

BACKFIRE

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



Merry
Christmas



Happy
New Year

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The President's Idle Chatter

Hi all,

This month I managed to work out how to avoid the cold Victorian weather. After a pleasant and well attended run to the Paper Mills cafe for a coffee, it was time to head north to Brisbane to watch our daughter Phoebe swim in the Virtus Oceania Asia Games. As well as beautiful warm weather we saw Phoebe win 6/6 gold medals and enjoy a very successful competition.

We then snuck in six lovely nights in Noosa with the whole family, who had flown up, then headed over to Moreton Island to stay with our Brisbane friends in their weekender. Warm beach weather, eating fresh crab, sand driving and a real feeling of remote, relaxed living! It sure felt a long way from cool Geelong.



As it shows in the photos, the beach was packed but only with sand. No one in either direction and only about 40km from the centre of Brisbane.



Although you do need a boat to get there.

While we were away we had a message that Phoebe's boyfriend Sam Moorfoot was going to be on the Sunrise TV program with Mitch Duncan and the AFL Premiership Cup down at the Geelong waterfront. We waited patiently to see it but it was not shown in Queensland only in Victoria.

But as we watched, Sam the weatherman did an interview for the Geelong Revival including Simon Anderson and his Brush, Hupmobile and Jack Thomas's model T, as well as an Overland. The cars looked spectacular and it was credit to the WDHVC members.

I was very pleased we caught it.

Stay safe and I hope to see you out and about.

David Mitchell

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 617 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2022

PRESIDING

Vice President John Bailey welcomed 86 members attending.

APOLOGIES

Ian Thomas, Graham Peacock, Alan Tipper, Tony & Miriam Brincat, Kevin & Julie Wilby, Peter Tillotson, Ray Colenso, Jeanette Dragt, Dallas Jones, Jeanie Green, Barbara Thompson, Gary McCredden, Libby Booley, Paul Strickland, Courtney Field, David Mitchell.

Moved: Graham Baldock

Seconded: Jim Coates Carried

SICK LIST

Rod Jackson

MINUTES

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

Moved: Peter Telfer

Seconded: Rod Booley Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Bendigo Bank cheque book renewal.
- Vince & Tonia Fedele have resigned from the WDHVC as they no longer have any classic cars.
- Bendigo National Swap on the cancellation of the Bendigo Swap 2022

Emails In

- Vintage Machinery Geelong invitation to attend their event 14th - 15th January 2023 also asking for our help on the gates and their café.
- Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Inc invitation to attend their biannual Easter Vineland Rally 7th - 10th April 2023.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- Sympathy Cards - Lyn Johansson and family on the passing of Barry
- Jenny & Ken Parry on the passing of Jenny's mother
- Best wishes card to Jack & Jess Harmon on the occasion of their wedding.

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Ray van Galen

Seconded: Graeme Anderson

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

The Treasurer reported on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and submitted accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Rod Booley Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

No report this month.

LIBRARY (Gary)

No report this month.

DINE OUT (Sharyn)

Leopold this month.

No Dine Out scheduled for December.

EDITOR (Jon)

Backfire deadline November 21rd this month.

No backfire in January due to the printer's Christmas shutdown.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No report this month.

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

No report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORT (Tony)

Topics covered included:

- End of Year junction will be a supper with Soul Sisters performing;
- The Club Auction night will be on Jan 10th;
- The membership renewal day will be Feb 12th next year.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

No update.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

This month will be at Fred and Sharyn's place in Portarlington on the 17th. At the Shepherd's in December again but on a Wednesday this year.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

None this month

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

No report this month.

RALLY EVENTS (David M)

See the Backfire for details on events when scheduled, including:

- Next Coffee Run to Eastern Park on December 1st;
- No coffee run scheduled in January;
- Colac run on November 20th; and
- Geelong Revival on November 27th.

Events attended by members include:

- Good attendance at the Fyansford Coffee Run with 34 members;
- The Austin 7 Club's rally had afternoon tea at the Club rooms;
- The train 'rally' to the Holden Museum was a great success with 28 members; and
- Ken Parry went on the recent Bay to Birdwood run.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Just back from the last one, but considering the Flinders Ranges in 2023.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Radiators this month.



