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THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 5th March 2018 NO 228

<p>President Peter Thompson P.O. Box 2 Maldon Vic. 3463 5472 2202</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT'S REPORT.</p> <p>Well it has been a busy few weeks for our club with working bee's and jobs that needed doing before our 1st Muckleford Rally but everything seems to be coming together well in preparation. The 2 working bee's have had great support by members and I thank all who have come along to help. In addition, many others have been doing some of the jobs that needed doing in their own time and I add an extra thank you to those involved with that.</p> <p>A reminder to you all as Easter Monday falls on the same date as our next scheduled meeting our meeting will be held on TUESDAY (3rd April) at the Muckleford Goods Shed</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Photos from the working bee</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE Thursday 22nd MARCH is raffle ticket day at the IGA complex. Some help will be required contact Sec if you can assist.</p>
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<p>Archives Robert Thompson</p>	
<p>Reviewer George Milford</p>	
<p>John Powell Reserve John Blake & Ray Rice</p>	

ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
1.	G.Mason	13	A Chapman	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	N Chislett
6.	A Burgess	18	F Girvan	P MacDonald
7.	L Rice	19	S O'Conner	D Burgess
8.	J Conn	20	J Chaplin	L Burgess
9.	J Blake	21	K Chaplin	J Hayes
10.	L Williams	22	J Ashburn	M Conn
11.	R Rice		Visitor	
12.	H Goldup		A Reynolds	

Attendance Mov. J Chaplin Sec. E Harvey Carried

Meeting Opened At: 7.30 pm.

Meeting Chaired By:

Peter Thompson President

Minutes of previous meeting.

A discussion arose from the minutes of the previous meeting Alan Burgess brought it to the attention of the members that as the Club was in a fairly good position financially, he could see no reason why the Club could pay for the containers instead of asking members to put their own money in and wait for the Club to pay them back at a later date.

Alan moved a motion that we use Club funds to buy the containers instead of members subscribing into the cost of the containers. This was seconded by S O'Connor and was carried.

This amended motion becomes the motion and was carried.

After this discussion the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 5th February 2018 circulated in Newsletter No 227 confirmed. Moved L Rice Seconded J Robinson Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

Feb 2018 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter

Feb/Mar 2018 Steam Whistle Gisborne N/letter

Feb 2018 Yarra Valley N/letter

Jan/Feb 2018 Manifold Central Goldfields N/letter

Invitation to attend/exhibit Mallee Steam and Oil Rally at Swan Hill Apr 14th/15th

Flyer from Quambatook Tractor Pull held at Easter

Invitation to Gisborne Rally Sun 20th May 2018

A/c for Boral concrete for footings for containers.

A/c and receipt for 2 x 40 foot containers from Lockbox.

A/c for Post office box

Email from Ford Zephyr Club hopefully some cars will come on Sunday 15th

OUTWARDS:

Letter to WattyL paints requesting some paint for the containers

Emails to Royalauto Re advertising

Email to the Herald Sun Re advertising

Letter to Billman's Foundry Re Raffle prize

Letter to Bunnings Re Raffle prize.

Email from Mick Supple to put items for sale in N,letter.

Mov. A Chapman Sec M Mason Carried

REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT.

Alan reported that we have a credit balance of
Alan went on to report that we have a term deposit

Moved A Burgess Sec. E Harvey Carried

BALLAN RALLY.

John Ashburn, Wayne Mein and a visitor of theirs travelled to Ballan and had a good day out. The Blackstone engine originally from the Sale Air force base was very impressive. The tractor pull was good and there was a homemade tractor fitted with duel wheels front and rear powered by a GM engine. There was a good number of tractors there.

Report by John Ashburn

COROWA RALLY

John Blake reports that he had a good weekend at Corowa, there was about 50 tractors and the weekend included the Chamberlain Championships. John Robinson also attended and both he and John Blake had a win. Steve Hancock was there with his 9G. All enjoyed a good meal on the Sat night.

