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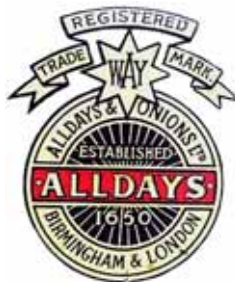
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REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi to all,

At this moment I'm sitting in a Toyota Landcruiser, heading for Darwin.

I'll be home in time for President's Day, which will be at Gus & Pam Shea's on Sunday 9 July.

Meet at club rooms at 9 30am to be at Sheas' at 10. BBQ meat and bread will be supplied: bring anything else you need yourself.

The fun and games will include drive-by golf, blindfold driving and barrel racing, with prizes for the winning teams. I will supply the cars. You will need to dress to get in and out of cars quickly .

You will be given a number and a golf ball at the club rooms and those who go straight to Guss's will get theirs out there .

So all you need to do is come along with a smile on your face and be prepared to have a laugh.

See you there!

Just going through Murray Bridge

Cheers

John.

Photo: President John at the wheel of another of his sporting vehicles.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 569 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2017 at 7.30PM

PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed 103 members and visitors to meeting No. 569.

APOLOGIES

Graham Baldock, Tim Booley, Leigh Dwyer, Vern & Joan Stott, Andrew & Sarah Lamont, Lorraine Collinson, Graham and Val Latimore, Raelene Pretlove, Len Miller, Allan Tipper, Sandra Batson, Jim Marrit, David Koch, June Millard & Ron Jackson, Eric Lewis, Tony Brincat, Gwen Tucker, Keith Murdock, John Smith, Gary & Noreen Mellington, Rob & Lyn Anderson, Ken & Linda Parker.

Moved: Roger Sykes. Seconded: Jim Coates
Carried

SICK LIST

Ken Parker and Leigh Dwyer

MINUTES

Moved: Barb van Galen; seconded: Damien Giustini that the minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the *Backfire* be confirmed as a correct record.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters

- The Gordon - receipt for payment for printing the *Backfire*
- Corio Waste Management - invoice for hire of swap rubbish bins
- Cheque for Indoor Swap Site
- Balmoral District Lions - invitation to attend a Show & Shine - 5th November
- Resignation Letter - Brian & Marg McKay
- Thank you card from Vern Stott for our thoughts on the passing of his brother
- Thank you card from Merv Baum for our thoughts on the passing of his wife Elva.

Emails

- Robert Thompson - resignation as WDHVC rep to RGAPS council
- Resignations - Len & Conchita Wilkinson, Barry Watts & Tim van Driven

OUTWARD

Letters

- Letters to new members approved at the last committee meeting - Lindsay & Nola Noble, Daniel Murdoch, Brian Baker, Eddie and Renee McNaughton & Edmund Thorpe.

- David Malkin - letter to inform Vic Roads that he is a current financial member
- RGAPS - letter for their records to inform them that we complied with our licence agreement following a complaint from the Racing Club - re the swap
- Sympathy card to Merv Baum on the passing of his wife Elva
- Sympathy card to Lyle Stow on the passing of his wife Shirley
- Sympathy card to Vern Stott on the passing of his brother.

Emails

Nil

Moved: Rod Booley. Seconded: Graham Cameron
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 Healy. Seconded : Ken Parry
Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

- Next Meeting is Pie Night
- Thank you to Damien Giustini for putting together the CD's on Jay Leno

LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary also advised of some good motoring books in the library that are worthy of a read.

DINE OUT (Gary)

At the Commun Na Feine Hotel: 26 members indicated they would attend.

EDITOR (Jon Breedveld)

Friday week 23rd June is the deadline for the *Backfire* items

FEDERATION REPORT (Cheryl)

As per report in the *Backfire*

Max Tucker has resigned from being the WDHVC's delegation member for the last 40 years.

COMMITTEE REPORT

As per report in the *Backfire*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

TINKER DAY (Ray)

Next Tinker day will start from the clubrooms around 10.30 to 11 am for a Show and Tell before the Soup Line.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Laurie Mills guessed the photo was Gary McCredden and won a Mars Bar.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus detailed Red Plate cars cannot be parked on the street without the log book being filled in, as they will be classed as unregistered.

