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**MEETINGS: 8.00 PM
THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
IN CLUB SHED AT
MONT De LANCEY
71 Wellington Road
WANDIN NORTH**



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YVMPS NEWS



2020 THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR and DECADE

If you or any one you know has been affected by the bush fires we sympathize with your distress and heart break.

Never the less let us look back at the last year with the warmest of memories.

For now is the dawn of another year to create special moments.

Another year to discover new things and to enjoy each others company and camaraderie.

*Be always at war with your vices,
at peace with your neighbors,
and let each new day find you a better person*

Benjamin Franklin



Lennard Howell 11.6.1921 — 29.1.2020 Aged 98 Years .

The YVMPS members extend their sympathy to all the family, on the passing of their loved one.

Len joined our club in 1989 and was always a very active member and one who always had an interesting story to tell, if you had the time.

At club meetings it was referred to as, "The Lenny hour"

A jovial club member who will be sadly missed. Ed.



A BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY

A Post Office called Peacock's Jam Factory opened in 1902 and was re named Wandin around 1908 (closing in 1964). Wandin East itself does not have any shopping centre, but has a Town Hall, Cricket club, Tennis & Badminton clubs. Wandin East Reserve is the home of the Wandin/Silvan Field days a major agricultural Fair.

Originally a parish known as Wandin Yallock. From 1867, early settlers leased their land for an annual fee, and were required to do a certain amount of clearing and fencing, and to build a dwelling. A land act passed in 1869 then made it possible for settlers to buy their own lease. These pioneers worked incredibly hard, often clearing and building totally by hand whilst working elsewhere to earn the money to finance their land purchase. **(One of whom was Len's G.Grandfather)** The majority of settlers hailed from Britain, but a number of Wandin families such as the Sebires, Rougets and Gaudions came from the Channel Islands. Road names in the district perpetuate the names of pioneer settlers – Clegg Road, Quayle Road and Burgi Hill Road are examples.

On the 4th March 2018 **Lennard Howell** assisted in the planting of a tree to mark the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the historic Mont De Lancey the original home and farm of the Sebire family, It is now a not for profit organization which makes tours available to visitors so they can enjoy the historic property including the 1880s Homestead, timber slab kitchen, the beautiful gardens, 1920s St Mary's Chapel, Blacksmiths shop and vintage farm machinery. After your tour you're welcome to browse the grounds and extensive museum collection at your leisure. Mont De Lancey is entirely staffed by volunteers one of whom was **Lenny**. The cost of the tours contributes to maintaining the property.



Who is the most safe person in this picture?

Answer on back page.

EDITORIAL

I STARTED OFF BY READING THE FRONT PAGE, AND THOUGHT IT WAS GREAT: WITH THE BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH , PLUS THE WORDS OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, AND BECAUSE I AM GRUMPY AND HOT I THOUGHT I SHOULD STOP THERE! THEN I THOUGHT A LITTLE AND NOTICED FIRSTLY, HOW BEAUTIFUL AUSTRALIA CAN BE WHEN NOT ENGULFED IN FLAMES, AND THEN ABOUT ENDING ONE DECADE AND BEGINNING ANOTHER, WHICH I FIND A BIT LIKE NEW YEAR' S RESOLUTIONS – THOUGHT PROVOKING AT THE TIME, BUT RARELY CONSIDERED THEREAFTER.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS THOUGH CAN BE WORTHWHILE AND IS RATHER AMAZING, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SEE HOW FAR AND HOW QUICKLY LIFE HAS DEVELOPED. BLINK, AND ANOTHER TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE HAS OCCURRED, AND WHEREAS ONCE AUSTRALIA' S FIRES WOULD HAVE BEEN AUSTRALIAN NEWS, NOW THE WORLD IS AWARE AND COMMENTING WITHIN HOURS AND SUDDENLY THE WORDS 'CLIMATE CHANGE' ARE ON EVERYONE' S LIPS.

