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Judith & Ray Matthews' 1926 Nash

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The President's Piece - notes from a big country

Greetings to you all, and best wishes for 2026, with lots of shared club times.

You've all probably enjoyed some of the activities that have been around over the holiday break.

We were represented by some of our members in the annual Bellarine Cruise. Hundreds of cars took part in a cruise from Drysdale to Portarlington around the coastal route.

I enjoyed a day with the Austin Club at Cruden Farm. There was a great show of all sorts of car makes and models.

It's time to refer to your *Backfire* for all the usual activities due to begin again.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon at the 10 February meeting.

Can anyone help identify this little car?

Happy motoring,

John.



Can you identify this car?

Let our president know in time for the next Backfire

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting No 653 of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.

Held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 9 December 2025

Presiding

Meeting Number 653 opened by John Bailey at 7:35pm

Moved: M Healy

Seconded: Graham Baldock

Carried

Apologies:

Adrian Van Der Lee, Ken & Sandra Batson, Lindsay & Marg Hose, Peter Telfer, Barbara Thompson, Jennie Greens, Pat Evans, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Tiny Stonehouse, Graeme Peacock, Rhonda Alexander, Jim Coates, Allan Graham, Graham Perkins, Trevor Sawyer, Charlie Vella and Helen Graham.

Moved: Courtney Field,

Seconded: Rod Booley

Carried

Sick List:

Nil

Bereavements:

Nil

Minutes

That the minutes of the November general meeting as published in the Backfire be confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Dallas Jones

Seconded: Rod Booley

Carried

- Jon introduced the new calendar. He also thanked the members that brought their cars along to the Grovedale College. 21 cars in all for the year 7 to 9 students to look at and ask questions.
- Jon also stated that we may have a new editor - Jeremy Boyd
- There is no Backfire in January.

Website (Damien)

Nil

Federation Report (David P)

Nil

Coffee Run (Col)

Col thanked everyone for their support during 2025 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Tinker Day (Merv & Garry)

Gary stated that he is opened to any topic for tinker day.

Committee Report (David M)

- 1 new member approved
- Tax payments in advance for next year
- Gus has 600 cars on red plates
- Bendigo Swap Meet had a good turn out; better than the previous years and we will have two sites for next year.
- The membership renewal BBQ will be on 1 March.
- Purchased a new stick vac

Merchandise (David M)

If anyone wants last minute Christmas shopping see David

Vehicle Permits (Gus)

- 3 cars on red plate this month
- Gus met with VicRoads. VicRoads is losing money on unpaid reg and cameras are being deployed at servos and shopping centre to catch these drivers. There are 150,000 red plate vehicles in Victoria and 19% of Victorian's don't pay their Rego.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

- Gus spoke to Rod Booley about his new BMW convertible and the problems he had transferring it into his name.

Rally Reports/Events (Ken)

- Ken reported that he has several plans for next year's runs and talked about the white board listing future runs.

Rally Feed Back

- Nil

Long Distance Rally (Lyn Jordan)

- No report.

Tech Night (Lindsay)

Nil

Swap Meet (David M)

Nil

Kitchen (Pam)

Nil

General Business

- Michael Bakker donated a mobility scooter to the club, for use at club events like the swap meet..
- Passing of Kevin Smith
- Donation of car parts and other items for the auction next year
- Ray Mathews gave a talk on a mystery item which turned out to be an Army great coat that he was issued in the 50's. He then donated to Robin Evans so he could wear it in his Jeep.

For Sales, Wanted and Confessions

Nil

Close

Meeting was closed at 8:30pm

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on
10 February 2026 in the clubrooms.**

- *Phill Abbot*

Grins & Groans

1. I had a happy childhood. For example, my dad would put me inside a big tyre and roll me down a hill. Ah yes, they were Goodyears.
2. If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your wife told you to.
3. I read that, by law, you have to switch on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. But how am I supposed to know when it's raining in Sweden?
4. Hot tip for the 2.30 race in Sydney today
- Dusty Carpet. Never been beaten.

December Feature Car

1997 BMW Convertible

A gleaming red BMW convertible awaited members in the garage at the December meeting.



The car had been newly acquired by Rod Booley, replacing some other vehicles he had sold. It is a 185 HP 1997 model, sporting a straight six, 2.8 litre motor and a 5-speed manual gearbox. It was built in Michigan USA, for the American market.

Despite being a soft top, the car has A/C "for Libby", as Rod explained. (It does get hot under a black hood. The car has a heater too, for the other extreme.)

