

BACKFIRE

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President's Piece

By the time you read this that will be another summer done and dusted. Emphasis on the dusted as we've not had much rain in the last few months.

We have lost three past members in recent weeks Graeme Harvey, Graham Marshall and Henry Porter. Graeme Harvey from Moriac was well known in the club and was still visited by quite a few members. He will be missed by many of us.

Graham Marshall and Henry Porter were also both active participants in Club life.

Also passing this month was honorary life member, Tom Ivory. Tom was our club treasurer from 1980 to 2006 and did a tremendous job in this role. He and his wife Margaret were frequent attendees at many club events.

I extend the club's condolences to all affected families.

Did you know that we have some 500 vehicles within the Club operating under the Red Plate Scheme? Your committee has been looking to make it easier for the Red Plate Scheme delegates to carry out their duties. As a result we will be putting an updated Bylaw to the March meeting for your approval. (See Page 7 for more details.)

Nice turn out on the Smell the Roses rally. Ray had three names but I think there was better than a dozen attendees in total. Yve and I were heading away for the weekend and managed to pick up the tail of the rally just before Dean Marsh. It was good to have a cuppa with the members before continuing on our way. I'm sure there will be more in the reports.

Made a little more progress on the Seven project, however it seems to be three steps forward and two back! The electrical gremlins seem to be sorted (touch wood) but the on-going saga of the oil filter fitment has ground things to a halt. I've done Plan A, B and C, now I'm on to Plan D which will be my last shot at a "simple" solution. If this doesn't work, I'm in line for a whole lot of hours and expense. Oh the joys!

Anyway, all for this month, try and get to a few events and enjoy the fellowship of the club.

I've said it before and I'm saying it again, get out in your car or out in your shed.

Dallas

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 589 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019

PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed 162 members and visitors Elaine Macauley, Jimmy Steel and Bruce Robbins to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Tim Booley, Alex Booley, Barb van Galen, Sam Harris, Sharyn Harris, Shirley Remeus, Ken Parry, Bob Barclay, Colin Jordan, Robert East, Sandra Batson, Les Szalinski, Eric Lewis, Nic Neeson, Gary Wallace, Ron Smeelie, Val Latimore.

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Jim Coates Carried

SICK LIST

None

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

- Sharyn Harris on a request to hold a fundraising luncheon on behalf of the Andrew Love Centre.
- Bendigo Bank statement of account.
- Inverleigh and District Good Friday Appeal on April 19.

Emails In

- MG Car Club seeking letters of support for their workshop proposal. To be discussed at the Committee with more information at a later date.
- B & A Borg asking about bringing a food van to the Swap.
- Event Marketing Research ITESA wanting to conduct surveys at the Swap.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

Nil

Emails Out

- Ron Pocock: reply to his email regarding our club's support for the Geelong Museum of Motoring & Industry.

Moved: John Sullivan

Seconded: David Koch 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: Max McKenzie Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

John gauged the level of member interest in a range of possible future events, including a Dinner Dance in the middle of the year.

LIBRARY (Gary)

After a couple of samples, the meeting was able to advise Gary that the Weekly Times jokes are better than his usual.

DINE OUT (Gary)

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

EDITOR (Jon)

No issues to raise but noted that For Sale ads are only run in the *Backfire* for two months unless requested otherwise.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No issues to raise. Please let Damien know when items advertised are sold.

FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

Cheryl was not able to attend the last Federation meeting but noted the following from the meeting minutes recently issued:

- Mortlake picnic on March 24
- The Government is still considering the Luxury Tax submission
- The Bendigo Swap had a record crowd in 2018 CPS issues were discussed with a VicRoads representative in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

At the recent meeting the Committee:

- Museum subsidy
- Potential events over 2019
- Heating options for the Tech Night area are being investigated
- Use of the clubrooms for the Andrew Love Centre luncheon
- Updating the club's insurance coverage
- Printing of Geelong street scenes for the clubrooms.