.I BEGIN TO SYMPATHISE WITH PEOPLE LIKE NIEL' S GRANDMOTHER WHO DIDN' T MIND CHANGE, BUT WANTED IT TO HAPPEN AFTER SHE HAD DIED!

BUT LIKE THE WORDS ON PAGE 1 SAY, WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING SPECIAL MOMENTS, NEW THINGS, AND HOPEFULLY BECOME BETTER PEOPLE..

Heather & Niel Brain. Editors.



Our member of the month is TONY HENRY KOOLEN

I was born in Rotterdam Holland on 11.11.1944, migrating to Australia in 1951 with my family, Dad, Mum, a brother and a sister, arriving in Sydney NSW. We then moved to Campbellfield Victoria but meandered around a lot before settling on a farm in Krowera Victoria. I attended Wonthaggi Catholic School until I left at age fourteen, to help on the family farm.

I then got a job hay contracting up North, and that was the start of my love for tractors. I worked on the family farm, however in the warmer months I contracted myself for Hay and Silage.

I met my wife Maree Shepherdson at a dance in Korumburra in 1964, and we married in 1966. We have three children, Donna, Andrew and Nadine and seven grandchildren.

In 1965 I took a job loading super planes with Skyfarmers travelling all over the country, and when we married, we also bought the family farm. We purchased a baler and rake so I went back to contract bailing on my own while Maree did the milking and running the farm.

We sold the farm in 1974 and moved to Korumburra, where I started a backhoe and truck business from which I retired thirty five years later, when our son Andrew took over after finishing a plumbing apprenticeship, and which he still operates the business today.

I have always been interested in engines and moving parts. Having a friend who had a racing car, I was so very interested that I quickly became involved. I built my first hot rod and raced at Nyora speedway, loving it so much I built another and another and so it began, racing every opportunity I got, which was usually every weekend at places such as Melbourne Speedway and various Victorian and interstate tracks. I won seven Victorian titles & came third in an Australian Title, with other numerous victories along the way. One very special memory I have with the cars I built is they came 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Victorian Titles in the same year, I continued racing for a period of twenty five years. I am a life member of the SDAV Hot Rod Club Melbourne.

I became interested in vintage engines when a few friends were going to the National Rally in Pinjarra WA in 2011 so I was given a Wing engine to take, returned home with four engines and now have around thirty! Before my love of vintage engines I was always going to do tractor pulls and still have four tractors in the shed.. I made my small tractor (pictured) to pull around my engines at the rally, I have had no professional training or teaching in welding and design for cars or tractors, all self taught.

My favourite engine is the 1915 Fuller & Johnson Farm pumper (pictured right) We met Lewis Carlton & Stuart Bennett at the Yarra Junction Rally. this is when they asked us would we like to come to Mont De Lancey with our engines and machines (pictured below). We went to Mont De Lancey and met Heather & Don Butcher, joined the Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society and have enjoyed this annual event ever since.

This is a fantastic club to be involved with and we thoroughly enjoy being a part of it.

Hobbies include - travelling, collecting and watching our grandchildren's activities.

Highlights include – Meeting Maree, working side by side all our married life, seeing our children grow up and spending time with them and our very special grandchildren.

My wife Maree has always loved craft work, sewing, knitting, doll making, hand painting (figurines) and collecting old handmade lace & doiley's , also everything that goes with sewing. Her first little sewing machine was a 1900 German chain stitch machine, that's when her collecting really began! Most are made from tin or cast iron. She has now collected over seventy "little" machines within the period of twenty five years.



Many thanks to Andrea Koolen (daughter-in-law) for sending me the information and pictures. Ed.



AUSTRALIA DAY RALLY

Another warm day was had at this rally, and it was good to see so many members showing. They started setting up at 7.30am ready for a big day.

