

BACKFIRE

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Season's Greetings



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The President's

Idle Chatter

Hi All,

As the year rapidly draws to a close, we can look back at a very busy and successful year. Many well-attended events, and a great swap meet have all meant there have been a lot of opportunities for social connection and fellowship. This is what club activities are all about and as a bonus we get to enjoy displays and show our own achievements and enjoy some tech talk.

There are still a few events remaining in December so if you haven't put your name down for the Christmas Party on the 16th of December, there are a few tickets left and \$10 is a bargain price for a great night. Call Barb on 0408 664 537 and don't miss out.

Also put your name down for the Christmas lunch the next day on the Sunday which I am sure will be really popular again this year.

The recent run down to Cobden was an exceptional day. Thanks to Ken for organising. (See report on Page 13.)

The Geelong Revival this year featured a large number of vehicles on display. The WDHVC had a significant number showing amongst the club banners with three separate displays. Brass radiator group, classic vehicle group and the third one was Dallas with his first outing of his 1957 Buchanan. Bright yellow with the hood up, it received a lot of interest and kept Dallas busy all day.

Well done to Simon Anderson for arranging and the members participating.

Thanks to all the club members who have helped out this year in many and various ways and also thanks to everyone who has attended and supported the various events. We have a great club and I get a lot of comments from members who appreciate what we do and enjoy the activities. Also, if you have any thoughts on what else should be included don't hesitate to have a chat with a member on the committee.

Stay safe and I hope to see you out and about.

David Mitchell



One of the displays at the Cobden Pioneer Park. (See report on Page 13.)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 629 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2023

PRESIDING

President David Mitchell welcomed the 96 members and visitors, Allan and Ross, attending.

APOLOGIES

Jennie Green, Tim Paech, Courtney Field, Peter & Sandra Boast, Simon Anderson, Graeme Paech, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Sharyn Harris, Phill Abbott, Julie Wilby, David Perkins, Trevor Schneider, Evelyn Hill, Merv Baum, John Bailey, Pat Evans, John Hickford and Rhonda Alexander .

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Karl Lorenz Carried

SICK LIST

Pat Hickford, Courtney Field and Garry Wallace

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Backfire are correct.

Moved: Ken Parry

Seconded: Graham Baldock Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Federation – annual subscription notice.
- Bendigo Bank – card for Treasurer.
- Federation – Bendigo Swap tickets and details regarding our Club site.
- Ken Batson – thanking the Club for our thoughts on his recent surgery.

Emails In

- Back to Steiglitz Committee – thanking the Club for our recent car display.
- Allan David Lodge – request for more details on the planned car display for catering.
- Damien Giustini – accounts for web site hosting.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

Nil

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Jon Breedveld

Seconded: Dallas Jones Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

The Treasurer reported on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and submitted accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Libby Booley Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John away)

No report this month.

LIBRARY (Phil away)

No report this month.

DINE OUT (Barb for Sharyn)

Commun Na Feine Hotel this month.

EDITOR (Jon)

December will be the last Backfire for the year. (No January edition.)

Jon thanked Alex for organising, and driving, the Bendigo Swap bus.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No report this month.

FEDERATION REPORT (David P away)

David away so no formal report. Fred Dosser had attended the recent meeting (as the Packard Club representative) and spoke on the Bendigo Swap issues discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORT (Tony)

The Committee's discussions included:

- Bendigo Swap bus booking;
- Membership sausage sizzle booked for Feb 25th in 2024; and
- The Club's Christmas events planned.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

Club-branded wide brim hats available for purchase and collection.

TINKER DAY (Dallas)

November's visit will be to a Buick collection in Wallington.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Judith Matthews correctly guessed Jenny Parry but no one could guess where the photo was taken.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

A 1966 Mustang has been added to our Permit Scheme cars.

Jon Breedveld had his Morris Minor ute on display. He purchased the car off eBay 11 years ago!

Gus thanked David Perkins for putting up the Bendigo Swap tent.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Ken)

See the Backfire for details on future events.

Upcoming events include the Geelong Revival display, the Allan David Lodge visit and the Cobden run.

President David thanked Ken for his continuing good work.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

December's Coffee Run will be to Inverleigh.

President David thanked Col for his continuing good work organising the Coffee Runs.

Events attended by members include:

- Anne reported on the very successful Coffee Run to the Gateway Sanctuary
- Karl reported back on Lake Goldsmith and the recent Steiglitz display.
- Ken (P) was one of the 2000 entries on the recent Bay to Birdwood.
- Ken (P) also attended the recent Sandown Historic races.
- Ray (M) thanked Alex for the Bendigo Bus help and reported on the numbers of members using the Club's Bendigo tent.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (TBC)

See details in 2024.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

This month will focus on "Threads".