CRAFT NIGHT (Cheryl)

Cheryl reported on the next craft night will be children's cards. Shirley will have kits available for \$1 or \$2

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

25th June Sunday - Shake and Shiver Motorbike Run 10.30am from the clubrooms. Cars welcome. Contact Rod Roach 0438 783 902

6th July Thursday - Morning Coffee Run to Pickers Union Café, North Geelong. Meet at Clubrooms at 9.45 am. Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

9th July Sunday - President's Run 9.30am at the club rooms. BBQ will be supplied for those with their names down on the list. Contact John Bailey 0413 258 302

30th July Sunday - Casserole Lunch at Clubrooms. Place names on the list and bring either a sweet or a casserole to share. Contact Barb van Galen 5278 9368

3rd August Thursday - Morning Coffee Run. Meet at Clubrooms 9.45 am. Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

9th August Wednesday - Visit to the Lindsay Fox Car Collection in Melbourne. More details later. Contact Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)

13th - 22nd September - Long Distance Rally to Batemans Bay. Details Later.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Long Distance Rally to Batemans Bay leaving on the 13th September. More details later.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Peter detailed the next tech. Night to be about 'Rob Kaub'

SWAP MEET (Fred)

Nil

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- John explained it isn't easy to get interesting people to come and talk at our meetings, but when he does it is very **embarrassing and rude** for half the club members to walk out prior to the talk. We understand some people have to get up and go to work the next morning but the talks only go for 30 minutes.
- The light in the emblem above the stage isn't working.
- Auction night will be in August.
- As part of our 50th Celebrations it was suggested that a write up on our oldest car should be included.
- It was suggested that more \$5 notes will be needed for swap change next year.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- For Sale four steel rims for an SR5 or Rodeo
- John Hickford has sold a lot of old Lancia parts to someone in America

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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



CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show You Belong

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

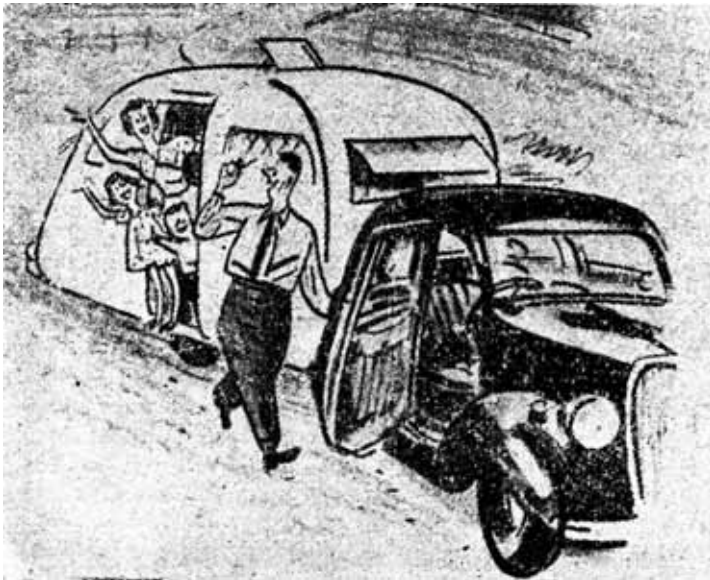
Those wishing to proudly show their membership of our club can select items including:

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

Don't forget the anniversary badges too!

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

Caravanning Bliss - by Bob Magor



"There was movement at the station",
so wrote down a famous man.
But how did the Banjo know this?
P'raps he towed a caravan.

Perhaps Banjo had been woken
in a van park from his sleep
Some two hours before the sunrise
by strange noises from the deep.

All the "Erk, erk, erk" of van legs
being screwed up in the dark
as the first nocturnal traveller
starts to wake the sleeping park.

Then just like a feral mating call
some others answer back
with their "erk, erk" flaming chorus
as the first start down the track.

Everything they pack's metallic
and it clutters, bangs and dongs
as they bark out loud instructions
amid the hollow clack of thongs.

Now it's best to warm your motor
if you're leaving in the dark
especially if it's a diesel -
and jackhammer all the park.

Because now it's time to hook on
and you hear the circus start
more left - not right -
I said this way, you pigheaded, deaf old fart!

And how dare you call me brainless
you ungrateful, senile drone
if you don't want my directions
do it on your bloody own!

