

PAST TIMES

50th ANNIVERSARY 1972 - 2022



March 2022

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Two cars on display this month, both Ford Zephyrs - the pale blue one owned by Bob D'Jong who has owned the car for well over 20 years, and the black one is owned by Mark McKenzie.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It would be an understatement to say that Covid 19 is messing everybody around. At the time of writing this we have the *2 square metre rule* in place, which means we can only have 42.5 members in the meeting room for the March meeting. Please still do come, if we exceed 42.5 some members can be outside (I will turn up the volume...)

If we get to 4 square metres, then I plan to have the meeting outside as this is permissible.

So where possible please social distance, if you feel unwell, please stay home, wash your hands often or sanitise, above all take care of yourself and each other. You will need to wear a mask whilst indoors unless you are drinking or eating and PLEASE *carrying an empty coffee mug is not really being helpful and not in the spirit of the rules.*

We had a good turnout for the Valentine run to the Henley Brook. Brian and Mary Tucker had a small hiccup and were unable to get inside the venue. Some 20 vintage cars turned up for the event, so it looks like there is going to be some serious competition for the low badge numbers. I am publishing the top 20 this month. A reminder though if your partner/wife is wearing club regalia they also accrue points, so turning up is a very good idea.

Some of us travelled to Waroona in aid of little 4-year-old Abby who has a very rare cancer. Members kicked in some cash as well as buying raffle tickets and getting involved with the auctions. I think the day was very successful for her and her family, we hope it has made little Abby a little happier.

With only one meeting before the Swap Meet, please expect a tap on the shoulder to help fill up the volunteer roster. This year we are at the Swan Italian Club, it is a one-day event and an early start for many of us. This is the only real fundraising event for our club, so it's success is critical for our funding.

Loris has completed the book on the first 50-year history of the VAA, we are currently getting prices for publication. It will be launched on the 24th of April at the clubrooms, where we will also celebrate the 20 year anniversary opening of our current clubrooms. We will be trying to get as many old cars out and as many current and past members to come and have afternoon tea, so please get your cars and yourself ready for this event.

We have put in our second and last order for polo shirts, dress shirts and baseball caps, all with the 50th logo. Please order yours ASAP as there will be no more ordered. If you already have one, how about getting a second one?

We still have some bucket hats left over but be quick as they are selling quite quickly.

Kind Regards,

Tony Warner

President

Vintage Automobile Association of WA Inc.
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The top 20 points score so far.

DE BRENNI	Troy	Lorrell	80
EGAN	Terry	Lorraine	80
PAOLIELLO	Domenic	Sylvana	80
WARNER	Tony		80
MCKENZIE	Mark	Ligaya	75
DE JONG	Bob		60
DUNN	Ron	Dorothy	60
EGAN	Peter	Mary	60
HYDE	Robert	Lorraine	60
TUCKER	Brian	Mary	55
HILL	Michael	Delray	50
CURRELL	Dave		45
EDWARDS	Douglas	Mily	45
JONSSON	Gretar		45
RODWELL	Brian	Lynette	45
FANETTI	Daniel		40
FERRIS	Jason	Sian	40
REDECKIS	Bill	Julie	40
SMITH	Ray	Val	40
COOPER	LORIS		40

From The Workshop

RILEY

For those that have followed the progress of the Riley over the time we have been preparing it for sale you will be pleased to find that we are very close to having it finished. The replacement overriders finally arrived from England and have been fitted which then allowed us to fit the indicators . The wiring is yet to be completed but should be finished by the time you read this. We are still waiting for the steering wheel refurbishment but it is well under way and should be with us very soon. We will be taking the vehicle for a test run this coming Wednesday March 2nd and assuming it behaves as expected we will be organising the car to be inspected prior to licensing. There are a couple of tidy up jobs we want to do which we will do once we have the car tested and any minor problems highlighted.

This brings us close to the end of this project other than selling the car. We have had a couple of offers along the way but for various reasons some have fallen by the wayside but there are still two persons interested but no firm offer is on the table. Our hopes from the start was for the car to be purchased by a club member but if a sensible offer isn't forthcoming we will offer it for sale in the open market. This would be a shame as there has been a huge effort by many club members to get the car to this point and all who have participated should be congratulated for their efforts. I am happy to discuss this with anyone interested and can be contacted on 0407886141

OVERNIGHTERS

We have two overnight events planned for later this year the first being to attend the Gardiners private museum at Dardanup and also the Dardanup Heritage Park. Both places are well worth making the effort to attend. I had planned to provide details and prices for accommodation in Bunbury but due to my personal aver commitment have run out of time but will definitely have some information for the next Newsletter.