KITCHEN (Pam)

No report but a Christmas Party reminder.

GENERAL BUSINESS

President David reminded the members of the Soul Sister Swing night on 16 December.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

Fred (Dosser) has details about a 1930's Essex for sale.

Fred (Harris) read a letter requesting details of a De Tomaso thought to have been in Geelong in the 1970's or 1980's.

Kevin is looking for leads for a replacement engine for his Italia.

Libby Booley and Doug Parke each won door prizes.

Meeting closed. 8.50pm.

- Leigh Dwyer

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 12 December 2023 in the clubrooms.

Please bring a plate with something to share on it for supper. - Barb



November Feature Vehicle "Junior" – a 1958 Morris Minor Utility



Junior is actually the second Morris Minor that I have owned.

I have had my first Morrie, a Trafalgar blue, two-door, high light sedan, for some 30 years. Made in the late 1950s and registered VAP 205, for many years it had pride of place on my desktop computer in the study, where I looked longingly at it. It was a diecast model about 5 inches long and 3 inches high!

Obviously our two sons also noticed my little blue model Morrie over the years. In 2012 my wife and I were visiting our sons for Christmas in Kenya (where they then worked). Imagine my surprise when on Christmas Eve the two boys presented me with a certificate and some money. The certificate said that I had been dreaming about owning a Morrie Minor for long enough and that the money was a prompt for me to go out and buy a real Morrie.

My 60th birthday was coming up in January and I was already starting to taper off at work, in preparation for my retirement, so the timing was right for me to finally indulge in a "full size little car". Our sons had not stipulated anything about the type of Morris I was to buy other than that they reserved the right to retain a stake in the vehicle (i.e. you can't sell it without our approval).

I started looking online and found *Junior* on eBay. He belonged to a couple from northern New South Wales and was being sold because the wife found the little utility cabin too small. I learned later that her husband was already looking for a suitable Combi van for him to restore as his next project.

After several emails, phone calls and photographs sent online we agreed a price, sight unseen. A bit of a risk I know, but I based my judgement on the description, photographs and what I could tell about the owner of the vehicle. As it turned out this was a good way to do it. He subsequently sent me the receipts for all the work he had done and the car turned out to be "as described".

The next problem was how to retrieve *Junior* from the seller, who lived some 600 km north of Sydney.

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November Feature Vehicle “Junior” – a 1958 Morris Minor Utility

(from Page 5)

I rang around some trucking companies without any luck and was contemplating the problem some days later when I received a phone call out of the blue, asking if I still needed transport. A Geelong-based transport company had a low loader 30 minutes north of where *Junior* was and could deliver him to me cheaply, as a back load. The only catch was that I had just 30 minutes to contact the owner and get everything together for the move.

After some frantic phone calls this was achieved and my little blue ute was delivered to our suburban doorstep next day, perched proudly on the very back of a very large low loader. It was a classic case of overkill but we rolled *Junior* into the driveway and he was home safe and sound.

Getting a RWC wasn't a problem and VicRoads was very good about transferring the registration, accepting the engineer's report from New South Wales and not even requiring a physical inspection of the car. *Junior* was duly registered with full Victorian plates.

Some details about *Junior*.

He was highly modified before I bought him in that he sported a Datsun 1200 motor and four-speed gearbox; Mazda 121 seats; a Morris Marina radiator and thermo fan; extractors; Morris Major diff, front hubs and brakes; non-standard 13" wheels and an aluminium tray. His bright blue paintwork is also a non-standard colour which I have dubbed "Smurf Blue".

Since I have owned *Junior* I have done the following work:

- had the Webber downdraught carburettor fixed and tuned
- fixed the thermo fan (which was wired backwards!)
- fitted electronic ignition
- made various repairs to brake lines and wheel cylinders
- manufactured and fitted drop sides to the aluminium tray (using four-inch hardwood flooring and aluminium moulding).
- replaced a front tie bar, the driver-side stub axle, trunion, bushes and pins
- fitted a new 3.9 to 1 ratio crown and pinion wheel to address the noise from the whiny Morrie Major differential and produce a little more speed
- recalibrated the speedo
- had rust repairs and new paint applied to the passenger door and bonnet. (The remains of a very desiccated mouse were found in the door, explaining why the rust only occurred in one precise patch.)
- installed a tiny French after-market heater on the parcel tray – a boon on cold mornings and so much more effective at demisting the windscreen than the 12 volt hairdryer which had been fitted by the previous owner for this job! (a demister was apparently a requirement for a roadworthy in NSW)

- fitted a brand new English chrome bumper bar and over riders.
- fitted a used HiLux tonneau to seal the tray.

