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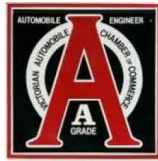


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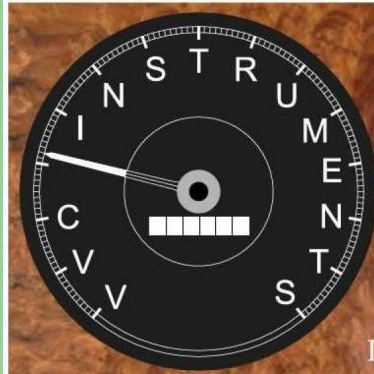
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- (a) to foster recovery, restoration and preservation of all types of self-propelled heritage vehicles categorized as Veteran (pre-1919), Vintage (1919 -1930) and Classic (1931 to vehicles manufactured up to 25 years ago); and
- (b) to facilitate events for the display of heritage vehicles and give members the opportunity to take the vehicles on club runs and trips, and in the process to increase to public's awareness of our motoring heritage; and
- (c) to facilitate socialising and the exchange of information and vehicle parts between members, similar clubs and interested people.

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<u>BARRY COLLISON MEMORIAL TROPHY (PEOPLE'S CHOICE)</u>	1930 ERSKINE Model 53 Sedan	Lindsay Braybon
<u>JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST PRESENTED VEHICLE</u>	1966 FORD Mustang	John & Sandra Pozzobon
<u>DUSTY SHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT</u>	1968 HONDA 800	Ian & Annette Wright
<u>JOHN HILL TROPHY FOR BEST MOTORCYCLE</u>	1947 Triumph 100 Tiger	George & Matry Coad
<u>ROLLS-ROYCE PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR CLUB MEMBERS OF THE YEAR</u>		Peter Vibert
<u>PRESIDENTS AWARD</u>		Heather Drust

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held in the GVMVDC.Inc. Clubrooms, 40 Grahamvale Rd, Grahamvale (northeastern outskirts of Shepparton) on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 8.00pm. New members and visitors are welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE

Meets in the Clubrooms on the fourth Thursday of each month except December.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2025 **\$80** (**\$30** if not getting paper Journal).

Joining fee is **\$20**. Financial year is 1st July – 30th June

Subs can be paid directly into the Club's bank account **GVMVDC Inc.** at the Bendigo Bank.

BSB **633 000** Acct No **1366 25076**. Include your name and membership number as details.

MONTHLY RALLIES

GVMVDC Inc organises club runs every month, on both weekends and weekdays. Details of this month's runs are on the Coming Up pages of this Journal. Slower vehicles may leave earlier if they wish. Members without a rally car can come modern or turn up and get a lift with somebody. Members are reminded to fill out the rally attendance sheet sometime during the run.

CLUB SHOP

Lapel badges (members)	\$4.00	Wind jacket	\$50.00
(for non-members)	\$5.00	Windcheaters (depending on size)	\$20 - \$30
Car Badges (members only)	\$16.00	T-shirts (depending on size/style)	\$15 - \$25
Windscreen stickers	\$3.00	Caps	\$15.00
Embroidered patch of club logo	\$3.00		

Contact the club librarian.

RED PLATE VEHICLE PERMIT RENEWALS

When your Club Permit is due for renewal, you can:

- bring the papers to a club meeting for signing,
- post them with a self-addressed envelope to GVMVDC Inc Permit Officer, c/- P.O. Box 6, Shepparton 3632 and the Permit Officer will sign them and return them, or
- post them to the Permit Officer with a cheque and an envelope addressed to VicRoads and the Permit Officer will sign them and send them on.

See the Permit Officers at a meeting for further details. You can also contact Peter Vibert on 0408 333 172 to arrange a time. Peter lives at 7 Cardinia Court, Kialla Lakes.

CLUB LIBRARY

A full listing of the Club's books, manuals and DVDs is available in the library at club meetings.

CAR PHOTOS

Each member is entitled to have one car photo on the wall at no cost. Give your 220x140mm photo to Hugh MacFadyen with your details and the car's details. He will do the framing. Further photos can be done for \$10 each. See Hugh for details.

