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Geoff Lenton's Wolseley 1958 1.5

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The President's Piece - notes from a big country

Greetings from the far north,

This comes to you from the Glasshouse Mountain area of Queensland as we wait for our dinner.

It's a beautiful balmy evening, and we are thinking of all that lies ahead for our club.

We came up to see the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Brisbane, and have taken the opportunity to have a short holiday.

I visited the Brisbane Auto Museum which was very impressive. It was a beautiful space with exhibits ranging from late model vehicles to classics of the same make. A stand out was Amelia Earhart's 1935 Packard Super 8, which was gifted to her by Packard Motor Company.

Our next big event is our Club Membership day.

Remember also to think about nominating as a Committee Member and becoming involved in overseeing the activities on offer.

A big thank you to those who have spoken to me about last month's mystery car, which I photographed in Japan. It turns out to be a 1958 Subaru 360 two stroke (see story on page 6).

Thanks to all those who continue to plan so much for us all.

Happy travels,

John.



*The Subaru 360
(John's photo
from last month.)*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting No 654 of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.

Held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 10 February 2026

Presiding

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors. He also thanked all the members who contribute to the running of the club.

Visitor: Noel Sharkey

Apologies:

R Roach, L Roach, J Green, T Stonehouse, C Field, R Alexander, P Abbott, R Harmon, J Harmon, K Batson, T Brincat, M Brincat, F Dosser, A De Bono, J Boyd, N Mellington, A McLaws, A Tipper, T Little, R Clark, L Hose, M Hose.

Moved: P Telfer

Seconded: L Booley Carried

Sick List:

None

Bereavements:

None

Minutes

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

Moved: P Boast

Seconded: L Booley Carried

Correspondence (Fred)

Inward

Letters In

- Bendigo Bank – statement of accounts
- Vic Roads – BBQ trailer renewal
- Thank you card from Pat Evans for our thoughts and best wishes on her recent illness

Emails In

- Naracoorte historic Vehicle Club – invitation to attend their swap on 2nd and 3rd May
- Moorabbin Air Museum – invitation to attend their Wings and Wheels event 22nd February
- Geelong All Ford Day – invitation to attend their event 29th March
- Bruce Hecker – regarding Mental Health and Wellbeing Aust Post Grants

Outward

Letters Out

- Get well card sent to Pat Evans

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: L Alford

Seconded: M McKenzie Carried

Treasurer's Report (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments for both December and January, and presented accounts to be passed for payment. He also gave a list of badges that are ready for pick up.

Moved: M Healy

Seconded: G Wallace Carried

Program Director (John)

No report

Library (Phill)

No report

Dine Out (Sharyn)

Wed 11th at the Sphinx

Editor (Jon)

- The deadline for the March Backfire is Feb. 23rd.
- There is a new Editor taking over: Jeremy Boyd. Members need to help him with photos and records of events as he will be working remotely.
- Jon also has his Mercedes 190E for sale.

Website (Damien)

Nil

Federation Report (David P)

The WDHVC is hosting the Federation Meeting next Saturday (14th). Members are welcome to come along and bring their old cars (11am is suggested).

Coffee Run (Col)

First run for the year was to the Wathaurong Booln Booln Cultural Centre in Grovedale. A very good turn up of 38 people attended

Next coffee run is to the tea Rooms at Aireys Inlet near the lighthouse on 5 March.

Tinker Day (Merv & Garry)

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

Committee Report (David M)

David Mitchell gave a report on the December Committee Meeting.

Merchandise (David M)

David suggested there would be a display of merchandise items at the upcoming membership renewal on 1 March

Vehicle Permits (Gus)

- 2 new cars with red plates (a Chev and a Morris).
- Gus reports we may get an opportunity to visit the Blackhawk helicopter that was involved in the recovery of the vehicles from Wye River and Cumberland river.

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- There wasn't a vehicle on display due to the membership renewals using the workshop, however Gus invited Ian Amour to talk about his vehicles, a Renault 10 and a Porsche.

