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LIFE MEMBERS	Ken Batson Fred Harris Judith Matthews	
	Max McKenzie Trevor Schneider Max Tucker	
	Ray van Galen	
CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR	Barb van Galen	
ERIC BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD	Not awarded during Covid	



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The President's Idle Chatter

No Idle Chatter this month. See President's Annual Report on Page 10

25 Year Badges Presented

Jan Clissold (left), and Brian (right) & Yvonne Edward were presented with their 25 year membership badges at the April meeting.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 622 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.

HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023

PRESIDING

President David Mitchell welcomed the 78 members, new members (Keith Burns and Darren Clissold) and a visitor (Greg Aldrich).

The meeting endorsed the nominations of two new life members. David formally thanked Ken Batson and Ray van Galen with life membership badges and thanked them both for their decades of support across many roles.

APOLOGIES

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

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Ken Batson Carried

SICK LIST

Our thoughts are with the families on the recent passing of Charlie Mifsud, a previous member.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting as published in the Backfire are confirmed as correct.

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Ken Parry Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

Nil

Emails In

- Carol Baker - regarding membership fees to her father Kevin
- Graham Thomson - resigning from the club
- Federation - invitation to attend the North West Tour 27th August - 2nd September
- Revival Auto Parts - if they can be of any assistance regarding all types of brake equipment to our members

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- New Members approved at the last Committee meeting – Les & Margaret Bufton; Keith & Nang Burns and Darren Clissold
- Sympathy Card - Sharyn Harris on the passing of her mother and member Betty Jenkins
- Vic Roads - informing that M Wright is a financial member of the club

Emails Out

- Carol Baker - explaining membership and Backfire fees

Moved: Fred Dosser

Seconded: Rod Booley Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

The Treasurer reported on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and submitted accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Trevor Schneider Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (David M for John)

No report this month. Next month's guest speaker will talk about electric vehicles.

LIBRARY (Phil)

Thanks to the members for the recent donations of manuals and books.

DINE OUT (Sharyn)

Ten members for the Shell Club this month.

EDITOR (Jon)

Members who asked to receive email versions of the Backfire will be changed over from the next month.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No report this month.

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

At the recent Federation meeting discussions included:

- The impact of the transition to electric vehicles on the old car movement.
- Shared concerns with VicRoads and the registration process.

David will be representing the Club at the next meeting on Bendigo.

COMMITTEE REPORT (David M for Tony)

The recent meeting discussed:

- Re-invested Term Deposit at a welcomed improved rate
- Upcoming rallies
- New members
- Swap.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

Club branded wide brim hats available for collection.

TINKER DAY (Dallas)

The May Tinker Day will be at Graham Peacock's place in Drysdale.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Libby Booley (almost) correctly named Nel, the horse. Ray Matthews correctly guessed Bernie Turner and then donated his prize to Bernie!

VEHICLE PERMITS (David M for Gus)

Dallas will be handling the permit administration while Gus is away.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (David M)

See the Backfire for details on events when scheduled, including:

- The May Coffee Run will be to St Anthony's School in Lara;
- ANZAC breakfast at Barwon Heads; and
- Lethbridge Airfield tour and picnic.

Events attended by members include:

- The BBQ in the Bush was well attended with Fred and Max winning the vouchers.
- Karl overcame concerns about the weather and enjoyed his usual Easter trip north.
- Ken's was one of seven Club cars on display at the recent Ford employees picnic.
- Dallas and Gus went to the military vehicle display in Cowra.
- David P's Riley was one of the 60 cars on the recent Tasmanian Rally.
- Fred had a great time at the recent BBQ in the Bush.
- John H had a great time on the recent Lancia rally.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

No update this month.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

The *Motorbike* night was a great success. This month will cover *Lubricants* and then *Batteries* in May.

SWAP MEET (David M)

More volunteers needed! Thanks to Simon Anderson for the flood light donation and so saving several hundred dollars in rental costs.

KITCHEN (Pam)

No report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None this month

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

Simon has sold his Mazda ute to Canberra and brought a 1913 Minerva sleeve valve from a local family.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 9 May 2023 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

Barb is the Club Member of the Year

In recognition of her continuing contribution to the Club over many years, and in many capacities, Barb van Galen was voted the 2023 Club Member of the Year at the April meeting.

