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# Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

## **THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC.**

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 NO 235

<p><b>President</b> Stephen O'Connor 109 Yandoit Creek Rd. Yandoit, Vic. 3463 54762433</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT'S REPORT.</p> <p>Dear Members,</p> <p>I have been thinking how as a Club we should be forever grateful to the late Dave Bennett that he left us the chance to put in place an area dedicated to bygone equipment and knowhow.</p> <p>The commitment shown by Club members since we have obtained the land and started our future plans has been excellent.</p> <p>Mucklefest plans are well under way and the tractor pull and engine display are also on track. Thanks to our Members for their enthusiasm in turning up to working bees and getting the jobs done.</p> <p>I am hearing quite few of our members are travelling to other Rallies and Tractor Pulls this is good as it promotes our activities and builds goodwill with the other Clubs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Steve O'Connor</p>
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## ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G.Mason	13	F Girvan	P Rautman
2.	<b>M Mason</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>E Harvey</b>	<b>A Burgess</b>
3.	S Thompson	15	S O'Connor	K Burgess
4.	J Blake	16	T Dzioba	G Milford
5.	J Robinson	17	J Chaplin	M Conn
6.	A Burgess	18	K Chaplin	J Williams
7.	R Rice	19	N Girvan	D Burgess
8.	J Conn	20	A Chapman	L Burgess
9.	H Goldup	21	J Hayes	P Thompson
10.	L Williams			
11	L Rice			
12	Laurie Williams			

**Attendance Mov. J Blake Sec. E Harvey Carried**

**Meeting Opened At: 7.35 pm.**

**Meeting Chaired By:** Steve O'Connor President

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 circulated in Newsletter No 234 confirmed. Moved J Chaplin Seconded M Mason Carried.

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## CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

### **INWARD.**

Sept 2018 Rev N Rec N/letter

Sept 2018 Baw Baw N/letter

Aug 2018 Yarra Valley N/letter

Sept 2018 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter

Sept 2018 Steam Whistle Gisborne N/letter

Sept 2018 Port Phillip N/letter

Sept 2018 RHSV N/letter and Journal

Flyer and invite to Goulburn Valley Rally at Wunghnu Mar 30/31 2019

Letter from Maree Edwards Re Alternate grants we can apply for.

Card from Christine Steiner Re Tony,s passing

Letter from Shire council advising they are advertising our shed permit application.

Letter from Bendigo bank Term deposit had matured. Treasurer has rolled it over for another 3 months

Letter from Shire advising us that Chapman;s Road is not their responsibility to maintain and therefore the grading we requested to be done will not be undertaken.

Email from the Shire requesting us to lodge our events plan for our Rally in April, Sec will follow up on this.

Invoice for fencing materials purchased from Mt Alexander Hardware.

## **OUTWARDS**

Card to John Ashburn on the passing of his Mother.

Letter to Richmond and Associates Re insurance of infrastructure on our block.

Letter to Shire requesting the grading of Chapman;s Road.

Letter and Voucher to Tom Robertson Re thanks for the Stuchberry Shed donation.

Email application complete with a quote for a 33,750lt water tank, pump and earthworks. This was forwarded to FRRR Small grants for Rural Communities

Mov.A Chapman Sec E Harvey Carried

## **REPORTS**

At the start of the meeting President Stephen asked members present to stand for a minutes silence on the passing of the President of the Rev N Rec Club Mr Don Millman.

Sec would like to thank George for standing in for him while he was enjoying caravanning around SA.

This was discussed in the confirmation of the minutes, Peter Thompson said that they do not have to have traffic control for Mucklefest. Will have to get permission to put signs on the highway but no fee. Exhibitors are not allowed to camp on the Dave Bennett Reserve so those plans will have to be changed. The inmates from Tarrengower prison will be mowing grass on the Railway land. The generator is organised and set up day is on the Friday.