Before buying the car, Rod has asked the seller to cancel its full registration as he would put it on club plates. However the seller had a problem doing so with VicRoads, so Rod said he would sort it out. When Rod went to the local branch he was asked which club he belonged to and he told them. "Ah, Angus's club," was the response, and after that it was all smooth sailing. They say it pays to belong.

Footnote: Robin Evans has a metallic blue BMW of the same year. His is a 4-cylinder, 2 litre variant.

The AI summary on Google describes the car as:

"The 1997 BMW Z3 2.8i roadster features a 2.8-liter inline-six engine (192--193hp, of torque), offering a 0-60 mph time of 6.3 seconds, a wider rear track, and a 5-speed manual or automatic transmission. Features include: wide-body styling, rear-wheel drive, limited-slip differential, 16-inch wheels, power seats, and convertible top.

Known for being agile and "hot rod" like, it was a significant performance upgrade over the 1.9L model, though it often required premium servicing and specific fixes for seat motors or fuel straps."



Market Position:
Considered a desirable, quick-performing convertible, often described as a "head-turner". - *Ed*

A “Great” Yarn in a hessian bag

Our venerable ex-Editor and club stalwart, Ray Matthews, is known for telling a good yarn, so when he took the microphone at the December meeting there was some anticipation. The hessian bag he had draped across his shoulder added to the intrigue.

Ray began his yarn by saying the contents of the bag had been with him for a long time, some 75 years (longer than his beloved wife Judith!) He took us back to his time as an apprentice and explained that one day he received a very official looking letter, which instructed him to “attend the Geelong Railway Station at 8.15am in the forenoon”.

He was to come in sandshoes and bring a cut lunch.

The train took him to a military camp, where he was to undergo training. Ray explained that they were lined up to collect their kit. The uniforms were random sizes and it seems it was pot luck finding something that fitted.

The contents of the hessian bag were now revealed: Ray's original, 75 year old Army great coat.

At this point Ray called an unsuspecting Robyn Evans forward, asking him to model the coat. Ray's intentions became clear when he presented the coat to Robyn, for him to wear when driving his WW2 Army Jeep. No doubt the generous gift will continue to serve its original purpose, keeping out the cold wind as Robyn drives around in his open vehicle. - Ed



Photo: Robyn tries on Ray's great coat

A Little Poem for Seniors, so true it hurts!

Another year has passed and we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter and winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand about 'Living in the Past'.
We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggy bags, come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel to places near and far.
Now we get sore asses from riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night and watch the evening news.
That, my friend, is how life is and now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up ... before you're too damned old!



- contributed by Sharyn.

Source: [Sassy Old Ladies](#) on Facebook

RALLIES & RUNS

Tinker Day at the Harrises - 27 November

What a great day it was at Fred and Sharyn's place, for our final Tinker Day of the year.



The chefs, Murray and Ken, were at it with the trailer BBQ and the participants supplied some very tasty salads and sweets for us to enjoy with our meal.

Although the wind was very strong, it helped keep the flies away from our tucker and it was quite sheltered in the Harris back yard. Nobody was complaining about the weather: it was really quite nice.



Fred had put his classic cars in the front yard for us to admire as we walked in.

The line-up of our other members' cars out the front was very also pleasing to the eyes.



Another big event was that Marg and Lindsay Hose celebrated their 60 wedding anniversary on the day.



A very big thank you to all the organizers for a lovely day out.

- Ray van Galen



Photos: Ray van Galen & Adrian Van Der Lee

A Glittering Occasion

It takes a bit to get me dancing. And I know that I am not the only male WDHVC member in that boat. When I did make my way to the dance floor, it was packed, as was the carpet on either side. A real testament to the event organisers and the band they selected!

The Christmas Dinner Dance on 29 November was a real success. "Gold" was nominated as the theme and there were plenty of people who got into the spirit, with sparkling tops, bow ties and boas. "Golden Gary" was a special highlight in his glittering jump suit. (Photo right)



The music was great. To have a six piece live band playing virtually non-stop was a treat – and I think we knew the words to most of the songs, so they definitely played to the audience.



Once again the caterers provided a tasty 2-course meal. Even the kale and peas proved to be nice (though I had to ask what I was eating).

The hall looked great with the Christmas lights and decorations.



