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The President's **Idle Chatter**

Hi All,

I hope everyone has been out and about enjoying the great weather at this time of the year. There have been plenty of Club events to select from and enjoy the social activities.

If you haven't renewed your membership it is due now (by March 31) so if you haven't done so don't delay. Also we have the AGM coming up next meeting with nominations for executive and committee positions closed at the end of last meeting. We won't be needing any voting for the committee due to less nominations than positions so that will save some time at the AGM.

This year the Committee has decided that the Club will provide supper at the AGM so you don't have to provide a plate as in previous years.

We will be again having a Swap Committee Meeting prior to the April General Meeting. This is our last one before the swap and it will start at 6pm. We have now sold out all the indoor sites and we are getting a lot of interest on the Club Facebook site. The one thing we need more of is volunteers especially for a few hours on the Saturday. This is a great opportunity to help the club and be part of the team, and you can still get to look around the swap sites and do some shopping. All volunteers also get free entry and a ticket for some Devonshire tea. Those that help out say that it is well worthwhile being part of. Contact Murray Foran (5248 2553) to get your name down if you haven't already done so.

I went along to a rest break of the Targa Classica at the Anglesea Chocolaterie recently. There were many exotic machines participating in the 4-day event. Of the 105 entries about 60 were various Porsche models, as well as plenty of Ferraris and a McLaren. Most notable for me was a 1927 Type 35 Bugatti which I helped push start to get it going on the next leg to Torquay.

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

David Mitchell



Thank you David, for steering us through Covid and our recovery beyond. - Ed

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 633 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024

PRESIDING

President David Mitchell welcomed all members attending, including new member Doug Thomson.

This month's guest speaker was Tony Featherston from Queenscliff's Cottage By the Sea. The Cottage has a proud 130 year history of helping disadvantaged children.

APOLOGIES

Jennie Green, Tiny Stonehouse, Courtney Field, Rod & Loraine Roach, Graeme Anderson, Jeanette Dragt, Marg & Lindsay Hose, Lyn Jordan, Geoff Lenton, Jack Harmon, Julie Wilby, Rod & Libby Booley, Elaine Baldock, Fred & Sharyn Harris, Barb & Ray van Galen, Jim Coates, Alex McLaws and Alan Tipper.

Moved: Ken Batson

Seconded: Peter Telfer Carried

SICK LIST

Lindsay Hose

MINUTES

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

Moved: John Bailey

Seconded: Graham Baldock Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

Nil

Emails In

- Resignation notifications from Frank Vella and Ian Palmer.
- Geelong Printworks advising a change of ownership.
- Jollies Auto Parts invitation to their Coffee & Cars event.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- Welcome letters to new members approved at the last Committee meeting:

Ross & Carla Ardiri

Doug & Vanessa Thomson

Robert & Rita Jenkins

Max Santini

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Dallas Jones

Seconded: Jan Clissold 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: Ken Parry Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

AGM next month, so no speaker.

LIBRARY (Phill)

Phill recommended several books from the library. Mystery item found in the library (not a book!) passed around the meeting. Educated guesses settled on a distributor base.

DINE OUT (Ken Parry for Sharyn)

This month at the Great Western.

EDITOR (Jon)

Backfire printer changed ownership, but business as usual.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No report this month.

FEDERATION REPORT (David)

David has just returned from the meeting in Gippsland where the following was discussed:

- Bendigo Swap site listing mix up will be resolved for 2024;
- Swap electronic entry payment options under review;
- Income Tax payment change update; and
- Changes to Incorporation rules.

COMMITTEE REPORT (Tony)

Topics covered:

- Four new members approved;
- Echuca run in April; and
- More Swap meet volunteers needed.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

Looking into the printing of Club logo window stickers

TINKER DAY (Dallas)

Tinker Days planned for March (Portarlington) and April (Bannockburn). See Backfire for details.