Report by John Blake

MALDON ANTIQUE FAIR

Good number of stalls, there was a lot of good stuff about, Eddie saw about 3 engines, he had a top day as did the large crowd.

Report by Eddie Harvey

VGR REPORT

We had Andrew Reynolds from VGR as a visitor and he addressed the meeting as to what VGR were trying to achieve. They are hoping to get a 3 million dollar grant from the federal government. Their headquarters will be in Castlemaine and Maldon will be a historic station.

When Andrew was asked about where we were at with our sublease from VGR he

said that they could not sign our lease because they had been unable to get Victrack to sign the head lease and they were unbelievably frustrated by the delay. He went on to say that most tourist railways were having the same problem. Andrew said that in future VGR will send us a newsletter and ours will be forwarded to them.

Sec asked that in future could all correspondence from VGR be forwarded to our P.O. Box or email to Sec.

On the weekend of our Rally there will be two trains on Sat and Sun, we will be the only Rally with a steam train going through.

WORKING BEE

It was good to see so many turn up and quite a bit was achieved and as the work was being done laughter was heard from groups of people so I suppose a few jokes were being told.

BRIDGE BEAMS

The bridge beams from Skew bridge that have been in storage at Vossloh Cogifer have finally found their way to Muckleford. If they had not been moved when they were they were going to be cut up, so with the help of David Murdoch of Vossloh, Castlemaine Rotary and Graham and Max Bird they made the journey to Muckleford. Castlemaine Rotary paid for the crane hire at both ends and Graham and Max donated their time and the use of the truck. Steve O'Connor also put a lot of effort in organising the move. Thanks to all who helped. Steve O'Connor suggested that the Sec write a letter of thanks to David Murdoch, Graham and Max Bird and Castlemaine Rotary. This will be done asap.

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.

It was suggested that we have a grounds committee to make sure any maintenance to infrastructure or grass cutting is kept up to scratch.

John Blake moved that we form a maintenance committee this was seconded by Stephen O'Connor and was carried.

The maintenance committee is John Blake, Stephen O'Connor, Maree Mason and Graham Mason. There will be a whiteboard in the shed as to what needs doing and then the committee will ask for help to do the jobs.

Maintenance such as weed control etc would be carried out on both grounds.

A member raised the question as to whether we are covered by insurance if we use the VGR land, John Robinson told the members that in his opinion by reading the NHMA insurance policy that we are covered by NHMA on any ground we use as it is a Club activity.

The Sec has to check with NHMA if the merry go round is covered by their insurance if not then enquire with Royal Victorian Historical Soc. insurance.

Stephen O'Connor has spoken with Phil Duus as to him being able to print some signs to go up on the frames that Jason Williams donated to us. The frames have been erected in the corner of our block and many thanks to Laurie Williams for painting them for us. Phil Duus said approx. \$200 for the signs. Stephen O'Connor moved we go ahead and get the signs painted this was seconded by Jim Chaplin and was carried.

John Blake told the meeting there was a possibility that he could arrange for the Club to get some large concrete blocks from one of our new members, Ken Ellery that could be used as a wall on a loading ramp. The members present were happy for John to follow up on these.

On the subject of new members, we all welcome you to the Club and hope you enjoy the time you spend with us.

At the Rally Renee Thompson will be having Devonshire teas in the goods shed. At the working bee on the 18th Mar. we will try to set up compounds and organise the position for the toilets, and some general cleaning up.

About 4 members indicated that they intended to show at Applefest, Sec will contact George.

Peter Thompson said he would talk to Renee about the Friday night catering for the Rally

After this meeting Sec will contact the Guildford Grumpies as to discussing them taking over our shed on the John Powell Reserve and maybe we could see if they could help us with a relocation donation.