MERCHANDISE (David)

No report this month.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

TINKER DAY (Ray)

This month will be at Bryce Matthew's. Meet at Ceres (not the clubrooms) and then travel to Bryce's

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

As no one guessed Kay McLennan he got to take home the Mars Bar this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- Forms are available if you need to arrange permit payment in advance.
- Remember that a fine of \$1200 applies if you use your car with an unsigned or expired permit.

Ray Turner spoke briefly on his 1949 Austin A40. The car was imported from England when the original owners migrated to Australia. Ray brought the car in Teasdale 12 months ago.

CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

Embroidery this month.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- 30 people went on the last Coffee Run to Fyansford
- The Truck and Machinery Show is getting bigger and better each year
- 17 member's cars (and a well known Indian motorbike) were on show at the Waterfront last weekend
- 44 members visited the Museum recently
- 5 members' cars were part of the Torquay Car Show
- Upcoming events:
 - ◊ Coffee Run on March 3
 - ◊ Waterfront display March 10
 - ◊ Car Boot Sale Feb 24.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

No report this month.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

"Wipers" this month.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

Swap committee meeting this week.

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

Thanks to Fred Harris for repairing the kitchen tiles recently.

GUEST SPEAKER

Judith Matthews gave a very entertaining speech on the wildlife in her home life. Surprisingly, she did not talk about Ray but rather the (other) problem animals that are a regular household challenge

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Judith Matthews formally thanked the Club for being awarded Life Membership.

- Libby Booley encouraged the members to join in the planned fundraising luncheon for the Andrew Love Centre.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Libby is very excited about getting a Maxda MX5.
- Harold was pleased to hear that he could get the original rego number re-issued for his Crossley until he was told that it would cost \$10,000.

Meeting closed at 9.33pm.

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

- Leigh Dwyer

February Feature Vehicle

Ray Turner's 1949 Austin A40 featured in the workshop in February. The car was imported from England when the original owners migrated to Australia.

It was first registered in 1950 and the first owner died in 1951 - his daughter inherited the A40 and kept it for the next 37 years! It went to Leopold in 1988, remained registered until 1995, and Ray found it in a hayshed in Teesdale 12 months ago.

It was covered in dust and chook droppings and Ray only discovered its true color after a good clean.

He fitted a new water pump and checked the car over. On its first trip it boiled (so fix the radiator); on its second trip it got very loud (so replace the exhaust gasket); on its third trip it went to the recent Torquay Motor Show (which was the deadline Ray had set for himself).

It behaved perfectly and Ray came home with the winner's prize in the Pre-1950, unrestored section.



CAR BOOT SALE - something for everyone

The old adage that one man's trash is another's treasure was proven yet again at the Club car boot sale, held on Sunday 24 February. A warm morning saw well over 30 members, and some campers, browsing an eclectic assortment of items that had been spread in the sunshine for their perusal. Bargains were exchanged, conversations had and the inevitable coffee and a sausage in bread was enjoyed by all on a perfect day. Thank you to the organisers and those who participated.

Barry's books attracted the attention of this bevy of bargain hunters



Fine china and ceramics were also on offer

Trevor's treasures were best described as "an assortment"



It was amazing what bargains spilled from the plastic tub on the back of Simon's Hupmobile



What's this: a 12 volt washing machine motor with a 240v plug???



Lindsay found a model of the Queen Mary



Ray Matthews with his Acme/Evans (front) and Phoenix motor bikes



It was good to see several naked radiator cars at the car boot sale and two very old motor bikes displayed by Ray Matthews .

His four stroke 1905 Phoenix was recovered from a woolshed in far west NSW, preserved from the elements under lanolin-soaked wool bales. Ray thinks it is a European prototype. Unusually, it employs overhead valves, not the side valves common at the time. Max wonders how it came to be so far from home, in the woolshed.

