BACKFIRE

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The President's Piece

notes from a big country



Greetings All,

Another month has gone by, and with it a range of activities to engage our members. The good news is that Phil Abbott has agreed to be our apprentice minute-taker, for this we are very grateful.

Guest speakers at our next meeting will be James and Simon who will tell us about their Variety Bash adventures, and their vehicle will be there to take a look at.

The Long Distance Rally to Mt Gambier is underway, so we look forward to hearing all about their adventures. Sincere thanks to Lyn Jordan for all the work that goes into these trips. Thanks to Gus and Ivan who hosted a great Tinker Day held on yet another wet and cold day, so pleasing that so many brave the elements to come out to make these days a success Remember to check the calendar of events each month.

BREAKING NEWS!

Save the date

Friday 29th November is our Glittering Christmas Evening of music, dancing and delicious food!

Please find details in the next Backfire. Get in quick . Yes, the sun will shine again, and we'll continue to get out and about in our cars.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEEETING No 639 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

MEETING OPENED: 7:31pm

PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors to meeting No 639.

APOLOGIES

J Breedveld, K Lorenz, G Baldock, H Graham, L Graham, A Tipper, D Tucker, A McLaws, R Roach, L Roach, T Stonehouse, J Green, L Hose, M Hose, J Hickford, C Field

Moved: J Coates

Seconded: L Booley

Carried

SICK LIST

Nil

MINUTES

The minutes of the August general meeting as published in the Backfire be confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: B Turner

Seconded: M Mckenzie

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

The Jordan Family – Thanking the club for their thoughts on the passing of Lyn's father

Emails In

Geelong Arts Society – asking permission to use the Simpson Pavillion during the Geelong Show 16th-21st October 2024

Rotary Club Frankston – invitation to attend their Motor Show on 1st December 2024

Halcyon Auctions – an auction of interesting cars on Sunday 20th October at 2pm.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

Get well card to John Bailey on his recent visit to hospital

Sympathy Card - Lyn & Col Jordan on the

passing of Lyn's father

Ross Ardiri – Vic Roads to inform he is a financial member of the WDHVC

New Members – Welcome letter sent to Terry and Raelene Fraser who were approved at the last committee meeting

Emails Out

Nil

Consumer Affairs Victoria – lodging of financial statement and payment

Moved: L Booley

Seconded: F Dosser

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts for to be passed for payment.

Moved: M Healy

Seconded: L Booley

Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Next Meeting Simon Anderson and James Park will present a report on their recent experience competing in the SXXX BOX Rally including having their car (Ford Laser) on display.

LIBRARY (Phil)

7 new books have been added to the Library

DINE OUT (Sharyn)

11th September at Buckleys

EDITOR (Jon)

Nil

WEBSITE (Damien)

Nil

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

Nil

COFFEE RUN (Colin)

10 cars attended the visit to Ocean Mist

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

where tea and scones were provided. Numbers were a bit down on normal coffee run attendance.

October run will be to Artisan of Australia Art Gallery and Café with an option to visit Greg's bike collection afterwards.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No report

MERCHANDISE (David M)

Nil

TINKER DAY (Dallas)

September 19th Tinker Day has been changed at late notice. It will now be at Gus and Pam Shea's farm.

October 17th is a visit to CFA workshops and Museum at Newport (refer Backfire for details)

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

No red plates added this month

There is a chance we may get to have a Rolls Royce for display sometime soon.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS

See reports in the Backfire

BBQ in the bush was held on 25th August. Good turn out with 34 people.

September 22^{nd} is a run to Ballarat to visit 2 collections.

18th to 20th October is the Warnambool weekend.

10th November there will be a visit to Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff at 10:30 am followed by lunch at the Bowling Club.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Lyn Jordan)

Departs next week. 8 couples participating.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

September 24th will be a "Show and Tell"

SWAP MEET (David M)

Nil

KITCHEN (Pam)

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

The end of year Christmas Function will again be entertainment from the Soul Sister Swing group to be held on Friday 29th November. There will be a meal included.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

Confession from Ken Parry that he had an eventful experience after he had a breakdown on the Hume while towing a trailer. Unfortunately the trailer detached while on the back of the tow truck. Fortunately it was later found but with damage. Ken not happy.

