

# BACKFIRE

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## The President's

## Idle Chatter

Hi all

This month we again had our normal schedule of events, so it does feel we are back to regular events even though there a lot of daily Covid cases **in Victoria. I'm sure there are members who are** being very cautious and hesitating going out and this is very understandable. In spite of this we are having very good attendances at events.

The weather has been been incredibly variable during July. We had miserable Winter weather for the Poker run organised by our treasurer Maurice. It was cold, windy and there was plenty of rain. Despite this, we had 33 people attend and fortunately we were able to shelter for the worst of the rain as we travelled around the course he had set up. By the time we sat down for lunch at the Waurm Ponds Hotel, we had forgotten about the weather and enjoyed a very pleasant outing and meal together. Well done Maurice.

The other events included a coffee run to Curlewis in glorious sunshine, a tinker day to Moriac with a lot of members attending and again in perfect sunshine. There was no wind and the temperature was warm and I momentarily wondered why

people head to Queensland for the winter. What a huge amount of old machinery and other collectables we saw. From stationary engines to **tractors and several classic cars. I'm sure that the** others that attended would agree that it was a very impressive collection.

The Committee group spent last Saturday at the clubrooms to have a bit of a working bee tidy up. There was cleaning, dusting and time spent going through our storage areas to see what we can get rid of and make some space. Suffice to say that there was a ute load that went to the tip, but we did manage to find a few items that you will see when we have an auction night later in the year.

Again this month we have plenty of events on, so I hope to see you out and about.

Stay safe

Cheers

David Mitchell

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 613 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.

## PRESIDING

President David Mitchell opened the meeting and welcomed 88 members and visitors to meeting No 613.

## APOLOGIES

Leigh Dwyer, David Perkins, Alex Mc Laws, Anthony Underwood, Jennie Green, Darryn Tucker, Tim Paech, Rhonda Alexander, Bryce Matthews, Noreen and Gary Mellington, Lindsay Rogers and Eva Barwise, Trevor Schneider, Murray Foran, Doug Park, Dallas Jones, Rod and Lorraine Roach, Tiny Stonehouse, Jeanette Dragt, Julie Wilby, Ray Jones, Pat Evans, Allan Tipper, Len Millar, Robert East, Joan Stott, John Hickford, Frank Mc Kenzie, Lucy Butell, Nick Neeson,

Moved: Ken Batson

Seconded: Jim Coates

Carried

## SICK LIST

Leigh Dwyer

## MINUTES

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

Moved: Ken Parry

Seconded: Sharyn Harris

Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

### INWARD

#### Letters In

- Lindsay and Marg Hose - thanking the club for our sympathy on the passing of Margs' sister.
- Lindsay and Marg Hose - thanking the club for our wishes to her recovery.

#### Emails In

- V.V.C.C. Ballarat invitation to attend another Lake Bolac campout 19th - 25 October
- Allsure Insurance renewal - clubroom contents
- Shepparton Swap Meet - September 11th

### OUTWARD

#### Letters Out

- Get well cards sent to Betty Jenkins, Marg Hose, Lindsay Noble and Peter Shinkfield.
- Sympathy cards sent to Marg and Lindsay Hose on the passing of her sister, and to Barb and John Gardner on the passing of Barbs' mother

#### Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Graeme Anderson

Seconded: Ray van Galen

Carried

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

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

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Graham Cameron

Carried

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Tony from the Liberator (bomber project) will come and speak on repairing aircraft.

## LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary recommended several books for bike enthusiasts. He also advised the new members of some good motoring books in the library that are worthy of a read.

## DINE OUT (Sharyn)

Change of venue as no kitchen staff at the White Eagle. Dine out for this month is the Commun Na Feine

## EDITOR (Jon)

August edition will be done by Damien Giustini whilst Jon is away, so please try and send in early to make his job easier.

