

# BACKFIRE

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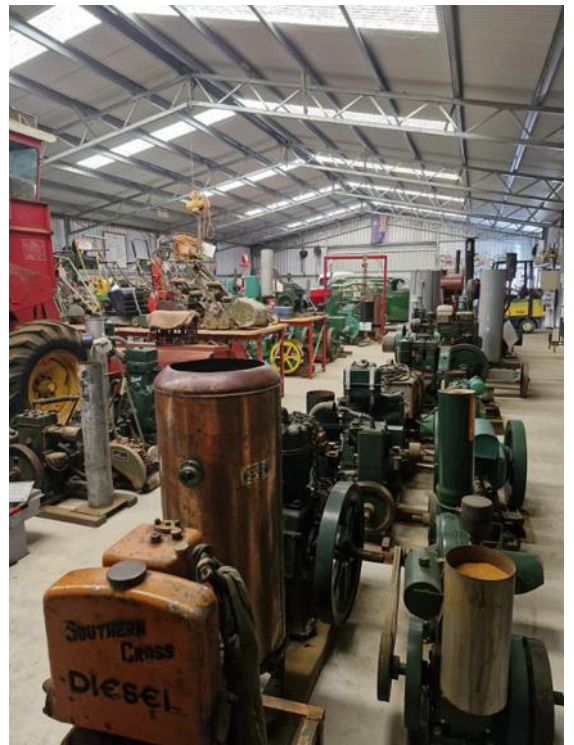
## *The President's Piece - notes from a big country*

Greetings All.

Our six weeks of wandering has come to an end. It's been such a joyful experience to have taken in so many sights across our spectacular country.

I spent a few hours with a member of the Esperance Mechanical Restoration Group. It was interesting to see their vast display and rooms, and learn about their club.

Through sheer good fortune we found ourselves in Cleve on the Eyre Peninsula as their field days were underway. Once again an opportunity to get up close to enormous farming machines and talk with farmers.



We've thought of you all as you've enjoyed another month of activities, and sincerely thank those who devote their time and thought into providing these opportunities.

The auction planned for September has had to be postponed: more on this later.

Happy motoring,

John.



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 638 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.

HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2024

**MEETING OPENED:** 7:30pm

## **PRESIDING**

Vice President Barb van Galen opened the meeting and welcomed the members and visitors to meeting No 638.

## **APOLOGIES**

J & D Clissold, K Lorenz, R O'Deary, R Jenkins, D Jones, J Bailey, T Schneider, G Baldock, R Pocock, G Tucker, R Matthews, T Brincat, F McKenzie, L & M Hose, A Tipper, R Alexander, T Paech, B Thompson, C Field and I Cave.

Moved: J Coates

Seconded: L Booley Carried

## **SICK LIST**

G Wallace, F McKenzie, G Baldock

## **MINUTES**

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

Moved: R. van Galen

Seconded: R Booley Carried

## **CORRESPONDENCE** (Fred)

### **INWARD**

#### *Letters In*

- Bendigo Bank – Statement of Account

#### *Emails In*

- Ballarat Vintage & Classic Car Club – invitation to attend their 2024 picnic at Mt Franklin on Sunday 24 October 2024.
- Goulburn Valley Motor Drivers Club – invitation to attend their 2024 Rally of the Valley 1 – 5 November 2024.
- Federation – still requires volunteers for the Bendigo swap.
- Bufton Family – Thanking the Club for our thoughts on the passing of Margaret.

### **OUTWARD**

#### *Letters Out*

- Brian Woodman – to inform VicRoads that he is a current financial member of WDHVC.

Get Well cards :

- Jon Breedveld
- Gwen Tucker

Sympathy Cards:

- Peter Telfer on the passing of Gaylene
- Les Bufton on the passing of Margaret

## *Emails Out*

Nil

Moved: K Parry

Seconded: M McKenzie Carried

## **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts to be passed for payment, including the purchase of the new golf cart.

Moved: M Healy

Seconded: K Batson Carried

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** (John)

No speaker for the September meeting- 2024 Auction Night instead.

## **LIBRARY** (Phill)

Two new books added to the library.

