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Ken Parry's 1965 XP Falcon

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The President's Piece - notes from a big country

Greetings to all,

We have just enjoyed an absolutely delightful drive through beautiful country to arrive at the Wallace Hotel for lunch. Sincere thanks to Sharyn and Fred for a thoughtfully planned day.

It's been quite a social month with another hugely successful Ladies' Day. Thanks again to Anne, who planned such a wonderful day with such thought and care: thoroughly enjoyed by all.

And there we were again, gathered at the club for the legendary Casserole Lunch. Delicious! Big congratulations to Barb, Sharyn and the team for another happy occasion.

As always, coffee runs and tech nights are well supported and enjoyed. Thanks.

We wish those going on the 3-day run an enjoyable time, and thank Jenny and Ken for their hard work in organising.

Some thinking is underway towards upgrading the kitchen. We will keep you posted as the club continues to move and improve.

More tickets are now available for the 'Garage Girls' show on 16 August. Please bring along friends and family who could also enjoy the show. Purchase tickets through David Mitchell on 0409 099 716.

Happy motoring,

John.



Dorothy Thomas ponders a beautiful scarf at the hat shop in Gordon. This was the final stop of the run to Wallace on 20 July. (more photos in "Rallies & Runs" on page 12) - Ed

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting No 648 of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.
Held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 8 July 2025

Presiding

Meeting Number 648 opened by John Bailey at 7:30pm.

Guest Speaker

Detective Leading Constable Simon Keogh gave a talk on scams and how serious they can be.
Approx 3% of Australians have been scammed.

Apologies: Les Harrison, Jon Breedveld, Col & Lyn Jordan, Lindsay & Marg Hose, James Park, Pam Dosser, Jennie Green, Brett Mellington, Noreen Mellington, Helen Graham.

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Peter Telfer Carried

Sick List:

Marg Hose

Bereavements:

None

Correction to the June Meeting Minutes:

Apologies

Moved Ray Van Galen 2nd Murray Foran Carried

Correspondence

Moved David Mitchell 2nd Jon Breedveld Carried

Treasurer's Report

Moved Maurice Healy 2nd Peter Telfer

Minutes

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

Moved: Ken Parry

Seconded: Rod Booley Carried

Correspondence (Fred)

Inward

Letters In

- ATO-account for our first quarterly tax installment.
- Libby Booley – thanking the club for our thoughts on her recent illness

Emails In

- Allsure Insurance – invoice for club room contents
- Consumer Affairs Victoria – lodgment of our Annual Financial Statement.
- RGAPSA – account for rental of the clubrooms
- Federation – advising member clubs that the Federation and Bendigo club are no longer organising the 2027 Bendigo Swap.

Outward

Letters Out

- Welcome letters sent to Phillip Barling, Gary & Emmy Kennedy, Bryan & Angela Collins and Jamie & Kylie Barlow - having been approved at the last committee meeting.

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Sharyn Harris

Seconded: Peter Telfer Carried

Treasurer's Report (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: M Healy

Seconded: Simon Anderson Carried

Program Director (John)

- No report

Library (Phill)

- We have received three Bosch handbooks and they are in the library.

Dine Out (Sharyn)

July – Gateway all you can eat.

Editor (Jon)

Nil.

Website (Damien)

Nil

Federation Report (David P)

Nil

Coffee Run (Col)

Next coffee run is to Clyde Park.

Tinker Day (Merv)

Merv Giddings and Gary Wallace are taking over the running of Tinker Day. Watch this space.

Committee Report (Simon)

Simon reported on the committee meeting and their request for volunteers to set chairs up on club nights.

Merchandise (David M)

The new mugs are now available for \$16
- see David

Vehicle Permits (Gus)

Gus reported that he has had a busy month with several vehicles going onto club plates.

