

# BACKFIRE

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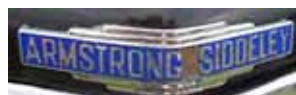


Club meetings: 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month. Clubroom: Geelong Showgrounds, 79 Breakwater Rd East Geelong.

## REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017



**Douglas**



*Kingwood*



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

First of all, a huge, sincere thanks to all those who helped in some way in preparation for, and at the Swap Meet. Once again, it was a very successful day. Hopefully lots of you found some of the treasures you were looking for as well.

The ladies' efforts once again were a stand out, shoppers stopping by for their scones and cuppas, claiming this as the highlight of their day year after year!

Don't forget to check your *Backfire* for events you may wish to take part in, there are lots.

Very best wishes, and happy travels,

*John.*

***Photo: President John enjoying a short break on beautiful Kangaroo Island.***



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 568 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 at 7.30PM

## PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed 126 members and visitor Fred Dawson to the meeting.

## APOLOGIES

Jim Coates, Lindsay Roberts, John Smith, Colin Chappell, Vern & Joan Stott, Ken Parry, Alex McLaws, Bernie & Jean Elford, Bob Thompson, Glynn & Jennifer Gersbach, Merv & Marie Batson, Alan Tipper, Robert East, Raelene Pretlove, Ken & Sandra Batson, Kay McLennan, Lorraine Collinson, Nick Neeson.

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: David Koch Carried

## SICK LIST

Colin Chappell and John Dryden

## MINUTES

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

Moved: Gus Giustini

Seconded: Libby Booley Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE INWARD (Fred)

*Letters in:*

- Jim Steel congratulating the club on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and making him welcome on club nights.

*Emails in:*

- Fenton Electrical quote for display cabinet lights.
- Lions Club Lara invitation to attend their classic car and motor bike show on 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- Days for Girls thank you for the invitation to speak at the Ladies Luncheon at Van Loon's.

## CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD

*Letters out:*

- Letters to new members approved at the last committee meeting:
  - ◇ Glen Pope
  - ◇ Simon Anderson
  - ◇ Darcy and Pam Stuart
  - ◇ Don and Jackie Jarvie
  - ◇ John and Vickie Chrzanowski
  - ◇ Tony and Miriam Brincat.

- Letter to Mike Hanneysee informing him of his responsibilities to comply with the outstanding issues of his vehicle under the CPS.
- Get well card sent to John Dryden.

*Emails out:*

None.

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Peter Telford 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: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Graham Baldock Carried

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Our focus is on the Swap but a pie night is planned for June or July.

## LIBRARY (Gary)

The meeting thanked Max McKenzie and Bernie Turner for their book donations.

## DINE OUT (Gary)

Next dine out will be at the Norlane Hotel.

## EDITOR (Jon)

Minor correction only as Tinker Day should have been listed for Thursday.

## FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

No Federation meeting this month.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

- Meeting held on 18 April of the new committee following the AGM.
- Cheryl thanked Gus for his contribution to the Ladies Lunch.

## TINKER DAY (Ray)

Next Tinker Day is scheduled for 18 May.

## MARS BAR AWARD

After many guesses Judith Matthews correctly guessed Brian Edwards.

## VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- Members should note that VicRoads say red plate cars cannot be parked in the street. Legally the council could remove the vehicle as it is technically unregistered.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

- VicRoads advise that there are approx. 90,000 red plate vehicles across the state.
- Club members have recently registered Tasman and Kimberly Austins.
- David Koch gave a very interesting history of his 2012 Holden GTS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commodore. It is one of 140 manufactured and a very impressive car.

### CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

Members should come prepared for a surprise this month. All welcome.

### RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- Cheryl provided a report on the recent Ladies Lunch and thanked the Club and Gus for their support.
- Lindsay reported that the Hamburger Rally was a great success.
- Sharon reported on the ANZAC day breakfast.
- While not a rally, the Shepparton Car Museum was recommended to members.
- Upcoming events:
  - ◊ National Motoring Day
  - ◊ Teesdale lunch on 4 June
  - ◊ No dates yet but visits to the Fox Museum and Puffing Billy are planned.

### LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Rally will be held from 13 Sept for 7 to 10 days through NSW. More details to follow.

### TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Last month's focus on wheels will be followed up with tyres this month.

### SWAP MEET (Fred)

More volunteers are required for both the Friday and Saturday.

Volunteer dinner on Thursday night

President John thanked Fred for his hard work again this year in leading the Swap preparations.

