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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Year greetings to you all,

Well, it's all over for another year, too much food, and lots of wonderful times together.

Another new year is beginning, a time to look forward to good cheer and good health, and of course many fun motoring times together.

Unfortunately I will not be at the first meeting of the year, but will leave you all in the capable hands of Dallas Jones.

Enjoy, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in February.

Cheers,

John



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 575 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2017 at 7.30PM

PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed 123 members and visitors John King, Steven Carter and Caroline Carter to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Kevin Hunter, Alan Tipper, Jim Maffett, Cheryl Elliot, Linda Parker, Graeme Paech, Nick Neeson, Tim Booley, Mike Hanneysee, Paul Strickland.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Barry Collinson Carried

SICK LIST

Kevin Hunter and Kevin Baker.

MINUTES

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

Moved: Ray van Galen

Seconded: Damien Giustini Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

President John formally thanked Fred for his support and hard work over the year.

INWARD

Letters In

- Thank you card from Bernie Turner and family for our thoughts on the passing of Glenys.
- Receipt for *Backfire* printing from the Gordon.
- Bendigo Bank Term Deposit renewal advice.
- Torquay Rotary Motor Show invitation to attend their event on February 11th.
- Vintage and Classic Car Club Ballarat invitation to attend the 47th Begonia Rally on February 16 – 18th.
- Casterton Motor Enthusiasts Club invitation to attend their annual tour March 10 – 12th.
- MG Car Club invitation for WDHVC MG-owning members to attend their Steam Packet Garden display on March 11th.
- Geelong Jukebox Rockers invitation to attend their rock and roll festival at White Eagle House on January 5, 6 and 7th.

Emails In

- Doug Green requesting to be on the membership waiting list.
- All Ford Day invitation to attend their event on February 18th.
- Wycheproof Lions Club invitation to attend their Show Shine and Swap Meet on March 18th.
- Pyrenees Historic Vehicle Club invitation to attend their Motor Spirit Mania on March 18th.
- Food van enquiry for the Bay City Swap.
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- Vince and Tonia Fedele thank you for the Club organising the dinner dance and the wonderful evening.
- City of Greater Geelong acceptance of the Swap in the 2018 Calendar of Events.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

None.

Emails Out

- Ulladulla car Club thanking them for their hospitality on the Long Distance Rally.
- City of Greater Geelong to book the Swap community signs.
- Swap listing requests to Pinkys, Just Cars, Unique Cars, Oz wrenches and Motoring Diary.
- City of Greater Geelong to request inclusion of the Swap in the 2018 Calendar of Events.

Moved: Rod Roach

Seconded: Leonie Saltba Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

President John formally thanked Maurice for his support and hard work over the year.

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

Moved: Peter Telfer

Seconded: Damien Giustini Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

January event to be confirmed.

LIBRARY (Gary)

President John formally thanked Gary for his entertaining support and hard work over the year

In honour of our Penny Farthing riding guests from Texas, Gary entertained the meeting with a spirited reading of *Mulga Bill*.

DINE OUT (Gary)

- Another successful meal with 45 people at last month's dine out. Attendance has averaged 20 at the events over the year.
- Next Dine Out will be in Queenscliff.
- People should contact the Avoca Motel if they need accommodation for the 2018 rally.

EDITOR (Jon Breedveld)

President John formally thanked John for his work in ensuring that the Backfire is a credit to the Club.

Deadline for the next backfire will be December 29th.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

Cheryl away so no report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

President John formally thanked David for his support and hard work over the year.

The committee discussed a Club visit to the Alma Doppell, potential changes to the Club website and approved the production of Log Book reminder stickers.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

President John formally thanked Ray for the success of the Tinker Days and hard work over the year.

Another very successful Tinker day held last month. The members enjoyed Mick and Trish's hospitality and the opportunity to see Mick's collections.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

After several presidential hints, Graeme Anderson was correctly named this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

President John formally thanked Gus for his continued support and hard work over the year.

The National Trust has again confirmed their request for Club assistance in restoring their Daimler Conquest. The car will be collected in January.