Jon also thanked Geoff Brown for responding to his wanted ad in the Backfire for a switch for his Morris

## WEBSITE (Damien)

Nil

## FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

Nil



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

## COMMITTEE REPORT (David M)

Topics covered included:

- An economy run to be organized by Dallas Jones
- Federation report on A.T.O. tax on some clubs
- Committee working bee cancelled due to show grounds already booked, new date to be made
- Christmas Dinner to be organized but won't be on the 10th December as show grounds are already booked on that date

## MERCHANDISE (David)

The cupboard is full of items for sale

## TINKER DAY (Ray)

21st July: meet at the clubrooms by 10.30am for a day at Steve Moore's place

## MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Nil

## VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- Gus reminded people to get the correct paperwork from Vic Roads
- We have 4 very interesting cars coming onto our permit system
- Members need to advertise their cars for sale in the Backfire
- David Mitchell will be filling in for Gus next month

## RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Ken )

- Sunday 17th July Poker run organized by Maurice 9.30am start at Fyansford Hotel, lunch at a hotel on the last stop
- Sunday 21st August a picnic run to Lal Lal Falls leave the clubrooms at 9.30 am and 10 am at the roadside opposite the Batesford Road House Numbers needed for this run. BYO food drinks and chairs
- September run will be to a car collection and a hotel for lunch

Events attended by members include:

- ◊ Tinker day in the clubrooms was a Soup Line day, and enjoyed by all that took part. some interesting items brought in for everyone to look at and we all enjoyed the feed
- ◊ Casserole day was another beaut day where we all ate very well again

Coffee run to Curlewis was well attended on a

◊ lovely sunny morning, about a dozen stayed on for lunch also.

## COFFEE RUN (Col)

- 4th August meet at the clubrooms at 9.45 am for a run to Millers Cafe at 80 West Lakes Boulevard Lara
- Col needs some good ideas for somewhere that seats and parks around 35 people.

Perhaps an afternoon tea run might be good to try

## LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Collecting money for ferry - last payment

## TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Tuesday 26th July: subject Number plates

## SWAP MEET (Fred)

Nothing on our swap, but interesting that the Wagga Wagga swap are making the sellers get their own liability insurance

## KITCHEN (Pam)

Nothing to report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP

President David presented Vern & Joan Stott with their 25 year membership badges at the June meeting.

**Photo: Vern accepting his 25 year badge.**



## July Feature Car

Club President David Mitchell brought along his Thistle Green "every day touring" Mercedes as the feature car in the garage for the July meeting.

Prompted by some willing questioning from interviewer Gus Shea, David informed the meeting that the car was a 1983 280 SE six cylinder automatic. This was a second generation S class vehicle with the model (designated the W126 by the factory) being launched in Germany in 1979. David said he chose this car because he was working on prototype Fords in 1979 (David was a Ford engineer) and saw the parallels with the new Mercedes at the time found it. He liked the standard features of the car and most importantly found it extremely comfortable to drive.

David bought the car in 2015 and considered it good value, considerably cheaper than the more sought after V8 version.. Being a well-appointed hardtop, David said he could enjoy the car all the time, regardless of the weather.

The car was previously owned by the mayor of Wangaratta. David bought it from his son-in-law after the man had passed away. He found it on Car Sales.com.

Interviewer Gus said that there had been 2.1 million of this particular model of Mercedes sold worldwide between 1979 and 1991. He also explained that many parts used in the Mercedes were also used in his beloved Volvos, and suggested that Mercedes owners could save considerably by buying their parts from the Volvo dealer instead of the more expensive Mercedes counterpart.



David said the engineering in the car was "pretty good" and lived up to the Mercedes motto of the time "the best or nothing". He said the car was one of the German made right-hand drive originals which meant that all the controls had been done well and set up for a right-hand drive in the first place.



Interviewer Gus asked David why he was driving a Mercedes when he had worked at Fords. David responded by pointing out that he also owned three Fords, as well as the 2½ Mercs in his garage. David saves his earlier black "roundy" Mercedes for special outings and uses the half a car (donor) for spares.

"I really like the ride in this car: it's like a limousine," David said, "unlike the harsher ride of many modern cars."