And by now the doors are slamming
just to finish off the show.
Are you sure you turned the gas off?
You yell out: "Just bloody go!"

Because now it's almost daylight
and the camp picks up the pace
as these geriatric Gypsies
all begin their morning race.

For the next park is their target
where like metal ants they flock
for the first in gets the best shade
and a close ablution block.

As for us, still vainly trying to sleep,
we just toss and kick and turn.
Who said holidays are restful?
Beauty sleep is what we yearn.

But there's miles of zippers zinging
as the tents all fold to go
and there's campervan doors grinding
as they whizz bang to and fro.

And there's neighbours out there yelling
"Looks another nice day, Fred."
And you think: "It would be better
if you mob was still in bed."

You can't beat them, so you join them
in this hyperactive spree.
For the laundry is now in full swing
throbbing like a DC3.

To the bathroom men are walking
holding buckets with a lid
while discussing ageing prostates
and comparing what each did.

Then a rotten kid starts whingeing
and will not do what he's told.
"Bring back the lash," you yell out.
"It worked fine in days of old!"

He is a clone of Harry Butler
and Malcom Douglas, rolled in one.
He has fished and climbed and driven
every track under the sun.

And he brags about his conquests
twice around the bush and back.
Though you half suspect his tinny
has been welded on his rack.

For this man is a fanatic,
he has travelled everywhere.
After half an hour's earbashing
you wish he was still there.

Because now in the park it's show time,
magic moments all can share.
You prepare for entertainment
as you grab a beer and chair.

For here come the new arrivals
with wives all looking terse.
You thought leaving was a hassle
– well arriving's 10 times worse.

Because hand waving female logic
with male thinking won't compute.
So a jack knife on the van site
soon erupts in hot dispute.

It's as good as any circus,
wife and husband on attack.
As spectators in their deck chairs
watch the rigs shunt up and back.

For there's trees and shrubs to back through
and a water tap of course.
Then the happy couple unhook,
likely ending in divorce.

All this action makes you thirsty
so you start to lift a lid.
And he comes from out of nowhere
– the eternal outback kid.

Then in come the tourist buses
with their worn out, frazzled crew.
And they bail out almost running
for they all have jobs to do.

Then a canvas city rises
built with hammers' echoed clacks.
From the old girls driving tent pegs
like they're laying railway tracks.

Then its 8pm: cheap phone calls,
There's a rush to all get through.
There's three phones for 90 people
and you're the last one in the queue.

With the callers always yelling
'cause their homes are far away.
Forcing half the park to eavesdrop
on each word they have to say.

Telling all about the weather
and adventures they've been through.
Then they swap and start repeating
from the other's point of view.

Finally lights dim on the campground
and a gentle hush then falls.
'cept the drone of rasping snoring
through each caravan's thin walls.

And you drift in gentle slumber
as sweet dreams flit through your brain.
'til at 5am there's "Erk, erk, erk".
Hell, here we go again!

Perhaps our librarian could recite this at a meeting???

- Ed



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

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

27 JUNE - TUESDAY

CRAFT/TECH NIGHT 7pm for 7.30pm

All are welcome to a special Tech Night run by the man who started Tech Nights years ago: Rob Kaub.

6 JULY - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN TO PICKERS UNION CAFE

Makay St Nth Geelong. Meet at Clubrooms at 9.45am. Contact Rod Booley, 5281 5340, (0417 021 982)

9 JULY - SUNDAY

PRESIDENT'S RALLY. MEET AT CLUBROOMS AT 9.30AM.

Travelling to Shea's property. BBQ meat supplied, BYO other things. A variety of novelty automotive events will be on offer. Contact John Bailey. 0413 258 302.

11 JULY - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms. Pie Night

12 JULY - WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT 6pm White Eagle House, Fellmongers Rd.

Put your hand under the front seat of the car, find a shilling, and come and join us. Dine outs are good fun and good fellowship.

13 JULY - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY Start time 10.30am.

We will meet at the clubrooms for a short run to Deakin University where Colin Jordan has set up a good visit for us. Unfortunately we can only accommodate 30 people on this day as there is only one person able to show us around. It may be possible to do another visit in the future for those that miss out this time. I will make a list of the first 30 Club Members that contact me by phone. As the numbers are limited, we can only take Club Members this time. Come and be enlightened at what happens at the Uni.