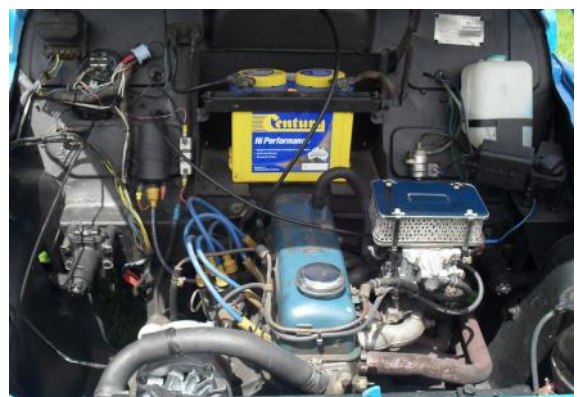
In 2016 I had *Junior* transferred to club plates. The older gentleman manning the VicRoads counter during lunch hour wasn't very talkative and I quietly feared that I might have a problem. After asking some terse questions, he said that I would have to have "Modified" plates, not "Historic" ones. He didn't say very much else before taking my money but he did confirm with me that *Junior* was first registered in 1958. He then disappeared into a back room and was gone for some time. He duly returned with a set of red plates which I scooped up quickly with my paperwork before beating a hasty retreat. As I went outside I looked at the new plates and recognised the registration number – **00508-M**. My non-communicative VicRoads officer (who I was probably keeping from his lunch) was not such a bad bloke after all. He had rummaged around to ensure that the number plates issued bore some relationship to the make and model of my car.

Junior travels quite comfortably and effortlessly at highway speeds and is lots of fun to drive. The aluminium tool box mounted on the tray carries spares, tools, coats and a surprising amount of shopping. I must confess to enjoying the burble put out by his exhaust system on occasion, and as long as I remember to apply the brakes like I mean it, we don't have a problem.

Like all classic cars he remains a work in progress, with a booster for the braking system, further paintwork and replacement chrome bonnet hinges among the items yet to tackle.

Although I enjoy driving him a great deal, I do find the cramped utility cabin mean I can't adjust the seat enough for real comfort on longer trips. Many of you would know what this meant – the unplanned acquisition of a Merc 190E from club member Graham. This has addressed the issue of comfort on longer trips quite nicely, with Glenda and I taking the Merc on longer runs. I don't think "*Junior*" is jealous: after all he now has a big sister and he will always remain my first life-size classic car.

Footnote: "*Junior*" is so named because when we first got him, I also had a twin cab 4WD Holden Rodeo ute and when the two were parked side by side, the Morris was very much the "junior ute".
- Ed



RALLIES & RUNS

November Tinker Day - a fantastic Automobilia Collection



The November Tinker Day was well attended, some 25 people getting together to have a look at Albert and Rose's fantastic automobilia collection.

A group of us massed at the clubrooms, we headed off and met the rest of the members at Adventure Park. From there we had a short drive to our host's place. The weather was a bit strange as it didn't know whether it wants to rain or not. It turned out really nice as the day went on.

Albert and Rose's place was every man's dream, certainly mine. Their shed was decked out with automotive signs, petrol bowsers, old workshop equipment and various other automotive items. All this was just to make the bushel of Buicks feel at home. Most of the Buicks were finished and rearing to go while others were still 'in progress' but all finished to a high standard.

Alongside these beautiful cars was a late model Unimog. This huge beast of a thing was being readied to convert into a go anywhere motorhome.

After wandering around admiring the space filled with cars and other automotive stuff, I noticed there was a mezzanine floor. Up here I was amazed at the way the area was set up for entertainment in a 50's America theme. Complete with black and white chequered floor American diner and juke box.

After wandering around with my mouth open for most of the time, I noticed that the members had started stuffing food into theirs.

The chairs, thermoses and sandwiches had come out and they had made themselves comfortable on the forecourt.

A big thank you to Mervyn Giddings for organising the visit and a huge thanks to Albert and Rose for opening their place to us.

Story: Dallas

Photos: Ray



Events Calendar

Updates will be sent by email and posted on Facebook.
(Please pass on to those without email addresses.)

