

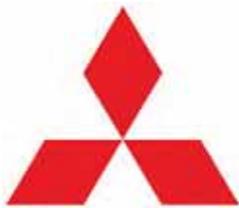
# BACKFIRE

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## President's Piece

Welcome to the new year. Not sure if is the last year in the old decade or the first in a new one! Bit like 12 o'clock midnight, is it am or pm? Regardless I hope this year brings you good fortune, happiness and lots of WDHVC outings.

Now on the subject of outings, like many motoring clubs, WDHVC has had a long-standing policy that club rallies will be cancelled or postponed on Total Fire Ban Days. This policy arose in a time when the vintage or veteran cars we then drove may have been a potential source of fire, as well as a slow and sometimes unreliable way of enabling members to get away from a bushfire themselves.

Following on from a recent decision to go ahead with a Tinker Day in an urban location on a Total Fire Ban Day, the committee thought this policy should be discussed further. We felt that fire is not the only risk worth considering: stormy, windy or extremely wet days also pose a risk if we are on the road.

To this end we have come up with a policy that will hopefully cover all eventualities and make the cancelling or relocation of events easier to determine. The policy has been printed in full in this edition of *Backfire* and a reminder will be included in each edition hereafter.

I note with sadness the passing of long time club member Frank Anderson. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

As I predicted in my December rambling, the Dinner Dance was indeed a great success. Those who have not attended previously should consider it for later this year. Thanks goes to the members who did so much to make it happen.

Whilst thanking people, the Christmas BBQ at St Leonards was a great day. This is really because of all the efforts of Barb, Fred, Sharyn, Tony and Miriam. Still on events, the lunch at the Shepherd's in Moriac was perfect. The weather was good this year and the children sung their little lungs out for us. Once again, thanks to the Shepherd family and those who assisted. The success of our events, and indeed the club, is really because of the great work our members do. Thank you everyone.

At the Bendigo Swap this year I overheard part of a conversation between two blokes, one probably in his 60's the other in his 20's. It disturbed me. The older chap told the younger one not to bother about "doing up" a car: it is cheaper to buy one already done. Now I don't disagree that he was probably right, however if we all took that attitude, there wouldn't be any restored vehicles to buy!

This also means many vehicles that could be saved from recycling or landfill will not. An extension of this could also be that those manufacturers of replacement parts for our old cars would stop, making it that much harder for those still actually restoring. I think this attitude is very shortsighted, what are your thoughts? I acknowledge that some of us are not restorers, lack the skills, knowledge, tools or just the space and just love getting out in an old vehicle with like-minded friends. But those who can should.

Finally, don't forget to drive you club car to help mark our 600<sup>th</sup> meeting on 14 January: 6pm for the BBQ, with the meeting to follow.

Time to get out in your car or out in your shed.

*Dallas*

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 599 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

## PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed the 102 members and visitor John King attending.

## APOLOGIES

Gwen & Max Tucker, Jean & Bernie Ellson, Ray van Galen, Frank Anderson, Graham Peacock, Darryn Tucker, Eva Barwise, Graham Baldock, Wayne Oliver, Peter Telfer, Vlad Furst, Trevor Little, Eric Lewis, John Smith, June Millard, Ron Jackson, Alex McLaws, Paul Strickland.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

## SICK LIST

Ray van Galen, John Smith and Gwen Tucker.

Our thoughts are with the Thompson family on Hugh's recent passing.

## MINUTES

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

Moved: Jan Clissold

Seconded: Damien Giustini Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

### INWARD

#### Letters In

- Judith Matthews thanking the club members for their thoughts and best wishes on her recovery on recent fall from grace.
- David Mitchell thanking the club for our thoughts on the passing of his mother.
- Barbara Thompson and family thanking the club on our thoughts on the passing of Hugh.
- Casterton Motor Enthusiast's Club - invitation to attend their 2020 annual tour March 7,8,& 9.
- Federation - subs renewal
- Gwen Tucker - thanking the club for our thoughts on her recent illness..

