

Newsletter

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Member of the Federation of Victorian Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. and the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc.



Snapped by Lynne Eltze at the 2023 Easter at the 'Beal

Next Meeting: May 2023 General Meeting
Dooen Hall
Thursday 11th May at 8pm

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Club Person of the Year—Ken McMartin

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

DATE	CLUB EVENT	TIME	CONTACT	
MAY				
Sunday 7th	Visit to Jennie and Doug Mitchell's Duck Shed at Reedy Dam		Full details page 4	
Note date correction	,			
Thursday 11th	WMHVS General Meeting Dooen Hall Clubrooms	8pm	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper	
Friday 12th	Visit to John Rethus Museum and Collectables displays at Nhill		Full details page 4	
Saturday 20th	Movie Night at Dooen Hall 'Carry on Cowboy' see page 16	6pm BYO Tea 7.30pm Movie starts	Just turn up Small plate of supper please	
Sunday 21st	National Motoring Heritage Day Coffee, Cars & Motorbikes at Oma's Café Dimboola	Meet on Dimboola Road in front of Horsham College at 9.00am for a 9.15 leave	Just turn up	
Sunday 21st	Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride Please take notice of new departure location	We are leaving the Ampol Foodary Stawell Road at 11am. This will make our departure very easy as we head to Natimuk Hotel for lunch.	We will incorporate a scenic route through Noradjuha, Grass Flat and picturesque Mt Arapiles. Any inquiries to Mick Payne 0418 342 753	
Friday 26th to Sunday 28th	Historic Winton		Veteran, vintage and classic racing for cars and motorcycles.	
JUNE				
Thursday 8th	WMHVS General Meeting Dooen Hall Clubrooms	8pm	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper	
Thursday 15th	Coffee Cars and Motorcycles 10 am at Murtoa Neighbourhood House	Those who wish to convoy can meet at Dooen Pub car park at 9.15am for a cruise to Murtoa through Longerenong		
JULY				
Sunday 2nd	Sunday Lunch at Creekside Hotel Warracknabeal	Those who wish to convoy will meet at Horsham Sports and Community Club rear carpark at 10.45am for 11am leave. Or alternatively meet at the pub at 12pm	To help the hotel with catering please let Don Perry know you are coming by Wednesday June 28th Text 0427 861 247 or dondalperry@gmail.com	
Thursday 13th	WMHVS Annual General Meeting Dooen Clubrooms	8pm	Just turn up Small plate of supper please	
Saturday 15th	Coffee, Cars & Motorbikes Conways Horsham	10am	To be followed by a visit to club member, Peter Miller's shed to see his fabulous collection	
Sunday 30th	Great Western Pub for a counter lunch		Details to follow in June newsletter	
AUGUST				
Thursday 10th	WMHVS General Meeting Dooen Hall	8pm	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper	

WMHVS May 2023 Presidents Report

Hi all

Well the fabulous Autumn weather is still providing us lots of opportunity to have our vehicle out glistening in the sun. Don and the events team have plenty of events to get involved with so I hope you can all find an event of interest and get involved.

Whilst I unfortunately missed the April meeting and I am sure it came up, I just want to thank Neville and the support team for a fantastic Swap Meet. It was great to see a range of members get behind this event, promoting our club and giving us all the chance to either clean out or fill up our sheds with more treasures. I look forward to hearing about the issues discussed at the debrief to help guide us to another great event next year. Please, if you have any suggestions raise them in an appropriate way and if you're interested to be more involved don't be afraid to let the executive team know, there is always room for more interested helpers.

Thanks also to Frank for chairing last month's meeting in my absence. Whilst I had a nice couple of days away fishing, I am glad I wasn't reliant on my skills for a feed. There weren't many caught, and the majority were carp but it always good to catch up with friends by a quiet river.

I hope a few members were able to support the Wimmera Steampunk Festival in Dimboola in April. From all reports another great event that hopefully continues to grow in the coming years. I look forward to hearing the stories from the ones lucky enough to attend.

Again, a gentle reminder that as we head towards the end of the financial year I would like to encourage any members who are interested in taking up a position on the executive committee to reach out if you have questions. I have had a couple of the executive advise they will not renominate for executive roles next year so we welcome any interest from members looking to become more involved with club operations.