The other event is at Hyden and is apparently their 100 year anniversary celebration. I don't have any further details as yet but I am sure Kevin Lockyer will inform us in detail shortly. Kevin is the main contact for this event for our club. As with the Bunbury event I will check out accommodation options for Hyden although there doesn't seem to be a lot of choice, there is a Hotel/Motel, a Caravan Park and a resort which is run by the Caravan Park. I recently stayed at the resort and found it to be very good albeit maybe a little expensive for some. We paid \$175.00 for a two bedroom unit per night. I will have confirmed pricing for all three options in the next Newsletter.

Alan Warner

Scary Things

I'm not easily scared but 2021 had some hairy moments !

Examples:

Thankfully the Yanks were so scared of Trump they voted him out.

China is acting so much like a brat/bully my better half is looking for anything but 'made in China' at the shops!

That horrid Covid pox has killed 2188 Aussies (but only 9 were Sandgropers). Remember when they were originally talking of a cure ... now we are talking about 3-4 monthly jabs for the foreseeable future – just to keep us above ground.

But by far the worse moments were:

Tony, our beloved Emperor, bringing the Jag or Dam back into the workshop with **another** oil leak. Gee whiz, if you keep putting oil in the auto/power steering etc. IT WILL LEAK .

The moment I was referred to as the Assistant Workshop Manager by our exalted Pres. My terror was immediate but abated when I realized the duties were fairly simple.

Duty 1:

Watch Bob do everything

Duty 2.

While watching Bob do everything in lowlight – get a torch so I can see what he is doing.

Duty 3.

As per duties 1 and 2. Plus get the tool Bob needs so he can continue to do everything.

Duty 4.

After the job is done (by Bob) I casually stroll over to the whiteboard and wipe off the job.

(This is my most significant task as Assistant Workshop Manager)

Seriously though boys and girls – looking forward to another year where I can lift my head off the pillow on Wednesday and Saturday and head to a place where fun is King and Bulldust is knee deep.

Hutchie

Abby's Journey

26th February, 2022 – Waroona Hotel

As most members were aware of the fund raiser for Abby, it was decided to make the trip to Waroona to support this brave little girl and also her family. Some of us met at Armadale, but others decided that the Pinjarra Pie Shop was a good place to meet. I also agreed with that decision. After eating and coffee we headed off to the Waroona Hotel.

On arrival we were one of many other Clubs and probably most of the towns locals were already enjoying the atmosphere of the day sad as was the occasion. Raffles and auctions were the order of the afternoon with a huge array of donated items and some going for big dollars.

Abby was there with many tubes and other attachments to her little weak body, but I was told it was all a bit overwhelming for her so she was inside most of the day.

We had 12 members present, but also members that were not able to attend made donations. Our President, Tony, and Loris collected a total of \$570.00 which was donated to this worthy cause. Also members bought raffle tickets, etc. Don't know at the moment how much was raised, but it would be sizeable.

Thank you to those members that donated and also made the trip to Waroona for this very worthy cause. Abby has a terminal disease that affects 1 in 750 million so we all wish Abby and her family all the best for the hard slog ahead.

Once again thank you all and also Loris who took the photos.

Robert



Tony Warner presenting member's donation



L-R back standing: Tony Warner, Rob Hyde Brian Tucker
L-R front: Sian and Jason Ferris, Mary Tucker, Dorothy Dunn, Isabella Everett,
Shirley and Neville Everett

12th February 2022 - 50th Anniversary VAA Valentine's Run

Lorraine and Robert Hyde organized a lovely evening at the Henley Brook to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Valentines Run. A great turnout of 20 'old' cars and 1 modern and 38 members. A most enjoyable evening. We had the opportunity to congratulate, Barry and Dot Ryle on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



New members - Troy and Lorrell De Brenni



Lorraine and Terry Egan



Sian Owen and Jason Ferris
Sue Fletcher and Tony Warner



Sandy Ramirez, Sandy Steere, Martin Steere and Jon Jon Ramirez



More Photos from Valentines Day



Ron & Jenny Perry



Robert and Lorraine Hyde



Peter and Mary Egan



Nicole and Steven Hollis



Lynette and Brian Rodwell



Ligaya and Mark McKenzie





Frank and Jacqueline Trager



Dot and Barry Ryle



Delray and Michael Hill



Dot and Ron Dunn



Dan and Kath Fanetti

More Photos from Valentines Day

Here is a brief update on the Rugby so far....

When I purchased the car I only had about 10 minutes to look her over and as she was modestly covered up under tarps and ropes in the back yard of the club I couldn't fully appreciate her strong body and curvy lines. I took a gamble and bought her almost sight unseen. Now that I have her home in my shed, she is starting to shape up very nicely.