Gary's Christmas Giggles
Tall Tales from our Legendary Librarian

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the defendant.

That's no offense," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened," countered the prisoner.

What kind of motorbike does Santa like to ride?

A Holly Davidson.

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsil-itis!

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus

The 3 stages of man

1. He believes in Santa Claus.
2. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.
3. He is Santa Claus.

I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas.

She told me nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace!

So, I bought her nothing.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

No update.

KITCHEN (Pam)

No report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Ballarat Swap cancelled in 2023.
- Well done and thanks to Brian for organising the Holden Museum visit.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Jim Bell has a trailer, a Jag and a Merc for sale
- Rod Booley has his old Merc and Mazda for sale.
- Phil Abbott is looking for Capri mag wheels.

Meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 13 December 2022 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

What's every parent's favorite Christmas Carol?

Silent Night

What nationality is Santa Claus?

North Polish.

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?

A Christmas quacker.

Santa Claus is a woman because:

- The vast majorities of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve and only go for a last-minute shopping spree.
- A man would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions.
- Men can't pack a bag.
- Men would rather be dead than be caught wearing red velvet.
- Men would feel their masculinity is threatened ... having to be seen with all those elves.
- Men don't answer their mail.
- Men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's wearing them.
- Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

Across the Alps in a Lancia Lambda

Guest speakers Warwick Beanland and Jill Moodie gave members at the October meeting a fascinating summary of their recent trip across Europe in a 1925 white Lancia Lambda 6 series, the same car that club member John Hickford restored and drove for some 8,000 kms across Europe in 1996.

The six week trip had four main purposes: to take part in two Lancia rallies (the centenary celebration of the Lambda in the French Alps and a Swiss rally at Celerina, near St Moritz); to visit the WW1 battlefields in Belgium and France on which an ancestor had fought; and to spend time with relatives in the Loire Valley.

The old car travelled over 4000 kms with no mechanical problems. Google Maps was the principal navigation device, avoiding the major roads, and Bookings.com turned up some delightful accommodation in quaint, out-of-the-way country houses at very reasonable rates.



The couple said that thorough preparation of the vehicle before departure was the secret behind their trouble-free motoring. However their tin of random spares proved a God-send to another rally entrant. Question: Where would you find a 2^{1/2} inch long 3/16^{ths} Whitworth bolt in the French Alps? Answer: in a tin in the back of a white Lancia Lambda!

For the most part the trip was blessed with sunny weather and spectacular scenery. They visited some incredible places and met fellow Lancia enthusiasts. This included a red Lancia Lambda that John Hickford had restored and was also on the rally.

Jill said that the effort needed to ship the car to Europe was well worth it. The difficulty of finding suitable insurance was also a challenge, however the chance to enjoy a European jaunt in a local car that had done it all before was very special.



Lancia's ground-breaking Lambda caused a sensation when it was introduced in 1923. It was the first car to feature a load-bearing monocoque-type body, (but without a stressed roof) and also pioneered the use of an independent front suspension, via a sliding pillar with coil springs. Lancia even invented its own hydraulic shock absorber for the car. Powerful four-wheel drum brakes and an advanced OHC V-4 engine completed the Lambda's innovative specification. Some 12,988 Lambdas were produced in nine series in Lancia's Turin factory from 1923, before the model was discontinued in 1931. Source: Wikipedia. – Ed

Club Legends

John Hickford

Our club includes people with a wealth of knowledge and experience that we wish to preserve. This is the second in a series about these "Club Legends".



Pat & John Hickford

John Hickford was born in 1931 at Richmond. He spent his first eight years in Tubbut in the Victorian Alps. He told me he was trapping rabbits at seven years old. They obviously bred them tough in those times.

He had to ride his bike over the rough mountain roads to

play with any friends. The area was sparsely populated in those days (it still is).

At the start of the war the family moved to Melbourne. His first job was as a mechanic, then he did farm work for seven years.