I look forward to chatting with you all at our next meeting, until then stay safe and enjoy the Autumn weather whilst enjoying your vehicles.

Cheers, Colin

Sunday 7th **May** Visit to Jennie and Doug Mitchells Duck Shed at Reedy Dam (halfway between Beulah and Birchip) with roast lunch at Auntie Silly Billies Kathee' in Beulah on the way home. We will need an indication of numbers to help the cafe with catering. Please let Don Perry know by Wednesday May 4th (note new date for replies!!!). Use email... dondalperry@gmail.com or text 0427 861 247.

Meet at HSSC rear carpark at 8.30am for an 8.45am departure. Convoy to Warracknabeal. Members not coming from Horsham can meet the convoy at Werrigar Roadhouse around 9.45am. We will spend 15 minutes or so at roadhouse for fuel and/or coffee as required. 10.00am leave for Beulah and then to Reedy Dam to see the Duck shed and all the little ducklings. Expect to spend about an hour or so at Reedy Dam then head to Beulah at 12.15pm for a roast lunch at Auntie Silly Billys Café. After lunch we all head home in convoy or separately.

Friday 12th May Visit to John Rethus Museum and Collectables displays at Nhill. It will be a BYO lunch affair.

Meet at May Park at 8.30 for an 8.45 (sharp) departure.

1st stop is at Darryl Meeks (Old Morrow Garage) to view his collection of cars and olde wares. Morning tea at a venue of your choice then meet at the horse in the middle of the park at 10.45 to depart to John Rethus collection of tractors and collectables. This collection is amazing and well worth the visit. There is a \$5 charge per person.

Lunch can be purchased or BYO and enjoy fellowship in the park whilst eating lunch.

After lunch we will visit Noskes Flour Mill where Darryl Meek will show us the restoration of this old building.

On your way home call into Rod and Maureen's (Inverness Motors) which is approx. 15km from Nhill for afternoon tea and to look at their collection.

We hope that several members of the Old Skool Hotrod and Custom Club, Horsham will join us for the day.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 524 - MINUTES Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 13th April 2023

Meeting Opened: 8.03pm

Visitors: Noela Wyllie, Arthur Schultz, Booma (baby kangaroo with Stacy Whitehorse)

In Attendance: F. Miller (in chair), N. Thomas, D. Jeffries, D. Robertson, N. Smith, J. Starks, M. Griffin,

J. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, E. Pargeter, L. Hogan, A. Cannane, R. Binns, S. Whitehorse, R. Wilksch, K. Tavak, P. Anthony, I. Drayk, L. Tavak, P. McMartin, F. Millaurra, I. Drayk, L. Drayk,

K. Tough, P. Anthony, I. Brown, J. Taylor, D. Hovey, K. McMartin, E. Milbourne, J. Brack,

K. Johnson, P. Demlo, D. Perry, J. Doolan, L. Doolan, S. Garwood, G. Exell, K. Grosser, R. Fidge, A. Fidge, N. Wyllie, A. Schultz, B. Williams, A. Gamble, Deb Cook, P. Curkpatrick, G. Schultz,

B. Hicks, P. Sudholz, A. Macchia, R. Davies, D. Petering, C. Petering, G. Mills, G. Smith, J. Gaspirini,

O. Webb, W. Warrick, S. Friend, R. Warrick, M. Lister-Warrick, C. Boddi, M. Boddi, S. Boddi

(55 Members – 3 visitors!)

Apologies: C. Kemp, J. Jacobs, B. & K. Brody, P. & D. Wood, T. Pollock, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, M. & S. Zbierski, C. Ladlow, I. Jarred, K. Jakobi, H. Russell, H. Curkpatrick, W. Donald

Minutes: Don Perry moved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting (No.523), as distributed in the Newsletter be accepted as correct. Seconded by Alan Canane

Secretaries Report: Inwards Correspondence: Aus Post Invoice - Treasurer

Bank Statements - Treasurer

Letter from Andrew McDougal re GreenFleet Carbon

Offset

Outwards - Minutes of previous Meeting
Mark Griffin moved, Rob Binns seconded that the Seretaries Report be received - carried

Treasurers Report : Steve Garwood moved that the Treasurers Report as presented by Dean Robertson be accepted. Seconded by Peter Anthony - carried

Membership : Alan Cannane moved that **Noela Wyllie** and **Arthur Schultz** be accepted as members of the WMHVS. Seconded by John Taylor. Sen. Vice President Frank Miller welcomed Noela and Arthur to our Club.