Congratulations to Barb on her well-earned recognition.



Club President David announces Barb's award.

President Installed

In what has become another Club tradition, Past President Dallas Jones, invested 2023-24 President David Mitchell with his official Chain of Office after the AGM. The ceremonial President's Mace also adorned the front table at the meeting.



Dallas congratulates David. Life member Trevor Schneider, who chaired the AGM, looks on.

(Ceremonial Mace on the table in the background. The Mace is in the form of a stylised conrod, mounted on a rocker cover. It carries the names of past presidents on the timber shaft.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2023

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No 56 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023

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

APOLOGIES

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

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Ken Batson

Carried

SICK LIST

None

MINUTES

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

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Dallas Jones

Carried

REPORTS

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

TREASURER REPORT (Maurice)

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

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Ken Batson

Carried

Maurice moved that the auditor be re-appointed.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Jan Clissold

Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

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

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

The successful nominations were:

President: David Mitchell

Vice President: John Bailey

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

Fred Harris

Treasurer: Maurice Healy

General Committee:

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

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

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

David resumed the Chair and thanked Trevor for his assistance.

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

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

Meeting closed at 9:24pm.



CLUB MERCHANDISE Show You Belong

The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for members to purchase. You can select from:

Coffee Mugs	\$15	Lapel Badges	\$10
WDHVC Metal Car Badges	\$25	Black Geelong Plates	\$33
Replica Inaugural Metal Club Badge	\$20	50 th Anniversary Metal Badges	\$20
WDHVC pens \$4 each or 3 for	\$10	WDHVC Log Book Reminder Stickers	\$2
Windscreen Banners	\$10	Wide brimmed hats	\$20
Magnetic WDHVC Badges \$4 each or 3 for	\$10		

Contact: David Mitchell (Ph 0409 099 716)

Ken and Ray Made Life Members

Ken Batson and Ray van Galen were awarded Life Membership of the Club after the members endorsed their nominations at the April meeting. Both men were surprised by the announcement. However the following citations demonstrate how much they have contributed over the years.

Ken Batson



Ken joined the W.D.H.V.C. in 1989

He served on the Club Committee for nine years from 1994 to 2005 and was Rally Director for six years from 1997 to 2003, organising club rallies and outings, which is a time consuming task that requires considerable effort and dedication, as this is a vital aspect of the club's function.

For several years Ken organised and operated monthly picture nights at the Clubrooms, and in 1998 he suggested and then organised the start of the monthly "dine out" nights.

In 2000 Ken arranged a six week trip to Europe for a group of 29 club members, many of whom said that they not have travelled overseas alone and therefore appreciated Ken's organisation of a club group trip.

He was voted by the general membership as "Club Member of the Year" in 2000.

Ken has hosted club events at his home and property for "around the houses" rallies.

For over 15 years, Ken has organised the W.D.H.V.C site at the Bendigo swap. This has required Ken to transport the tent, table, chairs and obtain catering requirement on the Friday and set them up for the weekend. This club site has been a very valuable facility for our members who used it for refreshments, to drop off parts or gather for a lunchtime sausage sizzle. The provision of this club site for the benefit of members required a substantial commitment from Ken, but he readily did this for the benefit of our Club members.

Ken has demonstrated an ongoing and consistent dedication to the W.D.H.V.C.

Ray van Galen



Ray joined the W.D.H.V.C. in 2000 and has served four years on the Club Committee, one year as Vice President and in 2014/15, a year as Club President..

In 2009 Ray arranged for some members to meet for an informal "Tinker Day" This became so successful that in 2010 the club recognised "Tinker days" as a regular monthly event and Ray has continued to organise these until recently.

Since 2015, Ray has also organised the regular "Smell the Roses" run, particularly suitable for motorcycles. He has made his home available on several occasions for club rally visits.

Ray administers the "Mars Bar Competition" featuring early photos of club members printed in "Backfire", inviting readers to guess the person featured.