As a teenager, John worked at a Lancia Lambda car yard after school and weekends (*the business of Ron Chandler, a Hawthorn Lancia dealer and wrecker – Ed*). You can see where this is going can't you.

His first car at 16 was a Lancia Lambda in pieces, which he put together. He got his licence in a Lancia.

He married the love of his life Pat in 1939 and had five children, and now has 10 grandchildren and five greats.

They moved to Anglesea when it was just a little town 64 years ago and started building the town. His own home sits on the hill, overlooking the ocean: this is where we sat to have our talk,

with Pat giving me more information than John would.

He has had three Lancias during his time with the club, but he reckons he has had about 10 altogether! He has also bought 22 Peugeots, which he worked on as needed then distributed among family members, and a Mercedes 300B.

His favourite car is a white Lambda series 6 with a long chassis. He toured it to many Bay to Birdwoods and also had it shipped to Europe for 10 weeks. Together with the club members Tom & Marg Ivory and Murray Coster, he did about 8,000 kms and took part in four rallies, in Holland, France and Italy. I heard their reports and stories when they came home and must admit I was jealous. His only club car now is a 565 Peugeot.

He restored three cars, which took years. As he said, with kids it was tough. He learnt restoration at East Geelong Tech.

Now to the other half of John. He has had his racing licence since 1955, but only raced in Victoria, as having children made travelling difficult.

He drove at Albert Park, Phillip Island, Hepburn Springs, Rob Roy, Winton and Towong. He was very good at it - enough to keep up with the "money boys".

John retired from racing when he got married then started again later. His last drive was at age 86.

He is foundation member of the Lancia Club and early member of WDHVC.

His dream car is a 1957 Lancia B24.

He now spends his time designing houses for his kids and meeting people in the car club.

What a wonderful and interesting life you have had John: you are a legend.

- Sharyn Harris



Magazine photos from John's racing days



most 500 cars on display, you

won't find better value family entertainment

Events Calendar

With both the Flu and Covid in the community, masks are recommended when in close proximity to others.



Updates will be sent by email and posted on Facebook. (Please pass on to those without email addresses.)

Thursday 1 December **Coffee Run to Eastern Gardens** . Under or beside the rotunda next to the Geelong Botanical Gardens There is a coffee shop on the corner of Malop St and Garden St for those entering from the City side, otherwise BYO coffee or tea, eats etc for our final 2022 beverage gathering. Start gathering there around 10am and hopefully we can anticipate some pleasant weather and some stimulating conversation to end the year. Am struggled to come up with a February venue at this stage, sorry!
Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Saturday 3 December **End of Year Event *An evening with Soul Sister Swing***
Bookings have closed, but for those with tickets, be at Clubrooms around 7.30pm ready for the entertainment to start at 8pm. Tables of six. BYO drinks, glasses & coffee/tea cups/mugs. Nibbles and sweets provided.
Contact: John Bailey 0413 258 302

Wednesday 7 December **Tinker Day at the Shepherds** Our last Tinker Day for the year will be at Ken and Ethel's place in Moriac, **PLEASE NOTE DATE and DAY CHANGE**. Leaving our clubrooms at about 10.30am and meander down to Moriac to be there by 11am. Those going directly to Ken and Ethel's should rock up at 11am also. BYO chairs, mugs and sense of humour. Santa is going to come along, as well to give the school kids goodies. There will be snags and onions on bread and an assortment of sweets for us oldies. **PLEASE NOTE!** Please bring a salad or a sweet to share with all of us, just like in the past. Let Barb van Galen know which one you can bring along.
Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537

Tuesday 13 December **General Meeting - 7.30pm** in Clubrooms.

Sunday 18 December **Christmas Lunch. Seasalt Meadow**, Lower Bluff Rd, St Leonards. From 12 noon. under the cypress trees. Everything will be supplied but bring your cutlery, plates, chairs and tables. Also mossy repellent. Names to Sharyn at next meeting or ring 0417546089
Contact Sharyn 0417 546 089

Tuesday 20 December **Committee Meeting - 7.30pm** in clubrooms.

