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**MEETINGS: 7.30 PM
THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
IN CLUB SHED AT
MONT De LANCEY
71 Wellington Road
WANDIN NORTH**



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**YARRA VALLEY
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YVMPS NEWS

A Perfect day on the flood plane of the Yea River. 8th May 2021

What a story this old tree could tell: having survived snow and searing heat waves, bush fires, droughts and flooding rains, and now lies in a rather relaxed position having fallen over more than 200 years ago. "We can still see the exposed roots protruding out of the ground on the right near the swing seat and the new growth that sprung from its' side as it lay in the dirt so many years ago." Said Don Wright."



Jim Copeland passed away 2nd May 2021, aged 94. Born 21st July 1928. He and his tables of collectables will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go out to Pam and family.

Since our last news Letter I have to report that Doris Coish passed away (Wife of Ted). She will be fondly remembered by many of our members.

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PLEASE FILL IN DETAILS
RENEWAL FORM MUST
ACCOMPANY PAYMENT
RETURN TO THE TREASURER

BY JUNE 30, 2021

EDITORIAL First off I must apologize for all the errors and spelling mistakes in the April Issue. I had finished all the spell checks and boxes, Heather had checked the grammar and punctuations etc. and I was all ready to print ! When guess what? Computer went down; no internet and the house phone went dead. We got a Tech in who did all manner of things, some of which must have been to undo some previous work thus the unedited version of the magazine.

EDITORIAL FOR JUNE.



Life seems almost back to normal, with reports of two days out, both quite different. School visits to Mont de Lancy must be returning too, as yet another of our grandchildren dressed up in old fashioned gear, and toddled off to admire Parpie’s Monkey machine, amongst other marvelous things.

We attended Grandparents and Special friends day at their school yesterday, and I was amazed afresh at how wonderful primary schools are these days. We started by attending assembly and hearing all the news for the week, then we went off to well organized, brightly decorated classrooms with such small numbers, surely learning would be joy. We passed the music room, art room, library and science room, and had morning tea in a community room with four classrooms opening on to it, with children all working quietly within them. Everyone seemed happy and enthusiastic and as an ex-teacher I just revelled.

Our youngest grandson took Niel on a tour of the grounds, pointing out an area near the oval which he used as his digging patch. At home he has one under the back deck, while the one at our place led to the death of the tree above it, so he can dig there to his heart’s content now, as the damage has been done.

As life returns to normal we trust that the coming winter is not too difficult and that soon you will be back doing all the great things you all enjoy.

Best wishes, HEATHER AND NIEL BRAIN. **PS Hope this lock down is a short one.**



Here are some of the bikes that were on display at Yea.

The majority of them were still in their working clothes. All started first pop and sounded just great.

See story page 3





Our MEMBERS OF THE MONTH would have to be **Alison & Don Wright**



An invite to their property at Yea on Saturday 8th May was a highlight of the month and the weather was superb.. We arrived around 11.45 am and the place was abuzz with numerous engines running close by and many more chugging away down on the river flat. After doing all the Covid cleaning and signing in, a nice hot coffee was on tap and Bob G. had the sausages well under control. Don had set up the engine shed with tables and chairs incase of inclement weather and so were able to wander around and check out the great variety of Lathes, milling machines etc. and all that machinery that is necessary to do the amazing work on engines that Don



does. With sausage and onion in hand I set of down past a 'Portaloo' to check the row of cars on display; Holden's, Chevs Bedford and Pontiac. In the main engine compound Don had two rows of engines totaling 30 or more, with many running. Club members George Smith & grandson had three Moffat Virtues running, David Ball had the usual Victa mower and Don & Jamie Butcher also brought engines. Alan Shepherd turned up with a trailer load of old drag saws presumable on there way to their new home near Benalla. Just prior to one o'clock we were invaded by a vintage motor cycle group who had organized a lunch time stop off to view Don's vintage engines. Bikes from the early 1900's and WW II; some beautifully restored but most of them just as found, and dragged out of various sheds. I expected 'Steve McQueen' to come flying over one of the fences when they arrived and I counted 40 bikes altogether. The cycle members thanked Alison & Don for their hospitality. In reply Don also explained that the entrance donation would go to aid a young girl in their community who had just become a paraplegic due to a quad bike accident. We then witnessed a great spectacle as all the bikes headed of to their next stop, Alexandra. Around three o'clock a number of our members got stuck into dismantling the fencing compounds to assist Don with the pack up. More than 100 people came to check out the event , and the donation tin raised \$1050.00 for Ellie



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A truly great day out , Many thanks.