#### Emails In

- Nikita Donovan - inquiring about membership details

### OUTWARD

#### Letters Out

Sympathy Cards:

- ◇ Barbara Thompson on the passing of Hugh

Get Well Cards:

- ◇ Ray Van Galen
- ◇ John Smith
- ◇ Gwen Tucker
- ◇ Judith Matthews

#### Emails Out

- Nikita Donovan - forwarding details about joining the club

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Ken Parry 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: Max McKenzie Carried

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

See the *Backfire* for details on the Club's 600<sup>th</sup> meeting

## LIBRARY (Gary)

Yet another totally true story, this time about the untimely death of a misunderstood retired golfer.

## DINE OUT (Gary)

None planned for this month.

## EDITOR (Jon)

Jon thanked contributors for their support over 2019.

## WEBSITE (Damien)

Continuing good level of usage through the web site.

## FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

No report this month.

## COMMITTEE REPORT (David M)

At the last meeting the Committee approved Club support for the St Leonards BBQ and catering for the 600<sup>th</sup> meeting in January. A Trading Table will also be re-introduced to the General Meetings.

## MERCHANDISE (David M)

Club pens are still available for purchase. Members in attendance supported the supply of disposable overalls through the Club.

## TINKER DAY (Barb for Ray)

Shepherds in Moriac for lunch and Christmas Carols.

Dallas thanked Ray for organising the days over the year.

## MARS BAR AWARD (Dallas for Ray)

As no one correctly guessed his photo, Lindsay Noble took home the Mars Bars this month.

## VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus thanked the members who displayed their cars at the meetings over 2019.

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

We have added another 6 members' cars to the permit scheme this month.

Hayden Stacey spoke to the meeting about his early 1990's Jawa track racing bike on display. Hayden regularly races the bike and it still had the dirt showing to prove it!

John Bailey also displayed his newly restored Morgan Plus 4. The body has been fully rebuilt the after an accident seriously damaged the original body. A beautiful car and a real credit to John's skills.

## CRAFT NIGHT

No meeting this month

## RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod )

Club members reported on the following events:

- Fred Dosser reported on the Coffee & Chrome run in Ballarat;
- Harold Newton's was one of the 15 cars on the Chocolaterie coffee run;
- Graham Walker recommended the Geelong Revival to the members;
- Graham Pretlove has recently rallied through the Wimmera;
- Lindsay Alford reported on the Tech and Craft night's Christmas party;
- Hayden Stacey thanked Sharyn & Fred for their recent hospitality on the Smell the Roses run;
- Sharyn Harris reported that, once again, the annual Dinner Dance was a great success. Thank you to all who helped.
- Upcoming events:  
See the schedule in the *Backfire* for January events.

## LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

No report.

## TECH NIGHT (Dallas for Peter)

No Tech night with month.

## SWAP MEET (Fred)

No report this month.

## KITCHEN (Rhonda)

No report this month.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- President Dallas thanked the members who recently volunteered at the Geelong Show.
- Evelyn Hill read out a report from The Argus newspaper in 1913 on a recent car race in Melbourne.
- Robin Evans had an interesting story on how the western Queensland town of Banana got its name.
- President Dallas thanked Barb and Sharyn for organising the chocolate gifts for members at the meeting.

- The door prizes were won by Jim Maffet and Les Harrison.

## FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Lindsay Noble has brought two old tractors.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**Next meeting: 600<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the clubrooms**

**BBQ at 6pm, followed by the meeting.**

- Leigh Dwyer

## 2-Wheeled Speedster

Hayden Stacey had his early 1990's Jawa track racing bike on display in the workshop last month.

The Czech 500cc, 4 stroke machine runs on Methanol, with the motor peaking at 14,000 rpm. It has no brakes and no gears and will go from 0 to 60mph in 2 seconds -faster than an F1 car!



Hayden explained that speed bikes are set up to suit the track on which they were to race, with the internals adjusted to achieve best results. He described riding the machine as a sideways slide that is sometimes in control and sometimes out of control. "It's a buzz," he said.

Hayden regularly races the bike at tracks including Broadford, Mildura and Myrtleford and it still had the dirt showing to prove it!



## Magic Morgan - the December Feature Car

John Bailey displayed his restored 1981 Morgan Plus 4 in the workshop in December, after having done almost all the restoration work himself. He bought the car in November 2017 and took delivery in January 2018. It had been hit in the rear driver's side and was severely damaged forward to the windscreen. The body was twisted as a result and



the car was deemed unrepairable, just the sort of challenge John Bailey enjoys.