Gus thanked all the members who had brought their cars to the meetings over the year.

David Perkins displayed his 1932 Riley and spoke to the members about the car's history. The car is one of approx. 6 Riley 9 Sports cars imported into Australia and locally bodied to match the body style of the English 'March Special'. David's car was the first of the batch produced and one of 5 known to survive.

CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

No report.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

President John formally thanked Rod for his support and hard work over the year, and Libby for putting up with him.

- The Drysdale Coffee run was very well attended with 32 people attending.
- The Dinner Dance was a great success enjoyed by the 68 people who attended. The entertainer on the night was very talented and the Club will try to book him again next year.
- The Smell the Roses motorbike run was a very successful and safe 140 km run around the Bellarine. Ray Matthews reported that, despite having a motorbike licence for 65 years, the run was only his third ride as a passenger!

- Member's cars are requested for the Truck and Machinery Show on January 13 and 14th.
- There will be a BBQ run of February 18th.
- The Club has been invited to display cars on the Waterfront on February 24th.
- The Coffee Runs will continue in 2018 but there is not one scheduled for January.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

President John formally thanked Sharyn for her hard work that ensured another successful long distance rally in 2017.

Sharyn thanked the members who have supported the rally over the years and says that she has started to consider likely destinations for the 2018 rally.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

President John formally thanked Peter for making the Tech Nights such a success.

The November joint Christmas Party with the Craft Group was a great success. The demonstration of 'Brilliant' polish was also very interesting.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

No report.

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

President John formally thanked Rhonda for the kitchen team's hard work over the year.

No report this month.

GUEST SPEAKER

Steven and Caroline Carter spoke on their experiences riding Penny Farthing bicycles from West to east across the USA commemorating Thomas Stevens' 1884 trip as the first person to ride a bicycle across the country. Steve has the record for the fastest Penny Farthing ride across the country. Twenty years later Caroline was the first woman to complete the trip.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Car covers were won by Dallas Jones and Graham Peacock.
- Examples of chrome powder coating were on display. It is a high quality finish at a fraction of the cost of chrome plating.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- John's new Morgan missed the truck and is still in Queensland but on its way south very soon.
- Rod Roach has purchased a Land Cruiser in Queensland believed to be the 25th manufactured of that model.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 9th January 2018 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

December Meeting Feature Vehicle

At the December meeting, David Perkins displayed his 1932 Riley and spoke to the members about the car's history. The car is one of approx. six Riley 9 Sports cars imported into Australia and locally bodied to match the body style of the English 'March Special'. David's car was the first of the batch produced and one of five known to survive. .



The Riley 9 was by far the most popular pre-war model Riley ever produced, with nearly 30,000 examples finding homes in 10 years. The model was launched with a choice of saloon (Monaco) or Tourer bodies. The range rapidly expanded, before being completely refreshed in 1933 to form the basis of Riley's body range across all chassis. This comprised the Falcon, Kestrel, Lynx and of course the Monaco. Most subsequent '9' models were scaled down versions of the bodies available on other chassis.



Capturing the Christmas spirit.

Your executive donned Santa hats for the December meeting. (L to R) minute secretary, Leigh Dwyer; secretary Fred Harris; president John Bailey and treasurer Maurice Healey.



Moped V Ferrari

An elderly man on a moped, looking about 100 years old, pulls up next to a doctor at a traffic light.

The old man looks over at the sleek shiny car and asks: 'What kind of car ya got there, sonny?'

The doctor replies, 'A Ferrari GTO. It cost half a million dollars!'

'That's a lot of money,' says the old man. 'Why does it cost so much?'

'Because this car can do up to 230 miles an hour!' states the doctor proudly.

The moped driver asks, 'Mind if I take a look inside?' No problem,' replies the doctor.

So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Then, sitting back on his moped, the old man says, 'That's a pretty nice car, all right... But I'll stick with my moped!'

Just then the light changes, so the doctor decides to show the old man just what his car can do. He floors it, and within 20 seconds the speedometer reads 160 mph.

Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer!

He slows down to see what it could be and suddenly WHOOOSSSHHH !

Something whips by him going much faster!