Ray has a "can do" attitude when he attends to numerous matters in the clubrooms, such as the audio or defibrillator maintenance. He has assisted with "Backfire" printing and postage and is always willing to attend to maintenance function requirements in the clubrooms.

Being a qualified mechanic, Ray has been a welcome source of advice and a "get you going" man on rallies. He has been very involved in the preparation and manning of our Swap Meet. Ray represents our Club at engine rallies as a displayer of his machines, and is a strong advocate for health and safety requirements for our activities.

The general membership has recognised Ray's dedication, by voting him as "Club Member of the Year" on two occasions: 2010 and 2013.

Ray has demonstrated an ongoing and helpful dedication to the W.D.H.V.C.

**Vintage and Classic Car Club
Ballarat - Lake Bolac Camp Out.
Wed 17 to Tues 23 May**

Come and enjoy camping for six nights (or less if you can't stay the duration). Meet other car club enthusiasts.

Venue: camping area on the lake called **Picnic Point**, about 1km PAST the Lake Bolac Caravan Park. Sites are free but unpowered. (An amenities block has power.) Covered BBQ. \$5 showers. Open to any members with caravans (vintage or modern), motorhomes, campervans, tents, swags or whatever. Wear your club name badge for easy intros.

Come to dinner on Friday at the local hotel (book with **Nerene** first please) or at the camp fire on site.

For details call **Nerene** on **0427 348 060** or **Mike** **0419 935 147** (or WDHVC member Brian Edward, who went last year).



Just Kidding Around

Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc Presents

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET

Sat 13th May 2023 Gates open 7am



Geelong Showgrounds (Melways Ref 452 E10)

Costs:

- *Gate entry: Adult/Teenage \$10 per person, Under 13 yrs Free
- *Outdoor site: \$20 per 10 x 6m site + gate entry costs per person (no booking required for outdoor sites)
- *Limited indoor sites Booking req'd. Call/email for details/availability
- *Area for display and sale of special interest vehicles (\$20 per car and gate entry costs per person)
- *Parking for non sellers at Geelong Racecourse, Breakwater Rd.
- *Geelong Mobile ATM facilities on site

Friday night: Camp sites available for stallholders only.

Entry from 5pm. Gates will close at 9pm sharp. (site + per person entry costs)

Rules: Strictly no animals allowed in showgrounds.

No fires permitted in any way. No unauthorised food/drink vendors.

No riding of a bicycle, scooter, motorcycle or rec vehicle.

Disability scooter permitted but must not exceed 4kph.

Updates: on the Geelong Bay City Swap Meet Facebook page

Contact: email: secretary@wdhvcgeelong.com

Ph: 0417 306 177 (no texts)

WDHVC PO Box 200 Newcomb Vic 3219

Other Events

- Apr 30 2023 Colac Swap Meet** Colac Showgrounds. Contact 0428 394 249 gandproseevents.com
- May 7 2023 HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market** St. Anthony's School Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East
- May 13 2023 Geelong Swap Meet** Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd. Gates open 7am. secretary@wdhvcgeelong.com
- May 20 2023 Wedderburn Swap Meet** Wedderburn Vic
- May 21 2023 Lockington Swap Meet** Lockington, Vic
- May 27-28 Historic Winton.** Winton motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria. Details www.historicwinton.org
- Jun 10-11 2023 Daylesford Collectables Fair** Daylesford Town Hall
- Jun 11 2023 Maldon Swap Meet** Maldon Racecourse Reserve (Vic)
- Jun 25 2023 Fridge Swap Meet** Armstrong St South, Ballarat .
- Sept 10 2023 Shepparton Swap Meet** GVMVDC Swap Meet, Shepparton Showgrounds
- Oct 15 2023 Albury Swap Meet** Twin City Swap meet & S & S, Albury Showground
- Aug 28 to 1 Sept Federation Open Tour** from Marong through Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton. Spend time spend in the recent flood affected areas of northern Victoria and support their rebuilding efforts. Activities planned include museum visits, private tractor and bowser collections, Echuca Beer Shed and Shepparton attractions.
- Nov 11 & 12 Bendigo National Swap Meet.** Entry: Sat only \$15. Sun only \$5. Children 15 and under free. Public: Gates open Sat 6 AM. Sun 7 AM. Sheds open 7 AM. Details www.bendigowap.com.au. Site bookings 0427 446 660. General enquiries 0434 730 822. info@bendigowap.com.au
- Nov 18-19 2023 Daylesford Collectables fair** Daylesford Town Hall

Events Calendar

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

With both the Flu and Covid in the community, masks are recommended when in close proximity to others.



