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Brian (Bluey) Pilton's Ranch wagon & other cars

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**The Saturday Men's Shed is open for members
please check with the committee.**

Tony

Special Notice

For those that want to organise an outing sometime/somewhere then please let Debbie Paine know your plans.

MINUTES FOR THE V.A.A.W.A. COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting. 2nd June 2020

Open Meeting	7:35pm
Members Present	Tony Warner, Keith Agar, Graeme Barton, Rhonda Barton, Loris Cooper, Dave Currell, Kevin Lockyer, Martin Paine, Domenic Paoliello.
Apologies	Brian Brookes, Bill Redeckis.
Previous minutes	Approved on a motion by Keith Agar, seconded by Graeme Barton, motion carried.
Business arising	None other than action items covered under agenda items.
Events	<p>The Committee commenced adding provisional events on a rolling 12-month event calendar and looks forward to welcoming a new Events Coordinator and volunteers to pick and organise events.</p> <p>Monthly mid-week runs will be run in the cooler months. Subject to the organiser they will be on the days following the general meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed the Events Coordinator should be a permanent member of the Management Committee.</p> <p>With lifted restrictions the Midland-Chidlow run can now be a Club event rather than published in the magazine as a DIY Impromptu Run</p> <p>It was agreed to organise a Post-Covid Welcome Back and Opening of the Renovated Clubrooms party as soon as practicable</p> <p>Committee members provided feedback to Dave on the Organising VAA Events Guidelines draft he drafted.</p>
Finance	<p>Bunnings generously donated \$150 in gift vouchers to assist with Club Room renovations</p> <p>Rhonda has sent 2020/21 membership renewal invoices</p> <p>The Committee discussed and reiterated that members ceased to be financial members if membership not paid by 30/6/2020. Any concessionally licensed vehicle owned by a non-financial member will also cease to be licensed or insured.</p> <p>The associate membership fee was confirmed at \$50.</p> <p>Rhonda moved that Cynthia Payne's fee be waived. It was seconded by Loris and approved by the Committee.</p> <p>Rhonda presented the restoration and overall budget update and payment requests which were approved.</p> <p>Rhonda tabled the results of the recent financial reporting audit. Overall, it was an excellent result and the Committee thanked and congratulated Rhonda for her efforts.</p>
Building	<p>Tony still intends to approach other potential sources of grants through our Federal, State and Local Government representatives once the post Covid-19 situation is clearer.</p> <p>The Committee ranked the funding priorities. The meeting room renovations will be completed with allocated funding.</p>

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Building	Members Brad Charlton and Anne Lonergan have very generously donated a voucher for their Moore River Relaxation Resort to assist with renovation funding. The Committee decided to conduct a separate raffle for the voucher.
Registrar	The audit of the register is now largely completed and worthwhile with quite many corrections and ideas from the members. Dave tabled a summary of suggestions which will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting. A new member nomination for Serge and Desiree PIERRE (1983 Holden Gemini) from Eduardo FARATE was approved.
Workshop	The workshop is open again on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.
Merchandise	On hold.
Web	Usage up on April. Last 30 days – 269 visits (187 new 82 return)
Swap meet 2020	Decision on whether to proceed or cancel for this year by September Committee Meeting (1/9/2020).
General business	Keith Agar suggested consideration of additional honorary life members was appropriate and proposed the changes required to increase current limits be investigated including changes to the constitution if needed. The Committee agreed that the Constitution required some corrections and clarifications and that also a review of the aims of the club could be beneficial to funding submissions. Kath Agar is the winner of the first remote Raffle draw
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Tuesday 7 July at 7:30pm.
Close Meeting	9:05pm

Kath & Keith Agar Anzac Day morning, In self isolation....





Snap shots from the "past" thanks to Sam Di Nucci

Photo 11 is Stan Perry (Ron's brother)

Photo 5 Fred Ashby

Photo 13 is Bob Waddilove

Work at the Clubrooms

While you have all been in isolation a diverse and merry bunch of members have been doing some renovations to the clubrooms, as you can see from the photo's the concrete is down and drying, ready for the new carpet tiles after we have finished painting.

The old concrete needed to be ground down and there were many hills and valleys, we also needed to smooth out the join between the old and the new.