### KITCHEN (Rhonda)

No report this month.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- David advised that magnetic club badges are now available and passed around an example.
- The West Coast Cruisers Club has a Drive-In cinema night on 17 June.
- Aluminium can collection raised as a fund raising opportunity.
- Fred thanked John on behalf of the club for making the steel security door for the club rooms.

- President John presented the following awards:

- ◊ *Club Person of the Year Award*  
- Gus Shea
- ◊ *25 year badge*  
- Roy Thorpe
- ◊ *Eric Baker Award*  
- Jon Breedveld

### FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

None

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.

After the meeting guest speaker Andrew McCallum, from the Australian Maritime Oil Spill Centre in Geelong gave a very interesting talk about his work.

***Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 13th June 2017 in the clubrooms.***

## GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



### BAY CITY SWAP 2017

Last month we held our annual swap and it turned out to be a very successful day. The weather was on our side helping us to achieve a large number of sellers, and also a good attendance of buyers.

Many helpers gave their time on Friday to help set up and a large number worked well on the Saturday to make everything run smoothly.

I would like to thoroughly thank all the ladies for providing meals, refreshments and Devonshire teas and all volunteers who made this Swap such a success.



It's a great event that everyone should be proud of.

*Fred Harris  
Swap Director*

# TECH NIGHT REPORTS

## 25 April Tech Night

The subject was WHEELS. Ray van Galen started off the night because he is still suffering pain from his knee replacement. It was appreciated that he made the effort. He was then able to go straight home after his presentation.

Ray went to great effort in his Indian restoration to buy the correct rims, and fit original specification beaded edge tyres. Unfortunately, his front tyre didn't grip on the rim, rotating around and ripping the valve out of the tube, while on a Smell the Roses run.

Ray was unceremoniously dumped over the handlebars into the scenery, much to the dismay of himself, and the following rider, Ray Matthews, who just managed to avoid being part of a double Ray disaster. Ray rectified the the problem by "HOT RODDING" the Indian with modern rims and tyres. If anyone would like to purchase a pair of beaded edge rims and tyres (extremely low mileage), I am sure he will sell them very cheap.

The rest of the night, we studied and discussed a variety of wheel types, aluminium, steel (conventional, wire spoke and wood spoke). We all had a WHEEL good time. It is a pity the rest of you were not aROUND to hear what we SPOKE about.

## 23 May Tech Night

Another good fun Tech Night, the subject being TYRES. It was good to see Vern and Joan Stott there to show two types of Haflinger tyres, one for road use, and another for sand and mud.

I personally had a lot of fun on sand and mud tyres in a Haflinger and a Pinzgauer on Nundora Station, way out past Broken Hill, many years ago.

Vern provided unintentional humour, with two enthusiastic arm gestures, which almost knocked Joan off her chair TWICE. Vern and Joan are not in the best of health, and had to go home early.

If anyone would like to attend Tech Night, but need to leave early, whether for health reasons, or for the need to get up early next morning, just let me know, so they can do an any early presentation.

We had an assortment of hard rubber, cross ply, tubes and radials, in various sizes. Unfortunately, Lindsay Alford was unable to supply washing machine tyres, so he did a presentation on various tyres he used on his washing machine trolley, then he went off topic, with a presentation on washing machine seals.

I know you are dying to ask - Lindsay's personal choice in washing machines is Fisher and Paykel.

Our newest Packard member was there with a large diameter whitewall cross ply, and his good wife was at Craft Night. Welcome to the both of you.

We learned that Beaurepaires have a national policy of not fitting or repairing any tyre over five years old, so stay away from them with your older vehicle.

Kevin Baker was also a welcome attendee, with his wicked sense of humour. For those of you who were too TYRED to roll along, you missed out on a good night.

All the best

*Peter Telfer*



## 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

If you are interested please contact David Mitchell (Ph 0409 099 716) or Rod Roach (Ph 0438 783 902).

**50th Anniversary badges, replica original club badges and a single cap on sale now.**

**See David or Rod**



# ANZAC DAY RUN

This year's Anzac Day Run took us down by the riverside at Barwon Heads.

Despite a cool day with a few showers, there was a good turn out at the clubrooms and a determined effort to enjoy the occasion once we arrived.

Some of the men strung judicious tarps to give added protection from the occasional coastal drizzle, while others made the most of the available permanent shelter to set up cosy corners in which to enjoy the hearty cook up provided by the BBQ stalwarts. Bacon and egg always tastes better when your are outside on a cool day!

