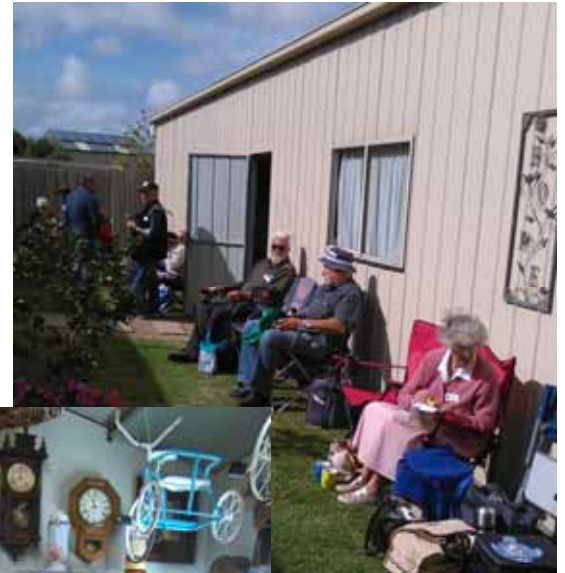
April Tinker Day

Gary and Noreen welcomed us into their house and shed, and baked lovely sausage rolls and other goodies to fill those little holes up after we had our lunch.

Gary has been collecting musical instruments, amongst a lot of other things, for most of his life and still plays a few of them for entertainment at home. His workshop is 10 times neater than mine with several restoration projects in midstream. If the work he did on the Holden FJ is anything to go by, then the other projects will be very well done.

A "big thank you" to all the members that open up their places for us to look at.

- Ray van Galen



Fundraiser for Andrew Love Cancer Centre

Unfortunately, we all know that cancer is affecting a lot of people in some way today, including many of our Club Members and families. Sharyn Harris, Barb van Galen, Libby Booley and their husbands were motivated to organize a fund raising lunch on April 14th, and donate the proceeds to the Andrew Love Cancer Centre in Geelong.

Their goal was to raise \$4,000 to buy a necessary piece of equipment (which was discussed at a meeting with A.L.C.C. staff). Sharyn, Barb and Libby put a lot of time and effort into selling lunch tickets, gathering donations from club members, family or friends, and making various items to raffle or auction.

A lovely lunch was prepared and served to us with the help of Marg Hose and Annette Marshall and maybe others who I didn't see. Ninety-six people attended the luncheon and were very generous buying raffle tickets and bidding at auction. Two guest speakers informed us about the important services available at the A.L.C.C.

At the end of the day we were all extremely pleased to hear that they had exceeded their goal to raise \$5375, which will be proudly presented to A.L.C.C.

Well done Sharyn, Barb, and Libby. Thank you for the great day.

- Rhonda Foran

Thank You

I would just like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to everyone who had any involvement in this most successful afternoon.

I have never been so proud of this club and its friends as I was on Sunday , the turnout was phenomenal. We had lots of raffles and auctions, plenty of food and good laughs.

I would like to thank Barb and Libby for going along with my crazy idea and running with it. We had some wonderful helpers and they know who they are so thank you very much we wouldn't have been able to put on such great afternoon without you.

Now for the good bit. We raised \$5,375.

Once again thank you all. Sharyn, Barb & Libby.

- Sharyn Harris



Sacred Heart student, Olivia Marshall was a guest speaker at the lunch, along with ALCC staff member Michelle Shields. Olivia chose the ALCC as her community service project after her aunt died of cancer. Together with friends and family, she makes bandanas to present to cancer patients to wear if their hair falls out during treatment.

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**

Note: This year Racecourse parking is not available.

PARKING FOR NON SELLERS OVER THE ROAD

Great Mars Bar Competition

The May Competition



This month's young man has the biggest smile on his face because he has just worked out that he can reach the pedals on Dad's Vauxhall car. Soon a moment will come, and he will be able to see what happens if you start the car in gear! Many garage back walls have been knocked over in this way. Of course, most of our garages were made of asbestos sheets in the 60s and offered little resistance to a car in first gear with a small child behind the wheel.

Get the name right and you will walk away with the prize of a mouth full of Mars Bar, but if John Bailey gets to your Mars Bar first, it will look a lot different to the original looks by the time you get it off him!

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

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



Quotes About Cars

"The shortest distance between two points is always under construction.

~ Noelle Altito

"You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive."

~ Author Unknown

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Manuel

Where were you born?

Malta

Family?

Wife Lil and 2 children

Number of years in the WDHVC?

30+ years

Other interests?

Vintage motorbikes, cars and travelling

What was your first vehicle?

Morris 1100

What vehicle would you love to own?

4 cylinder Indian Chrysler 300c

What vehicles do you have now?

Cobra replica, 2x 1967 Valiants, 1973 Honda truck, 1973 Mini, Harley Davidson motorbike, 1942 Indian Scout, 2x A7 BSA's & BSA Special.

Profession?

Electrician

Skills?

Working with machinery

What bugs you the most?

People doing right hand turns from the left lane.
Inconsiderate drivers

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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.

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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**

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- Trevor Schneider

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28 Camperdown Clock Tower run Meet Inverleigh 9.30am	29	30 April .	1	2 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am Clubrooms	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Swap Vols Briefing Dinner 6.30pm Clubrooms	10 Swap Set Up Day Showgrounds	11 Bay City Swap Meet Showgrounds
12	13	14 General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms	15 Dine Out Valley Inn 6.15pm	16 Tinker Day 10am Stieglitz Rd	17	18
19 Sea Sick Rally Q/cliff Ferry 9.30am	20	21 Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25 Smell the Roses 10.30am Clubrooms
26	27 NEW June 2019 Backfire Deadline	28 Craft/Tech Night. "Window Winders" / "Card Making" 7pm	29	30	31	1 June
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