Alex Nad had his Cooper and pump, plus a 3 1/2 HP Lister and air vane, Jamie Butcher had a 1910 Wolseley Style 1. Next was Leigh Howes 3 HP International M, Stuart Bennett bought along Mark's 2 HP Sundex, and his 3 1/2 HP Alamo-blue line. John Brunson 2 HP International and pump, Gavin Orr bought along the Cooper type K 2 HP , and McDonald Super diesel and his family. Bob Glenister had a 1 1/2 HP International ,also 3 HP Baltic Simplex as well as his daughter, *and a delicious Christmas cake*. Niel Brain had a 2 HP Lister and golf ball machine, and an air cooled Petter with a Mixmaster, John Baker a 4 HP Austral and pump. Ron Arbuthnott had a display of vintage tools and a 2 HP Sundex. Don Wright had his 2 1/2 HP Waterloo boy , Stan Rundell and his wife Marlene had their 1922 Buzacott Farm Pumper, a 1926 2hp Buzacott also a double sided Buzacott sign. David Ball, nine early Victa mowers and a model engine, Don Butcher his 4 HP Sundial"A" 1943.

We were well supported with other members coming to visit, Clare Southwell, Don and Joy Walker, also Graham Wilkinson and Malachia, and it was great to see George Smith spend the day with us. A very big "Thanks" must go to Barry Thomas although he didn't have time to get engines ready he did bring along the Club Trailer, cooked the sausages for lunch, did fencing, put up flags and also did shots with the camera to go with this story. Much appreciated. Thanks from everyone. Also a big thankyou to the owners of Hunted Antiques for the refreshments supplied on the day.

By Don and Heather Butcher. Pictures from David Ball



Our Australian Flag It was chosen in 1901 in a public competition announced by our first Prime Minister Sir Edmund Barton. There were five finalists each sharing in the 200 pound prize money. There were two versions of the flag, the Blue Ensign and the Red Ensign seen above. According to British custom the blue flag was to be flown only on Government buildings, schools, forts and navel vessels, but private citizens could not fly it, and so used the red version. In 1953 the Blue Ensign officially became Australia's National Flag and private citizens were allowed to fly it, so the red flag fell out of use. It is interesting to note that Australia had been using green and gold as its national colours since the late 1800s, yet the flag used the British colours of Red White and Blue.

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 See Heather Butcher

MEETING REPORT

At our December general meeting 34 members enjoyed the air conditioned comfort of our club room after a rather hot and trying day. Our President, Stuart welcomed every one to our special Christmas meeting, including one visitor ,who later in the night joined up as a member. The Treasurer, Rod reported on the financial outcome of our recent Draught Horse and Old Time Festival which was a great success, but the numbers were slightly down on last years event. As you will have read in our December News Letter, Lewis thanked all who helped prior to, during, and after the Festival. Stuart especially thanked LEWIS for all the work and time he had put in to make it a successful weekend for all visitors. This was supported by a great round of applause from all present. Shortly there after that the pizzas arrived for our break up party, Stuart closed the meeting and wished every one a happy Christmas and a safe New Year. We all enjoyed the pizzas, sweets and chat. Ed.



COMING EVENTS

*Denotes YVMPS event.
Contact Alan Shepherd for phone numbers.

February

- Ballan Vintage Rally Sun 16th
- * Monthly meeting Wed 19th
- * Club Shed Working Bee Sun 23rd
- Ballarat Swap Meet Fri 21st Sat 22nd

March

- Yarra Glen Swap Sun 8th
- * Melbourne Steam Festival Sat 7th Sun 8th Mon 9th
- * **Monthly meeting** Wed 18th
- * Club shed working Bee Sun 22nd
- * Yarra Junction Crank Up Sat 21st Sun 22nd
- * Kalorama Rally Sun 22nd

April

- * **Monthly meeting** Wed 15th
- * Club Shed working Bee Sun 19th
- * Kurth Kiln Festival Sun 19th
- Echuca Swap Sat 18th

Answer from page 2 The car driver !!

Membership Fees

Once only Joining	\$5.00
Insurance & NHMA levee	\$20.00
Annual membership	\$30.00 (plus ins.)
Associate (Wife)	\$10.00 (plus ins.)
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