

BACKFIRE

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REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017



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

Hi to all from a hot, dry Broken Hill.

It's 36° and windy. We are thinking of those on the long distance rally. I hope all is well.

Hopefully at the next meeting I will have the dates for a bus trip to Bendigo to see the car collection of a long time mate of mine and another friend who has a collection of aircraft engines and has made models of them that run.

There will be seats for 24 and a charge of \$20 per head. It will be a BYO lunch, chair, thermos etc.

I called into the Broken Hill Car Club today. Another bunch of enthusiasts with like interests but a little further to go for any kind of run. The run to White Cliffs is 300km – and they are going there next weekend!

See you at the October meeting.

Cheers,

John.

Photos: Admiring Pro Hart's colourful Roller (1) and outside the Broken Hill Veteran & Vintage Car Club (below).



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 572 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7.30PM

PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed our new member Ian Thomas and visitors to the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Olsen gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on his inspirational fund raising treks across Australia. John's stories of physical endurance and personal commitment were truly amazing.

APOLOGIES

Jim Maffett, Lindsay Rogers, Eva Barwise, Cheryl Elliot, Linda Parker, Graham Baldock, Joan Stott, Raelene Pretlove, Lorraine Lee, Alex McLaws, Tim Booley, Alex Booley, Nancy and Duncan McIntosh

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Jim Coates Carried

SICK LIST

Gary Mellington, Nick Neeson, Tony Brincat, Colin Chappell

MINUTES

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

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Damien Giustini Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Card from Marilyn Dryden thanking our Club members for their good wishes on John's recent surgery.
- Thank you card from Lyle and David Stow for our thoughts on the passing of Shirley.
- Thank you card from Lorraine Lee for our get well card.
- Bendigo Bank statement.
- Receipt for *Backfire* printing from the Gordon.
- Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club invitation to attend their rally on Nov 3 to 7.
- RGAPS request for display cars and members for the early gate roster for the 2017 Annual Show.

Emails In

- Shepparton Swap Meet on 10 September.
- Studebaker and Parkard Clubs: invitation to their even at Eastern Beach Reserve on Saturday 28 October.
- Maryborough District Historic Vehicle Club invitation to attend their rally on 13, 14 and 15 October. They are hoping for as many Fords as possible for the re-enactment of the Creswick State Forest Arboretum visit 102 years ago.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- To VicRoads confirming that Linda Parker is a current financial member of the club.

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: Max McKenzie

Seconded: Ray Matthews Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Paddy Handbury will be the guest speaker next month.

LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary reflected on the skill levels of some drivers towing caravans in North Queensland. He was able to provide them with constructive feedback as did the truck driver involved.

Alex Siota enjoyed driving his Austin Kimberley to Ipswich but the trip home was not as enjoyable. Both driver and car now doing well.

DINE OUT (Gary)

Eight members going to this month's dine out.

EDITOR (Jon Breedveld)

No report.

FEDERATION REPORT (David - for Cheryl)

Mortlake Picnic will be on March 24 in 2018.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

The Federation plans to publish details of stolen vehicles on FaceBook.

COMMITTEE REPORT (David)

David noted that the member survey results were published in the August *Backfire*.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

Next Tinker Day will be at the Skewes' in Bunninyong on 28 September. Ray recommended meeting at his place and car pooling for the trip. Thanks to Barry Goodear for sharing his wonderful collection on the last Tinker Day.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

As no one guessed it was him, Ken Royce won the Mars bar.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus has reported that he has overcome the VicRoads challenge and been able to transfer cars to spouses.

We have 3 more cars on red plates this month.

President John brought in his Flying Doctor Rally Holden for this month's display. He has completed about 37,000 km across four rallies in the car. It is 'almost' sold to a new owner in Sydney.

CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

No report.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- The coffee run to Deans Marsh was a great success with 36 people attending.
- 70 members visited the Fox Museum (see the full report in the August *Backfire*).
- Despite the very cold day the Moriac run went well.
- Good attendance for the Queenscliff Run last weekend.
- The next Coffee Run will be to Batesford.
- The Mt Franklin Combined Clubs rally was recommended to the meeting.
- See the Correspondence Report for the RGAPS request for cars.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Starts tomorrow at 8:30!