The second bike has a circa 1910-15 Acme engine mounted on an Evans taper-tube bicycle frame. Little is known about its working life (1915-40), but after the War it was given to Max McKenzie. Max treasured the bike and kept it safely stored for 70 years before passing it into the stewardship of Ray Matthews. Ray's son Adrian is now its custodian.



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 two 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

Proposed New Bylaw Red Plate Permits

Your Committee is proposing to put the following updated bylaw to the March general meeting, to clarify the way the Club handles members' applications for a permit to drive a vehicle under the Victorian Government Red Plate Scheme.

This update is being proposed to simplify the position for our dedicated Club Permit Scheme delegates. It reflects current VicRoads requirements

If approved by the majority of those voting at the March general meeting, the proposed Bylaw will be adopted.

Western District Historic Vehicle Club

Proposed Bylaw

Unregistered Vehicle Permit (Red Plate Scheme)

Background

The Club has authority from VicRoads to assist club members in their application for a permit to drive an unregistered vehicle under the Red Plate Scheme.

This is a written authority and requires the Club and its members to comply strictly with government regulations.

The Club has appointed one or more delegates to deal with the Red Plate Scheme.

The assistance by the Club will:

- (a) depend on a member complying strictly with the regulations; and
- (b) is entirely at the discretion of the Committee.

Procedure

A member wishing to use the Red Plate Scheme through the Club should at first instance consult the club delegate to check if the club will assist the application.

The delegate may refer to any request to the Committee for determination.

The delegate and the Committee will, amongst other matters, consider if the vehicle is one which should be accepted by the Club.

The Application

The application for a new permit must be supported by all current VicRoads requirements.

February 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

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

26 FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

BACKFIRE FOLDING MORNING 9am Clubrooms

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

26 FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

CRAFT NIGHT/TECH NIGHT "WIPERS AND WASHERS"

Bring along as many styles of wiper motors, arms, blades, pumps, bottles, bags, switches, etc. as you can find. 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

7 MARCH - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Only a short run today, so get those OLDER CARS out for a bit of exercise. Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

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. I need someone to run this event please.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

10 MARCH 2019 - SUNDAY

ALL BRITISH VEHICLE DISPLAY

Join other local car clubs in a display of British vehicles, organised by the MG Car Club Geelong. We 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

12 MARCH - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING.

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

13 MARCH - WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT 6.15pm Leopold Sportsman's Club, Kensington Rd.

Stick your hand in the glove box, find a few dollars and come and join us.

Contact Gary McCredden 5275 2544

16 MARCH - SATURDAY

SMELL THE ROSES DAY Starting from our clubrooms at

10.30am, this run will be just great for our very old motorbikes. We can have a lazy cruise around past 13th Beach, and then through Ocean Grove to get us to Manuel Vella's place on the Bellarine Highway. Here we will be entertained and possibly oil stained as well by the project that Manny has been working on this last year or so. We can enjoy a cuppa while we ponder at the workmanship of this project that will grace our roads very soon.

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

17 MARCH - SUNDAY

HIGHLAND GATHERING CAR DISPLAY OSBOURNE PARK.

NTH GEELONG. Eight older/English cars required please, 11am to 4pm. More info later.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

19 MARCH - TUESDAY

COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

21 MARCH - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY. Starting at 10am from O'Brien's Road, just north of

the Ring Road overpass, to the right of Bacchus Marsh Road. It's a big industrial road with room to meet and park before heading off to Bacchus Marsh. Our goal is the Glider Museum on the left just before Bacchus Marsh, about 40kms away, so let's car-pool and use cars that can do highway speeds. Leave your car at our place (20 Newton Ave Bell Post Hill) and car pool from there. Barb and I can take two people.

Volunteers staff the museum and visitor donations are the only income for the restoration work. A donation of \$7/person has been nominated, which includes a coffee/tea and a very good demonstration on how volunteers restore very unique gliders and maintain the display. No chairs needed - they have plenty. So just bring you mugs and food. Please call me for more details.