Thursday 4 May **Coffee Run** From 10am at St Anthony's Primary School, 90 Kees Rd Lara. We have had a great response, with 19 old cars to attend. Almost every decade from the 20s to the 80s is represented. The Principal is kindly providing morning tea/coffee/brunch at about 11.30-ish for all who attend regardless of the vehicle you arrive in. Confirm with Col by Monday 1 May if you wish to be catered for. A reminder to bring a seat and morning tea if you can't hold out till brunch
Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Saturday 6 May **Club Run** **Lethbridge Airport Tour** BYO picnic lunch. Meet at parking bay opposite the Batesford Roadhouse and leave at 9.30am.

Tuesday 9 May **General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 10 May **Dine Out** St George's Workers Club Pakington St at 6pm.
Please call Sharyn 0417 546 089.

Thursday 11 May **Swap Meet information dinner** for Saturday volunteers. 6pm in the clubrooms. Only those working on Saturday are to come.
Contact: Fred 0417 306 177.

Friday 12 May **Swap Meet Set Up** Volunteers for a working bee to set up for the Swap. Starting at 9am. Contact: Fred 0417 306 177.

Saturday 13 May **Geelong Bay City Swap Meet** Showgrounds.
Contact: Fred 0417 306 177

Tuesday 16 May **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Thursday 18 May **Tinker Day** Run to Haydn & Leane Stacey's place in Clifton Springs. Haydn loves his motorcycles and has been racing speedway forever. Come and have a look at what he spends his waking hours on. BYO as normal but Haydn and Leane will have tea and coffee making facilities available and they are putting some snags on the BBQ for us to enjoy. Leaving clubrooms at 10 sharp for the drive to Clifton Springs. Those on the Bellarine may choose to meet us there around 10.30am. Parking will be on the street.
Contact: Dallas 0432 172 171.

Saturday 20 May **Smell The Roses Run.** Well members, I have definitely gone slightly mad and made a date for a Smell the Roses run for old motor bikes and other vehicles. I thought that we could start the run at 10am from the PENINSULAR HOTEL on the Bellarine Hwy (NOT THE CLUBROOMS) and meander down to Queenscliff for a cup of your favorite brew and a cake from one of the cafes in the area, if there are any still open after the World's problems with supply and labour shortages. I will be on the Matchless and doing less than 90KPH. Feel free to join us in your very unique older vehicle or even a modern one.

Sunday 21 May **National Motoring Day Run** 11am Clubrooms for short run. BYO lunch to have back at Clubrooms. Tea/coffee provided.
Contact: Barb 0408 664 537

Monday 22 May **June Backfire Deadline** 5pm. *Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441*

Tuesday 23 May **Tech Night** "Batteries." Sure give some a jolt! Others may be left a little flat! Anything from the buttons in your hearing aids to the units bolted to the wall that store your solar power. Come along and get your recharge. All welcome. Wear your name badge and get a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG! Be there at 7pm, so we can set up for a 7.30pm start.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Friday 26 May **Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 2 June **Coffee Run to Anakie Roadhouse** on the bend at 2135 Geelong- Ballan Rd Anakie from 10am. There are some parks out the front but if most cars can park on the grass on the opposite side of the road that would be appreciated.
Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Thursday 15 June **Tinker Day** It's the famous 'Soup Line' Tinker Day. In the clubrooms from 12noon. Bring along some interesting item to regale the assembled crowd with. Let your knowledge spread like the warmth of the soup in your tummy! Dallas is away for this one so Barb will be handling the details.
Contact Barb 0408 664 537.