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Ray Matthews will be leading the next Tech Night on Tool Making.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

No report.

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

No report this month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- At the recent Shannons auction in Sydney 2 Falcon's sold for over \$200k each. NSW registration number 4 sold for over \$2m.
- There will not be a Committee Meeting in September.
- The club will book a bus for the Bendigo Swap after 10 members said they were interested.
- A second separate Bendigo visit could be organised to see two local engine rebuilder's work.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

John is selling his Holden rally car and (joked?) about selling his Jaguar and Benz.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10th October 2017 in the clubrooms.

Lion John Olsen thanks you all

Guest speaker and trans-Australia fund-raising ultra-walker, John Olsen, met our every expectation at the September meeting.

The mood was quiet as you listened in awe while John spoke about his most recent epic fund raising walk and lots of interesting questions were asked.

John is the epitome of a modern day outback adventurer and totally committed to helping families and children affected by the incurable disease - leukodystrophy. The proceeds of the rain cape sales and your contribution into the red bucket was a commendable \$500.

John has asked that I extend his thanks to our committee and to our generous membership.



Thank you once again.

Brian Edward

Photo: John's faithful "beast of burden" Wilson accompanied

him to the September meeting.

RALLY & RUNS

2017 Long Distance Rally - East Coast Escapade

As we set off on our first long distance rally nine cars left Rippleside at 8.30am to quite a nippy wet day. First stop for a morning coffee break was at Trafalgar, there we were joined by Ray and Judith Matthews who enjoyed a ferry ride across the bay.

Our first stop was at a very interesting collection by one couple at Timeless Memories where we all enjoyed a lovely lunch and a good look at their collection.

Onward to Lakes Entrance for our first stop over, before heading on to Merimbula, via Orbost for cuppa and Cann River for lunch arriving at Merimbula in time for Happy hour, before catching bus to dine at the bowls club.

Following day we visited the Sapphire Coast Historic Car Club at Pambula which was located on six acres of land with two very large sheds filled with many vehicles for us to view. There we had a cuppa and biscuits and were informed how their club was faring. They had just celebrated their 30th Anniversary.

Day 4: we left Merimbula for Batemans Bay, travelling through some very beautiful panoramic countryside and coastal seaside vistas stopping many times, firstly to view a historic Wooden Trestle railway bridge, (no longer in use) stopping for lunch at a quaint little village called Tilba Tilba. Visiting a cheese factory and beautiful old church at Bodella, arriving at Batemans Bay again just in time for more happy hour.



Day 5: we set out to Ulladulla to meet up with members of their car club for a look at some beautifully restored cars and trucks which were mainly owned by one man who owned a trucking company.

Day 6: some of us car pooled for the drive to Sutton over very hilly and winding countryside. Again the views were magnificent. Arriving at a tulip garden, managed mainly but one couple, with mainly the red tulips out at the time. The garden borders were extremely colorful with a large variety of annuals so all in all the whole garden didn't disappoint.



RALLY & RUNS



Day 7: we all enjoyed a leisurely three hour cruise on the Clyde River passing many oyster farms along the way and enjoying a fish and chip lunch aboard the vessel, stopping off for 20 minutes at Nelligan where some members enjoyed a coffee or ice cream.

Day 8: we left Batemans Bay for Lakes Entrance, travelling over Browns Mountain with a stop at the top to again view a magnificent panorama.

After descending the mountain we were greeted with a herd of Browns cows grazing along the long paddock (side of the road) with many of their calves at foot. We arrived at Lakes Entrance in time for a lovely meal at our motel. Followed in the morning with a very filling hearty breakfast.

Last day some of our members headed straight home, while some visited the Maffra Car Museum, which at the time displayed a large number of English vehicles and memorabilia. They change display every four months. This was well worth the stopover.