A big thank you to Pam and Julie – and all those who helped to set up and clean up. - Ed



Photos: Peter Urquhart & Ed



Events Calendar

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

Friday 30 January

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 5 February,

Coffee Run The first 2026 Coffee Day will be at the

Wathaurong Booln Booln Cultural Centre, 410 Surf Coast Highway Grovedale, from 10am. The entry for parking is just past the front of the property and turn left at Boundary Rd, {coming from Geelong} and then left into a dirt track at the end of the paling fence. Welcome to the New Year and we'll see you out and about soon!!! Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 10 February

General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 11 February

Dine Out. The Sphinx. It is their steak night.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Tuesday 17 February

Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Thursday 19 February

Tinker Day At Mick Helps place in Bellbrae. We'll meet at the

clubrooms for 10 o'clock departure or at the Bellbrae Tennis Club car park. Bring your morning tea and chair. Mick has an interesting collection of memorabilia - old tractors, farm machinery, three cars. A nice place, a classic guy, so come along for a good couple of hours looking about and a fun time.

Contacts: Merv 0417 878 724 or Garry 0408 524 673.

Sunday 22 February

Club run to Laurie Vautier's collection in Camperdown and a pub lunch afterwards. Numbers required by 18 February. Leave 8.30am from Waurn Ponds parking bay. We will stop at Colac around at the back of the Colac square for morning tea. Contact Ken 0437 254 351.

Monday 23 February

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

Tuesday 24 February

Tech Night "TBC" Arrive at 7 pm, so we can set up for a 7.30 pm

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Friday 27 February

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Sunday 1 March

Membership Renewal BBQ 11am to 2pm, Clubrooms.

To reduce the rush at monthly club meetings, a membership renewal BBQ will be held at the clubrooms. A chance to catch up and also to renew your membership. (**NOTE.** Membership renewals will still be taken between 6.30pm and 7.30pm, before the February and March monthly meetings. 2026 Membership Renewal Forms will be made available with the February Backfire.)

Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537.

Thursday 5 March,

Coffee Run The March Coffee Day will be a drive to the

Lighthouse Tearooms at Aireys Inlet (to be confirmed ASAP).

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Sunday 15 March

Club run to Maryborough Beers Collection Leave 8.30am

opposite Batesford Road House. Morning tea stop at Clunes. Would be wise to bring picnic lunch. Numbers required by 8 March.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351

Sunday 29 March

Federation picnic at Mortlake. Leave 8am from Fyansford

Hotel car park. {Sorry I know it is early but previously we tended to get there too late to get a park for all club cars.)

Contact Ken 0437 254 351.

It's Your Newsletter, so Keep Contributing!

Thank you to those who contributed this month.

More reports are always welcome!

The Editor's job is to edit, not to write.

So 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

Thanks - Jon

"The most aggravating thing about the younger generation is that I no longer belong to it."

- Albert Einstein



RALLIES & RUNS

Christmas BBQ at St Leonards - 14 December

Well over 100 people attended last year's Christmas BBQ under the cypresses at St Leonards, making this the biggest such event to date.

The events was catered for by the Club, with a delicious array of food on offer. The meat came off the club BBQ trailer hot and delicious and a steady supply of salads and sweets was served from the trestle tables.

There were lots of interesting club cars parked in the shade, the breeze kept the mossies manageable and Santa handed out chocolates to complete the day.

Photos:
Peter Urquhart
& Brendan King



RALLIES & RUNS

Grovedale Secondary College

The Thank You Display - 8 December



A very gratifying collection of over 20 vehicles lined up around the oval next to the Grovedale Secondary College on Monday 8 December for a special student display.



Classes from years 7, 8 and 9 came armed with questions about the vehicles, and it is fair to say that there was substantial learning on both sides in the resulting conversations.

The event was staged as a way of thanking the school after teacher and club member (and in-coming Editor), Jeremy Boyd, arranged for an assortment of surplus tools and equipment from the school to be donated to our club. These raised hundreds of dollars and made their way into the sheds of quite a few club members.

The vehicles generated high interest among both students and staff, and subsequent discussions may lead to this becoming an annual date on our club calendar. A huge thanks to those members who took part. - Ed



Extra-Curricular Activities

The Tunnel & The Shop

As well as taking part in Club events, members get involved in a variety of other activities with their old vehicles. There has been plenty on over the summer break and I have received photos of three such outside occasions.

1. The Westgate Tunnel Opening.

Out of the blue, on 12 December, Secretary Fred received a call from the media people for the new Westgate Tunnels, which were due to be opened to the public in a few days.

The media people were arranging a closed publicity event the next day and wondered if WDHVC might have half a dozen or so vehicles available? Why they chose our club is a mystery – perhaps they felt we would be representative of motorists from the west, who were expected to be primary tunnel users.

Whatever the reasoning, we were not about to pass this up. What an opportunity! To be among the first vehicles to officially travel through the new tunnel.