It just goes to show that, while the weather wasn't quite as kind as last year's idyllic day at Aireys Inlet, we still know how to enjoy the occasion. *- Ed*



## Quotes About Cars

"Men may or may not be better drivers than women, but they seem to die more often trying to prove that they are."

*Tom Vanderbilt*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WDHVC EVENTS

See also -  
calendar summary  
on back page.

### 1 JUNE - THURSDAY

### **MORNING COFFEE RUN** Great Ocean Road Chocalaterie

Meet at Clubrooms at 9.45am. Contact Rod Booley: 5281 5340 (0417 021 982).

### 4 JUNE - SUNDAY

### **LUNCH RUN TO TEESDALE BERRY FARM**

Two course meal with tea/coffee. \$25 P/P. Meet at Clubrooms at 10.30am.

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

### 13 JUNE - TUESDAY

### **JUNE GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm clubrooms**

### 14 JUNE - WEDNESDAY

### **DINE OUT 6pm Commun Na Feine Hotel**

Polish up your credit card and join us for a nice evening.

### 15 JUNE - THURSDAY

### **TINKER DAY**

The time of year has come around again when we just enjoy each other's company at the SOUP LINE DAY in the clubrooms. Soup and bread supplied by our club. This is a reminder of those terrible days in the 1930s when the only meat you were likely to ever get was rabbit. Bring along something of interest to show the other members in "show and tell". Feel free to bring a plate of something to share. See you there.

*Ray van Galen Ph 5278 9368 Mob 0411 954 865*

### 23 JUNE - FRIDAY

### **DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR JULY BACKFIRE**

### 25 JUNE - SUNDAY

### **SHAKE AND SHIVER MOTOR BIKE RUN**

Cars welcome. More details at June Meeting. Contact Rod Roach: 0438 783 902.

### 27 JUNE - TUESDAY

### **CRAFT/TECH NIGHT 7pm for 7.30pm**

All are welcome to a special Tech Night. This will be run by the man who started Tech Nights years ago: Rob Kaub. Rob was my inspiration for starting Tech Nights up again, and he has been a regular attendee, with much to contribute. I have left it up to him, to run whatever subjects he would like to cover. Come along and be surprised and amazed.

Rob can draw on his lifetime of pushbike racing (before Lycra became fashionable), motor racing, rallying, smash repairs, spray painting (with his loving wife, Shirley doing the colour matching) and, of course, VOLVOES (or whatever the plural of Volvo is).

Rob and Shirley have been active club members for many years. Come along, and be part of Tech Night with Rob, or of Craft Night with Shirley. Wear your name badge and be presented with A FREE CHOCOLATE FROG.

*Peter Telfer*

### 6 JULY - THURSDAY

### **MORNING COFFEE RUN**

Meet at Clubrooms at 9.45am.

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

### 9 JULY - SUNDAY

### **PRESIDENT'S RALLY**

Details next meeting. Contact John Bailey: 0413 258 302.

### 30 JULY - SUNDAY

### **CASSEROLE LUNCH at Clubrooms.**

Details next meeting. Contact Barb Van Galen. 5278 9368.

### 3 AUGUST- THURSDAY

### **MORNING COFFEE RUN**

Meet at Clubrooms at 9.45am. Contact Rod Booley: 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

### 9 AUGUST - WEDNESDAY

### **FOX CAR COLLECTION Visit to Melbourne.**

More details later. Contact Rod Booley, 5281 5340 (0417 021 982).

### 13/22 SEPTEMBER

### **LONG DISTANCE RALLY**

Details later.

## **OTHER CLUB EVENTS**

### 10 - 12 JUNE

### **QUEENS BIRTHDAY RALLY** Hamilton.

# REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017

## The Bellarine Rally - by Max Tucker



The first Bellarine Rally took place in February 1968, at "Paxton Park" in Leopold. This was at the property of Doctor Robinson, a foundation member of our club. The event was also attended by members of the Veteran Car Club, Vintage Drivers Club and the Rolls-Royce Club.

After a few years the format of the rally altered and it became an open invitation event, with many participants from other historic vehicle clubs. The rally started from a meeting point in Geelong then to Drysdale where we assembled for a picnic lunch at the recreation reserve.

In the afternoon our club members organised various field events for those who wish to participate with their historic vehicles. These took place on the oval and competition was quite keen!

Among the events were a flag race and a potato race, where vehicle passengers had to transfer potatoes from one end to the other, to be placed in a container.