John had to straighten a twisted chassis, and after experimenting with various methods resorted to using a large plank to lever the chassis straight.

He then had to re-make all the timber framing from the windscreen back, using what he could salvage from the old frame as templates and cutting new pieces on his bandsaw, using Australian hardwood.



John was able to re-use the two rear mudguards although one was severely damaged. Repairing this involved Jon taking a crash course in panel beating, with assistance from Rob Kaub. Rob called in on John periodically to check on progress. (Members were treated to a tech night in John's shed last year, where this panel beating process was demonstrated.) Jon replaced some original steel panels with aluminium as part of the project.

John fashioned a new steering wheel for the car using an aluminium frame and laminated,



handcrafted exotic timbers. He made a new dashboard using French oak with oak burl inserts. He bought two hides from the Australian Leather Company in Geelong and cut and stitched new upholstery for the seats and interior, using a beautiful mid-grey leather for the seats and a complimentary dark blue for the trim.

He prepared the car for painting, with the final coats being done by Martin's Smash Repairs in Bendigo.

The car is powered by a Cortina GT 1600 motor with a twin barrel Webber carburettor. It has a 4-speed box coupled to a Salisbury differential and is capable of a top speed of over 100 miles an hour according to the Morgan Factory. John did not need to touch the motor or running gear, which were undamaged and running well. However Gus Shea helped to take the motor and gearbox from the car and replace them after the bodywork repairs were completed.

John plans to manufacture a hood in the near future using a use a bluish-grey English fabric.

John has only driven the car a few times since it was roadworthy and put on club plates, but says the Morgan is a delight to drive, especially when compared to his other Morgan, a 1949 model (although the handling of this car has also improved greatly since John fitted new rack and pinion steering).

Now that the sleek new version is on the road, John plans to sell the 1949 Morgan, so get in touch if you're interested.

- Ed



## Magic Morgan (ctd)

### MORGAN 4/4

As English as changing the guard at Buckingham Palace, the Morgan 4/4 has been soldiering on as the company's entry-level model since way back in the 1930s. Not only is it still built, it is still constructed using traditional techniques when the first 4/4s were put together. Morgan was a small independent company, a firm that has passed from father to son until this year, when an Italian company brought the controlling share.

Its cars are still hand-built by craftsmen rather than put together by robots. It's important, too that Morgans continue to be built the way they have always been – by craftsmen who can work strips of ash into a body frame, or sheet steel into a long curved bonnet panel punctuated oh-so elegantly by no less than 32 hand-worked louvres. Morgan hopes to build 450 cars this way this year. Thirty years ago Ford built that many EA Falcons in the first two days of full production!

Morgan sports car distributors in Australia have a turnover of just six to 10 cars a year. In 1988 Morgan prices start at \$63,500 for the 4/4 two seat and the 4/4 four seat cost a mere \$68,500. If you think that sound a lot for a car, it's reasonable for a car which takes three months to build by hand.

Outright speed is of little importance in a Morgan, so it matters not that the 1.6 litre Ford CHV ohc engine fitted to the 4/4 is merely an adequate performer. Developed for Ford UK's bread and butter Sierras and Escorts, the CHV produces just 71 KW at 6000 rpm. Acceleration is brisk enough however, thanks to a combination of aluminum body panels, light weight – 735kg for the 4/4 two seat – good mid-range torque and well placed ratios in the Ford five speed gearbox.

The essential styling elements of the 4/4 have not changed since the lights were integrated into the front guards in 1954 and probably never will. That's the way the customers want it. Morgans have always been about "driving by the seat of your pants" and their drivers relish the raw undiluted sensation of feeling every bump in the road. The flexing of the ash frame and the quirky front suspension, which is based on the action of sliding kingpins, just add to the unique sensation.

The ageing, ageless Morgan is more than just a motor car – it four-wheeled therapy.

*- compiled by Graham Pretlove.*



## VALE - FRANK THOMAS ANDERSON (1950 -2019)



We were saddened to learn that club member Frank had passed away suddenly on 19 December. Frank loved the WDHVC and worked tirelessly around the Swap each year. He and Robyn thoroughly enjoyed coming to Dine Outs.