JOURNAL

Contributions for the next Journal should be to the Editor before **2nd May 2026**.

“CLASSICS: THE FINE WINE OF THE AUTOMOTIVE WORLD.”

President's Report

As little Donnie Trumpet plays war games funded by the rest of the world, fuel prices here, like everywhere else in the world, are spiralling out of control. Just thought I'd mention that in case your attention has been focussed on the return of the footie or on calculating the dimensions of an average Victorian road pothole. Elsewhere in this edition of the Journal, Club Captain Barry reports on the attention that the Events Subcommittee is giving to the fuel crisis, reducing the distance of club runs to minimise the cost increases members are experiencing.

The Committee is also closely monitoring the impact of the fuel crisis. With farmers pleading for Melbourne residents to save fuel by using public transport amid fears that the fuel shortage could result in food rationing (Sky News, March 28th), and reports of truckies being stranded as diesel supplies dry up (news.com.au, March 26th), our club needs to be seen to be using available fuel resources responsibly or risk public backlash.

To date there have been no directives issued by either the Federation or AOMC regarding the impact of club activities on available fuel resources. Indeed, scheduled AOMC and Federation events seem to be proceeding as normal. The Government has repeatedly stated that there is no fuel shortage, only panic buying, but that would be little comfort if some local egotistical nutter (they're not only in the White House you know!) decides we are doing the wrong thing and vents his frustration on our members or their cars.

The Committee will continue to monitor the fuel situation and take appropriate actions, including the cancellation of club runs if deemed appropriate until fuel sanity prevails, to protect the Club's members, property, image and reputation.

Best regards / *Rob Fletcher*

From the Editor

Please note that the deadline for articles to be sent to the editor is always at the bottom of page 2, you get an extra week in April as it will be 2nd May.

Take note of the Fuel Dilemma and know that both the events committee and the club committee has been discussing this matter and will advise you if there are changes to activities.

Volunteers are needed at Historic Winton and the Bendigo Swap.

As I was a little light on this month I have included another blog from Our Nomadic Adventure, Part 1 written in 2017 when we were travelling west.

Yours in Motoring,
Heather Drust

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Minutes of General Meeting held 12th March 2026 at the Clubrooms

There were 57 members and 10 listed apologies.

President Robin Fletcher opened the meeting at 8.00 pm thanking those present for attending and ran through the Club's safety protocols.

Previous Minutes of the 12th of February 2026 General Meeting as printed in the Journal were accepted following a motion from Denis Zanelli and seconded by Colin Opie. No business arising.

REPORTS

Correspondence by Secretary John Truman
 Incoming by Post: 5 club newsletters, 4 bank statements, invoice for renewal of PO Box 704.
 Incoming by email: 17 club newsletters, 3 AOMC newsletters, 3 event notifications, 1 Federation notice, invoice for bus used for Dowel visit, Bendigo Swap request for volunteers, request for use of a vehicle for a promotion, notice of need to renew PO Box 704, membership application from Dan Lavis.
 Outwards by email: Acknowledgement of membership application – Dan Lavis, acceptance & welcome to Ray Martin, replies to letters from i. Phame McCall, ii. Colleen Pethybridge, iii. D & M Zanelli, iv. Margaret Croke, v. H & R MacFadyen.

This report was accepted after a motion by John Truman and seconded by Terry Brennan.

Treasurer: Peter Vibert presented a three-page report which included the balances of all accounts. He gave a run down on the main points, such as Red Plate Day expenses, hall cleaning, delegates travel expenses, Post Office Box fee, fees to the Federation, Journal costs, Water Rates & Data Parts computer service. He went over the account totals and asked for questions – no questions.

This report was accepted after a motion from Peter Vibert and seconded by Margaret Croke.

Red Plate Report: Peter Vibert reported that the Club has 272 vehicles on red plates. Please check to see if your vehicle's fee is overdue.