We must not forget to mention the great job Judith Matthews did driving the only manual car the whole trip. (Well done Judith from us all.)

Thank you everyone for the fun times and friendship during our eight days.

Last but not least, all credit must go to Sharon and Fred for such a well planned rally. The time and effort they must go to, to organise these rallies to make them so interesting, must be mammoth task. Everything went like clockwork from start to finish. On behalf of all the members who enjoyed our long distance rally we say a big " **Thank you** " to you both for a very memorable rally.



Gary and Noreen Mellington

Those who attended

Sharyn and Fred Harris.	Benz.
Ray and Judith Matthews.	Ford Capri.
Max and Gwen Tucker.	Ford Cortina.
Rod and Libby Booley.	Benz.
Ray and Barb Van Galen.	Benz.
Mick and Maree Hanneysee.	Volvo.
Peter and Sandra Boast.	Benz.
Laurie and Judy Mills.	Modern.
Mick and Trish Ormrod.	Modern.
Gary and Noreen Mellington.	Modern.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

See also -
calendar summary
on back page.

26 SEPT - TUESDAY

TECH NIGHT "Toolmaking" 7pm to set up for a 7.30 start at the clubrooms. The irrepressible Ray Matthews is bound to inform, amaze, and amuse you with his repertoire on a lifetime in his chosen field, at which he excels. If you don't consider yourself a technical person, here is your chance to lose some of your ignorance, and be entertained at the same time. Ladies and visitors are always welcome. Craft Night in the main room, while we operate in the workshop. A plate (with food on it) would be appreciated for supper. Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

28 SEPT - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY NOTE: we will **NOT BE LEAVING FROM THE CLUB**, but instead from Ray and Barb's place, **20 Newton Ave Bell Post Hill at 10am**. You can leave your car there and car-pool with another member if you like. Others might like to meet us at the service station on the hill just before Batesford. We are going to Buninyong to visit Bob and Marjorie Skewes to see what they have on the farm. Please bring your own mug, thermos, lunch, chair, and sense of adventure.

Ray van Galen 5278 9368. 0411 954 865

5 OCT - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

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

10 OCT - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

Guest speaker Paddy Handbury. (Paddy Handbury is Chairman of the Ambia Group of Companies, which owns substantial rural holdings in South Australia and Victoria (for which President John built a portable shearing plant.) Mr Handbury is Chairman of the Handbury Group, whose businesses include exporting cattle to Japan, The Sands Golf Resort in Torquay (sold in 2016) and a glass recycling business. He is a board director of Geelong Grammar and the nephew of Rupert Murdoch.)

11 OCT - WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT 6.15pm Waurin Ponds Hotel

Have a feel around in your raincoat pocket and find a few dollars to come and join us. Contact Gary McCredden 5275 2544.

12 OCT - THURSDAY

OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm.

(date changed for Geelong Show)

19 OCT - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY

Meet at the Barwon Valley Park along the Barwon River, off Barrabool Road and leave from there at 10am. (Geelong Show is on that week, so we cannot use the clubrooms.). From there it is only a few minutes to our destination to look at what Stewie H. has got to show us in his shed. Afterwards, we can have lunch back at the same Barwon Valley Park and chat, as we tend to do. I have ordered fine weather for the day. Please bring your own mug, thermos, lunch, chair, and sense of adventure.

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

20 OCT - FRIDAY

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER BACKFIRE ITEMS

19/22-OCT

GEELONG SHOW.

Cars required for display on Friday 20th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd. Contact Rod Booley, 5281 5340, (0417 021 982)

24 OCT - TUESDAY

clubrooms - details TBA.

TECH/CRAFT NIGHT 7pm to set up for a 7.30 start at the

29 OCT - SUNDAY

More details later.

HOT DOG RALLY.

9 DEC - SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE Clubrooms. \$25 per head.

Two course catered meal. BYO drinks and glass. Great entertainment and many door prizes. Will be selling tickets at October meeting: see Rhonda or Jeanette. More details in November *Backfire*.

