

BACKFIRE

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President's Piece

Hello to all our members. I do hope you are all well and heeding the instructions on how to stay that way.

This was to be my last *President's Piece*, as by the time you receive this edition of *Backfire* I should have been preparing to hand over the reins to another, more worthy person. However, we live in unusual times and since we last gathered at the clubrooms, the world has changed dramatically.

As noted elsewhere in the *Backfire* and via email, I will continue to hold the chair until such time as we are able to all meet again. We will then have our AGM. The committee will continue until then too and we will be in contact with each other regularly to discuss what happens next.

To cease all club activities was the only decision that we could have made under the circumstances, but still not an easy one. Obviously with the age demographic in our club, we had to consider the ramifications of the virus going through our membership.

Most disappointing for us is having to cancel the Swap. What with all the effort Fred and his team have put into it already, then to have to cancel is a pity. Of course this has a detrimental financial effect on the club too: luckily we are in a sound position and will make it through without the Swap this year.

I believe it is inevitable that most everyone in the world will get this virus at some time, like the flu or a cold, however let's not be hasty in getting it if we can avoid it for a while. Also Australia is probably a good place to be at the moment.

A big area with a low population has to be a good thing, and an extremely good public health system counts for a lot. My idea of self-quarantining is simple: stay in your shed as much as possible. That's what I'll be doing. But enough of this, I'm sure you have heard all you need.

Speaking of shed time: I have the engine and gearbox mounted in my project now. I had to get some specially made rear springs, which should give me a firm suspension ideal for handling. I am currently working on rear shock absorber mounting points. Hoping to get all this worked out and then take the body back off. With that off I can finish the fabrication work and then start on cleaning and prepping the chassis and components for final assembly.

I went to take the clubman out recently only to lose most of my gears. I had 2nd and 4th for a while but when the gearshift pulled out of the floor, I knew I was in trouble as I only had 4th. I somehow managed to get it home like that. On inspection I found the nylon pivot ball in the lever had disintegrated!

I had a spare but that too is cracked. With little other option I have fitted it for now and will need to be gentle. Anyone with a Cortina/Escort gear lever they don't want, let me know.

That's all for this month. I suspect next month's piece will be a brief one as so little is happening. It is about now I tell you to get out in your car or out in your shed. But as things are, just get out in the shed.

Stay well everyone.

Dallas

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 602 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020

PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed the 127 members and visitors (John King, Ashley Banks, Peter Shanfield) to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Rachel Stewart, Lindsay Rogers, Eva Barwise, Gwen Tucker, Darryn Tucker, Robert East, Len Millar, Alan Tipper, Colin Jordan, Tim Booley, Alex Booley, James Park, John Smith, Brian Latimore, June Millard, Ron Jackson, Maurice Healy, David Perkins.

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Damien Giustini

Carried

SICK LIST

Trish Ormond, Paul Strickland.

MINUTES

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

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Jim Coates

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Steven Turner - resigning from the WDHVC.
- Jacquie Turner - thanking the club for their support and kindness for Rhonda Foran

Emails In

- Case & Cory DeRooy - informing us of their resignation from the WDHVC.
- Keith Murdoch - informing us of his resignation from the WDHVC.
- Steve Funston - informing us of his resignation from the WDHVC.
- Federation - Invitation to attend 3 Rivers Picnic Day 17th May at Echuca.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- Get Well Cards - John Smith & Brian Latimore
- Sympathy Card - Murray Foran for deepest sympathy on the passing of Rhonda.
- Faggs Mitre 10 - thanking them for their significant discount on the purchase of our new tables.
- Jan Blick - thanking her for the donation of a truck book for the library.
- Dorothy Gard - thanking her for the donation of historic motoring books for the Library.

- East Geelong Rotary Club - enquiring if they are prepared to provide food for our Swap.

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Leonie Saliba

Seconded: Max McKenzie

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Dallas for Maurice)

The Treasurer is away and so no report this month.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Entertainment will be provided at the August meeting. John Hickford is presenting this month, following the meeting.

LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary recommended books on Holdens, Ford Trucks and car restoration this month.

DINE OUT (Gary)

Clifton Springs Gold Club this month.

EDITOR (Jon)

Jon provided an update on event dates in Backfire

WEBSITE (Damien)

No report.

FEDERATION REPORT (Dallas for David P)

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORT (David M)

At the recent meeting the Committee confirmed the Christmas Party entertainment.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

Following the strong member support for the water bottle sample displayed, an order will be placed. Members also supported the ordering of hot drink containers.

President Dallas took the opportunity to thank David for his active role in arranging new Club merchandise items.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

Please note the revised date of the Tinker Day this month.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Evelyn Hill was not guessed so he took home the Mars bar this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus reported that 49 Clubs have been removed from permit scheme by VicRoads. The issue of logbook coverage for cars parked in the street has been raised again. Members are advised to complete the logbook for vehicles parked in the street.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

CRAFT NIGHT

Jewellery this month.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

Club members reported on the following events:

- Sharyn Harris enjoyed the coffee but the venue was very noisy last month;
- Fred Dosser attended a Western District Rally in the Packard;
- John Bailey reported that his Morgan survived the crowd's (too) close attention at the All British day;
- Max McKenzie said that the Bellarine Show was excellent;
- Laurie Mills attended the Avoca Rally and reported that once again it was an excellent event;
- Rod Roach said that the Coffee Run was good opportunity to catch up with other members;
- Graeme Walker said that the Chrysler Day was a great success at the new venue;
- Leonie Saliba recommended the scarecrow display on the Queenscliff road;
- Graham Peacock enjoyed the recent Tinker Day to the Portarlington Mill; and the All British day.

Upcoming events:

- ◊ No display cars required for the Highland Gathering;
- ◊ Mortlake Picnic;
- ◊ Coffee Run;
- ◊ Good Friday at Inverleigh;
- ◊ Easter Monday Waterfront display;
- ◊ Barwon Heads ANZAC Day breakfast;
- ◊ Seasick Rally; and
- ◊ Sacred Heart car display

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

The rally will focus on an area impacted by the recent bushfires.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

This month's topic will be "why you brought a particular car".

David Mitchell will be presenting on Ford engine development at the May Tech Night.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

More volunteers needed!

KITCHEN (Pam)

Volunteers required in the kitchen on the Swap Day.

Thanks to all those who helped at Rhoda's recent wake including Annette Marshall, Libby Booley, Noreen Mellington, Sandra Boast and Margaret Hose. Thanks also to Jeanette Dragt for the floral arrangements.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- President Dallas reminded members that Committee nominations are now open.
- The Portarlington Lions Club is collecting donated tools for bushfire relief.
- Ray Matthews presented Graeme Paech and Fred Harris with Model A memorabilia on the song "Henry Made a Lady out of Lizzie".
- Karl Lorenz recently saw a documentary on restoring one of the (maybe 100) cars used on the "Dukes of Hazard".
- Simon Anderson pointed out that the Veteran Car Club will be holding an event on the Geelong region over the ANZAC long weekend.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Fred Dosser is looking for a special tool to remove cord oil seals.
- President Dallas thanked Peter Telfer for his recent help with his car.
- John Bailey is selling his Jaguar and the 1949 Morgan.

Meeting closed at 10.03pm.

Next meeting:

TO BE ADVISED

- Leigh Dwyer

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Club member, John Hickford, gave a delightful account of his lifelong love affair with the Lancia, as the March guest speaker. (Special thanks to Damien Giustini for his technical support and moderator, John Bailey.)



See next month's Backfire for details and more photos.

- Ed

VALE - RHONDA FORAN

Rhonda has been a valued and very active member of this Club for over 25 years and her passing on the 23 February 2020 leaves us with a sadness but also a feeling of appreciation for her involvement and friendship over that long period of time.