Club Captain: Barry Croke reported that the Red Plate Day was a social success, but we used to get 40 cars for inspection – this year we had 16. It is a great shame that the Members are not making use of this service. The Dowel

Museum trip on Saturday 21st February was a resounding success. The Club subsidy was not required as careful planning covered all the cost with the charge of \$50 per head. Another trip will be run if Members show interest. The March mid-week run is to Winton Raceway with lunch at the Benalla Bowling Club. On Saturday 21st March Members can join in the festivities of the Katamatite 150 Year Celebration. The Wunghnu Federation picnic on the 29th of March is shaping up to be a great event. If you plan on attending the Rushworth Eater Festival, please note you must submit an entry prior to the event. Planning for a Mystery Rally is progressing with 8 or 9 entries already in – need more. The Murrabit Picnic weekend has 7 entries – also needs more. The Griffith Rally still has vacancies.

Reports from the floor: Greg Sutherland reported that he has organized a motorcycle mystery tour into the highlands at a leisurely pace, for 12th April. John Truman gave a report on the current activity at M.O.V.E.. Lloyd Healey gave a run down on the Two Rivers Run tractor trek from 15th to 21st March, which he will be joining. This trek raises money for MND, and the last event raised \$45,000 – they hope to break this record.

Swap Meet: Lloyd Healey reported that Shepp Hire can no longer supply a marquee and he is looking for a new supplier. We have not received official go ahead from Council as yet, but things look OK.

Federation Delegate: Lloyd Healey emphasized the need for volunteers at the Bendigo Swap.

Catering: Julie Mahoney reported that they are catering for the Cadillac Club at M.O.V.E. on 15th April. She also mentioned that they still have sausages for sale.

Social Group : Col Grace reported that the next meeting is on 21st March. Please come along if available.

Facilities: Greg Sutherland reported that the weeds are 99.9% under control.

AOMC Delegate: Report in the Journal

General Business: Interaction with M.O.V.E. – Robin Fletcher gave a visual presentation on this subject which emphasized this was only looked at as a RELOCATION. He went

through all the steps that had been made to analyze this proposal. He then went on to show the financial analysis which had been made. This showed the realistic amount that would be realized if the property were to be sold. From all this information the Committee determined that it was not financially viable to proceed with this investigation in the best interest of the Club. This decision was then put to the Members.

Vote taken – 58 for, nil against, 1 abstention.

This matter was then put to rest.

Christmas Function location – Margaret Croke – who was one of the Members who sought a change – addressed the Members. Her points were poor attendance numbers, very ordinary event, too spaced out, poor audio system, not benefiting from having own kitchen, Clubrooms were more comfortable with more facilities.

Hughie MacFadyen – who also sought a

change – addressed the Members. His points were Grahamvale School used to be great for kids and grandkids. They currently are not attending. The weather becomes less of a problem, better facilities and less work.

With no further speakers, it was put to the Members that the future Club Christmas Function be held at the Clubrooms.

Vote taken – Majority for, 1 against. The Club is still to determine, with Member input, the format under which this event will run.

Buy, Sell & Swap : Nil.

Raffle: Ray Mullins conducted his raffle with assistance from Meryl Zanelli, and seven members went away with their lucky prizes.

Next Meetings: General – 9th April 2026

Committee – 26th March 2026

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm and Members were asked to stack the chairs, then adjourn to supper.

Catering sub-Committee Report

The Catering sub- Committee will be providing lunch for the Cadillac Club’s visit to M.O.V.E. on Wednesday 15th April. At the moment, we anticipate we’ll be catering for around 160 people, with lunch being served at M.O.V.E. around noon. It will be ‘all hands-on deck’ as we make up the individual lunch boxes, consisting of either a ham or chicken salad roll, 2 pieces of slice and some seasonal fruit.

Kind regards,

Julie Mahoney



MOVE



A motion moved at March meeting of members means that the move, to move to MOVE, is no more than a memory.

The implications of the proposal to sell up and use the funds to re-establish at MOVE have been fully and meticulously investigated and researched by the committee and found to be not workable. The details of this investigation were presented to the members in an informative, professional standard visual presentation put together by President Robin Fletcher. This resulted in a recommendation to the meeting **that “we do not proceed with the move”**.

This was passed unanimously by the meeting.

