

# BACKFIRE

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## *The President's*

## Idle Chatter

Hi All,

I must mention the October coffee run we had out to the McKenzie residence at Bellbrae. It was not the usual event that members have come to expect for a coffee run. Firstly the weather was a bit marginal; not too wet but fairly cold and windy. Not to matter, as Sonya and Frank had the verandah and garage area to house everyone, but also our coffee organiser Col, and helper Lyn had excelled themselves with plenty of preparation. This included normal coffee and tea and also pod coffee for the more demanding types. It also included a magnificent array of cakes and sponges. Later on there were snags cooked on the BBQ.

As if this wasn't enough, the highlight for many was Col's log fired heater which had a chimney to avoid any smoke and was large enough for many bodies to stand or sit around. It was made out of an old HWS tank and worked really well. Thanks to Frank, Sonya, Col and Lyn for all the effort they put in.

This is certainly a busy time with plenty of events coming up as we head towards the end of the year.

One worth mentioning is the bus to the Bendigo Swap on Saturday 11 November. After a few years of disruptions we have decided to run a bus again as we have done in the past.

This is particularly helpful for some of our members who are finding it more difficult to travel on their own and also when you include a long day wandering around the stalls. Thanks to Alex Slota for putting his hand up to arrange and drive the bus. For anyone still wanting to put their name down, the bus cost is \$20 (+ \$15 entry). Please contact Jon Breedveld (0417 311 441).

Another event which was really enjoyed by all that attended last year was the end of year Christmas party. This year we again have the Soul Sister Swing group back to entertain us. This will be held on Saturday night, 16 December, with supper provided and BYO drinks. For only \$10 per person this a great value night and lots of fun. Put your name down before it sells out.

The next day, on Sunday 17 December, we have the end of year breakup Christmas Lunch. This was probably the best attended event of the year last year. Everything will be provided again this year, just bring along cutlery, plates, chairs and table to the same venue under the cypress trees at Seasalt Meadow, Lower Bluff Road, St Leonards.

Again just a reminder to help the editor with content for the backfire. Photos, stories, history, articles or whatever you think may be suitable: it makes Jon's job easier and keeps the rest of us entertained.

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

David Mitchell

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 628 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

## PRESIDING

President David Mitchell welcomed the 87 members and a visitor (Gary Mckenzie) attending.

## APOLOGIES

Jennie Green, Tim Paech, Courtney Field, Ken & Sandra Batson, Jack Harman, Peter & Sandra Boast, Tiny Stonehouse, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Noreen Mellington, Nic Neeson, Lyn Jordan, John Hickford and Rhonda Alexander.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Bernie Turner Carried

## SICK LIST

Courtney Field, Clive Shaw, Ken Batson and Helen Graham.

## MINUTES

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

Following the meeting it was noted that the previous minutes should have referred to Clive Shaw (and not Clyde).

Moved: Ray van Galen

Seconded: Graham Baldock Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

### INWARD

*Letters In*

Nil

*Emails In*

- Colac Swap Meet- October 22nd at Colac Racecourse.
- Benalla Festival Show & Shine - invitation to attend their Show & Shine November 11.
- Chris Butters - informing the club of the passing of his grandfather Arthur Good on 7 October.

### OUTWARD

*Letters Out*

Nil

*Emails Out*

Nil

Moved: Fred Dossier

Seconded: Max McKenzie 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)

This month's guest speaker was from the Geelong Beekeepers group. He made a very informative presentation on the lifecycle of the honeybee and the current serious threat to the industry from the rapidly spreading Verroa mite.

## LIBRARY (Phil)

Phil told the meeting about several new additions to the library.

## DINE OUT (Sharyn)

Waurn Ponds Hotel this month.

## EDITOR (Jon)

Nothing to report this month.

## WEBSITE (Damien)

No report this month.

## FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

David will be attending the Federation meeting in Echuca later this month.

David reminded members to have any items ready for sale at the Club's Bendigo swap site.