Always an event of interest was the "slow race", where the drivers walked alongside their vehicles, holding the steering wheel to keep them in line while also watching the speed – always ready to jump in if necessary! All our competitive events were timed with accurate timing equipment. At the conclusion of the events, all vehicles participated in a "grand parade" around the oval.

During the years that the "Bellarine" was held, we had an amazing variety of vehicles from many different clubs besides those of our own members.



Cars assembled at the Sundowner Hotel, at an early Bellarine Rally (from the 10th Anniversary *Backfire*)

## The 50th Anniversary Vehicle Display and BBQ



**A still shot from the footage taken by the drone camera at the highly successful Anniversary Vehicle Display and BBQ held at our clubrooms Sunday 26 March 2017.**

**Club librarian Gary McCredden has a printed set of the photos taken on the day for members to peruse.**



# RALLY & RUNS

## Ladies Day Out - 23 May

On a little cool day last month, our club ladies assembled at the clubrooms to meet our mixed up chauffeurs.

We then travelled in convoy to Van Loon's nursery. We arrived a little early so of course we perused their wares with a view to buying on the way out.

Our lunch was served under the verandah: a very nice main meal and wonderful cakes and slices for dessert.

The staff could not have looked after us any better.

After lunch we were spoken to by Diane and Pam, who are organisers of a group of volunteers who make packs of hygiene products for girls in poorer countries (Africa, PNG etc).

Most of us had never heard of this group and were understandably shocked at the conditions these girls have to endure.

We filled a box of coins to make it a little easier for them to raise supplies.

A great day was had by all. Thank you to the organisers for a wonderful day.

PS we all decided that it should be held twice a year instead of once.

*Sharyn Harris*

## The Chauffeurs' Story

Having driven the ladies to Van Loon's, the menfolk retired to the salubrious surroundings of President John's garage in Ocean Grove.

The President and his helpers cooked an excellent BBQ, the weather was fine and good discussion flowed between the men about our old cars and the bits and pieces in President John's garage.

John certainly enjoyed showing some of his metal working tools and how they worked, along with items he had on display.

*Tim Christie*



# RALLY & RUNS

## May Tinker Day - 18/5/17

We left the clubrooms and headed to Point Lonsdale and arrived at Niresh Parag's place on the Bellarine Highway. He has a large shed/workshop for repairing old Toyota and other cars.

Cars included many Toyota Crowns, a red small 800cc Toyota sports car with 2 cylinder flat engine (½ a Subaru engine), Toyota Landcruiser, Toyota Corolla, and a 4 cylinder Honda with 500,000km on the clock with very little work on it (my Corolla has another 200,000km to catch up).

He also has another shed called 'Shed at the Heads' which he wants to hire out for functions and parties. One wall is lined with a display case of model cars of all makes and models. He also has an old restored house and is building holiday units to rent out, with view over the Bass Strait and the Heads and the theme of Motor B&B.

Niresh was as interested in our old cars as we were in his. He videoed ours on his phone with a commentary. For more information visit [shedattheheads.com.au](http://shedattheheads.com.au) (coming soon).

A member showed his model trucks and bulldozer made from steel and welded together. Lot of time in making them and a lot heavier than the ones purchased in the shops.

*Lindsay Alford*



# The World's Worst Cars?

This month *Backfire* includes a car dubbed a "Design Disaster" 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

## DESIGN DISASTERS

*"These cars were design disasters for many different reasons. Some are just fundamentally terrible designs, flawed in a number of ways and often lacking an element that would seem far too obvious for most people to omit. Others are disastrous because they lack mechanical detail. They were fairly adventurous but failed because they hadn't been properly thought out."*

### FORD ESCORT (1990- 93)

#### **Specifications**

TOP SPEED: 179KM/H (111MPH)  
0-96KMH (0-60MPH); 11.9SECS  
ENGINE TYPE: IN-LINE FOUR.  
DISPLACEMENT: 1597CC (92CI)  
WEIGHT: 1000KG (2224LB)  
MILEAGE: 8.8L/100KM (32MPG)

Not since the Austin Allegro of 1973 was a car quite so lambasted by the European press as the 1990 Ford Escort.

Its predecessor had enjoyed a nine year production run and was considered one of the better cars in its class throughout, so buyers were expecting great things from the Blue Oval's newcomer.

But it wasn't to be. Ford used the 1990 Motor Show in Birmingham, England, to unveil its replacement for the best-selling hatchback, and before journalists had a chance to drive the car, critics were criticizing the styling, which was considered rather dull to support the hype.

When the Escort hit the road and was found to be noisy, unrefined, poorly equipped, expensive and uninspiring, the press was savage.