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

22 MARCH - FRIDAY

APRIL BACKFIRE DEADLINE By 5pm please.

Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS (ctd)

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on back page.

24 MARCH - SUNDAY

Meet in Inverleigh at 9.30am.

FEDERATION PICNIC AT MORTLAKE

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

26 MARCH - TUESDAY

CRAFT NIGHT/TECH NIGHT "STEERING" The conversation is likely to wander all over the place, just like our early steering systems. Tie rods may need adjusting to make us track truly again! Bishop's cams, racks & pinions, scrubbing and suspensions are all likely topics. Get set for a "wheely" good night. Be at the clubrooms around 7pm, to set up for a 7.30pm start. Please remember something for supper. Visitors always welcome. Ladies are welcome to participate in Tech Night or in Craft Night. 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

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

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

14 APRIL - SUNDAY

Tickets \$20.

ANDREW LOVE CENTRE, FUND RAISING LUNCHEON

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

25 APRIL - THURSDAY

ANZAC DAY BBQ at Barwon Heads.

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Western District Historic Vehicles Club Inc. will be held on Tuesday, 9 April 2019, following the normal meeting starting at 7:30pm.

Members are requested to bring a plate of supper.

Nominations for the committee and office bearers must be in the hands of the Secretary by the end of the March meeting.

NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Fred Harris
Secretary

Memberships are due ...

WDHVC membership fees are due by 31 March 2019.

Bring your completed forms and money to the March meeting. Monies will be collected between 6:30pm and 7:30pm before the meeting.

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

If you have red plated cars registered with our club and we have not received your completed membership form and money by 31 March 2019, you will no longer be legally able to drive your red plate vehicle.

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

MOTORING MAGIC - the Mazda MX-5

Prompted by a confession at last month's meeting that a certain lady member had acquired a new toy, this month Graham has found a contemporary review of the Mazda MX-5

Undeniably a sports car, maybe a classic in the making, Mazda's MX-5 has captured the spirit. The car is brand new from the ground up. The few mechanicals borrowed from other Mazda models have been tailored to their new role. And the attractively distinctive, curvily aero-style body is unique; totally fresh in appearance yet somehow familiar in character.

Mazda doesn't infer that it has just invented the small sports car. Revived, not invented. The people behind MX-5 admit, indeed offer, that the concept was inspired by the classics. The designers drove and studied a variety of models to learn what makes sports cars tick. The alma mater included MGs, Triumphs and others, but most influential of all was the original Lotus Elan, taken as the benchmark.

Australia's MX-5s did not begin leaving the assembly line until later 1989. There's no question it will be a brisk performer. Thank to reasonably high power and low mass, the performance factors look pretty good. An injected twin cam 16-valver, the engine is a non-turbo variant of the hairy-chested lump used in the hot-hatch front-drive and 4WD Laser/323s.

Redeveloped specially for the MX-5, the 1.6-litre four includes changes like different cams and pistons, higher compression ratio, different intake system, a lighter flywheel and a block-stiffening cast aluminium finned sump. The engine even looks different, simply sporty, with a rounded Euro-style cam cover that has plain as-cast finish accentuated by chrome dome retaining nuts.

Transmission is a five speed manual. The brakes are four-wheel discs with ventilated 236 x 18 mm rotors on the front, solid 231 x 9 mm plates at the rear. Split fore-aft, the hydraulic system includes a pressure modulating valve to minimise the possibility of rear wheel lock-up.

The MX-5 included the power assisted rack and pinion steering which needs only 2.8 turns (versus 3.3 for the manual system) to swing the roadster through a commendably tight 9.3 metre turning circle.



The fuel tank holds 45 litres. Consumption ranged from the best of 6.6 l/100 km (42.8 mpg) to a thirstiest of 7.9 l/100 km (35.7mpg) - tested over nine days driving and 4118 km.