Dallas is once again avoiding the beautiful Victorian winter and holidaying in mouldful Queensland for three months. Please call him if you could assist with the Tinker Days while he is away.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray away)

No award this month.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus had concerning statistics on motorbike casualties over the 2023 year with 46,000 visits to Hospital Emergency Departments across Australia.

New member Doug Thomson brought in his new Genesis and spoke about the South Korean company and the car's many features. A lot of car for the money!

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Ken)

See the *Backfire* for details on future events.

The next coffee run will be at the Eastern Gardens Rotunda.

Events attended by members include:

- Sixteen cars were displayed at the Waterfront.
- The Batesford Coffee Run was a great success
- The Club Membership BBQ was once again very well attended. Thanks to all involved in the BBQ and taking the membership renewals (of course).
- The Portarlington container house was very impressive and a credit to the owner-builder.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (TBC)

See details in 2024.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Bring your favourite thing to the next Tech night.

SWAP MEET (David)

Saturday 11 May. Many more volunteers needed!

KITCHEN (Pam)

No report

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Please submit your nomination form for a Committee position.
- President David thanked Evelyn Hill for donating his Club items on display at the meeting.
- Peter recommends attending the Corowa ex-military vehicle days this week.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

Please contact Ken Wilby if you have any leads on Itala engine blocks.

Meeting closed following the submission of nomination forms.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 9 April 2024 in the clubrooms, to be followed immediately afterwards by the Annual General Meeting.

- Leigh Dwyer

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc will be held at the clubrooms on Tuesday, 9 April 2024.

The AGM will follow the monthly general meeting, which commences at 7:30pm.

Supper will be provided.

AGM Agenda

- approval of minutes of 2023 AGM
- President's report
- Secretary's report
- presentation of the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the 2023/2024 financial year
- election of Auditor
- confirmation of Committee
- award presentations.

The following executive and committee nominations were received up to the end of the general meeting on 12 March 2024.

- **President** – John Bailey
- **Vice President** – Barb van Galen
- **Secretary/Public Officer**, Consumer Affairs notification of Incorporated Association – Fred Harris
- **Treasurer** – Maurice Healy

The following nominations were received for the general committee.

- Graeme Anderson
- Simon Anderson
- Jon Breedveld
- Anne De Bono
- Col Jordan
- Ken Parry
- Gus Shea

As the nominations did not exceed the vacancies, a ballot will not be required.

Fred Harris
Honorary Secretary

I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2023

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No 56 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB

PRESIDING: President David Mitchell welcomed 78 members to the AGM.

APOLOGIES

Kevin & Julie Wilby, Graeme Walker, Lindsay & Helen Graham, John Bailey, Graeme Anderson, James Park, Jennie Green, Col & Lyn Jordan, Darren Tucker, Graham Baldock, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Tiny Stonehouse, Garry Toulman, Noreen Mellington, Ray Turner, Trevor Sawyer, Jeanette Dragt, Alan Tipper and Gary Wallace.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Ken Batson

Carried

SICK LIST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on April 12th 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Dallas Jones

Carried

REPORTS

The President and Secretary presented their Annual Reports, to be published in the *Backfire*.

TREASURER REPORT (Maurice)

The Treasurer read the statement of incoming and outgoing expenses as compiled by our auditor, Gary Harbert, which is available for members to review.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Ken Batson

Carried

Maurice moved that the auditor be re-appointed.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Jan Clissold

Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President David vacated the Chair and introduced life member Trevor Schneider who took the Chair and thanked all the office bearers for their work over a challenging year.

Trevor noted that David Perkins had chosen not to re-nominate for a Committee position. He thanked David for his support and contribution to the club. David will continue to represent the Club at Federation meetings.

All executive positions were declared vacant. Committee nominations did not exceed the positions available and so no vote was necessary.

