

# 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 Vehicle Display photos inside



Backfire is the monthly newsletter of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club (Reg No A00011857H).  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In this my second year as President, I've seen so many positives in our club. Our numbers attending meetings are back to 100+, and it is a joy to see so many enjoying the meetings, staying to chat afterwards. There have been many car runs visiting a range of destinations, with our usual pub runs throughout winter.

Tinker days have become an extremely popular and well attended activity, as have the tech. nights. The ladies' craft nights have continued, those attending enjoying all that is on offer.

Our first Ladies' Day was held last year at Van Loon's Nursery. The ladies felt spoilt and appreciated as the men chauffeured them to and from. They enjoyed delicious food and an interesting guest speaker. This same treat will be held later this month.

Our auction night was a bit of fun as always, with some good deals, and not so good deals made!

We had two bus trips this past year, one to the Bendigo Swap, and the other to the Ballarat Swap. Those who attended had a great day.

President's Day did not go ahead due to 'Shay's Lake' (an overabundance of rain). We will try again to make this happen in the near future.

This has been our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, and it has been a privilege to be your president during this time. We have celebrated this important milestone with founding members telling of early times in the club, old movies, the making of a commemorative badge, a splendid dinner dance at the Geelong Football Club, and finally with a

*– my reflections on the year that has passed*

gathering of 100+ vehicles complete with barbeque and salads.

I would like to thank the committee for their work and support, and their willingness to take on all that needs to be done to make our club run so successfully.

To our ladies who are always there adding 'icing to the cake' at our meetings, and every occasion, making teas, coffees and everything delicious.

2017 will be my last year as President. Let's continue to focus on all that has been achieved over the years, and the role you have played in our shared interest and love of our vehicles. Our wonderful club rooms and event organisers provide us with the facilities and structure for all to enjoy. To borrow a powerful quote: 'Think not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club.' (J.F. Kennedy)

Sincere thanks to you all for making my year so enjoyable, it's a privilege to be a part of the WDHVC.

Cheers

*John.*

***Photo: Sharing special times over our Easter camping/ glamping at Eildon watching Top Gear with our grandson.***



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 567 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 at 7.30PM

## PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed 107 members and visitors to the meeting.

## APOLOGIES

Tim Booley, Teena Gustini, Vern & Joan Stott, Wayne Oliver, Roy Thorpe, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Eva Barwise, Lindsay Rogers, Peter Tillotson, Raelene Pretlove, Ken Parry, David Koch, Glenys Turner, Kim Turner, Alex McLaws, Debbie Gercovich, Colin Chappell, Ron Jackson, June Millard, Hank Fiolet.

Moved: Tim Christie

Seconded: Graham Cameron

Carried

## SICK LIST

Colin Chappell

## MINUTES

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

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Jim Coates

Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE INWARD (Fred)

*Letters in:*

- Rotary East Geelong payment for swap meet.
- Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club invitation to their swap on 6/7 May.
- Thank you card from Ron Smeelie for our thoughts on June's passing.

*Emails in:*

- Laurie Beckwith resignation from the club.
- Werribee and District Collectable Club invitation to casual Sunday meeting on 30 April.
- Mini Owners Club Queensland Mini Muster invitation and swap on 10 September.

## CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD

*Letters out:*

- Get well card to Colin Chappell.

*Emails out:*

None

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Libby Booley

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: Maurice Healey

Seconded: Libby Booley

Carried

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

The Anniversary Dinner Dance was a great success. Thanks to the work of all concerned.

## LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary recited two poems written by members or their extended families.

## DINE OUT (Gary)

Next dine out will be at Leopold Sportsman Club.

## EDITOR (Jon)

No report this month.

## FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

No Federation meeting this month.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

- Inverleigh Easter Rally reminder.
- Ken Parker gave an interesting speech on the history of his Ford Customline on display.

## TINKER DAY (Ray)

Next Tinker day is at Ken Parker's

Last month's Tinker day was held at the Matthews. Thanks to Ray and Judith for sharing their very impressive collection with the members attending.

## MARS BAR AWARD

Cheryl guessed Jonathon Hepner after some Presidential hints.

## VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Vehicle Permit update and members were advised that Gus has the new VicRoads email address if required.

## CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

Bring along some needle work this month.

## RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- Thanks to the 7 members who took their cars to the Waterfront this month.
- ANZAC day BBQ breakfast scheduled.
- Hamburger run on 7 May
- 13 May National Motoring Day
- 8 to 10 members cars attended the Highland Gathering.
- Anniversary BBQ and group photo was a great success with approx. 100 members cars and 200 members attending.

## LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

No report

## TECH NIGHT (Peter)

The next tech. night to be about wheels.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

### SWAP MEET (Fred)

- All preparations are underway.
- More volunteers needed for the Saturday and the Friday setup.

### KITCHEN (Rhonda)

Thanks to the members who brought a plate for the supper tonight.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Car importation legislation has been amended to strengthen the asbestos controls. Members should check the legislation to fully understand the new requirements.
- See David for Anniversary Caps and badges.
- Robin East was presented with his inaugural rally award for his Mercedes.

### FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- White XP Ford Falcon Ute and Sedan have been stolen from a deceased estate.
- Trevor has asked if members have any old Super 8 movie film spools.

**Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 11th April 2017 in the clubrooms.**

**Guest speaker will be Andrew McCallum, Australian Maritime Oil Spill Centre, Geelong.**



## PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Membership renewal fees were due by 31 March. If you have cars carrying Red Plates that are registered through our club and we did not receive your completed membership renewal form and money by 31 March, VicRoads considers those cars to be unregistered and you cannot legally drive them on public roads.

If you no longer wish to be a club member, please email or post your resignation to the Secretary, Fred Harris.

## VICTORIA

# GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET



## 13th May 2017



### 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 11<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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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



# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - 2017

MINUTES OF THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 8.30 PM

**PRESIDING:** John Bailey

**APOLOGIES:**

As tendered at the April General Meeting.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 12 April 2016 were circulated by publication in the *Backfire*.

Moved: Roger Sykes; Seconded: Cheryl Elliott that the minutes be confirmed as a true record.

Carried

**REPORTS:**

The President and Secretary presented their Annual Reports, to be published in the May *Backfire*.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer read the statement of incoming and outgoing expenses as compiled by our auditor, Gary Harbert, which are available for members to read if they wish.

Moved: Libby Booley; Seconded Graham Cameron

Carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

All executive positions were declared vacant.

President John vacated the chair and introduced life member Trevor Schneider, who took the chair and thanked all office bearers for their work over the previous year.

Trevor announced that Shaun Murphy and Ken Parry would not be renominating for the Committee.

The April *Backfire* listed all position nominations. No voting was required as the nominations did not exceed the positions available.

The successful nominations were:

*President:* John Bailey

*Vice President:* Dallas Jones

*Secretary / Public Officer,  
Consumer Affairs Notification for Incorporated Association:*  
Fred Harris

*Treasurer:* Maurice Healey

*General Committee:*

Rod Booley, David Mitchell,	Jon Breedveld, Rodney Roach,	Cheryl Elliott, Gus Shea,	Mike Hanneysee, Peter Telfer
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**PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:**

25 year membership badges were presented to:

- Bill and Fay Guthrie;
- Bill and Tineka Harty; and
- Ray Thorpe (apology)

Club Person of the year awarded to Gus Shea.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm followed by supper.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Report of the Secretary of the WDHVC Inc for 2017

We started off our year with another very successful Swap. My thanks as always goes to the many volunteers who give of their time to make this event so successful, year on year. It takes a lot of individual members to bring about this event each year, and I express my sincere thanks for their hard work.

There have been many varied events including Luncheon's, Displays, Tinker Days, Rally's, BBQ's, Long Distance Rally, Christmas Breakup and the list goes on. Once again it takes not only members to organise and run these events, but people to get involved to make them successful. I'd like to thank anyone who has contributed, either, great or small, for their time in organising and running these events. I'd like to encourage all members to attend as many of these activities as they can.

As our Club was approaching its 50th anniversary of its formation, a subcommittee was formed to organise activities to celebrate this event. This committee did a wonderful job and I thank those that participated and organised these festivities. A highlight for around 200 of our members was the 50th Anniversary Dinner. Held at the home of the Cats, it was a terrific venue and a great way to help us celebrate.