'What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari ?' the doctor asks himself. He presses harder on the accelerator and takes the Ferrari up to 200 mph.

Then, up ahead of him, he sees that it's the old man on the moped!

Amazed that the moped could pass his Ferrari, he gives it more gas and passes the moped at 220 mph. He's feeling pretty good until he looks in his mirror and sees the old man gaining on him AGAIN!

Astounded by the speed of this old guy, he floors the gas pedal and takes the Ferrari all the way up to 230 mph.

Not ten seconds later, he sees the moped bearing down on him again! The Ferrari is flat out, and there's nothing he can do!

Suddenly, the moped plows into the back of his Ferrari, demolishing the rear end.

The doctor stops and jumps out and, unbelievably, the old man is still alive.

He runs up to the banged-up old guy and says: 'I'm a doctor.... Is there anything I can do for you?'

The old man whispers: 'Unhook my bloody braces from your side view mirror!'



WHAT KIND OF CLUB MEMBER ARE YOU?

Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on that list.

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,

Or do you stay away and criticise and knock.

Do you take an active part and help the work along,

Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belong.

Do you ever work on committees to see there is no trick?

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique.

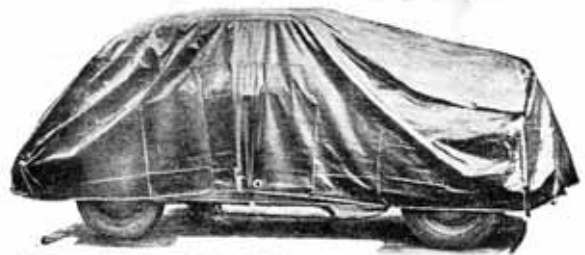
Come to the meetings often, help with hand and heart

Don't be a sitting member, take an active part.

Come and think it over when you come along

Think, am I an active member, or do I just belong?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

**See also -
calendar summary
on back page.**

NO TINKER DAY OR COFFEE RUN IN JANUARY

9 JAN - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

10 JAN - WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT From 5.30pm. Bottom Fish & Chip shop, Gellibrand St, Queenscliff. BYO picnic or purchase some delicious fish & chips. Wear your club badge for an extra chip (and deny the seagulls!).
Gary McCredden 5275 2544.

13/14 JAN

CAR DISPLAY - CLASSIC TRUCK AND MACHINERY SHOW.

Cars wanted for Saturday & Sunday. Those people displaying cars please be parked by 9am.

Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

16 JAN - TUESDAY

JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm.

23 JAN - TUESDAY

TECH NIGHT "ULTRA BOND " 7pm to set up for a 7.30 start at the clubrooms. David Hamilton will demonstrate ULTRA BOND aluminium repair rod.

Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

26 JAN - FRIDAY

FEB 2018 BACKFIRE DEADLINE

To fit around holidays and printer's days off.

1 FEB - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am.

Contact Rod Booley 52815340 (0417 021 982)

17 FEB - SATURDAY

SMELL THE ROSES DAY.

10.30am start, **NOT from the clubrooms**, but from **MORIAC**, near the shops and loos. This will save a lot of getting separated at traffic lights in Geelong. The plan is to visit the Martian Café in the township of Deans Marsh via the Cape Otway Road for a well earned hot drink and nibbles. This run will cater for bikes that wish to go faster than the rest or as slow as you like. We will just meet up again at the Café. It can be up to you if you wish to go on to Lorne or beyond after refreshments.

Ray van Galen. Ph 5278 9368

18 FEB - SUNDAY

BBQ RUN TO MAUDE

Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

24 FEB - SATURDAY

WATERFRONT CAR DISPLAY FOR GEELONG GIFT

Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

4 MAR - SUNDAY

Sunday Market on.

CAR DISPLAY ON GEELONG WATERFRONT

Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

10-12 MAR

AVOCA WEEKEND RALLY. 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Avoca Motel is fully booked. If you'd like to join us for this great weekend visiting interesting places, the Pyrenees Motel (mob 0499 009 470) has vacancies, but you will need to book ASAP.

Contact: Gary McCredden 5275 2544.