17 DEC - SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

18 NOV - SATURDAY

BENDIGO SWAP

To book your seat on the bus contact John Bailey. Ph 0413 258 302.

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OTHER EVENTS

FRI 13 to SUN 15 OCT **MOTOR CLASSICA** Royal Exhibition Buildings, 9 Nicholson St, Carlton. Australasia's premier event for vintage, classic and exotic motoring enthusiasts. As host of the Australian International Concours d'Elegance, Motorclassica features more than 160 pristine, rare and desirable machines representing the best from collections around Australia and beyond.
 Fri – 9am to 6pm; Sat – 9am to 9pm; Sun – 9am to 5pm. Concession 1 day entry ticket \$30.
 More info <https://motorclassica.com.au>

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.



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).

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50th Anniversary badges, replica original club badges on sale now. See David or Rod



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Club Connection to the Charge of the Light Brigade

On the eve of the 100th anniversary of the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade", club member Hugh Thompson of Pt Lonsdale, has provided details of a fascinating story linking him to the mounted charge into the town of Beersheba

Hugh's his uncle, Sloan "Scotty" Bolton, rode in the charge and is credited with saving the precious water supplies at Beersheba from being blown up before the Allies could secure them.

Hugh's son James is travelling to Beersheba in Israel to take part in the ceremony planned for the 100th anniversary of famous charge on 31 October.

Beersheba - background

Beersheba was renowned as the city of the biblical patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all lived there and Joseph also passed through on his way to Egypt. Abraham dug a well and made an oath which became its name— Beersheba, meaning 'Well of the Seven' or 'Well of the Oath'

In 1900, Beersheba became a Turkish garrison and an administrative centre for the Bedouin tribes of the Negev. Today, Be'er Sheva (modern spelling) is the 'Capital of the Negev' being the largest city in the Negev desert of southern Israel.

During the Palestine Campaign of WW1 British General Allenby needed to capture the essential water supplies at Beersheba, which was defended by the Turks and Germans. Initial attacks on some of the town's defences succeeded but the water supplies were not yet secured and evening was falling.

At 4pm on October 31, 1917 Beersheba lay 6 km across an open plain protected by 4,000 entrenched Turks with guns, artillery and German planes. Now daylight was fading and the weary, thirsty troops desperately needed to capture the town's abundant water wells. Some 800 Light Horsemen of the 4th and 12th Light Horse regiments lined up for a do-or-die charge.

Sloan 'Scotty' Bolton

(Adapted from a story by Darryl Kelly in Just Soldiers, as included on the Beersheba website.)

Trooper Sloan 'Scotty' Bolton was an engine driver from Geelong when World War 1 broke out. He



volunteered and eventually ended up in the 4th Light Horse Regiment. He fought at Gallipoli, serving as infantry in early June 1915. Dysentery and diarrhoea were rife. He fell sick but battled on till late August when he was evacuated to hospital. Further bouts of illness followed. By the time he rejoined his brigade, the unsuccessful attacks on Gaza had taken place and preparations were taking place for the march to Beersheba.

The 4th Light Horse Regiment was held in reserve for most of 31 October, 1917, but were called upon late in the afternoon for the charge. Two regiments of 400 men each were to charge straight at over 4,000 Turkish entrenched soldiers with 28 field guns and a mass of machine guns.

Bolton was riding 'Monty'. At one stage in the charge, the horse nearly fell, almost throwing Bolton off. He later discovered that a bullet had just missed his leg but gouged the horse's rump. Bolton leapt Monty over the first row of trenches, lashed at two Turks in the second with his bayonet and galloped into town. He saw a Turkish soldier heading for a house. Bolton kicked him to the ground and grabbed his revolver. At that point, a well exploded, then another. He saw wires on the ground leading into a building. Through a window he saw a German officer at a switchboard wired to detonate all the wells. Bolton jumped from his horse and burst into the room pointing the revolver at the officer. His mate, Trooper Ray Hudson, joined him and took the officer prisoner, thus saving most of the wells intact. *(This action was not officially recognised in dispatches or other reports of heroism as it was not witnessed by an officer, a requirement for recognition at the time.)*

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As he came out of the building he saw a German officer leading six men and Turkish field gun, escaping. He ordered the officer to stop, which was ignored. He took aim but the revolver was empty. He then pushed the revolver into the face of the officer and knocked him to the ground. He grabbed the reins of the lead horse and stopped the escapees, keeping them bluffed with his empty gun until help could arrive.