Coming Up

GVMVDC General Meeting, Clubrooms – 8:00pm Thursday 9thth April 2026

Masks and sanitiser are provided for those who need them.

Guest Speaker – Sam Birrell

There is a monthly raffle with a number of prizes so have your \$2 coins and get 3 tickets at the door. Any profit is donated to Charity; it is not a fundraiser.



Saturday: February 18th April - Saturday Social Day

Our next Social get together will be Saturday 18th April 2026 10-2pm at the clubrooms.

We are having a footy lunch. Pies and sausage rolls and cocktails.

Could everyone please bring a sweet to share.

Please let me know by Wednesday 15th April for catering purposes.0419551748

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Sandra



Coming Events for April 2026

Contact Barry Croke (0488058 231) if you need any more details of the following events.

Wednesday: April 15: Almond Plantation and Barooga

The run departs from the clubrooms at 9.30am. We will visit the 5,500 hectare plantation (and growing) at Katunga. This is one of Go-Farm’s operations that have become a new feature of our rural landscapes replacing many hundreds of former irrigated enterprises that were mainly dairying. It should be a great opportunity to learn what is entailed with these developments, especially in the use of water, and to talk about their autonomous farm equipment and tractors.

We will travel to Barooga Sporting Club for lunch.



Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19: Mystery Rally

Nine cars are listed for this trip that was detailed in last month’s Journal. Another one or two more entrants would be good, but please advise us by April 8 as we must finalise arrangements with motels and venues we will visit.

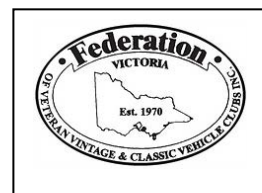


Murrabit tour: May 16 & 17 (with overnight stay)

For National Motoring Heritage Day this year we are going to try something different. We will be attending the Federation Murrabit picnic held at the Murrabit market site. This will be the third year that this event has been held and has been very successful in drawing cars from Swan Hill, Kerang, Echuca and Deniliquin etc. There is on-site catering available.

For those members who are interested we will travel to Barham on Saturday, 16 May and stay overnight at the Clubarham Comfort Inn Motel. On Sunday morning we will travel the short distance out to Murrabit.

After the drawing of the raffles shortly after lunch, we will head home. We have reserved rooms for us at the motel so if you wish to go please advise Leigh Johnston. A \$50 deposit paid to our club is required, total cost for the motel is \$150. Of course, if you don’t



wish to stay the night you can travel up on Sunday morning. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Banking details: BSB 633 000 Acc.139 718 027

Please be sure to provide your name and "Murrabit" as reference to your payment.

Leigh Johnston (0409 645556) can answer any specific queries you may have for this event.

October 2-9: GVMVDC Hub Rally around Griffith NSW

This year's Rally shall be concentrated around Griffith, the food bowl of NSW. This will be a hub rally entirely based in and around Griffin. We have lined up many interesting activities and attractions to see and participate in over the seven nights we will be visiting Griffith. The club rallies are an excellent way to get to know your fellow car enthusiasts, and we would encourage new club members to join in and have some fun.

The payment schedule:

Please be sure to add your name when you make a payment.

To make a booking call Leigh on 0409 645 556 or Julie on 0400 810 054.

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First instalment of \$750 March 15th

Second instalment of \$750 May 15th

Third instalment of \$750 July 15th

Fourth instalment TBA

Rally committee: Leigh and Lynne Johnston, Lynn and Julie Tyrrell

GVMVDC Motorcycle Club Run 12th April 2026.

Mystery tour into the highlands at a leisurely pace, through some of the bushfire effected country.

All sealed roads. Some of our lady members have indicated that they will be attending as pillion.

Meeting at the Pine Lodge Hotel Benalla Rd 8am for an 8.15am departure.

All welcome.

Further information Greg Sutherland 0411 614 224



Ladies Lunch Friday 1st May 12 noon

The next ladies' lunch will be held on Friday 1st May at The Cricketers Arms in Mooroopna. All ladies are welcome, let Mary Apostol know on 0407 848 014 by Wednesday 29th April



Welcome new member – Ray Martin who has an MGA

The Fuel Dilemma

The Events Subcommittee is taking an increasing interest in how we handle this situation. In mid-March with fuel price shifting from around \$1.70 to \$2.50/l a typical club run would have a cost increase equivalent to a couple of cups of coffee. Then the price of a tank full soon approached \$200 and it cast another perspective on the alternative uses for these funds.