Reports: AOMC/Federation – Nil Report

Events: Don Perry outlined upcoming events. Lunch at Natimuk Pub, Visit to Doug Mitchell Duck Farm, All British Motorcycle Rally, Run to Nhill, Steampunk Dimboola, Historic Winton etc. Plenty of opportunity to exercise our historic vehicles while the weather is still favourable. Full details will appear in our Club Magazine.

Swap Meet – Neville Thomas presented a 'run down' on our Swap. April 1st was a beautiful day. We experimented increasing our site size this year to a min 8 x 7 metres. Vendors seemed really happy with the change. Approx. 180 sites were taken up. A debrief of the swap outlined areas we can improve, particularly early morning site holder parking before daylight and the need for a loudspeaker. Financially, we are still waiting on invoices but we are confident of a positive result.

Nev thanked all those members who volunteered and helped make the Swap a successful event. Particularly Rob Binns who 'had his back' organizing the Swap.

Clubrooms: Neil Smith reported that Robert "Shorty" Emmett has investigated the termite problem at the Hall and has taken steps to eradicate the problem.

Our Club sign out front is performing intermittently and needs some investigation.

Regalia: Sue Boddi reported that she now has good stocks of our regalia

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Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 524 - MINUTES Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 13th April 2023 continued............

General Business: Rob Binns suggested that we should look at a designated mobile phone, to be passed each year to the Swap Director. Until now, our Swap Directors have used their personal contact, which might not appear a problem, but with changes of Swap Directors, many enquiries are directed at the 'old' or previous contact which can be confusing.

Discussion took place and it was generally agreed that we should look into and get an idea of what having a dedicated contact/phone will cost.

Exchange Newsletters by email. Dean Robertson mentioned that he had some complaints from members re forwarding exchange Club Newsletters by email saying they contributed to 'clutter', and had refrained from forwarding them. Members present argued that there was much value in receiving exchange Newsletters and Dean agreed to continue to forward exchange newsletters

A suggestion was made that we look at a distinctive name for our own newsletter, in order that it is more easily identified among newsletters that are emailed. The general feeling was that is not difficult to identify at present.

Unwell Members – It was reported that Max Zbierski, Ian Jarred, and Kevin Jakobi have been unwell, and that we should send a get well card.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm

Regalia

Jumpers		Hats		Shirts		Souvenirs	
LS Polar Fleece	\$50	Beanies	\$15	Dress Shirt	\$50	Grille Badge	\$20
Polar Fleece Vest	\$45	Bucket Hat	\$20	Polo Shirt	\$30	Lapel Badge	\$10
Windcheater	\$25	Wide Brim Hat	\$25			Stubby Holder	\$10
NEW Ladies LS Wool Cardigan	\$70	Сар	\$20			Teaspoon	\$10
						WMHVS window stickers \$3	

Sue Boddi & Sue Zbierski have a great selection of WMHVS regalia in stock and on display at every monthly meeting held at Dooen Hall. Both men's and women's styles are available.

HISTORIC VEHICLE USE – CARBON OFFSET

On pages 7 and 8 you will find the article written by Andrew McDougall regarding the Carbon Offset Scheme that the AOMC has entered into with Greenfleet.

This article was written for the Veteran Car Club of Victoria and Alvis Car Club of Victoria magazines.

Andrew has given Neville Thomas permission to use this article to explain and promote the scheme to the members of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society.

Other material can be sourced from the AOMC, pending there being an opportunity of making a physical presentation to Clubs in our region.

HISTORIC VEHICLE USE – CARBON OFFSET

Background:

Ever since the fascination of owning and using historic vehicles commenced, we have generally had free rein, to collect, restore (recycle) and use our vehicles on public roads and in particular with public and government support.

However, whether you personally recognise it or not, we are now being faced with changing times, where a lot of the public and governments are concerned about Climate Change and the contribution of the use of fossil fuels in generating this change in climate.

We are not immune to this change in attitude, as our historic vehicles rely on the burning of fossil fuels in our internal combustion engines.