## **DINE OUT** (Sharyn)

14 August, Leopold Sportsman's Club

## **EDITOR** (Jon)

Jon to complete September edition, Damien (Gus) Giustini to complete the October edition.

Good photos for potential calendar inclusion, send Jon hard copy or via email.

Dead line this month is the 26th

## **WEBSITE** (Damien)

Nil

## **FEDERATION REPORT** (David P)

2 key issues raised: Federation Bendigo Swap need volunteers & Bendigo Swap is 200 siteholders short.

## **COFFEE RUN** (Colin)

The next run 10am 5 September at the Ocean Mist Aged Care Facility.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT** (James)

- Tax implications discussed.
- Fundraising, club to help facilitating members raise money.

## **MERCHANDISE** (David M)

Nil

## **TINKER DAY** (Manny)

August - Manuel Vella's shed. See Backfire for details.

## **MARS BAR AWARD** (Ray)

Nil

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

### VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- 3 new vehicles added to Permit Scheme.
- Great discussion around the Riley on display at the meeting.

### RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS

**Coffee Run:** Foggy event but was well worth bearing the conditions.

**Tulip & Pie Run:** 12 cars in total, a successful short event.

**Lara Museum:** The museum was interesting with lots to see and delicious scones and cream.

**Ladies Day:** 24 ladies enjoyed the day at the Geelong Library and the Davidson Restaurant.

### RALLY EVENTS (Ken)

- August - BBQ in the bush.
- September - Car run to Ballarat.
- October - Two days in Warnambool.

### LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Lyn Jordan)

20 attendees confirmed, Scheduled for 16 - 22 September, Heading to Mount Gambier.

Next club meeting a pre-meet for attendees at 7pm.

### TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Tuesday 27 August. Topic: "Accessories"

### SWAP MEET (David)

Nil

### KITCHEN (Pam)

Pie night tonight.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- The president's board is in the process of being updated.
- Person who purchased the electric saw has paid but not collected the item.

### FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Timber centre console insert for Merc 190E for sale: see Jon B if you are interested.

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10 September 2024 in the clubrooms.**

- James Park



## August Feature Car



Geoff Lenton presented his 1948 Riley 2.5 litre as the feature car for the August meeting. Geoff bought the car in 2015 and is the fourth registered owner. He explained that he bought the vehicle from a deceased estate. It had been left unregistered in a leaky shed with the back half of the car sticking out in the weather. This contributed to the rot in the wooden frame of the roof in particular. Geoff subsequently had to have the roof professionally repaired.

He said that the original design was copied in part from a 501 BMW. He thought it was intended to be of a steel construction. "But wood and labour was cheaper than steel just after the War so Nuffield stayed with the coach building that they had the jigs for," he explained.

Geoff owned another Riley in 1980 (which he had to sell to finance his divorce) and was pleased to get back into Riley ownership. He said he came home from hospital as a baby in a Riley, which started his love affair with the marque.

The car has a twin cam hemi engine with a crossflow head and twin SU carbies. It was considered a sophisticated vehicle for its day and, while not quick off the mark, it could manage 90 mph. However the car was equipped with poor brakes. Geoff joked that it took two weeks to accelerate to top speed but another four weeks to pull the car up.

Geoff described the car as a fine cruising vehicle which was very happy on smooth roads but did not like bumpy ones. He said that it had hydraulic dampers on the rear and telescopics on the front, together with torsion bar suspension. It was not suited to rough roads. However the car's very firm ride make it good to handle on the highway.

Geoff explained that the car had never been fully restored. Rather it had been fettled by each of its owners. Each owner had had the car for over 20 years. Geoff quipped that he couldn't say whether that was because they couldn't sell it or because they loved it.

- Ed

# Your Vehicle in the Club Calendar?



January 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Events: Coffee Run (15th), Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms (20th), Committee 7.30pm Clubrooms (20th), Tech Night 7pm Clubrooms (27th), Backfire deadline (26th), Blue Day (21st).



Your committee plans to produce a 2025 Club Calendar, featuring members' vehicles. We intend to arrange a day at which suitable photos of vehicles can be taken during September – more about that later.