Angelo had his EK Holden as the monthly feature car. He spoke about his family passion for their three EK Holdens.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

Rally Reports/Events (Ken)

- The last run was a BBQ in the bush with 32 people attending
- Ken has asked for feedback on the runs so he can judge what need to be changed for the future.
- Maryborough 3-day run is booked for September. May be some further spaces: contact Ken.
- The August run will be to the Winchelsea Hotel on Sunday 31 August.

Rally Feed Back

- The soup day was a great success, there wasn't a drop of soup or a sandwich left.
- Coffee run to Anakie was also great.
- A trip to Tesselaar's Tulip Farm will be in September. If you wish to go contact Sharyn Harris. It looks like we may be going by bus.
- This Sunday 13 July - 11:30am for a 12noon start for our casserole day.
- This Thursday 10 July - Ladies Day. 10:25am at the club room
- Ken received lots of thanks for the BBQ picnic at the You Yangs

Long Distance Rally (Lyn Jordan)

Nil

Tech Night (Peter)

Tues 24/06/25 "Filters".

July 22 will be on "Instruments".

Swap Meet (David M)

Nil

Kitchen (Pam)

Nil

General Business

- John Bailey thanked those responsible for upgrading the switchboard and maintaining the golf carts.
- Maurice laid out the new members' name badges for collection
- Max notified members that there were oranges and lemons at the front door for free.

For Sales, Wanted and Confessions

- There is a Porsche for sale and it is on the notice board.
- Ken Parry has a set of car ramps for sale.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 12 August 2025 in the clubrooms.

- Phill Abbott

July Feature Car

1961 EK Holden

Angelo and Anne De Bono had their daughter Nora's 1961 EK Holden in the garage for the July meeting.

Angelo and Anne purchased the car around 2009 and gave it to Nora for her 21st birthday. They already had their own 1961 EK Holden, which had belonged to Anne's grandparents from new. Anne's parents then owned the car and now it is Angelo and Anne's.

Their son Joshua has an EK Holden, given to him for his 21st also.

Nora's car was purchased from Queensland and cost \$2,000. The owner was going to turn it into a mini chev, but ran out of money. Consequently it came with all parts present, but not in their usual place. More so lumped in the car.

The car was red with white roof. We found out it was not the original red so we had it resprayed back to original.

Angelo then restored the "lumped" items to the car. The chrome was also redone before refitting. The car is a manual, "3 on the tree" with a 138 grey motor that just needed a service. Mileage now is 218,561 miles.

A brake booster was fitted. Seat belts were fitted to specifications. New carpet was inserted.



The car has been used for club runs and family outings.

The three EK Holdens were used as the bridal party cars for Joshua and wife Katie's wedding.

- Anne De Bono

The Club History Project - an update

A little update on the Club History project.



John Bailey and I got together with Ray & Judith Matthews in June and had a wonderful conversation about the early days of the WDHVC. With Ray and Judith's permission, I recorded our chat on my phone. Modern technology

meant I was able to put the resulting audio file through some magic software, and quite quickly produce a very accurate transcript!

Judith has also kept a remarkable written record of every guest speaker who ever spoke at a club meeting; every car make and its owner(s), as recorded in the Backfire; and another list of club members since the year dot. I have also converted these precious note books into electronic files.

When you add our existing lists of office bearers and award winners, you can see that we have a made a solid start in compiling the background for a club history.

The aim is to print a hardcopy book, with the possibility of creating an electronic record as a by-product. (These electronic files could end up in the library and/or on our club website as scanned images and individual collections about separate subjects.)

What You Can Do.

Look through your club memorabilia. **Photographs, slides and artefacts** will contribute enormously to the publication, so have a rummage around. Think about the club events you have taken part in over the years and the items you might have that would illustrate this in a book about the club. Two and three day rallies; swaps; Oily Faces; dinners; working bees; overseas trips; the various places in which the club has met over the years; the Backfire and how it was produced – just to give you a few ideas to start thinking about.

What about the memorable people who have taken part?

And of course the vehicles - the restorations, the trips, the breakdowns and the repairs.