It took Ford just two years to launch a version with a face-lift, which included spruced-up styling, new engines and massively improved dynamic capability.

One thing the million-plus subsequent buyers hadn't banked on, though, was that Ford had done little else to improve the car, and as a result they found themselves with a family hatchback that went very rusty very quickly, and was prone to snapping its cam belt. Strangely, Escort estates don't seem to rust anywhere nearly as badly as their hatchback or sedan siblings do. Funny, that!

Ford had a lot to live up to with the 1990 Escort, and it failed spectacularly. The car's most obvious failing was its insipid, bland styling. The chassis was unimpressive, offering poor handling and an easily upset ride. The car was prone to under-steer and the steering offered little feedback. The Escort's credentials were not improved by Ford's decision to use an ageing engine range. The overhead-valve entry-level models were tough but unrefined. Bigger CVH units were better, but weren't as economical as rivals.

Ford's brochure for the 1990 Escort shows all the body-style variants: three-door, five-door estate and cabriolet. There was also a four-door saloon called the Orion.

The flagship of the Escort range was the XR3i. But it was neither dynamically brilliant nor especially quick, so failed to be a big hit with performance-car buyers.

**BLAND AND BAD:** The real problem with the Ford Escort of the early 1990s was that it just looked boring. Very few people felt inspired to buy one-and those who did had a nasty shock when they hit the road. "It was noisy, unrefined, poorly equipped, expensive and uninspiring."



# WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



**Name?**

Colin

**Where were you born?**

Morwell

**Family?**

Wife Lyn, 1 son & 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren

**Number of years in the WDHVC?**

4 years

**Other interests?**

Travelling, Outback camping holidays, fire brigade junior and senior competitions

**What was your first vehicle?**

1969 2 door Cortina

**What vehicle would you love to own?**

Shelby Cobra

**What vehicles do you have now?**

Four old Transit vans

**Profession?**

Fire fighter

**Skills?**

Handy man, mentor to young fire fighters

**What bugs you the most?**

Incompetent drivers

**What makes you happy?**

Relaxing on our bush block

## VALE - ELVA BAUM

We were saddened to learn that Elva passed away on 14 May .

Elva started school at the Fyansford Primary School where she became Dux of the School in 1945. She attended the Geelong High School and went on to work at the accounting firm of G J Thoms. As a young lass, she played tennis at Waurm Ponds and Freshwater Creek.

Merv. and Elva met at the Leopold dances, and have been married for 58 years. They have two daughters, Wendy, married to Glen, Sandra, married to Ian, and 4 grandchildren. They caravanned for 42 years and enjoyed travel throughout Australia, and attending many music festivals.

Elva worked for several years at the Geelong Hospital in the medical records section and the pharmacy. She then volunteered at the Andrew Love Centre for 15 years where she used her compassionate skills and concern for people to great effect.

Elva and Merv. have been valued members of our Club for many years. Their involvement centred around their Austin, Morris Minor and a Mercedes 230E vehicles, but more importantly, we have cherished their friendship and companionship, and Elva has been a real inspiration in the positive manner in which she dealt with her illness over the past six years. Elva truly was a remarkable lady who will be greatly missed.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Merv. and his extended family.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Joan and Vern Stott on the passing of Vern's Brother, Stan, who passed away on 11 May.

*Trevor Schneider*

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# Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC)

Our guest speaker at the May meeting was Andrew McCallum, Technical Officer, Operational Planning at the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre, Geelong. The following notes came from the slide show Andrew used for his talk. -Ed

- AMOSC formed in 1991 as a subsidiary of the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP)
- Result of a review conducted by the Australian Oil & Gas industry following the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989.
- Members include Quadrant Energy, BHP, BP, Chevron, Caltex, Santos, Exxon Mobil, Viva Energy, Shell and Woodside.

## The Role of AMOSC

- Maintains and provides oil spill equipment – located in Geelong, Fremantle, Exmouth & Broome
- Internationally accredited training in oil spill response –operational & management
- Administration of AMOS Plan – industry/ government mutual aid arrangements
- Provides response planning; auditing, drills & exercises
- NATPLAN support

## The Global Response Network

A coordinated network of international response organisations to achieve the objectives to:

- enhance utilisation of industry resources across the globe
- seek coordination of response to major spills wherever this may be beneficial
- share best practices to promote good industry standards

## Benefits

- Backing up one another's organisations with personnel and equipment during a spill situation
- Setting of industry-wide standards for personnel and equipment
- Training opportunities through staff exchanges
- Available resource source for WEL

## Recent Activations

- Mystery Spill – Golden Beach - 2014
- Barge – Cervantes - 2012
- MV Rena – NZ - 2011
- Pacific Adventurer –Brisbane - 2010

## What happens when there is an oil spill

Questions to be addressed include:

- What has happened?
- What is likely to be affected?
- What is the Worst Case Scenario?
- What can we do?
- What do we need?
- What have we achieved?