Sporting clubs in our region are being confronted with this problem to an even greater extent than GVMVDC. Trips to satisfy home and away fixtures provide less flexibility than our possibility for shorter runs once a month. If one's hobby is football, bowls or giving heritage vehicles an occasion run, we all will be interested in trying to maintain the social interaction such activities provide.

Your committee is also aware that our normal program may have to be modified. This could become quite significant if fuel shortages push cost past \$3/l and even impact on availability. Under the present fuel situation please expect a somewhat reduced distance for our monthly runs. If the situation deteriorates to one of fuel availability, then we will use emails to advise members of changes to our program.



Our sincere condolences are sent to Hugh and Robyn MacFadyen on the passing of their son, Scott.

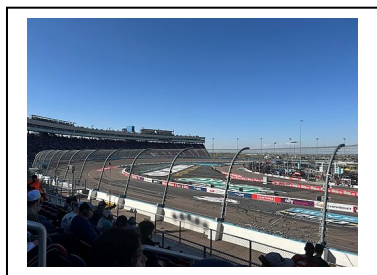
Rally Report***Winton Raceway & Benalla: 18th March 2026***

The visit to Winton exceeded expectations. After a pleasant trip over there via Dookie and Gooramab, we parked by the track's control building. We had morning tea in the large shed that also displayed their car collection including some 'developmental' Holdens rescued from GMH before their collection was dispersed.

An excellent talk about the Raceway's history and current operation was most engaging with many members amazed at the costs associated with operating, competition entry and money that drivers for racing teams needed to pay to be part of the action. None of this prevented the GVMVDC contingent from displaying their motoring skills. A most heterogeneous group of 16 vehicles proceeded to do three laps of the circuit behind an Isuzu utility pace car. Just as we were starting to gain some familiarity with the track's corners, we were sidetracked to pit lane so the class of coupes running 6.2 litre Chevrolet motors could continue their practice.

Staff at Benalla Bowling Club provided us with our space for a pleasant lunchtime.

GVMVDC Event Attendance			
Trevor Dainton	1955	MG	Magnette
Neil Hammond & Liz Capuano	1957	Morris	Minor
Alan Lavis	1961	Triumph	TR4
Tom & Joy Maher	1962	Chrysler	Valiant
Ross Organ	1962	Singer	Gazelle
Colin & Ronda Opie	1964	Austin Healy	Sprite
Julie Mahoney	1975	Ford	XBGT
Lynton Burkitt	1976	Triumph	TC2500
Ian & Annette Wright	1985	Honda	City
Peter Flavel & Peer Fiegers	1991	TD2000	Roadster
Brian & Evie Boschetti	1991	Mercedes	Coupe
Stephen & Joan Ritti	1993	Mercedes	SL500
Ray Mullins & Vic Baker	1999	Porche	Boxter
Peter Vibert & June Brewer	2003	Mercedes	GL350 Coupe
Hughie MacFadyen & John Dhosi	Modern		
Barry & Margaret Croke	Modern		



Saturday Social Day

We had another good turn up on Saturday 21st March. Thanks to everyone who brought along a salad and/or raffle prizes. These are very much appreciated. A big thank you to Les and John for once again cooking the meat to perfection. We had some acoustic entertainment thanks to Richard. We had some interesting treasures brought in by Phame. Thankyou. It was lovely to have Terry and Shirley joining us once again. Welcome back. To all those that helped in setting up and packing up and also to those gentlemen that washed and dried dishes. Looking forward to catching up in April. Regards Sandra

Ladies Lunch Peppermill Inn

It was a nice gathering at the Peppermill Inn where the ladies could catch up and share some stories and laughs. The meal was enjoyed by all.