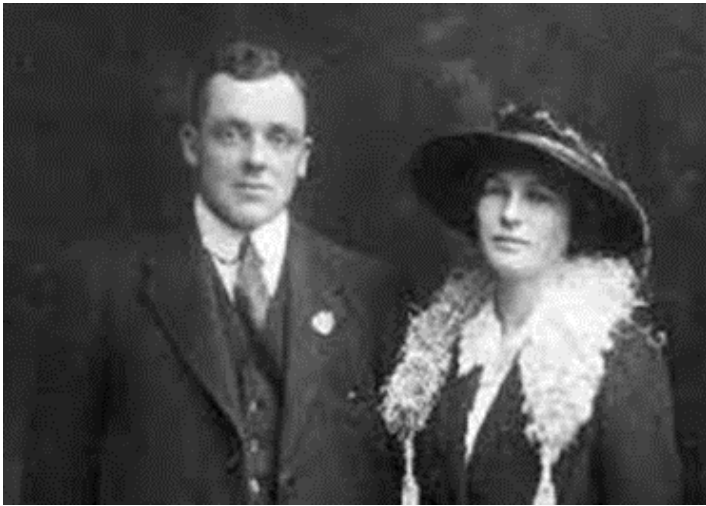
He headed back to town and collected about 25 more Turkish prisoners on the way. For his bravery he was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal.



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During the 1918 attacks on Es-Salt and Amman he was caught in an explosion while pursuing retreating Turks. He fell to the ground and crawled behind a rock with badly bleeding, mangled legs. He recovered consciousness in hospital in El Arish and a nurse told him that he had lost both legs. He was repatriated home and given artificial legs. Despite several setbacks with gangrene, his determination was bolstered when the pretty nurse from El Arish hospital paid him a visit. Their affection grew and Scotty finally walked out of the hospital.



In 1922, he married Elsie and settled at Mannerim, about 12 kms from Pt Lonsdale. They bred cattle and produced a champion Jersey bull for the Melbourne Show of 1934. Scotty battled health problems during the Depression and died in December 1947. About six months later, the home-stead was engulfed in flames and his medals were destroyed. Elsie tried to get replacements but was turned down. In 1970, Bolton's 10 year-old granddaughter wrote to the Queen who was to visit Australia. This time, they were replaced.

The 1987 *Light Horsemen* movie is based on the story of four soldiers including Scotty Bolton.

Jon Blake, who stars in the movie, was on his way home to Adelaide after completing the film and was

involved in a tragic car accident that cut his career short and left him with severe head injuries and brain damage.

Scotty's story is typical of the determination, courage, mateship and sacrifice that made the ANZACs a legend and enabled them to break through impossible odds to achieve a victory that no one thought possible. The Beersheba victory has become known as the 'last great cavalry charge in history'.

For more information:

<https://anzacday.org.au/trooper-sloan-scotty-bolton-dcm>

<http://beersheba100.com.au/people/bolton.html>

<http://beersheba100.com.au/history/beersheba.html>

Image: "Charge" Cropped image courtesy of the ANZAC Centenary website and Ian Coate.



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."

VOLVO 262C (1977- 81)

Specifications

TOP SPEED: 185 KM/H (115MPH)

0-96KMH (0-60MPH); 12.5 SECS

ENGINE TYPE V6.