You may also care to contribute as a member of the subcommittee overseeing the project.

Contact John Bailey if you'd like to contribute.

I will be the collection point for your images and memorabilia, so give me a call to arrange for me to borrow it, scan/copy it and get the details.

I have already used the free scanner at the library to scan some test slides and they came out well.

This slide may be of an early rally to Steiglitz?



One vital early tip: if you have suitable photos/slides/items, before loaning them to me, write the basic detail of each one down clearly (who, what, when and where) and YOUR NAME – either on a Post It note stuck to the item or lightly in a **soft grey lead** pencil directly on the back of the print. That way I can get them back to you.

We will provide updates and make further requests in coming months about this exciting project.

We expect to be talking to individual members too, to record their stories.

Meanwhile, contact John Bailey (0413 258 302), myself or any other member of the subcommittee (Graham Anderson, Ray & Judith Matthews or Trevor Schneider) if you have questions or ideas.

Cheers

Jon

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RALLIES & RUNS

Ladies Day - 10 July

Twenty nine women enjoyed Ladies Day on Thursday 10 July. Thanks to the club for funding such an interesting and delicious event and to our men, who took us to The Davidson Restaurant, in Geelong.



We were treated to a warm room and a very interesting talk by Jason Lyle from the Geelong Cemeteries Trust. Jason was most interesting and informative, which we all enjoyed - not one bit gloomy (as you might expect).

The Cemeteries Trust controls and maintains 22 public cemeteries around Geelong, Surf Coast, Bellarine and Colac, all on crown land. It also supports the volunteers who run and maintain other local cemeteries like Steiglitz. (Some 7,000 roses are pruned and cared for each year in our cemeteries.) There are gardens especially for deaths in pregnancy and infant deaths. The Trust is also developing eco-friendly areas, with eco-friendly landscaping and burials on the increase.

Fifty-two staff maintain the cemeteries, but not the private memorials in the cemeteries. About 4,500 services are performed annually with half being cremations. Only one coffin is cremated at a time and after 90 minutes at 900 degrees all that remains is ash and bones, which are processed to shell-like grit. Families are given the ashes of the deceased. Pacemakers and other items are removed before cremation. Metals are collected and shipped to the Netherlands, where they are sorted, melted down and recycled. Money from this is returned and donated to charity.

As cemeteries fill up, the Trust purchases new land for use. By Victorian state law, grave sites are held in perpetuity for the person buried in the site. Other states allow 50 years "ownership" for the interred person. After 50 years the remains are retrieved, placed in a box and reburied deeper in the grave. The site is then sold on for the next person.

The Trust also conducts Eastern Cemetery history walks, with a guide detailing the lives of notable people buried there. This cemetery is the Trust's oldest, still in use after 186 years. We are lucky to have such a caring, responsible organisation in our area.

Lunch was again a delicious three-course experience. Unusual offerings included crocodile, lamb neck (best lamb I've tasted in ages) barramundi and more, with unusual herbs and tastes, and then dessert.



All beautifully served, with tea, coffee and wine. The service and the food were excellent. In between eating, lots of talk and chatting took place. We ended the day, by almost rolling out and were collected by our drivers.

Thanks to the club for a lovely, informative day – a very special outing for the ladies.

- Anne De Bono & Judith Matthews



Mystery Make



Do you know the make of this 1920s soft top? Adrian Van Der Lee spotted it in the suburbs recently but he couldn't tell what make it was. Let me know your thoughts and I'll follow up next month.
- Ed

Letters to the Editor



Cyber Security

Given Tuesday night's (08/07/25) fraud presentation the following may be of interest for Backfire.

Random password generator

[security.org](https://www.security.org) is an organisation that provides security solutions to businesses. As part of its marketing it provides a very well rated service to casual users.

This suite of products includes:

- Password Generator. This is excellent. Have a look. <https://www.security.org/password-generator/>
- YouTube tutorials. I have not researched these as yet.
- A password manager rated best in 2025. I have not researched this as yet.

