



BACKFIRE

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Harold Newton's 1924 Series 4-cylinder Dodge, with a build date in the first two weeks of September 1923.

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The President's Piece - notes from a big country

Greetings members,

As we prepare to begin a new year of events and friendships in our club, we hope you have enjoyed many outings since we last met. We look forward to hearing all the news when we meet again on Tuesday 11 February.

I had a very enjoyable day at the AOMC/RACV Festival of Motoring held at Cruden Farm, where a large number of stunning vehicles gathered in beautiful garden surroundings. I took the Austin and met members of the Austin 7 Club.

We would encourage members to come forward with any ideas for possible club activities, we need to continue to explore many more exciting possibilities.

Wishing you all well, and look forward to the motoring opportunities that await us.

Happy motoring,

John.



Photo: one of the beautiful cars on display at Cruden Farm

GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET

10 MAY 2025 - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!!

Planning for the Swap Meet is gearing up. The event is an important one for our Club, and for the community, but it relies on the generous support of our many volunteers, who give their time in the lead up to, and on the day.

Give it some thought - it's a fun, social occasion. There are jobs for about 60 people, both before and on the day. It's not too early to register your interest with Murray Foran on 0409 841 700.

Disabled Parking

A gentle request to leave 3-4 parking spaces on the grass immediately beside the front door, for members who find it harder to get around. Thank you.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting No 642 of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.
Held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 10 December 2024

Presiding

Meeting Number 642 opened by John Bailey at 7.30 pm.

Apologies: Darryn Tucker, Coral Nicholson, Graham Baldock, David Learmonth, Tiny Stonehouse, Rod and Lorraine Roach, Helen Graham, Jennie Green, Brent Mellington, Tim Paech, Rhonda Alexander, Jodie Alymer and Barbara Thomson.

Moved:

Seconded: Carried

Sick List:

Nil

Bereavement:

Bernie Ellson

Minutes

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

Moved: Jan Clissold

Seconded: David Mitchell Carried

Correspondence (Fred)

Inward

Letters In

- Jack Harmon – thanking our club for their thoughts after his recent accident.
- Jean Ellson – thanking our club for their thoughts after the passing of Bernie.
- Pat Hickford – thank you card for our thoughts after the passing of John.
- Goulbourn Valley Motor Vehicle drivers club notifying our club that future newsletters will be sent electronically.

Emails In

- Austin 7 Club: notice of 48th Historic Winton. Tickets on sale for 24 & 25 May 2025.

Outward

Letters Out

- Get well card to Jack Harman.
- Sympathy Card to Jean Ellson on the passing of Bernie.

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: Fred Dosser

Seconded: Rod Booley 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: Libby Booley Carried

Program Director (John)

No report

Library (Phill)

No report

Dine Out (Sharyn)

No December Dine Out

January will be Fish and Chips at Queenscliff 5pm

Editor (Jon)

No Backfire until Feb 2025.

Morris Minor project car for sale.

Website (Damien)

Nil

Federation Report (David P)

Bendigo Swap meeting to be held at the same site for the next 2 years

Mortlake picnic to be held in May 2025

Coffee Run (Col)

No Coffee run for December and January

Col said he would be happy to continue to run it next year

Tinker Day (Vacant)

Nil

Committee Report (James)

Nil

Merchandise (David M)

New key rings will be available in the new year.

Tinker Day (Vacant)

Nil

Vehicle Permits (Gus)

New club permit paperwork coming in the new year. Make sure you have the correct paper work.

Gus interviewed Garry Mellington about his 1928 Dodge Standard Six which he has had since the late 60's. He also owns a '37 Oldsmobile and an FJ Holden.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

Rally Reports/Events (Ken)

Waterfront Display Feb 2025: details to come,

Ray Matthews talked about the Bendigo Swap and the history of the WDHVC involvement back in the 70s until the present day.

Ken talked about the Revival and he was sad to say while his Cortina ran very well, it was beaten by a Mini

Tech Night (Peter)

Next Tech night is on 28 January 2025 and it will be "Rear Suspensions"

Swap Meet (David M)

We have booked the Showgrounds for 10 May in 2025.