NO December Dine Out or Tech Night. NO January Coffee Run or Backfire

Tuesday 10 January **General Meeting - 7.30pm** in Clubrooms. AUCTION NIGHT

Wednesday 11 January **Dine Out.** Usual Fish & Chips at Queenscliff. From 5.30pm. Bottom fish & chip shop, Gellibrand St, Queenscliff. BYO picnic or purchase some delicious fish & chips. Wear your club badge for an extra chip (and deny the seagulls!).

Contact Sharyn 0417 546 089

Sat 14 & Sun 15 January **Geelong Truck & Machinery Show** Details:

[Geelong Classic Truck & Machinery Show – By the Geelong Vintage Machinery section \(classictruckandmachinery.com.au\)](http://classictruckandmachinery.com.au)

Tuesday 17 January **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Monday 23 January **February *Backfire* Deadline** 5pm.

Contact: Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

Tuesday 24 January **Tech Night - "Wheels & Tyres"** Are you TYRED from your Christmas celebrations? I hope you had a WHEELY good time. While you are reading this MAG, you may like to make a note in your diary to come ROUND to the clubrooms for TECH NIGHT. Be there around 7 pm, so we can set up for a 7.30 start. Bring along anything related to wheels and tyres, and anything else you would like to discuss. If you don't have anything to bring, it doesn't matter. Just bring yourself. The more the merrier. Ladies are always welcome, as well as visitors. We always have fun. If you come along, you probably will too. HO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

Friday 27 January ***Backfire* folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 2 February, **Coffee Run Destination TBC** .

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

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- Sunday 12 February** **Membership Renewal BBQ** 12 noon to 3pm, Clubrooms.
To reduce the rush at monthly club meetings, a membership renewal BBQ will be held at the clubrooms. A chance to catch up and also to renew your membership. (**NOTE.** Membership renewals will still be taken between 6.30pm and 7.30pm, before the February and March monthly meetings. 2023 Membership Renewal Forms will be made available with the February *Backfire*.)
Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537.
- Tuesday 14 February** **General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms.
- Tuesday 21 February** **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.
- Monday 27 February** **March Backfire Deadline** 5pm. *Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441*
- Tuesday 28 February** **Tech Night** Arrive at 7 pm, so we can set up for a 7.30 pm start.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.
- Friday 3 March** **Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Other Events

Source: [swap-meets \(ozwrenches.com\)](https://www.swap-meets.com.au)

Dec 3/4 2022	Glenlyon Antique & Collectables Fair	Glenlyon Rec Reserve
Dec 11 2022	Colac Swap Meet	Colac Showgrounds, Graham Rose event 0428 394 249.
Jan 8 2023	Korumburra Swap Meet	Korumburra Showgrounds Sunday, ph 0400 572 505
Jan 15 2023	Sale Swap Meet	Sale Vic
Jan 22 2023	Centre State Swap Meet	Bendigo Racecourse, Heinz St
Feb 4 2023	Berwick Swap Meet	Arkoona Park
Feb 12 2023	Morwell Swap Meet	Toners Lane Morwell.
Feb 12 2023	Lang Lang Swap Meet	Lang Lang Vic
Feb 12 2023	Snake Valley Swap Meet	Snake Valley Rec'n Reserve, Site bookings - Cameron 0419 166 540 (A/H)
Feb 12 2023	Snake Valley Swap Meet	Snake
Feb 18-19 2023	Maldon Antique Fair	Bill Woodfull Reserve, Maldon (Vic)
Feb 24/25 2023	Ballarat Swap Meet	Cancelled as no suitable location found
Mar 12 2023	Yarra Glen Swap Meet	Yarra Glen Swap Meet
Mar 12 2023	Swanpool Motor Festival	Swanpool, 2426 Midland Hwy, Swanpool
Mar 19 2023	Maldon Swap Meet	Maldon Racecourse Reserve (Vic)
Mar 13 2023	Seymour Swap Meet & S&S	Kings Park, Seymour Vic
Apr 22 2023	Echuca Rotary Swap Meet	0483 230 908

GEELONG CLASSIC TRUCK AND MACHINERY SHOW

When: 14th & 15th January 2023
Where: Geelong Showgrounds, 79 Breakwater Rd. Geelong
Tickets: Adults \$10. Children U15 free. Exhibitors free.
Camping available (free for exhibitors)
www.classictruckandmachinery.com.au