Meanwhile, if you already have a good photo of your car/motorbike/tractor/truck that you would like to submit for consideration, feel free to email it to me anytime at [editor@wdhvcgeelong.com](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com). I can also scan printed photos if you'd like to get those to me (however I won't be around during September, so perhaps wait with hardcopy prints until I return).

Electronic files need to be of at least 3-5 Mgb in size. Any smart phone set to take standard or high quality photos will be fine. Also think about the lighting and an attractive background if you are taking a photo. No deep shadows, or lamp posts, or people, or other people's vehicles in the background – although you could submit a group photo of more than one vehicle that you own.



**Good light. Clean attractive background. Interesting angle - low down or above (using a small step ladder or "selfie stick" can work).**



**Bad light. Glare. Shadows. Distracting, ugly setting and background.**

Club members will vote for the vehicles to be included in the calendar at the 12 November general meeting. The calendar is planned to be ready for distribution at the 10 December general meeting – one free calendar per member.

We hope you take part in this opportunity to showcase some of the magnificent machines in our club. We to look forward to receiving your images for consideration.

- Editor  
(for the Committee)

## A Thought on ICEs & EVs

Imagine we lived in a world where all cars were EVs, and then along comes a new invention, the "Internal Combustion Engine"! Think how well they would sell: A vehicle half the weight, half the price that will almost quarter the damage done to the road. A vehicle that can be refuelled in 1/10th of the time and has a range of up to 4 times the distance in all weather conditions. It does not rely on the environmentally damaging use of non-renewable rare earth elements to power it, and use far less steel and other materials.

Just think how excited people would be for such technology, it would sell like hot cakes!

### Wanted: Minute Secretary

*A willing volunteer is urgently needed to take the minutes of the monthly general meetings, now that Leigh Dwyer has retired from the job.*

*To find out more about what the job entails. ask Leigh. To volunteer, contact John Bailey.*

### **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](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com)

## Seen at the Run to Lara

*During last month's Tinker Day run to the Lara Museum, Harold Newton spotted a bit of early ingenuity that took his fancy.*

Hi Jon,

Here is a pic of Model A Ford with a sure fire way of retaining the grease cap on the Model A's. Seen at the Lara Heritage Museum.

- Harold



# POSTPONED

~~Annual Club Auction~~

due to  
unforeseen  
circumstances

# Letters to the Editor



Hello all,



We're still here. And Jon the nice media man, has sorta said its ok for us to sit on the floor up front. Don't think old Garry will be all that happy. I think he feels responsible for us being in the club. I think he reckons we will crap on the floor, or pinch someone's pen or earring. And then at supper time look out for ya biscuits.

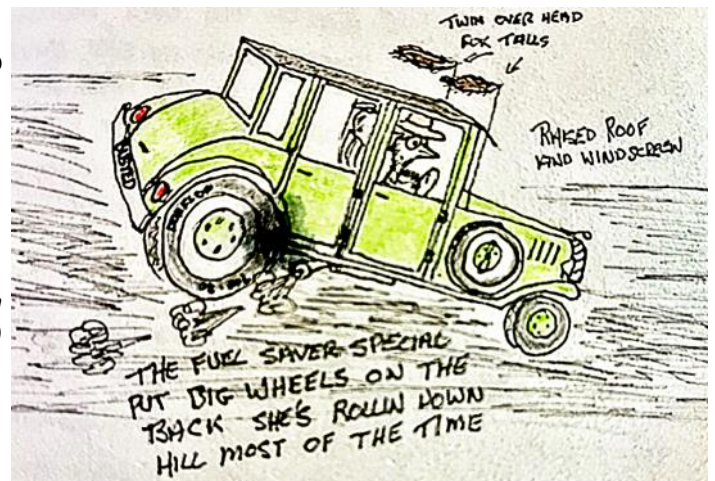
Old Busted is going great, and we've done some mods on her. Hope we can bring her into the back room next meeting.

We want everyone to see the amazing fuel saver. I think that will give us some credibility with the members. (See drawing below.) Can't believe it hasn't been done before: we put much bigger wheels on the back, so she's going downhill most of the time. Cut our fuel cost in half! Not bad for a couple of emus.