Pre WW2 Motoring Weekend Bendigo. Friday 19 to Sunday 21 May

Incorporating National Motoring Heritage Day. Over 60 entries received. Various routes planned to suit varying speeds of early autos. Details and entry form: https://veterancarclub.org.au/?page_id=6771
Stuart McCorkelle 0423 939 053.

President's Report 2023

Finally after over two years of Covid disruption, we got back to a more normal routine with regular events, even though Covid was still around and it was more of a case of "living with it".

We had a new Coffee run organiser, Col Jordan, and a new Rally Director, Ken Parry. Thanks to both Col and Ken for taking on these new roles. Simon Anderson also joined the Committee in May and brought some social media expertise to the group amongst other skills.

We managed to have all the usual events including coffee mornings, tinker days, Anzac Day BBQ, tech nights, dine outs, rally events and of course club nights. We also celebrated our 55th club birthday in May. Unfortunately, as the decision for the 2022 Swap had to be made several months in advance, and given the uncertainty around Covid, it was cancelled for another year.

Other notable events during the year included the invitation from our fellow Geelong car club, the MG Car Club of Geelong to visit their new workshop and see how they are using it. Also we had a great night in December for our Christmas function evening, enjoying fabulous entertainment from the toe tapping tunes and harmonies of the Soul Sister Swing musicians.

We also had a huge turn up at the Christmas lunch at Seasalt Meadow - a great way to finish the year.

Another very successful Membership renewal event was held in February and again confirmed its place on the calendar.

Many thanks to all the members on the Committee for all their work and effort in running the club during the year. Also a big thanks to all the club members who run things and help out from outside the committee: library, tech nights, BBQ events etc. you don't have to be on the committee to be involved. Special thanks to David Perkins who is retiring from the committee and to Ray van Galen who has retired from running the Tinker Day events after 14 years.

As we head into a new Club year, we have our first Swap Meet for three years next month. We are always looking for more volunteers to help out, so please make sure you have your name down. It should be a big event with a pent up demand for bargains and it is a great team event for club members involved. It may well be our last swap if we don't find a new swap manager as this will be Fred's last. Let us know if you have any thoughts about taking it on.

Hopefully we will have a full year of events again, and getting involved is a great way of meeting other members and enjoying events. I hope to see you out and about at our various activities.

David Mitchell

President

Secretary's Report 2023

We started the 2022/23 year with three new committee members, Simon Anderson, Tony Brincat and Col Jordan, and I am sure you will agree the committee has done a great job steering the club over the last 12 months.

We had the annual Anzac BBQ at Barwon Heads, with head chef Murray Foran and his helpers doing a great job and it was well attended as usual

Covid was still rearing its ugly head and the committee decided not to run the Swap again. Also in May we celebrated our 55th birthday, along with the National Motoring Day.

Coffee mornings every month being popular and in June our casserole lunch in the club rooms was another great event. An inaugural rally was a poker run, which was a great success.

The Long Distance Rally was organised by our Tasmanian residents Gus & Teena Giustini with Sharyn organising the voyage across the Strait. Everyone had a fantastic time and many thanks to our Tassie hosts.

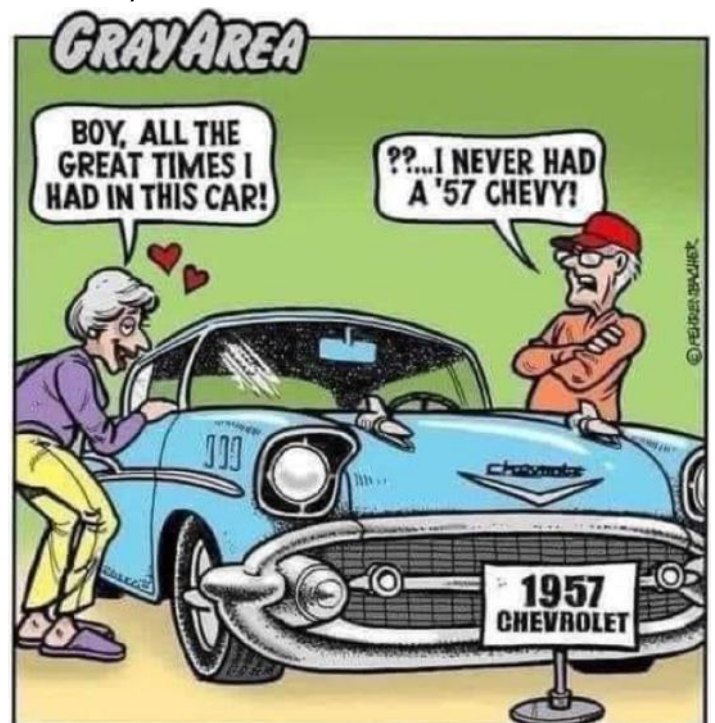
Large numbers attended our Christmas breakup in St Leonards, with all enjoying a Christmas feast.