Rhonda and Murray married 52 years ago and in the 1980s they purchased their MGB roadster which they still have today. Often over the years, they have used this car for holiday trips to Queensland, such was their enthusiasm. Other vehicles, mainly MGs have since joined their collection.

Rhonda was the sort of member that eagerly became involved with the Club when they joined and in 2000, when we were extending the clubrooms, Rhonda fully participated in the working bees and painted much of the internal panels in the toilets.

Many other of her activities come to mind, such as organising the entry tickets each year when the Club attended the Highland Gathering display. She supported the Oily Faces programs by arranging various skits, song and dance routines etc. and she really enjoyed getting members involved to give the audience a "fun" night.

As the convenor of the Ladies Committee for over 15 years, Rhonda will best be remembered for her outstanding organisational skills in arranging catering for all sorts of club functions, such as special suppers, Christmas breakup dinners, celebration evenings, working bee lunches and in fact anytime our club gathered for general meetings or special occasions.

Rhonda would organise the setting of the hall for special functions and administer bookings. Jeanette Dragt remembers numerous occasions when Rhonda and other lady helpers would meet at the clubrooms before events, to prepare food and to cook desserts etc. Rhonda was skilled at searching out the best prices from food wholesale suppliers. She would organise the required catering with care for the cost and quality and ensured that functions were always extremely successful.

Rhonda has suffered failing health in recent years and she has endured the health issues and treatment with a stoic demeanour that was an inspiration to all who knew her. In preparation for her passing, Rhonda wrote much of her own eulogy.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Murray, son James and Jo (Dec), daughter Jacqui and Grant and her three much loved grandchildren; Bailey, Georgie and Ashlyn.



Rhonda was a dearly-loved member of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club and while we will share with the family the loss of a great lady and friend, we will however cherish having known her and will fondly remember the wonderful times we had together.

- Trevor Schneider

Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET

Sat. 9th May 2020



Geelong Showgrounds

(Melway Ref 45)



Plenty of room for displays. Bargains for motorists, restorers, collectors, craft enthusiasts, DIY mechanics etc.

7am start

Admission: Adults \$5 Children free

Outdoor sites (10m X 6m) plus \$5 admission charge.
(No booking required for outdoor sites)

AREA FOR DISPLAY AND SALE OF SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES

Overnight camping sites available for stallholders only.

Food available on site evening from 4pm to 8pm.

Geelong motor club TM facilities available on site.

ENQUIRIES

Phone: 0417 546 089

Mail: Western District Historic Vehicle Club PO Box 200 Newcomb VIC 3219

STRICTLY NO FIRE ALLOWED IN SHOWGROUNDS NO FIRES PERMITTED

NO UNAUTHORISED FOOD VENDORS

NO RIDING OF SKATEBOARDS, BICYCLES, MOTOR BIKES OR

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN SHOWGROUNDS

PARKING FOR NON SELLERS IN

PARKING COURSE, BESIDE SHOWGROUNDS

~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

Suspension of All Club Activities until 1 June 2020

Your Committee has regretfully taken the unanimous decision to cancel all WDHVC activities until **1 June 2020**. This decision is in response to escalating concern around the spread of Covid 19 / Coronavirus in Australia. The committee will review the situation on 19 May 2020.

This includes Club Meetings, Tinker Days, Tech/Craft Nights, Morning Coffee Runs, Smell the Roses runs, our annual Bay City Swap Meet, the Anzac Day Breakfast and runs to other events and locations (many of which are now not going ahead anyway).

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (scheduled for 14 April) will be postponed and held as soon as it is considered safe and responsible to do so. Meanwhile, retiring Committee members, Damian Giustini and Rod Roach have agreed to remain and your current Committee will stay in office until an AGM can be held. Committee nominees, Graeme Anderson and James Park, will be invited to join the Committee as observers until they can be confirmed at the AGM.

Membership Renewal

A significant number of members have not yet renewed their club membership.

All members who have not renewed by 31 March become unfinancial.

If you have not yet renewed, please complete the Membership Renewal Form (previously available at the club rooms and sent to most members by email) and **post it** to the Treasurer with a \$50 cheque.