By the time you read this we will have painted the ceiling and started on the walls.

A great job done so far by a few energetic members.

Graeme Barton and Dan Fanetti have also done a marvellous job installing the bull nose awning on the Western side of the clubrooms, great job everyone, thanks!

Tony Warner
President



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has passed and still we are unable to have face to face meetings but with the success that Western Australia has had in managing Covid 19 pandemic I am thinking it will not be very long before we can. The time that the club has been somewhat dormant has not been in vain as we have now concreted the old wooden floor and now preparing to paint the ceilings and walls ready for our new floor coverings so hopefully by the time we do get to have a general meeting all of this work will have been done. My appeal to members to help with the cost of paint has been a success many thanks to Cynthia Payne, Terry & Peter Egan, Dave Currell, Loris Cooper, Barry & Dot Ryle, Liam O'Connor and Joe Brajkovich. If any of you are feeling generous a Bunnings gift voucher will help to pay for the carpet tile glue and sundry items would be very welcome. Bob D'Jong, Peter Goldsmith and Ian Petersen donated the use of mobile scaffold Lori's Daughter and Son In Law "Precision Systems" donated the use of a concrete grinder I am so grateful to all of you also donate your time to assist we are indeed a very lucky club. Our events coordinator Debbie Paine has decided not to contest this position at the next AGM and I thank her for all of the hard work over the past year it is sometimes a thankless task with variable attendances at events, so as of June 30 we do not have an events coordinator. As we do not know when our next AGM will be your management committee is looking for someone to take on the role until we can have elections. David Currell is writing up a description on the role of the events coordinator and believe me it should not be that hard. The main thrust is to ensure that we have events every month, these can be events organised by other organisations and of course in house events by members, we believe that the position is critical to the general wellbeing of the club and hope to ensure that the events coordinators is a standing member of your committee of management. It is proposed that we run our events calendar on a rolling 12 months with the committee of management having this as an agenda item for committee meetings, if you are considering helping out but are unsure just what is involved please contact myself or David Currell. I am proposing to hold the presidents run in July also running a mid-week run also in July details will be in the July Magazine. So get those cars ready.

Tony Warner
President
Vintage Automobile association of WA Inc.
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Brian (Bluey) Pilton's Ranch wagon

It all started with a water meter change out! Bluey's water meter needed changing and as we know Bluey can talk a little so during a conversation with the plumber it was discovered that he had a Ford Ranch wagon after a bit more talking Bluey was able to help out the owner with some technical advice and assistance after which the ownership transferred from the plumber to Bluey ! as Peter Brock once said to Bluey go live the dream, judging by the look on his face he is ☺.

Tony Warner
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Mundaring Clubrooms (goat shed) and Bellevue Clubrooms

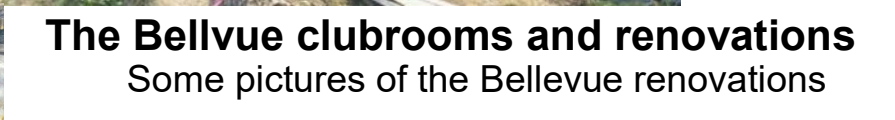
The goat shed in Mundaring was burnt down by arsonists in October 1998

Some pictures before and after the fire



The Bellevue clubrooms and renovations

Some pictures of the Bellevue renovations



From the Secretary & Registrars Desk

Isn't great to see some light at the end of the tunnel with Covid-19 restrictions being eased?

The workshop is open again on Wednesday and Saturday mornings with an enthusiastic and good attendance that we can accommodate within the current restrictions. A few clubs have started runs again and I have my first competition event next week.

A little way to go but here is hoping we can recommence general meetings and hold our AGM in the next few months. A silver lining is that it should give us time to complete this round of club room renovations. Tony has done a great shop eliciting donations and getting equipment and work organised. Thank you so much to all the generous members and others who have already been very generous and put in a huge amount of effort. I am sure everyone will be delighted with the result!

You will, by now, have received your membership renewal from Rhonda. As per my comments above, 20/21 is promising to be an active and enjoyable year for the Club and I very much hope you will be pleased to renew.