Rally Report

Katamatite 150-year celebrations: March 21, 2026

Four of our club vehicles joined the procession of old tractors, trucks, motorcycles and cars. Eventually they parked at the football oval to make an excellent backdrop display for the community celebrations. Don McPherson T Model Ford, Graeme Hendy 1927 Cadillac, Ray Mullins MGA and Barry Croke Series V Humber Snipe. The meeting centre at the clubrooms contained numerous poster and photograph displays. These stories from district families provided an extraordinary account of how things have happened in past years.



One display gave background on the rail motor which serviced the Lemnos, Pine Lodge, Cosgrove, Dookie, Yabba, Youanmite and Katamatite districts. The 1933 Dodge chassis had a very large car type body with its distinctive yellow and black stripes. For about twenty years this daily service from Shepparton (and return) brought the newspapers and mail. When I attended Pine Lodge School, boys in grade 5 & 6 could be rostered to shoulder the sugar bag and pedal about 3Km around to the station after lunch to ‘get the mail’ – a highly desired after lunch activity. This was

how families of the 20 students and some of their neighbours, received the daily mail and paper with the kids taking it home on their bikes, horses and very rarely in parent’s vehicles.



The T Models and Cadillac “Don McPherson’s T Model Ford and Graeme Hendy’s 1927 Cadillac”

“One of the last Vauxhall Velox utes and an FJ Holden that had been part of Katamatite’s fleet since new with a Humber Snipe Series V and a local one owner Chevrolet Belair in the background”.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**The Perks of Volunteering at Historic Winton**

Thank you to all who have signed up as volunteers for 49th Historic Winton but there's always room for more! This is great for those who love the motorsport community vibe and for those on a budget. Volunteers do a couple to few hours work and receive:

- **Free access to the rest of the event**
- **Egg and Bacon roll for breakfast on the day of volunteering**
- **Lunch pack**
- **All day coffee**

Jobs are many and include:

- Parking attendants - first up in the morning
- Making lunches
- Traffic Control
- Pre-grid
- Unpacking (Friday) and packing up (Sunday evening)
- Social media content
- Gophers

We love looking after the people who help look after our iconic event. If you or friends are interested in volunteering at Historic Winton on 30 and/or 31 May, please email volunteers@historicwinton.org

BENDIGO SWAP MEET**To All Federation Member Clubs**

Volunteers are at the core of the Bendigo Swap Meet. Via your club secretary, we encourage you to volunteer!

The dates for the next Swap are 14-15 November 2026, and there's lots of roles that we will need help with – the more the merrier!

Shifts are generally 2 hours long. Volunteers get free refreshments along with a quiet break space. There will also be a 50th commemorative badge for all volunteers.

For each volunteer shift, the volunteer receives \$10 to cover their meal, and the club they represent will get a \$20 donation.

If interested, please contact club secretary.

Regards Bendigo Swap Volunteer Coordinator
Nick Bassett




Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc Presents

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET

Sat 9th May 2026, Geelong Showgrounds

Buyer gates open 6.30am till 2pm



Site holders gates open 6.00am follow the Facebook page for all details-instructions.

Costs:

- *Buyers gate entry, \$10 per person from 6:30am, Under 16 yr Free
- *Outdoor site, \$35 per 10x6m site Inc 1 gate entry (no booking required for outdoor sites)
- *Limited indoor sites, Bookings via email/phone \$50 per site Inc 1 gate entry
- *Area inside the grounds for cars/motorcycles For Sale or Display
(\$35 per car/bike Inc 1 gate entry)
- *Free parking for buyer at Geelong racecourse, Breakwater Rd.
- *Please have correct money if possible for site and gate entry.
- * Geelong Mobile ATM Facilities on site from 8am

Friday night: Free camp sites available for stallholders only.
Entry from 4pm, gates will close at 9pm sharp. (site + per person entry costs)

Rules for entry: Site holders to stay till 2pm.
Strictly no animals allowed in showgrounds. No fires permitted.
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.

Keep Updated via: Geelong Bay City Swap Facebook page

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An Extract from Our Nomadic Adventure Part 1

Posted on September 24, 2017

Dumbleyung and Yabbies



How many have heard of Dumbleyung? I know I hadn't but here I am in the town that is famous for Donald Campbell claiming the world water speed record on 31st December 1964 in the Bluebird on Lake Dumbleyung.