## COMMITTEE REPORT (Tony)

The Committee's discussions included:

- Bendigo Swap bus booking;
- Membership sausage sizzle booked for Feb 25<sup>th</sup> in 2024; and
- Display Cars requested (see Backfire for details).

## MERCHANDISE (David M)

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

## TINKER DAY (Dallas)

Last month's Tinker Day was be a tour of a local motor bike collection. Next month will be at a Werribee workshop with lunch in a nearby Park. November's visit will be to a Buick collection in Wallington.

## MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

No competition this month

## VEHICLE PERMITS (Fred for Gus)

VicRoads has made further changes to the Permit Scheme.

Robin Evans had his 1943 Willy's Jeep on display. The car was built in Canada and shipped to Australia. Robin purchased the car from its Barwon Heads restorer earlier this year.

## RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Ken)

See the Backfire for details on coming events

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

Events attended by members include:

- Libby reported on the Coffee Run to Frank's attended by 33 members. President David formally thanked Col and Frank's daughter for making the day such a success.
- Geoff thought the Casserole Lunch was brilliant.
- In perfect weather 33 members attended the Werribee Zoo run

### LONG DISTANCE RALLY (TBC)

See details in 2024.

### TECH NIGHT (Peter)

This month will cover "Differentials".

### KITCHEN (Pam)

No report.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Brian Edward has won the Local Hero first prize that comes with a \$20,000 donation to his nominated charity. Many members will be aware of Brian's decades of inspirational service to the annual camps he organises. The meeting joined President David in formally congratulating Brian.

Tony reminded the members of the Studebaker Concourse on the Waterfront on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

And finally...Happy Birthday to Ray Matthews who turned 90 today!

### FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

Gus has brought an interesting rare Volvo.

Robert Jenkins' friend in Adelaide might be selling his AC.

Meeting closed. 8.34pm.

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 14 November 2023 in the clubrooms.**

- Leigh Dwyer

## The Willys Jeep

The Willys MB and the Ford GPW, both formally called the U.S. Army Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, Command Reconnaissance, commonly known as the Willys Jeep, Jeep, or jeep, and sometimes referred to by its Standard Army vehicle supply number G-503, were highly successful American off-road capable, light military utility vehicles.

Well over 600,000 were built to a single standardized design, for the United States and the Allied forces in World War II, from 1941 until 1945. This also made it (by its light weight) the world's first mass-produced four-wheel drive car, built in six-figure numbers.

Source: Wikipedia

## October Feature Vehicle

Robin Evans parked his beautifully restored 1943 Willys Jeep in the workshop this month. Robin said the Jeep was built in Ontario, Canada, and shipped to NSW to join the 2/14th Artillery. The vehicle apparently saw all its war service in Australia.

Robin explained that he was trying to buy some old fashioned water pipe, which was good for bending and welding. He got talking to the seller, who said he also had some motor bikes in the shed. Naturally, inspection was required and in the course of this perusal Robin noticed the fully restored Jeep in the corner. It was for sale.

Apparently the "Minister for Finance" was not keen initially, but she came round after a few weeks. "Now she quite likes it," Robin quipped.



# RALLIES & RUNS

## October Tinker Day to Revival Auto Parts in Derrimut



... a bit of a chat about nothing in particular



Factory Manager Kent Davey with Dallas Jones.

A perfect day for an outing: the weather could not have been better. Fifteen members gathered at the Little River BP servo. They must have been very excited because they were there early. After a bit of a chat about nothing in particular and a coffee from the servo, we had a discussion on how to get to Revival Auto Parts and then we set off. As expected the traffic was busy but not a problem.



On arrival at the factory we picked up another member and a visitor, so we had 17 on the day. I wasn't sure what to expect going to a factory but as it turned out, it was absolutely amazing.

We were met by Justin and manager, Kent. Kent shut down factory operations and took us on a tour of the whole place. The company has been around in under various ownerships and names for more than 50 years. Kent explained the history of the place and the sort of work they did there. Services include restoration of every brake and clutch part you can think of.