### **TREASURERS REPORT.**

Alan reported that we have a credit balance

Moved A Burgess Sec. R Rice Carried

Alan brought it to the attention of the members that all other Clubs do not put their financial details in their newsletter.

Allan then moved a motion that in future we do not put our financial details in our newsletter. This was seconded by Ed Harvey and was carried.

### **VAAC SHOW**

Ed ventured to Bendigo to have a look at the collection of cars on display the range of cars was from a 1918 Buick to modern day stuff. There was a ramp for cars to drive up on and the actor Shane Jacobson gave a commentary on what was the features of the cars. It was a fantastic display.

Report by Ed Harvey

### **BILLOELA RALLY**

Hugh was in Qld and this Rally was on so he ventured to have a look, there was lot of tractors and trucks, including a chamberlain with a big GM fitted. He said there were quite a few percussion drilling rigs. The Rally is near Rockhampton is on about 100 acres.

Report by Hugh Goldup

### **LAURIES TRACTOR**

The remaining part of Laurie Adams tractor is now at John Hayes place thanks to Doug Parsons who moved it with his tilt tray at no cost to the Club. Thanks to Doug, Sec. has forwarded a letter of thanks to Doug.

Report by John Hayes

### **METCALFE TRACTOR PULL**

Neil thanked John Blake for helping to build and weld a safety bumper to the sled. They had a very successful day with quite a few tractors ( approx. 23 ) turning up. One tractor all the way from Torquay a bulldog did not want to start. The numbers of people were down but the day before was cold and wet, but the day of the pull was ok. Quite a few cars and trucks were on display also there was a young bloke doing a bit of blacksmithing.

Report by John Blake and Neil Girvan

### **DUNOLLY RALLY**

There were approx. 28 tractors at Dunolly, the track was good but late in the it started to break up a little. There was a lot of Bulldogs among the tractors.

Unfortunately the engine side of things was a bit light on but John reports he had a good day.

Report by John Robinson .

### **RAY RICE**

Ray crossed another thing of his bucket list when he attended the AFL Grand Final. Ray an Essendon supporter was happy with the result. His daughter who gave him the ticket supports West Coast so that was his team on the day. Ray also said that the four of us had a very good look around SA and saw a lot of interesting things, including a National trust Museum in Koll and also a visit to the Spannerman gallery in Boort.

Report by Ray Rice

### **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.

As a result of some of our members attending the Metcalfe Tractor Pull and meeting some people who were looking to join a Club we have gained a few new members. A big welcome to these people and we hope you enjoy the time you spend with us at Club activities.

### **A REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE AND IF NOT PAID BY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER**

The top end of Barker St is being reformed and the earth that is being removed is going to Darren Rice's yard to be reused he has told Pres. Steve that he will look after us if we need some fill when building our shed.

## **TRACTOR PULL**

The question of what was the minimum horsepower was raised and because we do not have a small sled the lower horsepower tractors cannot compete. John Blake told the meeting that Andrew Freeman from Corop has a sled that is the size needed for grey Fergies etc. He is prepared to bring it down to us on permanent loan. It needs a little work done on it but we should have it ready for next year. The suggestion was small tractors on Sat large on Sun. that is something for you to think about.

Sec was talking to a member of another Club that holds sausage sizzles at their local Bunnings and they say it is a good money raiser. Sec will enquire at Bunnings Kangaroo Flat as to how we get on the waiting list asap

Ray Rice ventured to Conargo to visit Burnie Clancy the man who we bought the merry go round from. Burnie has donated a lot of cutlery, plates, cups and bowls to our Club. Sec has sent a letter of thanks. Also Pres. Steve has had a BBQ given to him for the Club by Nola McKnight thank you to her.

Jason Williams dropped 10mts of screenings at our gateway on Chapmans Rd. we have to replace this to him. Pres Steve has got two prices and will follow up on this.