The W126 designates the flagship line of cars manufactured by Mercedes-Benz between 1979 and 1991. The W126 replaced the W116 line and was the second series to carry the S-Class or Sonderklasse (special class) designation. The W126 four-door S-Class luxury car provided improved ride, better handling, more power and increased fuel efficiency over its predecessor. These vehicles are a joy to drive. The high standard of build quality and durability defined the reputation that Mercedes Benz still exploit today despite it peaking at this earlier time. This was the finest luxury car in the world, it was built to a very high standard, setting a benchmark of engineering excellence that has not been surpassed (and never will be as costs and bureaucracy prevent it repeating). This was the model that J R Ewing drove in early episodes of the TV drama, Dallas.



# Veteran and Vintage

## 1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Henley Roadster by Brewster

Only seven of these are still around for the world to enjoy

In 1938 the Swenson Henley Roadster was acquired by Dr. Frederick G. Keyes of Cambridge, Massachusetts, a professor of chemistry at MIT known for his work with ultraviolet rays; it was he who discovered that the rays could kill germs and be useful in sterilization. The studied sort who could appreciate exceptional engineering, Dr. Keyes understandably found the Henley Roadster body especially attractive but the chassis beneath it had seen better days; accordingly, before delivery he had the body mounted to a lower-mileage chassis, 224AJS. He then kept the Phantom II for the next 33 years



The car was extremely well-maintained and used regularly. It participated often in events of the **Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, which Dr. Keyes** joined at its founding, including at the first RROC meet held, naturally, in Springfield, Massachusetts, in June 1952; there this car won 2nd in Class

The fastidious Dr. Keyes reportedly had the Henley Roadster crated and shipped to the Rolls-Royce service depot at Hythe Road, London, where it was carefully sorted mechanically and then returned back across the Atlantic in his ownership. Upon its return stateside the car won Best of Show at another RROC National Meet, this one in Cobleskill, New York



Each owner of 224AJS has, importantly, recognized it for what it is, and left it alone. It is believed to retain the original Brewster Green paint and black leather interior upholstery, and the mechanical components, sorted over the **years but never truly "restored," retain a magnificent patina in character with the rest of the automobile. It is accompanied by an owner's handbook and Dr. Keyes's service book, with his name inscribed on the cover**



# Gary's Giggles

## Tall Tales from our Legendary Librarian

(((RING, RING)))

**\*\*Pick Up\*\***

"Hello?"

"Hi honey, this is Daddy, Is Mummy near the phone?"

"No Daddy, She's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul

"After a brief pause, Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul "

"Oh yes I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mummy, right now"

**\*\*\*Brief Pause\*\*\***

"Uh, okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run upstairs and knock on the bedroom door, and shout to Mummy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway"

"Okay Daddy, just a minute"

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone.

"I did it Daddy"

"And what happened honey?" he asked

"Well, Mummy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!"

"Oh my God!!! What about your Uncle Paul?"

"He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead"

**\*\*\*Long Pause\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Longer Pause\*\***

Then Daddy says, "Swimming pool?? We don't have a swimming pool! Is this 5299 0000?"

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What we could do with is some new photos from our members for Ray van Galen to put into the Backfire for the Mars Bar Competition. Any pictures of you as a youth can be use in the competition, and it is good for a laugh.





# Events Calendar

**With both the Flu and Covid in the community, masks are recommended**



Thursday 4 August Coffee Run To Millers Café, 80 Westlakes Boulvarde, Lara.  
Leaving the clubhouse at 9.45am or meet at the venue from 10am.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026 (and please pass on any locations for future coffee runs to Col as well.)

Tuesday 9 August General Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms.

Wednesday 10 August Dine Out

This month's Dine out will be at the Great Western Hotel cnr Shannon ave and Aberdeen Street at 6pm.

Contact Barb. 0408664537

Tuesday 16 August Committee Meeting 7.30pm Clubrooms

Thursday 18 August? Tinker Day .

Starting from the PENINSULA HOTEL on the BELLARINE HYW. at 10.30am. NOT THE CAR CLUB

We will travel to the Mannerim radio controlled model airplane airfield. Our very own member, Les Mervin will be there to talk to us about the radio controlled airplanes. A lot of them are electric powered instead of fuel powered motors now, so it will be interesting to see them fly if the weather permits. If you live out that way and know where to go, then we can meet up with you there, save you a trip into town. BYO everything as usual and bring your chair too.