The successful nominations were:

President: David Mitchell

Vice President: John Bailey

Secretary / Public Officer, Consumer Affairs
Notification for Incorporated Association:
Fred Harris

Treasurer: Maurice Healy

General Committee:

Graeme Anderson, Simon Anderson, Jon Breedveld, Tony Brincat, Col Jordan, Ken Parry, Gus Shea and Barb van Galen.

(As the Immediate Past President, Dallas Jones remains a committee member. - *Ed.*)

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

David resumed the Chair and thanked Trevor for his assistance.

Barb van Galen was named as the Club Member of the year for her continuing support of the Club.

David presented 25 year membership badges to Jan Clissold and Brian Edward.

Meeting closed at 9:24pm.

PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Membership renewal fees were due by 31 March. If you have cars carrying Red Plates that are registered through our club and we do not receive your completed membership renewal form and money by 31 March, VicRoads considers those cars to be unregistered and you cannot legally drive them on public roads.

If you no longer wish to be a club member, please email or post your resignation to the Secretary, Fred Harris.

25 Year Badges to be Presented

The following people have reached 25 years of WDHVC membership.

- ◇ Merv & Marie Batson
- ◇ Ray & Lyn Davis
- ◇ Daniel & Maryle Monk
- ◇ Linda Parker
- ◇ Ray & Barb van Galen

We look forward to seeing these people at the **April** meeting, to be presented with their 25 year badges

March Feature Vehicle

The Genesis GV70

New member Doug Thomas had his white 2021 Genesis GV70 in the garage this month. This beautiful vehicle runs a 2.5 litre, 4-cylinder turbo engine that achieves 0-100 kph in six seconds. It is mated to an 8-speed auto gearbox that delivers power to the rear wheels.



Doug explained that the brand was the high-end arm of Hyundai (much like Toyota and Lexus). He has owned the \$70k car for 12 months and bought it after seeing a display in a shopping centre and waiting 10 months for delivery. He said the car was heavily computerised, with many driving functions controlled or assisted by the CPU. This includes a sophisticated 'self-drive' program that follows the road, distance, lane departure and cruise controls. It weighed 1.9 tonnes and was heavily soundproofed.

The car was designed by an ex-Bentley designer and Doug said that front was Bentley, the back end took after Porsche styling and the interior was Lamborghini.

The *Cars Guide* website says the Genesis is the brand's mid-sized SUV. The luxury five seater is a more affordable but still well-appointed alternative to the likes of BMW's X3 and Mercedes-Benz's GLC. A direct rival would be the Lexus NX. The line-up currently starts at \$70,500 for the GV70 2.5T and ranges through to \$126,475 for the range-topping GV70 Electrified Performance LUX.

It describes the GV70's interior as "downright plush". The dashboard features a 14.5-inch multimedia touchscreen that is also operated by a rotary dial that has crystal-looking embellishments. The 12.3-inch 3D digital instrument panel appears like a hologram without the image instability. It has built-in satellite navigation. There is customisable ambient lighting.

The car is rated to tow 2200 kg with trailer brakes and fuel consumption is rated at just under 10 litres/100 kms (petrol). - Ed.



RALLIES & RUNS Waterfront Display

The second waterfront display was held in 3 March. The weather was again pleasant, with the sunshine showing members' cars off to best advantage. Photos: Tony Brincat



Events Calendar

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

Friday 29 March

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 4 April

Coffee Run We will head to the rotunda/shelter next to the Botanic Gardens in East Geelong. BYO beverages or buy one at the corner shop in Garden St. Maybe bring a comfy seat and a cake to eat!! Cheers from The Coffee Coordinator. Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 9 April

Swap Committee Meeting 6pm in Clubrooms. To continue with the event planning. For those involved or anyone else wanting to help please, come along.

Contact: David 0409 099 716

Tuesday 9 April

General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms, followed by the **AGM**.