1st photo, in the shed and dusted off

2nd photo, starting dismantling

3rd wheels before and after

4th wheels back on, steering all rebuilt, rear brakes reconditioned.

Fitted new exhaust, reconditioned starter motor and distributor.

Next step is to get the motor running again.



Holden's chief stylist Alf Payze began designing the EJ in late 1957. It progressed through many variations. Holden's previously secret *Product Planning Program* document, dated April 1959, reports that the sedan's shape was finalised in February 1959 and the wagon two months later. The development of the EJ coincided with profound changes inside GM. Its vice president of design for 30 years, Harley Earl, was retiring at the end of 1958. His successor was Bill Mitchell.

During his long tenure, Earl had focused on the American market. He allowed Holden, Opel and Vauxhall, who reported into General Motors Overseas Operations (GMOO) in New York, to follow general guidelines overseen by GMOO. Mitchell was different. He expected close alignment with the styling themes he championed.

By Peter Egan



Handy hints for the Work-shop

Citric acid is \$12.91 kg and that makes any where from 4 to 10 litres depending on how strong .. and you can reuse several times after filtering ...

Photo on left is after 24 hrs, and after half had been brushed



The old kerosene tin

There was a tin we used to use in the days of long ago,
And it contained home kerosene to keep the lights aglow,
But when the tin was empty, it wasn't thrown away,
But cut the square top off it, and used it every day.

With a wire handle on it (and lots of muscle too),
We'd carry water from the well, the weekly wash to do.
Our home was kept supplied with water day by day,
With two of these resourceful tins, we had no other way.

Dad kept a couple in the shed to hold his tools and gear,
And some in the stables too, to carry stock feed there .
With chopped up cans to feed stock, we carried them alone,
Molasses in another one to feed the milling throng.

Mum would keep one on the stove, with water hot and steaming,
To bathe us in the old tin tub and keep us clean and gleaming,
At times she'd boil Dads's dirty clothes, there on the kitchen stove,
We kids had one to hold our gear, a regular trove!

We cooked our yearly leg of ham in that old kero tin,
We had one on our gatepost to serve as our mail bin.
There was another use we had (and quite essential too) ,
That tin became a dunny can to serve our outback loo.

Then finally, all full of holes, when it had had it's day,
It landed on the rubbish heap and rusted clean away.
And so the humble kero tin was never once abused,
You could say we recycled it, though that word was never used.

- Dulcie Smith Childers Queensland



HITCH EM UP – ROLL EM OUT

As you all know, this year is the 50th anniversary of the VAA. 50 years since a small group of like-minded young men got together to form a club to cater for those interested in locating, learning about, and restoring vintage vehicles. Their main interest at the time was 1920's and 1930's vehicles. Let's get those same cars out this year and celebrate the club's golden (50th) anniversary in style.

There are currently 47 veteran and vintage vehicles combined and 69 post vintage vehicles in the club, most of which are concessionally licensed. We probably only see a half a dozen of every year. Where are the others?

We will be organising several events this year and wish to include all our vehicles. One of these events will be a "Golden Oldies Run Around the Bridges" especially for vehicles 50 years and older. We hope that it will be a spectacular run zig zagging through the Swan Valley. It will be at a moderate speed with several stops along the way. The run will cater for the oldest, slowest vehicles so you will not be left behind. This run is planned for the second half of the year, so you have time to get ready.

The dedicated men's shed crew have offered to inspect and repair your vintage vehicle to get it ready for the run and other runs this year. It may just need a minor tune up or some more major work. You might need a hand to get it ready for registration or a safety check. Whatever, if you wish to take up this generous offer either ring me on 0416-018119 or Bob DeJong on 0400-064937 to get it booked in. In the meantime, pull off the covers, pump up the tyres and get it ready for the men in the red check shirts to paw all over it.

Use your vintage car this year. You will earn extra points and a better chance to win a Golden Anniversary car emblem.

Ray Smith

VAA Swap Meet – April 10th 2022

A New Venue and New Covid Challenges

This year we are returning to the traditional month of April to hold the annual VAA Swap Meet. On the 10th of April will see us at a new venue at the Swan Italian Sporting Club in Middle Swan, where we held the Pre-Christmas Dinner.

As usual we need many hands to run this important fund-raising function, even more-so this year with having to contend with Covid tracing issues etc. It is estimated that we could need up to 25 volunteers per shift especially at the peak times. Young or not so young. Active or not so active, there will be something for you to do.

Hoping that we get enough member volunteers to enable a change of shift every hour or so. Please see Tony to get your name on the roster and as a bonus you will receive extra points towards a 50th Anniversary car badge.