Ray van Galen 5278 9368 0411 954 865

21 JULY - FRIDAY

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST BACKFIRE ITEMS

25 JULY - TUESDAY

TECH NIGHT AT THE CLUB.

Be there around 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. Subject is HUBCAPS. Bring along any hubcaps, wheel trims, trim rings, knock offs (that has a different meaning to patent lawyers), centre caps, go domes (remember them? They made any car go faster!), and any other relevant things. I wonder what our washing machine man will surprise us with this time? Lindsay never lets us down. Whatever turns up, we will have a fun night, like we always do. All of you members who don't come will miss out! If you need to leave early, just let me know, and you can do your presentation early in the night. Guests are welcome. Ladies are welcome to be in Tech Night, or Craft Night, or to sit around and chat. A plate (with something edible on it) would be a good idea, for supper. You can make your own cuppa. Wear your name badge, and win a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG!

All the best. - Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

30 JULY - SUNDAY

CASSEROLE LUNCH AT CLUBROOMS. 11AM.

Bring along a Casserole or Sweet to share. 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

VISIT TO THE FOX CAR COLLECTION IN MELBOURNE.

Club to subsidise entry cost. Travel to Melbourne by train. Numbers attending & more details at next meeting. Contact Rod Booley, 5281 5340 (0417 021 982).

20 AUGUST - SUNDAY

PUB LUNCH RUN. MEET AT CLUBROOMS AT 10.30AM.

Details next meeting.

7 SEPT - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at Clubrooms at 9.45am.

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

13/22 SEPTEMBER

LONG DISTANCE RALLY.

The long distance rally will start on 13 September. We will be travelling to Batemans Bay, which will be our turnaround point. We will stay there for a few days and travel out every day. I have a fair bit of interest so I need numbers to book motel rooms. If your wish to come along with us could you please ring me on 5259 2053 or 0417 546 089.

Thank you - Sharyn Harris



Tell us what you think

Your committee wants to serve its club members as best it can.

To help the committee plan for the year ahead, we invite to complete the following five statements.

(Please write your responses below and continue overleaf if needed.)

1/. The thing I enjoy most about being a member of the WDHVC is

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2/. The club activities I take part in regularly are

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3/. The club activities that don't interest me are

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4/.The things that I enjoy reading most in *Backfire* are:

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5/. The thing I would most like to change about our club is

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OPTIONAL My name is

Please cut out and bring your completed sheets to the JULY general meeting.

Thank you in anticipation of your responses. They will be carefully considered by your committee. We will compile and report back on what you said in the *Backfire*.

RALLY & RUNS

June Tinker Day Soup Line - 15th June

We all started arriving at the clubrooms around 10.30am and trickled in thereafter.

The hall was warm and the smell of food was enough to put everyone in a good mood. The ladies produced three different soups and other assorted goodies were supplied by club members - a great selection.

Then the business of the day was started with a lot of stuff for perusal.

Some I remember were Ken Shepherd with his posters, Rod Booley with his caps, and assortment of things to guess: "What is it?" (I couldn't.)

Lunch was served and everyone ate well, proving that soup is just as good as ever it was in the Depression.

Thanks Ray and Barb for a great day as usual.

Sharyn Harris



Photos: members puzzled and perhaps reminisced over the assorted "stuff" others brought along for their amusement.



May Tech Night: Tyres

With the offer of a free chocolate frog, we had almost 100% members wearing their name badges!

The smallest tyre was a 3.5x4 trolley wheel use to move washing machines. These Chinese trolleys are not suitable for continuous use, with the tubes and bearing failing.

The largest one was a 5.0 x 20 new tyre for a vintage Morris truck. It was new and will be fitted when the restoration project is completed.

Samples and discussion include the following and more:

- A set of tyres with different widths showing the difference in rolling diameter.
- 12 inch Haflinger tyres, a bit bigger than those in small cars.
- A space saver spare!!!
- Date coding on tyres: three digits for week, and two for year.
- One tyre dealer on touching tyres, only replacing them older than five years.
- Nitrogen in tyres, not cost effective.
- Run flat tyres and sensors for low tyre pressures.
- Truck tyres and there problems.
- Retreading and recapping.