Kitchen (Pam)

No report

General Business

Sharyn reminded us about Fish and Chips Wednesday 15 January 2025 at Queenscliff.

Barb van Galen and John Bailey thanked those responsible putting the calendar together.

John Bailey also thanked the committee for its efforts in 2024.

December Feature Car - 1928 Dodge Standard Six

When the feature car didn't make it into the garage for the December meeting, permit officer Gus had to think on his feet. He spied Gary Mellington and called him to the front, to fill the breach.

It was a good choice, and Gary soon had us smiling as he spoke dryly of his association with his 1928 Dodge Standard Six. Of course, the car was absent, but that made little difference. (The Dodge does feature as the October car in the 2025 club calendar.)

Gary said the Dodge was originally a "paddock bomb" which he used to drive before he was licenced. This included on the roads while going to work. But Gary explained, that wasn't a problem as there was "no one about".

In the early 1960s he sold the car and was without it for a few years. Then in 1969, he bought the old Dodge back again and has owned it ever since. He explained that he originally got the car for nothing but had to pay \$20 to buy it back!

He then restored the Dodge. "I did all the restoration except for the upholstery," he said.

Gary described the car now as "in pretty good condition – like me". It has had "a couple of paint jobs and a replacement motor" (he had three spares).

John Bailey also talked about the Christmas Dinner and its great success.

50 year badges were given to Trevor & Christine Little and Garry & Laurel Tonkin.

For Sales, Wanted and Confessions

John Bailey has brought an Austin 7 from Portarlington

If you would like a bug eye Sprite, see Fred.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 14 January 2025 in the clubrooms.

- Phill Abbott

Note: the January meeting was later cancelled after notice that the Showgrounds were not available on 14 Jan.

Our first meeting for 2025 will be on 11 February 2025.

-Ed



50 Year Badges Presented

Garry & Laurel Tonkin and Trevor & Christine Little were presented with their 50 year membership badges at the December meeting. Both of the men had joined the club at a young age and spoke of their memories, particularly of the early days of the club. Garry was kind enough to share his notes, which are reproduced below.

I joined in 1971, aged 15, as the first junior member. So I have been a member for 53 years! In those days we met at The Commonwealth Society House in Latrobe Terrace.

Warrick Gillan was the president back then.

Dad took me along as I had the remains of a 1923 Overland I was keen to restore. I purchased this out of the Addy for \$10, but it was missing most of the body.

Not long afterwards, a travelling salesman, who used to work for Walton's, told me about a car he had for sale. It was then that I purchased my 1926 Morris Cowley, which I restored while I was an apprentice motor mechanic.

I displayed it at an early car show down on the Belmont Common.

A little-known fact is that after an introduction from Tom Anderson, I met Harold Paynting, a member of The James Flood Trust. He was interested in my story of my youth and interest in cars, and my Morris features in the third James Flood Book of Early Motoring!

Two years after I joined the club, I met my future wife Laurel, who has been a part of the club ever since.

When we married, we had my Morris and past members' vehicles, Tom and Ivy Anderson's Lancia Lamba, and Bruce Williamson's '34 Chevrolet, as the wedding cars.

Some highlights during my years at the club.

- Performing Roadworthy Checks for quite a few years.
- Harold Newton and I organised the first club "swap meet" out at Bannockburn called Tin-a-Rama.
- Laurel and I organised and ran two 2-day rallies around the district in 1987 and 1988, designing the badge with permission to use the T&G bell ringers on it.

Over my years with the club I've seen many changes, including the growth of our membership, the changes in vehicles from veterans to modern day and all the different club rooms we have used. How fortunate we are to have this wonderful building now.

We have made many friends over the years with lots of wonderful memories. Some of you may recall these past deceased members who are sadly missed, but we remember them fondly: Doug Riches; Les Shell; Val Stocks; Norm Lehman; Tom & Marg Ivory; Jock Golding - the list goes on and on.

I have had over 160 vehicles in my lifetime from Austins to a Zephyr, and all the letters in between.

I still have the old Morris that will turn 100 in 2026! It doesn't get out these days, but the grandkids have all enjoyed "driving" her.