Wednesday 10 April

Dine Out 6pm at the Shell Club. Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Tuesday 16 April

Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Thursday 18 April

Tinker Day Leaving from Fyansford Hotel carpark at 10am. We will be looking at some horse drawn buggies and associated items. The owner has been generous enough to open up his collection but enjoys his privacy and has asked that adults only attend and that no pictures to be taken and posted on social media platforms. There is not really anywhere to sit and eat, so after our visit, we will be heading to a park in Bannockburn to have our lunch. Contact: Dallas 0432 172 171

Monday 22 April

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

Tuesday 23 April

Tech Night "Door Fittings" Window winders, door locks, hinges, striker plates, external mirrors, speakers, door cards – all those fiddly, tricky components you tear your hair out over when trying to install, remove, repair or realign. Arrive at 7 pm, so we can set up for a 7.30 pm start. Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Thursday 25 April

Anzac Day BBQ Breakfast at Barwon Heads. Meet at Clubrooms at 8.15am OR 8.30am on the riverbank.

Contact Murray Foran 0409 841 700

Friday 26 April

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 2 May

Coffee Run Anglesea Chocolaterie 10am.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Friday 10 May

Swap Meet set up day Clubrooms 9am. Give what time you have to help set up for our big annual fundraiser.

Contact: David 0409 099 716

Saturday 11 May

Swap Meet Clubrooms from the early hours (depending on what job you have)!

Contact: David 0409 099 716

Thursday May 16

Tinker Day We will be travelling to John Bailey's place in Ocean Grove. What we will see and do there is a mystery to me, and probably John. We will leave from the clubrooms 10am sharp to try and arrive by 10.30. Those on the Bellarine might like to meet us there. Contact Dallas 0432 172 171.

Sunday 19 May

Mystery car run & pub lunch. Names needed by 14 May (at the meeting). Contact: Ken 0437 254 351

Other Events

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

April 6	Horsham Swap	Horsham Show Grounds
April 6	Rutherglen Swap	Saturday: swap meet. Sunday: vehicle show day
April 7	Castlemaine Swap	Camp Reserve, Castlemaine
April 7	Motorbike Swap	Vintage Motorcycle Club, at National Steam Centre, Scoresby
April 7	Shepparton Motor Show	Rotary Motor Show, Market Day & Swap Meet, Showgrounds
April 14	Kerang Swap	Alexandrina Park
April 14	Lancefield Swap	Car & Collectables Swap
April 21	HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market	St. Anthony's School Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East
April 21	Maffra Swap	Gippsland Vehicle Collection
May 11	Geelong Swap	Bay City Swap Meet, Geelong Showgrounds 0451 641 924
May 19	Lockington Swap	Lockington Park
June 9	Maldon Swap	Maldon Racecourse Text Mark 0414 244 842
Sept 8	Shepparton Swap	Shepparton Showground
Oct 29	HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market	St. Anthony's School Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East
Nov 10	Maldon Swap	Maldon Racecourse, Text Mark 0414 244 842

Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc Presents

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET

Sat 11th May 2024 gates open 7am

Geelong Showgrounds (Melways Ref 452 E10)



Costs:

- *Gate entry, Adult/Teenage \$10 per person, Under 13 yr Free
- *Outdoor site, \$20 per 10x6m site + gate entry costs \$10 per person
(no booking required for outdoor sites)
- *Limited indoor sites, Bookings via email/phone
\$30 per site + gate entry costs \$10 per person
- *Area inside the grounds for cars/motorcycles For Sale or Display
(\$20 per car/bike + gate entry costs \$10 per person)
- *Parking for Non sellers at Geelong racecourse, Breakwater Rd.
- *Please have correct money for site and gate entry.
- * Geelong Mobile ATM Facilities on site

Friday night: Camp sites available for stallholders only.

Entry from 4pm, gates will close at 9pm sharp. (site + per person entry costs)

Rules: Strictly no animals allowed in showgrounds. No fires permitted in anyway. No unauthorised food/drink vendors. No riding of a bicycle, scooter, motorcycle or rec vehicle. No Alcohol permitted.