Yarra Glen 2023 Swap Meet

Vintage Cars
Parts & Accessories

Garagenalia - Collectibles - Trade Displays
Show & Shine
Vintage and Pre-War Cars

Sunday 12 March 2023

Yarra Glen Racecourse - Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen Vic

Gates Open
Sellers 6:30am - Buyers 7:30am - Show n Shine 8:00am

Site Fees - from \$25
Entry - \$10 (includes v&v free)

The Vintage Drivers Club
www.vintageclub.com.au or fax 0471 832 277

Cruden Farm Festival of Motoring RACV

Sunday 29th January 2023

Organised by the Association of Motoring Clubs and proudly supported by the RACV
The charity for this event will be Beyond Blue.

Open to all classic and historic vehicles 25 years and older
Get your motoring year off to a great start by coming along to this new event at this historic property.
More details will be available soon so please save the date.



PATRON JOHN BOWE AM

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

NEW DATE

ROB ROY REVIVAL

25 & 26 MARCH 2023

A tribute to Garry Cooper's Elfin cars with 10 Elfin cars competing.

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Labour Day, 13 March 2023

King's Park, Seymour
8am Start (Stall Holders 6am)

Display Cars: \$10/car incl. all occupants
Spectators: Gold Coin Entry

*ALL MAKES OF CARS
*SWAP MEET *MARKET
*KIDS' MEET *MARKET

For all enquiries contact:
secretary@seymouranddistrictcarclub.com.au
or Judy on 0407 562 003

FLORENCE THOMSON Tour

FRIDAY 28th - SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2023


Based around Wangaratta

Is proudly brought to you by the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) on behalf of the RACV

To celebrate the pioneering spirit and contribution of Women to Australian motoring.

So, Ladies, please put the date in your diary so you don't miss out

Enquiries to florencehthomson@gmail.com



RALLIES & RUNS

Baby Austins on Parade



Life member Trevor Schneider stood in for President David to welcome members of the Austin 7 Club to afternoon tea in our clubrooms on Saturday 30 October.

The Austin 7s were rallying around Geelong and had based themselves at Portarlington while visiting a number of locations in the district. Before visiting WDHVC they had called in to the Geelong Waterfront and inspected Graeme Tomkins' museum at the Showgrounds.

About 18 little cars lined up on the grass to display many of the variations applied to the model – from open top 2 doors to hard top 4 door sedans; from aluminium bodied boat tails to more sedate wicker picnic baskets on luggage racks astern a compact family cruiser.



Both 1920s and 1930s models were included and they made an impressive sight. Our thanks to WDHVC member and Austin 7 owner Simon Anderson for the liaison that enabled the visit, and to the other WDHVC members on hand to welcome our guests.



RALLIES & RUNS

November Tinker Day

These photos were taken at the 17 November Tinker Day, held at Fred & Sharyn Harris' place in Portarlinton.

The weather was kind and there was an interesting array of vehicles and projects on display to interest those who took part. - Photos: Libby Booley



RALLIES & RUNS

Geelong Revival Promotion

Some of you may have seen some familiar faces and cars on the morning television program *Sunrise* recently. The interview and footage was screened to promote to the Geelong Revival weekend.

This happened after WDHVC member, Simon Anderson was approached by the organisers of the Geelong Revival to source some "naked radiator" cars to be displayed. Simon subsequently arranged for four veteran cars to be available for an early morning call near the carousel on the Geelong Waterfront.

As well as Simon's Hupmobile and Brush, Jack Thomas supplied his T model Ford, and a veteran car club member contributed an Overland Speedster.

The gleaming vehicles made a great backdrop to the interview and the fickle weather even co-operated to provide sunny skies. Jack was particularly pleased when Geelong premiership player, Mitch Duncan dropped by with the 2022 AFL premiership cup.



A Christmas Quote

"To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." - Calvin Coolidge

VALE - BARRY JOHANSSON

11/011942 - 21/10/2022

We sadly observe the passing of Barry, an enthusiast for anything historic and mechanical including farm machinery, stationary engines, tractors, cars. In fact his interest was for anything that he felt should be preserved.