Postal address:

The Treasurer,

WDHVC Inc

PO Box 200 NEWCOMB VIC 3219.

Membership renewal for postal applications is \$50.

Red Plate Vehicles

Any unfinancial members with vehicles on the club plate scheme through WDHVC must not drive them, as VicRoads considers these vehicles to be unregistered. Heavy fines apply if you are detected driving unregistered vehicles on the roads.

Red Plate registration renewals. Please contact Gus Shea directly to arrange for your paperwork to be signed if it falls due in the coming months. Ph Gus on 0400 203 151.

Backfire

Backfire will continue to be produced. The dedicated folding team WILL NOT perform this job for now. Peter will fold and post out the Backfires himself.

As there will be no meeting minutes, event reports or activities calendar, the next few editions of the newsletter are likely to contain fewer pages. To help us to stay connected, please put on your thinking caps and send the Editor any photos, or stories you can dream up about how you are filling in the time during this period of "self-isolation". Those restoration projects must surely have more time available for them now. Tell us about the progress you are making. Take a picture. Where are you up to? Read any good books? Any tips about where to find toilet paper or pasta? Help us all to stay in touch.

Website

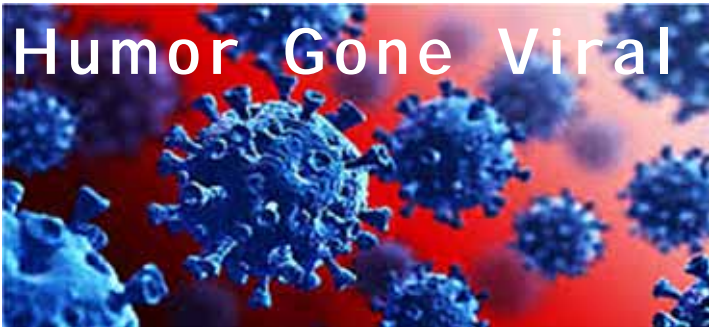
Gus will continue to maintain the website, and is looking for even more interesting stories and movies to add to this platform. Any club notices will be included on the website too, so keep that in mind.

We take this action with some sadness but feel we have a duty of care to each other in this very unusual situation. We look for your support and know you will all do what you can to look after yourselves and support each other in these unique circumstances.

27 APRIL - MONDAY

MAY BACKFIRE DEADLINE *By 5pm please.*

Contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441



It didn't take long for the jokes to start circulating - they say that laughing in the face of adversity is a good thing, so I will share a few Covid 19 jokes and hope they bring a smile.

I'm either coming out of this quarantine 20 lbs lighter, chakras balanced & a house full of completed craft projects Or... 20 lbs heavier with a drinking problem. 🤪

Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.

We thought we'd have flying cars by 2020.
But no, here we are teaching people how to wash their hands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTPONED

All members are notified that, due to the Covid 19/ Coronavirus pandemic, the Annual General Meeting of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Incorporated, planned to be held on Tuesday 14 April 2020, has been postponed until further notice.

The following Executive and Committee nominations for the new Committee were received up to the end of General Meeting on 10 March 2020.

President:

David Mitchell

Vice President:

John Bailey

Secretary/Public Officer (Consumer Affairs notification for Incorporated Associations)

Fred Harris

Treasurer:

Maurice Healy

General Committee:

Graeme Anderson, Rod Booley, Jon Breedveld, James Park, David Perkins, Gus Shea, Barbara van Galen

As nominations for Executive and General Committee do not exceed positions available, no voting will be necessary.

Fred Harris

Honorary Secretary

(As noted elsewhere in this edition, the current committee will continue in office until an Annual General Meeting can be held and the new Committee membership confirmed. - Ed)

RED PLATE RENEWALS

VicRoads' latest advice is that you can renew your red plate registrations as follows:

- **Whilst it remains open, VicRoads Geelong will continue to accept payment for club permit renewals. (Ph 13 1171. Open 8.30am - 4.30pm)**
- **Permit holders can renew permits by mailing the renewal to: VicRoads, GPO Box 1644 Melbourne 3001**

All WDHVC members who have not renewed their club membership by 31 March are unfinancial.

