

November 2023

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# PAST TIMES

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**Bob De Jong 1929 Chevrolet**



## From The President's Desk

Hi Everyone,

Wow, November already! This year has flown past, it will soon be Christmas, which reminds me, to let you know that you still need to book in for our annual Christmas lunch. If you intend going, remember this event is subsidised by your club.

By the time you read this, the Melbourne Cup will have been and gone, usually one of our well attended events.

We still do not have a dedicated Events Coordinator , so we are trying something a little different as you will see in this magazine. Please be reminded that any member can organise an event, just contact one of the events committees if you have an idea and are willing to help.

One of our members has suffered an injury to two of his fingers and may need surgery. This occurred in the workshop recently. As part of the accident investigation, we see the need to tighten up on our safety management in the workshop and the club surrounds. Over the time we have been operating the workshop, we have, to some extent ,operated as if we were at a mate's garage and lending a helping hand. This will change going forward, as we will now start to operate as a business. We plan to have designated coloured walkways, where, members without covered shoes can access parts of the workshop. Signs for each machine will dictate who is allowed to use them and what PPE is required. In addition, we will be developing an induction process for anyone wanting to work in the workshop.

The job board in the workshop is the domain of our Workshop Manager ,Bob D'Jong, so PLEASE DO NOT put jobs up without first talking to Bob first. We need to assess the jobs first and see if it falls within our capability. Bob will also need your phone number, so he can call you when space and resources have been allocated.

At the last mid-week run, we decided to go to Gracie's Café in Forrestfield. We discussed this at the October meeting and I sent out an email. Unfortunately, several members still turned up at The Coffee Hut and missed the email. So, can you please keep an eye out for our emails. See you at the club and do remember that every Wednesday and Saturday workshop events, are listed as a club event, so please bring your classic.

**Tony Warner**  
**President**

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## Golden Oldies Run

The Golden Oldies Run held on the 24th September consisted of 16 cars. We started the day from the clubrooms, where everyone was briefed about the day and given run sheets with questions to answer along the way. Domenic also gave out macadamia nuts to each driver. You had to work out how to crack the nut whole to receive extra bonus points.

The first stop was the Railway Workshops, where we all regrouped and stopped for photos. Some of us also compared the answers to the first few questions and those questions that were to come. From there, we drove through the old part of Midland, and what was left of the existing Midland Oval and surrounds onto the main highway. After a slight detour, due to roadworks, we stopped at Gomboc Gallery in Middle Swan.

Ron Gomboc, showed us around his Gallery, consisting of unique pieces of artwork and sculptures, and gave us a talk about his life's work and the history behind it all. After some time exploring the grounds, we headed on through the back streets of the Swan Valley, whilst taking in the views of the greenery of vineyards and locally grown produce in the area, trying to look for clues at the same time.

We headed back to the club rooms for a yummy hamburger lunch, prepared by Loris, Shirley and Neville. We also enjoyed another delicious sponge cake for dessert, supplied by Sylvana.

It was good to see creativity with the macadamia nuts, being cracked in the car door and with a carjack. The overall winners were Lance and Cheryl Glew, well done.

A fun day out exploring our local area, thanks to all that attended!





Our Club, over the past few years, has been given several cars. Thinking about this recently, I recall Rob Hyde and I going to City Beach to pick up a Wolseley which we took back to the club., This pick up was really tricky, as we had to pull it out of a undercroft garage. The next car we were given was a Commodore sedan, which was a runner ,but quite rusty. Again ,this was picked up by Rob Hyde and this time Trevor Holmwood was the helper.

Dave Currell, as Secretary took a call from a guy in Busselton who wanted to give away a Riley RMB. so the workshop crew drove to Busselton and picked the car up. This was subsequently restored and sold to a club member. The next donation was two cars. One was a Fiat X19 and a Volvo. The Volvo was sold on and the Fiat was purchased by Loris Cooper and is under restoration.

