

# BACKFIRE

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Club meetings: 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month. Clubroom: Geelong Showgrounds, 79 Breakwater Rd East Geelong.



*Monaro*



*Fordlane*

*Packard*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi to All,

Where do I start? Thanks to you all for an enjoyable three years.

I've enjoyed my time as President of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club. I'm writing this at the Yackandandah Folk Festival, which is just delightful.

This will be my last report, and I'm a bit lost for words.

Enjoy your cars, enjoy as many of the offerings the club provides, and the fellowship which comes with it.

To Dallas, all the best from me. I know you will do a great job as our next President, and if you all treat him the way you have me, then our club will continue to flourish. All the best Dallas.

Cheers

John

PS keep smiling



**Photo: President John gives us a wave from the Yackandandah Folk Festival.**

*(We thank John for his engaging leadership, his friendship and humour as our President. -Ed)*



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 578 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 at 7.30PM

## PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed two visitors and 146 members to the meeting. Damien Giustini will be this month's guest speaker.

## APOLOGIES

Brian Edwards, Kevin Hunter, Laurie Mills, Tiny Stonehouse, Eva Barwise, Debbie Geccvich, Nick Neeson, Stewart Summersby, Alex McLaws, Vern & Joan Stott, Nancy & Duncan McIntosh, Paul Strickland.

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

## SICK LIST

Sadie McCredden, Tom Ivory, Tina Giustini, Noreen Mellington, Paul Strickland, Ron Smeelie, Ken Shepherd.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the *Backfire* confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

### INWARD

#### Letters In

- Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc account for annual subscription.
- Bendigo Swap meet committee cheque for volunteers.
- Australia Post account for post office box rental.

#### Emails In

- Southern Riverina Vehicle and Machinery Club invitation to attend their Show and Shine at the Finley Showgrounds on March 18.
- Central Goldfields Historic Machinery Society invitation to attend their Swap Meet at Dunolly Racecourse on March 24th.

### OUTWARD

#### Letters Out

None

#### Emails Out

None

Moved: Leonie Saliba

Seconded: Ken Parry Carried

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

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

Moved: Ray Matthews

Seconded: Graham Baldock Carried

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.

## LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary provided the President with some much appreciated advice on Morgans and how much better a vintage Oakland would be after following one in a recent rally.

## DINE OUT (Gary)

Next Dine Out will be at the Sportsman's Club.

## COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

The last committee meeting was on 20/02/2018. Topics discussed included :

- Eden Park visit and Seasick Rally;
- Our term deposit has been renewed for another 3 months;
- Swap Meet details are to be included in Unique Cars;
- Windscreen banners have been ordered for display cars;
- Replacement Swap Meet fence banners have been ordered.

## TINKER DAY (Ray)

Next Tinker day will be at Graham and Helen Cameron's this Thursday.

## MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Leonie Saliba correctly guessed Roger Sykes.

## VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- 19 members currently have expired club registration.

## CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

Needle box making this month.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

### RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod )

- Another very successful coffee run.
- 18 members attended the waterfront car display.
- President John formally thanked Gary for organising the very successful Avoca Rally over many years.
- Smell the Roses run this Sunday.
- More tickets are available for the Highland Gathering.
- The next Coffee Run will be on 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- Eden Park aged care visit will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Ladies Day function is at Van Loon's nursery on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The ANZAC day run will be to Barwon Heads this year.
- Members are encouraged to attend the Inverleigh Good Friday Appeal.

### LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

No report.

### TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Next Tech night will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> at John Bailey's.

### SWAP MEET (Fred)

Volunteers needed for the Swap Meet.

### KITCHEN (Rhonda)

No report this month. President John thanked Janette Dragt for her good work and her many years supporting the kitchen.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Damien Giustini provided a very impressive presentation on the great work he has done to enhance the Club's web site.

Damien's commitment to a quality web site was clear to all. He made it all look easy but it reflected his hard work! Thanks.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Committee position Nomination forms are available.
- Memberships are now due.
- President John thanked Gus and Pam for volunteering to work on the gate at last year's Bendigo Swap.
- Thanks also to the members who provided cars on very short notice to drive celebrities in the recent Pako Festa parade.
- General discussion on whether the Federation had responded appropriately on the Luxury Car importation tax. More detail is required to confirm the Federation's response.

