



# BACKFIRE

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*Merry Christmas*  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



## **Fred Harris's 1930 Model A Ford Roadster**

(See report and photos Page 5)

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## *The President's Piece - notes from a big country*

Greetings All

Here we are again at that time of the year when our calendars are full, lots to be involved in at our club.

We wish you all many happy shared times as the year comes to an end.

There will be no January 2026 club meeting. Just keep an eye on your Backfire for any further information regarding activities.

I've had an interesting time away in Japan, seeing the Japanese Car Show, Toyota being the largest exhibitor. Amazing cars: too many to mention.

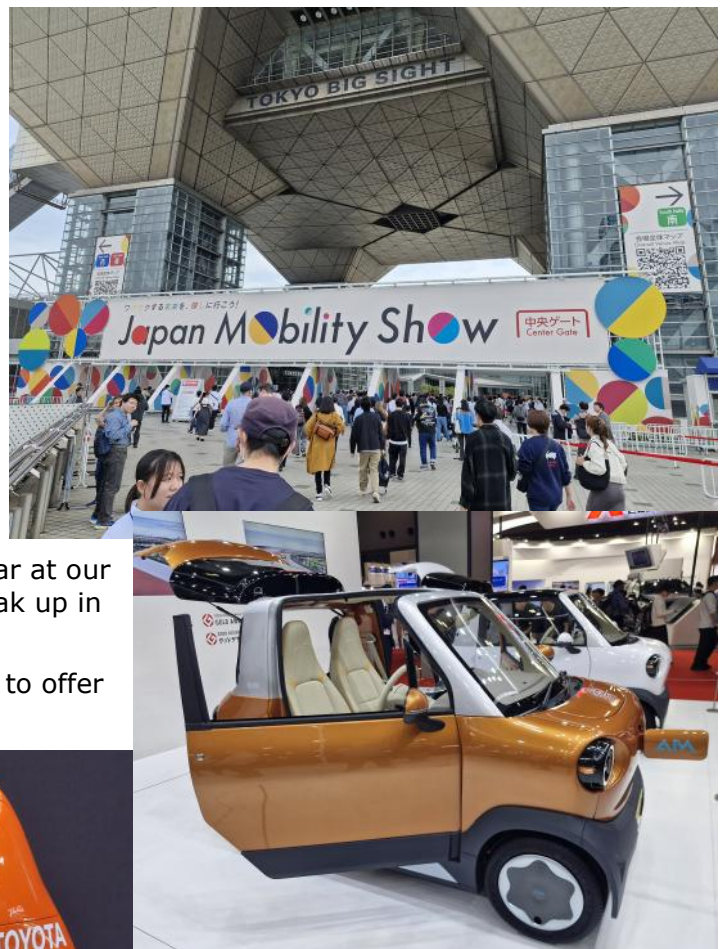
A bullet train and hire car to Fuji Race Track, where there was a McLaren owners' track day: hundreds of them!

We're looking forward to a festive end to our club year at our final meeting on 9 December, and the Christmas break up in St Leonards on 14 December.

Once again, sincere thanks to all those who continue to offer such interesting activities to be involved in.

Happy travels,

John.



*Photos: Some of the cars John saw at the Japan Mobility Show in Tokyo*

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting No 652 of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.  
Held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 11 November 2025

## Presiding

Vice President Barb Van Galen opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed members and visitors to meeting No 652.

Visitor: Adrian Ellis

## Apologies:

H Graham, R Roach, L Roach, J Green, G Paech, J Park, L Jordan, J Bailey, G Peacock, B Collins, A Collins, L Alford, S Anderson, T Stonehouse, C Field, R Alexander, E Baldock, P Abbott, P Battye, P Barling

Moved: J Coates

Seconded: L Booley Carried

## Sick List:

B Collins

## Bereavements:

None

## Minutes

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

Moved: R Booley

Seconded: K Parry Carried

## Correspondence (Fred)

### Inward

#### Letters In

- Bendigo Bank – Investment account renewal
- Thank you card from Barb van Galen for our thoughts on her recent operation

#### Emails In

- Monaro Club – invitation to attend their State Titles on 23 November at Anakie Road Lovely Banks

