

BACKFIRE

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The President's Piece - notes from a big country

Greetings All.

Can it really be almost November!!!

Let's start with a reminder about our Sparkling Christmas Dinner Party on Friday 29 November.

Sign-up and payment must be made by 12 November. Don't miss out!

Please remember also to sign up for the Christmas celebration at Sharyn and Fred's, and the party at Lower Bluff Road St Leonards to end the year. All sign-ups can be completed at the next meeting.

It was sad to hear of the passing of John Hickford, a long time and loyal club member.

Col Jordan organised another great Tinker Day at the CFA Workshops in Newport.

A thanks also to all club members who continue to organise such interesting events for us to enjoy.

We send our apologies for non- attendance at the next meeting: we are off to Tassie for a short break to celebrate our anniversary.

Thanks Barb for holding it all together again.

Happy travelling,

John.

JOHN HICKFORD

It was sad to hear of John Hickford's passing earlier this week.

A full tribute will be included in the December Backfire.

- Ed



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 640 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.

HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 8 October 2024

MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm

PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened meeting 640 at 7.30pm

APOLOGIES

John Hickford, Barbara Thomson, Barbara Johnson, Anne & Angelo De Bono, Jodie Aylmer, Ray Turner, Robert Clark, Lindsay & Marg Hose, Kevin & Julie Wilby, Jim Coates, Max & Gwen Tucker, Trevor Little, Graham Baldock, Ray van Galen, Peter & Sandra Boast, Tim Paech, Rhonda Alexander, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Tiny Stonehouse, Jennie Greens, Colin Chappell and Courtney Field

Moved:

Seconded: Carried

SICK LIST

Gwen Tucker

MINUTES

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

Moved: Rod Booley

Seconded: Ken Batson Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Federation – Bendigo swap club site tickets

Emails In

- Federation – Scoresby picnic 27th April
- Baskerville – Invitation to attend their historic race meeting October 31st – November 3rd more information on Facebook – Baskerville Historics

OUTWARD

Letters Out

Nil

Emails Out

- Geelong Arts Society - Committee approved their request for use of clubrooms at Geelong Show

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Jon Breedveld 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: Max McKenzie Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Nil

LIBRARY (Phill)

Eight new books added to the library.

DINE OUT (Sharyn)

Peninsula Hotel Wednesday 9 October, 2024

EDITOR (Jon)

- Deadline for Backfire is Monday 21 October.
- Thanks to Damien (Gus) Giustini in Tassie for looking after the Backfire while Jon was away.
- Photos for the calendar required to the editor.

WEBSITE (Damien)

Nil

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

Next meeting in two weeks. There will be a club site at the Bendigo swap meet: volunteers needed to put the tent up.

COFFEE RUN (Colin)

Coffee run was held at Fred and Sharyn's place in Portarlington. They put on a BBQ and it went down well.

COMMITTEE REPORT (James)

- Badges for members who made it to 50 years membership.
- Christmas events 29 November at Club Room.
- St Leonards BBQ

MERCHANDISE (David M)

Several items for sale: stickers, badges, mugs etc. David asked members about interest in key rings in the future.

TINKER DAY (Dallas)

Tinker day this month will be on Thursday 17th at the CFA Workshops in Newport.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

No report

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Ken Parry)

- Run to Ballarat was a good turn out with plenty of sites to satisfy all interests.
- Names and cars required for Alan David Lodge for 20 November
- Warnambool run in October is closed. Anybody wanting to go now will have to find their own accommodation.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

No Tech night this month due to the Geelong Show.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

SWAP MEET (David)

David has begun the planning for next year.

KITCHEN (Pam)

Reported on the up and coming Christmas fun night to be held on Friday 29 November. There will be dancing and entertainment. It will be catered for and no clean up required by us. BYO drinks and glasses. It would be appreciated if everyone is seated by 6:30pm.

Pam also thanked the committee for its generosity in subsidizing this event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Rod raised the possibility for a run to Mount Franklin while the others are in Warnambool.
- Sharyn asked for numbers for St Leonards Christmas BBQ for catering.
- 50 years badges were presented to Anne Parnell, Jeff Day and Evelyn Hill

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- Handbook service guide for a Holden HJ free to good home (Alex).
- 1999 Falcon Sedan on gas and a gopher for sale.
- 1987 Land cruiser well fitted out reluctant sale \$35,000 ono (Les)

Meeting closed at 8:40pm for a talk by James Park and Simon Anderson on their Variety Bash trip in their Ford Laser. (The car was displayed in the garage.)