Every part they make is tested beyond its usual operational capacity to ensure it won't fail in service.



Every part ... is tested beyond its usual operational capacity

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In just the last few months, they have branched out into racing and performance supplies. I think this has come about due to Kent having 30+ years of motor racing experience and seeing the need. They have a huge range of spares. I felt like a kid in a candy store but managed to contain myself and only purchased one item. Which I actually needed.

After a tour of a little over one hour and lots of questions, I think we were all surprised when we were told to help ourselves to a snag off the BBQ. And help themselves the members did! Also supplied was a cold drink and a drink holder. I had not expected anything like this, but it was greatly appreciated. They were so welcoming of our visit and that we travelled up from Geelong.

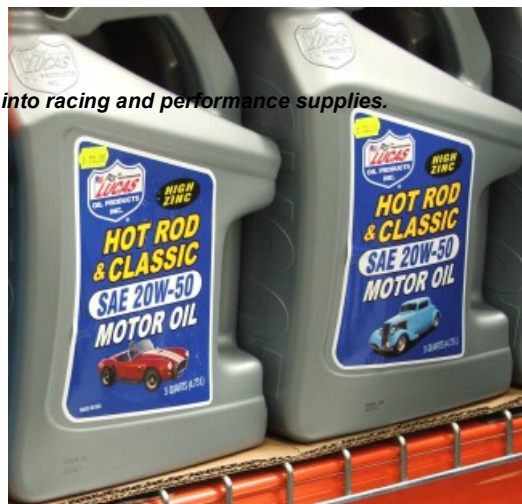


I certainly know where to go for that elusive brake part or to get it refurbished. After more than two hours I had to extract the members from the place: they seemed to have settled in! I thought these people might need to get on with their day.

A big thanks to the team at Revival Auto Parts for a great day. *Story: Dallas Jones. Photos: Ray van Galen*



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# Other Events

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

Oct 29 2023	<b>HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market</b>	St. Anthony's School Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Cnr Neerim & Grange Rds, Caulfield East
Oct 29 2023	<b>FX-FJ Holden Show &amp; Shine</b>	10am-3pm South Gardens, Lake Wendouree
Nov 11 & 12	<b>Bendigo National Swap Meet.</b>	Entry: Sat only \$15. Sun only \$5. Children 15 and under free. Public: Gates open Sat 6 AM. Sun 7 AM. Sheds open 7 AM. Details <a href="http://www.bendigowrap.com.au">www.bendigowrap.com.au</a> . Site bookings 0427 446 660. General enquiries 0434 730 822. <a href="mailto:info@bendigowrap.com.au">info@bendigowrap.com.au</a>
Nov 18-19 2023	<b>Daylesford Collectables fair</b>	Daylesford Town Hall
Nov 26 2023	<b>Maldon Swap Meet</b>	Maldon Racecourse Reserve (Vic)
Nov 26 2023	<b>Ballarat Show 'n Glow Car Show</b>	South Gardens, Lake Wendouree
Dec 3 2023	<b>Llanely Motorbike Swap</b>	Motorcycle only swap meet, Llanely public hall (near Bendigo)
Jan 14 2024	<b>Lang Lang Swap meet TBC</b>	Lang Lang Showgrounds
Jan 13/14 2024	<b>Geelong Model Boat &amp; Classic Truck Show</b>	Geelong Showgrounds
Jan 21 2024	<b>Centre State Swap Meet</b>	Bendigo Racecourse
Jan 28 2024	<b>Wonthaggi Swap Meet</b>	Wonthaggi Rec Reserve



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# Events Calendar

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

**Friday 27 October**

**Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

**Sunday 29 October**

**Club Run Back to Stieglitz**. We have been invited to display our special cars on the day from 10am to 2pm. We are advised to bring a picnic lunch. There will be people there to explain the history of Stieglitz and its buildings, which will be open.