We might be really up front telling how we

came up with the fuel saver. That would make us nearly famous. I think old Garry might feel a bit proud of us sitting up front. And we can give him a poke when he starts going off to sleep. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

- Eric & Emma  
(with help from Gary Wallace)



## Other Events

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

Aug 25	Avalon Raceway Swap	Avalon Raceway, Swap and Sell,. Bookings: office@avalonraceway.com
Aug 25	Hamilton Swap	Hamilton Showgrounds
Sept 1	Nyora Swap	Nyora Reserve, Gruny Avenue, Nyora, Vic
Sept 8	Shepparton Swap	Shepparton Showground
Sept 15	Bairnsdale Swap	Lakesters Swap Meet, Lucknow Football Oval
Sept 22	Wallan Swap	Wallan Secondary College
Sept 22	Birchip Swap	Birchip Leisure Centre
Sept 22	Sandown Swap	Sandown Park Hotel Carpark, Noble Park, 10am start
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 Market	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	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

# Events Calendar

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

**Friday 30 August**

**Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.  
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

**Thurs 5 September**

**Coffee Run** 10am Ocean Mist Aged Care, 370 Grossmans Rd, Torquay. Old cars required to entertain the residents. Morning tea provided.  
Contact: Col the Coffee Co-ordinator. 0425 822 026.

**Tuesday 10 September**

**Long Distance Rally Meeting** 7pm in Clubrooms.

**Tuesday 10 September**

**General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms. (Club Auction Postponed.)

**Wednesday 11 September**

**Dine Out** 6pm at Buckleys, 54 Fellmongers Rd Breakwater.  
Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

**16 - 22 September**

**Long Distance Rally** - to Mt. Gambier. Contact: Lyn on 0425 822 025

**Tuesday 17 September**

**Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.

**Thursday 19 September**

**Tinker Day.** North Geelong Engine Reconditioners, 132 Victoria St. Nth Geelong. Further detail at 10 Sept general meeting.  
Contact: Dallas 0432 172 171

**Sunday 22 September**

**Club run to Ballarat.** Visit two collections with a pub lunch in between. Meet opposite Batesford Roadhouse 9.30am.  
Contact: Ken 0437 254 351

**Monday 23 September**

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

**Tuesday 24 September**  
7.30 pm start.

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

**Friday 27 September**

**Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.  
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

**Thursday 3 October**

**Coffee 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.

**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.

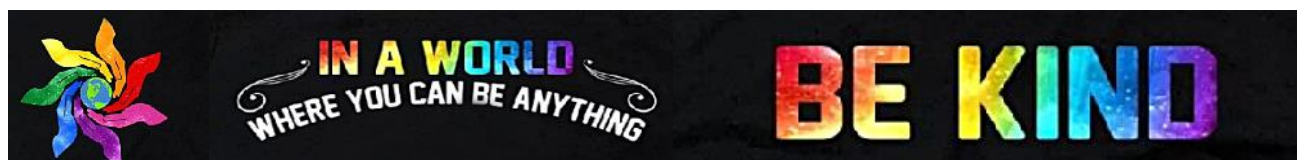
**Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October.**

**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.





# RALLIES & RUNS

## Ladies Day - 25 July 2024.

Twenty-four ladies enjoyed this year's Ladies Day. Barb van Galen organised the ladies into cars at the car club and they were then transported to Geelong Library, for a guided tour of the facility.

What a marvelous venue we have in the Geelong library and its associated branches. Our guide Simon was full of knowledge and very informative. The ground floor has a 3D printer and a laser printer that members can apply to use. Books, up to date papers, magazines, digital resources, e-books, DVDs, free Wi-Fi, conference rooms that can be booked for meetings etc and computer access are a small part of the available resources.

One floor is dedicated to children. Babies to late teens. Programs are run for little children, through to late teens. Books, computers, technology and other resources are covered.

The adult section is just as comprehensive, with many and varied resources offered.

The Heritage Centre, is a must for family and local research. The Heritage Centre, holds many photos and records from the local area. Access to research sites also feature in the very enticing red room of the Centre.

