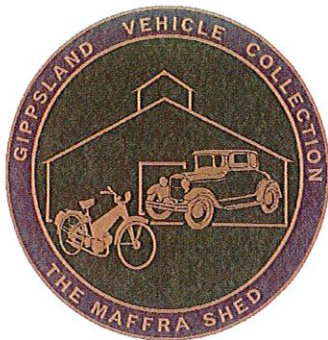




MODEL WORLD MAFFRA

GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Held on Wednesday 2nd August 2023



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In September 2022, the Committee met to develop a strategic plan. The day was very successful and at its conclusion all members of the Committee affirmed their belief in the vision for the Gippsland Vehicle Collection.

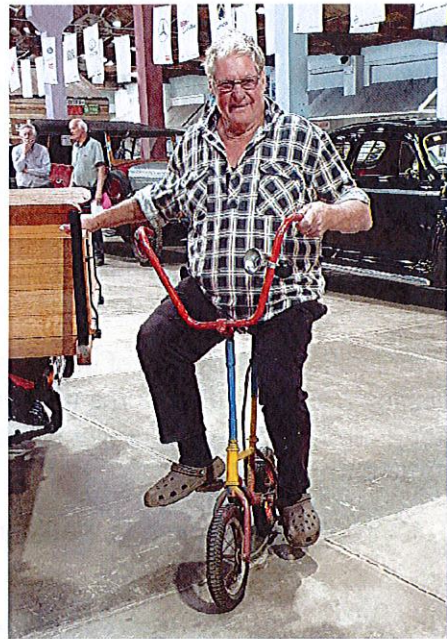
That vision is:

"To be recognised as a premier destination for transport related exhibitions that entertain and educate our members, visitors, and community."

Each of the displays since then has lived up to this vision. They showcased a huge variety of vehicles ranging from motorcycles, vintage and veteran cars through to very modern cars. Accompanying all of the vehicles were information cards which "entertained and educated" our visitors.

The diversity of the displays attracted visitors from across the state. Of particular note was the increased number of motorcycle clubs which organised runs just to see the "Mainly Motorcycle and Maffra Cars Display". Many of these clubs had never visited before and were amazed at what they found.

The "Rarities and Replicas" and "Cars and Songs" displays also ignited the interest of other visitors keen to see vehicles which they had not seen before or which, through music transported them back to another time in their lives.



Andrew Gallagher, Chris Henry, Leigh Sheilds and all the volunteers that assisted with these displays are to be commended on their outstanding contribution toward making us a ***"premier destination for transport related exhibitions"***.

All of our vehicle displays are enhanced enormously by the dioramas and exhibits which are dotted throughout the museum. Many of these exhibits are about nostalgia. I have watched people revisiting old memories as they look into one of the cabinets or view one of the exhibits. There is no doubt that they add enormously to the overall visitor experience.



John and Liz Britton, Sporty Moran, Barry Cairncross, Ann Phillips, Frank Birthisel and Gabi Mandel together with other volunteers have worked hard to develop these exhibitions over the past twelve months and I am sure you will agree that they add a huge amount to the overall "look" of the museum.

It is also important to recognise the work of our volunteers. John Burley, Robbie Williams and Foster Crook lead a team which, keep the grounds and the museum looking good.

Together with many other volunteers they also attend to so many of the day-to-day tasks that ensure that visitors go away with a good overall impression.

Our thanks go to the "Thursday Boys" who keep the cars dusted and looking at their best every week and of course all the front counter and Club Plate volunteers who so generously give of their time.

The combined efforts of all of our volunteers have certainly gone a long way this year toward fulfilling our vision.



At the business planning day, it was also noted that our "marketing" needed a bit of work. I am pleased to say that quite a lot has now been done in this field although there is still a way to go. We now send flyers advertising our displays to around 400 car clubs, magazines and other entities such as the Tourist Information Centres. Both Andrew and Chris have done live interviews for both television and radio and we are always looking for ways in which to increase our exposure. Our Facebook page, managed by Leigh Shields is also getting very popular and is a great way to promote all of our activities.

I would like to thank one of our quiet volunteers, Andy Kulkewicz who takes photos of all our displays which he then turns into videos. These are then uploaded to our web and YouTube page. From a marketing point of view these are invaluable, and we acknowledge and thank Andy for his work.

This proactive approach to marketing, although not perfect is helping us to achieve our goal to:

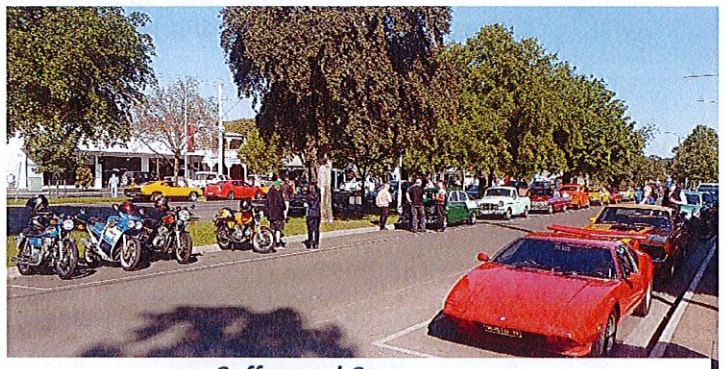
"Increase visibility and recognition of our purpose, displays and exhibitions".