DISPLACEMENT: 2664CC (163CI)

WEIGHT: 1786KG (3197LB)

MILEAGE: 13.4L/100KM (21MPG)

Volvo 262C: BERTONE'S LAME DUCK

Every world – famous design studio has a blot in its copy book, and Bertone's lame duck was the Volvo 262C. Built between 1977 and 1981 to special order, the two door coupe was supposedly the Swedish firms answer to the BMW 6 series coupe.

It was built along similar lines, using the chassis and basic structure of the executive salon, but with unique bodywork and a low roof line. But while the BMW was beautifully styled, the 262C was truly awful. It shared the hood, wings and grill of the 264 salon, but the centre section was entirely the Bertone's own work. That meant the big Volvo got an incongruously low roof and enormous doors, while the vinyl top actually disguised weld marks where the roof of a 264 was chopped to fit.

Unusually for a Volvo, the 262C was also prone to rampant corrosion. Because it was built by Bertone rather than in Volvo's own factory, it was never under sealed properly and the sills, scuttle panels and door were always quick to rot.

For it to flop in the first place was embarrassment enough for Volvo, but for it to rot as quickly as a Fiat, Alfa Romeo or Lancia of the era was even worse, and the 262C left an especially ugly mark on Volvo's history.

The black vinyl roof was supposed to give the appearance of a convertible – some 262C's could even be ordered with a full length sliding sunroof.

Bertone's chop top did little for the 262C's already ungainly lines, making the nose and tail appear even more upright than they already were.

The 262C's cabin was certainly different, but the seats were an incongruous blend of Ikea chic and traditional Chesterfield sofa. Not pretty.

The 240-260 series was never a dynamic range of cars, so why on earth the Swedish maker tried to make a sporty coupe out of them nobody knows. Handling was awful.



WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Frank

Where were you born?

Geelong

Family?

Wife Robyn, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren

Number of years in the WDHVC?

11 years

Other interests?

School caretaker and Australia Day Committee

What was your first vehicle?

Austin A40

What vehicle would you love to own?

XY GTO Phase 3

What vehicles do you have now?

Mitsubishi Triton, ZH Fairlane, Territory Ghia

Profession?

Retired

Skills?

Jack of all trades

What bugs you the most?

Things left in the car eg. tissues

What makes you happy?

Family, camping caravanning.

The Dunny Poem



They were funny looking buildings that were once a way of life

If you couldn't sprint the distance and you really were in strife

They were nailed, they were wired, but were mostly falling down.

There was one every yard, in every house, in every town.

They were given many names, some were even funny.

But to most of us we knew them as the "outhouse" or the "dunny".

I've seen some of them all gussied up, with painted doors and all.

But it really made no difference, they were just a port of call.

Now my old man would take a bet, he'd he lay an even pound.

That you wouldn't make the dunny with them turkeys hanging round.

They had so many uses, these buildings out the back.

You could even hide from mother so you wouldn't get the strap.

That's why we had good cricketers, never mind the bumps.

We use the pathway for the wicket and the dunny door for stumps.

Now my old man would sit for hours, the smell would rot your socks.

He read the daily back to front in that good old thunderbox.

And if by chance that nature called sometime through the night.

You always sent the dog in first, for there was no flamin' light.

And the dunny seemed to be the place where crawlies liked to hide.

But never showed themselves until you sat inside.

There was no such thing as Sorbent, no tissues there at all.

Just squares of well-read newspaper hanging on the wall.

If you had some friendly neighbours, as neighbours sometimes are.

You could sit and chat to them, if you left the door ajar.

When suddenly you got the urge, and down the track you fled.

Then of course the magpies were there to pick you on your head.

Then the time there was a wet, the rain it never stopped.

If you had an urgent call, you ran between the drops.

The dunny man came once a week, to these buildings out the back.

And he would leave an extra can, if you left for him a zac.

For those of you who have no idea what I mean by zac.

Then you're too young to have ever had a dunny out the back.

- reproduced from the DVHCC newsletter

Affordable British Classics

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

Wolseley 6/80

SHOWN for the first time at the 1948 Motor Show, the Wolseley 6/80 combined relatively modern, long lines with some of the best styling traditions of the marque. In particular, the impressive Wolseley radiator, with its illuminated badge, was shown to good advantage on the long bonnet.