After some frantic phone calls, eight of us assembled on the outskirts of Geelong bright and early the next

morning: John Bailey in the Austin 7; Simon Anderson with his Brush; Ray van Galen in the Austin A40; Fred Harris in the Model A Ford; Manny & Lil Vella in the Valiant; Tony Brincat in his Plymouth coupe; and your editor in the little blue Morris. The Brush and the Austin 7 were trailered to Melbourne while the others drove down under their own power.

We arrived at the marshalling area at the old flower market around 8am and were joined by some cars from other clubs. After some waiting around, the cars were formed into an escorted convoy of about 20 and guided onto the tunnel approach. Here we were formed into two lines. More waiting, official guests, lots of photos and interviews for the TV news. (Both Simon and John were interviewed.) Official speeches and a ribbon cutting, then we were off down the 4km outbound Eureka Tunnel. There was quite a bit of honking and waving as clusters of construction workers gathered along the tunnel. A quick “Uey” at the other end and back to the marshalling area. Thank yous, goodbyes and off home down the freeway.



Regardless of the politics or cost, the tunnels are a very impressive construction and it was a privilege to be among the first to drive through one.

See video: [Bing Videos](#)



2. Moriac Store Centenary

Dallas Jones arranged for three club cars of a suitable vintage to assemble at the Moriac Store on 7 December as part of its centenary celebrations. Dallas lives just around the corner so it was easy to see how he might become involved. It was billed by the organisers as “a day full of live music, food, local wines, face painting, balloon twisting, and some very special guests — Santa and the CFA firetruck!”

Simon Anderson's Brush, Graeme Anderson's Adams and Ivan Cave's Model T Ford were right at home, parked out the front., generating plenty of interest.

A good community event and some more positive exposure for the WDHVC.



Extra-Curricular Activities

The Car Show

3. Drysdale Classic Car & Bike Show

This annual event was held on 4 January and displayed a large collection of beautiful machinery. It is traditionally preceded by an evening cruise, known as "Cruisin' the Bellarine Peninsula" on the Saturday night, which attracts large numbers of participants. Club members were among the crowds who attended both events.

Among them was Peter Urquhart, who sent in these photos. Links to video coverage: [Bing Videos](#) & [Bing Videos](#)



New Editor Found

Jeremy Boyd has volunteered to take over the Editor role after the AGM in April. Jeremy has been teaching at Grovedale, but has received a promotion to Stawell in 2026 and will do the editing job from there.

This will mean that all material for the Backfire will need to be sent to him electronically. Not such a big deal as I have been receiving the vast majority of items as text messages or emails for some time now.

Jeremy and I will be working to transfer the role in the next couple of months. Thank you to Jeremy for stepping forward!

I look forward to focusing on the 60th anniversary club history project over the next 12 months.

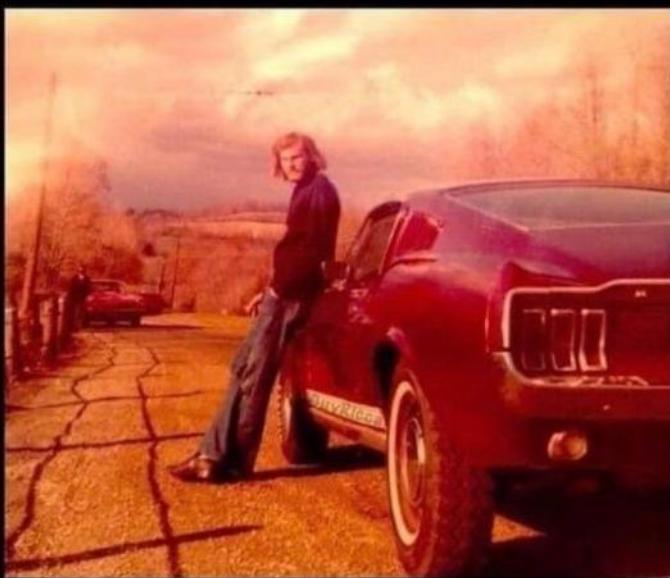
Jon Breedveld



Phill's Phunnies ...

- from Phill the Librarian

WE MIGHT BE OLD ...



**BUT WE HAD GREAT HAIR,
LISTENED TO COOL MUSIC,
AND DROVE THE BEST CARS!**

Mobility Scooter



At the December meeting, club member Michael Bakker made a surprise presentation of this mobility scooter, for members to use at club events. Thank you for this generous gift Michael. Pictured with Michael (L) are President John Bailey and Vice President, Barb van Galen.

VALE - KEVIN SMITH

23/8/1935 – 23/11/2025



Kevin passed away peacefully on 23 November 2025, aged 90.

Joan and Kevin have been very active members of our Club over many years, having received their 25 year membership badges in 2019.