One of the other goals we identified was to:

"Build resilience and member focus to strengthen the organisation."

Although this is still a Work in Progress, I would like to acknowledge the great work of Mark McKibbin who came up with the idea of "Coffee and Cars" and then set about making it happen. This is proving to be a very popular monthly social event which attracts both members and non-members.

We are always open to new ideas as to what you, our members would like in relation social activities so please get in touch with one of the Committee if you have an idea.



Coffee and Cars

Our main source of communication is through our bi-monthly newsletter which is produced by Carolyn Duck. I think it is appropriate to acknowledge and thank her for the enormous amount of work into each edition.

The Project, Rail and Model Rail, Display and Complementary Display reports are included as part of this document and provide more information about each of these areas.

Before finishing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Duncan Malcolm who is retiring from the Committee after many years of dedicated service. He is one of the Foundation Members of the club having joined in 1004. He joined the Committee in the early years of GVC and served as president in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 and was called upon to fill in on many occasions. He has been an invaluable asset to GVC with his wealth of knowledge of legalities, compliance and 'just how things are supposed to happen'. We will still see Duncan and his lovely wife Kathy around the place. Kathy has helped out for many years in the canteen and catering side of things. Thank you, Duncan and Kathy, for all you have done.

A special and big thank you to Sue Lawrence who is the glue that keeps the Gippsland Vehicle Collection together. She is the absolute stalwart of the place and I have no idea what I would do without her. The list of tasks she takes on daily as a volunteer is too long to mention. Thank-you Sue, you really make this magic happen!

I would also like to thank the Committee for their support during the year and for ensuring that the "wheels keep turning."

I feel incredibly proud when I hear the magnitude of positive comments made by people coming to visit the Museum or ones that have been. They are always amazed by what is inside our 'Little Shed'! It is very deceptive from the outside.

It is a credit to all the volunteers involved and I know that for me at least, I get a great deal of satisfaction from spending time there and volunteering. I only wish I could spend more time!

We are always looking for more volunteers for behind the counter, display team, model train team, grounds maintenance, catering, cleaning and marketing. If you think you would like to spend some time helping out, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Sue.

Please, stay safe on the roads and look after yourselves, family and loved ones. Hope to catch you one day at "The Maffra Shed"

Ness Noble



Toy Run – December 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income and Expenditure Statement

Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Retail Profit			
Retail Sales	26,862	11,976	11,285
Opening Stock	(12,182)	(8,447)	(12,896)
Retail Purchases	(24,830)	(7,630)	(4,152)
Closing Stock	22,775	12,182	8,447
Total Retail Profit	12,625	8,081	2,684
Income			
Admissions	66,819	45,391	43,100
BBQ Sales	5,786	5,572	1,015
Canteen Sales	599	607	78
Community Grants	-	2,980	14,660
Display Days	4,935	3,040	1,610
Donations - Camping	1,102	772	407
Donations - IGA	123	76	138
Donations - Other	2,714	6,046	2,203
Events	8,130	5,948	-
Grants - Cashflow Boost	-	-	10,000
Interest Received	2,215	472	1,167
Memberships	47,082	58,905	44,239
Raffles	-	-	766
Red Car	274	80	-
Red Plate Fees	9,109	8,287	8,484
Sponsorship	1,500	-	-
Trade Table	-	2,835	23
Total Income	150,386	141,012	127,890
Gross Surplus	163,011	149,092	130,575
Expenditure			
Advertising Expense	3,128	2,796	2,846
Bank charges	521	968	924
Canteen Purchases	449	1,394	345
Cleaning	4,428	5,828	2,356
Compliance Costs	61	1,133	-
Computer Software & Repairs	1,942	3,117	2,469
Consultancy Fees	1,800	-	-
Depreciation	5,832	2,581	1,564
Depreciation - Property Improvements	1,084	1,030	971
Display Costs - Internal	2,205	4,648	3,094
Display Day Costs	1,083	2,600	1,883
Donations	500	200	-
Donations - GAM	-	120,000	-

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Income and Expenditure Statement