Numbers needed for parking purposes. Meet on Cox Rd Norlane, just before the power substation and leave at 9.15am sharp.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351

**Thursday 2 November**

**Coffee Run** We will venture out to the corner of Bellarine Highway and Melaleuca Rd Leopold. There is a bakery with cakes and coffee on the opposite corner and plenty of parking as well. See you there from 10am for a chat, a brew and a chew. If the weather is inclement the option is the rotunda or the bakery for cover. Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026.

**Saturday 11 November**

**Bendigo Swap** Bus leaves the clubrooms at 7am. \$20 for the bus & \$15 entry - bring correct change please.

Contact: Jon 0417 311 441.

**Tuesday 14 November**

**General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

**Wednesday 15 October**

**Dine Out at Commun Na Feine.** 6pm

Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537.

**Thursday 16 November**

**Tinker Day.** Visit to a car collection in Wallington. Those in town to meet at clubrooms at 10am for a 10.15 departure. Members on the Bellarine might like to meet on Swan Bay Rd. outside Adventure Park. We will gather there for a few minutes before heading off to our destination.

Contact: Dallas 0432 172 171

**Sunday 19 November**

**Club run to Cobden Pioneer Park**, where our club cars will be on display. Numbers required by 15 Nov. There will be market stalls, historical displays, boot sales etc. Meet at Waurm Ponds parking bay, on Princes Highway. Depart 8.30 am sharp

**Tuesday 21 November**

**Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms

**Wednesday 22 November.**

**Allan David Lodge** 1pm to 3pm. I have a few vacancies for cars to show the residents. Afternoon tea supplied. I need names by 18 Nov for catering.

Thank you to all that participated in our club runs for 2023 and I hope i can encourage more members for 2024. So if you have something that could be an interest just let me know. Thanks.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351

**Sunday 26 November.**

**Geelong Revival Club Display.** We have 10 spots to display cars. To book your spot call Simon 0414 482 241

**Monday 27 November**

**Dec. Backfire Deadline** 5pm. **Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441**

**Tuesday 28 November**

**Tech Night "Threads"** Metric, UNC, BSF, UNF, BA, BSW . Coarse thread, fine thread, square thread and V thread. Pitch, depth and diameter. Knuckles, buttresses and worms. My head is spinning! It can drive you nuts! All welcome. Wear your name badge and get a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG! Be there at 7pm, so we can set up for a 7.30pm start.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

**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

**Saturday 16th 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. Numbers required by 14 November, with payment . 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. Call Sharyn 0417 546 089.

**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



# October Guest Speaker

## “Sweet Talked by a Beekeeper”



Stephen Davey, from the Geelong Beekeepers Club was our guest speaker at the October meeting. Stephen gave an interesting and entertaining talk about bee keeping and the challenges being faced, before leaving us with an invitation to take on a few hives ourselves.

Stephen introduced the topic by cleverly relating bees to some classic cars, giving away jars of sweetness to those who could answer his questions along the way.

A hive is the bees' more permanent home, where they build wax honeycomb, generally hanging down inside a cavity such as a tree trunk house wall etc. The bees use the cells in the comb to store flower nectar, pollen, babies (brood) and honey.



Honey is spare/excess nectar that the bees dehydrate, then cap the cells with a thin layer of wax.

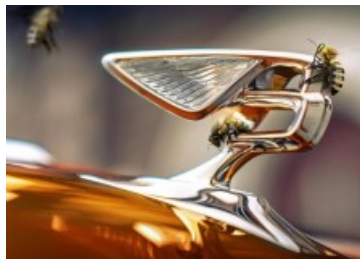
In the mid 1800s Lorenzo Langstroth realized that if you provided a dark box with removable frames set a small distance apart, the bees would happily build their comb and store their honey within the frames.



Frames can be carefully lifted out of the boxes to inspect the hive or extract honey and then inserted without upsetting the bees too much.

He showed this image then asked if anyone could identify any of the Bees.

Jim Coates took a stab and correctly identified the Bentley Flying B bonnet ornament - and scored the first jar of honey. The flying B first appeared on the 1930 8 litre as an optional feature, priced at five guineas. The other bee was the European honey bee (*Apis Melifera*)



This 1939 Delahaye 135M Cabriolet was a temporary home for a settled swarm.

