

PAST TIMES



September 2025



1966 Mustang – Owner Brian Tucker

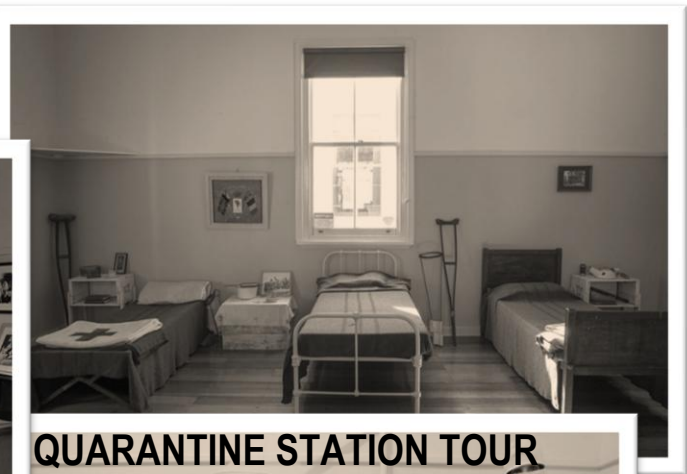
From the President's

Welcome to the September President report, spring has sprung, which means better weather for the older cars and their owners to enjoy. Perfect for a run in the valley for the President's lunch, see report and photos Oct magazine. Committee of management has had its first meeting, with the new team showing enthusiasm and new ideas for the club's future.

My favourite of the month went to Diane McCracken, who has been my favourite before, and continues to be a standout contributor to the club. I called in one morning for morning tea and noticed Diane preparing a separate plate. What are you doing? Dianne explained that she noticed one of our members was sitting by himself, so she asked if he was okay the gentleman said, yes thanks, but I don't sit with the others because I am gluten intolerant and being near food is too tempting. So, Diane now prepares a gluten-free plate from home for this gentleman, who can sit with the other members, feel included and enjoy morning tea. Such kindness and thoughtfulness show what a beautiful person you are. Thank you, Diane xo.

VAA President

Domenic Paoliello



QUARANTINE STATION TOUR

28 Sept, 9:30am

See details page 12



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Mug of the Month



In a small way the VAA is once again supporting telethon, which is providing medical research and facilities for the sick kids.



Mug of the month winner Sonia Headley presented by Brian Tucker

Brian Tucker

Domenic's Favourite

Dianne McCracken presented by VAA President Domenic Paoliello



1939 Willys - Owner Steve Hollis
Photographer - *Sonia Headley*



From the Front Cover

My 1966 pony mustang, which I have owned for approximately 7 years, was advertised on gumtree for 12 months. During that time the price kept getting reduced which made me think there must be something wrong with it, but I wouldn't know if I didn't inspect it and I always liked the mustangs.

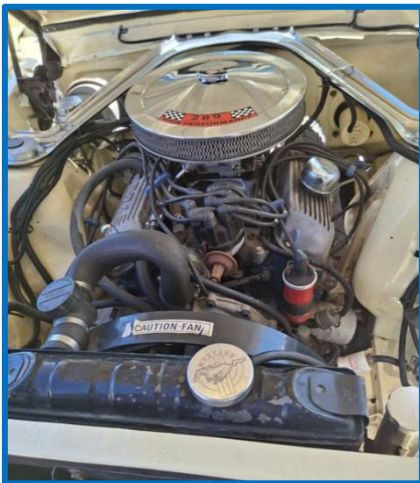


The owner was selling as this was his main drive, and it wasn't suitable for his elderly parents.

Imported from America he had already completely stripped and restored it from front to back, transmission, engine, upholstery, convertible top, paintwork, conversion to righthand drive. He took off all the badging and replaced the chrome with the billet style as he had a different vision of the car.

I purchased the car then took it to Mr Mustang in Myaree. I asked Vince what was needed to bring it back to looking original.

He suggested replacing the original chrome, including petrol cap, chrome striping on the side, even the ford lettering on the bonnet.



The steering was quite heavy, particularly when parking, so I had electric power steering fitted which made a big difference.

It was fun sourcing the bits and pieces and working on the mustang and I enjoy the compliments it gets as they get rarer particularly the old V8 convertibles.

This project is finished, but there is always another one around the corner.



Currently a 1940s, or there abouts, Super A International tractor has found its way into the shed, although in running order it will be dismantled and painted.