Rally Reports/Events (Ken)

- Ken talked about the visit to the Vautier collection in Camperdown on Sun 22nd Feb. 8:30am departure.
- There is the Birregurra Car Show on Sat 14th.
- Ken also reported he is now looking after the Club's tool and equipment kept in the workshop. He went through a list of what is available for members to borrow. This is likely to be updated in the future.
- Ken also mentioned he plans to retire as rally director at the end of the year. Contact Ken if you are interested.

Long Distance Rally (Lyn Jordan)

Lyn reported that the Long Distance Rally is looking like it will run in October. More details next Meeting Lyn reported that the Long Distance Rally is looking like it will run in October. More details next Meeting

Tech Night (Peter)

Tech night on 24th Feb will be on gearboxes.

Swap Meet (David M)

David reported that the swap is only two meetings way. Things are starting to get busy. There will be a Swap Committee Meeting Held at 6:30pm, prior to the March and April Club nights. Swap Committee members and anyone else interested come along.

Kitchen (Pam)

Everything is set for the Federation Meeting on Saturday.

General Business

- WDHVC members participated in the opening of the West gate tunnel.
- Membership renewal BBQ is on March 1st from 11am to 2pm.
- Thanks to all who helped at the December Christmas lunch. It was a great day.
- Thanks also to Fred and Sharon for hosting Tinker Day in December.
- Barb van Galen is planning to retire as membership registrar. Let her know if you are interested.
- Ken Parry mentioned that he is planning a rally to Hamilton in July (22/23/24). There are a number of collections to visit.
- The Ballarat Swap was held recently. Considered a good swap.

For Sales, Wanted and Confessions

- David Perkins (and son) has bought a JWF Milano Coupe.
- Dallas Jones has bought another Purvis Eureka.

Close

Meeting was closed at 8:30pm

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

- David Mitchell

February Feature Car

1965 Renault 10

There was no car in the garage in February because the space was needed to receive membership renewal payments.

Undaunted, permit officer Gus called upon an unsuspecting Ian Amour to come forward and tell us about his Renault 10. (Ian also has a Porsche but the Renault was the feature of the evening.

Ian took to the task readily, explaining that he had found a 1965 two-tone example of the Renault at Irrewarra. The car was rust free but the front end was no good and the brakes needed fixing. It was powered by a mighty 1.1 litre north-south engine in the back, driving the rear wheels through an all synchro, 4-speed gearbox.

Ian said seeing a crank handle hanging out the back end was a strange sight. Another quirk was the car's sliding windows. Ian said the car is now all clean and goes well. He says he enjoys it and it is "good fun".

The Renault 10
(not Ian's car)



Wikipedia tells us that: *"the Renault 10 is a small family car which was produced by the French manufacturer Renault between 1965 and 1971. It is a four-door saloon car with a rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout. The 10 is larger, more upmarket version of the Renault 8. In 1971 it was replaced by the front-wheel drive Renault 12, which was built in parallel for two years.*

Source: [Renault 10 - Wikipedia](#)

- Ed

Letters to the Editor

BMW's newest "innovation"

is a logo-shaped middle finger to Right to Repair

If you haven't already heard, BMW's R&D teams have been busy "innovating" a proprietary security screw specifically intended to prevent independent repairs.

As with any cash-grab engineered to stifle repair, the DIY community isn't taking it lying down: Our friends over at Adafruit have used BMW's own spurious patent filings to map the dimensions and 3D-print a replica bit to defeat the lock. Source: [ifixit.com](#). Read the full article at: [ifixit](#)

This is an organisation to help DIY fixers with mobile phones and computers. It also campaigns for the 'Right to Repair'. It is critical of John Deere and others for not releasing service information on the engine management system to independent repairers.

- Lindsay Alford

President's Mystery Car

President John's question last month about the little car he photographed while on holiday in Japan prompted some interest. John reports that several people spoke to him about it. The Fiat 500 was a popular guess. Your editor even had an email from a member of another club who had read *Backfire*. (He said it was a Fiat 500 too.) Apparently building "Kei Cars" was a thing in post war Japan, with Mazda, Honda and Subaru among the players.