Frank worked for Australia Post for 30 odd years, after completing an electrical apprenticeship. He married Robin in 1975 and they had two children, Sarah and Helen.

When the girls attended Corio West primary school both he and Robin took part in many excursions. He had a great love for this school and when he retired he spent hours looking after the grounds, buildings and contents every day and night.

I have known Frank and Robin and family for 30 years and I know other club members who have known him longer.

*- Gary McCredden*

## Celebrating 600!

The 14 January 2020 meeting will be the 600<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting of the Club.

To mark the occasion, your Committee invites all members to come to the January meeting in a club car.

There will be a BBQ from 6pm, followed by the general meeting.

Supper will be supplied afterwards.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WDHVC EVENTS

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

### 3 JANUARY - FRIDAY

**BACKFIRE FOLDING MORNING** 9am Clubrooms  
*Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*

### 11/12 JANUARY - SAT/SUN

Cars wanted on both days for display.

### **CLASSIC TRUCK AND MACHINERY SHOW**

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

### 14 JANUARY - TUESDAY

(Bring a club car to mark the event.)

### **600<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEETING** BBQ 6PM Clubrooms.

### 15 JANUARY - TUESDAY

**DINE OUT** Our traditional Fish & Chips at Queenscliff.

*Contact: Gary McCredden 5275 2544*

### 21 JANUARY - TUESDAY

**COMMITTEE MEETING** 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

### 27 JANUARY - MONDAY

**AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY ON THE WATER FRONT** (Festival of Sails). Meet at entrance to Cunningham Pier 10am. Cars to be escorted onto pavilion lawn area for parking.

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

### 27 JANUARY - MONDAY

**FEBRUARY BACKFIRE DEADLINE** By 5pm please.

*Contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441*

### 28 JANUARY - TUESDAY

**CRAFT/TECH NIGHT** Tech Topic is "TOYS" - bring along favorite toys, or any toys that you found interesting. Card making for craft activity.

*Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*

### JANUARY - THURSDAY

**TINKER DAY** As is usual, we do not want to disrupt the holiday period with a Tinker Day this month. There are just too many tourists on the road then. Enjoy your New Year break with your Family and have a well deserved rest.

P.S. Please let me know of any venues that we can visit in the future.

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

### JANUARY

**SMELL THE ROSES DAY?** During January I will be laid up with a foot operation that has a slow recovery time, so I ask that if you want to go for a ride somewhere, see if you can organise a run instead of me doing it. Please advise [our editor](#) of the details. It is not difficult to do and a lot of fun.

*Ray van Galen 5278 9368. Mob. 0411 954 865*

### NO COFFEE RUN IN JANUARY

### 6 FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

**MORNING COFFEE RUN** Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am sharp.

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 989)*

### 9 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

Meet at entrance to Cunningham Pier 10am. Cars to be escorted onto pavilion lawn area for parking.

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

### 23 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

**SHELFORD DUCK RACES CAR DISPLAY**

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 989)*

### 5 MARCH - THURSDAY

**MORNING COFFEE RUN** Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am sharp.

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 989)*

### 6-9 MARCH - FRI to MON

**27TH ANNUAL AVOCA RALLY**

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 989)*

### 8 MARCH - SUNDAY

10am—3.30pm

**GEELONG ALL BRITISH VEHICLE DISPLAY** on the Waterfront.

*Contact: David Mitchell 0409 099 716*

### 9 MARCH - MONDAY

Meet at entrance to Cunningham Pier 10am. Cars to be escorted onto pavilion lawn area for parking.