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 12 November 2024 in the clubrooms.

- Phill Abbott

50 Year Badges Presented

Evelyn Hill, Jeff Day and were presented with special badges to recognise 50 years of membership of the WDHVC at the October meeting. Each spoke briefly about their memories of their time at the club.



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

Mount Gambier Meander - 16 to 22 September 2024

Long Distance Rally Report

Day One

Our convoy consisting of Ray & Barb Van Galen, Fred & Sharyn Harris, Rod & Libby Booley, Mick & Trish Ormrod, Ken & Noelene Loone, Dick & Margaret Safstrom, Manny & Lil Vella and Col & Lyn Jordan left from the Waurm Ponds Parking Bay on the Princess Highway around 9 o'clock. Everyone was eager to get on the road. The weather unfortunately was not in our favour for the week but didn't stop us having an enjoyable time. Our first stop was at the Botanic Gardens in Colac for morning tea. We were blessed that the rain had eased up for us to enjoy a cuppa and chat. As we drove on through Cobden and Timboon the rain was very persistent but again eased up for us to eat our lunch at Tower Hill Reserve. A lapse in concentration by Libby led to an emu attack on Rod's sandwich - lost in an instant. From here we continued, travelling through Port Fairy to finally arrive in Portland for the next two nights.

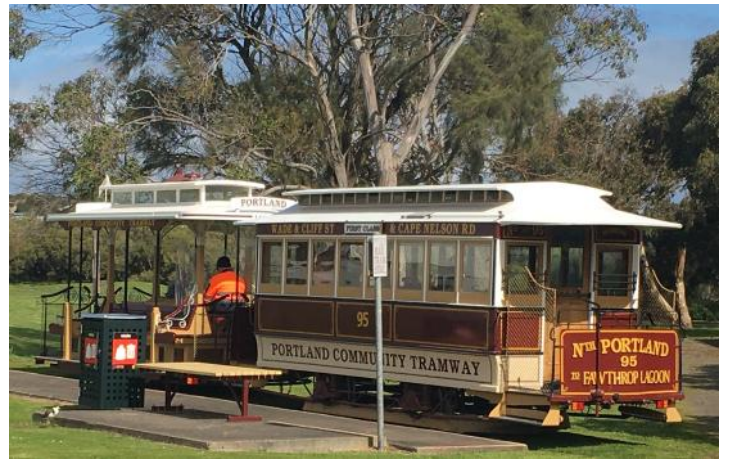
Day Two

We visited the Portland Maritime Discovery Centre, which documented the region's rich maritime history including whaling, shipwrecks, rescue, navigation and the local fishing industry. Centrepiece of the Museum is the 1858 Portland lifeboat, famous for its role in the "Admella" rescue in 1859. The lifeboat is one of the oldest remaining unrestored intact vessels in Australia, possibly the world. The Centre also displayed the skeleton of a 14-metre sperm whale.



After a cuppa in the cafe, we ventured up to the Cable Tram Depot for our tram tour of the sights of Portland. Some of us braved the outdoor carriage and the rugs we were given came in very handy to beat the cold wind.

A very pleasant ride.



After lunch we visited the Powerhouse Motor and Car Museum which is run by the Portland Powerhouse Car Club Inc. It housed a unique collection of veteran, vintage and classic cars, motor bikes, stationary motors, tractors, fully restored cable tram and memorabilia. We were invited into their clubrooms for cuppa and chat by members of the car club. Thanks very much for your hospitality.



Day Three

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Barb and Ray as Barb's knee was giving her some grief and they decided to go home to get it checked out. The rest of us left Portland and travelled out to the Petrified Forest, a unique and fascinating geological feature. The forest is not actually a collection of petrified trees but instead a series of hollow limestone tubes that have been eroded by millions of years of rainfall. The tubes are typically around three metres high.

From here we walked down to the Blowholes where there was a good view of a very rough Southern Ocean. After having morning tea at the Cape Bridgewater Café, which overlooked the pristine beach, we travelled on to Nelson for lunch.



Mount Gambier Meander - 16 to 22 September 2024

Continuing to Mount Gambier, we took a detour and visited the Little Blue Lake, a popular place to swim for the locals. We arrived at our motel and after a drink and some nibbles we headed off to the pub for dinner.



Day Four

And it was raining as we prepared to do the aquifer tour at the Blue Lake. Thankfully, it had stopped, as our tour guide Garry Turner arrived. After a 200 metre walk down a slight gradient into the pumping station, a glass lift took us down to an 80-metre tunnel out to the viewing platform. Here Garry explained how the lake was created and how the lake services the town. Garry's talk was very informative and showed his passion for what he does.