Ray Smith

Swap Meet Coordinator



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I am researching the history of the FIAT Mephistopheles and was wondering if your members are able to assist me with information about its time in Australia?

L. C. G. M. Le Champion brought the FIAT Mephistopheles to Australia in December 1925 and it was displayed at the FIAT agent Garratts Ltd, Elizabeth Street, Sydney premises.

There are two events I am seeking additional information about.

The first is did the car run at Maroubra? I am aware that the car did not race there but there is circumstantial evidence that it may have been tested there with the conclusion that the track was too tight for Mephistopheles's long wheelbase and power preventing it showing its true performance. It is possible that there is reference to this in William Boldiston's book "A Maroubra Speedway Scrapbook" Chapter 20 "The World's fastest Car Here at Maroubra". Unfortunately I have not been able to obtain a copy of this book as it is now out of print.

The second is the proposed match race against Don Harkness and his Hispano – Suiza engined Minerva in which he had achieved 107 mph at Gerringong Beach in 1925. The Match Race subsequently did not take place but I am interested in the specification of Harkness's car and the possibility of obtaining a publishable picture of it.

Any additional information about Mephistopheles's time in Australia would be of interest.

Many thanks.

Regards

Clive Roberts

Clive Roberts <cliveroberts146@outlook.com>

NON VAA EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

March	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st	Thurs	8:30am	Kalamunda Chrome Bumper Group. Meet every Thurs	Gracies Café on Berkshire Road, For- restfield	www.tsoa-wa.com Lyle Metcalf	0417 993 631
March	7 th	Mon	?	Chargers on the Grid – Celebrat- ing 50 years since the Charger raced at the Wan- neroo Raceway	Wanneroo Raceway, Wattle Ave East, Neerabup	For more info & registra- tion contact: Mike – email: mikefantasiachargerclub- wa@gmail.com	
April	3 rd	Sun	8:30am- 11:00a m	Classic Cars & Coffee	UWA Car Park 3 Hack- ett Drv, Ned- lands		
April	3 rd	Sun	Meet at Club at 7:00am have to be set up by 9:30am	Curtin Radio Classic Spectac- ular. The VAA tradionally attend this Annual event	Trinity Col- lege Playing Fields, 6 Elderfield Road, Wa- terford Leave In convoy, leave from Club Rooms	Tony Warner	
April	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Thurs	8:30am	Kalamunda Chrome Bumper Group. Meet every Thurs	Gracies Café on Berkshire Road, For- restfield	www.tsoa-wa.com Lyle Metcalf	0417 993 631
April	9 th & 10 th	Sat & Sun		The Northam Mo- torsport Festival 70 th Anniversary	Northam		
April	10 th	Sat		The Williams Gateway Expo	Williams	Clay Haddrik Haddrik 95@hotmail.com	048825291 1
	TBA		TBA	Lights on the Hill	Talbot's Farm, Hep- pingstone Rd, Bruns- wick Junc- tion	John Tilling Bob Lukins Robert Cook lightsonthe hill- wa@gmail.com	0457 559 199 0428 960 594 0428 637 207
May	1 st	Sun	TBA	Shannon's/Perth Classic Car Show. The VAA tradionally attend this Annual event	Ascot Race- course	TBA	
May	15 th	Sun	TBA	All British Car Day Gingin. The VAA tradionally attend this Annual event	Leave In convoy, from Club Rooms	TBA	

V.A.A. 50th Anniversary Logo POLO SHIRTS (Men's & Ladies) and Men's Dress Shirts

Another order has been placed for V.A.A. Polo Shirts.

When the order arrives, we will have **all Men's & Ladies sizes for Polos in stock.**

If you have already got an order in, your shirt will be held for you.

If you would like a Polo Shirt, please let me know at the next meeting so I can hold it for you.

We still have in stock some Men's Dress Shirts (long sleeved).

We have a small order in for: two (L), two (XL) and one (3XL)

Sizes still in stock and available: one size (M), 1 size (L), four (2XL), and one (3XL).

PLEASE PUT YOUR ORDER IN – PAYMENT UPON COLLECTION
Men's Polo's - \$47 Ladies Polo's - \$45.10 Men's Dress Shirts - \$58

LORIS

Membership

Please welcome new members Gary and Jodie DEWAR from Bakers Hill. They have a 1979 Ford Falcon XD.