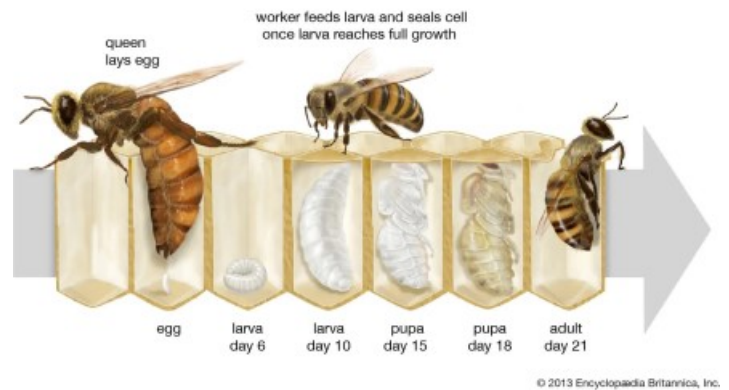


Stephen said it was unclear why bees swarms settle on cars but it was quite common. “Ideally, don't leave your windows down when parked because getting rid of a swarm on outside of the car is a lot easier than one on the inside,” he said.



The difference between a swarm and a hive was that a swarm consisted of between 20,000 and 100,000 bees and a queen hunting, for a new home. Swarms settle temporarily on suitable surfaces and the bees cling together to keep warm while a

few scouts search for a more permanent home. Swarms are generally not aggressive as they don't have any honey or babies to protect or look after.



Stephen said there were three types of bees in a hive: firstly female worker bees – anywhere from 20,000 200,000. They do all the work, feeding, cleaning, comb building. They decide if the queen needs replacing.

Secondly the Queen bee which lays between 2000 and 2500 eggs a day in spring and summer.

Thirdly the boys (drones) whose sole job is to mate with other Queens (2 to 400-odd in a hive).

The incubation period of a worker bee was about 21 days. Queens took slightly less (16 days) and a drone slightly longer (24 days). The Queen generally laid in an oval pattern in the centre of the frame in the lower boxes and the worker bees store pollen and honey around the edges. The Queen lays tiny eggs about the size of a grain of rice and the eggs turn into a small grub/larvae after a couple of days. The worker bees cap the cells containing the grubs after about eight days and they hatch as bees after 21 days. In spring and summer worker bees only live for about 40 to 50 days.

# October Guest Speaker

## “Sweet Talked by a Beekeeper”

So while the queen lays thousands of eggs a day and thousands of bees are hatching every day (after 21 days incubation), thousands are also dying.

Generally bees store honey above the brood in the upper boxes. Here is a frame almost completely full of honey capped over and ready for harvesting.



To extract the honey from the frames beekeepers uncap the wax covered cells, which can be done with a long knife for a few frames but commercial operators use a special uncapping machine.



Once uncapped frames are loaded into a spinning machine and spun inside a drum, flinging the honey out by centrifugal force. The honey drains to the bottom of the tank and is drawn off through a filter.

Natural honey can be extremely variable in colour and taste depending on what floral resources the bees are finding. It may candy or crystallise over time. Gently warm crystallised honey in sunlight or a saucepan of warm water to return it to a runny consistency. Don't microwave honey.



Commercial or supermarket honey is a blend of multiple different honeys and corn syrup which is micro filtered so there are no minute particles of pollen common which limits the chance of crystallization.

### Can you become a beekeeper?

Are you prepared to look like this?



Are you anaphylactic? (Then bees are not a good idea.)

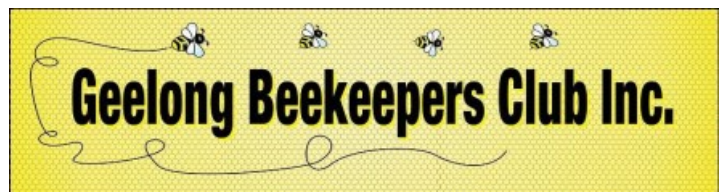
Do you have about 10 m<sup>2</sup> of space available in your yard?