VicRoads considers unfinancial members' red plate vehicles to be unregistered. Heavy fines apply for driving unregistered vehicles on the roads.

To renew, complete the Membership Renewal Form and post it to the Treasurer with a \$50 cheque.

Postal address: The Treasurer, WDHVC, PO Box 200 NEWCOMB VIC 3219.

RALLIES & RUNS

All British Day on the Waterfront

Here are a few photos from the All British Car display on the Geelong Waterfront on Sunday 8 March. There were 136 MG car club vehicles on display on the grass area next to the carousel.

Three clubs: - the WDHVC, the Vintage and Classic Car Club of Ballarat and the Colac Collectable Car Club were on display, together with about 45 vehicles of various British makes across the road.

There was also a Morris Minor Club of Geelong display on the Customs Building lawn area.

There were a lot of people on the Waterfront as there was also the Wooden Boat Festival at the yacht club.

We had five vehicles on display this year, the weather was perfect and we had a great day with lots of people visiting and wanting to know about the vehicles.

- David Mitchell



Photos:
Left: Neil Remeus - Anglia;
John Bailey - Morgan;

Below:
David Mitchell - Land Rover.



Above:
Simon Anderson - Austin 7

Right:
Harold Newton - Crossley;



RALLIES & RUNS

February Tinker Day Follow Up (the Dodge Chick Magnet)



Having enjoyed the last Tinker day with the informative tour of the Portarlington Flour Mill and the picnic lunch and chatter on the foreshore with members, Pauline and I decided to take a stroll our along the pier to enjoy the 4 'S's' (Stroll, Sea, Ships and of course the Smells).

We moved the Dodge from the picnic area to the car parking by the pier (so we could keep an eye on the car). When we returned, the Dodge was surrounded by a enthusiastic group of ladies and gentlemen from the North Eltham Probus Club who had come to the Port on the ferry and were assembling for their return to Docklands.

Interestingly one lady in the group was the same age as the Dodge and posed with the Dodge for a photo, which encouraged the other ladies to gather around for another photo taken by the cameraman from the group.

After exchanging email address as promised he forwarded the photos the next day, and being a bit of a character suggested the Dodge was a 'Chick Magnet'.

A totally enjoyable interchange with stories of their experiences with vehicles they had known.

With time for the ferry departure approaching we motored off in the Dodge with the group waving us off to the raucous sound of the Dodge's klaxon for our return to Grovedale. - Harold Newton



Technical Night February 2020

This night was about mishaps and misadventures. Many people had some interesting stories to tell. We did not record them so you cannot watch them on SBS On Demand.

I will tell one story: a member was travelling in the Outback in a modern vehicle when the computer went into limp mode. He rang the car dealer service department and because it was not practical to get it to the dealer workshop they told him how to fix it. Remove one battery terminal, wait five minutes for all the capacitors to discharge in the computer/electronics.

To make sure touch both terminals together. (Warning: make sure you know the radio code first.) Reconnect and the car should now work.

With computers in almost everything these days, a restart is a fix for most problems, but not all. Do this by turning off the power, waiting five minutes and turning it back on. This applies to washing machines, refrigerators (these are all high tech now with computer controls), TVs and laptops etc. I have a little note pad and the only way to restart it is to let the battery go flat.

In these difficult times, we need some relief with humour: there is lots on Facebook.

- Lindsay Alford

(Turning misbehaving mobile phones completely off can also sort them out – sometimes! - Ed)

Quotes About Cars

All those in favor of conserving petrol, please raise your right foot.

~ Author Unknown

I took the road less travelled. I was using a GPS system.

~ Robert Brault

RALLIES & RUNS

27th Annual Avoca Rally

Friday 6 March was a lovely day weather wise. A few club members met at the starting point on Ballarat Rd, some met further up the road, while some ventured off earlier and were met at the Motel in Avoca. After settling into our rooms everyone was excited to enjoy another well-organised weekend Avoca Rally.