- Members were reminded of the Log Book completion requirements.

### FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Gary Tonkin has purchased a 1951 MG TD from Bendigo.
- Ducks wanted (quacking ones, not cars).

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10th April 2018 in the clubrooms.**

- Leigh Dwyer



## CLUB MERCHANDISE

### Show You Belong

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

Those wishing to proudly show their membership of our club can select items including:

Coffee Mugs	\$15
Lapel Badges	\$10
Metal Car Badges	\$25
Black Geelong Plates	\$33

**Don't forget the anniversary badges too!**

If you are interested please contact

## No Feature Vehicle

There was no feature vehicle on display in March as the workshop space was used to collect membership renewals. Watch out for the next gleaming vehicle on show in April.

# RALLY & RUNS

## 25<sup>th</sup> Avoca Rally Report

Well there we were again, lined up at the Fyansford Hotel car park for a 9:45am start, on the club's annual rally to Avoca. After departing right on time we ventured across to the Ballarat Road then turning off through Bannockburn, proceeding onto Shelford then off to the right just out of Shelford and on through Mount Mercer then to Buninyong. If any of our members have not been this way through Mount Mercer it is well worth the drive to see one of the largest windfarms around. This route to Ballarat was taken due to long stretches of the Ballarat Road being under roadworks.

From Buninyong we went around the back way through Sebastopol then on to the highway to Avoca. A very leisurely drive on to Avoca, arriving early afternoon. After settling into our motel rooms and getting a bit of lunch we all joined together around 3pm at the Avoca Motel for drinks and nibbles.



Netta Warren produced a lovely fruitcake to commemorate the occasion of 25 years of this rally. Everyone thought it rather fitting that Netta and Trevor should cut the cake as they had participated in every one of the rallies – a great effort. Friday evening dinner was at the Victoria Hotel, a very pleasant meal and all retiring reasonably early for a well-earned rest stop.

On Saturday morning we started off for Dunolly to the Alvah Art Gallery. On our arrival we were split into two groups, with the ladies heading off to the gallery and the gents off to the shed. The gallery housed all original artworks of prints and paintings and cards, some of these being purchased by our

members. In the shed Jon Moir had several vehicles under restoration, these being a 1927 Essex six cylinder tourer and a 1917 Oakland tourer. The Oakland had a lot of our own club history. It was first purchased by the late Tom Anderson prior to the formation of our club. Tom was then a member of the Veteran Car Club of Victoria Australia. When purchased it was believed to be of veteran car origin that some time later the veteran car club dating committee dated it to around 1920, so Tom soon lost interest in it.

Tom sold the lovely roadster body off it to another veteran club member who thought it may have fitted a veteran Overland, but was never used. The remains of the car were handed on to Norm Wooley. I purchased the vehicle off Norm around 55 years ago, then sporting the tourer body which it now has. Having owned it for just on 40 years, still not restored, I decided to sell it. The person who purchased it lived in Camperdown, none other than John Moir and wife, our hosts today. The other vehicle Jon had was a very fine example of a 1928 Oakland sedan. Much to our surprise whilst John



was escorting us on a district tour, we found this car was extremely fast, sitting most of the time on the speed limit.

After the viewing of the gallery and of the shed we were hosted to a very lovely morning tea. On the tour afterwards John pointed out many historic buildings and landmarks in Dunolly and surrounding district, one

of which was the local courthouse and outbuildings consisting of a stable complex and outdoor lock lock-up – all very fine examples.



John took us up to Melville Caves, north of Dunolly where some magnificent views of the surrounding countryside were had. The massive rock formations of the whole surrounding area were great. Most of us experienced overheating problems due to quite a hot day and the long climb.

We ended up lunching at the new bridge hotel and returned to Avoca by 3pm. Our evening meal was

# RALLY & RUNS

held at the Elmhurst hotel, this year being taken out in a large coach and returned later by same. Better than last year's old shaker shuttle bus which had to make three trip each way.

Sunday morning at 9.15am we set off for Carramar Nursery/Mulberry House in Maryborough. After browsing through and some of us purchasing some items from the nursery, we were once again hosted to a very nice morning tea. After this some of us looked around Maryborough and then wandered back to Avoca at our own leisure.