On meeting nights throughout the last few months, Club memorabilia was on display. In particular was a highlight for many was a talk given by Ray Matthews, one of our founding members, who spoke about the history of the club over the last 50 years.

We finished off with a great display of with excess of 100 vehicles and motorbikes of all ages, on the show grounds arena. This was well attended by over 200 members who also enjoyed a lovely BBQ lunch, on a perfect sunny afternoon.

I would like to thank our President John, for the commitment he has given to the Club over the last 12 months. I would also like to thank our Vice President Dallas, our Treasurer Maurice, and our Committee for their time and effort in diligently attending to the day to day running of our Club.

So as the celebrated 50th year of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club drew to a close, we were thankful for our many members who volunteer to make this Club so successful, and so enjoyable. They are the ones who keep the vintage passion alive.

Keep those wheels turning, enjoy the driving and the friendship.

Secretary Fred (Ford) Harris



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Monaro made \$92,000

and a 1973 HQ GTS 308 \$60,500.



### Quotes About Cars

"Every 20 minutes on the Appalachian Trail, Katz and I walked farther than the average American walks in a week. For 93 percent of all trips outside the home, for whatever distance or whatever purpose, Americans now get in a car. On average, the total walking of an American these days - that's walking of all types: from car to office, from office to car, around the supermarket and shopping malls - adds up to 1.4 miles a week... That's ridiculous."

Bill Bryson

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WDHVC EVENTS

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

### 25 APRIL - ANZAC DAY

### **BBQ BREAKFAST**

Meet at 8.30am at Clubrooms. Location to be announced.

### 25 APRIL - ANZAC DAY

### **CRAFT/TECH NIGHT - Wheels .**

7pm for 7.30pm start.

*Peter Telfer 5248 8610*

### 7 MAY - SUNDAY

### **HAMBURGER DAY**

Meet at clubrooms at 10.30 am. Names to be in by Monday 1st May.

Contact Graham Pretlove on 5243 7757 or 0417 559 622

### 10 MAY - WEDNESDAY

### **DINE OUT**

6.15pm Oppies Bar (Norlane Hotel) \$15 Steak Night . Save up a few dollars between now and then and come and join us!

### 9 MAY - TUESDAY

### **MAY GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm Clubrooms**

### 13 MAY - SATURDAY

### **SWAP MEET Showgrounds from 7am..**

### 18 MAY - SATURDAY

### **TINKER DAY**

This run will start at 10.30am from our clubrooms and do an indirect meander to the Drysdale area. Graham Peacock will be leading us astray on this occasion and we will see a nice collection of Toyotas and other memorabilia. Bring your own everything, Chairs, Mugs, Food, and drinks, and sense of humour. Remember that it is *yourself*; our club members that find these little treasures to visit, so please keep me informed of potential places to have our Tinker Days.

*Ray van Galen Ph 5278 9368.*

### 21 MAY - SUNDAY

### **NATIONAL MOTORING DAY**

Lunch run to Wallace. More info to come. Contact Rod Booley, 5281 5340.

### 23 MAY - TUESDAY

### **CRAFT/TECH NIGHT - Tyres 7pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Most important- wear your name badge and be awarded with a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG.

Bring along any tyres that you think will be interesting - car, bike, bus, truck, tractor, wheelbarrow, washing machine (do they have tyres? - if they do, I know a bloke who will bring one!). If you have a legendary Barnet Glass, or a Goodyear Polyglas (made my 186S Monaro go sideways with the slightest dampness - it didn't rain much in Broken Hill, enough to change to real tyres, real quick!

Or a Michelin XZX, which were awesome on my Twin Cam Escort van- from the sands of the Sahara in Morocco, to the snowploughed roads of the Swiss Alps. We had chains, but never needed to use them. If you remember going to the tip to find bald tyres to regroove, it would be nice if someone brought along a regrooving tool. How did we live through our foolish youth? If you can't bring tyres, bring yourself, and maybe your other half to the Tech Night, or the Craft Night. All are welcome. *Peter Telfer 5248 8610*

### 1 JUNE - THURSDAY

### **MORNING COFFEE RUN.**

More details later.