Outline of club membership as at 27 February 2022:

Membership Type	Member	Spous	Partner	Total
Life Members	9	6	1	16
Single Full Members	102	-	-	102
Double Full Members	158	138	20	316
Associate Members	1	-	-	1
Total	270	144	21	435
<i>Joined since 1/7/2021</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>33</i>

Summary of current member vehicles as at 30 January 2022:

Vehicle Category	Full	Conc.	Unlic.	?	Total
Veteran		2	-	2	4
Vintage	3	23	4	13	43
Post Vintage	6	52	2	12	72
Invitation	77	389	29	28	523
?	-	-	1	1	2
Total	86	466	36	56	644

Fun fact of the month: The vehicles in our register cover 79 individual years of manufacture from 1908. 227 of them were brand new or not yet built when the VAA was formed in 1972. The most popular years of our cars are 3rd 1963 (19), equal 2nd 1959, 1969, 1970 (20) and the most popular year 1964 (23).

Dave

Registrar

Concessional Licensing

Sorry to keep banging on about it, but once again please remember that it is a requirement of both the Code 404 and C4C concessional licensing schemes that you are a financial member with no leeway. Your car will not be licensed or insured if you have not paid your membership by the 1st July and we now have reports that **the Department of Transport (DoT) are demanding that full (non-concessional) license fees be paid retrospective-ly if the vehicle owner is found to be unfinancial.**

DoT has clarified recently that Impromptu Runs can only be for one day that begin and end at the place of garaging. If you wish to go on a multi-day drive, speak to Loris about adding an event to the Club Calendar.

Dave

Registrar

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Wanted 235 Chevy
blue flame engine.
Complete if possible.
Regards
Kevin Sadler
M/ph 0403004032

WANTED Blue flame cylinder head
for Chevy 235 motor or the complete
motor ,
Regards
Kevin Sadler Mob 0403004032.

For Sale Chev front (outer) wheel
bearing Mid 30's -1955
2 sets NOS Never Used in original
boxes
1 set to suit both sides Roller bearing
(3 piece) (\$150 both)
1 Set to suit both sides Tapered Roll-
er bearing (2 piece) Rare to find
(\$180 both)
Contact Sam 0434205187

For Sale

**Scalectric Track 5.0 M x 1.2 M at-
tached to steel frame.
Good working order. 3 Cars.
Best Offer.**

Robert 0418 917 133

MINUTES FOR THE V.A.A.W.A. Monthly General Meeting
Meeting at Clubrooms 19 Helen Street, Bellevue. 8th Feb 2022

Open Meeting	Meeting opened by Tony Warner at 8pm. Tony addressed the meeting first regarding Covid19. Mask wearing is required, Stay home if you don't feel well, sanitise your hands regularly, use the QR Code to sign in. Best to stay home if you have any health conditions and stay away from crowds.
Members Present	As per members sign in book.
Apologies	Ray Roberts, Alan Warner, Rob Popiel, Brian and Lynette Rodwell, Keith and Kath Agar, Paul Berkavicius, Peter Goldsmith, Kevin Lockyer, Larz Boujos, Lester D'Souza.
Visitors	New members attending: Jack Bettegacci in his beautiful 1968 Red GTO Pontiac.
Previous minutes	A motion moved by Bill Redeckis to accept the previous meetings minutes as a true and correct record, seconded by Martin Paine and passed by vote. Motion was carried.
Business arising	No business arising.
Correspondence	Martin Steere reported: 1 x Bankwest Club Bank Account Statement 1 x Post Office Box Service renewal notice. 1 x Email from CMC Secretary to notify of meeting on 21 st Feb including an Agenda. 1 x Email follow up from the CMC Secretary noting that masks are to be worn but, no proof of vaccination is required. 1 x Email from Curtin FM Car show confirming of our registration.
Treasurer's Report	Val Smith reported : The VAA Bank account balance at the 31 st Jan 2022 is: \$27,922.72 Income : on 8/2/2022 : \$172 : For sales of Merchandise items. Expenses Payments pending : Subiaco Print : Magazine Printing : \$195.80 Riva MYOB Services : \$198 Water Corp : \$232.85 Tony Warner : Stationary : \$300.08 Dave Currell :Postage and stickers : \$307.77 Shirley Everett : BBQ and Raffle items : \$117.64 Aust Post Renewal of Post Box : \$144 Bill Redeckis moved motion to make the Payments as presented by Val Smith, Seconded by Tom Benson and passed by a vote. The motion was carried. Tony Warner asked the meeting if anyone needed clarification regarding the Expenses, no one had any queries. There was no further business arising from the Treasures report.
Events	Loris Cooper reported: 1/ On Sat 12th Feb is the Valentines run, meet at the Club House at 3.20 to 3.30pm leave for The Henley Brook at 4pm dinner at 5pm, alternatively meet at The Henley Brook. A proof of Vaccination and mask will be required. A show of hands was called for, 17 people indicated they would be attending. 2/ An Events Planning Committee meeting will be held on Sat the 19 th Feb at 12.30pm. 3/ On the 24 th April is the 20 th Anniversary of the Clubrooms Opening so this will be discussed at the Events meeting. We will be calling for volunteers to help at this event. 4/ On the 19 th March is our Drive In movie night. More information will be forthcoming. 5/ The Old Time Brookton Motor Show has been cancelled due to Covid19. 6/ Kalamunda Cars & Coffee Thursday Feb 10 th event for those interested. 7/ The Curtin FM Classic Car Show will be on Sunday 3 rd April. 8/ Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March. Tony Warner spoke regarding the Anniversary Events and in particular the Gala Dinner in June. The capacity of the Venue is 150 people, so we are going to be offering tickets for sale soon. The opportunity will be offered to current members first then tickets will be offered to past members. Please watch out for these tickets as we expect tickets sales to be brisk!
Library	Martin Paine reported: Some interesting magazines are available in the Library including articles on Land Rover, Lotus Cortina, MG, Triumph, DeSoto 1935, The Bond sports cars and Zephyr.