I am currently researching which free (or otherwise) password manager I will be using in the future.

Some other items of interest.

Puretext Have you ever copied some text from a web page or a document and then wanted to paste it as simple text into another application without getting all the formatting from the original source? PureText makes this simple by adding a new Windows hot-key (default is WINDOWS+V) that allows you to paste text to any application without formatting.

Globe Donated



Andrew Lamont presented the club with this reproduction globe at the July meeting. Andrew makes these globes and may have another to add to the clubroom displays a little later.

Thank you Andrew!

After running PureText.exe, you will see a "PT" tray icon appear near the clock on your task bar. You can click on this icon to remove formatting from the text that is currently on the clipboard. You can right-click on the icon to display a menu with more options. I have been using it for 20+ years. It is excellent and free. Written by Steve Miller. <https://apps.microsoft.com/detail/9pkjv6319qtl?hl=en-US&gl=US>

Convert Convert is a free and easy to use unit conversion program that will convert the most popular units of distance, temperature, volume, time, speed, mass, power, density, pressure, energy, and many others, including the ability to create custom conversions! I have been using it for 20+ years. It is excellent and free. Written by Josh Madison. <https://joshmadison.com/convert-for-windows/>

File manager. The one I like & (I have been using for 20+ years) is Free Commander by Marek Jasinski. It is excellent and free. <https://freecommander.com/en/summary/>

Victor Gestautas

Events Calendar

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

Friday 25 July

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 7 August

Coffee Run . We will head to the Clyde Park Winery at 2490 Midland Highway Bannockburn. If you want we can meet at the carpark opposite the Batesford Roadhouse to leave there at 9.45am. Otherwise meet at Clyde Park at 10am.
Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 12 August

General Meeting at 7.30pm. (Chris Hibble guest speaker on steam trains.)

Wednesday 13 August

Dine Out 6pm Breakwater Hotel .

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Thursday 14 August Tinker Day. "All About Playing with Trains" Gary Wallace will lead you from the Clubrooms at 10am and head for the Queenscliff Railway Station (right at the end of the main street). Chris Hibble from the Bellarine Railway will be on hand to show you the restoration work the volunteers have done to an old steam locomotive.

Contact: Merv Giddings 0417 878 724.

Saturday 16 August

Garage Girls radio play – Clubrooms. Be there at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. We are sharing the event with the MG Car Club of Geelong. All of our 60 allocated seats are sold BUT we now have some extra seats available for family and friends. Seats cost \$30 each (subsidised by the club). It will be a great night.

Contact: David Mitchell 0409 099 716.

Tuesday 19 August Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Monday 25 August

Sept. Backfire Deadline 5pm.

Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441

Tuesday 26 August

Tech Night "TBC". Members & visitors welcome. Be there about 7pm, to set up for a 7.30pm start. Wear your name badge for a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Friday 29 August

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Sunday 31 August

Club Run to Winchelsea. Country Pub Lunch about 30 mins from Geelong.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351

Thursday 4 September

Coffee Run . Location to be advised

Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Thurs 11 Sept – Sat 13 Sept.

3 Day Maryborough Run. Visiting five private collections. I have 8-10 motel rooms on hold at \$150 per double per night (\$140 a single). Deposit by August.

Details: contact Ken 0437 254 351

Wed 17 September

Tesselaar Tulip Festival A bus trip to the tulip festival. Open to all members, male and female. This will be a great day for all. You are welcome to bring a non club member but they will not be subsidised for the bus by the club. The cost of the bus will be determined by how many we have going. Festival entry is \$22.50 and I need final money at the September meeting. This should be a lovely day there are plenty food trucks at the site or you can bring your own lunch.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

6 to 14 October

Long Distance Rally The LDR will be exploring the Gippsland area. Ten couples have indicated their interest in participating in the adventure. Motel accommodation will be booked soon, so make up your mind sooner rather than later!!!