## **OTHER CLUB EVENTS**

### 10 - 12 JUNE

### **QUEENS BIRTHDAY RALLY**

Hamilton.





Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc

# GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET

**Saturday 13th May 2017**



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**

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# The 50th Anniversary Vehicle Display and BBQ

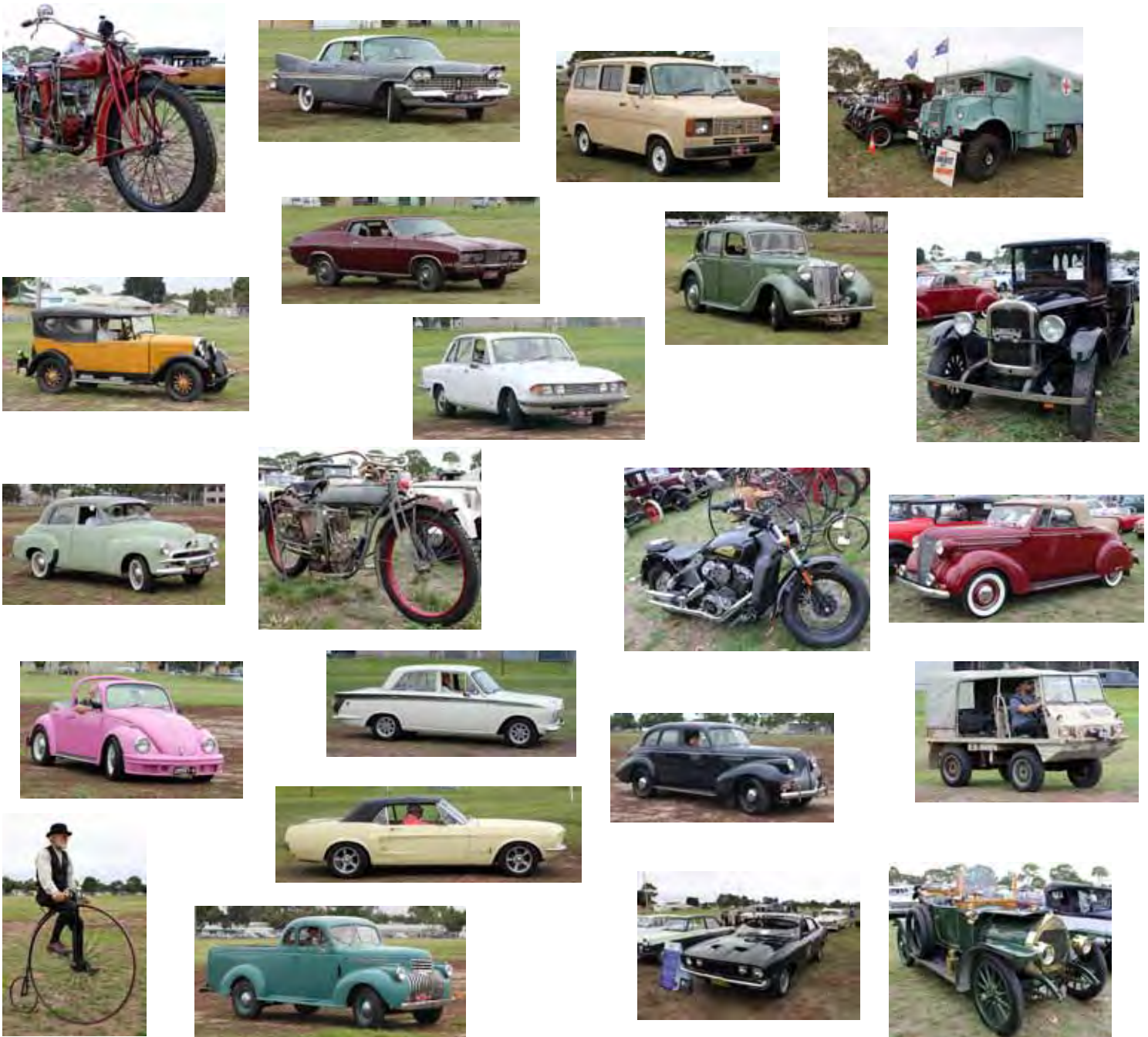
About 110 vehicles and approaching 300 people attended the highly successful Anniversary Vehicle Display and BBQ held at our clubrooms Sunday 26 March 2017.