In fact, the car shared the same bodywork with the smaller-engined Wolseley 4/50 and the Morris Oxford MO and Six models. They were of monocoque construction.

The 6/80 was fitted with a 2215cc overhead camshaft six-cylinder engine, which produced 70bhp. While not particularly fast, the car had a useful top speed of 85mph and became a great favourite with Britain's police forces, who valued its strength as much as its performance.

The car had a high level of interior trim, with luxurious leather seats, wood finish dash, interior door trims and even height adjustable seats.

Drum brakes were fitted,



Modern lines of Wolseley 6/80 were first seen in 1948

and it had torsion bar front suspension with leaf springs at the rear. The suspension was revised in October 1950, telescopic shock absorbers replacing the lever arm system used originally.

A heating and ventilation system was fitted as standard from late 1951 and in the

spring of 1952, bucket-type front seats were fitted. Production of the 6/80 ceased in October 1954.

These cars were tough and well built, but the few that have survived need careful checking for serious rust damage. Engines and transmissions proved durable

over the years, but should be checked thoroughly. Spares are hard to come by.

Expect to pay around £3000 for a good one.

ENGINE/POWER ..	2215cc/70bhp
SPEED	85mph
PRODUCTION	1948-54
ECONOMY	18-25mph

Terrible one liners

What's the best thing about living in Sweden?
I don't know but the flag is a big plus.

I wondered why the football was getting bigger –
then it hit me.

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.

It was a very emotional wedding.
Even the cake was in tiers.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive
vocabulary?
A thesaurus.

What's the difference between ignorance and
apathy?
I don't know and I don't care.



A sign used in Australia to advise that slow drivers are about to temporarily increase their speed

Quotes About Cars

"A pedestrian is someone who thought there were a couple of gallons left in the tank.

-Author Unknown

Great Mars Bar Competition

The October Competition



The veggie garden has never looked as good since this young fellow learned what Bert Munro always did to the lemon tree in his back yard.

I bet he still has a great selection of lovely vegetables in his garden even to this day.

Join in the fun and try and guess who it is and win a HUGE gob stopping Mars Bar.

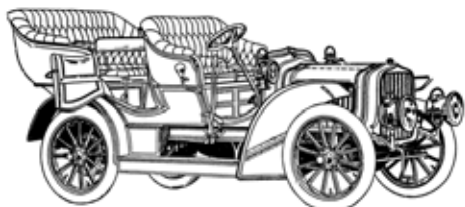
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For Sale

1971 Dodge Phoenix 400 series. No 70.
4 door pillarless. 383 big block. Small dent in right fender. Upholstery & trim in fair condition. Presents extremely clean & looked after.
VIN Nos: P43 242; 11/71 DG6-P-43-BK25-242;
WA TAUB4120. Asking \$13,000.
Gaye McKiernan 0412 603 589. **9/17**

Wanted

Wanted to Buy.

Seeking to buy a DS19 or DS 21 Citroen sedan.
Call Karl Lorenz on 5284 1451. **9/17**

Wanted - information I have a direct drive Chinese compressor. The motor runs but fails to build up sufficient pressure. I have taken the head off and the reed valves appear OK? Any help?
See me at a meeting or Tech Night - Lindsay Alford **8/17**

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24	25	26 Craft/Tech Night 7pm Clubrooms "Toolmaking"	27	28 Tinker Day 10am <u>20 Newton Ave,</u> <u>Bell Post Hill</u>	29	30 September
1	2	3	4	5 Morning Coffee Run Clubrooms 9.45am	6	7
8	9	10 General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms	11 Dine Out 6.15pm Waurm Ponds Hotel	12 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Tinker Day. Leave <u>Barwon</u> <u>Valley Park 10am</u>	20 Sept Backfire Deadline	21
No clubrooms— preparing for GEELONG SHOW			GEELONG SHOW		GEELONG SHOW	
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