Performance; 0-100 in the high eight seconds with a top speed of 186 km (116mph)

A nice place to spend time and drive, the cockpit is snug without seeming claustrophobic even when the superb soft-top is up. We say superb because it doesn't spoil the cars attractive lines and must be the easiest ever manual top. For those who need more security, Mazda list an optional, detachable hardtop which effectively converts the car into a coupe.

Other option include a viscous coupling limited slip differential, cruise control, electric windows, leather bound steering wheel, air conditioning and seven-spoke alloy wheels. The spare wheel is a space-saver, even with which the boot's modest luggage capacity is a challenge to one's bag-packing prowess. And with the top down there's not much spare space behind the seats either.

Mazda hasn't compromised the design with a pretend bench in the back. The MX-5 is a two-seater, pure and simple. It's will be also the most exciting and, at what Mazda claims will be under \$30,000 price tag, most widely affordable small sportster in more than 20 years.

As the best-selling two-seat convertible sports car in history. The MX-5 has been marketed globally with production exceeding one million, as of early 2016.

- adapted from an article in Sports Car World No 21 (1989)

- Graham Pretlove



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

VALE - TOM IVORY, GRAHAM HARVEY, GRAHAM MARSHALL AND HENRY PORTER

In recent weeks we have noted the passing of a life member and three former Club members who we remember as being active in our Club in recent years.

TOM IVORY – HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



We were saddened to learn that Tom Ivory has passed away.

During the 1980's and 1990's Tom and Marg were the "heart and soul" of this Club. If there was a job to be done, an event to be organised, or some catering to be done, this

couple were always on hand and could be relied on. Their contribution to the function of this Club over those many years cannot be overstated, such was their dedication to the W.D.H.V.C.

Tom was elected to the Club's Committee in 1980 and the following year he accepted an appointment as Treasurer, a position he faithfully carried out for the following 26 years, A truly outstanding dedication.

For many years he represented us on the Committee of the then Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society. He was a busy man running his own business; but always found time to help our Club.

In 1992 the Club conferred Honorary Life membership on Tom, recognising his outstanding involvement in the administration and function of the W.D.H.V.C.

In earlier years, before we had storage facilities at the Showgrounds, the Club BBQ trailer was stored at Tom and Marg's home and business at Newcomb. Tom always made sure that the trailer was ready for Club activities and generously ensured that the gas bottles were filled in readiness

During the 1980's and 1990's, Tom and Marg organised numerous local and long distance rallies, regularly taking groups to the "Bay to Birdwood". In 1997 they organised a tour of Tasmania, attended by 58 Club members.

Tom got a lot of pleasure from his Lambda and

Tom cleaning Lancia windscreen, halfway up Grossglockner Pass, in Austria.



Kappa Lancias, and he particularly enjoyed driving his Lambda. In 1996, along with Pat and John Hickford, they each shipped their Lambdas to Europe for an eight week, 8,000km trip.

They drove over Grosslockner Pass on the highest mountain in Austria, a 17km climb at 17%, rising to 3,798m. Tom was a real enthusiast.

In recent years Tom has not enjoyed good health, but we were delighted that he and Marg were able to attend the 50th year anniversary celebrations of the W.D.H.V.C.

Our Club has indeed been privileged to have had a person of Tom's calibre and enthusiasm as such an active member of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club and we extend our deepest sympathy to Marg, Tom, Gayle and Peter, Greg and the extended family.



GRAHAM HARVEY was well known to our members as he and wife Valda attended numerous events in their 1938 Chev and also in the 1929 Chev tourer which he restored. His passion for cars led to a 1970 Mustang being acquired and this vehicle is still retained by the family. Graham lived all of his

life in Moriac where the Harvey name is well known and very respected in the district. We extend our sympathy to Valda, his family, Anthony, Lisa and particularly to Stuart who is a member of our Club.