Barry grew up in the Otways and was the oldest of four boys. As a lad he milked cows, fed pigs and helped on his parent's farm.

Lyn and Barry married in 1967 and purchased a dairy farm near Camperdown. Barry was active in Apex and the Freemasons and was a member of the CFA. He also became involved with the South West District Restoration group, then located at Bookar.

In 1994, after selling the farm, Lyn and Barry settled in Moolap and he joined the Vintage Machinery Group at the Geelong Showgrounds. He was also an active member of the WDHVC, the International Harvester Club and the Chrysler Valiant Car Club. He also served as a Councillor at the Royal Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

Barry loved to tinker with engines and machinery and used his skills to restore numerous items such as his tractors: a W4 International, a John Deere, a MM and his "tug" (a vehicle used to tow trailers on railway platforms) which he restored and used extensively in setting up displays at vintage rallies at the Showgrounds.



Barry's "original" 1934 Chrysler

Many will also remember Barry's "original" 1934 Chrysler and his Morris Minor Utility.

Barry was very active in each of the groups in which he was a member, and he thoroughly enjoyed attending machinery rallies and events where he was well known and highly regarded.

Lyn and Barry were married for 55 years and we extend our sympathy to Lyn, Wayne, Jason, Bronwyn and the extended family. He will be missed, but we will respectfully remember his enthusiasm and achievements.



- Trevor Schneider



- Photos: Simon Anderson



A Wheelie Big Thank You

In the October meeting "Wanted" section, I asked for any clues as where I could obtain replacement tyres for the doll's pram I was restoring.

I had five or six people come up to me afterwards with suggestions and I did buy some rubber tubing at Des Mundy's as a result of Robin's tip.

However the largest profile they had was still a bit narrow and the pipe sealing rings that had been suggested to me as a solution weren't available.

Max McKenzie had offered an old Steelcraft pram he had in the shed. I visited Max and took the pram frame home.

The old tyres became quite soft after some simmering in very hot water and I was able to roll them off the original rims and onto mine (after some fettling to change the inner profile to suit).

They now fit perfectly and I have completed the restoration well in time for the No1 grand daughter to try the pram out when she is here for Christmas. So thank you to all those who offered suggestions, and especially to Max for his donation. I never cease to be amazed at the knowledge and resources retained in our club!

Incidentally the doll's pram in question belonged to my mother-in-law, then my wife and now on to the grand daughter. So we are keeping it in the family.

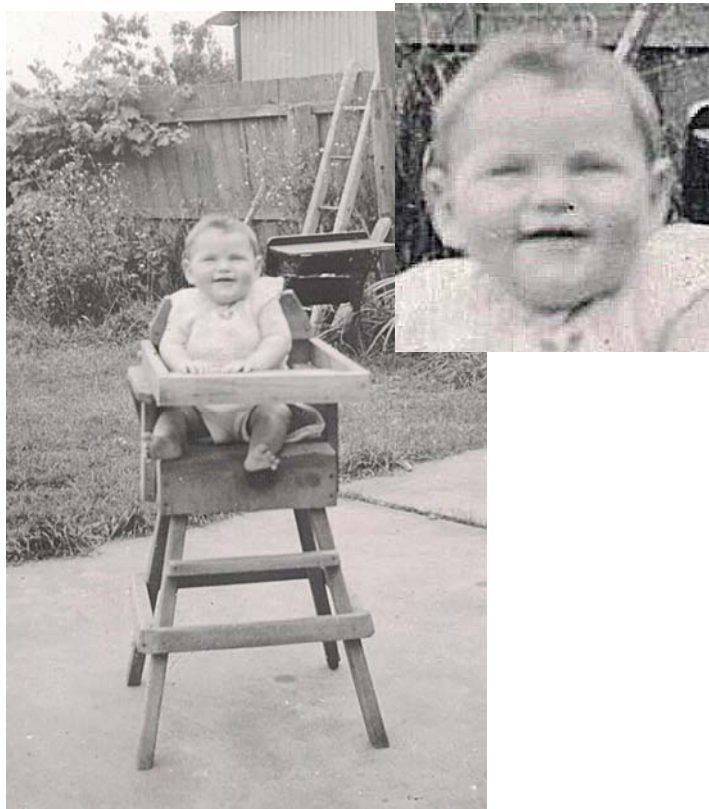
PS. She can also try out the wooden rocking horse her great grand father made for our sons, which has also had a makeover.