Thursday 7 December **Coffee Run** For the last Coffee Run of the year, we will venture out to ArtRocks Estate at 199 Teesdale – Inverleigh Road, Inverleigh. Ade and Bronte Loe are looking forward to seeing some old cars turning up. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and scones available to buy. For those travelling from Geelong, meet at the Fyansford Carpark ready to leave at 9.30am, to be at the venue at 10am. It should be an interesting visit and hopefully the weather will be kind.
There will be no Coffee Run in January 2024.

Thanks for supporting the Coffee Runs during the year and a Merry Christmas to all.
Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 12 December **General Meeting** - 7.30pm in Clubrooms.
Bring a plate of supper.

Saturday 16 December **Christmas Party at the club rooms.** We will be entertained by Soul Sister Swing. It was a great night last year and I am sure this year will be a great night out for all. It is \$10 per person which includes a light supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Please be at club rooms at 7pm. The club is heavily subsidising this event.

Contact Barb van Galen to put your name on list. 0408 664 537.

Sunday 17 December **Christmas BBQ at St Leonards.** Everything supplied but bring plates, cutlery etc. Also chairs and mossie repellent. Lunch will be about 12.30pm. A list will be in the club room for names and numbers. If your name is not on the list, you will not be fed. Last date for numbers is meeting night 12 December.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089.

Tuesday 19 December **Committee Meeting** - 7.30pm in clubrooms.

NO December Dine Out or Tech Night. **NO January Coffee Run or Backfire**

Tuesday 9 January **General Meeting** - 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 10 January **Dine Out.** Usual Fish & Chips at Queenscliff. From 5.30pm. Bottom fish & chip shop, Gellibrand St, Queenscliff. BYO picnic or purchase some delicious fish & chips. Wear your club badge for an extra chip (and deny the seagulls!).

Contact Sharyn 0417 546 089

Sat 13 & Sun 14 January Geelong Truck & Machinery Show

Details: [Geelong Classic Truck & Machinery Show – By the Geelong Vintage Machinery section \(classictruckandmachinery.com.au\)](http://classictruckandmachinery.com.au)

Tuesday 16 January **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Monday 22 January **February Backfire Deadline 5pm.**

Contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

Tuesday 23 January **Tech Night - "TBC"** HO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Friday 26 January **Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 1 February, **Coffee Run Thursday** Kithbooke Country Club, located at 350 Grossmans Rd Torquay, and it looks like you enter off Ghazeepore Rd!!! **Coffee, tea and morning tea will most likely be provided.** See you there from 10am on Thursday February 1st to kick off the year. PS: The members of the Country Club will likely want you to tell them about your old cars!! Fair trade for a free morning tea. Cheers - the coffee co-ordinator

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 13 February **General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Tuesday 20 February **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Sunday 25 February **Membership Renewal BBQ** 12 noon to 3pm, Clubrooms.
To reduce the rush at monthly club meetings, a membership renewal BBQ will be held at the clubrooms. A chance to catch up and also to renew your membership. (**NOTE.** Membership renewals will still be taken between 6.30pm and 7.30pm, before the February and March monthly meetings. 2023 Membership Renewal Forms will be made available with the February Backfire.)

Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537.

Monday 26 February **March Backfire Deadline 5pm.** Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441

Tuesday 27 February **Tech Night "TBC"** Arrive at 7 pm, so we can set up for a 7.30 pm start.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Events Calendar

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Friday 1 March

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Easter 2024 Broken Hill Rally

Anyone interested in going to the Broken Hill Rally at Easter 2024 (29-31 March)

- please call Sharyn 0417 546 089

Other Events

Dec 3 2023 Llanelly Motorbike Swap
Jan 14 2024 Lang Lang Swap meet TBC
Jan 13/14 2024 Geelong Model Boat & Classic Truck Show
Jan 21 2024 Centre State Swap Meet
Jan 28 2024 Wonthaggi Swap Meet
Feb 11 2024 Picnic at Hanging Rock

Source: [swap-meets\(ozwrenches.com\)](http://swap-meets(ozwrenches.com)) and individual event flyers

Motorcycle only swap meet, Llanelly public hall (near Bendigo)
Lang Lang Showgrounds
Geelong Showgrounds
Bendigo Racecourse
Wonthaggi Rec Reserve
Maldon Racecourse Reserve (Vic)