After lunch we visited the Glencoe Historic Woolshed. The Leake Bros. National Trust Woolshed is one of the largest woolsheds in Australia.

Built in 1863, this building is a 36-stand shearing shed,



and has hand adzed cathedral-arched blackwood beams, with supporting posts of pit sawn blackwood – a beautiful example of rural architecture.



It was never converted to electricity, and so it is still in its original condition. It has now been converted into a museum of original and historic blade shearing and wool handling processes. Carole gave us a very informative talk on the history of the Leake Bros. and their family.

Day Five

Day Five saw us venture out to Port MacDonnell, where we visited Feast's Car and Memorabilia Collection. This is the private collection of Donald and Sheila Feast and oh boy was it amazing! Every conceivable object you could think of was on display in the three sheds. Manny was in his element with the collection of R and S series Valiants. Donald and Sheila explained the origins of much of the memorabilia. The outside wall mural is still puzzling.

After having morning tea by the foreshore in blustery conditions a few called into the Maritime Museum and the ladies found a dress shop to browse through. By now the heavens opened and we had a wet trip back to Mount Gambier. After lunch we visited the Cave Garden and then the Umpherston Sinkhole and although it wasn't in full bloom, it was well worth a visit.

Day Six



Today we left Mount Gambier and travelled to Casterton. Trish was very observant when she saw a koala wandering down the main street and won the Most Observant Award for the trip. Unfortunately, no-one else saw it.

Morning tea was down by the river, before heading up to the Australian Kelpie Centre. The dual facility offers tourist information alongside interactive exhibits showing the Kelpie's role in Australian Life.

After lunch we took the dirt road out to see the Bilstons Tree at Chetwynd. This incredible river red gum is reputed to be the largest millable timber tree in Australia and is more than 800 years old and around 40 metres tall. In 2013 a large branch fell from the tree, which now features beautiful pictures of animals carved by a local artist.

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Mount Gambier Meander - 16 to 22 September 2024



On the way to Hamilton, we called into Wannan Falls, with water flowing down the falls into a deep plunge pool below. After settling into our motel, we gathered for nibbles and a catch up of the day.

Day Seven

The last day of our trip. This morning, we visited the Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum. We boarded the plane to watch a documentary of the life journey of Reginald Ansett and his transport inventions. The museum is based on the Ansett company's first aircraft hangar, which has been relocated in Hamilton and displays a collection of over 1,000 objects relating to the Ansett empire from the humble road and air transport beginnings in Western Victoria through to an international airline. On display are a Fokker Universal aircraft like the one used on the first Ansett flight in 1936 and a 1928 Studebaker.



The Museum also has a complete set of flight attendant uniforms. Our guide, a 90-year-old fellow, was very passionate about the display and very informative.

From here we called in to see Campes Motor Museum. Founded more than 30 years ago, this privately owned museum has a wonderful collection of vintage cars, motorbikes and memorabilia. Some of the most notable attractions include a 1955 Ansett Clipper bus, 1933 Citroen, and stunning 1929 Stutz. Our guide Leo was very knowledgeable on all aspects of the museum.



It was now time to meander home. Thanks for the good company and many shared experiences.

Lyn & Col Jordan

Photos Lil Vella & Lyn Jordan



Other Events

Source: swap-meets.ozwrenches.com and individual event flyers

Nov 3	Myrtleford Swap	Swap Meet & S & S, Myrtleford Showgrounds
Nov 5	Pegasus Swap	Melbourne Gun Club (192 Victoria Rd Yering)
Nov 10	Edenhope Swap	Edenhope Show Grounds
Nov 10	Maldon Swap	Maldon Racecourse, Text Mark 0414 244 842
Nov 16-17	Bendigo Swap	Bendigo Showground
Nov 17	Cobden Swap	Cobden Showground Cobden Pioneer Park
Nov 23	Gippsland Vintage & Collectibles	Gippsland Regional Sports Stadium, Traralgon
Nov 24	Maldon Swap	Maldon Racecourse, Text Mark 0414 244 842
Nov 24	Wangaratta Swap	Wangaratta Showgrounds
Nov 24	Sandown Swap	Sandown Park Hotel Carpark, Noble Park, 10am start
Dec 7/8	Glenlyon Swap	Glenlyon Swap Meet and Car Show, Glenlyon Rec Reserve
Dec 14	Geelong Collectables	Swap & sell day, Hall of Agriculture, Geelong Showgrounds
Dec 24	Sandown Swap	Sandown Park Hotel Carpark, Noble Park, 10am start