Such was the enthusiasm for the event that cars began arriving at 9.15am—well before the 10.45am advertised starting time. Our volunteer marshals did a great job of ushering a swelling line of vehicles into serried rows across the showgrounds and soon there was a glittering array of polished paint and shining chrome on display for all to enjoy. (We suspect that some of the vehicles that were allowed out from under their covers probably enjoyed the airing as well.)

It was a perfect day weather wise - still and mild, with the high cloud giving way to sunshine in the afternoon. People were able to sit comfortably at the tables arranged on the grass outside the clubrooms or wander about among the vehicles. Old friends caught up exchanging laughter; stories and a lovely BBQ lunch.

As usual club members did a sterling job in the kitchen, at the BBQ trailer and in the clubrooms. Congratulations and thanks to the event organisers.

Published below are photos of some of the vehicles present. Sadly there isn't room for all of them but club librarian Gary McCredden has a printed set of the photos taken on the day for members to peruse.





# The 50th Anniversary Vehicle Display and BBQ



# 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."*

### CHRYSLER AIRFLOW (1934-1937)

#### **Specifications**

Top speed: 142KM/H (88MPH)  
0-96 KM/H (0-60MP/H) 19.5 SECS  
Engine Type: INLINE 8  
Displacement: 4883CC (298CI)  
Weight: 1894KG (4166 lb)  
Mileage: 17.7L/100KM (16MPG)

#### **THE GOOSE THAT LAYED THE GOLDEN EGG**

Sometimes, being ahead of the game isn't a good thing. The Chrysler Airflow is proof positive much of its avant-garde engineering would later turn out to be commonplace in the world of car design. But in 1934, when the Airflow debuted, buyers weren't ready for such a streamlined shape. The car was designed using a wind tunnel and employing the aerodynamic expertise of air-travel pioneer Orville Wright. Many aircraft influences were evident in its design, including a curved windshield and a lightweight body built on trusses.

So, styling apart, why was the Airflow such a failure? The simple answer is that it was poorly executed, with clumsy build-quality problems, rust issues and a few too many mechanical problems. Buyers simply weren't prepared to pay the premium Chrysler was demanding over lesser models for an obscurely styled and unproven car.

The Airflow, then, is proof that even some of the most influential and important cars in motoring history could turn out to be absolute stinkers.

Chrysler lost money on every Airflow it ever sold, but at the same time introduced a whole new concept of aerodynamics to a very grateful motor industry.

A classic case of one manufacturer's goose being the rest of the industry's golden egg.

The Airflow was well ahead of its time – you can see how the air would have passed over the car's slippery lines. Chrysler's big mistake was trying to charge customers extra for the new technology.

The view out was like that from an aeroplane, with a curved windshield and a front end that drooped steeply away from the cabin. The Airflow was built around aircraft principles, with a view to creating the least-resistant airflow around the car. The aerodynamics worked, but came at the expense of the styling.

Even though the Airflow was aerodynamic, it wasn't economical. It weighed so much that at best the engine managed an average of only 17L/100km (16mpg).

The Airflow was a disaster in its time, but while Chrysler might have taken the financial hit for this goose, its legacy remains in the shape of every car built ever since.

"It is proof that even some of the most influential cars in history could be stinkers."





# WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



**Name?**

Murray

**Where were you born?**

Beside mum in Newtown Geelong

**Family?**

Wife Rhonda, 1 son & 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren

**Number of years in the WDHVC?**

23 years

**Other interests?**

Gardening, pool cleaning and playing with MG motors

**What was your first vehicle?**

FJ Holden

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

1964 Trans Am Mustang

**What vehicles do you have now?**

MGA, 2 x MGB, 2 x MG TF & Renault Fluoride

**Profession?**

Refrigeration engineer

**Skills?**

Refrigeration servicing & vegetable gardening

**What bugs you the most?**

Slow drivers in a fast lane

**What makes you happy?**

Grand kids and holidays

## APRIL TINKER DAY REPORT

Plan "B" had to be activated for the April Tinker Day. Our idea of visiting Ken Parker went out the window when he became ill and had to cancel out of the event. We wish you the best of health Ken.