I have been on the Dawn Princess for six weeks and missed many club event including the 50 years events, and doing my reports. The Tech Nights reports are late due to it being after the cut off date for the *Backfire*.

Lindsay Alford

Hope you enjoyed the cruise Lindsay. We appreciate the regular reports you provide. - Ed



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."

HILLMAN IMP (1963 - 76)

Specifications

Top speed: 130KM/H (80 MPH)
0-96KM/H (0-60MPH) 25.4SECS
ENGINE TYPE IN-LINE FOUR.
DISPLACEMENT: 875CC (53CI)
WEIGHT: 688KG (1530LB)
MILAGE: 7.6L/100KM (37MPG)

Had Hillman not left its customers to do the development after the car went on sale, the Imp could have been one of the great success stories of the British motor industry.

Sadly it wasn't, and the blame could be apportioned equally between the manufacturer and the British government. Rootes Group was given a substantial sum to invest in a new factory in Linwood, Scotland, where unemployment was rife, and a staff of ex-shipbuilders was brought in to assemble the Imp.

Then workers got wind that their colleagues in Coventry earned more, and militant unionism meant that both build quality and development suffered. But Rootes had arranged a date for the first car to come off the line, with the Duke of Edinburgh booked to drive it, so the car was hurried into production unfinished and the earliest examples were shockingly unreliable. They overheated, chewed up drive shafts and leaked water, while the paint finish was always terrible. This was a shame, because the Imp was always a great car to drive.

"The earliest examples were shockingly unreliable."

The advertising read:
Test-drive an IMP- it's an amazing experience you owe yourself. Cash price £508 1 3d.



If test-driving an Imp was 'an amazing experience that you owe yourself', then what must it have been like to drive an infinitely better car?

Among its many clever features, the Imp had a hinged rear window that provided extra storage space behind the rear seat. The rest of the luggage could go in the front, alongside the spare wheel. With the engine at the rear, it gave weight to the front of the car and helped balance the handling.

It was the shoddy build quality that killed the Imp. As well as leaking water, the car rusted drastically, especially around the front firewall and door bottoms.

IMP: BY NAME AND NATURE

There were numerous Imp variants, including the Sunbeam Stiletto and Singer Chamois, available as two-door coupes, and the Commer Cob: a van with its engine in the back.

Test-drive an IMP - it's an amazing experience you owe yourself

HERE'S FULL-SIZE FAMILY MOTORING WITH REAL PERFORMANCE, RELIABILITY AND SUPERB ECONOMY

HILLMAN IMP
MADE IN SCOTLAND WITH AN IMP TOUCH

Made in Scotland by ROOTES MOTORS LIMITED

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Gary

Where were you born?

Geelong, in a taxi on the Morongo Hill.

Family?

Wife Sadie, 4 children & 7 grandchildren

Number of years in the WDHVC?

11 years

Other interests?

Restoring old vehicles

What was your first vehicle?

1958 Volkswagen

What vehicle would you love to own?

Rolls Royce

What vehicles do you have now?

Territory and 1970 Cortina

Profession?

Teacher

Skills?

Talking, Multi Skilled

What bugs you the most?

Hypocrites

What makes you happy?

Grandchildren

Bendigo Swap Meet Call for Volunteers

The Club Secretary has received notification from the organisers of the Bendigo National Swap Meet about volunteering to help at this swap.

The letter was not received until after our June meeting and the nominated cut off date for volunteering is 30 June, so you are being advised via the *Backfire*.

Details are:

- The Bendigo Swap runs for Fri 17 Nov (set day) to Sun 19 Nov.
- Volunteers can nominate for as many shifts as they wish. Organisers will try to give volunteers the rostered days and times they request, but cannot guarantee this as requirements vary throughout each day.
- To qualify for the grant to your club of \$10 per two hour shift, each volunteer must sign on and off at the swap volunteers desk in the swap office.
- Each volunteer will receive a volunteers badge and \$5 for refreshments when signing off.
- Due to insurance restrictions, volunteers must be capable of light physical duties and be between the ages of 12 and 80.

A volunteer registration form which will be available at our July meeting.

Despite the nominated 30 June close off day for volunteering, we are hopeful that the swap meet will accept nominations after this date.