On Friday night we all enjoyed an evening at the Victoria Hotel, where we gathered for a great meal, natter and a chance to meet our first timers: Robyn & Pat Evans and Peter & Sandra Boast.



On Saturday morning we headed off to visit Rodger Parker's property of old vehicles housed in very makeshift sheds, and a graveyard of very rusty old cars. The biggest surprise was a tour of the inside of his house: just no words to really describe the overcrowded display in every possible inch available, of Rodger's treasures.



From there we headed to Maryborough Paramount Theatre to see the movie "Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears" which was enjoyed by all.



Returning to the motel we all enjoyed happy hour followed by a BBQ dinner, then some entertainment from Gary and Graeme on their button accordions with some members singing along.



On Sunday, 20 members enjoyed a steam train trip from Maldon to Castlemaine and return, with lots of fun and laughter along the way, followed by lunch of your

choice in Maldon.

To the men's delight the Renault Club were visiting Maldon on the same day, with some lovely restored vehicles for them to check out. Then back to the motel for happy hour, nanna naps and dinner of choice.

RALLIES & RUNS

On Monday we visited David Glenn's Lambley Garden in Ascot, a magnificent display of beautiful



trees, shrubs, blooms and vegetables, all set out with wide pathways enticing you through different areas surrounded but large hedges. With plants, bulbs and seeds available for sale to the public, many members came away with some plants of their choice, to enjoy in their own gardens.

This weekend was tinged with sadness with the loss of our lovely club member, Rhonda. Rhonda was greatly missed by us all, it was good Murray was able to join us and we hope it helped lessen some of his loss.

We also had a member become unwell and she decided to head home on Sunday morning. On arriving home she ended up in isolation in Geelong Hospital for a few days being tested for Coronavirus. Thankfully the test was negative, so then she went home in isolation. Final results revealed a lung infection. We hope Trish is well on her way to good health now to enjoy future rallies with your many friends.

Lastly on behalf of everyone who attended we wish to thank Rod and Libby for another very memorable Avoca weekend. Well done: you never disappoint.

- Gary Mellington.

AVOCA WEEKEND

Pat and I were first timers at the recent Avoca weekend Rally, and it was great. The motel was perfect with lots of space for all of our cars. A kitchen-equipped shed was available for breakfasts, barbeques, dining and games.

One surprise in the shed was a club member having a special birthday. "Little Gus" turned 70. Cakes and candles came out of hiding, Graeme and Garry brought along their squeeze boxes, so a good time turned into a party.



This special birthday makes little Gus "old Gus" because he is now 70. He was lucky to be kissed by all the girls before lock down.

We like walking around and exploring country towns and Avoca has the most outstanding historic state school Number 4 - a fine example of architectural beauty. Further up the hill was a well preserved 59 F series small truck with the futuristic windscreen and a nice XY with the bonnet up was hiding in a back yard.

Near the Avoca River, which Rod said is always dry at this time of the year, is a giant Peppercorn tree with the towering trunk 2.5 meters in diameter and 6 meters high before it branches out.

We enjoyed the drives around and activities arranged for us. The trip to the movies in Maryborough, the steam train ride from Maldon to Castlemaine, & the beautiful Lambley gardens were all just great.

Thanks to Rod for organising a most enjoyable weekend.

- Robin Evans.



But What Do We Do Next?

This edition of *Backfire* is full of the usual reports, photos and regular columns. Question is - what do we do next? Without meeting minutes, rally reports or an events calendar to publish, we will need to think "outside the square" if we are going to keep ourselves and our fellow club members interested and entertained over the next few months.

And I say "we" deliberately.

As your editor I have always relied on your contributions to fill *Backfire*. I will continue to do my best to find bits and pieces to include, but it will need extra effort from you (and not just the regular contributors) to fill the gaps. As long as the printers and the post office stay open, we plan to send out hard copies of *Backfire*. If they close, we can still email many members and put copies on our website. So here is a challenge. Get in touch - emailed copy is best but photos & notes in my letterbox will also do. Give me a call to see what can be arranged.