Therefore, we have a challenge to convince governments and the public at large that our preservation and continuing use of historic vehicles (movable heritage) has merit. In reality we know that collectively the use of our historic vehicles only contributes a miniscule amount to Global Warming, due to the relatively low number of vehicles, the low annual distances covered, the standard of maintenance and the fact that the original energy used to make the vehicles has well and truly been amortized over many years – in fact we present a classic example of recycling and not throwing away. The difficulty is that those people and organisations concerned about Climate Change, don't necessarily believe in the merits of historic vehicle ownership, preservation and use.

For some time now this issue has been recognized by overseas peak motoring organisations, such as The Federation of Historic Vehicles UK and FIVA. These organisations, in particular, have been lobbying governments and conducting public acceptance campaigns, in order to maintain the continuing use of our vehicles and not have them become static museum pieces.

As part of its approach to demonstrating the acceptability of continuing use of historic vehicles, the UK Federation has formed a partnership with a carbon offset organistion (which embarks on reforestation activities). The Federation is promoting the purchase of the carbon offset scheme to its member vehicle clubs and through to individual classic vehicle owners. This has been well received by the historic vehicle movement and owners in general, as it is seen to be a significant contributor to ensuring the continuing use of historic vehicles in the UK.

The AOMC, in becoming aware of the success of the British Scheme and also being aware of a potential perception crisis for continuing use of historic vehicles, has taken the initiative in Australia, to find a suitable carbon offset scheme for our vehicle use. The AOMC investigated a number of potential carbon offset schemes (organisations) and was able to settle on Greenfleet, which has long term credentials and is used and supported by major companies and various government subscriptions. The AOMC has been able to negotiate very reasonable rates with Greenfleet for offsetting the carbon generation from the limited use of our vehicles. Unlike the UK Federation with its choice of organisation, the AOMC is

not receiving a commission from Greenfleet. This arrangement is being provided as a service to its member organisations. Having led the way, the AOMC hopes that other Peak Historic Vehicle Organisations will follow suit and promote carbon offset schemes Australia wide.

The Carbon Offset Scheme:

The AOMC has partnered with Greenfleet to offer enthusiasts the opportunity to support the environment through a carbon offset scheme. This program enables you to demonstrate a commitment to both the environment and to the preservation of our motoring heritage. It also allows the AOMC to highlight to government and the wider public that the environment and our heritage fleet can exist in harmony. The AOMC would like all members to join up.

The annual "tax deductable" carbon offset fee for a collectable car is very cheap (\$18 for 3000km/year and \$36 for 6000km/year), recognizing that our historic vehicles produce very little greenhouse gas per year. This is applicable to whichever classic you use, be it from the veteran era, through vintage, pre-war, post-war or modern classic.

As car enthusiasts we understand that the big SUV's produce a lot more greenhouse gas than many of our collectable vehicles, which are only driven occasionally. The scheme developed by the AOMC with Greenfleet enables us to show that even though our vehicles produce very little emissions we have a commitment to both the environment and the preservation of our motoring heritage.

Greenfleet:

Why buy offsets from Greenfleet? This is a widely recognised, not for profit organisation, that since 1997 has planted over 10 million trees and created and is maintaining over 500 biodiverse forests. It is also recognized by Government with accreditation to provide tax deductable receipts.

For more information and for purchasing your **Carbon Offset**, go to the **AOMC Website**: www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset

Personal Experience:

I logged onto this site and followed the prompts: - you are directed to the distance you wish to offset then in your registration there is a dropdown box where you can nominate a club to which you belong (clubs get recognition for members who sign onto the scheme), before completing your details and finalising payment. There is provision for you to click on the box offering you a free promotional adhesive sticker. I recommend doing this as, once affixed to a vehicle it demonstrates to the public, responsibility and support for historic motoring.

In my case, although I can only drive one vehicle at once, I purchased two 3000km offsets, one for an Alvis I could be driving and one for a veteran vehicle. This allows me to lend a vehicle, whilst I am using another and knowing that both vehicles are covered. Also, in my case, I like to participate in remote locations with small low powered veterans, these vehicles are towed by my SUV to the venue. I therefore bought an offset for my tow vehicle.

Andrew McDougall – 16th January 2023

IKO - From Workhorse to Show Pony - by Wendy Donald

Dave and I bought our 1976 HJ Sandman Panel Van (with the 253 motor) in 1978 after Dave spotted it in a caryard (Highway Motors) in Nhill. It was previously owned by Kelvin Ruge. We had planned a trip up to Darwin and back through Queensland the following year and felt van would be ideal for this. The van was priced at \$6,375 (plus the cost of \$172-50 for the transfer and stamp duty) but with a trade-in of \$3,575 for our grey HQ car we paid \$2,972-50.