Next came along the Toyota Camry donated by Kath and Keith Agar. This car was painted and prepared for sale with a huge amount of work done by the workshop and Troy De Brenni subsequently sold on and has been seen around our neighbourhood.

John Orr, another member, has donated a Rover P5 sedan ,which is in the yard as I write this. The current plan is to get it concessionally licensed and offer it up as a rolling restoration to club members. This car is also a runner.

A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call to see if we wanted two rolling chassis ,complete with engines, gearbox, and a mountain of parts for a 1926 Chevrolet. It took about eight of us to pick this all up. The building was about to be locked up, as the proprietor was going into receivership. We have put these out to tender to club members.

By my calculation we have made approximately \$13,490.00, with the Rover still to be sold.



**Rover P5 donated by John Orr**



**One of the 1926 Chevs donated to the club**



**Spare parts for the two cars**



**The second Chassis with engine and gearbox**

## Nostalgia Stirling Square Markets and Austin and Morris Car Day in Guildford. Sunday 8th October 2023

The VAA car club had 17 vintage cars turning up for the Austin and Morris Car Day and Nostalgia Stirling Square Markets in Guildford. The weather was excellent, 23 degrees and sunny.

Apart from all the vendor's tents, selling food and anything else under the sun, there were music bands dishing out Rock and Roll all day, with a dance floor installed for those eager to move their legs and participate.

An extensive display of vintage cars and trucks, anything from a Morris Mini to a Rolls Royce.

The two clubs' gazebos gave us shade throughout the day. Overall great day spent with fellow members from the VAA.

Thanks go to Rob Hyde, Loris Cooper, and the organizers for a lovely and relaxing day. Apologies for not showing pictures of all the VAA cars.

### Greтар Jonsson



VAA Cars on display



VAA Members Stand



Sylvana Paoliello's 1955 FJ



Domenic Paoliello and daughters Ella and Carla



**The De Brenni family meet the 'Fairy'**



**Some of the cars on display, in front of the VAA Gazebo**



**Mark McKenzie's Mark 1 Zephyr**



**Jon Jon & Sandy Rameriz GT Falcon**



**Keith & Kath Agar's ZD Falcon**



**Russell Neilson's WB Panel Van**





**Kevin & Jan Sadler's Chev Pick-Up**



**Bob De Jong's Citroen**



**Pierce Zlaman's Jeep**



**Barry & Dot Ryles's Statesman**



**Steve & Pauline Velden's Thunderbird**



**Tony Warner's 1986 Daimler**







Troy & Lorrell De Brenni's Humber Super Snipe



Just a few of the many interesting stalls



Rock and Roll dancers provided entertainment



A great display of Austins and Morris cars

## Annual Christmas Lunch



**Sunday, December 10th 2023**



Swan Athletic Club: Mc Donald St, Herne Hill  
Arrive 11:30am, Lunch 12:00



**Bookings & Payment required by 6th December**

Payment via direct deposit:  
BSB: 066 115 ACCT:11063786

Please add surname & number of guests to reference details



**RSVP:**

Secretary@vaawa.org.au  
or phone Loris: 0402 032 270

\$20 for members/partners  
\$40 for non-member  
\$15 for children under 12

# WANTED

Willys/Overland  
Parts.

Contact Steven  
0424548958

October's monthly mug winner was VAA member, Phil Carter  
As can be seen, Fat Cat had some treats to share with Phil on Telethon night.

### Brian Tucker Merchandise.



VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION WA (INC)

**CARS, COFFEE & CAKES**

**MID WEEK RUN**

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY**

**OF EACH MONTH**

**MEET AT THE 'COFFEE HUT'**

**4/777A GRT NTHRN HWY**

**HERNE HILL**

**AT**

**10:00AM**

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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### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING DATES - 2023 to 2024

Meeting at 7:30PM at the Clubrooms

<b>2023</b> <b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024</b> <b>TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024</b> <b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024</b>
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### Non-VAA Club Events

For more events that may be of interest, refer to our VAA website:

[www.vaawa.org.au/files/eventsOTHER.pdf](http://www.vaawa.org.au/files/eventsOTHER.pdf)

There is also a printed list on the board in the Clubrooms.