Events Calendar

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

Friday 25 October

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 7 November

Christmas Coffee Run to Harrises Meet on site from 11am. (30 Valerie St Portarlington). Meat, tea & coffee supplied. Bring a salad or dessert; and anything else you need - chairs, utensils mug etc. Numbers a must: if you haven't already put your names down, please call Sharyn.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Sunday 10 November

Club Run to Cottage by the Sea. Meet on site at 10.30 am. I have wish list sheets available, so if not at the club meetings give me a ring if attending, as I intend to book for lunch at the Queenscliff Bowling Club.

Contact: Ken 0437 254 351

Tuesday 12 November

General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 13 November

Dine Out 6pm at Oppies in Norlane .

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Tuesday 19 November

Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Wednesday 20 November

Club Run to Alan David Lodge 1pm to 3pm. Meet at the venue. Our annual visit to Allen David Lodge, just past Grovedale railway overpass on the left. We will be served with afternoon tea. I would like if we could get 12 or so classic and vintage cars to give the resident a bit of excitement with memories of their early days.

Contact: Ken 0437 254 351

Thursday 21 November

Tinker Day Will be to Carl and Pauline Lorenz's home in Anakie. Meet at Batesford Roadhouse (Mortimer Petroleum) for a 10 am departure.

Contact: Dallas 0432 172 171

Monday 25 November

Dec. Backfire Deadline 5pm.

Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441

Tuesday 26 November

for a 7.30 pm start.

Tech Night "TBC" All welcome. Arrive at 7 pm, so we can set up

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Friday 29 November

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Friday 29 November

Christmas Evening with Soul Sister Swing. Music, dancing and a delicious 2-course dinner! BYO drinks. Seated by 6.30 for 7pm. Booking cut off is 12 November. \$30 per head (subsidised by the Club). Get in quick.

Contacts: Pam 0487 696 097 or Julie 0432 147 555

Tuesday 10 December

General Meeting 7.30pm in Clubrooms.

Wednesday 11 December

Dine Out 6pm (TBC) .

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Sunday 15 December

Christmas BBQ at St Leonards. Lower Bluff Road. Food provided. BYO utensils, chairs, drinks and mozzie repellent. Names needed for catering - register at 12 November meeting.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Tuesday 17 December

Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

New Tinker Day Coordinator Needed

We will need a new Tinker Day Coordinator in 2025, as Dallas is retiring from the job. See John Bailey if you are interested or Dallas to find out more about the job.

Calendar Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed photos for consideration for the 2025 Club Calendar. The deadline for contributions is **Thursday 31 October**.

Contrary to what I have previously advised, selection of the photos to be included will be done by a computer-generated random selection.

There will be 13 vehicles included, one per page (including the front cover).

The committee decided that organising a member vote would be too complicated and time-consuming.

The calendar promises to be an attractive item and we are on track to distribute them at the December monthly meeting. One per member, with your name marked off as you collect it.



RALLIES & RUNS

The Variety Bash

Variety Vic Bash 2024 Swan Hill Vic to Airlie Beach Qld

Simon Anderson, James Park and the mighty Ford Laser



Certainly the longest and most challenging run to report on this month was the 3,200km Variety Bash Run from Swan Hill to Airley Beach that James Park and Simon Anderson undertook in August. Simon and James spoke about their adventure at the October meeting.

Mechanical Mishaps



Among their challenges were a wearing gearbox. James explained: "We made it back (to Geelong) thanks to completing four gearbox fluid changes and one bottle of additive. We used three bottles of Chem-i-weld to seal our head gasket/cracked head. The Laser also suffered a few other problems. They used a ratchet strap to hold the front engine mount in and two foam gardening kneeling pads from Mitre 10 were stuffed into the back springs to hold the back end of the car up.



While they knew the scheduled stops, entrants were not told the route between them until the start of each leg. This meant that "they had to be on their toes" while "naviguessing" their way along the roads. Unexpected wet weather meant muddy roads and water crossings - something the front wheel drive Laser was better suited for than some heavier RWD cars.



- During the event, we drove **3,200km** (half on dirt!), made **\$100,000** of donations to schools on the way and in total raised **\$1,600,000** for Variety Vic.
- On the way home we covered just over **3,000km**.
- We were promised **red dirt to reef** and we sure did encounter red dirt, mud, river crossings and sand!