Turns out that John's little car was a Subaru 360 two stroke. Secretary Fred recalls a dealership for the little cars starting up in Ballarat – but they never took off in Australia. Fred says that in the mid 1960s O'Brien's had a showroom on Bakery Hill (where McDonalds is now). There were 20 or 30 of the little beasts for sale and the advertising pitch was that it only cost 20 pounds to completely renovate a Subaru, compared to several hundred for a Falcon.

A Facebook post reveals that: "The original distributor of these (the Subarus) was Frank O'Brien Motors of Victoria St, Ballarat. When Mr O'Brien retired from business (by that time relocated to Albert St, Sebastopol), there were at least two of these auctioned at the clearing sale, including one that was still in its shipping box - had never been unpacked at that stage."

I don't think the micro car would stand up to 1960s Australian roads too well. I could see one disappearing into a pothole or the bulldust! Here is some more detail about the cars from the Internet. - Ed

"After Hiroshima and Nagasaki and a long and painful war, a defeated Japan, which was subjected to severe industrial restrictions, desperately needed mobility in order to restart its economy. One law in particular stimulated the creation of inexpensive micro cars, called "Kei Car" or "K-car", after "kei jidōsha" which means "light automobile" in Japanese, with two-stroke engines limited to 100cc and four-stroke variants to 150cc.

The market only took off in 1955, however, when regulations allowed engine sizes to increase to 360cc. The first example was the Suzulight, produced by Suzuki. At less than 3 metres in length and just over one meter wide, it soon became the symbol of Japan's economic recovery. In 1958, a van version was introduced. The engine was a two-stroke 359cc twin-cylinder unit, originally producing 16hp which was later increased to 21hp.



Suicide doors were a feature



1958 Subaru 360. Twin-cylinder (two-stroke) 356cc 16hp

Subaru's interpretation of the Kei Car legislation came one year later with the 360, nicknamed the "ladybug." With its 25hp engine, it was a direct competitor of the Suzulight, but it was produced in large quantities with all the advantages of scale. In the same year, it was joined by the Custom version in the form of a van, built specifically for commercial activities."



The Subaru 360 Custom - the 25hp van

Source: [Japan's microcars – The Classic Car Trust](#)

See also: [Driving a titchy classic kei car is big fun | Hagerty UK](#)
[The Finest Ultra-Compact Subaru 360 in the World?](#)
[Subaru 360 - Wikipedia](#)
[Flashback: 1958 Subaru 360](#)

Grins & Groans

- ☐ If a child can work a tablet, phone or online game, then they can work a broom, a mop and do the dishes!
- ☐ I've finally figured out what I want to be when I get older!YOUNGER!
- ☐ I don't mind going to work, but waiting eight hours to go home is a real problem!
- ☐ A million teenagers want to clean the earth. Two million parents want them to start with their bedrooms!

Hosting the Federation Clubrooms - 14 February



As a member club of the Federation of Victorian Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs, the WDHVC took its turn to host a Federation meeting on 14 February.

Over 70 delegates attended and our kitchen volunteers were kept busy serving drinks, biscuits and lunch. Several WDHVC members brought their cars along to form a small display, creating a talking point for attendees before their meeting.

David Mitchell and Adrian Van Der Lee were among our representatives. David reported that it was a very successful gathering and that the visiting members were very complimentary about the lunch and refreshments, as well as the clubrooms.



Both Adrian and David contributed photos (along with Tim Christie).

Display cars included a Model T Ford (Jack Thomas); a Morris Minor (Adrian Van Der Lee); a Volvo coupe (Gus Shea); an Austin A40 (Ray van Galen); a Mercedes coupe (Fred Harris); a 1957 Mercedes (David Mitchell); a Wolseley 1.5 (Geoff Lenton); and a 1926 Essex (Graham Baldock).



Yes, I'm tired!

For several years I've been blaming it on age, poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, saccharin, obesity, dieting, underarm odour, wax build up, and another dozen maladies that make you wonder if life is really worth living.

But now I find out that it isn't that. I'm tired because I'm overworked!

The population of this country is 17 million. 6 million are retired. That leaves 11 million to do the work.

There are 5 million in school. That leaves 6 million to do the work. Of this total, 1 million are unemployed and 3 million are employed by the government. That leaves 2 million to do the work. Another 1 million are in the armed forces, which leaves 1 million to do the work. From that total, half a million are professional ,sporting persons or politicians, leaving 500,000 to do the work. There are 300,000 people in hospitals and 249,998 in prisons.