## Impacts and Effects of Oil

Factors influencing the impact of an Oil Spill

- Oil type & quantity
- Fate & behaviour
- geographic & topographic locations
- biological activity
- clean up & rehabilitation efforts
- changing weather conditions
- seasonal variations

## Environmental Sensitivities

### Ecological

- effect on marine life & habitat

### Economic

- impact on fishing, pearling/aquaculture, water intakes, tourism, shipping, industry assets

### Sociological

- contamination of amenities and property
- reduction in 'quality of life'
- sacred cultural areas, marine protected areas/ reserves, shipwrecks, community

## Response Strategies & Resources

- survey the seabed
- remove debris
- dispersant injection
- relief well drilling
- well 'capping' containment
- 6 agricultural aircraft available around Australia to apply oil spill dispersants
- floating containment booms and oil recovery skimmers for both offshore and near shore protection
- shoreline cleanup - largely handwork, includes use of volunteers
- people and equipment to setup an oiled wildlife response facility: triage centre, wash stations, and stabilisation housing
- ongoing monitoring



# Great Mars Bar Competition

## The June Competition



This young man's love of cars started at an early age. He might be thinking, "I have a car at last, I have it made".

Maybe you can even guess what brand the pedal car was? That would be worth a Mars Bar I bet! I can assure you he will **not** fit into it nowadays. But the big smile has never left this man's face even to this day. Have some fun and guess who it is and win a HUGE gob stopping Mars Bar.

*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)



I was surprised and honoured last month when our president announced that I was the 2017 Eric Baker Memorial Award recipient. I was also a little embarrassed when he grinned and said that I would have to write about myself in *Backfire*!



I will keep it brief: since being shown around the clubrooms at a Swap Meet some years ago by the ever-enthusiastic Gus Shea, I have found the club warm, welcoming and enjoyable. While still on the membership waiting list I was able to take part in activities fully - and this has continued since I was accepted as a member a couple of years ago.

I am in awe of the knowledge and skills in the club. Having now retired (though it doesn't feel like it!) I am pleased to be able to contribute in a small way by editing *Backfire* and, recently, as a new committee member. This, along with the meetings, working bees, BBQs, runs etc are very satisfying. The work for our 50th anniversary celebrations has been especially so.

Thank you to the committee. I look forward to the coming years.

*Jon Breedveld*

# SALES, WANTED & CLUES

## Wanted

**Smith's amp meter** to suit 1947 Austin Sixteen Sedan BSI series. Ph Bernie 5248 6509  
**6/17**

**Trevor Schneider** is on the lookout for unwanted empty Super 8 movie spools. **5/17**

## Clues

**1947 Austin Sixteen** sedan BSI series. Ph Bernie 5248 6509. **6/17**

**1964 Cadillac.** Repainted, new tyres & carpet, Contact Noel Bryce – St Arnaud ph 5495 2146. **6/17**

**White XP Ford Falcon Ute** (S/N 60182. Eng No. D1945A) and a Ford Sedan have been stolen from a local deceased estate. Please contact the police if you run across these cars. **5/17**

**Ken Parker** has an XJ Jaguar for sale. \$12,000. **5/17**

## CLUB TOOLS

Members should be aware that the Club has a selection of tools available to be borrowed.

If you have a project in mind, then maybe we have what you need to get started. On the other hand, perhaps you have a useful item looking for a new home that you may consider donating to the Club.

Contact our tool keeper Max McKenzie on 5248 2380.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 MAY	1 JUNE Morning Coffee Run. Clubrooms 9.45am	2	3
4 Lunch Run to Teesdale Berry Farm	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 General Meeting 7.30pm	14 Dine Out 6pm Commun Na Feine Hotel	15 Tinker Day Clubrooms Soup Line	16	17
18	19	20 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	21	22	23 July Backfire Deadline	24
25 Shake & Shiver Motorbike run	26	27 Craft/Tech Night 7pm	28	29	30	1 JULY
2	3	4	5	6 JULY Morning Coffee Run Clubrooms 9.30am	7	8