### Outward

#### Letters Out

- Welcome Letters sent to new members approved at the last Committee Meeting

Annika Graz

Patrick and Helen Handbury

- Get Well Card – to Bryan Collins

#### Emails Out

Nil

Moved: J Breedveld

Seconded: M McKenzie 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: L Booley Carried

## Program Director (John)

No report

## Library (Phill)

No report

## Dine Out (Sharyn)

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Commun Na Feinne

## Editor (Jon)

- The deadline for the December Backfire is 24 Nov. There is no Backfire in January.
- The Club Calendar is now with the printer to be ready for the December meeting. 13 Photos were selected randomly.
- Grovedale Secondary College thank you visit on 8 Dec. 10:30 for 11am. Up to 20 vehicles are wanted for the visit.

## Website (Damien)

Nil

## Federation Report (David P)

Nil

## Coffee Run (Col)

November is a combined run to Kithbrook Retirement Village from 9:45am then Ocean Mist Aged Care in the afternoon. The date is 20 Nov. not the usual Coffee Run 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. Numbers are required. Let Colin know.

No coffee run for December.

Thanks to all the members who have supported the coffee runs throughout the year.

## Tinker Day (Merv)

Will be at the Harris's in Portarlington. Last one for the year starting at 11am. Bring a sweet or salad and chair and eating utensils.

## Committee Report (David M)

David gave a report on the October Committee Meeting.

## Merchandise (David M)

David suggested there were many items for sale that may be a good Christmas present.

## Vehicle Permits (Gus)

- Busy month. 5 red plates added and we now have 600 in total at the club.
- Gus also has now got an XM Falcon ute. He is celebrating being the permit officer for 15 years. Well done Gus.
- Fred Harris brought in his Model A Ford for display in the workshop.



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

### Rally Reports/Events (Ken)

- Ken thanked everyone that attended the runs in 2025.
- The runs for Feb to April in 2026 are now being organised. There is planned to be a mystery pub run in February. The upcoming runs will be listed on the notice board in the Clubroom as well as in the Backfire.

### Rally Feed Back

- Nil

### Long Distance Rally (Lyn Jordan)

- No report.

### Tech Night (Peter Telfer)

Peter thanked Ray Matthews and Lindsay Alford for helping run the Tech nights. This month bring along something unusual.

### Swap Meet (David M)

David reported the new Swap phone is up and running. Also the advertising has been requested with COGG.

### Kitchen (Pam)

The Dinner Dance on 29 Nov has a cut off for names on 12 Nov for catering. Let Pam know if attending.

### General Business

- Bendigo Swap this year has 2 Club sites. David Perkins and John Tanta are setting up.
- The Kitchen upgrade has now been completed.
- No dineout in December
- January will have the usual dineout fish and chips in Queenscliff
- Christmas breakup lunch at St Leonards on 14 Dec. Everything included. Names to Sharyn if attending.

### For Sales, Wanted and Confessions

Nil

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 9 December 2025 in the clubrooms.**

- David Mitchell

### NOTE:

***Please bring a plate of supper to share to the December Meeting.***



## November Feature Car

### 1930 Model A Ford Roadster



Fred Harris had his 1930 Ford Model A roadster, "Henrietta", in the garage as the November feature car. Henrietta has been a familiar sight at club events over the years, with her distinctive paintwork and dicky seat.

Fred bought the Ford from Lynton Fletcher about 11 years ago. Lynton had taken the car apart but left the parts lay. When Fred took it on, the running gear was okay but the body needed work. As with all his cars, Fred did extensive restoration, including making panels and painting. He says painting was the hardest part. The upholstery and hood was done professionally.



In 2015 Fred was proud to receive the Popular Choice award for Henrietta on the RACV Fly the Flag Tour.

- Ed





# RALLIES & RUNS

## Kithbrook Park & Ocean Mist

– the November Coffee Run

### Coffee Run to Kithbrook and Ocean Mist

Club coffee runs are popular events, and the return visit to Kithbrook Park and Ocean Mist Aged Care on 20 November was no exception.

These runs are well attended and provide a chance to give club cars an airing. They are often not too far from home, so the older, slower cars can take part too. Of course a coffee and a cake, combined with a casual chat, add to the appeal.

However an extra element is thrown into the mix when an outing goes to an aged care facility or a school.