That leaves two people to do the work. - you and me. And you are sitting on your backside reading this.

No wonder I am bloody tired!

Events Calendar

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

Friday 27 February

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Sunday 1 March

Membership Renewal BBQ 11am to 2pm, Clubrooms.

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

2026 Membership Renewal Forms were made available with the February *Backfire*.)

Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537.

Thursday 5 March,

Coffee Run The March Coffee Day will be at the Lighthouse

Tearooms at 7 Federal St Aireys Inlet, from 10am. You can park at the venue. Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 10 March

Swap Committee Meeting 6.30pm (before March and April

monthly meetings). For swap committee members and anyone else interested in helping.

Contact: David 0409 099 716

Tuesday 10 March

General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 11 March

Dine Out. Breakwater Hotel

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Sunday 15 March

Day Run to Maryborough to the David Beers Collection. Well

worth a look. I have only three people going at the moment so please get back to me if interested. I am not too sure on food so it would be wise to bring lunch. Leaving from opposite Batesford Roadhouse

8.30am. Stopping at Clunes for morning tea. \$5 entry for charity.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351.

Tuesday 17 March

Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Thursday 19 March

Tinker Day We are off to Iron Jungle Art, 10 Lake St Curlewis, to see

a landscape filled with 50 rustic artworks. Birds, animals, plants, water features and abstract designs.

Anyone in that area can meet there at 10-30am. Others will meet at show grounds for a 10am

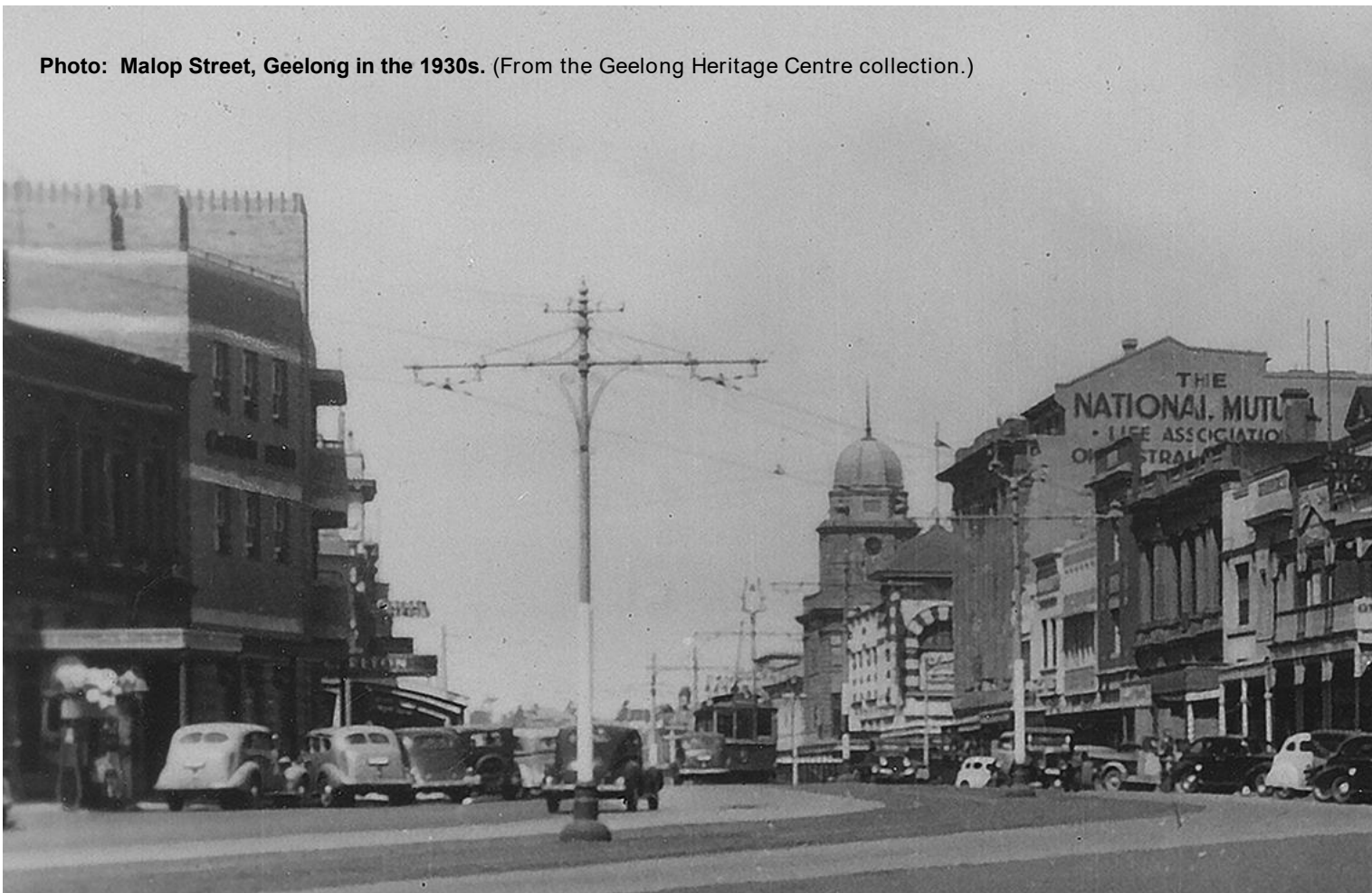
departure. Bring a chair and lunch if you wish to have it there, but there is no undercover area.