THE GEELONG MODEL BOAT CLUB AND THE GEELONG CLASSIC TRUCK AND MACHINERY SHOW

Challenge you to build and sail your own milk carton boat in

THE GREAT MILK CARTON BOAT CHALLENGE

Geelong Showgrounds
13 & 14 of January 2024

FREE ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION AND MACHINERY SHOW FOR EXHIBITORS

GEELONG CLASSIC TRUCK & MACHINERY SHOW

When: 13th & 14th January 2024
Where: Geelong Showgrounds, 79 Breakwater Rd. Geelong
Tickets: Adults \$10. Children U15 free. Exhibitors free. Camping available (free for exhibitors)
www.classictruckandmachinery.com.au

ANNUAL PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK

37th ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

11 FEBRUARY 2024

HANGING ROCK RESERVE
139 S ROCK RD
NEWHAM, VICTORIA

SUNDAY 8:00AM
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
[HTTPS://MRADMC.COM.AU/](https://mradmc.com.au/)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Not even off the line yet and the rear main is dripping!

Just ignore it. I'm sure by 90 years from now some restorers club will figure out a way to fix that problem!

"SAVE THE DATE 24th MARCH 2024"

"It's on Again" Mortlake Picnic

Federation's Mortlake Picnic
Celebrating 20 Years
Join us in a Special Celebration on 24th March 2024

To be held in the grounds of Tea Tree Park at Mortlake

Catering on the day by the local Lions Club, CWA and Coffee with the Girls. "Lakes and Craters Band" will once again be in Attendance. Great Prize Pool Draw for Members

Come along and enjoy our Genuine Old Time Picnic Day in the Beautiful Gardens at Tea Tree Park. Plenty of Shade to sit back and relax under while you catch up with Friends.

Enquires: John Kennett: Phone 0419599066

One day Son all this will be yours.

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Vernon, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on M25. Please be careful!"

"Hell," said Vernon, "It's not just one car. There's hundreds of them!"

RALLIES & RUNS

Club Run to Steiglitz Historic Park



We all enjoyed perfect summer weather for our vehicle display. It seemed to be well received and appreciated by many folk.



Although we continually moved our chairs to follow the shade that just enabled us to talk to more people!

Thank you to Ken for organising the day and special thanks to Jenny who took our tickets and walked down the hill again for the raffle draw. She then returned with the news that we had won a Hamper! It was terrific with lots of yummy goodies, some of which are put aside for Christmas.

Thanks again, and cheers to all from Geoff and Janice Lenton.



The prize hamper

RALLIES & RUNS

Club Display at the Geelong Revival



We had 11 vehicles turn up, including veteran, vintage and classic models. We had a couple of non starters due to the possibility of inclement weather. The cars were looking great, and the club flags were flying to promote the club.

A special thanks to everyone for their efforts, especially to Dallas for bring the Buchanan on the trailer: it was a great hit.



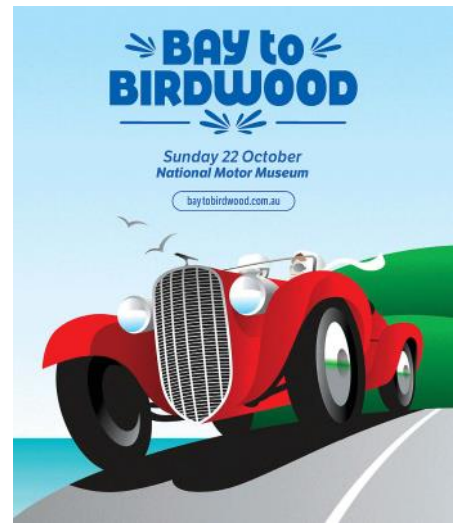
Congratulations to Graeme Anderson for winning the National Vintage Fashion Award.

- Simon



Bay to Birdwood

Rally Coordinator Ken Parry was entrant 982 in the 2023 Bay to Birdwood event on 24 October, driving his 1965 XP Falcon coupe. There were over 1500 entries! While there Ken took these photos of some of the magnificent machinery on display.



RALLIES & RUNS

Club Run to Cobden

The Club Run to the Cobden Pioneer Park on 19 November proved a popular event. The following report has been taken from the President's *Idle Chatter*. - Ed

The recent run down to Cobden was an exceptional day. We had a big turnout from the club, the weather was perfect, and there was plenty to see.

We were part of a large vehicle display that included a wide variety of models. My highlights included the miniature railway which was extensive both in track length and variety, well run with several trains operating and great facilities including a shop and dining room. Best value \$3 ticket you can find anywhere.