Over 50 years ago I told Laurel that one day I would like to own a Porsche, and I'm so excited to say that I have just bought one!

We have a thriving club, and this is because we have a great committee and active, like-minded members.

Thanks for the memories everyone and the recognition of our time with the WDHVC and with this award.

- Garry & Laurel Tonkin

President John caught up with Lorraine Collinson at the Christmas BBQ break up in St Leonards, to present her with a 50 year membership badge, to mark the time that she and husband Barry had spent as WDHVC members. While Barry died in September 2022, Lorraine remains a club member.



2024 Christmas Dinner Dance



The Dinner Dance to mark the end of the year was again a most enjoyable and successful event. This was in no small way due to the skills of the principal organisers, Pam and Julie, and their helpers. Committee members had cleaned and sorted the clubrooms in the days before, so the venue was all clean and sparkly. The Christmas decorations and lights created a great atmosphere, and the food provided by the caterers was first rate.



Souls Sister Swing provided the entertainment for the fourth and last time. Their toe tapping tunes from the 1940s to 60s had everyone feeling good, with quite few venturing onto the dance floor. Sadly the trio have decided to call time, and are playing their final sold out show at the Botanic Gardens on 22 February, after nearly 40 years of music making. So we were fortunate to be able to enjoy the music provided by Gail, Lynda and Carol

Soul Sister Swing began in 1985 and quickly became known for their unique harmonies and repertoire of upbeat songs from the 40s big band swing era, along with the popular girl group songs from the 60s and Motown soul. They were regular guests on the Bert Newton show as well performing both locally and Australia-wide presenting corporate floor shows and events.

Thanks for another great night. The challenge now will be to do it again next year with some new entertainment.

- Ed



President John presented Carol, Lynda and Gail with "thank you" flowers at the end of the night.

It's Your Newsletter, so Keep Contributing!

Don't forget to send me your contributions. Emailed, hand delivered, posted, by SMS or carrier pigeon! Hand written or typed. Don't leave it to the faithful few or your editor. If you are at an event, take a photo on your phone or scribble a few notes. Send them to: Mob. 0417 311 441 or editor@wdhvcgeelong.com

Other Events

Source: [swap-meets \(ozwrenches.com\)](http://swap-meets(ozwrenches.com)) and individual event flyers.

See also the AOMC website - [Events – AOMC](#)

Feb 2	Morwell Swap Meet	Toners Lane, Morwell
Feb 8	Glenlyon Swap Meet	Glenlyon Swap Meet and Car Show, Glenlyon Rec Reserve
Feb 9	Lang Lang Swap Meet	Lang Lang Showgrounds
Feb 9	Snake Valley Swap Meet	Snake Valley Foory Ground, Cameron 0419 166 540 (after hours only)
Feb 15-16	Maldon Antique Fair	Maldon, Bill Woodfull Reserve
Feb 16	Emerald All American Car Display & Swap Meet	Recreation Reserve 410/412 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Gembrook VIC 3783
Feb 22	Kingston Swap Meet Sat	Kingston Showgrounds (near Ballarat)
Feb 22	Stawell Swap Meet	Stawell, North Park - Lamont Street, Rob 0400 581 937 or Cass 0409 190 696
Mar 1	Ballan Swap Meet	Old Ballan Racecourse, JASON 0409 557 541
Mar 1-2	Shepparton Collectables Fair	Shepparton Showgrounds, DAVE 0409 142 391
Mar 8-9	Bendigo Collectables Fair	Bendigo Showgrounds
Mar 9	Yarra Glen Swap Meet	Yarra Glen Racecourse
Mar 9	Llanelly Motorcycle Swap Meet	Llanelly Vic
Mar 16	Leongatha Swap Meet	Leongatha Rotary Show n Shine and Swap Meet, Contact Jim McNiven 0418 5591 19
Mar 22	Koroit Swap Meet	Koroit, Victoria Park, Contact Willy 0419 547 548
Mar 23	HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market	HTPAA Antique & Collectable Hand Tool Market, St. Anthony's School Hall 164 Neerim Rd, Cnr Neerim & Grange Rds, Caulfield East 9am - 12.30pm, \$5 entry, info: email toolsales@htpaa.org.au
Mar 23	Shepparton Rotary Swap Meet	Shepparton Rotary Motor show & Swap Meet, Shepparton Showgrounds
Mar 23	Trafalgar Swap Meet	Trafalgar,
Mar 30	Maffra Swap Meet	1A Sale Road, Maffra, 0455 556 542
Mar 30	Maldon Swap Meet	Maldon Racecourse Reserve



