# PAST TIMES



January 2025



1966 Falcon Futura Sports Coupe - Owner Steve Velden

#### From the President's desk

Dear members

Since my election as president 6 months ago, time has flown and Christmas jingle bells 2024 are ringing far in the distance as we welcome 2025.

The annual 2024 Christmas lunch was a success and I would like to thank everyone who attended. Caterer Pauline and her team, did a marvellous job in providing lunch to a very high standard. A special thankyou to Tom Polich for organising the venue. The table decorations, wrapping of prizes, and making sure the day flowed well, was not an easy job for a small team of VAA members. From the feedback I received, Graham Hough's musical talent was very much appreciated and Jack as MC kept everyone in the festive spirit. Many thanks to the Committee of Management for providing the funds to subsidise this event and for other events in the future.

For those who can recall, at the December monthly meeting I was unaware that the Rover had been sold, so I had no details. I have since found out the Rover was sold for \$2600.00 and the VAA membership spent \$2135.55 on it up to and including the licensing.

The workshop is currently working on finishing the Club Jag. If anyone is interested in purchasing the Jag please express your interest now, as after the Rover was sold there was a lot of interest from members in purchasing it.

It is with sadness I need to inform you about the passing of club member Ross Maggs. I attended the funeral representing the VAA along with Ross's long time friend, Brian Brooks. Ross would have been proud of the eulogy

presented by his family.

It has always been my belief the VAA as a club should support charities whenever possible. This month in a small way it is the Jane McGrath foundation. The Pink Cricket Test virtual pink seats could be purchased for \$20 each, with all proceeds going to provide nursing assistance to cancer patients. Your club purchased 2 virtual seats on behalf of the VAA members. As I write this 231,281 virtual pink seats have been purchased which has helped to raise \$4,642, 640.00 for this worthwhile cause.

Wishing all members and friends all the best for 2025 and happy motoring

VAA President Brian Tucker



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#### **Change to Concessions for Classics (C4C) licensing scheme.**

The Department of Transport has announced that Concessions for Classics (C4C) scheme rolling 30-year eligibility commenced on 1 January 2025:

"In a move to encourage more motoring club members to spend more time enjoying their beloved classic vehicles, the State Government announced a \$2m expansion to the C4C scheme as part of the 2024-25 State Budget.

The expansion enables vehicles manufactured 30 years ago or more to be eligible for the scheme. This means vehicles manufactured in 1995 or earlier will be eligible when the rolling eligibility commences on 1 January 2025.

The year of manufacture eligibility will update annually, for example, on 1 January 2026, vehicles manufactured in 1996 will become eligible to apply.

The C4C scheme provides a 75% discount on vehicle license fees and a reduction in compulsory Motor Injury Insurance premium for eligible vehicles.

Currently C4C is only available to owners of eligible street rods and vehicles manufactured before 1990.

DoT estimates that more than 75,000 WA vehicles will qualify for C4C by the end of 2025 with the introduction of the rolling 30-year-old eligibility.

Vehicles in the scheme are only able to be driven on public roads for a maximum of 90 days per annum, which is suited to car club and weekend outings."

There are no changes to the Code 404 scheme at this time. The following is a reminder and summary comparison of the two concessional licensing schemes:

	Code 404	C4C		
Eligibility	Be in original or unmodified condition.     No less than 25 years old on application date	<ul> <li>Can be modified with appropriate permits.</li> <li>Manufactured 30 years prior to application date</li> </ul>		
Rate	<ul> <li>100% exemption from vehicle licence fee and duty.</li> <li>Reduced rate on third party insurance (except trailers).</li> </ul>	Reduced rate on motor injury insurance.		
Conditions	<ul> <li>Vehicle used only relating to club events or for road test related trips within a 30-kilometre radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged or repaired.</li> <li>Private use requires notification of an Impromptu Run to club registrar (no limit on days but run must commence and end on the same day).</li> <li>"Historic" stickers must be affixed above or below front and rear number plates.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vehicles can only be used for a maximum of 90 days per calendar year being:</li> <li>60 days to participate in approved motoring club events; and</li> <li>30 days for personal use (includes road testing, repair and maintenance).</li> <li>Vehicle owners to record the vehicle use in a logbook prior to commencing each journey.</li> <li>"Restricted Use" sticker must be affixed above or below front or rear number plate.</li> </ul>		
Notes	<ul> <li>Concession can be applied to vehicles (including trucks), trailers or caravans.</li> <li>The VAA requires the vehicle be inspected to ensure eligibility.</li> <li>The owner is responsible for ensuring the car is roadworthy and always used in a manner that complies with the requirements of the scheme.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can be applied to cars (a GVM equal to or less than 4500 kg.), motorbikes, trailers, caravans.</li> <li>The VAA requires the vehicle be inspected to ensure modifications are in keeping with club culture.</li> <li>The owner is responsible for ensuring the car is roadworthy, has appropriate permits for any modifications and always used in a manner that complies with the requirements of the scheme.</li> </ul>		

The VAA offers both Code 404 and C4C concessional licensing and you can find further details of the schemes here: http://www.vaawa.org.au/concessionallicenseC4C.html

If you would like to discuss or place your vehicle on concession, contact the Registrar, Dave Currell, on 0419 998 589. Dave will arrange an inspection and issue the required forms.

Dave Currell

#### Front Cover

ack in 1969, when I was 11 years old, my guitar teacher's daughter gave me a book for Christmas.

In it was every car produced, in 1969, from around the world, including photographs and specifications.

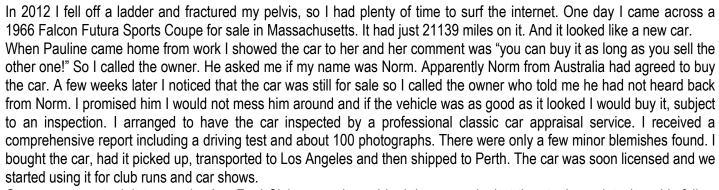
Ford Australia had the XT Falcon and Ford USA had a very similar looking car called the Ford Falcon but with a 2 door version. That was probably my favorite car in the whole book. From then on I always had a desire to own one of these cars.

Many years later I decided it was time to buy one of these 2 door Falcons.

I researched the model range, and decided that I wanted the

top of the range model. The Falcon Futura Sports Coupe with a 289 V8. My favourite year was the 1966 model.

I found a standard 6 cylinder one on E Bay. It was on a farm in Idaho. It wasn't really what I wanted but I figured I could drop in a V8 and that would do. So I put a bid on it and went to bed. The next morning, to my surprise, I found out I had won the car for \$300. I started organizing to get the car to Australia. Almost immediately there was another one on E Bay. This time it was a Futura Sports Coupe with the 289. It was pretty rough and was priced too high. I contacted the owner and offered him \$1000, which he accepted. Now I owned two 66 Falcon Coupes. A work colleague of mine bought the 6 cylinder car and I started collecting parts to restore the V8 car.



One car run we took it to was the Ace Ford Clubs annual run. I had the car parked at the starting point when this fellow asked me if it was my car. He then told me I was very lucky to have the car. Yes it was Norm! I asked what had happened and he told me, he was working on an oil rig where they had lost all internet and phone communication so he, painfully, had missed out on buying it. I knew that I was meant to own that car!

I have not done much to the car since buying it. I fitted electronic ignition and replaced the carpet but I wanted to keep it as original as possible. I did add a hidden stereo and put a couple of speakers in the rear parcel shelf. I had the front bumper rechromed as it had a small chip in the chrome on one end. I also have added air conditioning after driving it to Yarloop in 40+ degrees. The air conditioner is a genuine Ford under dash unit from 1966 which I purchased and restored. The Falcon has now clocked up just over 28000 miles and is still drives like a new car.

Steve Velden





#### **December Raffle Winners**

#### Mug of the Month



ecember Mug of the Month winner is Tom Polich.