Of the 84 entrants, only 10 didn't finish. Finding an axle for a Rolls Royce in West Wyalong was among the more remarkable "gets".

Simon and James raised \$14,300 themselves and are keen to go again in two years time. They "absolutely recommend the Bash", quoting this year's slogan: "You gotta do it!"

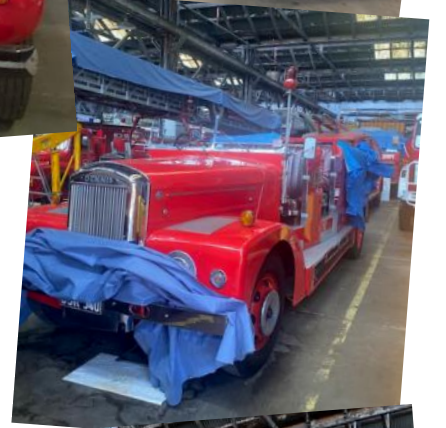
- Ed

RALLIES & RUNS

Tinker Day at Newport

Those who attended the October Tinker Day run to the CFA workshop and museum in Newport had a good day out, from all reports.

Geoff Lenton and Adrian Van Der Lee took these photos of what they said was a very interesting glimpse into fire fighting equipment dating back to the 1800s. The CFA guide was very knowledgeable and easy to listen to. The museum visit was followed by a good lunch at the Altona Sports Club bistro.



RALLIES & RUNS

Ballarat Run - 3 October

The Club Run to Bungaree, near Ballarat, on 3 October was well appreciated by those who attended. Here is Judith Matthews' report. (Photos by Geoff Lenton & Angelo De Bono.)

We visited three sheds in the Bungaree area, with a good meal in between. The first was "American Suspension" which held three of Norman Beechey's cars in top condition, and several large enamel signs and a wall of hubcaps.

I was told I would love visiting the next shed, and it was mind-boggling. Amongst a huge collection there were wooden washing machines, a very large collection of electric radiators, over 100 agricultural machinery seats, brass taps, music boxes and a Pianola, and much more. We have seen many museums but this was one out of the box.

Both places made us very welcome and offered morning and afternoon teas.



Then we visited a massive shed where cows wait until the ear tag allows them to enter the milking area. It runs 24 hours a day and is all automatic. It was worth seeing in more ways than one! An excellent day's outing, so thanks Ken.

- Judith



RALLIES & RUNS

Ballarat Run - 3 October



Letters to the Editor



Gawler Swap Meet Run

It has long been on my bucket list to do Gawler Swap Meet. My wife, Gaylene always told me that Gawler was too far, and the fuel cost will mean "no profit". Sadly, Gaylene passed away on 20 July, from pneumonia due to para influenza. We were together for 50 years.

My brain is a mush due to grieving, so I made a decision to do Gawler. Coincidentally, my son, Paul had a business conference in Adelaide that weekend. He suggested that, instead of flying, he would travel with me.

I hooked my swap meet trailer to my trusty BA Falcon wagon on the Friday morning, and off we went. I have done Geelong to Adelaide so many times, I could almost do it blindfolded. The only thing that stops me is that the police would not be amused.

We arrived at the Stamford Grand hotel in Glenelg, checked in, and Paul went off to meet his colleagues. I bought fish and chips, and ate them on Glenelg Jetty. Glenelg holds many happy childhood memories, as we spent many Christmas holidays there.

I rang Rod Wood, the editor of "The Generator", which is the newsletter of the Willys Overland Club of Victoria, of which I am a founding member. Yes, a South Australian editor of a Victorian club. I arranged to visit Rod on Saturday morning.

Work this out! I met Rod and his then girlfriend, Barb when they both worked with my childhood sweetheart, Andrea at the Adelaide Motor Registration Office. This was over 50 years ago! Rod married Barb, Andrea and I went separate ways, but remained friends. She and Barb are still close friends, so I rang Sydney, where Andrea and her husband live, to tell her who I was going to visit. She promptly rang Barb, and said: "I understand you're having a visitor".

Saturday morning, I drove to Rod and Barb's at Morphett Vale. Rod has three Willys Overland Whippets on the road, plus another under restoration.

Also a 1996 Mustang, and an FG Falcon. We had a great time together, then I headed down the Southern Expressway, along South Road, and along the Northern Expressway to Gawler.