Brian Tucker



Headlight History - Part 2

The next step in our headlight journey is the Acetylene Gas Lamp. Brighter than oil lamps, these lights were developed in the late 1880s. Electric headlights, which appeared in 1898, were expensive, so acetylene became the lights of choice, and were used up until 1910. The technology was very popular because unlike oil lamps, even in wind and rain the flame worked well.

Acetylene Gas Lamps worked through a chemical reaction; water would drip onto calcium carbide crystals to produce acetylene gas which burned brightly when lit. Applying water to crystals was a little unreliable in cold weather, as the water could freeze, stopping the gas generation, this was remedied somewhat by mixing alcohol in the water.



With further development engineers came up with two ways to supply the acetylene gas to the headlights. First, they mounted generators on the vehicles to make the gas as needed. By 1904 many car makers included these calcium carbide acetylene gas generators with feed pipes as standard equipment. Unfortunately, gas production often slowed down in heavy traffic and the lights dimmed. The second option was the Prest-O-Lite system that used pressurized gas cylinders fitted to the running boards of vehicles, delivering the gas through tubing to the headlights. Cylinders were swapped when empty. Most worrying with this method was carrying flammable gas on vehicles that only had very basic safety features.

The bright acetylene lights had their share of problems. They left a caustic, highly toxic lime that needed regular cleaning, and the nozzle tip where the flame burned, also needed regular cleaning.



An acetylene generator mounted to the running board of this 1910 Oakland uses carbide crystals and water to form acetylene gas to power its headlights.

Prest-O-Lite acetylene systems use a tank of pressurized gas instead of a generator to power the headlight

Cheryl Gleau



Wanted

Hey, I'm Alex, a sound engineer. I'm currently looking to record pre-WW2 car engines to use their sounds in media (films, games etc). I'm especially hoping to record bigger vehicles like buses or trucks as they seem even rarer than vintage cars.

I only need about 25-30 mins with each vehicle to record it properly through a range of RPMs.

Phone: 0410 833 837

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For Sale

Pop Top Caravan
Make: Golden Eagle
Model: Rambler 5.570m (18'3")
Year: 2014
Registration: 6th April 2026
Axle: One
Tare: 1590 Kg Agg: 1890 Kg
Tyre size: 225 / 70 r 15 C



Chemical: Toilet + Tent (never used)

Honda 3kw Generator. Solar panels on roof. 2 gel Batteries.

Webber 2 burner BBQ + table. 2 gas bottles.

Gas cook top (never used) Electric grill (never used)

Microwave, TV+DVD Player. Double bed

3-way Fridge Freezer. Anex

Under floor: 120L water tank + 120L grey water tank

Electronic Stability Control, RV Roof Lifter System, fitted.

This caravan has done 3 trips.

Previous owners: One trip to Bunbury, WA

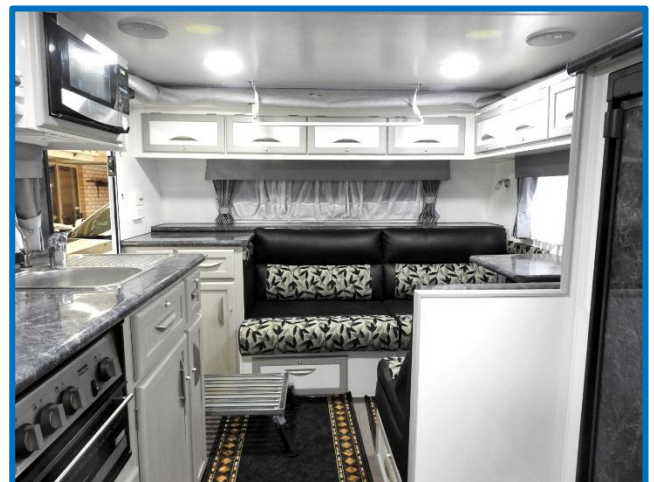
Existing owner: One trip to Esperance, WA. One trip to Augusta, WA

Parked up for the last 3 years under roof



\$36,000.00

Contact: Gretar 0419 937 506



For Sale

1935 Ford Roadster Utility
Full body off chassis restoration
221 C.I. Reconditioned Flathead, 3 speed manual transmission
600x16in tyres on wire wheels
Sale because of ill health.
\$45,000 ONO

Contact: Bill 0449 237 466



For Sale

1926 Dodge

95% complete.