Along with the mug came a Christmas Ham, Ham Bag, Jar of Cranberry sauce and a bottle of Bubbles.





or the December club Meeting, our President Brian Tucker, organised and presented a special Christmas Raffle.



Dean Channer



Kath Agar

Secretary - Pauline Velden Treasurer - Val Smith





Our Happy Ladies at the Top Table

Ronda Barton





#### Beyond Blue Chidlow, 1st Dec

st day of Summer. VAA Car Club's run to Chidlow Tavern's Beyond Blue.

Members and cars congregated at the club rooms in Bellevue at 08:30 for a departure at 09:00.

There I learned that everybody would follow the blue car to the venue. 2 Blue cars, mine and Peter Carlo's, a Chevy Camaro. Mine was selected much to my dislike because I did not know my way around the back roads to get to Great Eastern Highway. All went well when Sheryl J stepped in as my navigator, leaving her hubby, Justin Jurkov as back-end Charlie to make sure nobody got lost or left behind.

Beyond Blue Run, a fundraiser collected \$15.00 per car and or motorbike, for the foundation.

Beyond Blue is a foundation established some 20 years ago in Australia to help with the mental health of all Australians. In Australia, 1 in 2 people will struggle with mental health during their lifetime. Learning about mental health will help you look after your social and emotional well-being. It is important to get support early if you're feeling unsettled or struggling.

On a different note, one of my pictures shows that mum must have been a bit busy with little kids when one son selected different make and coloured shoes to wear for the day. No harm done.

Jack and Dianne brought the Club Rover on this run, they report it runs well and has plenty of power to tackle the hills leading up from Midland. The Rover was plastered with For Sale signs, we had several parties interested and making inquiries about the car and its history. Hopefully, we may get one serious buyer out of that lot.



18 members in 10 cars. Weather is half cloudy, with clear skies through the morning. 22 deg slight southerly wind, but tolerable.









Lots of blue cars are on display in front of the Tavern, on the main street of Chidlow's Town.

In all a good day out. Thank you to the organizers and helpers who kept the traffic flowing smoothly

And as always, my car is like a good horse, quicker on the home run than away.

Gretar Jonsson



VAA Blue Cars, 1968 Camero - Owner Peter Callo and 1964 Thunderbird - Owner Gretar Jonsson





A very small selection of the Blue cars on display









#### Christmas Lunch 8th December

he VAA Club Christmas Lunch was held at the Swan Athletics Sporting Club, in Herne Hill. Splendid decorations by Cheryl Glew, Sheryl Jurkov, Dianne McCracken, and other helpers. The venue was set up with round tables, sitting 8.

17 vintage cars on display and over 70 members in attendance. Not a lot out of the over 300+ members in the club. Good to see our country people turning up, even after a 2 to 3-hour drive to the venue.

Lunch consisted of Beef, Pork, Ham, and all sorts of vegetables to accompany the main meal. Pavlova and other goodies were served as dessert. The bar was open to serve alcoholic drinks, but if you preferred cold water bottles, the VAA Club provided them free.

The catering was tasty and plenty to fill everybody's stomachs. Graham Hough looked after the music side of things and did well. Thank you, Graham. Jack McCracken kept an Eagle eye on everything and kept the event running smoothly, he even gave us a singing lesson.

Our president Brian Tucker welcomed all in the beginning, and later stepped in as the man in Red with his assistant Lance Glew, dishing out Christmas presents to the little ones and bringing beaming smiles to their faces.

There was a lucky table number drawn, bringing a bottle of wine and a box of chocolate to every table, to the big like of the crowd. The best Christmas cracker joke from each table was an enormous hit with adults, children and Jack our MC Brian Tucker also used this opportunity to award Bob de Jong a life membership. God-onya Bob.

In all a great get-together for members, families and guests, and I hope, all had a good time.

Big thanks to the staff of the SASC. Also thank you to the management of the VAA Club for a job well done.