GRAHAM MARSHALL never missed a meeting as he enjoyed mixing with Club members. Many will remember Graham as the voice that answered emergency calls to the RACV in Geelong. He had a wide range of interests and was a member of several other historical interest organisations. Graham

was a regular volunteer at the Queenscliff railway station.



HENRY PORTER will be remembered as a regular meeting attender who always had a joke or amusing story ready to enlighten the conversation. His skills enabled him to act as the Master of Ceremonies at our regular "Oily Faces" function for several years. We extend our

condolences to his wife Valma and his family.

- Trevor Schneider

RALLIES & RUNS

Breaking News

Gosford Car Museum Closes

February Smell the Roses

Our run to Deans Marsh was very pleasant indeed: nobody got lost, which is a nice change, and the traffic was kind to us. Our destination at the corner bakery had homemade food to please most palates and the service was quick and simple.

One can buy all sorts of "farm made" products at the store - soaps, creams and jams etc. People lingered to talk and sip their coffees and teas. We headed home in several different directions and started thinking about the next run.

Participants were:

- Dallas Jones and Yve;
- Ray van Galen on a Honda Shadow;
- Manuel Valla in his Cobra;
- Judith Matthews in the red Capri;
- Graham and Helen Cameron in a car;
- Graeme Paech in the green MG;
- Graham Wilson on the CB 750 Honda;
- Bryce Matthews on the 500 single Honda;
- Ross Matthews on an all rounder Honda bike;
- Bernard and Jean Elison in a modern car;
- Rod Roach on the big 6 Goldwing Honda;
- Roger Sykes in a Ford Fairlane;
- Merv Baum in the Ford Laser;
- Libby and Rod Booley in the Mazda MX5;
- Graham Baldock on his Yamaha Virago;
- Haydn Stacey on his Honda CBR600.

- Ray van Galen

February Tinker Day

We had a lovely little drive to Bryce Matthews' place to have a look at his current projects and other machinery that he has.

Bryce gave a very informed talk on all the machines on display and gave us an idea of the thinking that post war manufacturers had for selling motor bikes to the people after the war when most folks had very little money to go around. Hence a lot of manufacturers had to make cheaper bikes to sell.

After the talk and look, we did what we do best and that is eat, drink tea and coffee, and talks a bit.

Thank you Bryce and all the club members that make these Tinker Days work for us all.

- Ray van Galen



Motoring websites reported this week that the Gosford Classic Car Museum has closed to the public after almost three years of operation on the NSW Central Coast.

The closure follows an the Australian Taxation Office ruling that the business could not operate as both a showroom and museum. The car dealership behind the museum, Auto Invest Pty Ltd, used the museum to market the vehicles. It was also a popular tourist destination, with over 10,000 visitors each month.

An ATO audit found that because Auto Invest had used the term 'museum' in its trading name, charged admission, had cars in the showroom which were different to those purchased by customers, and that not everybody visiting the museum was buying a car, it was considered to be a dual-purpose business and was also not eligible for Luxury Car Tax (LCT) and GST exemptions.