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

### 15 MARCH - SUNDAY

8 older/English cars required please. More info later. *Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*

**HIGHLAND GATHERING CAR DISPLAY** Goldsworthy Reserve.

### 22 MARCH - SUNDAY

Meet in Inverleigh at 9.30am

**FEDERATION PICNIC AT MORTLAKE.**

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

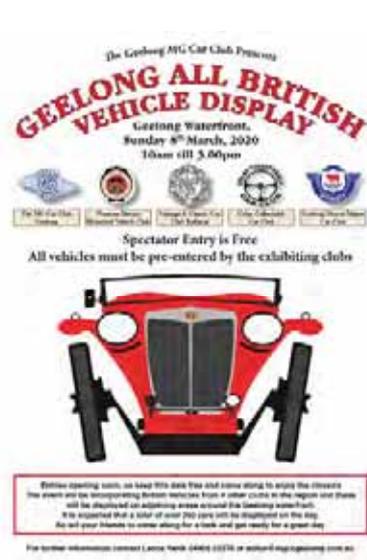
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## OTHER EVENTS

- 2 FEBRUARY 2020 - SUNDAY** **SWANPOOL MOTOR FESTIVAL** 2426 Midland Highway, Swanpool. Contact: Ross Coles 0417 351 304 [rcoles49@gmail.com](mailto:rcoles49@gmail.com)
- 8 FEBRUARY - SATURDAY** **GREAT OCEAN ROAD CRUISE** Lorne Jetty to Torquay Esplanade. Free event. Details: <https://torquaymotorshow.com.au/cruise>
- 9 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY** **TORQUAY MOTOR SHOW**. Rotary Club event on Torquay foreshore. (Elephant Walk btwn Zeally Bay Rd & Anderson St. Details & entries: <https://torquaymotorshow.com.au/>
- 16TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY** **ALL FORD DAY** 9am to 3pm. Sutcliffe Reserve 240-268 Plantation Road, Corio. Details: <https://www.allfordday.org.au/#home>
- 29 FEBRUARY 2020 - SATURDAY** **COLAC SHOW 'N SHINE** Memorial Square, Colac. Details: [colacshowandshine@colacrsl.com.au](mailto:colacshowandshine@colacrsl.com.au) Ph. 0427 821 435 or 0467 762 036
- 5 MARCH 2020 SUNDAY** **WERRIBEE & DISTRICT SHOW 'N SHINE** Wyndham Civic Centre carpark, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee. Details : [https://www.facebook.com/pg/WDCVC/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/WDCVC/events/?ref=page_internal)
- 15TH MARCH - SUNDAY** **GEELONG MOTOR SHOW** Geelong Showgrounds. Organised by Road Kings . Proceeds to Beyond Blue. <https://cartorque.co/car-shows/geelong-motorshow-2020-hosted-by-road-kings-vic-3175>
- 18 APRIL 2020 SUNDAY** **ECHUCA SWAP MEET** Rotary Park, Rose St. Enquiries: 0456 010 665 [echucaswap@outlook.com](mailto:echucaswap@outlook.com)
- 28 MARCH - 3 APRIL, 2020** **AHMF NATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL** Albury-Wodonga. Details : <https://www.ahmf.org.au/2020Tour/index.php>
- 29 to 31 MAY 2020** **HISTORIC WINTON**
- 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. [https://www.facebook.com/pg/WDCVC/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/WDCVC/events/?ref=page_internal) John 0407 546 235.

- Rod Booley



**The Echuca & District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.**  
**Echuca Swap Meet Rotary Park, Rose St Echuca**  
 Saturday, 18th April, 2020.  
 Automotive parts & collectables welcome.  
 Show & Shine open section & ladies only section.  
 Prizes awarded.  
 200 plus sites available at \$20/site. On site catering.  
 Entry \$5 ea: children under 15 free.  
**Gates Open:** Sellers: 5am. Buyers: 7am.  
 Enquiries: 0456 010 665 [echucaswap@outlook.com](mailto:echucaswap@outlook.com)  
 \$500 donated to a local charity.



# Events on Extreme Weather Days

Like many motoring clubs, WDHVC has had a long-standing policy that club rallies would be cancelled or postponed on Total Fire Ban Days.

Prompted by a recent decision to go ahead with a Tinker Day in an urban location on a Total Fire Ban Day, your committee has discussed this policy further.

The Committee recognises that fire is not the only risk worth considering: stormy, windy or extremely wet days also pose a risk if we are on the road. Accordingly, it has amended the policy and procedure as follows.

## Extreme Weather Policy

The Club recognises that extreme weather conditions can make driving difficult and attending a venue or event unpleasant.

Accordingly, a club event may be cancelled on days when extreme weather conditions (including Total Fire Ban days, extreme cold, rainfall or wind) are predicted.