Mobility scooters permitted but must not exceed 4kph.

Updates: Via, Geelong Bay City Swap Facebook page

Contact: email: geelongswap@wdhvcgeelong.com

Ph: 0451 641 924

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March Guest Speaker Cottage by the Sea - Tony Featherston

Our March guest speaker, Tony Featherston, told us about the work of Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff.

Tony currently works part time for Cottage by the Sea, assisting with gifts in wills (bequests), group presentations and Cottage tours. He was the CEO from 2001 through to June 2019 and has been with the organisation for 24 years.

Cottage by the Sea is a not-for-profit, independent children's charity and receives no government funding. Established in 1890, its mission is to enhance the lives of more children by providing inspiration, fun and opportunity within a seaside environment.

Its diverse programs involve short-stay-camps that focus on adventures in nature. Participants are provided with opportunities to build positive relationships with peers and adult role models, which helps them learn and grow when they return to their schools and communities. It also offers respite holidays for families in a secondary facility, Riptide Cottage.

Throughout its long history, the Cottage has provided short term care in a holiday environment for children in need. Over time, those attending have included convalescing children, children affected by war, fire, flood, or those disadvantaged in key life areas.

In 2022-2023 the Cottage catered for 1,600 people, including 947 Take a Break participants, 192 Reef program participants and 122 in the Mentor program.

Take a Break provides one-off, one week holidays for 6-12 year old children in need. The Reef program is for those aged 11-14 and aims to assist in transitioning from primary to secondary school. The Mentor program caters for Reef program graduates, aged 13-18. It focusses on personal development and participants attend five or six programs per year over five years. It helps develop the skills that enable young people to contribute to their communities, schools, homes and the Cottage itself.

Over the years the Cottage has attracted notable people as ambassadors, including Jimmy Bartel, Curtis Stone, Rod Laver, Joel Selwood and Patrick Dangerfield. Cathy Freeman and Frank Costa have been Patrons of the charity and this role is now held by Rebecca Maddern.

Tony said there was a growing need for what Cottage by the Sea does and independent impact studies have shown that Cottage programs leave a lasting impact on children, from increasing their confidence and self-belief to enhancing their sense of belonging.

He said that the Cottage was a values-driven organisation that aims to help more young people live happy, healthy lives. Everything they do reflects their values: respect, adventure, integrity, belonging and community.

Our Club is exploring the opportunity for a visit to the Cottage in future.

For more information about Cottage by the Sea, visit [Australian charity for children \(cottagebythesea.com.au\)](http://australiancharityforchildren.org.au/cottagebythesea.com.au)



Memorabilia Presented to Club

Evelyn Hill donated some early WDHVC merchandise to the Club at the March meeting.

Items donated included spoons, cuff links and a keyring. This followed some exploration in March and April last year, which caused Evelyn to rediscover the items among his collection. (See stories and photos in the March & April 2023 *Backfires*.)

President David thanked Evelyn for his donation. The committee will determine the best way to display the items in the clubrooms.



RALLIES & RUNS

Bargains Galore at the March Tinker Day

Tinker Day attendees faced another perfect day for members to get together. Leaving from the clubrooms we headed to Curlewis to meet up with those from the Bellarine. We headed off to Lorraine's house in Portarlington in something that resembled an organised convoy. Sadly that didn't seem to last long. Despite being told where we were going and how to get there, somehow a few (quite a few) managed to break from the herd and get a bit lost. All's well that ends well, they arrived ... eventually. The final head count was 30.



Lorraine's garage had been set up by John Bailey, Fred Harris, Maurice Healey and Jon Breedveld two days prior, with prices marked on most things. This was great because it removed the need for haggling and, as the prices were more than reasonable, there was no need to anyway. (Members did find a few items squirrelled away in back cupboards that needed some instant pricing, which meant our "bagman" Jon had to be quick on this feet!)