Hopefully, you understand that we had to curtail a lot of activity over the last 3 months but still saw value in your magazine and access to concessional licensing for many. Our building, printing, postage and other costs have remained the same or increased a bit while we have lost some income, but we had sufficient reserves to come through okay and better than many. That aside, your support by renewing quickly will be wonderful and very much appreciated.

Thank you very to those who have contributed to our remote raffle. It has been helpful and congratulations to Kath Agar who is the winner of the first of three draws.

Through the generosity of Brad Charlton and Anne Lonergan we are able to offer another raffle for a voucher to visit to their lovely resort in Moore River. Look out for it.

A reminder for those with concessionally licensed vehicle's that it is a condition that you are a financial member of an authorised car club. If you have not paid by 30/6/2020, you will not be a financial member of the VAA. The Department of Transport will therefore deem that your vehicle is not licensed, and you will not have motor injury insurance. If there is any delay, please do not drive your vehicle until it is sorted.

We recently completed an audit of our financial reporting in preparation for funding requests. Rhonda tabled the results at the June Committee meeting and we came through with flying colours. I am sure there was no doubt but it is terrific to be assured that our finances are being managed well. Great job Rhonda!

A very warm welcome to Serge and Desiree PIERRE (1983 Holden Gemini) our new members for May.

Further to Tony's comments, I would like to add a big thank you to Debbie Paine for being our Event Coordinator this year. Debbie was making great progress with more VAA Events before the Covid-madness hit. We look forward to nominations for new coordinator at the AGM or for the interim period. And a healthy events calendar is dependent on volunteers helping. There is a guide to organising events on our website or contact me and I will send you one. Of course, all positions are open for nomination at the AGM and I will include key role descriptions and nomination forms in the July magazine. Please give some thought to whether you would like to take on a role or who you would like to nominate.

Happy and safe classic motoring!

Dave



Tips on fixing motorcycle fuel tanks from Jeff Sieber

I recently bought a tank sealant kit from Red, White and Blue who advertise in Restored Cars.

They were very helpful with advice on cleaning the motorcycle tank which had not been in use for many years and the old fuel had gone to jelly. They said to use Napisan and boiling water and let it stand overnight and then wash out with clean water. It worked very well.

Many years ago I owned and restored a six-port Levis motorcycle. A lovely little bike but the fuel tank was very rusted up in the tunnel. After a time I spoke to an engineer friend and he told me how to repair it.

First, I went to Jandakot Airport and got some Irish linen and then got a piece of alfoil. I cleaned up the area and cut the linen and the alfoil to size and got a meat tray to suit the size and some 5-minute araldite, mixed the araldite in the meat tray and soaked the linen in it. I brushed araldite on the area to be repaired and put the linen on it. Then I brushed one side of the alfoil with araldite and stuck it over the Irish linen. The alfoil will reflect the heat of the engine.

3M sanding wheels are great for removing external paint form the tank (as long as you are absolutely sure there is no longer any fuel present).

Lastly, I have a copper pipe bending tool that is very useful for making new fuel lines and I am happy to loan or sell.

Give Jeff a ring on 0456 057 239 if you would like some more details.

PROJECT – 1959 CHEVROLET EL CAMINO - by Steve Velden

Well, what a blessing in disguise to be over 60 and considered a high risk to the new virus!!

You may well think... "what"... ??? It meant that I was sent home from the mines "until further notice"?

A bit of adjustment to family environment on an everyday basis, but at least I have hobbies!!

Seriously though... it meant I was able to concentrate on my beloved cars.

The story goes like this... We bought our 1959 Chevrolet El Camino back in 2007. The car was on the internet and located in Mesa Arizona. We bought it sight unseen, probably not a great move! The car arrived at Christmas which is not a good time, due to the amount of freight arriving at this time of year. So the vehicle took a couple of months to be processed, before it was ready for delivery. When we went to pick up the car the only key was locked inside the car. After breaking in it was started and given a quick assessment before starting the drive home. None of the electrics worked except the right rear indicator, which wouldn't turn off. After fixing most of the issues the car was registered. And then basically has been in the shed ever since, as there were a number of things that need attending to.