25 MAR - SUNDAY

FEDERATION RALLY AT MORTLAKE

Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

OTHER EVENTS- 2018

5-7 JAN

White Eagle House.

GEELING JUKEBOX ROCKERS' ROCK & ROLL FESTIVAL

7 JAN- SUNDAY

DRYSDALE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

13 JAN- SATURDAY

PORTARLINGTON MUSSEL FESTIVAL

13/14 JAN- SAT/SUN

TRUCK & MACHINERY SHOW

3/4 FEB

COLAC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

OTHER EVENTS- 2018 (ctd)

11 FEB- SUNDAY

TORQUAY MOTOR SHOW

16-18 FEB

BALLARAT BEGONIA RALLY

18 FEB- SUNDAY

ALL FORD DAY

Deakin Uni, Waurn Ponds

10-11 MAR

CASTERTON MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB ANNUAL TOUR

11 MAR - SUNDAY

MG CAR CLUB STEAM PACKET DISPLAY

Invitation for WDHVC MG-owning members to attend.

18 MAR - SUNDAY

WYCHEPROOF LIONS CLUB SHOW & SHINE

18 MAR - SUNDAY

PYRENEES HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB MOTOR SPIRIT MANIA

14 APRIL- SATURDAY

ECHUCA SWAP MEET

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

29 APRIL- SUNDAY

SWAN HILL SWAP MEET

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

LAST SUN EVERY MONTH

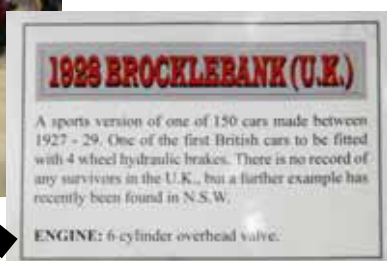
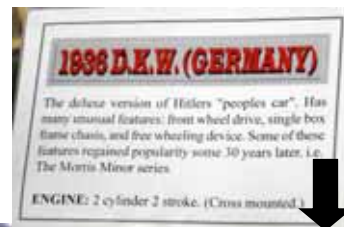
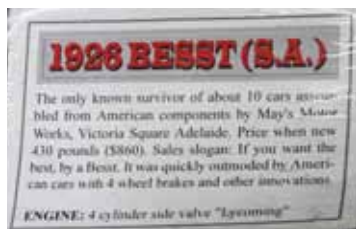
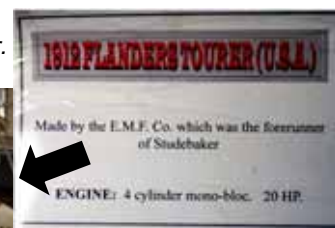
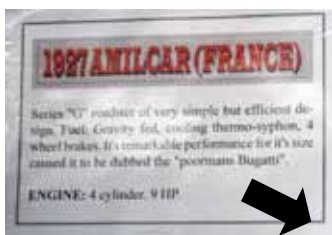
Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc meet.

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.

- Rod Booley

Some cars at the Birdwood Museum, SA.....

Photos taken by Graham Peacock last year.



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."

DE LOREAN DMC 12 (1981-82)

Specifications

TOP SPEED: 194 KM/H (121MPH)

0-96KMH (0-60MPH) 10.2 SECS

ENGINE TYPE V6

DISPLACEMENT: 2849CC (174CI)

WEIGHT: 1392KG (3093LB)

MILEAGE: 11.8L/100KM (24MPG)

One of the most documented failures in motoring, the De Lorean found fame as the car-based time machine in the *Back to the Future* films. But its screen success wasn't matched in the showrooms, and the car was a total flop. The brainchild of ex-Pontiac man John Z. De Lorean, it was built in Northern Ireland, where many hopes were pinned on its success.

It was funded by government money, with a chassis by Lotus and styling by Giugiaro. But it was awful. Build quality was dire and the performance and handling were poor. While it looked quite cool, the unpainted stainless steel body panels were a nightmare to keep clean. Touch them and your fingerprints would remain almost indelibly on the body work.