**Yarra Glen
2025
Swap Meet**



**Vintage Cars
Parts & Accessories**

*Garagenalia - Collectibles
Show & Shine
Vintage and Pre-War Cars*

Sunday 9th March 2025

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 (children u12 free)

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48th HISTORIC WINTON
24th and 25th May 2025

www.historicwinton.org
Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria

BENALLA RURAL CITY

The Austin Seven CLUB

Austin Seven Club Inc. A0903290N | Photo - Bruce Keys

Events Calendar

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

- Friday 31 January** **Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938
- Thursday 6 February** **Coffee Run** to the Point Lonsdale Golf Club, 31 Clubhouse
Drive Pt Lonsdale. Start time from 10am and there should be plenty of parking.
Happy days and see you there. Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator. *Contact: Col 0425 822 026*
- Tuesday 11 February** **General Meeting** 7.30pm in Clubrooms.
- Wednesday 12 February** **Dine Out.** White Eagle in Townsend Road Breakwater
Contact Sharyn 0417 546 089
- Sunday 16 February** **Waterfront Display.** 10am - approx. 3pm. Please bring a chock for your wheels as it is a requirement. I will guide you in to park with my vest on, as a safety procedure. Enter from Cunningham Pier. Names taken at February meeting. *Contact: Ken 0437 254 351*
- Tuesday 18 February** **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm in clubrooms.
- Sunday 23 February** **Membership Renewal BBQ** 12 noon to 3pm, Clubrooms.
(To reduce the rush before monthly club meetings.) A chance to catch up and renew your membership. (**NOTE.** Membership renewals will also be taken between 6.30pm and 7.30pm, before the February & March monthly meetings. Membership Renewal Forms are included with the Feb. *Backfire.*)
Contact: Barb van Galen 0408 664 537.



WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC

2025



Membership Renewal Application – 2025 (Please PRINT CLEARLY)

- Monday 24 February** **March Backfire Deadline** 5pm. *Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441*
- Tuesday 25 February** **Tech Night "Wheels & Tyres"**. Don't say you are too TYRED. Come to the clubrooms around 7 pm, so we can set up for a 7.30 pm start. We will have a WHEELIE good time. Bring along steel, aluminium, carbon fibre, or wooden wheels (wooden wheels included so Morgan owners don't feel left out). Cross ply, bias belted, radial, run flat, beaded edge, slick, race, or even stupid, low profile that puncture when you hit a pothole. Wear your name badge to win a free chocolate frog. *Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.*
- Friday 28 February** **Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms.
Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938
- Thursday 6 March** **Coffee Run** TBC *Contact: Col 0425 822 026*

Red Plate Reminders

- 1/. You should receive your club permit 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.
- 2/. 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, people have had 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!)
- 3/. If you know you won't be around when your renewal falls due, you can pay early. VicRoads will happily accept early payments.
- 4/. 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 uninsured. They must not be driven on the roads - heavy fines apply.
- 5/. If you did not renew your club membership by 31 March, you are unfinancial. VicRoads considers red plate vehicles belonging to unfinancial members to be unregistered and insurance companies won't cover them either.
- 6/. To avoid any doubt about the currency of your permit, ensure to get a dated VicRoads stamp on the form that is stuck inside your new log book when you make payment. Carry the current VicRoads payment receipt in the vehicle.

RALLIES & RUNS

Geelong Truck & Machinery Show 2025

Another year's truck and machinery show has passed. The morning started lovely, with breakfast onsite. There was excellent food in the machinery shed - then it was off to view the tractor pull.

There were large old tractors pulling a heavy sled, to achieve a result to win. I was amazed at the strength of the old tractors.