Never rusted or damaged. New tyres. Good paint. Needs Canvas
Garaged in Mandurah

\$19,000. ONO

Contact: Jake 0439 095 159



Non-VAA Events Sept - Nov

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Address	Contact
Sept	14 th	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Lions Club Mandurah Show & Shine	Western Foreshore Mandurah	
Sept	20 th	Sat	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Northern Steel Meeting	Bunnings Joondalup	
Sept	21 st	Sun	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Bindoon Historical Vehicle Day	Bindoon Oval	Reg Scantlebury 0427 774 083
Sept	21 st	Sun	7:30 am to 9:30 am	Hopdup Hotrods and Donuts Pre 66 Hotrods, customs, classic and bikes	Jaylea's Patisserie 88 Archibald St Willagee	
Sept	21 st	Sun	9:00 am to 2:00 pm	Celebration of Motorsport 2025	Langley Park, Perth	
Sept	27 th	Sat	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	The C4C Club	Bunnings Armadale Rd	
Sept	28 th	Sun	8:30 am to 10:30 am	Byford Classic Car Meet and Greet	88 Linton St N Byford	
Sept	28 th	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 am	Como Rotary Classic Car Show	Wesley College Angelo St South Perth	
Oct	5 th	Sun	9.30 am to 2.30 pm	All Ford Day	Blue Steel Oval Bassendean	\$10 per car
Oct	12 th	Sun	8:30 am to 10:30 am	Classic Cars & Coffee	UWA Carparks 4,5 & 10 Hackett Drive, Crawley	https://www.facebook.com/perthclassiccarsandcoffee
Oct	18 th 19 th	Sat Sun	10:00 am to 9:00 pm	Bust Down Festival Perth 2 Day Takeover	Supreme Court Gardens Perth	
Oct	19 th	Sun	7:30 am to 9:30 am	Hopdup Hotrods and Donuts Pre 66 Hotrods, customs, classic and bikes	Jaylea's Patisserie 88 Archibald St Willagee	
Oct	25 th	Sat	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm		Bunnings Armadale	
Oct	27 th	Mon	Depart 10am	All Ford Classic Cruise	Kingsway Shopping Cockburn Gateway Midland Gate Australind	
Nov	2 nd	Sun	6:30 am to 1:30 pm	German Car Day 2025	Corner Plain St and Nelsons Cres East Perth	
Nov	9 th	Sun	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Autopro show and Shine	Unit 3 257 Bannister Rd Canning Vale	
Nov	9 th	Sun	8:00 am to 2:00 pm	Mercedes Day Out Concours Delegation	Aquinas College 58 Mt Henry Rd Salter Point	

Also Refer Council of Motoring Clubs Event Calendar

<https://councilofmotoringclubswa.wildapricot.org/events-calendar>

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

12th August 2025

MEETING OPENED 8.03pm

ATTENDEES AS PER ATTENDANCE BOOK

OPENING BY Domenic Paoliello

APOLOGIES Kevin Jones, Paul Berkavicius, Carmelo Sciacca, Brian Brookes, Pierce Zlaman, Lester D'Souza, Terry Egan, John Dela Bosca, Liam O'Connor, Alan and Linda Warner, Joe Brajkovich, Tom Polich.

VISITORS Gavin and Caroline Main

NEW MEMBERS Nil

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved Correct Graeme Barton

Seconded Pauline Velden

CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

Out Letter to Ray Smith asking him to take on the Swap Meet again.

In Reply, Ray declined to organize the Swap Meet.

TREASURERS REPORT

Val Smith

Income	
Can Recycle	\$ 52.30
Peugeot Sale	\$1750.00
Raffle	\$ 178.00
New Member Gavin	\$ 120.00

Invoices to be Paid		
City of Swan	\$2380.78	Shire Rates
Badgemate	\$ 51.04	New Member Badges
Badgemate	\$ 76.56	New Member Badges
Cheryl	\$ 265.00	Printing of Magazine
Cheryl	\$ 183.60	Postage of Magazine
MYOB	\$ 63.00	Monthly Fee
Jack McCracken	\$ 160.00	Ergon Gas
Shirley	\$ 214.77	Kitchen Supplies
Bob de Jong	\$ 258.50	Jag - Oils Sender

Moved for payment Frank Ferrari

Seconded Gretar Jonsson

BUSINESS ARISING NIL

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EVENTS

Pauline Velden Pauline has worked hard and has an exceptionally large list of events in the coming months. They are all in the Events Calendar

SWAP MEET

As Ray has stepped down and there have been no offers from the members, it looks like the Committee will be endeavouring to get the next one up and running.

EDITOR

Cheryl Glew Cheryl has given an in-depth breakdown of how much the magazine costs to print and post.