It bombed, foundering in a trail of debts, corruption and job losses, with accusations of embezzlement, backhanders and bribery among the project's management. And £80 million of British tax payers money went down the drain with it.

For all the cars external weirdness, the cabin was utterly conventional and was almost a disappointment by comparison.

For some reason, De Lorean chose a Renault V6 engine for the DMC-12. It was heavy and made handling tricky, without offering any major performance benefits.

The gull-wing doors were a design feature purely for show, and they weren't properly engineered, often trapping passengers inside the car. The cars brushed stainless steel panels had no structural purpose- purely for effect, they covered fibre glass items.

The DMC 12 might have been the subject of various untruths and cover-ups, but De Lorean certainly wasn't lying when it claimed the car had 'distinctive looks from any direction'. Looks aren't everything. The De Lorean could never match the performance its looks promised. Never mind time travel - the Renault V6 engine lacked power and made this a miserably unpleasant car to drive.

DMC12: THE BACK-TO-THE-FUTURE CAR THAT TIME FORGOT

- Graham Pretlove



50 years of the Hillman Hunter in Australia

Launched in the UK in November 1966, Chrysler Australia introduced the Hillman Hunter in May 1967, the first car launched after it had bought out the Rootes Group in 1966.

Rootes designer Peter Ware was charged with producing a small car that could rival both the Ford Cortina with the 1500cc Minx and the Corsair with the 1725cc Hunter. The distinctive rear door shut-line, C-pillar and headlights cut into the grille were similar to Corsair features, but simplified in the Hunter. Inclining the engine created space for the Hunter's bigger engine in a Cortina-sized engine bay.

The car was described as "The finest family car ever designed" which, against the Austin 1100 and the recently launched Mk II Cortina, looked like a huge boast.

For Chrysler Australia, the Hunter's convergence of fresh trans-Atlantic styling, up-to-date features and conventional mechanicals that echoed its local six-cylinder family cars looked like it was carefully planned.

Because Chrysler Australia had already dropped the Super Minx sedan and was only offering the Super Minx wagon as a niche model, replacing that and the smaller Minx sedan was not the same issue it was in the UK. Skipping the British Minx 1500cc version, they positioning the entry version of the Hunter to be a superior and larger-engined rival to the Cortina, and its dimensions and MacPherson strut/live rear axle structures that were almost identical. The styling had its similarities too.

The range started with the Australian-only Hillman Arrow (74hp, no heater, and only the passenger seat able to recline) for \$2038, with the Hunter costing \$150 more. Both were available as automatic or manual. Estate versions were also available, named "Safari" in the Chrysler tradition. The cars were assembled at Chrysler's Salmon St, Port Melbourne factory with just over 13,000 HB models built.

After the Hunter's famous victory in the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon there was a HC facelift that November (based on the British Hunter Mark II), and the range was shuffled so the Arrow became the Hunter, and the previous Hunter gained a 'Royal' badge, fusing it into local Chrysler heritage. A new Hunter GT had a high-compression, alloy-head, twin-carburettor engine that delivered 95hp and a luxurious interior with high-back seats and full instrumentation set in a timber dash. Some 25,600 HC Hunters were built, including 2,700 GTs.

In October 1970 the HE facelift featured more Australian content with its VG Valiant-style grille, Valiant steering column & steering wheel, and separate horizontal taillights.



The front indicators also lost their orange lenses. After the success of the low-buck muscle car Valiant VF Pacer, Chrysler Australia repackaged the Hunter GT mechanicals with a basic rubber floor and plastic dashboard as the \$2378 Hustler. The GT was turned into the \$2638 Hunter Royal 660 with plush coarse-grain vinyl trim from the Valiant Regal 770 and Rostyle wheels shared with top-level Capris and MGBs.

Significantly, both successfully dodged insurance bullets aimed at anything with a GT badge. There were 15,000 HE Hunters sold, including 2,600 Royal 660s and just under 800 Hustlers.