Can you devote one to two hours every two to three weeks during spring and summer?

If so, you could :

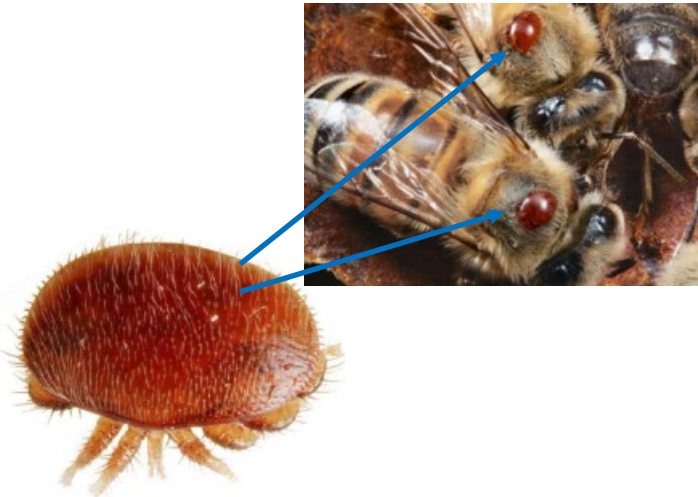
- 1 Join the club – Geelong Beekeepers Club  
<https://geelongbeekeepersclub.org.au/>
- 2 Do a beekeeping course.
- 3 Register – it's free.



*Ctd overleaf*

## “Sweet Talked by a Beekeeper”

### The threat of the Varroa Mite



Bees are under threat from the recently-introduced Varroa Mite.

Until 18 months ago Australia was the only country in the world without the Varroa Mite. Sadly this is no longer the case. The mites infect a hive and live off young bee brood. Without aggressive management and treatment most hives will be killed within 12 months.

The mite arrived in New Zealand in the early 2000s and has regularly killed off about 50% of their hives.

Overseas experience has shown that Varroa almost completely wipes out all the feral or bush hives – all those that aren't managed by beekeeper. A lot of hives managed by beekeepers also die, meaning that there are dramatically fewer bees available to pollinate crops.

Varroa is the modern day equivalent of the rabbit, fox or cane toad.

“So we desperately need more beekeeper keepers who can help manage and nurture our dwindling bee population,” Stephen said.

*Story taken from Stephen's presentation notes.*

*- Ed.*



## Servicing Electric Vehicles

- from an ABC News article.

Dealers typically generate significant profits from car-servicing contracts. However, that revenue is under threat because electric vehicles need a lot less servicing.

Tyres, wipers and fluids still need to be checked, but EVs do not have radiators or fuel lines to maintain nor spark plugs to replace. The article did not mention the engine oil and filters.

Programs are being run to help mechanics and dealers upskill to handle the new wave of electric vehicle customers.

Tasmanian Automotive Chamber of Commerce state manager Bruce McIntosh said it was "imperative" that everyone who worked on electric vehicles knew how to get the job done safely.

"We're dealing with systems that are upwards of 400 volts. So serious injury and, in some cases, electrocution are realities," he said.

"Training is needed for a range of professionals who deal with cars, from panel beaters, tow truck drivers to motor mechanics".

My warning: The orange wires carry the high voltages and need to be treated carefully.

While some sections of the auto industry are embracing change, Clive Attwater from the Tasmanian branch of the Australia Electric Vehicle Association, has seen some reluctance.

"Many of the mechanics that I've spoken to said, 'Hey, I'm in my 50s. Why would I bother to learn that new stuff now? I got enough to keep me busy till I retire'," he said.