Ray van Galen 0411 954 865

Sunday 21 August Picnic Run to Lal Lal Falls.

Leaving from the clubrooms at 9.30 sharp. Meet the northern members opposite the Batesford Road House approx 10am. It will be a BYO everything - either a picnic or use the BBQ there. We will visit a metal works on the way home.

Contact: Ken 0437 254 351.

Monday 22 August August Backfire Deadline 5pm

contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441 editor@wdhvcgeelong.com

Tuesday 23 August Tech Night

"Badges" Club badges, rally badges, car badges, name badges, special badges. Just no honey badgers.

Every badge will have story, so it should be a fascinating night.

Be there around 7 pm, to set up for a 7.30 pm start.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Friday 26 August Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

NOTE: Smell the Roses Rides will be postponed until the weather improves.

## Other Events

Source: [swap-meets\(ozwrenches.com\)](http://swap-meets(ozwrenches.com))

**Aug 28 2022** Hamilton Swap Meet Hamilton Showgrounds, S W Rodders

**Sept 11 2022** Shepparton Swap Meet Shepparton Showgrounds, High St. Info: 0438 294 351

**Sept 18 2022** Bairnsdale Swap Meet Lucknow Vic

**Oct 7-9 2022** Motorclassica Exhibition Buildings, Carlton. 3-day festival of motoring, with a range of events and attractions. Save the dates and look out for when tickets go on sale.

2022 National 1&2 cylinder  
Veteran Vehicle Rally Narrandera

1. True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.
2. What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?
3. What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminium pistons?
4. What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?
5. What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?
6. Who wrote to Henry Ford: "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"
7. What is the Spirit of Ecstasy?
8. What was the first car to use power operated seats?
9. Where did the name "Pick Up Truck" come from?
10. In January 1930, Cadillac debuted it's V16 in a car named for a theatrical version of a 1920's film seen by Harley Earl while designing the body, What's that name?

Answers P 14

- contributed by Sharyn Harris



An early ambulance operated by St John. The patient was placed in a coffin-like sidecar and the lid was closed for transport. There was however a couple of hatches



Narrandera welcomed the amazing people and vehicles from the National 1- & 2-Cylinder Veteran Vehicle Club visiting from across Australia. Mayor Neville Kschenka greeted well over 100 participants at a special welcome function held in the CRC Hall on Sunday evening 8 May. The National Club were presented with a donation from Council by Mayor Kschenka, to assist with event costs over the full week of activities. Director of the Veteran car Club Mr Robert Fordham said that the large group was very much looking forward to the week-long rally and thanked the Mayor and Council for the generous donation.

Around 80 remarkable vehicles featuring iconic names as Renault, De Dion Bouton, Maxwell, Triumph, Humber and more will participate in a daily district touring program commencing Monday 9 May and featuring runs to Leeton, Morundah, Ganmain and Yanco until final day on Friday 13 May

## HELLO FROM TASSIE

We have been here for just over a year already, can you believe it! Time certainly flies when you're having fun. We've been back a couple of times, once for our long overdue houseboat trip in May and the other for a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party in June. Thanks Julie and Barb for organising "Ladies Day" to coincide with our trip in May. I'm not sure if it was intentional, but it was most appreciated and enjoyable. I worked really hard to get the Tassie Rally finalised so I could hand out all the information in May then, because we were coming back for the party in June we decided to stay on for the June meeting to answer any questions. It was great to catch up with so many of you there. Many thanks to Rod & Libby for putting us up every time we come over... We really miss them by the way.

Winter has stuck with a vengeance! It's not unusual to have -3 overnight with the top temp only about 10 or 12. It's taking a bit to get used to these VERY heavy frosts 3 or 4 times a week. I went to add to my rubbish bin last week before the truck came only to find the lid was frozen on to the bin itself. Now that's what I call a frost! Mind you the day that follows is just magnificent, with a clear blue sky like I have never seen before and the sun is so warm. But come 3 o'clock it's time to get the washing off the line and finish it off in the dryer. It starts to turn quite cool and you're best to be indoors.