The previous owner had put in a huge camshaft, a single plane manifold and a racing carburettor on the otherwise standard 350 engine. The result was a very thirsty engine with not much extra power. So all that was remedied.

On a trip to the USA I attended the Pomona Swap Meet in Los Angeles. There, I purchased a set of Dayton 100 spoke wire wheels. After fitting the wheels, I found the steering wouldn't go full lock due to the width of the wheels and the shape of the wheel arches. I had my heart set on keeping the wheels on the car. On my 2017 trip to the USA an air bag suspension kit was purchased.

The El Camino was finally uncovered in 2019 in readiness for the air bag installation. The first job was to mount the air compressor and air tank. The rear tray panel was removed in order to fit the components under the panel. Butt..... under the panel was a whole sand dune. After removing the sand I then found another problem..... RUST!!

The rust needed to be removed and a whole new tray panel welded in. Once this was completed, the installation of the airbag began. The removal of the coil springs and installation of the airbags, took a week of work which included new rear suspension bushes and rear shock absorbers.

Further work needed is a transmission overhaul, a brake booster rebuild and some cosmetic work, also a 1958 Chevrolet Coolpak Airconditioning Unit is waiting to be restored and fitted, but the El Camino is now driveable.



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Excessive sleeping and moments of cute activity best describes the first few weeks of owning a puppy, then the world becomes a giant playground for them to explore and try to devour and attack.

Introducing Mr Chips, as a puppy he was instant mischief and a bundle of joy. His razor sharp teeth found its way to things other than his chew toys. Initially it was shoes but when supply was limited he turned his attention to my vintage Vespa parked pride of place in the study.

The 1964 VBB Vespa has a special place in my heart as it was the first bike my Father and I restored.

My father had an early

Vespa many years ago, back in the 70's.

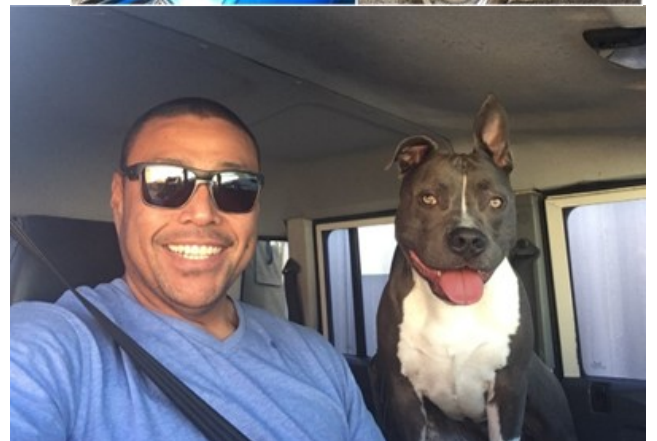
I didn't realise until I moved house the extent of the damage, Mr Chips managed to chew the fuel tap and many things rubber related. Moving homes relegated the Vespa into a dark corner of the new workshop where it was doomed to be a forgotten family heirloom, then came COVID. With the restrictions placed upon us, it was an opportunity to give the little blue scooter some attention.

I brought the VBB out of the darkness to work on the half eaten parts caused by a little blue American Staffy.

Unfortunately, my Dad couldn't work with me due to the COVID 19 safety recommendations instead it was my girlfriend Sandy who was lending a hand, whom during the process developed an interest to learn how to ride. Initially the aim was to just replace damaged parts, now priority has changed to getting it safe for the road. I decided to change the seat for better ergonomics, I was able to source a seat as well as other parts from the Scooter Centre a Vespa specialist located in Bayswater.

Mr Chips is three years old now and has grown up to a great workshop dog, despite all the destruction he had caused in the past, I could not ask for a Gooder boy!

Jon Jon Ramirez



Did you know VAA will celebrate 50 years next year?

Club Historian Ron Perry and his team are putting together information to create a book on the VAA's colourful history. So, Ron needs your help.

Do you have any :
old photos of the clubrooms (in particular the original "Goat Shed")
old photos of club members, past or present
interesting stories regarding the clubs history
recollections of early runs
stories regarding significant events in the clubs history.

We would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

As Ron does not have email can you please forward anything that you would like to share in relations to the VAA history to Michael and Delray Hill at delrayfrances@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for you input.

Delray

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