Of course our money man Maurice was there gathering the funds like a fervid tax collector! The end result was over \$800 raised for Lorraine and a sizeable dent in the garage contents.

There were obviously some things that people wanted, as a steady stream of items seemed to be heading out the door and destined for a new home.

Thank you to Lorraine for opening her place and allowing the members to look through Barry's stuff. Also huge thanks to the guys that set it up prior to the day, then helped out during and the packing up when it was over.

- Dallas



This month we have received two reports from members attending rallies at overseas locations - New Zealand and Tasmania! Thank you to John and Vicki & Manny and Lil for these stories. - Ed

Napier New Zealand – Art Deco Festival Feb 2024

On our recent trip to New Zealand we found ourselves transported back to the 1920/30s. In 1931, Napier and the Hawke's Bay region was devastated by an earthquake. The town of Napier was rebuilt in the art deco style of architecture.



It was a surprising delight as we happened to be in Napier for their annual Art Deco Festival. This was the first time the festival had been held in full since 2020, after the 2021 and 2022 events were hit by Covid and the 2023 festival had to be cancelled due to the devastating impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Hundreds of vintage cars were on display over two days, coming from all over New Zealand.

The whole town dressed in the style of the era. There were Gatsby style picnics, singing, full dress 30's dancing, jazz, cars with 30's picnic tables, record players etc and even a soapbox derby for the kids, yes we felt as though we had been transported back in time, but time hadn't changed. Absolutely fabulous!

There were multi vintage tiger moth and mustang plane flyovers all day. The classic cars were absolutely stunning and nearly all in concours condition. The townsfolk were generous, warm and humble.

Where had they been hiding these classics? Bugattis, Rolls, Chevrolets, Mercedes, Fords, it went on and on; a collectors and dreamers real life nostalgic dream of the era. Yes, we will definitely go back. It was wonderful!



- John & Vicki Chrzanowski
More details at: [Napier Art Deco Festival | Hawke's Bay \(hawkesbaynz.com\)](http://Napier Art Deco Festival | Hawke's Bay (hawkesbaynz.com))



“Overseas” RALLIES & RUNS

The Tassie Tour 2024

Manuel and I sailed across Bass Strait on 1 March. The Indian Scout climbed onto the back of the ute and came with us. We were going to do the Tassie Tour 2024. This is a motorcycle event organised by the British Bike Club of Hobart.



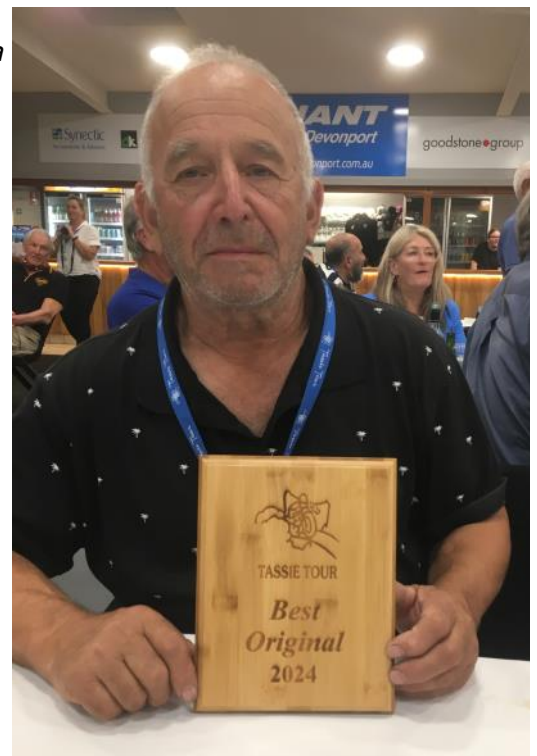
We joined the tour at Ulverstone and did a 1500km loop of Tasmania. We travelled from Ulverstone to Burnie, down to Strachan, across to Hobart, down to Port Arthur, back to Bicheno, up to Launceston and finally to Devonport. There were 117 varied motorcycles entered: Brough Superiors, Nortons, 28 BSAs, a couple of Harleys and three Indians.