Our annual membership renewal day was another excellent club day, with a big attendance. There have been many events in the last 12 months, too numerous to mention, but many thanks to everyone who has organised or helped with the various activities.

I would like to thank David our President for leading this great club along, and Maurice for keeping our finances in order and the committee for making the necessary decisions.

Fred Harris

Secretary



Club Legends

Trevor Warren

Our club includes people with a wealth of knowledge and experience that we wish to preserve. This is the fourth in a series about these "Club Legends".

Trevor was born in 1929 in Leopold on the banks of Lake Connewarre. He went to the Leopold School for seven years, then two years at Geelong Tech. He also did a further two years at the Gordon Tech wool classing school.

His first car was an ABC Roadster which he drove from Barrabool to Dalgetys Wool store for three seasons.

His father had a model T Ford ute: they would jack up the back wheel and use as a fly wheel.

He got his licence in his grandma's 1938 Pontiac and when the policeman asked: "How long have you been driving?" he replied: "About 10 years." Country kids: you can't keep them out of cars etc.

He then got a 1946 Chev Ute and the first model Holden (1952) in 1954 and had it for about 10 years. He told me his favourite was an HR Holden: they were good cars.

His restoring bug started with the late Bob Coulson (past club member), who had a model T.



He joined the Vintage Machinery Club in 1970 because he likes to fiddle with old engines. He then moved on to build a model T. He found half a chassis - firewall to front - and when he asked what car it was, they told him it was a truck.

While wool classing in the Mallee he wanted to get a truck off an old fellow who wanted a trailer so Trevor built one to swap and got his truck. He then got an engine from the tip.

He married Annetta in 1989 and as he said, he waited a long time to start married life and got the best.

Trevor and Netta had a 27 Chev tourer and a Pontiac (the same as Granny's) and a Chev ute 9, the same as they had on the farm. Their favourite rally car was the Pontiac, which they did many long distance rallies in.

Trevor's dream car would be a Rolls Royce. He has been in the WDHVC for over 30 years and their favourite events have been rallies to Burra, Bay to Birdwood, the Snowy Mountains and the Blue Mountains.

Trevor has been president of the Royal Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society from 2000 to 2002 and a member of the governing council for over 45 years. As a result he has a collection of tractors and old engines, including a Ferguson W6, a Massey Harrison and three John Deere tractors.

When I asked Trevor and Netta what they liked most about the WDHVC both replied the enjoyment of like-minded people and the companionship of everybody. They have enjoyed every year of being in the club.

Trevor, who is 93, still goes out to the farm a couple of times a week to tinker. If I am still as able as he is at 93, I would consider myself a legend, just like Trevor.

- Sharyn



RALLIES & RUNS

Geelong Show and Shine

On Monday 3 April we were invited to have a display of WDHVC vehicles over lunchtime at the Ford Engineering Centre in Norlane. Our President David arranged for our involvement with his former workmates at Ford.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the "Kids Day Out" charity. There was a very large attendance of hobby vehicles from various clubs and individuals and there were lots of spectators. An auction of memorabilia added to the success of the day.

Our thanks to our club members who displayed, including: Jack Thomas – T Model; Col Jordon – '78 Transit; Lyn Jordon – '94 Probe; Ken Parry – XP Falcon Coupe; Ken Batson – '74 Landau; Max McKenzie – XW Falcon; Tony Brincat – '93 Capri; and Trevor Schneider – A Model. - Trevor Schneider



February Tech Nigh - Motorcycles

The 23 March 23 tech night was on motor cycles, with three motor bikes in the garage. Most of the members present had a story to share about motor bikes.