Some ideas:

- 1/. Our much appreciated librarian will continue to amuse through a new feature called "**Gary's Giggles**". Watch out for his next joke!
- 2/. What about some "**Stories from the Shed**"? Tell us about the projects that are occupying you during "self isolation". Or your favorite resto story from the past.
- 3/. "**Covid 19 Game Changers**" What unusual thing have you seen, heard or experienced that came about as a direct result of the present situation. How are you staying in touch? Any new ways to keep yourself amused? Naturally, positive stories are preferred.
- 4/. "**My Favorite Vehicle**" Tell us about that dream vehicle. Perhaps you already own it? Or did. Or plan to. Or perhaps it's just a pleasant dream.

Over to you. The deadline for the May *Backfire* is **5pm on Monday 27 April**, but don't wait that long to get in touch and plan your contribution - big or small.

Meanwhile, take care of yourself and those who matter to you.

Cheers

- Ed. (0417 311 441) editor@wdhvcgeelong.com

No Mars Bar Competition

With the Mars Bar Competition in hibernation, why not use your period of enforced "social isolation" to rummage through the old photo box and send Ray a baby photo? That way he can be ahead of the game when we get back together.

Photos URGENTLY needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen

Ph 52789 368,

or

email rbvangelen@gmail.com



WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Vince

Where were you born?

Sydney

Family?

Wife Tonia, 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 granddaughter

Number of years in the WDHVC?

6 years

Other interests?

Travel and family

What was your first vehicle?

Hillman Hunter

What vehicle would you love to own?

Maserati

What vehicles do you have now?

64^{1/2} Mustang convertible, 1966 GT Coupe Mustang

Profession?

Panel Beater

Skills?

Jack of all trades and master of none

What bugs you the most?

Politicians

What makes you happy?

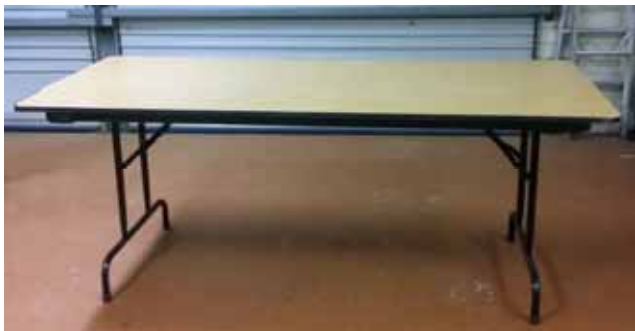
My family and food

- Libby

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

Folding Trestle Tables Laminated chipboard tops with plastic edge strip. Metal folding legs. Approx. 3' X 6' (900mm X 1800mm). Good condition. No longer needed by club. 6 available. \$10 ea. Call Jon 0417 311 441. **4/20**



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

Austin Loadstar drop side tray. 3 ton 6 cylinder petrol. Hardened valve seats, 4 speed on the floor crash box. Totally rebuilt in 2010. Tyres 80%. Extras: spare engine, spare parts, tow bar, hand winch, extra wipers, indicators plus original hands, 2 manuals. Reg 11585-H. Negotiable at \$15,000. Call Roger 0409 020 021. **4/20**



1996 Ford Capri Club Sprint. Soft top. Reg QAT-635, VIN 6FPAAAULAURT. Good top. \$2,400. Call John 0448 123 544. **4/20**

2013 Nissan X Trail. Small 2/4 wheel drive. Excellent condition. Reg 1KF 9QV. VIN JN1TANT31A0208446. \$10,000. Call Ivan 0400 660 387. **3/20**

1986 Mercedes fuel injected 300 SE. Low kilometres and excellent presentation. Engine no. 103981.22023316. Very nice gold duco. Interior like new. On club plates. With roadworthy. \$10,000. Call Peter 0423 400 471. **1/20**



Wanted:

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