Another big plus for the library, is the views from the windows and the surrounding gardens. Due to wet weather we unfortunately missed out on the upper balcony views. An added incentive to return to the library.



Library membership is free. There are currently 19 branches, with a new branch to open soon near Armstrong Creek. If items are borrowed from one site, they can be returned to another sit and 60 items can be borrowed at once. No fines for late returns.

After our tour of the library, we walked across the road to "The Davidson" restaurant. This is a division of The Gordon TAFE training facility. Lunch was superb. Ladies enjoyed a range of food that included, crocodile, lamb, cheeses, selections of fruit and vegetables and a chocolate & beetroot dessert, to name just a few of the choices. All meals were beautifully presented and served in a welcoming friendly environment. The day ended at about 2.40pm, with everyone declaring that they had had a great day. Thanks to the men for transporting to and from the venues. Thanks to the club for a wonderful day.

- Anne De Bono



# RALLIES & RUNS

## Gnarwarre Coffee Run

**"And we did it in the foggie, foggie Do!"**

A bit of a daunting coffee run in the Dodge and fog out the Princes Highway to the Barrabool Road intersection to the Gnarwarre Nursery for hot coffee and cake with about 25 club members.

The recent acquisition of a pair of rechargeable led rear bike lights attached to the hood iron supports with supplied rubber straps to the rear gave us additional visibility to passing traffic in the fog.

Pauline and I had a stroll around the garden which has several art sculptures but the garden was in its grey winter mode without the green of the shrubs and foliage of the trees.

Headed off still in the fog back home along the Barrabool Road arriving in Grovedale to bright sunshine.



To those club members who advised me that the blinkers and the LED tail lights were left on - thanks.

- Harold



Photos: Adrian Van Der Lee & Harold Newton



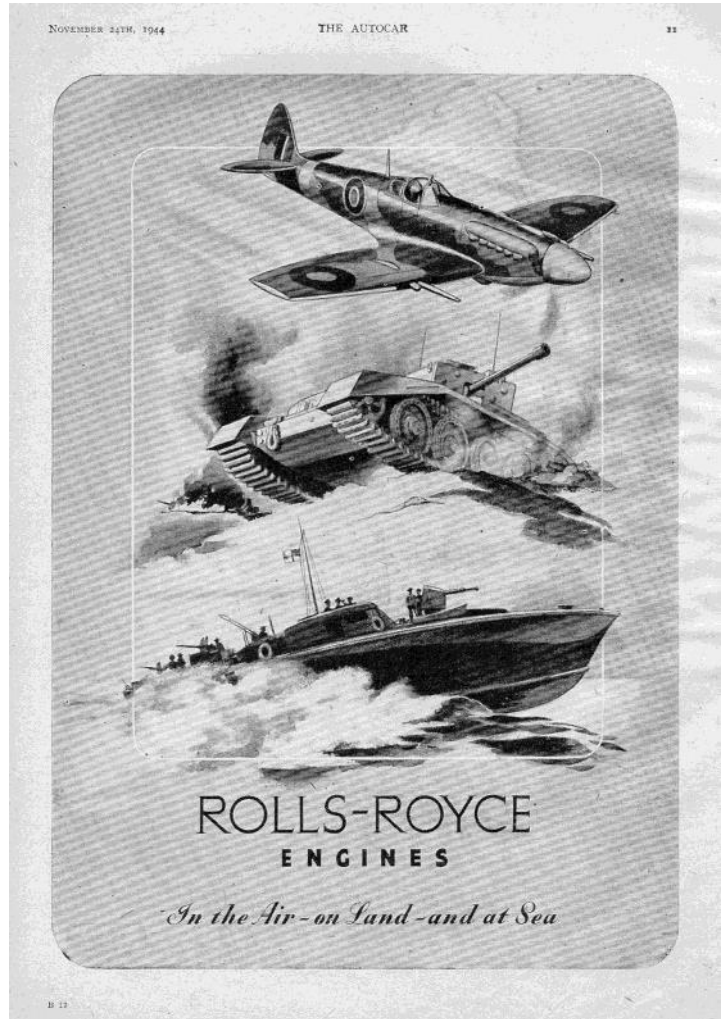
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## Seen on the Road