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

Monday 23 March

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

Photo: Malop Street, Geelong in the 1930s. (From the Geelong Heritage Centre collection.)



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Tuesday 24 March

Tech Night "Fuel & fuel systems" Includes carburettor, fuel injection, fuel pumps, filters, gauges and more. **Note:** Wear your name badge for a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG. 7 pm, to set up for a 7.30 pm start. The Tech Night team: Peter, Lindsay and Ray.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Friday 27 March

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Sunday 29 March

Federation picnic at Mortlake. The Federation would like as many clubs as possible. Leave 8am from Fyansford Hotel car park. Stopping at Lismore for morning tea. BYO picnic lunch or buy it at Mortlake shops.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351.

Sunday 29 March

Naked Radiator Run to Suma Park, Marcus Hill. We would like to see as many "naked radiator" vehicles as possible (that is cars without a grille), but also any old car. All cars are welcome. This is a lovely run for old cars: all divided road except the last 4 or 5kms, to see a beautiful old homestead, stables, garden and surrounds which have and still are being beautifully restored. The homestead has a magnificent view over Swan Bay, Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff. This will be a one and only chance of guided tour of the homestead. The club BBQ will be there and our hosts are supplying the meat, but please bring your salads, chairs etc. There will be a photo shoot of our vehicles in front of the homestead. Numbers are required at the next meeting. We will leave from the Peninsula Hotel car park (opposite Jayco Caravans) Bellarine Highway at 11 am.

Contact: Fred 0417 306 177.

Thursday 8 April

April Coffee Run NOTE DATE CHANGE. The April Coffee Run will be held on the **second Thursday, 8 April, to avoid The Fool's Day.** (It is also the day before Good Friday when people may want to go away.) We are looking to go to the Deans Marsh General store at 1419 Birregurra-Deans Marsh Rd on 8 April. We can meet at the Clubrooms at 9am for those that want to cruise down together, or meet there around 10am.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026.

Thursday 7 May

May Coffee Run The May Coffee Run will be to the Meredith Farm Store. More in the next Backfire. Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026.

Long Distance Rally

Preliminary planning is underway for an 8-9 day run to Victor Harbour and the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia, leaving on 11 October. Confirmed details to follow but pencil it in!

Contact Lyn 0425 822 025.



RALLIES & RUNS

Camperdown Club Run - 22 February

The club run to Laurie Vautier's collection in Camperdown was certainly worth the trip down the highway. About 38 people took part on Sunday 22 February and the weather held off just long enough. (The blustery side winds and rain squalls on the way home tested your editor's little Subie. I did wonder how Graeme Paech fared in the Model A Ford? I'm guessing it would have been a slow run back to Winchelsea.)