VAA Members may drive their concessionally licensed vehicle to these events.

## 3 tips on how to improve workshop safety

Improving safety is high on the agenda in most workshops. This makes perfect sense, since a dedicated focus on improving safety standards, not only helps workshops ensure the well-being of their employees and customers but is also a sound economic investment.

So, how can you reduce the number of potential hazards and raise safety standards in your own garage? We have collected 3 operational tips to consider.

### 1-USE THE RIGHT TOOLS

Tip number 1 doesn't really require any further explanation. But okay, let us expand on the safety benefits of using the right tools.

If mechanics are using tools for anything other than their correct purpose, they not only risk breaking the tools and the vehicle they are working on but may also harm themselves and /or others.

### 2-CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF

... Your mother doesn't work here. We all know this expression, which is used to encourage people to keep things in order – and the message very much applies to workshops too. This is because tidiness is a key factor in raising workshop safety standards. It:

- Eliminates a trip hazard
- Means that you always know where to find the tools you need, making it easier for to perform your repair work safely

Keeping things in order improves workshop efficiency as no one needs to go around playing hide-and-seek with tools they cannot find. So, go out and organize all your stuff.

### 3-LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

We often do repair work on our own, for example underneath a car. And what happens when nobody is watching what you are doing?

Experience tells us that sometimes we work alone to do repair work that we should not be performing on our own. We are simply being too bold – probably because nobody is watching, and it is a bit too inconvenient to ask for assistance.

Unfortunately, such behaviour significantly increases the risk of accidents. Therefore, it is a good idea to look after each other and create a mutual understanding of the importance of abiding by the safety rules.



**Jon Jon Ramirez Welfare officer**

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**VAA EVENTS CALENDAR 2023 (November - December)**

MTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PHONE #
ALL		Every Wed & Sat	9:00am to 12:00pm	VAA WORKSHOP	Club Rooms	Bob de Jong	0400 064 937
Nov	7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	10:30am	MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH	Swan Athletics Club McDonald Street, Herne Hill	Tom Polich	0401 803 675
Nov	16 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup> Thurs of each month	Meet at 10:00am at the Coffee Hut There may be changes to Venue some months but will be advised in advance	CARS, COFFEE & CAKES	The Coffee Hut 4/777A Grt Nthrn Hwy	Rob Hyde	0418 917 132
Nov	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7:00pm Sausage Sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	VAA General Meeting	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	040 2032 270
Dec	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11:30 arrive. Lunch 12:00pm	XMAS LUNCH	Swan Athletics Club McDonald Street, Herne Hill	Events Committee	
Dec	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7:00pm Sausage Sizzle 8:00pm Meeting	VAA General Meeting	Club Rooms	Loris Cooper	040 2032 270

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# MINUTES OF THE V.A.A.W.A. GENERAL MEETING