David Mitchell reported a Peugeot 203 barn find available if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting to be held at 7:30pm on 8th October 2024 in the Clubrooms

David Mitchell

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: Mob. 0417 311 441 or editor@wdhvcgeelong .com



Food for thought

Signs You Should Stop Driving

On the road, little mistakes can have big consequences for you and the people around you. So, if you find yourself doing any of the following while you're driving, it might be time to consider other forms of transport:

- Getting lost consistently
- Colliding with or scraping against stationary objects (like a car, pole, or wall) while parking
- Getting confused while interpreting traffic signals or signs
- Failing to stop at red lights or stop signs
- Mistaking the accelerator for the brake
- Stopping at green lights

If you're unsure about your own ability to <u>drive</u>, or you're concerned about an <u>older family member</u> behind the wheel, consider undergoing a driving fitness test with the licencing body in your state, (for example, VicRoads in Victoria). This way, you'll have an independent opinion on your or your loved one's driving ability and receive professional advice on the next steps.

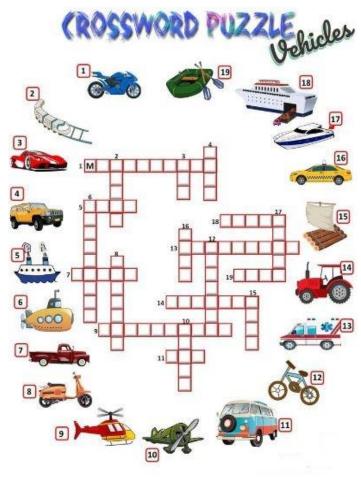
Otherwise, if it's not yet time to completely give up <u>driving</u>, you can make a few minor changes that might help minimise your risk of having an accident. For instance, you could avoid driving in low light, or when the weather is especially bad. Or you could limit your car use to familiar roads within a certain distance of your home.



Getting Around Without Driving

Living life without your driver's licence might mean making a few adjustments, but it shouldn't affect your lifestyle. For example, rather than driving to the local supermarket or pharmacist, you could opt for home delivery. And when you'd like to get out and about, you could ask a friend or family member to drive you, take public transport, or make use of a home care service for safe and easy transport. There are plenty of fuss-free options to keep you mobile and independent, without taking extra risks.

Could you use some help getting from A to B? Here at <u>Simply Helping</u>, we offer a range of flexible <u>home care services</u>, including <u>transport</u>! We can take you to and from doctor's appointments, social outings, and more.



Automotive History Fun Facts

- 1. The Term "Tune-Up" Was Created By Henry Ford While Working On His First Automobile PrototypeHenry Ford spent a lot of time working on the automobile, and he noticed that when the coils worked together properly, they would buzz. If the coils didn't make the buzzing sound, it showed they needed an adjustment that he later called a "tune-up."
- 2. The First Electric Vehicle Was Created In 1832Robert Anderson created the first electric-powered vehicle in 1832. Then in the 1990s, General Motors produced the EV1, otherwise known as the first mass-produced electric car. Today, many drivers are opting to purchase an electric car to reduce their carbon footprint.
- 3. The Worlds First Automobile Race Was In 1895 With A Winning Speed Of 15 MPHThings have changed quite a bit since 1895, and luckily, cars can move a lot faster than 15. If cars could still only drive a maximum of 15 mph, it would take a long time to get around.
- 4. **Car**Steering wheels were invented in Cleveland, Ohio, by a man named Alexander Winton. Back in 1896, Winton began a series of inventions relating to cars and is most known for his steering wheel.
- 5. The Car Radio Was First Introduced By Chevrolet 1922, the first car radio was introduced by Chevrolet. The government wanted to ban it because it could be considered a distraction, but the ban didn't go through. By 1963, most vehicles had radios in them.

The average age of cars on the road in 2010 was 10.6 years, and in 2019 it was 11.8. This number is ex-

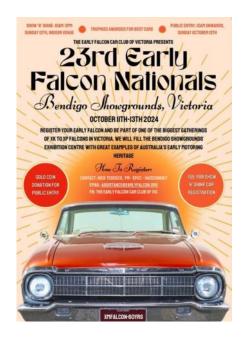
6. Cars On The Road Are Getting Older Over Time-

pected to continue growing as newer vehicles are built with more complex technology, allowing them to have a longer lifespan.

