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# Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

## **THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC**. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 NO 226

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

HO HO HO to you all, Wishing you all the best of wishes for Christmas and the new year. Thank you to all who attended our Christmas party at Klua Sathorn and a huge thank you to the staff for such a great night.

The new year will see our 1<sup>st</sup> Rally at our new home at Muckleford. Planning for this is well underway and I hope it will be a great success for our club.

> Best wishes Peter t



The committee of MAVEC wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. If you are travelling please take care on the roads, we need you in our Club.

ATTENDANCE						
No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES		
1.	G.Mason	13	A Wi[[iams	P Rautman		
2.	M Mason	14	W Mein	K Burgess		
3.	J Williams	15	E Harvey	A Burgess		
4.	P Thompson	16	S Thompson	G Milford		
5.	J Robinson	17	N Girvan	B Tonkin		
6.	A Burgess	18	F Girvan	G Tonkin		
7.	L Rice	19	J Norris	D Burgess		
8.	J Conn	20	L Girvan	L Burgess		
9.	J Blake	21	C Fraser	S O'Connor		
10.	L Williams	22	A Chapman	J Hayes		
11.	R Rice		•			
12	H Goldup					

#### Attendance Mov. M Mason Sec. E Harvey Carried

#### Meeting Opened At: 7.30 pm. Meeting Chaired By:

Peter Thompson President

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 circulated in Newsletter No 225 confirmed. Moved J Blake Seconded L Rice Carried.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE** – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

Nov 2017 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter

Nov/Dec 2017 Manifold Central Goldfields N/letter

Nov 2017 Baw Baw N/letter

Nov 2017 Steam Whistle Gisborne N/letter

Nov 2017 Royal Hist Soc. Of Vic N/letter along with a book Vic Historical Journal Invitation and flyer for Kyabram Rally 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 A/c for printing N/letter

Email from Gavin Lester-Smith Re passing of his father

OUTWARDS:

Letter to VGR that was sent as an email on 6/7/2017 This had not been tabled, John Robinson brought this to our attention last meeting. A printed copy of the letter is now on record.

Letter to Rob McClure Re Tractor Pull at Mucklefest.

Sympathy card to Syd Sleep's family.

Mov.G Mason Sec. A Chapman. Carried

## REPORTS

#### GLENLYON RALLY.

Ray and Loretta and some other Mavec members ventured to Glenlyon, it was cool under the lovely old trees. Good facilities but at lunch time Sunday a very heavy shower caused most exhibitors to pack up and head home but after the rain it cleared up to a fine afternoon. One disappointing aspect was that someone opposed to engine rallies painted cancelled on the advertising signs in Daylesford. It was a good weekend

Report by Ray Rice

#### WANDIN SWAP MEET AND RALLY.

Colin travelled to Wandin and had a good day out, He thought it was a good swap/rally which drew a large crowd

Report by Colin Fraser

#### BENDIGO SWAP.

Good weekend and for once the weather was quite good. A lot of people through on the Sat, but Sunday trading was dismal . Pres. Peter bought a Furphy tank prior to the swap but the bloke he got it from brought with him so Peter was able to pick it up at Bendigo.

Alan Burgess has been looking for a model Farmall A this time he found a bloke who had a few model tractors and he was able to get a very well detailed Farmall for \$25 so he was happy he also got a model EH Holden fully detailed with opening doors but this cost him a lot more.

Two sites down from Sec Graham is a site that Julie Schoonderbeek and her husband occupy and over the course of the weekend Sec had a good talk about the newly formed AHA.

Report by P Thompson, J Conn A Burgess, Graham Mason

#### SHED COMMITTEE REPORT

P Thompson, S O'Connor G Mason met with the Council CEO, Planning permits officer and events planning officer. They suggested that we put in a plan for everything we think we may need on the block. But we have decided to only apply for a storage shed at this point of time. The first thing we have to do is put in a fee waiver request, John Robinson will draw up a letter to make our case a lot stronger, this will be attached to our FWR. At the end of the meeting some of the members walked over to the fence to view where the best place for the shed would be . Members who live locally said the shed should run north / south to be best for coping with the worst weather.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

If you have something to sell or need a special part or treasure let Peter, Alan or Graham know and we will put your request in the newsletter.