In the afternoon around 2pm Hayden Pilgrim who most on the rally had met on previous occasions, came in to escort us out to his farm "Watlington" and what a surprise at such a marvellous collection it was. It would take a book to do it justice as everything



had a story. I hope that a few photos will give you some idea of the scope of this collection. One of Hayden's favourite



sayings was when about to describe many of the articles in his and his wife's collection: "You will never see another one of these!" and how true that was.

Once again a very fine afternoon tea was provided.

After returning to Avoca we gathered once again under the trees at the motel for drinks and nibbles, then a little later eating out for dinner at the Avoca



hotel. On Monday morning for our trip home we left at 10am and had a very leisurely drive home with a stop for lunch at the Elaine Hotel.

On behalf of everyone on the rally, I would like to convey a special thanks to our motel hosts, our special hosts at the peoples places we visited and were made so welcome, and last but not least to our organiser of such a fine rally – Gary McCredden and his dear wife Sadie for all her support.

- Graham Paech



## Highland Gathering Display

Fortunately the rain ceased before we arrived. It was an extremely windy day, not exactly perfect for men and women in kilts. Some who wore them shorter than others had a little problem.



Many hats were airborne, then rolling up and over anything in sight, heading off into infinity. Athletic people were sprinting to keep up with them and stamping the wind out of them to end the chase.

We settled into a sheltered

place with the tune of the bagpipes close to our ears, while watching the activities.



It was a good day except for the weather.

- Rhonda Foran



## March Tinker Day

Helen and Graham made us welcome at their place and showed us what a lot of projects they have on the go. Graham has been a very handy sort of chap in his working life and still loves to play in the shed in his retirement. Thank you to all the folks that share their hobbies with us.

## March Smell the Roses

Due to the Total Fire Ban on the day, we were forced to cancel the run. But Greg will host one a little later on for us.

- Ray van Galen

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WDHVC EVENTS

See also -  
calendar summary

### 27 MRCH - TUESDAY

**TECH NIGHT** John Bailey's shed (73 Shell Road, Ocean Grove.). Meet at the clubrooms at 7pm, and car pool to John's, or go straight to John's, arriving at 7.30pm. We will study John's newly-acquired Morgan. Even if you have never been to a Tech Night, you are very welcome. As usual, ladies and visitors are welcome. *Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*

### 5 APRIL - THURSDAY

**MORNING COFFEE RUN.** Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am. Basils Farm, 43 Nye Rd Swan Bay.

*Contact: Rod Booley 52815340 (0417 021 982)*

### 10 APRIL - TUESDAY

**GENERAL MEETING** 7.30pm. Followed by the **Annual General Meeting**. Clubrooms.

### 11 APRIL - WEDNESDAY

Meet at clubrooms at 10am.

### **CAR DISPLAY AND MORNING TEA at Eden Park Aged Care**

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*

### 11 APRIL - WEDNESDAY

**DINE OUT** 6.15pm. The Valley Inn, Fyans St. Have a scratch around the back of your favorite chair to see if you can find a dollar, and join us.

*Contact: Gary McCredden 5275 2544.*

### 17 APRIL - TUESDAY

### **APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING** 7.30pm.

### 19 APRIL - THURSDAY

**TINKER DAY.** A 10.30am start from our clubrooms this time. I have lined up a visit to a very interesting business in Grovedale that cuts anything at all with water jets: decorative signs, animals, machine parts, gates with your own name on them, in fact anything at all. This will interest all of us, including the ladies. They will also have a few chairs for us invalids and a cuppa as well for all. We can then have our lunch back at the clubrooms or in a park, depending on the weather. B.Y.O. ever thing as usual.

*Ray van Galen. Home Ph 5278 9368. Ray's mobile. 0411 954 865. Barb's mobile. 0408 664 537*

### 20 APRIL - FRIDAY

### **MAY BACKFIRE DEADLINE**

*Contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441*

### 22 APRIL - SUNDAY

**LADIES DAY RALLY.** Ladies and Men to meet at clubrooms 11.30am prior to travelling to Van Loons.

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*

### 25th APRIL - WEDNESDAY -

### **ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST RUN TO BARWON HEADS**

8.30am at the Clubrooms. SUPPLIED - bacon, eggs, bread, boiling water, tea, coffee, sugar, milk. BYO - table, chairs, crockery, cutlery and anything else you require.