There are a lot of car shows in Tassie but we have only managed to get to a few of them. The most impressive so far would have to be the "Longford Motorama" on the long weekend in March. There was car racing at the Symmons Plains Raceway at Perth just out of Longford as well as car, truck and even tractor shows and/or displays in Longford itself with a parade down the main street that lasted for over an hour. We also went to a car show in Devonport that was probably the biggest collection of cars that I have ever seen.

The Dodge has had its first outing. The club was having a run to the Liffey Market which is only about a 20 minute drive from home so Gus decided to get the old girl out and give her a run seeing it was so close. I think he was a bit worried about how she would go seeing as he had only driven short trips around town before this. He needn't have worried, she purred like a kitten. Unfortunately we haven't had a chance to take her out again.

We'll wait for warmer weather. We did however join the club (in a modern) for "Christmas in Winter" in the Miena Community Centre up at the Great Lake. We were half hoping but also half dreading snow on the way up but apart from some on the side of the road that had been there for a few days, there was none. It was a very pleasant afternoon all the same with a lovely meal and a lovely atmosphere.

The Tassie Rally is less than 2 months away now. We're starting to get a little bit excited. I can't wait to show off some of this beautiful state. For years I have said I could be a tour guide in Tassie ... Here I go! Until next time

### The 1932 Talbot Boat Tail Tourer



1932 Talbot Boat Tail Tourer was made from Honduran mahogany. Chassis number 31983 was first registered on 5th August 1932 as a 14/65 saloon but according to the vendor was transformed approximately forty years ago into the stunning machine that you see today.

The body was built and fitted post war by a boat-builder using 3 in. by 1/4 in. planks of Honduran mahogany laid from front to back, including the bonnet. The bonnet and doors were then cut out and fabricated to the highest possible standard imaginable.

Mechanical specifications include a six cylinder 1670cc engine, disc webbed crankshaft, thermo-siphon cooling, flywheel fan, front-mounted carburettor, rod-operated 16 in. brakes and 9 ft. 6 in. wheelbase chassis.

# THE FORD PREFECT - austere motoring

The Ford Prefect was introduced in 1938. Built in the Ford factory at Dagenham in Essex, it was the first Ford designed outside Detroit. Basic in the extreme, it was aimed squarely at the British market with its 1172 cc side valve engine, crank handle starter (for when the six volt electrics proved inadequate) and vacuum-operated wipers that slowed almost to a standstill when the engine



was under load.

After the war, the car resumed production almost unchanged until the 1948 upgrade, when the headlights were integrated into the wings, and a new vertically slatted grill (creating a family look with the larger V8 Pilot) and trafficators (omitted in the Australian coupe utility because of insufficient space) were introduced. Brakes were mechanically operated Girling four-wheel drums and suspension was unsophisticated leaf spring's front and rear.

Prefects were sold in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and Argentina. It was also built in Latvia under licence by Ford.

The Australian built version, called the E03 A, was built from 1939 to 1945 (British production was interrupted in 1941). Australian production resumed after the war with the E4 293A model until the 100 E Prefect replaced in 1953.

*Specifications: 1949 Ford prefect*

Production: 192,229

Engine: 1172 cc straight 4

Transmission: 3 speed floor mounted

Fuel consumption: 33.2 mpg (8.5 L per 100km)

Wheelbase: 87 inches (2200 mm)

Length: 151 inches (3800 mm)

Width: 61 inches (1500 mm)

Height: 63.5 inches (1610 mm)

Top speed: 61 mph (98 km/h)



# Tinker Day

Last Tinker Day was held at Steve Moore's place and we were treated to a great day weather wise, and very interesting day equipment wise at Steve's place.

We asked all the questions under the sun on how to start vintage machines, and there is not much that Steve does not know about that! His dog was most pleased with all the attention of so many people and another visiting dog too.

A lovely day was had by all.  
Ray van Galen.