So in 1979 Dave and I with our nine year old daughter Kelli and accompanied by my sister Marlene and her husband Reg and their eleven year old daughter Donna, with two dog trailers and four dogs we set off. We travelled to Ayer's Rock and onto to Alice Springs along mostly gravel roads then on to Darwin and back home through Queensland. The two Holden panel vans had no problems the whole way.





Above: Young IKO and Dave at a wayside stop in the Barossa Valley.



Above: Heading up towards Ayers Rock, 1979.

From that day on IKO (our pet name for the van) was a workhorse.

IKO has never been unregistered and because we wanted to keep the original number plates IKO 615 it is not club registered.

We travelled to many dog shows, including Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and Adelaide in IKO. Once on the Hume Highway we were sandwiched between two cars which pushed the towbar of the trailer up under the body. Dave and friends pulled this back out by tying the car to a SEC pole and we continued home to have extensive body work done under the back of the van. Very little damage was done to the front as Dave had braked and stopped in time but was hit hard by the car behind, which was badly damaged. Thank god Dave had build our dog trailer strong and it suffered little damage so the dogs weren't hurt.



IKO pulled horse floats all over Victoria for many years as well as Dave's two caravans when he was working on the CRB.





Our boating days saw IKO again towing, this time our

boat 'Harlett'. Once in the 1980s when the boat was being launched into the Murray River near



Loch 9 Dave backed out too far on the sandbar and was bogged with the floor well of the van filling with water. We eventually managed to rescue IKO with the power of two other panel vans (253 Holdens). IKO suffered no ill effects from the soaking.

Left: 1990 - Boating Days. Rocklands Dam camp. We spent many times camping up the Murray and skiing at local lakes.

The year 2002 saw us heading to West Australia. We put another second-hand motor in IKO as the original motor, although still running well, Dave felt it was a bit 'tired'. He had intended to rebuild this motor and we still have it today.

After leaving the Belladonna Roadhouse we headed south on rough gravel roads and had to replace part of our exhaust system with a food can tin. We had a new muffler put on when we reached Albany.



Above: A very dirty IKO in Albany (West Australia) after travelling down rough gravel roads from the Belladonna roadhouse and out to Cape Le Grande.

Above: Up the West Australian coast we spotted IKO's 'twin' parked at a roadhouse. We just had to call in and have a chat. Further north we again we shared a drink with our new found friends.

We continued up the West coast and came home down the centre. In all those years of driving IKO never broke down or gave us any trouble. Naturally

- it was a Holden.

In February, 2010 restoration of the van began. Dave and Dicko (David Dickerson our son-in-law) stripped the car back and it was taken to Leigh Patterson's to be taken back to bare metal and painted. When the frame was returned Dave and Dicko reassembled the car with mostly new parts. Dave purchased Roger Turri's panel van for some parts such as a side door etc.

Dave and Dicko put the same motor and gear box in the van and the motor, which started straight away, was tuned.









Another interesting project of Dave's in the 1970s was converting a Holden ute into a one tonner. All the body work and the building of the tray was carried out by Dave.

Above: David McDonald from Maryborough and Dave - Equal first in the Muscle Car Section at the WACK Car Show and Shine at May Park 2017.

I think Dave sold this ute to someone up Murrysville way. Some time later he saw it was parked under a tree in a Mallee town.

However many years later it turned up again for sale at the Horsham Swap Meet for offers over \$ 2,200. Dave was tempted to buy it but didn't, which he later regretted.



Would any of our readers know where this ute is today or what happened to it?

4 SALE. 1965 HOLDEN ONE TONNER. RARE OPPORTUNITY, UNFINISHED PROJECT. REBUILT 186, 4 SPEED. 'HQ' V.8 DIFF, V.8 SPRINGS. NEW BALL JOINTS. X.2 DASH & LOOM. 'HQ' DISCS. BALANCED & FITTED DODGE TAILSHAFT. LAST REGO'D 1995.