The other highlight was the large area next door which is the South Western District Restoration Group that we visited in the afternoon. They have almost everything on display. Stationary engines running, tractor pull, model boats, farm machinery including many tractors as well as food and sit down eating areas.



They have many sheds which is like a large village and include displays of various household items, workshop tools and things you wouldn't believe would be collected. There is even a church included.

Thanks to Ken for organising.

- David



Photos: Tony & David

RALLIES & RUNS

Club Bus to Bendigo Swap

At a cost of \$20 a head, the club-subsidised bus to the Bendigo Swap was a great way to go, without the hassle of driving or finding a parking spot within half a day's walk. At least that's what the 18 of us who took advantage of the service thought.

Bus driver Alex was able to park our 24-seater just inside the gates and we spread out immediately, in search of that elusive bargain.

The club tent proved very popular as a spot to rest and recharge the batteries before the next sortie into the huge array of sites. The weather started off quite warm, and a cuppa in chair in the shade went down well.

As the day progressed a cooling breeze strengthened, making conditions in the middle of the showgrounds more bearable.

By 4pm most of us were done and we tumbled back into the bus for the trip home.

I am assured that some useful, well-priced vehicle-related items were purchased, however two prominent items proudly loaded on board appeared to have nothing at all to do with cars!

Bendigo caters for all tastes.

- Ed



The Way It Was

(taken from the 21st anniversary Backfire - March 1988)

"We heard of a 1919 Buick behind the Hotel Rex ... this had to be checked out. Doug and Lynton offered to relieve the hotel proprietor of the machine as a joint venture, and their offer was accepted. (Ownership of the Buick has subsequently been resolved in favour of Doug, following a meeting of the joint owners and a tossing of the coin.)

Ararat, December 1974



Kevin Wilby brought a huge Johnnie Walker bottle back. Only one defect - it was empty!



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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For sale. 1995 Statesman pop top caravan
17'. White. Good condition. Reg N25-261
Reg to May 2024. Has all extras. \$ 11,500.
Call Graham 0409 241 558. **12/23**

For sale. Mercedes 380 SEL Good running
condition. Club reg 07211-H. \$7,990.



6x4 wooden trailer
with canopy.
14" Holden wheels with
hubcaps. \$200.

**Corio box tandem
trailer.** Needs some
rust repairs 2m X 3.7m
\$1,400.

Call Tim 0400 924 707
11/23



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale Tandem trailer [car carrier]
professionally built on LT truck tyres 2.0 x 4.30m
[6ft 6in x14ft] 2,000kg cap. Ramps and hand op.
winch. In very good condition. Always shedded.
Replacement cost approx \$6,000. Asking price
\$3,400. Call Karl 0413 074 733. **10/23**

For Sale 1991 Toyota Cressida Grande
Reg EMH-478. Excellent condition (deceased
estate) Always garaged. No known problems. Starts
first turn of key. Regular service by local mechanic.
No rust, no accidents. Interior leather good. Only
mod is Alpine headset. Never towed: (towbar to
protect car rear). Sold as is: reg nearly out (end
Sept). No RWC. \$7,500. Was owners pride and joy
- a collector's find. Call Merv 0417 878 724.

10/23



Clues

Clues. Wanting info on a **1926 BEAN truck.**
Also need side curtains, a fancy radiator cap and a
two 23 x4.5 tyres for the rear.
Call Wayne: 0419 328 145. **11/23**

KEEP IT IN THE CLUB

Got a vehicle for sale?

**Please consider advertising it in
Backfire first, to give your fellow
members the first option of buying.**

For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and generally
appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove
advertisements from the newsletter earlier, email
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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30 November 10.30am	1	2
3 Llanelly Bike Swap	4	5	6	7 Coffee Run. ArtRocks Inverleigh Fyansford 9.30am	8	9
10	11	12 General Meeting, 7.30pm	13	14	15	16 Xmas Party Soul Sister Swing
17 Xmas Lunch St Leonards	18	19 Committee Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 January Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 General Meeting, 7.30pm	10 Dine Out Queenscliff Fish & Chips	11	12	13 
14  Lang Lang Swap	15	16 Committee Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 Centre State Swap	22 Feb Backfire Deadline	23 Tech Night TBC	24	25	26 Backfire Folding Morning	27
28 Wonthaggi Swap	29	30	31	1 February Coffee Run. Kithbrooke, Tqy.	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Picnic at Hanging Rock	12	13 General Meeting, 7.30pm	14 Dine Out TBC	15	16	17
18	19	20 Committee Meeting	23	24	25 M/ship Renewal BBQ	26

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