Ray amazes me about the stuff he brings to the tech nights. This month was no exception. He had a side saddle for a motor bike. Comment were made about it making riding the bike more difficult. Ray also had a carbide light and a pump for cleaning the jet.

I built a home-made motor bike wheel alignment tool from square tubing. The back wheel can get out of alignment, leading to extra tyre wear. This is more critical when the tyre has a grove around the centre of the tyre. With the bike on the centre stand the tool is clamped to the rear wheel and the extensions point to the front wheel.



I do not have a motor bike any-more and the tool is free to a good home.

- Lindsay Alford



Rear wheel out of alignment

RALLIES & RUNS

Tinker Day to Graham & Gwen's Place - Thursday 20 April

We couldn't have asked for better weather for this time of year. It was cool but not cold and it was sunny with no sign of rain. Another great turn out with around 40 members with 25 cars and one motorcycle attending the day at the Peacock's home. A beautiful garden setting where we set up to eat, drink and talk.



Not sure what attracted the most attention on the day, the grey Fergy tractor, the ancient Howard rotary hoe or the garden produce that seemed to be in great demand.

The Tinker Day is a great opportunity to socialise with other members and look at what makes them tick. If you've not been to one for a while, you need to fix

that, because you are missing out. Huge thanks to Graham and Gwen for opening their home to us and also the lovely soup, biscuits, cake and cuppas.

- Dallas



(Above) The 3-speed Howard rotary hoe churned up some interest.
(Left) Graham's Holden and MG were also on show.

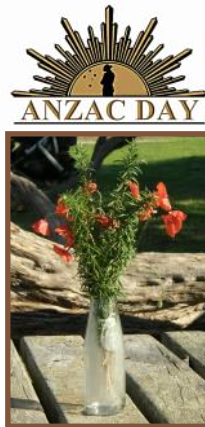
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Anzac Day BBQ Breakfast

A mild start to a glorious autumn morning by the river at Barwon Heads saw a good turn out of some 50 members and their cars, to observe the traditional Anzac Day breakfast BBQ. Thanks to Murray Foran and his helpers Peter, Sandra & Ken for organising, and cooking the bacon & eggs.

- Ed



VALE – BETTY JENKINS 7/1927 - 9/3/2023



Mum was one of 12 children, about in the middle. She was always happy, didn't believe in depression: just get on with it. She had one daughter, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mum and Dad were married over 50 years and had a great life: not much money but always had their home.

My mother was sweet tooth. Whenever she went out for a meal she would always check the dessert menu first. If you ordered your main too big you couldn't fit in the best part - the dessert - and the more cream and chocolate the better.

Her best mate was Fred and she adored her grandchildren and greats. She was a member of the club for 27 years and enjoyed the company of many members. She loved a chat: would talk to anybody and got their life stories in no time.

For the last two years of her life she lived at Drysdale Grove Nursing Home and loved it, so much so that she told any visitors that should put their name down to come and live there.

Mum passed away in her sleep after a full and happy life. I will always miss her and her sunny smile.

- Sharyn Harris

Our member Betty passed away peacefully at Drysdale in March. She was the loving mother of Sharon Harris.

Betty joined the club with husband Jack in 1997, thus she was a 25 year member. Jack died in 2005. Residents of Portarlinton in the latter years, they were keen members and took an active part in all things Club. Betty enjoyed our meetings and events. She had many friends and had a cheery nature, and was content with her life.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharon and Fred, and to the family: Brad and Carolyn, Tamara, Sam and James. She will be sadly missed.

- Ray Matthews

Great Mars Bar Competition

The May Competition



This month's Mars Bar competition is going to be way too easy, as this club member has hardly changed at all in the last 60 years or so.

Well alright, maybe the hair is not quite like that now, but he would still be able to ride a bike if his life depended on it and was being chased by a hungry Lion!