It was great to come across other club members, displaying old historic tractors and mowers, along with dairy products from past years.

Unfortunately the rain set in by late morning, which did stop the event. It was still a great day.

Photos & text -Tim Christie



RALLIES & RUNS

Geelong Truck & Machinery Show 2025

I attended the Geelong Classic Truck and Machinery Show on Saturday, 11 January. It was very hot, and the numbers were down. On Sunday, it rained mid-morning; not sure of the numbers. Most of the regular displays were present, but some were missing. Our club member Ray had his stationary engine running.

I watched a man in the machinery shed trying to start a single-cylinder kerosene stationary engine. The combustion chamber was preheated with a special Primus kerosene blow torch. The engine did not have a spark plug but worked like a diesel and the compression caused it to fire. The engine is a "hit-and-miss" and does not inject fuel every power stroke. It only injects kerosene to maintain the engine speed. A young man watching said his grandfather once owned this engine. The owner had many attempts to get it running with no success. I left and came back later, and it was running. The engine was originally used to pump water to irrigate sugar cane in Townsville.

Caterpillar had a display of old bulldozers and graders. The 4-cylinder diesel engine was started by a small 2-cylinder horizontally-opposed petrol engine driving a ring gear on the diesel's flywheel.

It rotates the diesel to get the oil pressure up and distribute the oil. The exhaust valves are lifted to stay open, making it easier to rotate. The engine starts when the exhaust valves are closed.

The petrol engine also preheats the diesel engine. There is also a centrifugal mechanism to disengage it when the diesel starts.

The operator then moved the grader blade and tilted the front wheels by mechanical means, as this grader was made before hydraulics. Later, the operator told me his life story and how he got an adult apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic at the age of 30. He also said that when his workplace was taken over by another company, it went from a good workplace to a s%#t place.

Caterpillar is 100 years old this year and is going to have a big display at Lake Goldsmith in November. There is an international Cat club with a couple of charters in Australia. It helps people maintain and restore caterpillar machinery.

Another good display for Geelong. I hope the weather will be kinder next year.

Photos & text - Lindsay Alford



RALLIES & RUNS

St Leonards Break Up

*Santa had presents for all the good girls and boys.
He left the sleigh and reindeer in the stable and opted for a slightly
more modern, and just as unusual, form of transport.*



*John Bailey's wickerwork-bodied Austin 7 created plenty of interest at
its first club outing.*



Photos: Peter Urquhart & Ed.



RALLIES & RUNS

St Leonards Break Up

A record number of over 90 people, driving an array of club vehicles and moderns, attended the end-of-year breakup under the cypresses at St Leonards on 15 December. The catering crew of club members did a fabulous job, the weather was perfect and the company was congenial. Even the mossies decided to have a day off. You could sit in the shade in the sea breeze and wear a jacket or bask in the patches of sunlight if you felt a bit shivery. Another fantastic event to round out 2024! Thanks to all concerned.



New Tinker Day Coordinator Needed

We will need a new Tinker Day Coordinator in 2025, as Dallas has retired from the job. See John Bailey if you are interested or Dallas to find out more about what's involved.



● **ABOVE:** The Automobile Association was the initiator of the road-side filling station in Great Britain. This picture, probably historic, shows the first A.A. station at Aldermaston on the Bath Road. Many more were to follow as the membership of the A.A. grew beyond expectations.

- taken from *Cars* magazine of April, 1955. Supplied by Graeme Anderson.

GEELONG'S FIRST MOTOR SHOW

TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TO-NIGHT BY THE MAYOR

FINE DISPLAY ON DENNY'S LASCELLES FLOOR

Geelong's first Motor Show will be inaugurated today. Although hundreds of people are expected to view the exhibits on the Show Floor of Dennys, Lascelles Ltd. from 2 PM, the official opening by the (Councillor J Solomon) will not take place until 7.30 tonight. The Show will continue until 10:30 PM and will be held every day from Monday to Saturday (inclusive) of next week between 2 PM and 10:30 PM. The president and executive of the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce will be present today, in addition to representatives from Ballarat and Bendigo. The mayors of Geelong West and Newtown and Chilwell, Mr J H Lister, MHR, the Honourable Howard Hitchcock MLC, Mr G R King, and the directors of Dennys Lascelles Ltd have signified their intention of being present today.