If you want to bring something to cook and stay for lunch, the BBQ will be there for your use until after lunch.

Please add your name to our list at the meeting or ring Murray Foran on 5248 2553 or 0409 841 700 so we can organise our catering purchases. **NEW MEMBERS:** please make an effort to join our breakfast run and meet our group of great people.

*Contact: Murray Foran on 5248 2553 or 0409 841 700.*

### 28 APRIL - SATURDAY

### **SMELL THE ROSES DAY.**

10.30am start from our clubrooms for a ride led by Manuel Vella to local places suitable for older bikes. The ride will end up at Manuel's place and he will have a snag on the Barbie for us to enjoy as well. What more could you ask for?

*Ray van Galen. Ph 5278 9368.*

### 3 MAY - THURSDAY

**MORNING COFFEE RUN.** Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am.

*Contact: Rod Booley 52815340 (0417 021 982)*

### 6 MAY - SUNDAY

### **SEA SICK RALLY.**

Meet at Queenscliff Ferry Terminal at 9.45am to pick up our passengers.

*Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*

### 20 MAY - SUNDAY

**PRESIDENT'S RALLY** Details later.

## **OTHER EVENTS- 2018**

### **30 MARCH - FRIDAY**

**APPEAL** Car Display and more. Victoria Park Inverleigh.

### **INVERLEIGH GOOD FRIDAY ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

### **14 APRIL- SATURDAY**

**ECHUCA SWAP MEET**  
Rotary Park, Rose St. Sites \$20. Entry \$5. Call 0456 010 665 echucaswap@outlook.com

### **ECHUCA SWAP MEET**

### **29 APRIL- SUNDAY**

**SWAN HILL SWAP MEET**  
Showgrounds, cnr McCallum & High Sts. Sites \$20. Entry \$5. Contact: Craig 0419 574 414.

### **SWAN HILL SWAP MEET**

### **LAST SUN EVERY MONTH**

**Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc meet.**  
9am to noon (weather permitting) car park cnr. Cherry St & Kelly St Werribee. Free entry. Have a bite to eat and a coffee. Talk car stuff with car-minded people. Jeff 0412 705 245. John 0407 546 235.

### **Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc meet.**

- Rod Booley

## **REMINDER**

The Western District Historic Vehicle Club of Geelong has a Deed of Agreement with VicRoads, a document setting out the requirements and obligations to be met by the club to operate under the Victorian Club Permit Scheme.

Under this scheme the members must notify the club permit officer when:

- a vehicle is sold.
- the permit has expired.
- there is a change to the address of the vehicle.
- plates are returned to VicRoads if a vehicle is sold or a permit has expired.

It is well known that if your club permit has expired, you will need to obtain another Roadworthy Certificate to reinstate your permit. If your permit expires, you cannot drive your vehicle: your vehicle will be uninsured.

We also request that you pay your permit before or on the due date so you're not uninsured and you are legal. If you don't receive your permit from VicRoads before the due date, it is your responsibility to notify VicRoads and collect a new permit form.

The club permit officer must sign this form BEFORE you go back to VicRoads.

This system has been working very well since the changes in February 2015, when a revision of the Logbook Scheme came into operation

*Happy Motoring*

WDHVC



# The World's Worst Cars?

This month *Backfire* includes a car dubbed a "Financial Failure" in the book *The World's Worst Cars*. Please don't take offence if your car features in this segment - the series is only a bit of fun to add to our magazine. And after all, the views expressed are only one man's opinion!

As taken from *The World's Worst Cars* by Craig Cheetham

## FINANCIAL FAILURES

*"When it comes to a car being a flop, it's fair to say that a car which bankrupts its manufacturer is a pretty spectacular dud. And many of the vehicles in this selection did just that - huge development costs, appalling sales records and a complete lack of showroom appeal meant their makers could never recoup the enormous investment required to bring the car to market. ...Some did not lose money in themselves, but acquired such an appalling reputation that the damage they did to their makers' reputations meant the losses suffered later on were immense."*

### VW K70 (1970-74)

#### Specifications

TOP SPEED: 162 KM/H (100MPH)

0-96KMH (0-60MPH) 15.6 SECS

ENGINE TYPE IN-LINE 4

DISPLACEMENT: 1602CC (92CI)

WEIGHT: 1045KG (2322LB)

MILEAGE: 10L/100KM (28MPG)

#### VW K70: THE UNLIKELY FORERUNNER OF THE GOLF.

Having secured a strong reputation with the air-cooled Beetle and Type 3, Volkswagen tried to capture the conventional market with the K70: a water-cooled compact saloon car. It acquired the design when it took over struggling NSU in 1969, and continued to develop it, introducing a car that was well-made, good to drive and very refined. But it was an unmitigated financial disaster.