After a timely departure from the Waurn Ponds truck stop, we headed towards Colac for morning tea. Sadly Graham King's beautiful Holden station wagon had other ideas and it left him stranded just west of Mt Moriac. Apparently it was a fuel problem, but we left Graham, Wendy and Phil Abbot's wife, Doreen, to wait for the flat top and continued on.

It was great to see the three of them join us for lunch later at the Hamden Hotel. After returning home and unloading, they hopped in Graham's other, faster Holden and caught us at the pub. Sorry you missed seeing the display, but well done for making the effort to come anyway!



Owner Laurie Vautier (centre) gave us a brief introduction to his huge collection.

And the display was quite remarkable. It was housed in an enormous industrial shed behind the former Camperdown Butter Factory and contained all sorts.

From a room full of Lanz Bulldog tractors, to huge steam tractors, to some trucks Laurie bought from the collection of the late Merv Brunt.

Old signs everywhere, petrol bowsers, beautiful motor bikes and a big assembly of coupes from the last half of last century. MGs, a Rolls and several early Holdens. We even had a life size fibreglass swagman surveying proceedings. Laurie has amassed a huge collection, well worth seeing.



Lunch was tasty, the service was friendly and quite quick for such a large group, and the conversation, as always, was enjoyable. Thanks Ken for another interesting outing.

- Ed



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Camperdown Club Run - 22 February



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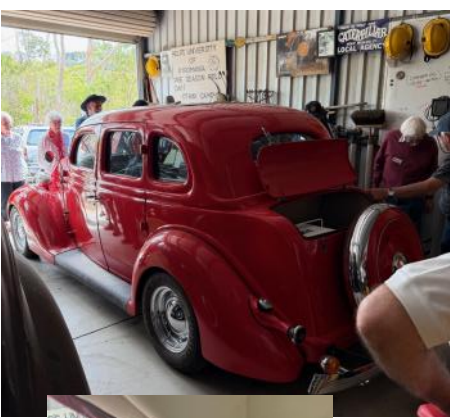
Bellbrae Tinker Day - 19 February

Tinker Day was at Mick Help's place in Bellbrae. On entering his front gate, we could see that he had many treasures.



Mick started his talk with a traditional welcome to country. He is quite a character and as we walked around his yard, he explained what each item was with colourful, humorous comments.

He has a strong sense of compassion for saving old items from scrap metal and keeping them as historical memorabilia.

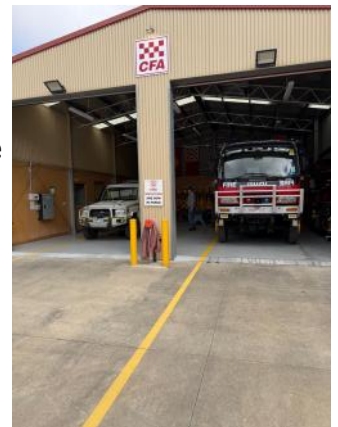


Later, we went to the local fire station, where he gave us coffee and biscuits while we ate lunch



We would like to thank Mick for an enjoyable visit.

- Lindsay Alford



Photos: Lindsay Alford & Adrian Van Der Lee



RALLIES & RUNS

February Coffee Run

The Wautharong Boong Boong Cultural Centre, in Grovedale, was the venue for the 5 February coffee run. With over 30 people attending, staff at the little café were apparently hard pressed to keep the coffees coming.



RALLIES & RUNS

February Dine Out

About 24 members enjoyed dinner and drinks at the 11 February Dine Out, held at the Sphinx.

It was a good night.

- Graham King



Phill's Phunnies ...

- from Phill the Librarian

WHO REMEMBERS???



Some Light Reading?

A lack of electricity didn't stop our dedicated folding team from getting last month's *Backfire* folded and into the post.

However several other night time events were cancelled and the contents of the fridges had to be disposed of!

The blackout was caused by a stray metal post being driven into some underground wiring during the Caravan Show. The Showgrounds management had the power restored in time for our February meeting.



It's Your Newsletter, so Keep Contributing!