Production of the Hunter in Australia ceased at the end of 1972, when the Port Melbourne factory also closed down, with approximately 54,000 Hunters built in total. The 'Arrow' series (including Humber Sceptres, Sunbeam Rapier Fastbacks and Singer Vogues) soldiered on until 1979 in the UK, and famously remained in production as the Paykan in Iran until 2005 - though the Bardo utility version managed to soldier on until 2015!

- Tim Christie



THE MIGHTY
HILLMAN
Hunter
SAFARI

Hunter Safari: for wagon-masters who want to go places and take along a load of people or children and the clothes they start around. It carries five in luxury foam comfort on full-width bench seats. With 'Flextru' ventilation, a full-width parcel shelf, anti-burst all round and child-proof rear door locks, Safari packs the pace as well as the space. A responsive 3-bearing, 1725 cc engine and smooth, all-synchro, four forward speed gear change. Hitch up and head out for your Chrysler Hillman dealer. Hunter territory starts there.

RALLY & RUNS

Christmas Dinner Dance

Our Christmas Dinner Dance was very successful again. Thanks to our wonderful helpers, Jeanette & Max, Gus & Pam Shea, Peter & Sandra Boast, Lindsay & Margaret Hose, and Peter Telfer. We were able to complete the decorating and setting up without much effort.

Everyone seemed very happy with the entertainer on the night. He was very talented, playing various musical instruments and tap dancing on our dance floor.

He had a couple of our members harmonise with him, showing their talent. Thanks for your efforts Rod & Gus. Maybe next time we should give you time to practice your pitch. Starting soon would be great.

- Rhonda Foran



NOVEMBER SMELL THE ROSES RUN

This run was the first for the season, and so we did the 13th Beach run that took us to Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and on to Queenscliff for a coffee. From there we continued onwards to Portarlington for lunch at one of the many food outlets. A lovely slow-paced ride was enjoyed by the following group:

Rod Roach with his Harley Davidson invited Ray Matthews to pillion with him; Manny Vella rode his lovely old '42 Indian; Greg Stephenson was on mighty '83 Harley Davidson; Ray van Galen took out his non oil leaking Matchless; Kevin Firth gave his beautifully restored Suzuki 750 triple water bottle a run; Judith Matthews followed us in her Capri; Fred and Sharyn Harris came along in their model "A" Henrietta; and Helen and Graham Cameron used their Volkswagen.

The next planned run will be to Deans Marsh in February: we may start that one from Moriac for safety's sake.

Ray van Galen 0411 954 865

Dedication and Focus

This is a Testimony to Dedication and Focus:



It was later reported that his wife got out safely, and that he did indeed par the hole.

He says the divorce isn't going to be that bad, now that there's no house involved.

SOME THINGS DON'T CHANGE

"The Budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

- Cicero, 55 BC

So evidently we've learned very little over the past 2,000+ years.



Quotes About Cars

"Hey, don't knock it. It still runs. Most of the time, Even after I turn it off."

— Anon

WDHVC

MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Ken

Where were you born?

Geelong

Family?

Wife Sandra, 2 step children, 5 step grandchildren

Number of years in the WDHVC?

30+ years

Other interests?

Photography, travel and farming

What was your first vehicle?

Zephyr ute

What vehicle would you love to own?

Thunderbird

What vehicles do you have now?

Numerous and in various stages of restoration

Profession?

Farmer

Skills?

Jack of all trades

What bugs you the most?

People being late

What makes you happy?

Travelling and Sandra

- Libby

Affordable British Classics

Vauxhall Victor F/FB

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WHEN Vauxhall replaced the E-series cars with the PA models, they did not include a four-cylinder option in the new line-up. Instead, buyers could choose the new Victor, introduced in February 1957.

Although smaller than the E-series Wyvern it replaced, the F-series Victor was very much a family car, with plenty of room for four or even five adults to be seated in a high level of comfort. The styling was very transatlantic, and the car was much more upright and 'boxy' than the larger PA models.

The Victor had a new 1508cc engine and a three speed all-synchromesh gearbox. Initially, there were two versions, the basic Standard saloon and the Super, which was better trimmed, and on which the exhaust tail pipe passed through a hole in the rear bumper.