MINUTES FOR THE VAA of W.A. Monthly General Meeting
Meeting at Clubrooms, 19 Helen Street, Bellevue. Held on 8th February 2022

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Swap Meet 2022	<p>Ray Smith reported: The new date of the 10th April has been 99% locked in. The Venue will be the Swan Italian Sporting Club, 9 Francis St, Middle Swan. On 5.5 acres of land with a large oval and lots of parking. There is also additional parking across the road. Thanks to Domenic Paoliello for being instrumental in securing this great Venue. As we only have one meeting before the Swap Meet we will need a lot of support and Volunteers to help make the event a success. Ray called for members to put their name down on the Volunteer List and help out. Those members that do help will gain points in the Anniversary Competition. Helpers will also gain free entry to the Swap Meet.</p> <p>Tony Warner reinforced the need for help with the Swap Meet and pointed out that we raise up to \$6,000 for the Club from this one important event.</p>
Magazine	<p>Frank Ferrari reported: The concluding part of the S&S Industries interesting story was published in the February Magazine. Ray Smiths article about the "Round the Bridges" run will be in the next magazine. Frank is looking for more articles from the Shed boys, please provide any documents in Word Format.</p>
Vehicle Examiner	Ray - NTR
Registrar	<p>Dave Currell reported: We have one nomination for your consideration: Gary Dewar from Bakers Hill was nominated by Martin Steere. Gary has a 1979 Falcon XD.</p> <p>The meeting approved the nomination by a vote with no objections.</p> <p>*Dave outlined the Club Membership as at 8th February 2022 :</p> <p>We have 269 members, along with partners and spouses there are 432 people in our club. 20 people have joined our club this year with partners and spouses making 31 people.</p> <p>There has been some activity this month with new members and people adding cars to the register, also please consider letting Dave know of cars that may not be on the register yet.</p> <p>There are 639 vehicles in our club, 465 are on concession licence and now 3 vehicles are on the C4C scheme.</p> <p>Some Fun facts: In our club, there are 79 individual years of manufacture with 1908 being the oldest car. The newest vehicle is a 1972 manufacture which is a rare Aprilia motorcycle. A 1/3rd of the fleet are pre 1960. The 3rd most popular year of manufacture is 1963, the 2nd most popular years are 1959, 1969 and 1970. The most popular year is 1964 !</p>
Building Report	Graham Hough was not at the meeting to make a report.
CMC Report Registrar	<p>Frank Ferrari and Dave Currell reported: The CMC is has informed clubs that the DOT is clamping down on impromptu runs that are over two days. An impromptu run must start and finish on one day. An overnight run must therefore be a Club event.</p>
Workshop Report	<p>Bob De Jong reported – things are quite steady in the workshop. The Austin Healey is on the hoist and is in need of some specialist fabrication work. Rob Hyde's Mercedes engine is in bits and waiting on parts which are proving a challenge to source.</p>
General business	<p>*Tony Warner spoke regarding greater member participation at events and involving spouses and partners more. The aim is to include spouses and partners on the email list. So please provide your email address so you can also receive notifications.</p> <p>* We have just ordered more Merchandise including the Anniversary Polo shirts, Baseball Caps and bucket hats.</p> <p>* Ray Smith spoke regarding a proposed "Golden Oldies" Vintage run later in the year. The run will be "Round the bridges" in the Swan Valley area. We are aiming at pre 1972 cars. The proposed date is 30th October. Bob DeJong is willing to help owners get their cars ready for the run.</p> <p>* Loris Cooper – A mid-week run has been organised by Mark Atkinson on Thursday 12th May. The run will be about 2 hours. Thanks Mark for organizing this event.</p> <p>* Thomas spoke about ringing and keeping in touch with other members, letting them know about events and encouraging them to go along. He also spoke about Neville Cullenane who is sadly in hospital with dementia.</p> <p>* The Raffle, raised \$173. Run by Domenic Paoliello: Orange B87 Jack Bettegacci, Red D94 Bill Redeckis, Blk F84 Mark Atkinson, Orange B85 Jack Bettegacci, Blk F75 Laurel Debrenzi, Blk F90 Bob DeJong.</p> <p>* The Display Cars * 2 x Mk1 Zephyr's. Mark Atkinson has owned his Black 1954 model for 5 years. It runs a single carby which goes a lot better than with twin carbies. Bob De Jong has owned his Blue Zephyr for over 30 years. When Bob first bought the car, he stripped it down and rebuilt it and it has been like that ever since. Bob has driven it to Canberra and back to attend a Car Rally, so it's been very reliable.</p>
Next Meeting	Tuesday 8 th March 2022 at the VAA of WA Clubrooms.
Close Meeting	Closed at 8.47pm