Contact Lyn: 0425 822 025



Garage Girls - Sat. 16 August

Extra Seat Now Available - \$30 ea.

Bring your family and friends.

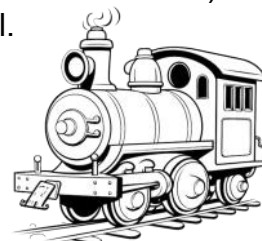
Book Now! - call David on 0409 099 716

Tinker Day Coordinators Found!

A big "thank you" to Merv Giddings & Gary Wallace, who have stepped up to take on the Tinker Day co-ordination role.

Merv and Gary have their first outing planned for **Thursday 14 August** (see *Events* above) and there is more on the boil.

So it's full steam ahead!



RALLIES & RUNS

3 July Coffee Run to Anakie



Photos: Adrian van Der Lee.

RALLIES & RUNS

Casserole Day - 13 July

The day was cold and windy, the skies were threatening and the heaters were on and struggling to keep up, but nothing was going to stop the Great Casserole Day from being a huge success.



Slowly at first, then all of a rush, in came the 60-odd members, delicately balancing their wonderful casseroles and sweets in their hands. The kitchen staff were at their best and sorted the food on the tables, and what a lot of food it was!

Every corner of the country was represented on the day with delicious casseroles and sweets laid on for all to enjoy. There was enough food to fill us all up, and that is saying something!

When we could not fit anymore in, we watched an Old Geelong movie set in the 1920s era. That brought back a lot of memories to our older members.

A big thanks must go to the terrific job that the ladies and gents did in the kitchen and a big thanks for all the great food that was supplied by all the members. Thank You!



Photos & story - Ray van Galen



RALLIES & RUNS

Club Run to Wallace - 20 July

Over 40 people rolled up for Fred and Sharyn's "magical mystery tour" to the hamlet of Wallace, not far from Ballarat. We were blessed with a calm, sunny day as we wound our way over some 140 kms of delightful roads less travelled - still sealed but with interesting undulations and a few wayside stops.

Thanks for arranging a great day out Fred and Sharyn.



(Right) Some of the early birds sunned themselves or enjoyed a coffee out of the thermos at our take off point, the Batesford Hotel.

(Left) There is always time for an earnest conversation



At 11am we headed down the Midland Highway to Meredith. No mucking around on this leg, just a well spaced convoy. This challenged a few other road users who wanted to push the 100kph limit, while we were happy at 85 - 90kph. Our spacing and the overtaking lanes minimised any problems.

We collected the Booleys in the mighty Daddo somewhere near Bannockburn and ventured on.

At Meredith we pulled over for a short stop at the Tourist Information Centre. Briefly back on the highway then a hard right onto the Meredith-Ballan Road. Much quieter. Down through the Moorabool Valley at Morrisons and on through the pine plantations. Here we had another short stop to allow Harold and Pauline to catch up in the remarkable 1923 Dodge. Then on towards one of several wind turbine fields. An increasingly familiar site in western Victoria.

Left into the Egerton-Ballark Rd. Windy and pretty. We made a short detour to see the Lal Lal Reservoir and stretch our legs. The water level was well down - a sign of the dry season.



(Right) Manny and Lil in the Valiant follow the Dodge carrying Harold and Pauline into the Lal Lal dam reserve.

RALLIES & RUNS

Club Run to Wallace - 20 July

We travelled on through Mt Egerton, took some tricky turns and headed toward Wallace. Wallace borders the Melbourne-Ballarat Freeway, but the way we approached from the south, you wouldn't have any idea of that.

The pub was heaving and we weren't the only group with old cars who had stopped for lunch. One fine Austin Cambridge sedan took my fancy in particular. The publican told me they were from a Melbourne Men's Shed. He also said that the pub had taken 200 covers (lunch orders) that day!

Our group had its own area and we were able to mix freely amongst ourselves.



While we waited for our meals, Colin and Fred took care of the raffle - always a pleasant bonus at these outings (and the winners were smiling!)