Volkswagen had built its reputation on interchangeable parts, which made its cars inexpensive to produce. However, nothing on the K70 was shared with other VWs, and its build costs were so high that when it reached showrooms it was significantly more expensive than most of its rivals.

That meant the company sold nowhere near as many K70s as it would have liked and lost a fortune, before replacing it with the much more successful Golf in 1974. Ironically, the Golf went on to become the world's best-selling hatchback, meaning that a water-cooled Volkswagen wasn't such a bad idea after all. Perhaps the world just wasn't ready for the K70 in 1970. Or perhaps it was just rubbish?

Regardless, Volkswagen went on to protect its own reputation by re-engineering all other NSU vehicles to join the Audi range – something of an irony in itself, as today Audi is regarded as a more prestigious brand than VW itself.

The K70's design certainly was advanced – so much so that it cost VW far too much to build and never turned a profit, it was an unmitigated financial disaster. It was originally designed as an NSU, and those influences are evident in the K70's styling. Note in particular the scalloped sides and drilled steel wheels. Dynamically, the car was actually very able.

It had an impressive ride, and at its launch the steering was praised by road-testers for its feel and accuracy.

Volkswagen's first water-cooled car wasn't a success, it took four more years until the Golf was launched to make its conventional engines truly reliable.

Volkswagen's K70 actually wasn't a bad little car, but the fact that it couldn't use any other VW parts made production costs prohibitive, and it was a financial write-off.

- Graham Pretlove



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc will be held at the clubrooms on Tuesday, 10 April 2018.

The AGM will follow the monthly general meeting, which commences at 7:30pm. Members please bring a plate of supper to make it a successful social evening.

## AGM Agenda

- approval of minutes of 2017 AGM
- President's report
- Secretary's report
- presentation of the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the 2017/2018 financial year
- election of Club Member of the Year
- election of Auditor
- presentation of trophies and 25 year badges
- election of Committee.

The following executive and committee nominations were received up to the end of the general meeting on 13 March 2018.

- **President** – Dallas Jones
- **Vice President** – David Mitchell
- **Secretary/Public Officer**, Consumer Affairs notification of Incorporated Association – Fred Harris
- **Treasurer** – Maurice Healy

The following nominations were received for the general committee.

As the nominations exceeded the vacancies, a ballot will be held for the eight (8) vacancies.

- Rodney Booley
- Jon Breedveld
- Cheryl Elliot
- Damien Giustini
- Gary Mellington
- Linda Parker
- Ken Parry
- David Perkins
- Rodney Roach
- Leone Saliba
- Gus Shea
- Barbara van Galen

Fred Harris  
Honorary Secretary

Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc

# GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



Sat. 12th May 2018



**Geelong Showgrounds**

(Melway Ref 452 E10)

Plenty of room for displays. Bargains for motorists, restorers, collectors, craft enthusiasts, DIY mechanics etc.

**7am start**

**Admission: Adults \$5 Children free**

Outdoor sites (10m X 6 m) \$10 plus \$5 admission charge.  
(No booking required for outdoor sites)

*AREA FOR DISPLAY AND SALE OF SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES*

Overnight camp sites available for stallholders only.

Food available on Friday evening from 4pm to 8pm.

Geelong mobile ATM facilities available on site.

**ENQUIRIES:**

Phone: **0417 546 089**

Mail: WDHVC PO Box 200 Newcomb VIC 3219

STRICTLY NO DOGS ALLOWED IN SHOWGROUNDS NO FIRES PERMITTED  
NO UNAUTHORISED FOOD VENDORS  
NO RIDING OF SKATEBOARDS, BICYCLES, MOTOR BIKES OR  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN SHOWGROUNDS

**PARKING FOR NON SELLERS IN  
RACECOURSE, BESIDE SHOWGROUNDS**

# GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



12th May 2018



## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!!**

The Swap Meet has been running annually for many years and, pleasingly, gets better each year. The event is an important one for our club, but would not be possible without the generous support of our many volunteers, who volunteer their time in the lead up to, and on the day.