Next month will be my last *Backfire* as editor, but make sure you support Jeremy Boyd as he takes the reins. Remember, the editor's job is to edit, not to write, and with Jeremy working remotely, and not often able to attend events and meetings, it becomes critical that members supply the content to him. So keep sending in your contributions. Emailed, SMS, posted, or carrier pigeon! Hand written or typed. Don't leave it to the faithful few. As we say to prospective new members, what you put in determines what you get out. If you are at an event, take a photo on your phone or scribble a few notes.



For next month, send them to:
Mob. 0417 311 441 or editor@wdhvcgeelong.com
(Jeremy's details provided next month)

Thanks
Jon



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Features include: Steering Column Gear Shift with Synchronosh for quick, silent changing; "Oversquare" Engine Design; Completely new system of Independent Front Wheel Suspension with built-in, double-acting Hydraulic Shock Absorbers; All-steel Welded Integral Body Construction; Hydraulically assisted Clutch; Hydraulic Brakes; Centre-Slung Seating; Spacious Interior for 5-6 passengers; New Ventilation System; High Quality Appointments; 15 cubic feet of luggage Space in Boot; Built-in Traffic Indicators.

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Great Mars Bar Competition

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Ray van Galen
Ph 52789 368,
or
email rbvan-galen@gmail.com



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

Free. Free shelving for club members.

New angle iron ends, wooden shelves.

Shelf 1/storage rack 520mm wide X 2150mm long. Shelves 1350mm & 1800mm from floor.

Shelf 2 / storage rack 1150mm wide X 2500mm long. Shelves 1400mm & 1800mm from floor.

Shelf 3/storage rack All square tube construction, used to store electric motors)

180mm wide X 1930mm long. Shelves 900mm, 1700mm & 2700mm from floor.

Rain proof bins: about 600 x 600 x 800mm. Call Lindsay 0419 350 106. **3/26**

FREE to a good home.

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

Call Terry 0407 550 611

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For Sale. 1909 Hupp Model 20. Engine #152.

Restored 10 yrs ago. A fun 4 cylinder car with 2-speed gearbox. Cruises nicely at 55 -60kph. A very enjoyable and reliable car. starter motor fitted, but starts easy on the handle. 4 new tyres, some spares. Have brass wind-screen to suit. According to the American Hupp club, this is the third oldest Hupp known and the oldest in Australia. Selling due to another project and the shed has no more room! \$52,000. Call Simon 0414 482 241.



E: ando84@hotmail.com

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For Sale. 1995 EF XR6. VIN 6fpaaajg-sws123856. Complete. Needs resto. Seats ok, headlining sagged, motor not running. Needs fuel pump. \$1500 ono.

Contact Ken 0437 254 351.

2/26

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

Call Peter 0428 599 331.

2/26

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

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

Call Harold 0408 553 466.

2/26

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale



For Sale 2004 Avan A-liner . with annex. Reg Q60313 (Sept '26)

\$10,500. Also my club Merc 190E.

Reg 1551 H3.

A reliable, comfy cruiser. \$5,000 ONO. Call Jon 0417 311 441. **2/26**



Wanted

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

Call Dallas 0432 172 171.

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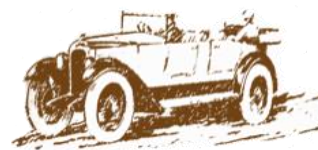
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Are You in the Frame?



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. (0432 172 171)

Dallas will mount and display the photos.

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March 2026 at a glance (details Page 9)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 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.	23	24	25	26	27 Backfire Folding Morning	28 February
1 11am - 2pm M'ship Renewal BBQ. Clubrooms	2	3	4	5 10am Coffee Run Lighthouse Airyes Inlet	6	7
8	9	10 6.30 pm Swap C'ttee. 7.30pm General Meeting	11 Dine Out Breakwater Hotel 6pm	12	13	14
15 Run to Maryborough 8.30am Batesford	16	17 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	18	19 Tinker Day Iron Jungle Art Curlewis	20	21
22	23 Backfire Deadline	24 Tech Night 7pm "Fuel"	25	26	27 Backfire Folding Morning	28
29 Federation Picnic Mortlake. & Suma Park Naked Radiator Run	30	31	1 April	2	3	4 Coffee Run is on 8 April Deans Marsh