To determine whether an event has been cancelled you should do one of the following:

- **Check the club website.** A notice will be placed on our home page telling you whether or not the event is cancelled or has been moved to cope with the weather extremes. [www.wdhvcgeelong.com](http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com)
- **Check your email.** Members on the email mailing list will be sent a message informing them whether or not the event is cancelled or has been moved to cope with the weather extremes.

- **Ring the event co-ordinator.** If the internet or email is unavailable to you, you can ring the member organising the event. (Listed in *Backfire*.) The organiser will be able to tell you the status of the event.

If an event is scheduled on an extreme weather day and the event is still going ahead, you should use your own discretion on whether to attend or not. If attending, the club would recommend the use of a modern vehicle as this is likely to be more suitable for the conditions and more comfortable.

While the club has a responsibility to its members, members themselves also have an obligation to exercise their judgement in deciding to take part in an event on extreme weather days.

## Procedure

If an extreme weather day is predicted, the event organiser will contact the President to decide if the event will proceed.

The President will contact:

- the website co-ordinator and have a notice advising of the event status placed on the home page.
- the editor, who will advise those members on the email contact list of the event status.

(December 2019)



## Stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating and know what to do.

The Fire Danger Rating predicts how a fire would behave if one started, including how difficult it would be to put out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. The rating is your trigger to act, so to stay safe you need to stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating in your district. During the Fire season, the Fire Danger Rating will feature in weather forecasts, be broadcast on radio and TV and appear in some newspapers. It can also be found on the of CFA and VicEmergency websites or by calling the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

|                     | WHAT DOES IT MEAN?  | WHAT SHOULD I DO?  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>CODE RED</b>     | These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.  | Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass. Know your trigger – make a decision about:<br>– when you will leave<br>– where you will go<br>– how you will get there<br>– when you will return<br>– what you will do if you cannot leave  |
| <b>EXTREME</b>      | Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and will come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts.</li> <li>• If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option.</li> <li>• Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to <a href="http://cfa.vic.gov.au">cfa.vic.gov.au</a>, <a href="http://emergency.vic.gov.au">emergency.vic.gov.au</a> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on <b>1800 226 226</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>SEVERE</b>       | Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan.</li> <li>• If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option.</li> <li>• Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to <a href="http://cfa.vic.gov.au">cfa.vic.gov.au</a>, <a href="http://emergency.vic.gov.au">emergency.vic.gov.au</a> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on <b>1800 226 226</b>.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>VERY HIGH</b>    | If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check your bushfire survival plan.</li> <li>• Monitor conditions.</li> <li>• Action may be needed.</li> <li>• Leave if necessary.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>HIGH</b>         | Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.  |  |
| <b>LOW-MODERATE</b> |   |  |

For more information contact the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

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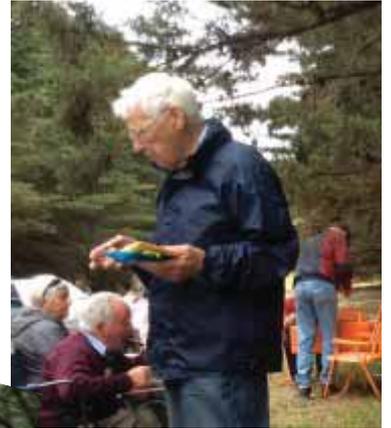


# RALLIES & RUNS

## Christmas Run to St Leonards



*Beautiful food, some gorgeous cars, pleasant weather and an attractive setting. And of course, friends to have a natter with. What more could you ask for on a Christmas break up run? A big thank you to the organisers!*



## Christmas Dinner Dance

*This year's Christmas Dinner Dance was well attended, with excellent food and good company. On behalf of all attendees thanks to everyone that made the so good with the big build up to Christmas. Cheers - Tim and Debbie .*



*Thanks to Barb, Margaret and Tim for the photos.*

# RALLIES & RUNS

## Tinker Day December 2019

Tinker day was the annual lunch and Christmas carols at Ken and Ethel Shepherd's place at Moriac. A lot of members drove to it in their oldies or naked radiator vehicles (as shown in the pictures). The weather was good and not too hot or cold.