I set up, my market tent, tables and stock, rolled out my double bed mattress in my trailer, which has a fibreglass canopy, and off to sleep. At 5 am, my alarm went off, and I packed up my bedding, and changed my bedroom into a filter shop. I carry over 700 different part numbers of oil filters and fuel filters, to suit cars, bikes, trucks, tractors, etc. From "hard-to-find" early models to current models, in a variety of quality brands.

Gaylene always said it was a hobby, as I spend more on filters than I make. I always said that it is a hobby that pays for my weekends away!

Sunday night, I returned to Paul's flash hotel room, then we drove back to Geelong on the Monday.

By the time I worked out my fuel costs, I made a small profit, and we both enjoyed the trip.

- Peter Telfer.

Holiday

We're back! Ya didn't even know we were away. Well we went a long way away, a proper holiday. We didn't know about holidays, but Jon told us all about 'em. He's going over the water and all. Hope he comes back. But ya take a case with all ya stuff in it.

And ya check the car over to make sure the oil and water is right, and away ya go, stoppin at places to look at and there's people there takin photos. Some asked if they could take pics of us.

And then near the end of the day ya go to a place that has signs out front saying NO VACANCY meaning don't come in here. Then ya see one - VACANCY. Ya hit the brakes and swing in. It's got a row of doors like a jail and ya go into an office sorta place and a bloke comes out and says: "Yes?" as if ya shouldn't be there. "Have ya got a room?" "Yes, one give me two hundred bucks, sign the paperwork there's the key. And be gone by ten in the morning."



We got number 12. We go in. It's dark. I turn the light on. Didn't make a big difference. There's a do and don't list, then a special save water notice.

I go and turn the tap on to get hot water for a shower. Seemed like about ten minutes: here comes the hot water. Let's save water. It's a lot like a cell. The old bed was only just a bed.

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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

Wanted

Wanted Pre 1985 Ford F100. SWB or LWB. 302 or 351. Auto or Manual. Can be project condition with mechanical work required. Minimal rust is preferable. Call James 0466 580 922. **11/24**

Wanted 1622 B series BMC engine. Condition not too important. I have an A series head in good condition. Willing to do a deal. Call Geoff 0437 704 063 **11/24**

Clues

Clues. Autocycles & Motorbikes.

All unrestored.

Autocycles: Rudge Whitworth, Malvern Star, new Hudson, 2 unknown.

Motorbikes: Excelsior 3 speed hand change; Coventry Eagle 3 speed hand change; James Cadet 150cc. 3 speed; James 98cc 2 speed. Villiers parts, tools and miscellaneous items (motorbike work stand, work benches, glass display cabinets, hi lift jack, anvil, klaxton hand operated horn). Call Greg 0408 522 276. **9/24.**

Letters to the Editor



I think we will just fluff up and sleep beside the car from now on. Ya just have to keep an eye out for the foxes. If ya keep fluffed up with ya head down low and if they go for a bite, they only get a mouth full of feathers. While they're trying to ta spit them out ya jump up and kick 'em in the guts. They don't hang about once they get there wind back. But they disturb our sleep.

But it's all been a good experience if that's a holiday but I'm glad being back. I am looking forward to the next meeting.

- Eric & Emma (with help from Gary Wallace)



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

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**

For Sale: MGB eared knock on wheel spinners 8tpi no logo - left & right.

Off a 1970 MGB and in good used condition. Very minor wear on the ears. \$100. Call Ken 0438 377 585. **11/24**



For Sale: Triumph cylinder heads. A pair of vintage Triumph six cylinder heads in used condition & suitable for reconditioning. Suit Triumph MK1 GT6, Triumph MK1 2000, Triumph Vitesse 2 Lt and Vanguard 6 models. Please note: heads are the early light casting and straight port. \$400. Call Ken 0438 377 585. **11/24**



For Sale. Car tandem trailer Good condition. Fresh paint. Few rust holes in rear floor. Easy repair. Reg S32037. \$2500 ono. Call Colin 0408 994 325. **9/24**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 October	1	2
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.						
3	4	5	6	7 Coffee Run Harrises, Portarlinton From 11am	8	9
10	11	12 General Meeting 7.30pm	13 Dine Out Oppies 6pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	20 Run to Alan David Lodge 1pm - 3pm	21 Tinker Day to Lorenze's 10am Batesford Roadhouse	22	23
24	25 Backfire Deadline	26 7pm Tech Night TBC	27	28	29 Backfire Folding 9am. Xmas Dinner Dance 6.30pm	30
1 December	2	3	4	5	6	10 Dec Xmas BBQ at St Leonards