VAA Office Bearers 2022

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2022

Tuesday, 22nd February
 Tuesday, 27th April
 Tuesday, 28th June

at 7:30pm at the Club Rooms
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Hi all, I have created a group through Facebook called " Old cars and Things". It has posts of old cars, interesting things about old cars and historical events including people of the past.. This is a public group so you can have a look , join or post something you might have of interest.

Enjoy'

Debbie Paine

Workshop Men - Pugs

With some gentle nudging from our Workshop Manager, I will put some scribble down about Pugs. With his Hollywood Good Looks, it is hard to miss this guy when he drifts into the workshop. To be honest, on first sighting him I was a little concerned about his constant habit of talking to himself. Thankfully (before I got the butterfly net) I realized he had an ear piece and was constantly on the 'phone to his work (which I presume really does exist and isn't a figment of his imagination).

Anyway, the point I am (eventually) making is that this guy is a 'just get on with it' sort of guy.

The story in short is that we hit a roadblock with big Mark's Austin Healey. A love tap to the left front in it's early life had badly messed up the suspension arm and mounting set up on the body. A new suspension arm solved half the problem but the mangled mess where it should mount had us scared. Enter Pugs, who quietly (well noisily when he started cutting) went about removing the damaged section, fabbing up a new bit and welding it in. Problem fixed - he then picked up his tools and left ... While we were admiring his work - Big Mark was grinning like a Cheshire Cat for the rest of the day (well week really).

So Pugs, thanks to you I have a new found respect for Boilermakers - even if they look like they should be on TV!

Hutch

BUNBURY OVERNIGHT RUN

This is being planned for the weekend of the 20th and 21st of August this year. The basic idea being to leave on Saturday morning and head towards Dardanup where we will visit Ken and Ruth Gardiners place which by all accounts is well worth making the effort. They have a large collection ranging from tractors and cars through to historic memorabilia which apparently is of interest to everyone especially the ladies of the group. According to information received it takes a couple of hours to wander through and view everything so it should be a very worthwhile visit. On our way down we will stop for lunch at a venue yet to be determined, we will try and organise this to enable those that prefer to provide their own lunch will be able to exercise that option. Once we have left the Gardiners we will head to Bunbury to our accommodation. I have given a lot of thought to this and have decided it would be in everyone's best interest if they organise their own accommodation as personal preferences are quite varied ranging from 5 star to sleeping under the stars. After having a rest from the drive down we will hopefully as a group meet up for dinner most likely at one of the excellent pubs in Bunbury and enjoy a pleasant evening together. On Sunday morning after breakfast we will meet up before heading to Dardanup again to visit the Dardanup Heritage Park. This is a huge collection of machinery, vehicles, including horse drawn carriages and traction engines, a steam driven saw mill, timber workers cottages etc, there is also a very good display of armed forces items. the collection is too comprehensive to list here but be assured if you want to do justice to the visit it will probably take 3 or 4 hours to view everything. There is also a very nice cafeteria on site which should keep the hunger pangs at bay. From here most will head back to Perth hopefully as a group but some may want to travel individually. Personally I will stay over on Sunday night in order to visit the car museum before coming back on Monday afternoon.

I have done some preliminary checking on costs and have found that Hotel/Motel charges will start at about \$150.00 per night and cabin type accommodation in caravan parks will be around \$100.00 per night. Entry to the Gardiners Museum is by donation and when last checked the Dardanup Heritage park was \$10.00 per person. More detailed information will be in the March Newsletter.