We instead stayed at the clubrooms and watched some old film that Trevor Schneider came up with, and looked at early footage of one of our weekend rallies in the year 2000 or so.

We all had a good lunch and chat afterwards, and still enjoyed a very pleasant day amongst friends.



### CLUB MERCHANDISE

#### Show You Belong

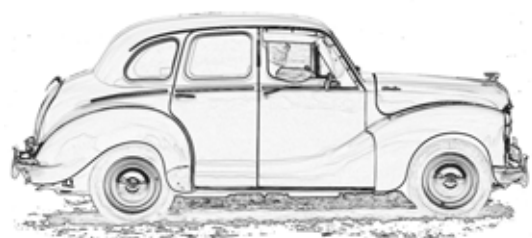
The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for members to purchase.

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  
few caps on sale now.  
See David or Rod**



# RALLY & RUNS

## The Inverleigh Good Friday Appeal

The Inverleigh Good Friday Appeal is always a good event and this year it raised nearly \$50,000. It was great to play just a very small part in their success.

Yve and I took two cars on the day, the Dodge and the Bedford Campervan, it's first outing since getting it on the road. In total our club had 10 cars on display and this along with the three other car clubs had around 50 vehicles in attendance. The old cars are always well patronised with a constant stream of people looking at the cars.

As this was the first outing for the Bedford, Yve and I had gathered a lot of retro orange camping accessories and we took the opportunity to set this up in and around the van. Sort of a homage to the early 1970's. I had the Bedford parked between my Dodge and Fred and Sharyn's beautiful Model A Ford. I was genuinely surprised just how much attention the Bedford got: the poor old Dodge hardly got a look in!

Thanks to the members that made the effort to come out to Inverleigh and add to the wonderful community spirit of the occasion.

*Dallas*



## Kalkee Car Display

Nine cars and drivers turned out to Murray Lodge, Kalkee in Belmont on 12 April, with a good selection of vintages represented (both cars and drivers???)

The staff served up a delicious and more-than-ample morning tea. Residents and staff took great delight in inspecting the cars and later residents were treated to a quick spin around the block in the vehicle of their choice.

Lots of smiles, memories relived and stories exchanged.

*Ed*



*Trevor Schneider gave a brief overview of the Club.*



*Club stalwart Murray Coster was among the Kalkee residents who went for a spin.*





# Great Mars Bar Competition

*The May Competition*



Can you just imagine what was going through the mind of this young man?

Oh' Great, you let me have the car to pick up some lovely girls in town, but the thing has no doors. Mum, come and lift me into this big monster!

See if you're good enough to tell us who this cheeky fellow is and win yourself a humungous Mars Bar for your effort.

*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)



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# SALES, WANTED & CLUES

## For Sale

### "Icon" 12v cordless drill

Plus 2 batteries & carry case, 10mm (3/8<sup>th</sup>) keyless chuck. Rubber grip. NEVER USED & sitting in cupboard for a couple of years. \$50.

Ph L Stow 5243 2494.

4/17

### 2 sets Volvo wheel trims

Good order. 1 x 5 trims. 1 x 4 trims.

2.5 litre Riley head complete with manifold.

Early (FX?FJ?) Holden gearbox complete.

2 Peugeot tow bars 403 & 404.

Call Lyle 5243 2494.

3/17

## Wanted

Trevor Schneider is on the lookout for unwanted empty Super 8 movie spools.

5/17

## Clues

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.

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## 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.

For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and appear for two issues of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the [newsletter](#) email

[editor@wdhvcgeelong.com.au](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com.au) (Ph 0417 311 441)

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Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25 Anzac Day Breakfast Run Craft/Tech Night "Wheels" 7pm	26	27	28	29
30 APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Hamburger Day 10.30am Clubrooms	8	9 General Meeting 7.30pm	10 Dine Out 6.15pm Oppies Bar, Norlane Hotel	11	12	13 SWAP MEET Showgrounds
14	15	16 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	17	18 Tinker Day 10.30am	19	20
21 National Motoring Day	22	23 Craft/Tech Night "Tyres" 7pm	24	25	26 June Backfire Deadline	27
28	29	30	31	1 June Morning Coffee Run	2	3