Highlights included walking the Tahuna tree walk and dinner at the Royal Hobart Yacht Cup.

The Best Original Condition Award was judged by a committee of six - I think they meant the bike!

- Lil & Manny Vella



RALLIES & RUNS

Coffee Run to the Derwent

The Derwent Hotel at Batesford provided a scenic setting for the March coffee run.

Photos: Tony Brincat & Harold Newtown



Great Mars Bar Competition

April



Here we have a lovely young lady of 18 months old, enjoying a run around with the family. This is your opportunity to snaffle a whopping big Mars Bar by telling us who it is, and another Mars Bar for telling us where she was at the time.

Was it Geelong, Newcomb, West Geelong, Holland, Egypt, England, Casablanca? it could be anywhere.

- Ray

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen
Ph 52789 368,
or
email rbvangalen@gmail.com



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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale



For Sale 2006 Ford Focus LS.
2.0L 100,000 Km.
Rego UNY-695 -
Oct 24. \$6,200.

Call Bernard
0428 753 638.

3/24

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale: the late Clive Shaw's 2004 Jaguar X-Type Sedan. British Racing Green. 2.1 ltr, V6, 5-speed auto, 126,747kms. Regularly serviced: recently 20/09/2023. Always garaged. Paint & interior in excellent condition. \$9,500 (ex Govt charges). Rego SVX-970 (exp: 28/04/2024). Contact daughter: Janis 0408 302 010. **1/24**



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:

Mob. 0417 311 441 or
editor@wdhvcgeelong .com

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>

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

I started out with nothing.

I still have most of it.

MEMBERSHIP & RED PLATE RENEWALS

All WDHVC members who have not renewed their club membership by 31 March are unfinancial. To renew, complete the Membership Renewal Form and post it to the Treasurer with a cheque for the correct amount owing.

Postal address:

The Treasurer, WDHVC, PO Box 200 NEWCOMB VIC 3219.

Please notify the Secretary if you wish to resign from the Club.

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

Membership: with emailed *Backfire* only \$50; OR with *Backfire* as a hard copy \$60 plus Postage & handling \$5

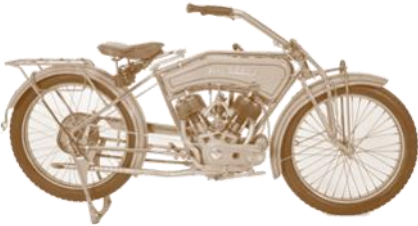
If undeliverable return to:

WDHVC
PO Box 200
Newcomb VIC 3219

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April 2024 at a glance (details Page 9)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either: check the club website; check their emails; or contact the event organiser.	25	26	27	28 February	29 March <i>Backfire</i> Folding Morning	30
31 March	1	2	3	4 Coffee Run. 10 am Eastern Gardens	5	6 Horsham Swap Rutherglen Swap
7 Castlemaine, Motorbike & Shepparton Swaps	8	9 Swap C'ttee 6pm General Meeting 7.30pm then AGM	10 Dine Out 6pm Shell Club	11	12	13
14 Kerang & Lancefield Swaps	15	16 Committee Meeting	17	18 Tinker Day Fynsfrd Hotel carpark 10am	19	20
21 HTPAA Hand Tool Market. Maffra Swap	22 <i>Backfire</i> Deadline	23 7pm Tech Night "Door Fittings"	24	25 Anzac Day Breakfast Barwon Heads. 8.15 am clubrooms	26 May <i>Backfire</i> Folding Morning	27
28	29	30	1 May	2 Coffee Run 10am Anglesea Chocolaterie	3	4