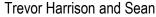
Gretar Jonsson













Dot Ryle, Willie Siroen and Graham Hough



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Happy smiling faces of VAA members enjoying an excellent Christmas Event













Photographer - Gretar Jousson

#### **Pingelly Museum**

n a weekend away Lance and I stumbled upon this museum.

A private collection of predominately Sulkies and Buggies from 1910-1925, donated to the Pingelly Shire in 2021. This collection is open for free public display Saturday and Sunday 10am to 1pm, in the Pingelly Town Hall.

(Published Tuesday 25th May 2021)

"Mr Gill over a 35 year period, collected and restored carts, buggies, gigs, sulkies and horse drawn wagons. He contacted the Shire in 2020 to determine if there was any interest in the Shire obtaining the collection. The Unique opportunity was considered by council to align with the value of preserving history and to shape a unique visitor experiences in Pingelly."

Sixteen beautifully restored horse drawn vehicles were on display, each with a small history and description poster, including the date of vehicle, how it was used, where it was found, sometimes this included the builder, and even who it was built for.

We really enjoyed wandering around the display, it is well worth stopping to stretch your legs, the staff were friendly and there was a free "driver reviver" coffee station in the foyer.

Cheryl Glew















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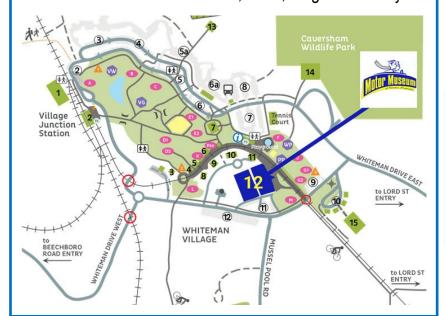
#### VAA Annual Picnic Breakfast

Sunday 19th January 2025 8:00 am

Whiteman's Park, Shelter M (Near Motor Museum of WA)

Ample parking, so make a New Year run in your club vehicle Motor Museum has offered us discounted tickets (\$10 each) Breakfast supplied by your club.

BYO Chair or Picnic Blanket, Plate, Mug and Cutlery



#### Silent Auction



Winner of the Woodstock Esky. Congratulations Michael Hill

#### Cars Coffee and Cake Mid-Week Run

Every Third Thursday of each month VAA members meet at the Coffee Hut 4/777A Great Northen Highway Herne Hill This month's Coffee and Cake meet Thursday January 23rd 10am

> Save the Date Sat 15th February Valentine Run

#### Other Events

For events that may be of interest refer to our website (<u>www.vaawa.org.au/files/eventsOTHER.pdf</u>) - VAA Members may drive their concessionally licensed vehicle to these events

Registrar

Dave Currell

#### **Beyond Blue**

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1946 Wolseley - Owner Liam O'Connor



1946 Oldsmobile - Owner Sue Fletcher

#### **Wanted Batteries**

I know that some of you will have had to replace your battery, how about dropping off your old one to the club? The last time we did this we collected well over \$600.00.

Mark McKenzie

#### **Wanted Cans and Bottles**

Hi fellow members just a reminder that if you wish you may deposit your cans and bottles at the club any Wednesday or Saturday morning. A big thank you for those of you who already donate, your cans and bottles do add up. You can use our Containers for change at your local depot if that suits you better.

Mark McKenzie

Members please note, that if you are depositing cans and bottles at a CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE depot, and you would like to donate the funds to the

### Vintage Automobile Association of WA

These are the NEW Deposit details for the Club.

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#### Wanted Magazine Articles

Please consider forwarding articles to your magazine. I am sure club members would love to read your ideas, stories, history, successes, and failures

Articles can be attached as a word document or in the

Articles can be attached as a word document or in the body of an email, I will even write an article for you. Don't forget we love photos. Make sure articles reach me by the end of each month.

A big thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the magazine. Response has been encouraging.