For older viewers, seeing the vehicles often evokes happy memories. The school children wonder excitedly as they learn about something new. Either way, pleasure is the order of the day – both for the owners and the participants.

Our November outing involved about 16 cars of all ages and Manny Vella's old faithful Indian motorbike.

*Special thanks to Adrian Van Der Lee and Kithbrook resident, Marie Harding, for the photos.* - Ed





# RALLIES & RUNS

## Kithbrook Park & Ocean Mist

– the November Coffee Run





# Events Calendar

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

- Thursday 27 November** **Tinker Day.** From 11am, at the Harris's in Portarlington. .  
Last Tinker Day of 2025! Please bring a sweet or salad for lunch. The club BBQ will be there to supply meat, tea and coffee. BYO chairs, cutlery etc. *Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089*
- Friday 28 November** **Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.  
*Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*
- Saturday 29 November** **Christmas Dinner Dance.** Gold is the theme. Get your gold beads out or maybe your gold bow tie. Two course dinner, tea and coffee. BYO drinks and glass. Seated by 6.30 for 7pm. Exciting new band to entertain and dance the night away. \$30 pp. *Ring Pam if unable to attend. 0487 696 097*
- Monday 8 December** **Club "Thank You" Car Display** Around the oval next to the Grovedale Secondary College. (Enter reserve at southern end of Burdoo Drive.) Arrive between 10.30 & 11am. Morning tea provided. As a way of thanking the school for the donated tools and equipment that quite a few club members acquired earlier this year, we would like up to 20 vehicles and owners available to show the students (Year 7-9). *Contact: Jeremy 0478 412 772 or Jon 0417 311 441*
- Tuesday 9 December** **General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms.  
Please bring a plate of supper to share. (Collect your Club Calendar.)
- Sunday 14 December** **Christmas Break up.** Lower Bluff Rd, St Leonards. 11.30am under the foreshore cypresses. Names needed for catering. BYO mosquito spray, chairs, tables etc. All food included on the day - supplied the club. So come along and enjoy good food, good company and celebrate Christmas. Santa may well appear. *Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089*
- Tuesday 16 December** **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.
- NO Dec. Dine Out or Tech Night. NO Dec. or Jan. Coffee Run.**
- NO Jan. General Meeting or Committee Meeting. NO Jan. Backfire.**
- Sat 10 & Sun 11 Jan.** **Geelong Truck & Machinery Show** [Geelong Truck & Machinery Show](#)

## How Times Ha



Geelong Whippet and Willys Knight

(Photo from the Geelong H



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## Wednesday 14 January

**Dine Out.** Fish & Chips at Queenscliff. From 5.30pm.  
Bottom fish & chip shop, Gellibrand St, Queenscliff. BYO picnic or purchase some delicious fish & chips.  
Wear your club badge for an extra chip (and deny the seagulls!). *Contact Sharyn 0417 546 089*

## Monday 26 January

## February Backfire Deadline 5pm.

*Contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441*

## Tuesday 27 January

**Tech Night - "TBC".** Be there about 7pm, to set up for a 7.30pm start. Wear your name badge to win a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG. All welcome.  
*Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.*

## Friday 30 January

## Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

*Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*

## Thursday 5 February,

## Coffee Run TBC *Contact: Col 0425 822 026*

## Tuesday 10 February

## General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

## Wednesday 11 February

## Dine Out. TBC

*Contact Sharyn 0417 546 089*

## Tuesday 17 February

## Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

## Monday 23 February

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

## Tuesday 27 February start.

## 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 2026

## 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..*

## ave Changed!



dealer, Winter & McGhie P/L in 1926.

(Heritage Centre collection.)

## A World of Color

### November Guest Speakers

While it became apparent that quite a few club members already knew about Geelong Colorworld, I was meeting our November guest speakers, Zac and Matt, for the first time. These young men provided a colourful introduction to their business, which specialises in all things paint.

They spoke to us mainly about their automotive products and advice, but the firm also services home owners, boat owners and industry, supplying specialist paints and coatings and a broad range of tools and equipment.

Of particular interest to your colour blind editor was the in-house paint matching service. I'll be using that in the near future for my project vehicle!

I was impressed by the emphasis on Australian products and moulding their business "around the way things used to be done 20-30 years ago".