**Tim Christie has sent in some more photos of his extended trip through Queensland and NSW. Tim took these shots of cars on display at an open day at the local mine in Cobar on 25 August.**



Too much ram not enough dodge



# RALLIES & RUNS

## Variety Bash Report

Club Members James Park and Simon Anderson have made it safely back home after successfully completing the 8-day Variety Club Bash from Swan Hill to Airlie Beach in the mighty Ford Laser. James made daily posts on Facebook during the trip. These included the following details:

"We are happy to say Simon and I made it back in one piece as well as the little Laser, although the Laser is a bit more battered and bruised than us.

"We managed to do the 3200km between Airlie Beach and Geelong in 2.5 days which was a tremendous effort for the car and us."

*James and Simon had to nurse a problematic gearbox from early in the Bash. The Laser also suffered a few other problems.*

James explained: "We made it back (to Geelong) thanks to completing 4 gearbox fluid changes and one bottle of additive, using 3 bottles of Chem-i-weld to seal our head gasket/cracked head, a ratchet strap to hold the front engine mount in and 2 foam gardening kneeling pads stuffed into the back springs to hold the back end of the car up."

James also described the benefits of the Bash. "The other amazing thing is the impact. We made over \$100k of grants and resource gifting to small state schools along the way. The biggest school we stopped at had just over 60 pupils and smallest being a self-funded preschool with less than 20 pupils."



"In total Car 840 raised \$14,346, travelled 3,149.15km (official route km) and spent \$815.96 on petrol."

**James and Simon will be the guest speakers at the October general meeting, and will provide lots more details about their adventure then.**



*(Left) At the Big Orange in Gayndah, Qld. One of the many "big things" they saw.*



*(Right) Crossing the finish line at Airlie Beach*

**Tim Christie also ran across some Variety Bash cars on his travels.**



## VALE - GAYLENE TELFER

21/10/1951 - 20/7/2024

Gaylene and Peter Telfer have been active members of the WDHVC over many years and it was with great sadness that a strong contingent of club members attended her funeral on 26 July.

Peter described Gaylene as an "extraordinary wife, mother and granny". During the eulogy he and his sons told of a loving and generous person who was deeply involved with her family and contributing to the community.

He explained that he was working underground at Broken Hill when he first saw Gaylene as a 21-year-old, at a Rotaract meeting. After two years travelling overseas, they married at Merbein and moved to Leopold, where two boys were born. From the outset Gaylene was an active volunteer at playgroup, kindergarten and school. She had a lifelong passion for helping those with an intellectual disability, also volunteering at Karingal House, where her parents also worked, and attending to the integration needs of disabled students in schools across Western Victoria. The birth of their third son coincided with a year working as house parents at Karingal House themselves.

Another community activity in which Gaylene and the family was involved was the initiation of the Wallington Strawberry Fair. She remained active within the school parents club and the scouting movement as her family grew up. Her sons told of her patience and involvement with their activities and later those of her grandchildren, and also of how the family home regularly hosted many of their friends.

Gaylene had a long interest in craft activities and when husband Peter initiated the tech nights at the Club, Gaylene offered craft activities to the women while their husbands talked about car components in the garage next door.

Our sympathy to Peter, sons Paul, John and Simon and their wives and the eight grandchildren. - Ed



## VALE - MARGARET BUFTON

2/2/1953 – 1/8/2024

The club extends sincere condolences to Les Bufton and his family at the passing of Margaret. Les joined our club in 2023 and has been a regular attendee at club events, including the recent run to Scotsburn.

Margaret and Les met at a wedding in 1975. After they married, they settled on a farm at Balliang, quite change for a city girl.

Margaret credited the deep soaking she had earlier given her vegie garden for saving their house when, in the 1980s, a bushfire rolled over it with she and her two children inside. While the house was untouched, the rest of the farm was burnt and needed to be rebuilt.

At her funeral Margaret's sister Monica spoke of her creativity, which included dressmaking and flair for color. Her skills translated into many fine clothes for her family and others.