On arriving, we had nibbles and pumpkin soup, all very nice. Then the Moriac primary school children arrived. Last year the singing was cancelled as it was raining, but they more than made up for it this year. They had previously staged a concert for their parents, so they did it again for us. They finished off singing some Christmas carols. All very well done, a credit to the children and their teachers. Santa then arrived and the children all got a bag of lollies. This is an event that both the car club and the school look forward to each year.

Ken and Ethel, with help from their daughters, put on the main course which everyone enjoyed. It was followed by some very lovely deserts.

Some of us had a look at two sports cars just recently put onto club permits. Dallas thanked Ken, Ethel and family for putting on a great lunch and sharing the place.

- Lindsay Alford



# RALLIES & RUNS

## Bridgewater and Mandurang visit

At 6:30am on Wednesday 11 December (after the Club meeting the night before), 17 intrepid explorers set off by bus to visit the Bendigo area, led by expedition leader, John Bailey.

John took us up to Bridgewater where he lived his early years. He pointed out the family farm and a lot of the local features and visited his family neighbours who are still farming in the area. Ken, Garry and Mitch were busy harvesting a wheat crop and were only too happy to explain what they were doing and answer a multitude of questions. They took us on a lap in the cabin of the 30 foot harvester equipped with GPS and a host of modern technology as we watched the 8 ton bin in the header fill up.



We also watched while the header emptied the wheat into a large mobile bin towed by a tractor as it continued to harvest. The process continued as we saw the mobile bins empty into 32 ton portable silos, followed by the silos emptying into a 45 ton semi which then headed into the Bridgewater main silos to empty the load. The aim is to run the header continuously to strip the crop as quickly as possible when it is ready, to minimise risk of weather changes.

We then continued into Bridgewater and enjoyed lunch on the banks of the Loddon River. The green grass and shade at the local swimming hole on the weir made a great place to sit down. John's local knowledge to pick the location was much appreciated.

After the lunch break, and following a guided tour of the town, we headed to Mandurang on the other side of Bendigo to visit Max, a next door to where John had lived (in a house he had built over 45 years ago). Max showed us the Porsche 908 replica he had built. He even fired up the flat



8 cylinder engine which he had built himself from a flat 6 cylinder engine (or two). The crowd was impressed. He explained the many items and detail to get everything working which still has some more work left.



Bob from Bendigo had brought out his Pratt and Whitney aero engine mounted on a custom trailer, including a propeller. He had done a fantastic job with

incredible attention to detail. Earplugs all round when he fired it up and it managed to blow a few hats off.

Thanks to John Bailey for being the organiser, tour guide, bus driver and entertainer. He even turned on magnificent weather for the team of explorers to enjoy a great day. Well done John.



- David Mitchell

# Great Mars Bar Competition

## The January Competition



At 18 months old this young man already knew how important wheels were in this world. The face says it all. He is thinking: "Right, now we need to get those wooden blocks placed on the pedals so that I can drive this beauty."

I know he goes on to be very interested in two and four wheeled vehicles, and is engaged in the organizing and supporting of two wheeled racing now.

You would be surprised at what our club members love to do in life. Many young racers from all over have been helped by this tiny young man. Although really, he is not this small anymore.

See if you can work out who this chap is and take home a whopping big Mars Bar to supplement your New Year's Eve Dinner.

P.S. That was the last of my Mystery Member photos: please let me have some more. Thank you.

- Ray van Galen

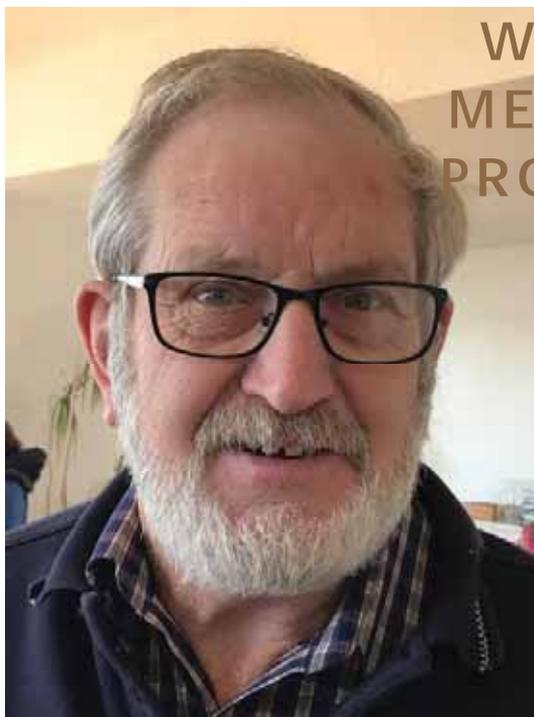
### Photos URGENTLY needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