A food van ( Elephant Rock ) from Kyneton was at Metcalfe Tractor Pull, it is good food at a good price, this van could be booked to come to Mucklefest on the Sunday only and will be near the tractor pull compound. This will be referred to the Mucklefest Committee.

As we should be getting our planning permit by about 16<sup>th</sup> Oct the next stage is that Telfords will require a deposit for the shed, the committee members will organise this when needed.

John Hayes moved an amendment that we include the Skillion roof on the Telford shed in the Telford quote. This was seconded by R Rice and carried.

Nigel Chislett contacted the Sec that the bloke in WA who makes our Rally trophies had not been paid. As soon as Nigel gets back to Sec. with the cost and an address it will be paid.

John Blake told the meeting that the trophies for the Tractor Pull are all organised Ted Dzioba told the meeting that David Beer of the machinery yard in Carisbrook has a great collection of tractors he has open days during the year. This could be a good Club outing so Sec. will contact David as to when he is having an open day.

Working bee on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Muckleford at 9 am.

The plans for the Mucklefest Sat Night BBQ will be clarified this week as to who is preparing it.

## **NOTE**

John Robinson has since contacted Peter Thompson and advised the Sec that the MVMM will be providing the BBQ at a cost of \$5.00 per person and those who wish to bring a salad are most welcome.

## COMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHERE
OCT 27 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mucklefest including MAVEC tractor Pull Talbot Swap meet
NOV 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Lake Goldsmith (70 years of Land Rover) Bendigo Swap meet
FEB 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ballan Rally (Feature Ronaldson Tippet)
MAR 30 <sup>th</sup> / 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wunghnu Rally
APRIL 13 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup>	MAVEC RALLY at Dave Bennett Reserve

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting 7.30pm MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at MUCKLEFORD

### HAVE A LARFF

A machinery salesman was talking to a farmer in his yard when a chook with three legs ran past. The salesman said did you see that chook it had three legs. The farmer said yeah I breed them. Why said the salesman. Well said the farmer I like a drumstick, the wife likes a drumstick and the son likes a drumstick, so I bred a three-legged chook. What do they taste like said the salesman Dunno said the farmer we haven't been able to catch one.

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### **More riveting stuff.**

When we look at older-style bridges and boilers we see that they are of riveted construction. A detailed description of the riveting process is found in the history of the Eiffel Tower, built in Paris, France in 1889.

The process is essentially the same as that which was practiced in any Victorian engineering works up until the arrival of electric welding.

In building the Eiffel Tower, the beams and steel girders were preassembled and pre-drilled, then lifted into position by special steam cranes. The linking of each new beam or girder into the structure was by means of conical pins driven into the two elements to fix them in position. Then temporary bolts were put in place, replaced one after the other by hot-set rivets. These contracted as they cooled, which ensured that each element after the other was tightened. It needed a team of four men to set each rivet; the 'mate' heated the rivet in a little forge until it was red-hot; the 'stakeholder' drove it into the hole, holding it (with tongs) by the pre-formed head. The 'riveter' struck the opposite end to form the other head; then the 'hammer man' flattened the rivet with a maul. The noise was deafening. Most of the banging was not horizontal but vertical. At each blow a garland of sparks flew up.

The centenary history of the Motherwell Bridge company gives a different description. This was a leading Scottish construction and fabrication enterprise. Riveting squads worked in three-man teams –the heater (who made rivets red-hot in a small portable furnace) the catcher or picker-up, who was usually a young boy of 14 or 15, and the riveter. Riveting squads could be a source of friction. There was an art in ensuring that the right number of rivets were reaching the proper temperatures just in time for use, and a clumsy catcher could slow down the pace of a job. With red and white hot pieces of metal flying around the scope for trouble was considerable.

Welding started to replace riveting in the UK somewhat later than in Victoria. It was only in 1936 that Motherwell Bridge Co. adopted electric welding. It was at this time, also, that submerged-arc welding came into popular use.





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