I think a second Mars Bar can be offered to the person able to name that very good looking pushy and where it was made.

Keep the photos coming folks, as I am down to my last two.

- Ray van Galen

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen

Ph 52789 368,

or

email rbvangalen@gmail.com



Life Quotes

"I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly." - Anon

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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale 1940 Packard. Straight 8

Man. 3 speed + overdrive. 6 wheel equipped.
Leather interior.

Travelled about 20,00kms
since ground up resto
6 years ago. On club
plates: 6233-H9.

Asking \$55,000.

Call Tony on 0437 453 259.



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Wanted

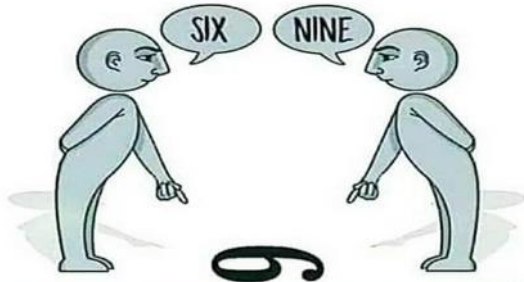
Wanted Smiths 83mm speedo or tacho. Only
need the housing/glass/bezel. Internals not
needed. Call Dallas 0432 172 171 ..5/23

Wanted An external sun visor to suit a 40s
era car. It needs to be 53 inches [1.35 m] across
and have the windscreen centre pillar attachment
point. Call Karl 0413 074 733. 3/23

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.**



**Just because you are right, does not mean, I am
wrong. You just haven't seen life from my side.**

For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and generally
appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove
advertisements from the newsletter earlier, email
editor@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0417 311 441).

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

All ads for cars also appear on the **club web site** where
greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be
viewed. To see ads, go to

<http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com/wdsale.html>

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

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale 1990 Ford Capri. Reg. 86276H. White
in colour. Fair condition. 192,000 kms. On red
plates: not transferable. \$3250 ono.

Call Glenn 5250 2255 (leave msg)

5/23

For Sale T.O.M.M. A large quantity of T.O.M.M.
[The Old Machinery Magazine] magazines. Ideal
for filling gaps in collections. They go back more
than 20 years and are in mint condition. \$3 each.

Call Karl 0413 074 733.

4/23

For Sale Land Rover Discovery TDI 300

Reg. NHP 029. Manual. 1995. 3-door wagon.
Gen.290,000+kms. Motor untouched – doesn't use
oil. Bull bar & side steps, dual batteries, 12/240
volt in rear. Tow bar, brake controller & Anderson
plug. New Pedders coils & airbags. 2 CB radios.

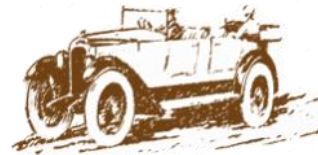
Air compressor. New clutch @ 145k

With books and full service history. \$10,000 ONO.

Call Bernie 0422 773 558.

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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.**

Dallas will mount and display the photos.

PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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

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

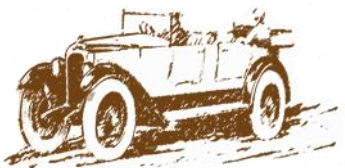
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either: check the club website; check their emails; or contact the event organiser.	24	25	26	27	28 April Backfire Folding Morning	29
30 April Colac Swap	1	2	3	4 Coffee Run. 10am St Anthony's PS Lara	5	6 Club Run Lethbridge Airport
7 Antique Handtool Market	8	9 General Meeting, 7.30pm	10 Dine Out Shell Club	11 Sat. Swap Vols Info Dinner	12 Swap Set Up	13 Bay City Geelong Swap
14	15	16 Committee Meeting	17	18 Tinker Day 10am Clubrooms	19	20 Smell the Roses Run Wedderburn Swap
21 National Motoring Day Run 11am Clubrooms Lockington Swap	22 Backfire Deadline	23 Tech Night "Batteries"	24	25	26 Backfire Folding Morning	27 Historic Winton, Benalla
28	29	30	1 June	2 Coffee Run. Anakie Roadhouse	3	4