Zac and Matt run the company at 38-40 Cheetham Rd Moolap with their partners, and warned that there would likely be a pet dog or two on site when you visit.

Website: [Geelong Colourworld](http://Geelong Colourworld)



## "Something Unusual"

### October Tech Night

This amazing toy is an external-combustion engine that uses air as the working fluid, operating on a highly efficient thermodynamic cycle (the Stirling cycle). It was named after Robert Stirling (1790 – 1878), the Scottish minister who invented it.

The Stirling cycle is a thermodynamic cycle used in Stirling engines to convert heat energy into mechanical work. It involves four processes: heating, expansion, cooling, and compression. Instead of using an internal combustion process, Stirling engines use a closed system with a fixed amount of gas that is heated and cooled, causing it to expand and contract, driving a piston and generating power.

The Stirling cycle operates by cyclically compressing and expanding a fixed amount of gas, typically hydrogen or helium, within a sealed chamber. The cycle's distinctive feature lies in its ability to run on any external heat source, such as solar energy, biomass, or even waste heat from industrial processes, making it an invaluable solution for power generation, heating, and cooling applications.

The toy is operated by filling a cup/mug with hot water (about 100°F, though the hotter the water, the longer the engine runs).





# Letters to the Editor

## A Melbourne Cup Day Memory

Melbourne Cup Day, many years ago, my Dad filled the tractor with petrol.

He parked on the front lawn, and went inside to listen to The Cup on the wireless.

Toby, our big Saanen goat, was on his chain, trimming the grass.

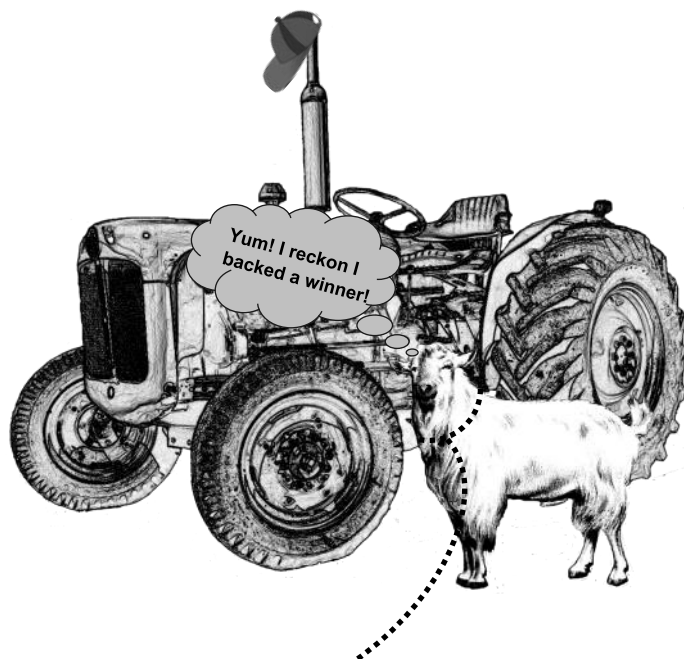
Unfortunately for Dad, Toby could reach the tractor.

Dad came out to find Toby munching on plastic petrol hose, and sparkplug leads.

The entire contents of the petrol tank was on the ground.

Toby had a wicked sense of humour.

- Peter Telfer



## They just don't make Fords like this any more

By ANTHONY BUNN

YOU would be forgiven for taking a second glance at Wangoom brothers Bill and Lindsay Brodie cutting grass in their paddocks.

The dairy farmers have defied technological trends as they continue to harvest with the tractor they fashioned from a 1929 A model Ford in 1950.

They say their veteran tractor has suffered no major problems and still runs with the same efficiency it produced when they registered it 45 years ago this month.

Bill, the senior brother by seven years, said the tractor, which towed a 1950 Massey Harris Sunshine mower, ran extremely smoothly and gave them no cause to upgrade.

"We built it from the ground up. We use it to cut hay for the animals and we cut enough for about 4000 bales a year, sometimes we have a bit more," Bill said.

"We've always had it in the shed and there's not that much that can go wrong with these sort of things. It's a fairly simple machine."

Brother Lindsay agreed with Bill's assessment, saying ageing metal was the only major problem he had encountered.