As time progresses we will fine tune this event after consulting with those intending to travel. Updates will be included in forthcoming newsletters as more information becomes available. For further information or to make suggestions regarding this event please contact me on 0407886141 or at awarner@westnet.com.au

Alan Warner



VAA Breakfast

We had a very pleasant breakfast at Whiteman Park and a great turnout of classic cars.

Photos By - Paul Berkavicius



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More Photos of the VAA Breakfast





Invitation to Past and Present Members of the V.A.A

on

SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022

Bring out your 'Old' cars and family

and join the parade of cars and some afternoon tea

to help

**Commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the
Official opening of the VAA Club Rooms in 2002**

at 19 Helen St. Bellevue

and the

Launch of our Anniversary Book - "Past Times"

A club event celebrating our Club's 50th Anniversary 1972 – 2022

**(Copies of the book will be available for sale on the day, but get in early
as there is a limited number available - there will not be another print run)**

**1:00PM All cars to assemble at
FISHERMAN'S MARKET,
SWAN STREET, WEST GUILDFORD.**

**1:45PM Leave in convoy and drive to
Club Rooms, 19 Helen Street, Bellevue.**

**2:00PM On arrival at Club, park cars behind
club rooms and along Helen Street.**

2:45pm WELCOME and BOOK LAUNCH.

3:00pm Afternoon Tea & book sales.

CAN YOU HELP

**DOES ANYONE KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF,
OR CONTACT DETAILS OF,
OUR FIRST & FOUNDING PRESIDENT
DOUG BARBER**

**If so, could you please contact
Loris Cooper, VAA Events Coordinator,
by phoning: 0402 032 270**



VAA EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

MTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PHONE #
Mar	8 th	Tue	8:00pm	VAA CLUB MEETING 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
Mar	19 th	Sat	12:30pm	Events Planning Meeting	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	0402 032 270
Mar	To be confirmed	Sat	TBA	DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT 50 th Anniversary Event	TBA	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
April	9 th	Sat	12:30pm	Events Planning Meeting	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	0402 032 270
April	9 th	Sat	AM	Swap Meet Preparation	Club Rooms	Ray Smith	0416 018 119
April	10 th	Sun	5:00am setup 6:00am sellers 7:00am buyers	V.A.A SWAP MEET	SWAN ITALIAN CLUB, 9 Francis St, Middle Swan	Ray Smith	0416 018 119
April	12 th	Tue	8:00pm	VAA CLUB MEETING 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
April	24 th	Sun	1:00pm onwards	20 th Anniversary of the Helen Street Club Rooms and LAUNCH of 50 th ANNIVERSARY BOOK Car parade & afternoon tea 50 th Anniversary Event	TBA	Loris Cooper Tony Warner	0402 032 270 0417 555 073
April	27 th	Tue	7:30pm	Committee of Management Meeting	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
May	7 th	Sat	12:30pm	Events Planning Meeting	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	0402 032 270
May	10 th	Tue	8:00pm	VAA CLUB MEETING 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
May	12 th	Thu	9:00am meet 9:30 leave	M/Week Clayton's Run (Noble Falls, Chidlow, Mt Helena)	Club Rooms	Mark Atkinson	0488 775 421
May	22 nd	Sun	8:30am onwards	VAA CAR INSPECTION Bring your car in for its inspection and have morning tea at the same time)	Club Rooms	Ray Roberts	0438 911 387
May	22 nd	Sun	10:00am	VAA AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA Cancer Council Fundraiser 50 th Anniversary Event	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	0402 032 270
June	Th	Sat	12:30pm	Events Planning Meeting	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	0402 032 270
June	14 th	Tue	8:00pm	VAA CLUB MEETING 7:00pm sausage sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
	25 th	Sat	Arrive 6:00pm	GALA DINNER 50 th Anniversary Event	Gosnells Golf Club, Canningsvale	Loris Cooper & Cheryl Glew	0402 032270 432 239 349
June	28 th	Tue	7:30pm	Committee of Management Meeting	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
July	12 th	Tue	7:00pm BBQ 8:00pm meeting	VAA CLUB MEETING and AGM	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
	17 th	Sun	TBA	VAA PRESIDENT'S RUN 50 th Anniversary Event	TBA	Tony Warner	0417 555 073
Aug	9 th	Tue	8:00pm	VAA CLUB MEETING 7:00pm sausage sizzle	Club Rooms	Martin Steere	0407 993 933
Aug	13 th	Sat	6:30pm	WINE & CHEESE & QUIZ NIGHT 50 th Anniversary Event	Club Rooms	Pauline Velden	0405 144 919
Aug	20 th & 21 st	Sat & Sun		OVERNIGHT RUN TO BUNBURY 50 th Anniversary Event	TBA	Alan Warner	0407 886 141