- 7. The Most Common Car Color Is White And The Least Popular Car Color Is PurpleWhite, black, and gray are the most popular car colors, and you probably could have guessed that just by looking at the other cars on the road. Brighter, less-common colors like purple, orange, and yellow are not as easy to find.
- 8. There Are About 50 Pounds Of Copper Wiring In The Average CarThere's about 40 pounds of copper in the electrical system, and 10 pounds of copper are found in non-electrical systems. That's a lot of copper wiring and parts! Luckily, you can leave that all to your mechanic.
- 9. Only One Out Of Every Three Technicians Pass
 The ASE Certification Exam On Their First TryThe
 certification test is a very difficult test as cars are
 complex and made up of many parts. Here at
 Wrench, we have hundreds of ASE-certified techs all
 over the country that will bring our convenient services right to your location













Some Other Events





Other Events

Source: swap-meets (ozwrenches.com) and individual event flyers

Oct 5-6	Alexandra Heritage Festival	Heritage machinery festival - Alexandra Museum			
Oct 5-6	Bendigo Collectables Fair	Showgrounds			
Oct 6	Sandown Swap	Sandown Park Hotel Carpark, Noble Park, 10am start			
Oct 13	Colac Swap	Colac Racecourse, enq Graham 0428 394 249			
Oct 13	Charlton Swap	Charlton			
Oct 20	Bacchus Marsh Swap	Maddingley Park			
Oct 27	Talbot Swap	Talbot Football Ground			
Oct 27	HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Mark	et St. Anthony's School Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East			
Nov 10	Edenhope Swap	Edenhope Show Grounds			
Nov 10	Maldon Swap	Maldon Racecourse,. Text Mark 0414 244 842			
Nov 16-17	Bendigo Swap	Bendigo Showground			
Nov 17	Cobden Swap	Cobden Showground Cobden Pioneer Park			
Nov 23	Gippsland Vintage & Collectibles	s Gippsland Regional Sports Stadium, Traralgon			
Nov 24	Maldon Swap	Maldon Racecourse,. Text Mark 0414 244 842			
Nov 24	Wangaratta Swap	Wangaratta Showgrounds			
Nov 24	Sandown Swap	Sandown Park Hotel Carpark, Noble Park, 10am start			
Dec 7/8	Glenlyon Swap	Glenlyon Swap Meet and Car Show, Glenlyon Rec Reserve			
Dec 24	Sandown Swap	Sandown Park Hotel Carpark, Noble Park, 10am start			



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

Friday 27 September

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 3 OctoberCoffee Run. Artisan of Australia Art Gallery and Café, 1475 Portarlington Rd Curlewis, (on the recommendation of a member). Cakes and scones available!!!! Around 10 am at the venue or meet at the Clubrooms for a 9.45am departure. The entrance is a bit tricky: you need to be in the left lane and move into the emergency lane when you see the "60 ahead" sign. The entrance is at the end of the tin fence. The venue is back before the first set of traffic lights into Drysdale. ie. where the speed drops from 80 to 60. Be safe. In addition to the coffee run there is the opportunity to visit Greg's place to see his items for sale, (see Page 15). We will aim to be there from 11.30am, with the option to have lunch there. BYO lunch & chair, with tea and coffee available.

Contact: Col The Coffee Co-ordinator. 0425 822 026.

Tuesday 8 October General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 9 October Dine Out will be at the Peninsula Hotel 6pm.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Thursday 10 October Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms. (because of Geelong Show)

Thursday 17 October Tinker Day CFA workshops/museum at Newport. We will be sharing this run and venue with the Ulysses M.C. BBQ provided by the Club at the venue. Meet at the Melbourne bound BP servo on the Ring Road at 9 30am. If people are reluctant to drive in Melbourne, car -pooling can be an option. Please contact me if you want a ride or organise it between friends. List at October meeting for catering purposes.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026.

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 October.

3 day Club Run. A 2 night/3 day run.

Motel is \$139 a night. A limited number of rooms at this motel have been booked, so please let me know ASAP if you need a room, and no later than 4 Oct. Itinerary follows.