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



## WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



### Name?

Lindsey

### Where were you born?

Geelong

### Family?

Partner Eva, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren

### Number of years in the WDHVC?

19 years

### Other interests?

Tractors and farming

### What was your first vehicle?

Triumph (looked like an Austin 7)

### What vehicle would you love to own ?

Top of the line Jaguar

### What vehicles do you have now?

1928 Dodge

### Profession?

Motor Mechanic

### Skills?

Mechanical especially tractors

### What bugs you the most?

Noisy Vehicles

### What makes you happy?

Grandchildren

- Libby

### Quotes About Cars

Speed Limit:

1/. A sign that tells you at what speed the car that's rapidly fading from view in your rear vision mirror is going.

2/. A law that provides the sole means of support for many small-town police departments.

~ Richard Turner

## First Car Fondly Recalled

I congratulate Libby Booley on her contribution to our Club by interviewing and presenting a profile on individual members for each monthly production of the *Backfire*. Her considerable time and effort spent is very much appreciated.

However in our September *Backfire*, when I was the subject, my first car was erroneously presented as a Tank Fairlane, whereas in 1953 I purchased a one-owner early 1950 Morris Minor lowlight convertible as my first car.



*Jim's first car*

This report, which is accompanied by a photograph, should not be seen as criticism but merely a correction. By the way my second car, known as a tourer, was a 1951-52 A40 Devon. How many of these soft top cars are represented in our Club?

Keep up the good work Libby.

- Jim Coates



*1951 A40 Devon Tourer*

## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES For Sale

**Nissan Pulsar. 2000** Grey. Tidy, with RWC. \$2500. Reg 1MD-1DE VIN jnibcan15a0009267 Reg'd till 22/01/2020 Call Ray 5278 9368 or Barb 0408 664 537. **12/19**

**MGB parts.** Complete car minus the running gear, suspension and steering. Call Dallas 0432 172 171. **12/19**

### Wanted:

Pair of boot hinges like fitted to an English vehicle. Top part of the hinge will need to be about 75mm long and the lower part about 150mm long. Call Dallas 0432 172 171. **12/19**

### Clues:

**Copying Service.** Those wanting old movies, tapes, records or cassettes copied. \$10-\$15 ea. Call 0417 430 263.



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1978 ZH Fairlane

# January 2020

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                     | Thursday                             | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 29<br>EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either: check the club website; check their emails; or contact the event organiser. | 30  | 31 December  | 1   | 2                                    | 3<br>Backfire<br>folding morning<br>9am Clubrooms  | 4   |
| 5  | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9                                    | 10   | 11<br>Classic Truck<br>& Machinery<br>Show              |
| 12<br>Classic Truck<br>& Machinery<br>Show   | 13  | 14 600 <sup>th</sup><br>General Meeting.<br>BBQ 6pm<br>Clubrooms | 15 Dine Out<br>Fish & Chips at<br>Queenscliff | 16                                   | 17   | 18  |
| 19   | 20  | 21<br>Committee<br>Meeting                                       | 22  | 23                                   | 24   | 25  |
| 26   | 27 Aust Day on<br>Waterfront. 10am<br>Feb 2020<br>Backfire Deadline | 28<br>Craft/Tech Night.<br>Cards & Toys<br>7pm                   | 29  | 30                                   | 31<br>Backfire<br>folding morning<br>9am Clubrooms | 1 February  |
| 2<br>Swanpool<br>Motor Festival  | 3   | 4  | 5   | 6<br>Morning<br>Coffee Run<br>9.45am | 7  | 8 Great Ocean<br>Road Cruise<br>9 Torquay<br>Motor Show |