A couple in their nineties are having problems remembering things. The doctor tells them they are physically okay, but they might want to start writing notes to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old fella gets up from his chair. *“Want anything while I am in the kitchen?”* *“Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?”* *“Sure love.”* *“Don’t you think you should write it down?”* *“No, I can remember it”* *“I’d like some strawberries too, please. Maybe you should write it down”.* *“I can remember it, strawberries and ice cream, ok”.* *“Maybe some whipped cream too. I know you will forget, so write it down.”* *“I don’t need to write it down, strawberries, ice cream, whipped cream, I’ve got it, for goodness sake”*, and off he toddles to the kitchen. About 20 minutes later he returns and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and asks, *“Where’s the toast?”*



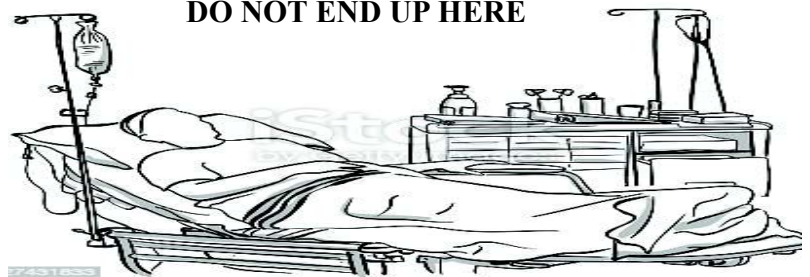
**Have you got a free morning once a week ?
Volunteers required from 10am-12 to open our shed.
Have a cup of coffee and get ready to greet the school children.
Ring Lewis 5964 2791**

You may have noticed some one holding Lewis up and keeping him from falling ?
We welcome a new member
SHARON



If you have not had your Covid JAB yet, get out there as soon as possible and get it. We do not want to loose any members.
Keep washing hands. Keep wearing masks. Keep informed.

DO NOT END UP HERE



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See Heather or Don Butcher

The Lockington Run April 24 and 25 2021 .Pictures and story by Barry Thomas

I headed up Friday evening with a quiet stopover in Heathcote and arrived in Lockington early (well not too early as most people still beat me).

Engine was set up – drop the wheels off the trailer and prop it on stands. Then fill the petrol, check the oil and fill water tank. That was when the fun started. I put the first bucket in, and by the time I turned around with the second bucket the first was pouring out. At that point in time I thought adding more water is like shutting the gate after and yes the tap was off.

I did notice a couple of weeks earlier there was a few drops leakage at Kurumburra but just though it was spillage or a minor leak. Forgot to allow for travel and the constant vibrations the bottom of the tank gets. So it was a non runner for the weekend. I did try and wedge some small pieces of wood around the bottom – as there is a sheet of rubber under it – but water finds its way out and that proved to be a non-productive challenge

I then spent the day catching up with people who I haven't seen in ages, and got some ideas on what to do on one of my engines for magneto setup. Weather was perfect – warm without being too hot.

There was a good range of engines and tractors and this was the first time I got to see/understand their type of engineering the Lindsay Marshall with a couple of tractors he had built there on display – He was a local engineer in the area who I knew did engine transplants and other engineering wonders as dad often supplied him with parts.

I was surprised to see some of our club members up there. Tom Deveney had his Austral running well as usual, David took some garden tractors and Peter Aumann and his wife came for drive up to check the event out.



Here is David participating in grand parade

Saturday evening there was a little bit of a singsong by some of the ladies, and people went their various ways to get meals – one of the impacts of Covid is rally dinners are a bit harder to organise. I checked out Helen's takeaway and had a great chicken schnitzel roll and then spent the evening by a nice fire with Trevor Bailey where we chatted over the world's problems. Funny my neighbour frequently goes to Wedderburn to fossick with his metal detector and stays out the back of where Trevor's lives.

Sunday I got up and watched the Anzac march and attended the local service. A vintage plane did a fly over, and veterans and families marched through the town. Very moving ceremony.

After the service I decided to head home and pull water tank off engine and see what the damage was like. The dark areas are the rusty and thin and there was a hole I could poke my finger through. Some running repairs and an order with Bill Singleton may be the next move. Has new bottom on it.



1910 International



T Ford

HOW TO TRY KEROSENE.

Lewis found this in The Bendigo Independant of about 1862

Before purchasing, have a small quantity poured into a glass or cup.

Let the storekeeper apply a lighted match. If pure, the oil will burn lazily and with a smoky flame;

If impure, the purchaser will suddenly see a bright flame, and hear a loud report, followed by the demolition of the premises and instantaneous disappearance of the shop man who will thus pay the forfeit of his adulteration!



COMING EVENTS

*Denotes YVMPS event.
 Contact Alan Shepherd for phone numbers.
 Oct 17th Ballarat Club Rally

When going to print we were in a lock down situation, so all activities are cancelled for the moment. We hope to be able to have our June general meeting so keep your fingers crossed..



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Once only Joining	\$5.00
Insurance & NHMA levee	\$20.00
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