"It's pretty good. I'd say it's stood up to the work fairly well," Lindsay said.

"It's had a few problems with fatigue of metal, but other than that it's kept on going. I'm looking for a few more good years."

"It's like anything that is old, if you keep them in good repair they'll keep going."

But the brothers say there is one thing they envy with modern tractors — the ability to hydraulically raise the mower.

Instead of having this convenience, the brothers have to physically pull up the cutter and screw it together to ensure it doesn't drop to the ground.

However, Bill is not too fussed about this problem.

"It's all right, you get used to it," he said. Bill has had plenty of time to do that.



Henry Ford would never have envisaged one of his A model cars being used in 1995 to cut hay, but that's just what Bill Brodie of Wangoom was doing yesterday. Picture: PHILLIP BIGGS.

## Another Model A Ford!

Robin Evans sent in the article from the Warrnambool Standard in 1995 (above). Farmers are renowned for their adaptability and using what they have to hand. It seems that the Brodie brothers were no exception.

- Ed

## NO JANUARY MEETINGS

As the Showgrounds will be unavailable, the **January general meeting has been cancelled.**

The Committee will not meet in January either.

## Cars these days have too many gadgets.



I tried to reverse and it played a video of someone being run over.

- contributed by Gus Giustini



# The Original Motorhome

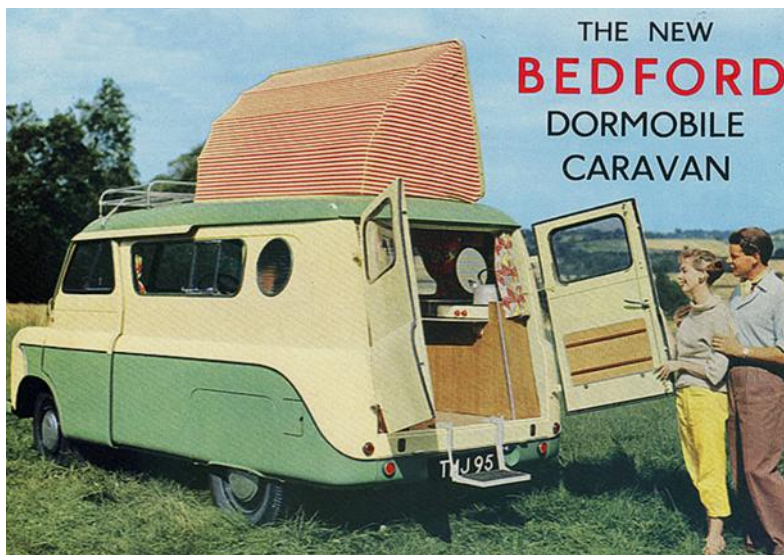
## The History of the Dormobile

Dormobiles are motor caravans (camper conversions) designed by the Martin Walter Company of Folkestone, Kent, England. Most were built from 1958 through the early mid 1970's.

Martin Walter made custom caravan conversions for a variety of mostly British vehicles. These conversions were usually installed to order on new vehicles that were purchased at the same time. Customers could choose conversion components from a list of items or pay extra to have custom features fabricated. Some Dormobile conversions had as little as a pop up top or seats that fold down into a bed. Most had complete caravan interiors installed. The campervan idea originated as a compromise negotiated with the UK tax office.

Martin Walter also sold conversion kits to other companies who installed them in vehicles. Land Rover Dormobiles were available directly through North American Land Rover dealers. Some of these may have been dealer-installed by kits shipped from Martin Walter directly to the dealer. All installations performed by Martin Walter at their factory were provided with a riveted on ID tag.

There is at least one company in Southern California that installed Martin Walter pop up roofs onto Dodge window vans and added their own



camper interior during the late 1960s and early 1970s. While Dormobiles can be found across the world, most were sold in the UK and still live there. Only Land Rover and Volkswagen Dormobiles were sold into North America though a few other marque Dormobiles have been privately imported.

Vans converted under the Dormobile name included Morris Commercial Cars, VW, BMC, Land-Rover, Ford, Leyland, and Commer. Some of these early vans used for Dormobile conversions were identified by the distinctive side stripe panel, usually painted in a stand out colour. They included Bedford, The Ford Thames, Commer and Morris and Austin J4.