#### Please note

If you are going to display your treasures at a Rally that has not been through the minutes of the Club meeting please let the Sec. know for insurances purposes.

Peter Thompson informed the meeting of the passing of Syd Sleep he passed away in hospital just a few days short of his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Syd was a member of MAVEC from 1998 to 2012 but even though age caught up with him, he still came to our Rally for a look and a yarn. The members of MAVEC pass their condolences to Syd's Family.

John Blake told the meeting that Graham Bird is happy to move the bridge beams we have inherited, but as Rotary is the custodian of them it will be up to them as to where they are going, Rotary is meeting next week so we will know more after that. Graham Bird is going to attend the Rotary meeting and he is aware the beams will have to be moved before Vossloh return to work after the Christmas break.

The merry go round that Ray and Loretta Rice spoke about last meeting has been valued at \$12000 and the chap who owns it now wants \$6000 ( his old price was less than this ) It is insured by NHMA because of its age and how rare it is. Ray has been in touch with the chap and he would consider accepting \$4000 if a club was interested in buying it. Ray has some people interested in sponsoring some of the money so MAVEC can purchase it. The offer would have to come from MAVEC. Maree Mason moved that Ray has permission to proceed with an offer of up to \$4000, this was seconded by Steve Thompson and was carried. We will wait for Ray to tell us more next meeting.

Peter Thompson and John Robinson are meeting with VGR next Wednesday to see if there is anyway we can fast track the lease as the lease between Victrack and VGR has a problem that has to be resolved, there maybe some way we can have an interim lease until the head lease has been signed.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY BUT IF THE NEED FOR ONE SHOULD ARISE COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE MEMBERS AS TO WHEN IT WILL BE

	COMING EVENTS
WHEN	WHERE
JAN	
$6/7^{\text{th}}$	Charles Hall Krankup
$13^{th}$ / $14^{th}$	Geelong Classic Truck and Machinery Show

FEB

$3/4^{\text{th}}$	Colac Heritage Festival
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hanging Rock Car Show
$18^{\text{th}}$	Ballan Rally and tractor Pull

16/17/18	Portland Bay Vintage Machinery Rally at Portland
MAR	
$17^{\rm th}$ / $18^{\rm th}$	Kyabram Rally and Mack truck Muster
$17^{\text{th}} / 18^{\text{th}}$	Talbot Rally
24 <sup>th</sup>	Dunolly Swap.
JUNE	
$9^{th}$ / $10^{th}$	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum 11th Rally at Jeparit

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

Next meeting 7.30pm Monday 5th February 2018 at MUCKLEFORD

#### **HAVE A LARFF**

16/17/18

There are some things in life you just don't argue with. A bloke I know saved up enough money to take a very pretty lass on a date, he took her to a very expensive restaurant. She ordered lobster, oysters and top shelf champagne . He asked her did she eat like this at home with her mother. She said no, but mum is not expecting sex tonight. He said to her do you want dessert. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Shaking her collection tin the Salvation army lass approached old Jock at the bar and said could you spare a dollar for the Lord, How old are you lass said Jock she replied I am 20. Jock said well I'm 82 and I'll be seeing Him before you so I will give it to Him myself

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Fred was standing at a bar when a bloke said to him what time is it mate. Fred said I don't know but it's not three o'clock. How do you know that asked the other bloke. Well said Fred I told the wife I would be home by three o'clock and I'm still here.

Mary said to her friend I don't think my husband has been faithful to me. What makes you so suspicious asked her friend. Well my last baby doesn't resemble him in the least

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Bruce detected there was something troubling his mate Dennis. Come on tell me what is troubling you said Bruce. Dennis said well, after all we have been best mates for many years and I have just got to tell you something, it's your wife Beryl. I was in the local brothel on Saturday night and your wife was there. Bruce your wife is a PROSTITUTE. Oh no you have got it wrong said Bruce she is a SUBSTITUTE, she is only there on weekends.

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