Nigel Chislett has had the trophies made and Peter dropped them off at the powder coating place. (RAPID POWDERCOATING)

WORKING BEE AT RALLY SITE MUCKLEFORD

There will be a working bee on the

18th March All 3 starting 8.30/9.00
8th April

COMING EVENTS

WHEN

WHERE

MAR

18th

WORKING BEE at MUCKLEFORD

17th / 18th

Kyabram Rally and Mack truck Muster

17th / 18th

Talbot Rally

22nd

Selling Raffle tickets at IGA complex

24th

Dunolly Swap.

30th to 1st April

Maldon Museum Rally

APRIL

8th

WORKING BEE at MUCKLEFORD

8th

Castlemaine Swap meet

14th / 15th

22nd Annual MAVEC RALLY at our new venue Dave Bennett Reserve and Muckleford Station Walmer/Muckleford Rd
Muckleford

21st / 22nd

Lockington Rally

28th / 29th

Historic tractor and Machinery Swap Meet

JUNE

9th / 10th

Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum 11th Rally at Jeparit

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

**As Monday is Easter Monday Holiday PLEASE NOTE
Next meeting 7.30pm TUESDAY 3rd April 2018 at MUCKLEFORD**

WANTED

Magneto required for a Petter P U 8, the magneto needed is a BTH MC2 but anything considered Contact John Ashburn 54762576 or 0412506156

HAVE A LARFF

A barrister came home from a very hard day in court trying to get a stay of execution for a condemned man named James Wright. He was to be hanged at midnight, but when the barrister left the court the judge had reserved his decision, but he told the barrister he would phone him if he decided to grant the stay of execution. When the barrister walked into his house his wife started on him, you will have to clean the bbq and mow the lawns as we have people coming for dinner tomorrow night. When you have done that go and clean the pool and rake up the leaves. He was taken back by her constant nagging, so he poured himself a scotch and filled the spa bath and relaxed in the pulsating water. While he was in the spa the judge rang and told the wife to tell her husband that he had granted the stay of execution and James Wright would not be hung at midnight. The barrister had finished his scotch and was out of the spa, bending over with his back to the door drying his feet, the wife opened the door and said they are not hanging Wright tonight. The barrister stood up and yelled at her don't you ever give up.

A mate of mine went to the doctor for his six monthly check up I saw him a couple of days later and asked him how did he go at the doctors. Not the best he told me, the doctor did a few tests then told him that Mercury was in Uranus. My friend said to the doctor I'm not into all that astrology stuff. The doctor said neither am I. My thermometer just broke.

An indigenous Australian was on holiday in the USA and meet up with some blokes in a bar. They all got talking about hunting and asked the Aussie what did they hunt in Australia. Aw kangaroos, emus, foxes and rabbits said the Aussie. Well we are going on a three day hunting trip starting tomorrow we are going to hunt for grizzly bear, do you want to come, bloody oath said the Aussie. Be here at six in the morning said the Yanks. Right on time they picked him up, three 4x4s loaded with all types of guns, ammo and a heap of canned bourbon. The Aussie got in one 4x4 all he had with him was a boomerang. What did you bring that stick for he was asked. He explained what it was and they drove into the mountains for about five hours arriving at a small cabin. While you pack the stuff away said the Aussie I'll go and look for one of those grizzly bears. He was gone for about an hour and one Yank said we probably shouldn't have let him out by himself he is likely to get killed. Just then they heard him yelling open the bloody door, open the bloody door, they looked out to see the Aussie running down the hill to the cabin chased by a grizzly with a lump on its head. They opened the door and just as the Aussie was about to enter the door he stepped aside and the bear ran straight into the cabin. The Aussie shut the door and yelled out you blokes can skin that one I'll go and get another one

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PULLIES \$ PARTS		Please enquire

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WOOMELANG

PHONE 0475771611 AFTER 7PM

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3RD HOUSE ON THE LEFT AFTER CROSSING RAILWAY LINE HEADING TO
MILDURA.

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