Following the introduction of



F-series Victor arrived in 1957 in Standard and Super versions

same engine. The engine was bored out to 1594cc for the September 1963 revision of this model; at the same time it was fitted with a larger clutch.

Production ceased in 1964.

Rust is the big enemy of all these cars, and body restoration can be costly. Engines and transmissions, however, are particularly rugged and survive extremely well. An F-series in top condition will cost

around £2300, but an FB will be almost £1000 less.

an estate version in March 1958, the Series II models were announced in February 1959. The grilles were revised, as was the trim generally, and individual front seats were fitted. A new model, the De Luxe, topped the range.

Completely new bodies were fitted to the FB series,

introduced in September 1961, and available in Standard, Super and De Luxe versions.

The 1508cc engine was retained, but there was now a four-speed floor-mounted gearchange.

A sportier version, the VX 4/90, had an updated, twin-carburettor version of the

ENGINE/POWER

1508cc/50bhp, 1508cc/72bhp
1594cc/59bhp, 1594cc/74bhp

SPEED 75-93mph

PRODUCTION 1957-64

ECONOMY 24-32mpg

Vicki's Apple Shortcake

John Chrzanowski bought brought wife Vicki's apple shortcake to the Christmas tinker day at the Shepherds and Sharon Harris was so impressed that she asked for the recipe.

Sharyn said : it was just delightful and melted in your mouth", so she decided to share the recipe with you all.

Ingredients:

125g butter
½ cup sugar
1 egg
¾ cup Self-Raising flour
¾ cup Plain Flour
6 Granny Smith Apples
Extra sugar

Peel, core and slice apples. Cook in a little water (just enough so they don't stick) until tender.
Cream butter and sugar, add egg, beat well
Stir in sifted flours in two batches
Cover the bench with cling wrap. Turn ½ the dough onto the glad wrap, cover with another layer of cling wrap. Roll out into the shape of your tin – a lamington tin works well.
Line your tine with baking paper and then the dough.
Place strained apple mixture on top.
Repeat with other half of the dough. Place on top of apples.
Spray the top with water and sprinkle with extra sugar.
Bake in moderate oven 170 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown. Sprinkle again with a little sugar.
Let cool in the tin.



- Sharyn Harris

Enjoy 😊

Great Mars Bar Competition

The January Competition



Our January young man looks as though he is going to end up in the high rise building game later in life. He is complete with truck, crane and rigger's whistle: he just needs a hard hat and glasses and he is ready to build your dream complex on the waterfront.

OK, does he still build stuff now? Does he still wear that style of shorts? Is he still that short? All these questions and more will be revealed, and you have a chance of getting your Mars Bar as well.

I have run out of photos now: please check behind the old clock for some old photos for the competition.

- Ray van Galen

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen

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or

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For Sale

Body panels for a LLOYD ALEXANDER T/S. Guards, doors, body minus floor, even a roof. Also various 6 volt car horns. Karl Lorenz 5284 1451 ...**1/18**

1956 Peugeot 203 Panel Van (GMC-238). Fitted drop-down rear seat. Side windows. Lots of extras. Still reg'd. To be sold unreg'd/no RWC. \$14,999.

Set of 5 x 15" tyres with 5 stud wheels \$350 lot.

Set of 4 x 16" LT radial tyres \$300 lot.

Bicycle collection including Penny Farthing, 4 seater quadracycle and others.

Genuine enquiries to Kevin Baker 0406 633 700 or 5248 3032 (after 6pm please). **1/18**

1 tonne firewood. Cut to foot logs. \$50.

Oregon tradesman's bench in good order. Best offer.

Shade house frame 20m X 6.5m, in sections. Steel frame, 50mm X 25mm tube. Bolts together. Best offer around \$800. Lyle Stow Ph 5243 2494.

12/17

Clues

Swap car for??? Rover Quintet: small, economical car of the 1980s era in outstanding condition, ready for red plate road test. All for something I fancy, now standing in your way in your garage. Sid Arthey Ph 5281 7403 **1/18**

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7	8	9 General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms	10 Dine Out Queenscliff 5.30pm	11	12	13 Classic Truck & Machinery Show
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