VEHICLE EXAMINER

Ray Roberts NTR

BUILDING REPORT

Graham Hough The Gutter at the front of the building has been repaired, other than that, all good.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Gavin and Caroline Main, nominated by Domenic Paoliello
Eric Andrade, nominated by Peter Egan
Gary and Jasmine Gard nominated by Martin Steere
Sheldon Weston, Nominated by Brian Pilton

CMC

NTR

LIBRARY

Martin Payne Books here to give away and sell. He will take any double up books to the Swap Meet to sell.

WORKSHOP REPORT

Bob de Jong All going OK. The Peugeot has been sold.

MERCHANDISE

Brian Tucker Brian has offered to give up the Merchandise job, if anyone else would like to take it on.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Perkolilli run has been made a club event.
Willy Seroen has offered for a run to his place in the future if anyone is interested.
Domenic thanked Dianne McCracken for her efforts in the kitchen for the workshop. We have a Gluten intolerant member and Dianne has been making Gluten Free snacks for him. She was Domenic's choice for Favourite of the month.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Mug of the month's winner is Sonia.
Winners Kevin Cook, Carolyn Main, Bill Redeckis, Gavin Main and Shirley Everett.
Big Thankyou to Loretta for helping with the Raffle.
Dianne won the Question and received a keyring.

Raffle raised \$178.00.

DISPLAY CAR

Brain Tucker's Ford Mustang

MEETING CLOSED

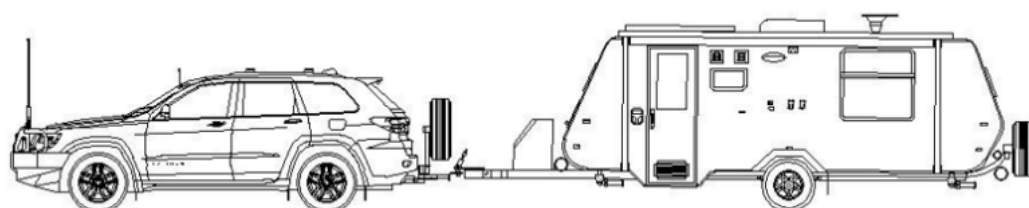
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VAA Events Sept - Nov							
Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Address	Contact	Phone
All		Sat & Wed	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	VAA Workshop	Club rooms	Bob de Jong	0400 064 937
Sept	9 th	Tues	8:00 pm	Club Meeting 7:00 pm sausage sizzle 8:00 pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Rhonda Barton	0809 880 378
Sept	11 th	Thurs	TBA	RUOK Day	Woodbridge	Dianne McCracken	0411 789 915
Sep to Oct	28 th to 5 th	Sun to Sun		Flatheads Fever Red Dust Revival	Lake Perkolilli near Kalgoorlie	https://.facebook.com/reddustrevival2025	
Sept	28 th	Sun	9.30 am	Quarantine Station	Security Gate Woodman Point Recreation Camp Coogee	Pauline Velden	0405 144 919
Oct	5 th	Sun	Before 9:00 am	Curtin FM Car Show	Kent St, Bentley	No movement between 9am and 2pm	0405 144 919
Oct	14 th	Tue	8:00 pm	Club Meeting 7:00 pm sausage sizzle 8:00 pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Rhonda Barton	0809 880 378
Oct	26 th	Sun	TBA	Rhonda and Graeme Run	Pinjarra Pub Southwest Hwy Pinjarra	Pauline Velden	0405 144 919
Nov	4 th	Tue	TBA	Melbourne Cup	TBA	Dianne McCracken	0411 789 915
Nov	9 th	Sun	TBA	AVVVA BBQ Whiteman Park	Shelter M \$10 Museum Entry Wear your Club badge	Pauline Velden	0405 144 919
Nov	11 th	Tue	8:00 pm	Club Meeting 7:00 pm sausage sizzle 8:00 pm Meeting	Club Rooms	Rhonda Barton	0809 880 378
Nov	23 rd	Sun	6 pm	Trevor Harrison Run	Gosnells Pub Albany Hwy Gosnells	Pauline Velden	0405 144 919

QUARANTINE STATION TOUR

100 YEARS ON

Fascinating military, wartime and quarantine history of this Isolation Hospital
A little-known gem in our own backyard!

QUARANTINE STATION

Recreation Camp

Woodman Point, Coogee

28 Sept 2025, 9:30am

Meet at the Security Gate

\$25.00 per person, includes a 2-hour tour and morning tea

All proceeds from the tours go towards ongoing restoration projects and community awareness

This is booked for 30 people, your support is needed please