A large contingent of visitors is expected from Melbourne. Patrons will be admitted to the show by the door at the corner of Claire and Corio streets at the price of one shilling.

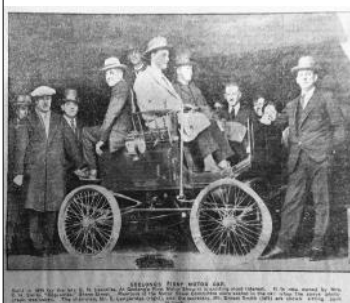
The exhibition, on a very imposing scale, is being conducted by members of the motor trade in Geelong. Already several Melbourne visitors have expressed admiration at the magnitude of the show. The committee in charge of arrangements consist of the president (Mr E Langbridge), Messrs. W J Mullet, A Margetts, S Balfour, H L Harrison, and the organising secretary (Mr Ernest Smith). This Motor Show committee was appointed by the Geelong section of the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce and the effort is being made purely by Geelong motor traders.

Members of the committee and traders generally are very grateful to the directors of Dennys, Lascelles Ltd. for

making it possible for them to hold the Show by providing the use of their Show Floor. The first and only time so far that the door at the corner of Claire and Corio streets has been used was in June 1920, when the exhibition of Geelong industries was held in connection with the Prince's visit. For the first time since then that door will be open to the public today.

To display the 150 motorcars, the motorcycles, the tyres, the batteries, the oils, and the accessories, 52 stands have been elaborately decorated and the whole setting is attractive in design. The posts are beflagged and it is anticipated that the show will rival the international show held in Melbourne recently, notwithstanding that the Melbourne decorations were used for the Dukes visit, and cost over £3000.

All makes of cars are represented. Electric light of the strength of 17,000 candlepower affords brilliant illumination, and the scene tonight should be worth going a long way to see. The area covered by the exhibits, which were being placed in position yesterday, consists of 33,000 square feet. Many traders, principally of Melbourne, desiring space were unable to be accommodated by the Show Committee, but one such trader was so impressed with the Geelong effort that he ordered space for the next year's show. The ABC are catering for afternoon tea and supper on the second floor of the building.



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale 1959 Bedford truck. Reg. 25894-H. Holden motor, running on gas. \$5,000. Call Mal 0417 511 427. **2/25**



For Sale. 2003 Yamaha XV250 Virago. VIN: JYA3LVT043AO25118REGO BQ219. Very low mileage \$2,500. Call Graham 0409 241 558. **2/24**

For Sale 1987 Land Cruiser Turbo Diesel. Reg. 77687-H. 200,000 kms. Red in color. \$35,000 ONO .Call Les 0428 887 544. **11/24**

Wanted

Wanted. Mudguards to suit a veteran car. New or usable second hand is fine. Any style, rounded or flat, with or without valances. Set of 4 or just a pair. Any leads welcome and happy to look at what you have. Call Paul 0417 390 027 thetrady@outlook.com

Wanted. Early bulb brass horn & speedo for veteran car project. Happy to look at what you have . Call Paul 0417 390 027 thetrady@outlook.com **12/24.**

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 (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 (Ph 0418 587 415).

KEEP IT IN THE CLUB
Got a vehicle for sale?
Please consider advertising it in
Backfire first, to give your fellow
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1955 Citroen 2 CV

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 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.	28	29	30	31 January Backfire Folding Morning	1
2	3	4	5	6 Coffee Run 10am Pt Lonsdale Golf Club	7	8
9	10	11 General Meeting 7.30pm	12 Dine Out White Eagle 6pm	13	14	15
16 Waterfront Display Cunningham Pier 10am	17	18 Committee Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 Membership Renewal BBQ From 12 noon	24 Backfire Deadline	25 7pm Tech Night "Wheels & Tyres"	26	27	28 Backfire Folding Morning	1 March
2	3	4	5	6 Coffee Run TBC 10am	7	8