The first Bedford CA based Dormobile motorhome, complete with a gas stove, a sink and cupboards and seats which converted into beds, appeared in 1957. The elevating roof, hinged on one side and featuring a red and white striped canopy, was quickly evolved in order to make it possible to stand within the vehicle.

The company subsequently converted a number of different van-based vehicles to other uses, including minibuses and ambulances, before collapsing in the mid-1990s.

In 1997, Dormobile Ltd. was revived and is now based in Lyndhurst, Hampshire. The company does modern camper conversions, supplies spare parts and restores the classic models.

Sources:  
[Land Rover Dormobiles:](#)

[Bedford Dormobile](#)  
[- Wikipedia](#)

"Wheeler Dealers" also did a show restoring a Bedford Dormobile - Ed



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## HARD LUCK

Rod Booley presented Fred Harris with a special Hard Luck Award after his Merc played up during the Long Distance Rally.

Running repairs had to be employed to get the indicators to resume working and the stop the oil being sucked from the transmission to the engine! But they made it.



### VALE - SHIRLEY KAUB

**September 2025.**

We note with sadness the passing of former Club member Shirley Kaub, in September this year.

Rob and Shirley were very active members of the WDHVC for a considerable time.

Our condolences to Rob and the family.

-Ed



## CLUB MERCHANDISE

### Show You Belong

The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for members to purchase.

Coffee Mugs	\$15
Insulated travel cups	\$16
Lapel Badges	\$10
WDHVC Key Rings	\$8 ea or 2 for \$15
Wide brimmed hats	\$20
Club stickers	\$2
WDHVC Metal Car Badges	\$25
Drink holders	\$7
Black Geelong Plates	\$33
Replica Inaugural Metal Club Badge	\$10
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Metal Badges	\$5 each or 3 for \$10
WDHVC pens	\$4 each or 3 for \$10
WDHVC Log Book reminder stickers	\$2
Magnetic WDHVC Badges	\$4 each or 3 for \$10
Windscreen Banners	\$10

To buy any of these items, please contact David Mitchell on 0409 099 716.

## New Editor Wanted

After 10 years and over 100 editions, I will be resigning as the *Backfire* editor at the AGM on 14 April 2026.

That is only three editions of the newsletter away, so think seriously about taking on the task please.

Between now and then, I am happy help a new editor get started, or you may wish to forge your own path. However, after 14 April 2026 I will be focused on the Club History project.

Call me on 0417 311 441 or speak to me in person to find out more.

Jon Breedveld

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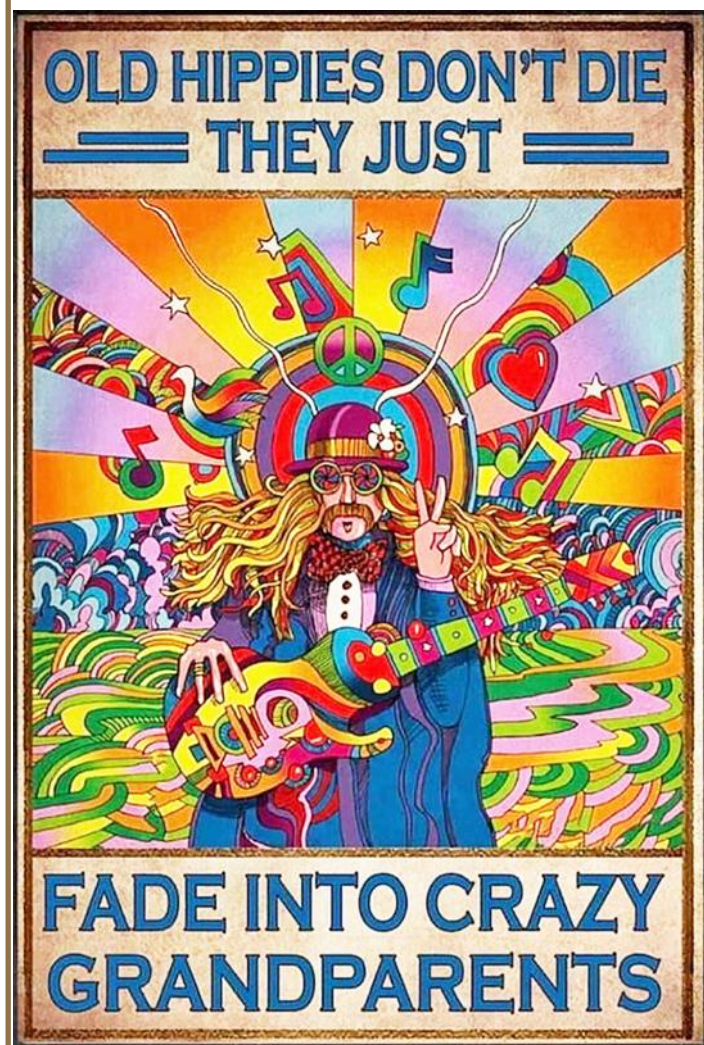
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402-4 PARAMATTA ROAD, BURWOOD, NEW SOUTH WALES. Phone UJ 2410.