Federation Mortlake Picnic 26/3/2023

It was a pleasant surprise to attend the picnic with 80 vehicles covering all areas of red plated cars. Because the weather was a perfect sunny day, it brought out many vehicles which are rarely seen. A well planned out day with Lakes and Craters Brass band belting out music to match the theme of the day. Catering was excellent and was shared between the Lions Club and the CWA Ladies. Everyone must be happy with their wheels because a search around did not find any for sale.

The local Mayor assisted by the Federation President Brett Holloway with many lucky ticket draws at the end of the day. Alan Cannane was seen casting his eye over some of the vehicles. This is only one of many picnics that the Federation assist throughout the year in Victoria. The picnic is an interesting day out for all red plated vehicles and our club could look at putting this event on our calendar next year.

Al and Venie Jolley













Easter at the 'Beal 2023



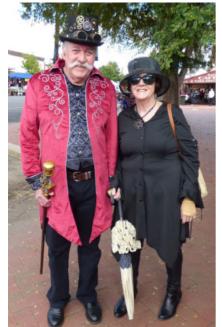








Steampunk 2023



















Sunday Roast at Natimuk Hotel























All British Rally

All British Rally for motorcycles held at Newstead Racecourse on 21st, 22nd and 23rd of April 2023 Thirteen club members attended the ABR last weekend. The largest contingent from our club was the boys from Warracknabeal with others from Edenhope, Natimuk, Murtoa and Horsham also enjoying the beautiful weather and fellowship.

As usual the Victoria chapter of the BSA Owners Club organized a great rally site. The local Newstead Cricket Club provided catering with the standout meal being the Saturday evening lamb and pork Roast for \$25 followed by entertainment by a local band.

Saturday morning involved a run to Maldon via Guilford, Fryerstown, Chewton for a leg stretch and fuel, Castlemaine and Muckleford. There were over 300 British bikes on the run which culminated in Main Street, Maldon with motorbikes lined up either side and down the middle of the road which was closed for the day. In addition, there were lots of old bikes parked on the main Maldon-Bridgewater Road and anywhere else they could fit in. There were over 800 entries to the rally and the majority attended the display in Maldon. Lunch from the bakery was part of the entry fee and the girls serving said they had been up all-night baking!

Sunday brought the official festivities to a close with presentations and acknowledgements at 10am. Many entrants then headed for home but quite a lot elected to stay for the Monday and head home on Anzac Day. Most of the WMHVS members came home on home on Sunday.

Neville Thomas and I came home via St Arnaud after catching up with a friend, Russell Clarke, who owns and runs Grange Hill Winery at Eddington. The events committee is looking at organizing a 2-day run to visit to this winery at which the grapes are grown organically and the wine made using the old-style manual methods. So, watch your newsletter for further details later in the year.

Reporter..... Don Perry



Campsite
with
WMHVS
members
enjoying
warm from
the campfire



Gary Streeter looking very happy on his Norton Commando

Lovely series A Vincent motorcycle

Brendan Cains original unrestored Regnis vintage motorbike



Happiness can be a BSA bantam

Crème de la crème.. 1949 Vincent Black Shadow.. ridden not stored!









Movie Night.

Saturday the 20th of May.

Hall open at 6.00pm. Movie starts at 7.30.

An evening of very politically incorrect silliness!





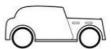
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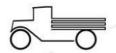
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WMHVS Classifieds

For Sale

Ford Falcon XR manual ute, 250ci 6 cylinder motor, some rust. Goes and drives. Serial# 22672 \$5000 ono Neville Eltze 0417 546 318





For Sale

Sidchrome $\frac{3}{4}$ " drive socket set. AF 15/16" to AF 2-3/16"; W $\frac{1}{2}$ " (9/16"BS) to W 1-1/4" (1-1/4"BS). Sockets are in excellent condition with only a couple ever having been used. \$350.00

Zac Stephan 0447 282 922





For Sale

Damaged boot lid, Monaro HG 1970 GTS 253. Make an offer. More photos available.

Zac Stephan 0447 282 922



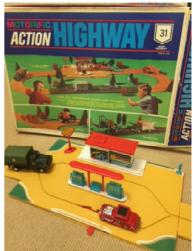


For Sale

I am wondering if anyone in the club is a collector of Motorific Action Highway toy car sets? I have these two sets that are in very good condition.

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Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Celebrating 50 Years 1968 - 2018



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