At the April and May meetings, we will require members who wish to volunteer, to register their interest with either Kevin Smith or Murray Foran.

## **VOLUNTEERS DINNER & INFORMATION NIGHT**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

A dinner followed by an information session will be held on this night in our Clubrooms, for all volunteers. This lovely dinner is provided by our wonderful lady members, and will commence at 6:30pm.

A comprehensive information session will follow the dinner and comprise a list of all duties that volunteers will undertake in the lead up and during the Swap Meet, together with rostering and emergency procedures.

This is your opportunity to ask any questions that you may have to ensure things run smoothly on the day.

Enquiries - Fred Harris,  
Swap Director  
(03) 5259 2053

## **SET UP DAY - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

On this day, we will need assistance from plenty of volunteers to help with the set up of the arena ahead of the Swap Meet the following day.

Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided to volunteers attending. The more hands on deck we have, the quicker we will get the job done: we would be grateful if you are able to assist, even if it only be for an hour or two.

Fred Harris  
Swap Director  
(03) 5259 2053

## **SWAP DAY! Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

We will be looking forward to another successful Swap Meet, and thank you again our generous volunteers.

# WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



### Name?

Tony

### Where were you born?

Malta

### Family?

Wife Miriam, 3 daughters and 5 grandsons

### Number of years in the WDHVC?

6 months

### Other interests?

Travelling and fishing

### What was your first vehicle?

XT Falcon

### What vehicle would you love to own?

Ferrari

### What vehicles do you have now?

1940 Packard 120, 1972 Triumph Stag

### Profession?

Electrician - retired

### Skills?

Handyman and restoring cars

### What bugs you the most?

Stupid people

### What makes you happy?

Family

- Libby

# Avoca Rally Photos

Published below are a few more photos of the 25th Avoca Rally. (Photos Graham Paech)



# Great Mars Bar Competition

## The April Competition



As that famous French singer once sang:  
"Thank heavens for little girls"

That is how we all feel when we see such delightful young budding Cinderellas such as the ones in this picture.

The little sweetie on the right is our mystery member this time. Such innocence and charm, this girl could only be our very own.....?

Your guess will win you a monster big Mars bar if you get it right.

- Ray van Galen

### More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen  
Ph 52789 368,  
or  
email [rbvangalen@gmail.com](mailto:rbvangalen@gmail.com)



### Quotes About Cars

"The cars we drive say a lot about us. "

- Alexandra Paul

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# SALES, WANTED & CLUES For Sale

1. Genesis Ultra car cover L/XL in very good clean condition - \$35.
  2. Packard Service Manual 55th Series. Excellent condition - \$50.
  3. Glenn's New Auto Repair Manual 1964 edition 1024 pages covering 12 years of American cars. excellent condition - \$45.
  4. Motors Auto Repair Manual 1962 covers American cars 1953-62 in very good condition - \$45.
  5. Newnes Motor Repair books in 4 volumes and charts covering a wide variety of British cars and commercial vehicles. In excellent condition - \$120.
- Karl Lorenz Ph 5284 1451. ...3/18

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**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.au/wdsale.html>

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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27 Craft/Tech Night "Morgans" 7pm Clubrooms 7.30pm Bailey's	28	29	30 Good Friday Childrns Hospital Appeal, Inverleigh	31 March
E A S T E R						
1	2	3	4	5 Morning Coffee Run - Clubrooms 9.45am	6	7
E A S T E R						
8	9	10 General Meeting & AGM 7.30pm Clubrooms	11 Dine Out 6.15pm Valley Inn. Display - Eden Park 10am Clubrooms	12	13	14 Echuca Swap Meet
15	16	17 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	18	19 Tinker Day 10.30am	20 May 2018 Backfire Deadline	21
22 Ladies Day Rally 11.30am	23	24	25 8.30am Anzac Day B'fast Run to Barwon Heads	26	27	28 Smell the Roses 10.30am
29 Swan Hill Swap Meet	30	1 May	2	3 Morning Coffee Run - Clubrooms 9.45am	4	5 (6 May Seasick Rally)