Kevin served on our Committee for several years and also acted as Librarian and Property Officer.

During the construction work to extend the clubrooms and the toilet block, Kevin was always ready to give generously of his time, to assist with the working bees. He also often stepped up to assist with activities such as cooking at the ANZAC Day breakfasts.

During his working life, he was deployed on dredges and hence operated in numerous locations, often on the West coast of Australia.

Joan and Kevin were married for 67 years and we extend our sympathy to Joan and the family.

-Trevor Schneider

Great Mars Bar Competition

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

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



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

FREE to a good home.

Lucas 7 inch sealed beams in good order. Can deliver at a club meeting.

Call Terry 0407 550 611 **2/26**



For Sale. 1995 EF XR6. VIN 6fpaaaajg-sws123856. Complete. Needs resto. Seats ok, headlining sagged, motor not running. Needs fuel pump. VIN ????? \$2000 ono. Contact Ken 0437 254 351. **2/26**

For Sale. 1967 Mk2 Jaguar, Reg 0166H9. Chassis No. LE 4118. Excellent condition with bare metal re spray. Complete new interior with red leather seats. Motor has only done approx. 5,600 miles since complete overhaul. \$85,000 Call Peter 0428 599 331. **2/26**

For Sale. Various Dodge Brothers (24/25) parts from flywheel to the diff including, matching crown wheel/pinion, bearings, G/box top and gear lever with round knob. Alloy steering wheel spokes no wood rim; 2 off front axles less spindles; clutch parts and many more.

Also large collection of Caravan World videos. Travel Australia from the comfort of you lounge room without the hassles of towing a van.

Call Harold 0408 553 466. **2/26**

For Sale. 1991 Yamaha Virago 250

All original, 27,000 klm. Good running order. Club permit 731G-H. Vin JYA3LVTO.

Also a **1971 Italian Motron**

Minare 111 pedal start scooter.

Was a Covid project. Non-runner.

\$900 for both. Call Phill 0439 965 210. **11/25**

Wanted

Wanted - New Club Registrar

A new Club Registrar is needed. I have been doing this job in our club for over 16 years and it is time for a new person to take over this role.

It is not a complicated job and is only time consuming at the membership renewal period. Any person that is handy on a computer can do this job easily.

I am happy to show the new volunteer how it has been done in my time and they may want to improve the way it is done by themselves.

Feel free to contact me anytime for more details.

Barb van Galen

0408 664 537.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale



For Sale 2004 Avan A-liner . with full annex. Reg Q60313. Sleeps 3. Electric brakes, 3-way fridge, 2 burner gas stove & sink, table, wash stand & stove stand, Porta potti and shower/ change tent. Reg to Sept '26. \$11,500. Call Jon 0417 311 441. **2/26**

Wanted

Wanted. Old school sunroof. Lift up type, not electric like modern cars. As would have been fitted to lots of cars in the 70's then removed because they leaked.

Call Dallas 0432 172 171. **2/26**

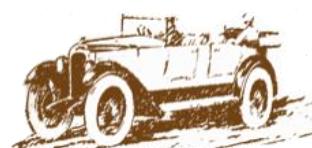
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Reminder: All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number & Price or Registration Number & Price, otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount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

Ads remain on the website for 3 months unless you request their removal. To remove an ad from the website, email webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0418 587 415).

Are You in the Frame?



Members who would like their club vehicles added to those already on the clubhouse walls should provide an 8 inch X 10 inch color photo of their vehicle to Dallas Jones. (0432 172 171)

Dallas will mount and display the photos.

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February 2026 at a glance (details Page 9)

1937 VW 30 Prototype

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30 Backfire Folding Morning	31 January
1	2	3	4	6 10am Coffee Run Wathaurong Cultural Centre	7	8
8	9	10 General Meeting 7.30pm	11 Dine Out The Sphinx 6pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	18	19 Tinker Day Bellbrae	20	21
22 8.30am Club Run to Vautier's in Camperdown	23 Backfire Deadline	24 Tech Night 7pm "TBC"	25	26	27 Backfire Folding Morning	28
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Extra Picture Pages

Because there were so many events over the holiday break, I had more photos than I could fit in the normal 16 page printed version of Backfire. So I have added pages to the electronic version of the newsletter and included them here. Thanks to all those who contributed. - Ed

1/. The Westgate Tunnel Opening - 12 December



The media stars



Extra Picture Pages

Because there were so many events over the holiday break, I had more photos than I could fit in the normal 16 page printed version of Backfire. So I have added pages to the electronic version of the newsletter and included them here.
Thanks to all those who contributed. - Ed

Christmas BBQ at St Leonards 14 December