Ed



Great Mars Bar Competition

The December Competition



Well members, put on your thinking caps for this one, as most of our Moms unfortunately did dress us up for future embarrassment in the Mars Bar competition, although they may not have known that at the time.

This young member has the biggest smile for miles around at the thought that 65 or so years later he would be in our *Backfire* as a featured baby photo.

This is your chance to grab one of the delicious Mars Bars on offer for the winner.

I do have two more photos, but we need many more from our members please.

See Ray van Galen or email them to me if you know how. rbvangalen@gmail.com

- Ray van Galen

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen
Ph 52789 368,
or
email rbvangalen@gmail.com



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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale 1975 Mazda 1000 Ute. On club permit 0973H2. 1000cc engine, 4 speed. Repainted about 10 years ago. \$17,000. Call Simon 0414 482 241.

11/22

For Sale 1947 Morris 8 E series 2 door sedan. VIN 119722. \$16,000.ono. Call Ron 0425 890 346.

11/22



For Sale Number Plates

Victorian black & white number plates FX-444. \$444. Call Ken 0412 692 836.

10/22



Wanted

Wanted Either a Wolseley 1500 or a Riley 1.5 of around 1960-ish. Call Geoff 0437 704 063 if you can help.

10/22

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale 1953 FX 48-215 Holden sedan. Blue. Completely reconditioned throughout. Trophy winner 2015-19. Done 474 miles on new motor, clutch & diff. Repainted. Eng No 107775. \$50,000 (ONO). Call Bob Barclay 5241 9090.

12/22

For Sale. 2 front fenders 1938 Buick Special. VG condition. Black paint. No scratches.

Large air compressor. Portable 100 C M. Japanese brand. Has had general use for some years.

Interior Doors. Long jack. Some tools.

Clearing out the shed.

Call Lyle 5243 2494 for prices and details.

12/22

For Sale Lions Christmas Cakes Cakes & Puddings available for purchase. Christmas Cakes: 1.5kg are \$19; 1kg \$15. Puddings 1kg \$15. Please get in early – they are already selling like hot cakes! Call Brian Edward 5222 6986

E bseapm@bigpond.net.au

12/22

For Sale 1939 MG TB.

Imported to Australia in 1980's. Unbroken ownership record. Matching numbers, fully equipped and full tools. Engine balanced, blueprinted. Sports cam. New crankshaft, +60 thou pistons,

9:1 compression ratio. Larger valves, new clutch plate with stronger springs. Gearbox overhauled and stronger half shafts in rear axle.



Has performed faultlessly on a number of rallies.

Original London registration plates & reserved Victorian plates MGTB-39 included in the sale



TBs in this condition appear for sale in Great Britain and Europe at over A\$100,000. Looking for offers around \$85,000.

Call Geoff Brown. 0491 033 652

gkbrown44@hotmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 November	1 Coffee Run. 10.30am 	2	3 Soul Sister Swing 7.30pm
4	5	6	7 Tinker Day @ the Shepherds'	8	9	10
11 ,	12	13 General Meeting, 7.30pm	14	15	16	17
18 Xmas Lunch St Leonards	19	20 Committee Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 January 	2	3	4	5	6	7.
8	9	10 General Meeting, 7.30pm AUCTION NIGHT	11 Dine Out Queenscliff Fish & Chips	12	13	14 
15 	16	17 Committee Meeting	18	19	20	21
22	23 Feb Backfire Deadline	24 Tech Night "Wheels & Tyres"	25	26	27 Backfire Folding Morning	28
29	30	31	1 February	2 Coffee Run. Loc'n TBC 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21 Committee Meeting	22	23		25

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