However, if any member wishes to pursue this independently beforehand, the email provided is volunteers@bendigowap.com.au

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Affordable British Classics

- first published in *Popular Classics* magazine, November 1999

Ford 100E

THE Ford 100E was destined to be the last sidevalve model produced by a large volume manufacturer in Britain, living on quite happily in a world of high-revving overhead valve engines. They were already out of date when launched in 1953, and were not to be phased out until '62.

Despite this, the cars had an enthusiastic following, and became renowned for their mechanical and bodily toughness. A large number have survived, their strength carrying them through years of neglect in most cases.

These are cars of enormous period charm, due to their slogging, old-fashioned engines, widely-spaced three-speed gearboxes and overall simplicity. Yet they are surprisingly comfortable, with plenty of room, good seats and competent suspension – MacPherson struts at the front and cart springs at the rear.



The 1961 Ford Popular provided inexpensive, reliable motoring

There are no special points to check, other than the MacPherson strut mounting points, the rear spring hangers and the sills.

While the cars have a top speed of only 71mph, and take a long time to get there, they will cruise all day at 60mph. They are perhaps better suited to country roads than to motorways.

There are plenty of these cars around, and most parts are available

without too much difficulty or expense. Expect to pay up to £1500 for a really good example, with an average price of about £1000.

The cars were launched as replacements for the 'upright' models descended from Fords of the thirties, and carried on well-known names. Initially, there was a two-door Anglia and four-door Prefect, followed in 1959 by a new Popular model to replace the 103E Popular.

All had a revised 1172cc sidevalve engine, now featuring water pump cooling

and adjustable tappets. Although they need frequent servicing, these engines will continue to run even when badly worn, as will the gearboxes.

The bodywork of these cars, while not as solid as that of the models they replaced, is more substantial than other cars of the period and has therefore coped remarkably well with the passing years.

ENGINE/POWER

1172cc sidevalve/36bhp

SPEED 71mph

PRODUCTION 1953-'62

ECONOMY 25-32mpg



"Can't stop now, girls. I'll phone you tonight and tell you all about it."

"The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we all believe that we are above-average drivers."

Dave Barry

Great Mars Bar Competition

The July Competition



Now here is a young man who will very likely still own this Matchless motorcycle to this date, or not. Does he still run it at Winton on classic bike run days and will he be on the Shake and Shiver run? Has he fallen off this one too? And can he still throw a leg over it?

We have a surprising number of motor bike owners in our club, but not many see the light of day anymore. Join in the 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



VALE - SHIRLEY STOW

We express our sympathy to club member Lyle on the passing of his wife, Shirley, who died on 31st May after a four year illness.

Trevor Schneider

SALES, WANTED & CLUES

Wanted

A skilled panel beater to prepare a MK 2 Jaguar for spray painting (minor damage to panels). Ph Gayle or Peter Donovan 0428 599 331.
7/17

Wolseley Series 1 - 1500 1958 workshop parts manual as issued with car when new. Ph Bill 5264 5141.
7/17

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

Clues

1928 Dodge Fast Four from a deceased estate. Further information Alex McLaws 0425 878 957.
7/17

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

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 (Ph 0417 311 441)

Reminder: All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number & Price or Registration Number & Price, otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

All ads for cars also appear on the **club web site** where greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be viewed. To see ads, go to <http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com.au/wdsale.html>

All ads remain on the website until you request their removal. To remove an ad from the website, email webd3sign@wdhvcgeelong.com.au (Ph 5253 1755)

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2016 Chinese Electric car

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27 Craft/Tech Night 7pm	28	29	30 JUNE	1
2	3	4	5	6 Morning Coffee Run. Clubrooms 9.45am	7	8
9 President's Rally 9.30am Clubrooms	10	11 General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms	12 Dine Out 6pm White Eagle House	13 Tinker Day Clubrooms 10.30am	14	15
16	17	18 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	19	20	21 July Backfire Deadline	22
23	24	25 Craft/Tech Night 7pm Clubrooms "Hub caps"	26	27	28	29
30 Casserole Lunch Clubrooms 11am	31	1 AUGUST	2	3 Morning Coffee Run Clubrooms 9.45am	4	9 Aug Visit to Fox Car Museum, Melb.