Cheryl

editor@vaawa.org.au

## MINUTES OF THE V.A.A.W.A. MONTHLY GENERAL 10th DECEMBER 2024

19 Helen Street, Bellevue

Meeting opened at:	OPENED AT 8:00pm				
Attendees	As per Attendance Book				
Opening By Brian Tucker	The meeting started with advising Raffle prizes for the night.  Brian likes to promote the Mug of the month, which supports Charity.  With the Mug of the Month, comes the following:  660 ml Mug – Christmas Special – Ham on the Bone, Bottle of Champagne  The material bag with the ham in it, was sewn by Sheryl Jurkov with "VAA Merry Christmas" on it! Great Effort Sheryl, and of course makes it that extra special!  Other Prizes:  Cricket Set, Bunnings Gift Cads, Men's Toiletries Bag, Lions Christmas Pudding and Rolled Carpet!				
Apologies	Phil Carter, Rob Voysey, Joe Brajkovich, Jon Jon Ramirez, Barry & Dot Ryle, Mark Atkinson, Cheryl Glew, Brian Pilton (Bluey), Paul Berkavicius,				
Visitors	N/A				
New members	David Holborow,				
Previous minutes	Monthly General Meeting Minutes of 12th November 2024  Moved as being correct by: Rhond Barton  Seconded: Keith Agar  All approved				
Correspondence In and Out By Pauline Velden	Not much correspondence in during the month.  Reminder from the AVVVA (Avon Vintage Cars) Swap Meet will now be held 16th March 2025 in Toodyay as this year in Northam 18th February it was 48c, so hoping for a cooler day for the event.  Australian Men's Shed Association Voting Form received.				
Treasurers report	P & N Business Account	\$ 543.59	(Workshop Account)		
By Val Smith	Community Account	\$17,265.92			
	P & N Term Deposit	\$20,000.00			
	Income				
	Kate Downie	\$ 2 000.00	Citroen repairs		
	Raffle	\$ 167.00			
	Invoices to be Paid:				
	MYOB	\$ 58.00			
	J Bay Eats	\$ 3 165.00	Christmas Lunch		
	Subiaco Print	\$ 269.50	December Magazine Printing.		
	Postage Magazine	\$ 108.88	Cheryl Glew		
	West Farmers Insurance	\$ 2818.00	Building Insurance		
	Bob de Jong	\$ 170.00	Jag Expenses		
	Sheryl Jurkov	\$ 224.06	Christmas Lunch Decorations		
	Swan Athletic Club	\$ 72.00	Table Cloths for Christmas lunch		
	Accounts are all available for Approved : Jack McCracken,	•			

Business arising	Nil
Events: Jack McCracken	19/12/24 – Cars Coffee and Cakes 21/12/24 – Events Meeting 31/12/24 - Dan Fanetti advised about NYE at Italian Club 04/01/25 Sunset '25 – Presented by the EH Holden Car Club 5:00pm – 8:00pm 19/01/25 – Annual Club Breakfast – Whiteman Park
Editor By Cheryl Glew Read by Lance Glew in Cheryl's absence	This month in keeping with Christmas we have a red Dodge on the cover, inside Ray has written an article about the Dodge restoration. You will also find Graeme Barton's introduction as our new Scrutineer, photos from the Melbourne Cup Lunch. Rob Hyde included some interesting information about the Marley's Road Train Record.  Gretar has interesting reports about the workshop and the spontaneous run to Marley's Transport.  Spare copies on back table for anyone who has problems accessing the magazine digitally. Merry Christmas everyone, thank you for your encouragement and support.  See you all next year!
Vehicle examiner	N/A
Building Report Graham Hough	N/A
Registrar Report and approval of new members By Dave Currell	Nominations to the December meeting. Michaelia O'DOHERTY nominated Michael O'DOHERTY. Sadly Michael is terminally ill and Michaelia will inherit his 1934 Hillman Minx Tourer.  Angus and Gayle FERRIER nominated Leon MAGISTRO. They have bought a 1995 DUCATI 600SS motorcycle from Leon  Dale WILLMOTT and Sara NEILSON nominated by Jose FIGUEROA. Dale and Sara have bought a 1985 DAIHATSU Hi Jet ute from Jose.  Vincent LLOYD nominated by Dave CURRELL. Vincent has a 1939 Mercury.  David BURGESS nominated by Dave CURRELL. He has a HOLDEN HX panel van, a 1979 FORD Cortina and a 1949 FORD Truck.  Approved: Graham Hough and Martin Paine  Interesting Stats: 503 Members Now 780 Vehicles 590 Concessional Licenses  On average each member has more than two vehicles.
	150 of us (around half) have one vehicle 52 (nearly another 20%) have two vehicles 34 (10% of us) have three vehicles 17 have four vehicles 28 or 10% have 5 – 10 vehicles AND 7 members have more than 10 vehicles with 24 the most!
CMC	N/A