## Phill's Phunnies ...

- from Phill the Librarian



## Great Mars Bar Competition



Once again we have a lovely looking young lady for our Great Mars Bar competition.

This little lass looks just as good now as when the photo was taken in 1942.

Although she may not have that same favourite toy anymore now, she does have another one to talk to now, and he can talk back as well!

There is a huge Mars Bar waiting for the person who can guess who she is, and another one for the town where she lived when the photo was taken.

Please send in more photos to me so we can keep the fun going. You can email me on [rbvangalen@gmail.com](mailto:rbvangalen@gmail.com) - or pass a photo to me at the meetings.

Thank you.

Ray van Galen.

### More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen

Ph 52789 368,

or

email [rbvangalen@gmail.com](mailto:rbvangalen@gmail.com)





## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### For Sale



#### **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. Right hand window regulator**

for 1938 Dodge ute.

Call Andrew 0410 561 164.

**10/25**



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](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com) (Ph 0417 311 441).

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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](http://WDHVC For Sales)

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## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### Clues

**Clues. Lions Christmas Cakes** If you intend purchasing Lions Christmas Cakes for Christmas, club member, Lion Brian Edward, can be of assistance. Cake prices remain at \$20 for a 1.5 kg cake and \$16 for a 1 kg cake. All proceeds support local charities. Brian will be at the next meeting or call 5222 6986. **10/25**

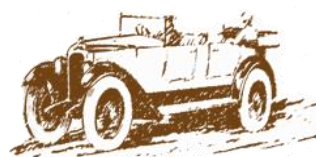
**Clues. Replacement gutter rails** for HQ-WB Holdens available. 1mm cold rolled steel 1220mm long. Call Adrian 0412 246 495. **10/25**

### Wanted

**Wanted. 8" headlight lens** for a 1935 Dodge. Call Graham 0409 241 558. **10/25**

**Wanted. Owner's Manual** for a 1971 Mark 2 Cortina. Call Phill 0439 965 210. **10/25**

## 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.**

## 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](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com)

Thanks

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## December 2025 / January 2026 / February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	<b>25 Tech Night</b> "The Unusual"	26	<b>27 Tinker Day.</b> 11am, Harris's	<b>28 Backfire</b> Folding Morning	<b>29 From 6.30pm</b> Xmas Dinner Dance "Gold" theme
30 November	<b>1 December</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8 From 10.30am</b> Car Display Grovedale College	<b>9 General</b> Meeting, 7.30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Xmas Lunch</b> St Leonards	<b>15</b>	<b>16 Committee</b> Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b><u>NO Dec. Dine Out or Tech Night. NO Dec.</u></b> <b><u>or Jan. Coffee Run. NO Jan. Backfire</u></b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	1 January 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11 	12	13 <b><u>NO Jan Meeting</u></b>	<b>14 Dine Out</b> Queenscliff	15	16	17
18	19	20 <b><u>NO Jan Cttee</u></b>	21	22	23	24
25	<b>26 Feb Backfire</b> Deadline	<b>27 Tech Night</b> "TBC"	28	29	<b>30 Backfire</b> Folding Morning	31
<b>1 February</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Coffee Run.</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 General</b> Meeting, 7.30pm	<b>11 Dine Out</b> TBC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Committee</b> Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

**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. Updates by will be sent by email.