Read the full article at:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-05/dealers-facing-challenges-as-industry-moves-to-electric-vehicles/101618594>

- Lindsay Alford

*More articles:*

[Why EVs are so much cheaper to service than petrol cars | RACV](#)

[Are Electric Cars Cheaper To Service And Maintain? | RAC WA](#)



# RALLIES & RUNS

## Coffee Run to Frank McKenzie's

Some photos of the Coffee Run to Frank McKenzie's place, enjoyed by 33 people on 5 October.  
(See the President's Idle Chatter for more comments.)

Photos: Rod Booley



## VALE – CLIVE SHAW

12/11/1936 – 14/10/2023

We were saddened to learn that Clive Shaw passed away on 14 October 2023.

Clive was born in England in 1936 and grew up near Birmingham. He came to Australia in 1951.

Jocelyn, his wife of 57 years, passed away in 2016



As an accountant, he joined the staff of the then City Of Geelong in 1979 as the City Treasurer, where he also oversaw the management of the Market Square shopping centre which was then owned by the Council. Clive retired in 1994.

Clive and Jocelyn were active W.D.H.V.C. members for many years and their club vehicle, a Daimler, is now owned by another club member.



Clive served on our Club's Committee for 10 years from 2000 to 2010 and during all that time he was the Minute Secretary, recording the proceedings of meetings. He also used his skills in reviewing the Club's Constitution and Bylaws in 2013.

Clive was a valued member of our Club and we extend our deepest sympathy to his daughters, Janis and Trish and the extended family.

- Jim Coates & Trevor Schneider

*Clive's daughter Janis has passed on the following:*

Dad's funeral is to be held on Friday 10 November starting at 10am at All Saints Church, Noble Street, Newtown. My sister is yet to arrive from London, so we have delayed accordingly.

After the Funeral people are welcome to either join us at Geelong Eastern Cemetery for the Burial at 11.30am, or go to "The Commo" pub and enjoy refreshments/lunch. Those who have been to the burial service will return to Commun Na Feine for lunch.

Dad absolutely loved being part of the Car Club for all his time in it. I had occasions over the years to join mum and dad, and then just dad at some events and it brought him such joy.

## Great Mars Bar Competition

### The November Competition



November sees us looking at a beautiful little girl in the Great Mars Bar competition, who now sits amongst us now as a beautiful adult member of our great club.

We all know this little girl very well and guessing who she is will get you a gob smacking, huge Mars bar all to yourself. A second Mars Bar is on offer if you tell us where she was born.

- Ray van Galen

### More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

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



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## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### For Sale

**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 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](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com) (Ph 0417 311 441).

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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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### 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**



**For Sale** One 6.00.16 brand new tyre. \$100. Call Colin 0406 633 283. **9/23**

### 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.**

### **It's Your Newsletter, so Keep Contributing!**

Don't forget to send me your contributions. Emailed, hand delivered, posted, by SMS or carrier pigeon! Hand written or typed. Don't leave it to the faithful few or your editor. If you are at an event, take a photo on your phone or scribble a few notes. Send them to:  
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1956 Daimler Conquest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Club Run to Stieglitz. 9.15am Cox Rd sub station HTPAA Tool Market	30	31 October	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Coffee Run. 10am Bakery cnr B'rine Hwy & Melaleuca Rd Leopold	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bendigo Swap. Bus leaves clubrooms 7am
<b>EXTREME WEATHER</b> (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.						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> General Meeting 7.30pm	<b>15</b> Dine Out 6pm Commun Na Feine	<b>16</b> Tinker Day Wallington-Clubrooms 10.15am or Adventure Park	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 18/19 Daylesford Collectibles
<b>19</b> Club Run to Cobden. Leave Waurm Ponds LayBy 8.3am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Committee Meeting	<b>22</b> Allan David Lodge. Club car display 1pm.-.3pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Geelong Revival Display Maldon & B'rat	<b>27</b> Backfire Deadline	<b>28</b> 7pm Tech Night "Threads"	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	1 December Backfire Folding Morning	2
3 Llanelly Bike Swap	4	5	6	<b>7</b> Coffee Run. ArtRocks Inverleigh Fyansford 9.30am	8	9