Some photos below sent in by Lachie Jackson regarding car carrying Trucks. I have not included descriptions as too much space would be needed. Nice photos thanks Lachie



## Red Plate Reminders

- 1/. If you know you won't be around when your renewal falls due, you can pay early. VicRoads will happily accept early payments.
- 2/. You should receive your renewal paperwork about six weeks before the due date. However, it's up to you to follow up with VicRoads if your renewal is due and no paperwork has arrived.
- 3/. Don't leave it until the last minute to arrange with our permit officer to have papers signed. Get in early, and don't forget to actually take the signed papers to VicRoads and pay the renewal fee. (Yes, there have been people who got the papers signed, put their new permit sticker on the window but didn't pay the fees. These individuals were driving unregistered and uninsured vehicles for up to 12 months, then wondered why no new paperwork came next year!)
- 4/. All WDHVC members who have not renewed their club membership by 31 March 2021 are unfinancial. VicRoads considers unfinancial members' red plate vehicles to be unregistered and insurance companies won't cover them either.
- 5/. Similarly, any vehicles on the club permit scheme for which the renewal fees have not been paid to VicRoads by the due date (not 90 days later) are unregistered and



**The first production V12, the 1915 Packard Twin-Six. (Question 3)**



## CLUB MERCHANDISE

### Show You Belong

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

Members can select from:

Coffee Mugs	\$15
Lapel Badges	\$10
WDHVC Metal Car Badges	\$25
Black Geelong Plates	\$33
Replica Inaugural Metal Club Badge	\$20
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Metal Badges	\$20
WDHVC pens	\$4 each or 3 for \$10
WDHVC Log Book Reminder Stickers	\$2
Magnetic WDHVC Badges	\$4 each or 3 for \$10
Windscreen Banners	\$10

### AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE HISTORY QUIZ ANSWERS

(from Page 10)

1. False. The 1953 'Vettes were available in one color, Polo White.
2. The 1949 Chryslers
3. The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.
4. The Mustang
5. The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.
6. Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde ) in 1934.
7. The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce, she is the lady on top of their radiators. Also known as "Nellie in her nighty".
8. They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.
9. Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks. These trucks were shipped to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble, using the crates as the beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus, they had to: "pick-up" the trucks.
10. The "Madam X", a custom coach designed by Earl and built by Fleetwood. The sedan featured a retractable landau top above the rear seat.

## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### For Sale

FOR SALE 1946 Oldsmobile "Ace".

Club reg 0403-H3.

\$19,000. Call Karl 0413 074 733.



### KEEP IT IN THE CLUB

Got a vehicle for sale?

Please consider advertising it in *Backfire* first, to give your fellow members the first option of buying.

For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and generally appear for two issues of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the [newsletter](#) earlier, email [editor@wdhvcgeelong.com](mailto:editor@wdhvcgeelong.com) (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/wdsale.html>

All ads remain on the website until you request their removal. To remove an ad from the website, email [webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com](mailto:webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com)

## FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

### Wanted

WANTED Either a Wolseley 1500 or a Riley 1.5 of around 1960-ish. Call Geoff 0437 704 063. 8/22

WANTED Veteran Fiat gearbox and sump casting or complete engine and gearbox.



Also front wheel hub for current project. Interested in any other Fiat parts surplus to your needs.

Call Paul 0417 390 027

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### **Vintage car "rag top" rear window.**

Can be oval or rectangle, any condition, for current project .(See pics for guide)

Call Paul 0417 390 027 or email [thetrady@outlook.com](mailto:thetrady@outlook.com)

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WANTED Morris Minor front parking lights.

Call Dallas 0432 172 171

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1950 Hillman Minx

# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either check the club website, check their emails, or contact the event organiser.	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 July	1	2	3	4 Morning Coffee Run to Lara 9.45am Club- rooms	5	6
7	8	9 7.30pm August Meeting	10 Dine Out	11	12	13
14	15	16 Committee Meeting	17	18 Tinker Day 10.30am Peninsula Htl	19	20
21 Picnic Run to Lal Lal Falls	22 Sept <i>Backfire</i> Deadline	23 Tech Night "Badges" Clubrooms 7pm	24	25	26 <i>Backfire</i> folding morning 9am Clubrooms	27
28 Hamilton Swap Meet @ Showgrounds	29	30	31	1 Sept Morning Coffee Run? Details TBC	2	3