Friday 18 Oct. Leave Geelong at 9am. Morning tea at Colac. Proceed to Warrnambool via Cobden. Lunch will be at Cheese World, Allansford. We may have a tour of speedway if weather is dry. we then head to our motel for a rest and chat and then via a free bus out for tea.

Saturday 19 Oct. We will look at Warrnambool car museum and the collectable market next door in the morning. Lunch is where you want it. In the afternoon we will visit another collection and possibly the Warrnambool Car Club, whose members will join in. Then back to our motel for a rest and chat. Tea will be via a free bus again.

Sunday 20 Oct. In the morning we will be looking at a motor bike collection at Grassmere Junction just out of Warrnambool with the Warrnambool Car Club joining us. (He is opening up the shop just for us). Then we head to Allansford to Warrnambool Car Club rooms for a BBQ lunch. There will be a small charge per head. Then we head home after, I hope, a great weekend.

Contact: Ken 0437 254 351

Monday 21 October Nov. Backfire Deadline 5pm Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441

Tuesday 22 Octoberup for a 7.30 pm start. **Tech Night** "**TBC"** All welcome. Arrive at 7 pm, so we can set *Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*

Friday 25 October Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms. Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thurs 7 November Coffee Run 10am Contact: Col the Coffee Co-ordinator. 0425 822 026. **Sunday Nov 10**th a visit to Cottage by the Sea. meet at the venue at 10.30 am. I have wish list sheets available so if not at the club meetings give me a ring if attending as I intend to book for lunch at the Queenscliffe Bowling Club.

Wednesday Nov 20th at 1.00pm / 3.00pm our annual visit to Allen David Lodge just past Grovedale railway overpass on the left. we will be serve with afternoon tea. we will meet out there. I would like if we could get 12 or so classic and vintage cars to give the resident a bit of excitement of their early days.

**Contact: Ken 0437 254 351*

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RALLIES & RUNS

Tinker Day at Vellas. 2024. By Adrian Van Der Lee

















RALLIES & RUNS

Coffee Run to Ocean Mist Aged Care

By Adrian Van Der Lee













Letters to the Editor



A Message of Thanks from Lindsay Hose

Lindsay Hose has reached out with heartfelt gratitude for all the get-well wishes he has received during his recovery. He deeply appreciates the kindness and encouragement from everyone, which has meant a great deal to him during this time.

A special thank you goes out to Gus Shea, whose support has been particularly noted and appreciated by Lindsay. You truly made a difference.

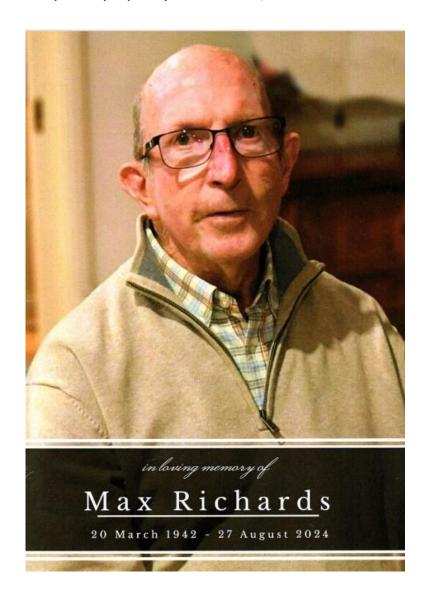
On a personal note, both Teena and I want to extend our best wishes to Lindsay. It's wonderful to hear that his recovery is progressing well. We look forward to seeing him back in full health soon.

Warm regards, Gus (little Gus)

VALE - MAX RICHARDS

We were saddened to learn that Max passed away on the 27th August 2024. Max restored his first MGB in the 1980s and was a long term, regular attender at WDHVC meetings and he was also active with the MG Car Club.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth and the extended family.





Morries Tour Tasmania March 2025

A group of mainland veteran and vintage Morris owners and enthusiasts will be touring the Beautiful Apple Isle from 10 to 21 March 2025.

Here's our itinerary:

Mon 10 Arriving on the Spirit of Tasmania. Overnight in Devonport.

Tue 11 Devonport to Burnie via Penguin. Afternoon optional trip to Stanley. Overnight in Burnie.

Wed 12 Burnie to Queenstown. Take the adventurous C252 over the Pieman or the A10 via Zeehan. Overnight in Queenstown.