19 Helen Street, Bellevue, Date: Tue 10th October 2023

Meeting opened at:	8:00pm
Attendees	As per Attendance Book
Apologies	Troy & Lorrell DeBrenni, Alan & Linda Warner, Jon Jon Rameriz, Joe Brajkovich, Lester De Souza, Ray Roberts, Brett Roberts, Frank Ferrari, Martin & Debbie Paine, Pierce Zlaman, Paul Berkavicius, Dan & Kathy Fanetti, Carmelo Sciacca
Visitors	Nil
New members present	Nil
Previous minutes	<b>Previous Minutes accepted by Craig Moody Seconded by Kath Agar All agreed</b>
Business arising from Previous Minutes	Nil
Treasurers Report	<p><u>Bank Account Balances:</u> Commonwealth Savings Account - \$28,969.84 Commonwealth Term Deposit Account - \$20,000.00</p> <p><u>Balance sheets/reports provided:</u> MYOB as at 09/10/2023 Profit &amp; Loss as at 09/10/2023 CBA transactions report</p> <p><u>Incoming payments:</u> Containers for Change for recycling cans - \$83.40</p> <p><u>Outgoing payments:</u> MYOB (October 2023) - \$55.00 Telstra SIM - \$27.50 Badge mate – (September 2023 member badges) - \$63.80 Water Authority (water bill ID 0165) - \$246.26</p>
Business arising from Treasurers Report	<p>Nil</p> <p><b>Acceptance for payment moved: Mark McKenzie Seconded: Pauline Velden All accepted</b></p>
Accounts for payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Warner - \$139.00 for printing of Swap Meet flyers &amp; Microsoft licence.</li> <li>• Dave Currell - \$63.36 for postage Aust Post</li> <li>• Shirley Everett – 2 invoices (1 for \$39.20 for various kitchen utensils, milo, onions) and (1 for \$67.22 for BBQ sausages/bread &amp; paper towels).</li> </ul> <p>Moved for payment: Bill Redeckis Seconded: Pauline Velden All accepted</p>
Events Coordinator	<p>In the absence of an Events Coordinator, Tony Warner reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Events Committee are still meeting monthly.</li> <li>• the monthly Thursday Cars/Coffee &amp; Cakes run on the <u>19<sup>th</sup></u> October, will be to Gracie's Café.</li> <li>• Melbourne Cup Lunch at Swan Athletics Club, Herne Hill is on Tue 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023. You need to book through Tom Polich on 0401 803 675. We need at least another 20 people to book. Price \$15 pp.</li> <li>• Bookings/payments are now being taken for the Xmas Lunch on Sun December 10<sup>th</sup> at Swan Athletics Club, Herne Hill. \$20 members/wife/partner, \$40 non-members.</li> <li>• The Nostalgia Stirling Square Markets on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct had a great turnout of cars/members.</li> <li>• There are a lot of 'Other Club Events' that members can take their cars to, and these events can be seen on the VAA Web page.</li> </ul>
Swap Meet	Flyers have now been printed and are available for distribution.
Magazine Editor	<p>We have Ella Paoliello as our new Magazine Editor. Ella was commended on the excellent October magazine that was produced, and thanks were extended for her stepping into the role.</p> <p>Members are reminded to forward any articles to Ella Paoliello: ellamay24.ep@gmail.com</p>
Vehicle examiner	No report due to Ray Roberts currently being away.
Registrar Report and approval of	Dave Currell reported new members applications received from:



new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Todd, nominated by Bob DeJong and</li> <li>• Michael Barry, nominated by Dave Currell; and</li> <li>• Duncan Jones who is keen to join and was intending to be at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dave moved that the new Members be accepted: Moved by Steve Velden Seconded by Mark McKenzie All accepted.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave extended a warm welcome to them all.</li> <li>• Dave also advised that he has removed 14 members from the club register due to non-renewal, mainly because they no longer have vehicles.</li> <li>• There are currently 299 financial members, 480 members/spouses in total, 12 of which are new, the club now has 750 cars.</li> </ul>
Building report	Graham Hough reported that there was nothing new to report.
CMC	Nil. Frank Ferrari not in attendance
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony reported that Martin Paine will need some support with the library, whilst he supports his wife, Debbie, with her health issues.</li> <li>• Mark McKenzie has said he will help maintain the library in Martin's absence.</li> </ul>
Swap Meet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Warner reported in the absence of and on behalf of Troy De Brenni, that the Swap Meet A5 Flyers have been printed. Please feel free to take and distribute.</li> </ul>
Workshop Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob DeJong report that things are going well in the workshop, there two cars restoration projects in the workshop that now getting close to being completed.</li> <li>• The club has been given two 'rolling' chassis.</li> <li>• Brian Tucker thanked the workshop boys for all their help in his restoration project.</li> </ul>
Merchandising	Brian Tucker advised members that if they purchase a car windshield, sunshade he will also throw in 'hat badge', price \$25. He has a good supply of caps for \$20, and in stock now are the new VAA Car Key Rings for only \$5. VAA bios are \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5.
General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Collage by Gretar Jonsson</u> - Tony Warner referred members to the collage created by Gretar Jonsson. The collage is made up of photos of all the cars and members who went on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run to York last year. There were 56 cars that went on the run and is in stark contrast to the 5 VAA club cars that did the same run in 1972. The collage hangs next to the photo of the 1972 York Run.</li> <li>• <u>A Proposal to purchase the property at 17 Helen Street was put to the General Meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The house next door to the Clubrooms is up for sale the anticipated price is expected to be in the order of \$400,000.</li> <li>- The primary reasons for attempting to purchase the property are threefold, firstly to increase the asset base of the club, secondly it is to provide more parking to avoid clogging Helen Street on meeting nights and workshop days, thirdly by renting out the house ourselves it will allow us to try and have neighbours who are more friendly towards our club.</li> <li>- As an investment for the club, we believe that as a rental we should be able to get between \$400 to \$500 per week which if we can raise enough funds should be enough to pay a mortgage of approximately half of the value of the property.</li> <li>. The idea would be, that we have 100 shares worth \$2000.00 each so if 100 members loaned the club shares at \$2000.00, raising \$200,000. we would be able to get a loan for the remainder. Some members may be able to loan more than one share. Any contribution made would be a loan, but it is not certain at this stage how long the loan would be for but if members fall on hard times all efforts would be made the pay out the loan.</li> <li>-If we were successful in purchasing this property, we may be able to sub-divide the rear block, keeping it for parking and sell the house to pay back all the members loaned funds.</li> <li>- <b>A motion was moved by Dave Currell</b>, to attempt to purchase this house and that the Committee of Management be authorised to proceed, on behalf of the members, to place an offer and to negotiate a purchase</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>price not to exceed \$415,000.</p> <p><b>- The motion was seconded by Keith Agar</b></p> <p><b>- Motion carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>- Tony Warner to send an email be sent to all members, to see how many members would be willing to make a loan to the club.</p> <p>- Further building structure inspections to be carried out by Domenic Paoliello and Robert Hyde.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamie and Beth Perry extended their thanks to the VAA Members for all their support and caring on the passing of Ron.</li> </ul>
Raffle winners	<p>1<sup>st</sup> prize – Phil Carter, he took the 'Mug of the Month prize.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Peter Egan</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Mark McKenzie</p> <p>The Raffle raised \$130.</p>
Display car this month	<p>Bob De Jong supplied his 1929 Chev. Brian Tucker presented him with one of the club's new key rings.</p> <p>Next month, Domenic Paoliello will provide the display car.</p>
Meeting closed.	9:15pm

## Message from the VAA events committee regarding the management of club events

In the absence of a dedicated Events Coordinator, we ask club members to put forth any suggestions for proposed club events for 2024, through the VAA Events Committee, by completing the VAA 2024 Events Suggestions form and placing them in the suggestion box in the club rooms or giving them to the Secretary.

This includes not only the suggestions specific to our own club, but also those events that are deemed to be 'Other Club Events'.

It is hoped that Club Members who propose an event, may opt to take on the overall responsibility for organizing an event, from beginning to end. They would be provided with a set of guidelines for organizing an event and be assisted by the Events Committee as required. However, the Events Committee would be happy to coordinate a suggested event if you are unable to and if members are keen to support it.

The VAA club Secretary will assist by receiving the Suggested Events and confirming dates and maintaining the VAA Events Calendar and forwarding any emails regarding an event onto members.

You can get a blank copy of the form from the clubroom.