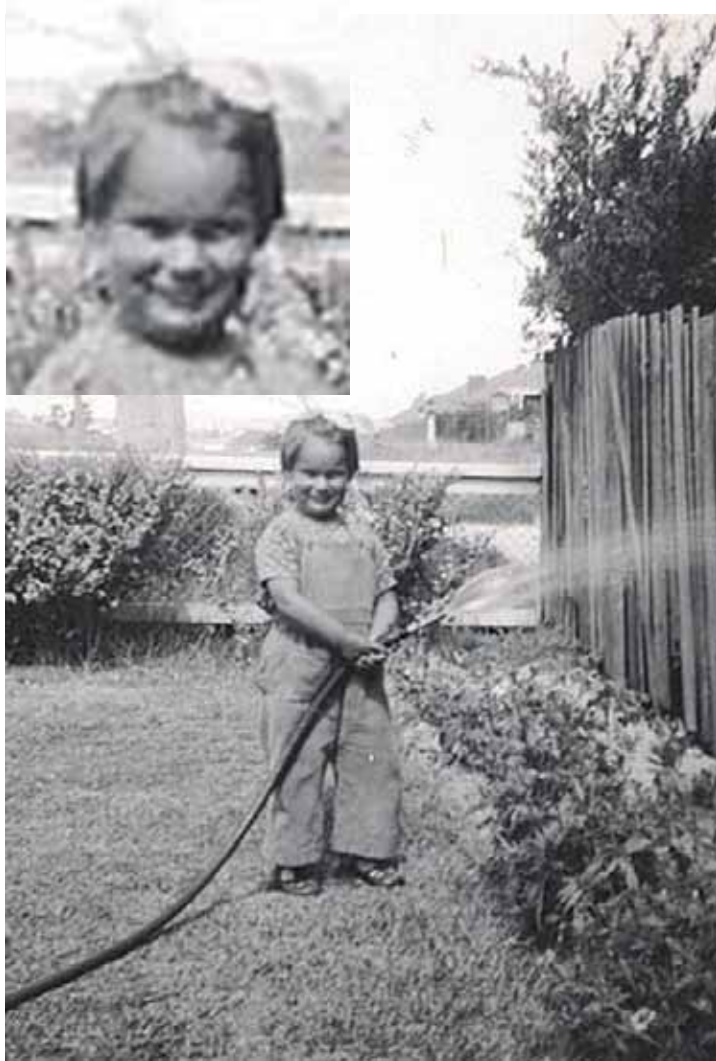
The museum site, a former Bunnings Warehouse location, has been listed for sale. The 300 cars in the museum will be liquidated in a fire sale organised by Lloyds Auction House on 6-7 April, with no reserve.

Rare and desirable cars to be sold include a 1964 Porsche 356SC, a 1965 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III, a VC Brock Holden Commodore HDT, two 1980s Humvees, a Lamborghini Diablo SV, several Ferraris and the Aussie Invader jet-engined racer.

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Great Mars Bar Competition

The March Competition



This lovely young lady and her brother always loved helping her Dad around the house and garden and enjoyed going with him to the local pigeon club to prepare the birds for racing.

I think she would still have a good garden on the go at the present time. Guess who she might be, and win yourself a monster big Mars bar to chomp on for the trip home.

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

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



Quotes About Cars

"When buying a used car, punch the buttons on the radio. If all the stations are rock and roll, there's a good chance the transmission is shot."

-Larry Lujack

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

David

Where were you born?

Melbourne

Family?

Wife Libby, 1 son & 1 daughter

Number of years in the WDHVC?

5 years

Other interests?

Looking after 20 acres & Uber dad for daughter Phoebe

What was your first vehicle?

Peugeot

What vehicle would you love to own?

Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing

What vehicles do you have now?

1959 Series 2 Land rover, 1957 Mercedes 220S, 1983 Mercedes 280 SE

Profession?

Engineer - Mechanical

Skills?

Too modest to answer

What bugs you the most?

New speed limits on the Anglesea Rd

What makes you happy?

The old speed limits on the Anglesea Rd

- 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

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**

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**

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**



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**

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>

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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26 <i>Backfire</i> folding morning 9am Clubrooms. Tech Night "Wipers" 7pm	27	28 February	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am Clubrooms	8	9
26th ANNUAL AVOCA RALLY						
10 Waterfront Car Display & All British Day	11	12 General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms	13 Dine Out Leopold 6.15pm	14	15	16 Smell the Roses 10.30am Clubrooms
17 Highland Gathering Osborne Park	18	19 Committee Meeting	20	21 Tinker Day 10am O'Brien's Rd	22 April 2018 <i>Backfire</i> Deadline	23
24 Federation Picnic Mortlake	25	26 Craft/Tech Night "Steering"	27	28	29	30
31 Ladies Day Luncheon 11am	1 April	2	3	4 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am Clubrooms	5	6