The meal were generous and the liquid refreshment also went down well.



The last organised stop on the tour was a visit to the Hat Shoppe and Boot Shoppe in nearby Gordon, so after a leisurely meal, we made our way down more back roads to Gordon. I got directions from F & S, found Gordon okay, drove straight past the Hat Shoppe and Googled my way back from some klms down the road.

"Stay with the group" is the lesson here!



No matter - I now have a totally unplanned new Harris tweed flat cap! And I wasn't the only one to make a purchase. Boots, hats and scarves were also bought from these beautiful shops.

After we had a good look around , the cars made their way back to Geelong and home after a great day out.

- Ed



Remember When ...

- from Phill the Librarian

Housing ad from 1955.



2 BEDROOMS — ONE BATH — SCREENED PORCH — CARPORT
TOTAL PRICE
\$7,450 Monthly Payments \$47.92
INCLUDES PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, TAXES AND INSURANCE
* CLOSING COST AND PREPAYMENT \$155

3 BEDROOMS — ONE BATH — SCREENED PORCH
TOTAL PRICE
\$7,900 Monthly Payments \$49.74
INCLUDES PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, TAXES AND INSURANCE
* CLOSING COST AND PREPAYMENT \$165

The Harry Potter Bus is Missing!



Peter Telfer brought this model bus from the Harry Potter stories along to the Soup Line Day (19 June) and somewhere in its travels that day, the bus went missing.

Now Peter is pretty keen on his model vehicle collection and he would dearly love to get the bus back.

One thought is that it may have accidentally become mixed up with some of the other items brought along that day. So if you get a chance, please check among your treasures and make sure you haven't accidentally acquired a little purple triple decker bus.

Contact me (0417 311 441) or Peter Telfer directly (0427 526 938) if you can help. - - Ed

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



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



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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale. Lathe Single phase. About 4 ft bed & 12-inch swing. Price to be negotiated. Contact Rocco on 0407 040 054 for details. **7/25**



For Sale. 1951 48-215 (FX) Holden. All matching numbers. Re-cored radiator - new water pump. VIN Hm14775. \$20,000 ONO.

1952 48-215 (FX) Holden. Rebuilt engine and gearbox. Reg YW316. \$20,000 ONO

HX HZ Holden bucket seats VGC 2 sets. \$600 ONO pair.

Call Colin 0408 994 324.

08/27

Wanted

Wanted: Morris Minor. All cars considered. Contact: Gus 0400 203 151.

8/25

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.

Adverts are free to Members only 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 [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).

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

Clues

Clues. Ford Capri 1991. White. Manual. Low kms.

Clues. Austin A40 4-cyl manual. Fawn color. Contact: Gus 0400 203 151.

8/25

CROSSLEY TREASURE TROVE

Last month Harold Newton told of a huge hoard of parts for his beloved Crossleys, involving up to six bodies and a mountain of bits. Harold sent in some more photos of the treasure trove.

- Ed



(L) A table covered with head and side lights, rear window frames, aero screens, dash with speedo starter switch and clock, plus many more items.

(Below) 19.6 Crankcase with crankshaft, brake shoes/ drums, steering box.



(L) Steering wheels and various engine parts.



Head and side lights
Crossley Rotax with
additional lenses.



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August 2025 at a glance (details Page 9)

1940 Mercedes 170A convertible

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 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.	28	29	30	31 July	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Coffee Run Clyde Park 10am	8	9
10	11	12 General Meeting 7.30pm	13 Dine Out Breakwater Hotel 6pm	14 Q'nsciff Tinker Day 10am Clubrooms		16 Garage Girls 6.30pm Clubrooms
17	18	19 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	20	21	22	23
24	25 Backfire Deadline	26 7pm Tech Night "TBA"	27	28	29 Backfire Folding Morning	30
31 Club Run 11am Clubrooms	1 September	2	3	4 Coffee Run TBA 10am	5	11-13 Sept 3-day Maryborough Run