Eldest son Shannon, spoke of his mother's vibrant spirit, describing her as a "pocket rocket". He said that a passion for fashion sparked a lifelong love affair with style and design. She was a positive person who encouraged others to follow their dreams. To ensure her children had the education and life opportunities she wanted for them, Margaret started a small business, working long hours to make colorful windcheaters that she sold at markets.

About 15 years ago Les and Margaret sold the farm and moved to Torquay, renovating their new house and garden together.

As well as her active involvement in the local community, Margaret and Les would regularly take their caravan on trips. They also travelled overseas with friends.

In July 2022 a grandson was born, giving Margaret and Les great joy. Her daughter Elise described how much Margaret enjoyed being a grandma. However not long after, Margaret was diagnosed with cancer.

The eulogies painted a picture of an energetic, creative person who loved others and loved life. She wanted to be remembered by the words: "Always laugh, believe in yourself, do things differently, love and live life."

- Ed

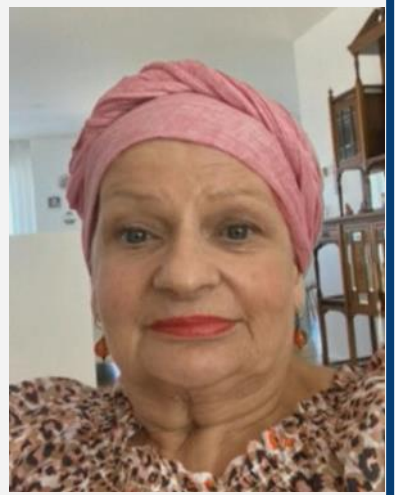


Photo: Peter and Gaylene at a coffee run to Teesdale in late 2020.

## 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

### Wanted

#### **Wanted FX FJ Holden vacuum wiper unit.**

Call Colin 0408 994 324.

7/24



### 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.

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*Note:* a visit to Greg's collection will also be included on the 3 October Coffee Run – see Events Page 9.

- Ed.



## 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 994 325.

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#### **For Sale. 1979 Peugeot 505 Station Wagon.**

Complete & running.

Needs TLC. Would make

a good project. On club

rego. Spares include

engine, starter motor,

headlights & more.

\$1200.

Call John 5263 1434



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## *Your October Backfire*

Our webmaster, Damien (Gus) Giustini, will produce the October edition of *Backfire*, as I will be away.

### **Contributions:**

**By email** - send them to the usual address:

editor@wdhvcgeelong.com

Gus can access emails sent to this address.

**By Phone** - send photos and text to Gus's phone - 0418 587 415. I will NOT be able to receive phone messages or calls.

**Deadline** - Monday 23 September.

Thank you Gus for stepping in.

Please make sure to support Gus by sending him lots of copy and photos!

Thanks

- Ed

For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and generally appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the newsletter earlier, email **editor@wdhvcgeelong.com** (Ph 0417 311 441).

**Reminder:** All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number & Price or Registration Number & Price, otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

All ads for cars also appear on the **club web site** where greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be viewed. To see ads, go to

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

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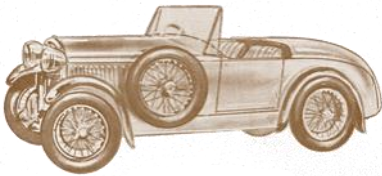
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September 2024 at a glance (details Page 9)

1926 Wolseley Hornet Swallow

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> Backfire Folding Morning	31 August
<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>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Coffee Run Ocean Mist Aged Care, Torquay	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> LDR meeting 7pm General Meeting 7.30pm (Auction postponed)	<b>11</b> Dine Out 6pm Buckleys	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Committee Meeting 7.30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Tinker Day (details 10 Sept)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
WDHVC LONG DISTANCE RALLY						
<b>22</b> Club Run to Ballarat 9.30am Batesford Roadhouse LDR	<b>23</b> Backfire Deadline	<b>24</b> 7pm Tech Night	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Backfire Folding Morning	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	1 October	2	<b>3</b> Coffee Run Artisan of Australia Art Gallery and Café, Curlewis	4	5