It has been an interesting week. We left Esperance on Monday and got talking to a couple at the morning tea stop (as you do) and they told us where to find a painted orchid on the side of the road a little further on. It was a thrill to see in the wild. The day was spent travelling through beautiful areas of wildflowers. There are so many different species in all sorts of colours. That night was spent at Kundip parking area. The following day we drove down to Hopetoun to have a look around. Lindsay had some relatives there many years ago, so we did a circuit of the cemetery but didn't find any Drust's. After that we spent the day in the Fitzgerald River National Park. That was amazing with wildflowers at every turn as well as beautiful beaches and rocks. Another night was spent at Kundip but this time there were about 6 other vans there.



On the road again with the first stop at Lake King. They have an interesting display of tractors, not just ordinary old tractors but some that the farmers had modified in the 70's using truck cabs. This was fascinating to see.

Then Varley, another interesting small town. There is a rabbit cemetery there for all of the rabbits that lost their lives at the rabbit proof fence. Ha Ha!



That night and the next was spent at Tressy's Caravan Park at Karlgarin. This is a new, small park that has a museum attached which we looked through. The folks there are ever so welcoming. As this is near Hyden, we spent some time the following day visiting Wave Rock and the surrounding attractions. We were lucky enough to see a spider orchid, but it was ever so windy.

I made the comment that 8 years ago we were stuck in Streaky Bay because it was too windy to move. That was when our first grandson, Tom was born. So, on his 8th birthday we were stuck in the wind again.



The wind stayed around for a few days and as we could not stay in the park any longer and had to move on we travelled along the Tin Horse Highway to Kulin. This was only about 70km, but it was an interesting drive with all of the horse art made out of tin. It went on for miles, and some were so quirky.



On Saturday morning we got talking to a couple who had lived in the Goulburn Valley and know a few people we know. We all went over to the collection of old cars and machinery which also doubles as the Men's Shed. It is great to hear about the history of small towns.

Then the bitumen called us again. Along the road there was a sign for yabbies. Well, we had to call in. It was nothing like you would expect. It is a thriving business that exports yabbies all over the world. We came away with a bag full to enjoy at a later date.

That is it for now,
Take Care,
Cheers,
Heather & Lindsay

Buy, Swap & Sell

FOR SALE

Holden HR station wagon - Owned by the late Richard Murrell
161 3speed manual two tone blue/white in excellent original condition. Genuine two owner car with known local history and 16,000 miles on clock.
Last registered 1999 Original Vic Rego plates JNO 757 in as new condition, was on club permit but not been on road for many years. Car still runs and drives very well.

Interior is in excellent original condition with seats, door cards, and factory rubber floor mats like new. Hood lining is very good with minor scuffs and dash pad has a couple of small cracks.

Body is very straight with no signs of rust with only a minor rust hole in inner lower tailgate. Vehicle has had a closed door respray approx 20 years ago that is still in excellent condition, and all chrome work in very good condition.

Inspection will not disappoint!

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They will be published in 2 editions of the Journal. If they are taken before the second edition, please notify the editor.

Driver's Calendar: APR to JUN

Days

	04-Apr26	Rushworth Easter Festival
	09-Apr26	General Meeting Clubrooms 8.00pm
	11-Apr26	Crawlin The Hume Chiltern
	12-Apr26	Motorcycle Run
	15-Apr26	Almond Plantation & Barooga
2	18-Apr26	Club Run - Mystery Tour
	18-Apr26	Saturday Social Day Clubrooms
	23-Apr26	Committee Meeting Clubrooms 7.30pm
3	01-May26	Florence Thompson Tour
	01-May26	Ladies Lunch - Cricketers Arms
	14-May26	General Meeting Clubrooms 8.00pm
2	16-May26	Club Run - Murrabit overnigher
	28-May26	Committee Meeting Clubrooms 7.30pm
2	30-May26	Historic Winton
	11-Jun26	Clubrooms 8pm
	25-Jun26	Clubrooms 7.30pm

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