Books always available for viewing and borrowing.			
Martin is an avid reader and always talks about some of the interesting books in the library that others may be interested in.			
One book in particular was about an American Car in the 1920's with Front Wheel Drive.			
The Jag has arrived back to the workshop and will be ready and finished by the end of			
January 2025.			
Rover will be leaving us on the 11/12/24.  Amount to be received: \$2600.00			
Merchandise available – hats/shirts/keyrings and pens.			
Steve Hollis advised he and Mark McKenzie are cleaning up the lady's garden across the road from the club and required a Brush Cutter. He asked if someone had this equipment that could be borrowed for the job.			
Dave Currell advised new criteria for cars coming in 3 weeks time, called the "Rolling 30". This means the car must be 30 years old and under the C4C concession, you may have private use for 30 days of the year.			
Fact Sheet to be followed up.			
Tom Polich won the Mug of the Month.			
Cath Agar – Champas and Biscuits			
Kevin Sweeney/Terry Egan/Rhonda Barton/Dean Channer were the other winners.			
No Display Car			
Meeting declared closed at 9:00pm.			

VAA 2024/25 OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT					
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#### **VAA EVENTS CALENDAR 2025**

MTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PHONE #
ALL		Wed & Sat	9 am to 12 pm	VAA WORKSHOP	Club Rooms	Bob de Jong	0400 064 937
Jan	11th	Sat	9:30 am	Events Committee Meeting	Club Rooms	Jack & Dianne McCracken	0412 874 031 0411 789 915
Jan	14th	Tues	8:00 pm	VAA Club Meeting 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Pauline Velden Secretary	0405 144 919
Jan	19th	Sun	8:00 am	VAA Annual Picnic Breakfast	Whiteman Park Shelter M (Motor Museum)	Events Committee	0412 874 031
Jan	23rd	Thurs	10:00 am	Cars, Coffee & Cakes	The Coffee Hut Great Northern Highway	Jack & Dianne McCracken	0412 874 031 0411 789 915
Feb	11th	Tue	8:00 pm	VAA Club Meeting 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Pauline Velden Secretary	0405 144 919
Feb	15th	Sat	TBA	Valentine Run	TBA	Jack & Dianne McCracken	0412 874 031 0411 789 915
Feb	20th	Thurs	10:00 am	Cars, Coffee & Cakes	The Coffee Hut Great Northern Highway	Jack & Dianne McCracken	0412 874 031 0411 789 915
Mar	11th	Tue	8:00 pm	VAA Club Meeting 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Pauline Velden Secretary	0405 144 919
Mar	20th	Thurs	10:00 am	Cars, Coffee & Cakes	The Coffee Hut Great Northern Highway	Jack & Dianne McCracken	0412 874 031 0411 789 915
April	6th		TBA	VAA Annual Swap Meet	Swan Athletics Club	Ray Smith	0416 018 119
April	8th	Tue	8:00 pm	VAA Club Meeting 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Pauline Velden Secretary	0405 144 919
April	17th	Thurs	10:00 am	Cars, Coffee & Cakes	The Coffee Hut Great Northern Highway	Jack & Dianne McCracken	0412 874 031 0411 789 915