Thu 13 Explore Queenstown and Strahan. Overnight in Queenstown.

Fri 14 Queenstown to Hobart. Lunch at the Tarraleah hydro power station. Overnight in Hobart.

Sat 15 Free day in Hobart. Overnight in Hobart.

Sun 16 In the hands of local Morris men Cedric Reid & Don Jeffrey. A run around the Hobart area is planned. Overnight in Hobart.

Mon 17 Hobart to Swansea via Richmond for morning tea. Lunch at Orford for overnight stay in Swansea.

Tue 18 Swansea to Launceston via Campbell Town for morning tea, lunch at Evandale. Overnight in Launceston.

Wed 19 Explore Launceston. Overnight in Launceston.

Thu 20 Launceston run to explore the Tamar valley. Overnight in Launceston.

Fri 21 Launceston to Devonport. Overnight in Devonport.

Sat 22 Day sail on the *Spirit of Tasma-nia* to Geelong in Victoria.

Tinker Day

The recent Tinker day was held at Gus Shea's on a very windy cold wet day. Thanks to those that ventured out. Sending a few pics by Pam Shea

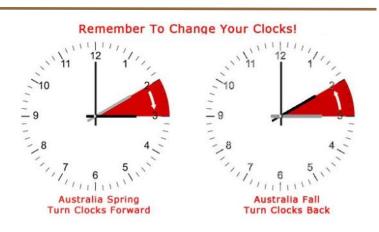


September General Meeting included awards for 50 years or more membership.

These were the first of a series of awards that will be presented at future meetings. Here we have Trevor and Sandra Schneider, Judith and Ray Matthews, Max and Gwen Tucker with John Bailey presenting the awards.



Australia daylight saving time begins on the first Sunday in October



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES Wanted

Wanted - Classic Cars & Drivers for Wedding

Club member Shayne Gardiner is asking members with classic cars to contact him about potentially hiring cars & drivers for a couple hours for his wedding, to be held in late 2025 or early 2026. He wants "something classy like a Rolls Royce, Bentley, Austin Princess, Jaguar or Mercedes, maybe around 1940s to 1960s." Need to be roomy enough for a bridal party.

Call Shayne on 0431 465 742 if you can help.

8/24

Clues

Clues. Autocycles & Motorbikes.

All unrestored.

Autocycles: Rudge Whitworth, Malvern Star, new

Hudson, 2 unknown.

Motorbikes: Excelsior 3 speed hand change; Coventry Eagle 3 speed hand change; James Cadet 150cc. 3 speed; James 98cc 2 speed. Villiers parts, tools and miscellaneous items (motorbike work stand, work benches, glass display cabinets, hi lift jack, anvil, klaxton hand operated horn).

Call Greg 0408 522 276.

9/24





FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES For Sale

For Sale. Car tandem trailer Good condition. Fresh paint. Few rust holes in rear floor. Easy repair. Reg S32037. \$2500 ono. Call Colin 0408 994 324.

9/24

I am putting a car for sale advertisement in your Backfire magazine for my neighbour Syd Clifton......For Sale 1946 Plymouth Sedan. Spares include reco engine, new clutch plate, plus other parts. 6 cylinder engine, 3 speed manual gearbox with overdrive, unleaded petrol. Vin number 9641624, full registration, number CP1946C, \$29000.

Call Syd 0403197754. Cheers Cheryl (neighbour).





For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and generally appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the <u>newsletter</u> 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 <u>and</u> photos (where supplied) can be viewed. To see ads, go to

http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com/wdsale.html

All ads remain on the <u>website</u> until you request their removal. To remove an ad from the <u>website</u>, email webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0418 587 415).

If undeliverable return to: WDHVC PO Box 200 Newcomb VIC 3219

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October 2024 at a glance (details Page 9)

1936 Jaguar SS 100

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29	30 September	1	2	3 Coffee Run Artisan of Australia Art Gallery and Café, Curlewis	4	5
6	7	8 General Meeting 7.30pm	9 Dine Out 6pm	10	11	12
13	14	15 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	16	17 Tinker Day	18	19
20	21 Backfire Deadline	7pm Tech Night	23	24	25 Backfire Folding Morning	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 November	2