	2023	2022	2021
Electricity & gas	5,822	896	2,930
Event Costs	2,554	2,796	-
Insurance	10,519	8,490	7,613
Internet	988	903	905
Management Fees - GAM	33,297	24,427	-
Marketing	-	3,575	4,290
Minor Equipment	282	494	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	83	161	880
Office supplies	1,229	1,399	4,534
Postage & courier	1,425	2,534	2,470
Printing & stationery	6,448	6,636	3,194
Rent	-	-	19,800
Repairs & maintenance	14,306	12,102	5,946
Security	528	695	925
Square Fees	1,538	39	-
Staff/Volunteer Expenses	423	472	584
Subscriptions	286	486	529
Telephone	798	660	645
Travel & accommodation	423	-	-
Wages & salaries	317	4,507	8,448
Waste Disposal	-	430	-
Work cover insurance	252	235	225
Total Expenditure	104,550	218,232	80,369
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	58,461	(69,140)	50,206
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	58,461	(69,140)	50,206
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	58,461	(69,140)	50,206

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Assets and Liabilities Statement

Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc

As at 30 June 2023

	NOTES	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Cash Float		100	100	100
Main Cheque account		40,880	25,391	22,292
Main Interest Account		14,420	20,923	50,878
Rally Cheque Account		315	315	315
Retail Account		1,578	4,000	2,000
Roof Fund		19,518	274	273
Sandhurst Savings - Projects		52,823	36,946	86,623
Term Deposit - Operating Buffer		59,681	58,696	58,593
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		189,315	146,645	221,074
Inventories				
Stock on Hand		22,775	12,182	8,447
Total Inventories		22,775	12,182	8,447
Other Current Assets		(1,115)	1,260	20,826
Total Current Assets		210,975	160,087	250,348
Non-Current Assets				
Buildings		26,132	27,216	23,746
Plant and Equipment		28,058	20,385	3,907
Total Non-Current Assets		54,190	47,600	27,653
Total Assets		265,165	207,687	278,001
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Trade and Other Payables		1,964	2,947	4,121
Total Current Liabilities		1,964	2,947	4,121
Total Liabilities		1,964	2,947	4,121
Net Assets		263,201	204,740	273,880
Member's Funds				
Capital Reserve		263,201	204,740	273,880
Total Member's Funds		263,201	204,740	273,880

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Depreciation Schedule

Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc For the year ended 30 June 2023

NAME	PURCHASED	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Building							
Buildings	1 Jul 2006	38,857	22,775	-	-	971	21,803
Concrete Apron for BBQ shelter	22 Dec 2021	4,500	4,441	-	-	113	4,329
Total Building		43,357	27,216	-	-	1,084	26,132
Plant & Equipment							
2 x LG Plasma & 1 x DVD Player	1 Jul 2008	2,770	-	-	-	-	-
Security System & Cameras	1 Jul 2008	2,260	-	-	-	-	-
Security System & Cameras	28 Sep 2009	1,540	-	-	-	-	-
Computer & MYOB System	20 Mar 2010	4,420	-	-	-	-	-
Infrared Heating & Electrical Work	16 Aug 2010	6,927	-	-	-	-	-
Toshiba Printer	2 Sep 2011	1,510	-	-	-	-	-
BBQ x 2	19 Nov 2012	898	-	-	-	-	-
Engine Lift	23 Apr 2013	389	-	-	-	-	-
Projector	28 Aug 2013	401	-	-	-	-	-
Hot Water Service	7 May 2014	1,190	259	-	-	95	164
Security System - Panic Button	17 Feb 2015	680	-	-	-	-	-
Glass Cabinets	17 Oct 2016	395	106	-	-	40	66
Engine Stand	13 Feb 2017	600	190	-	-	60	130
Instant Hot Water System	20 Feb 2017	1,818	-	-	-	-	-
Security Camera x 2	17 May 2017	455	-	-	-	-	-
Defibrillator	9 Feb 2019	2,035	834	-	-	285	549
Quickshare Gazebo	9 Mar 2021	1,710	342	-	-	342	-
Shade Sails	15 Sep 2021	11,241	10,351	-	-	1,124	9,226
Gazebo 3x3	5 Nov 2021	1,710	1,487	-	-	342	1,145
Square Terminal & Hardware	12 Jan 2022	2,198	1,993	-	-	440	1,554
Computers x 2	27 May 2022	2,980	2,909	-	-	745	2,164
Table Lift	29 Jun 2022	930	929	-	-	186	743
25 x Display card holders	20 Jul 2022	1,513	-	1,513	-	287	1,226
LED Lights for Display Area	5 Aug 2022	3,240	-	3,240	-	586	2,654
Display Cabinets	30 Aug 2022	7,783	-	7,783	-	1,301	6,482
Total Plant & Equipment		61,592	19,399	12,535	-	5,832	26,102
Total		104,949	46,614	12,535	-	6,915	52,234

True and Fair Position

Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc For the year ended 30 June 2023

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

We, Justin Robson - Treasurer, and Vanessa Noble - President, being members of the committee of Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc, certify that –

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2023.

Signed: 

Dated: 15 / 7 / 2023

Signed:

Dated: 15 / 7 / 2023

GAM REPORTS

GAM REPORT

I am pleased to report another year of financial and management stability for Gippsland Auto Museum as custodians of the assets for GVC.

During this year GAM was able to fund the hire of the crane which moved the Guard's van and other utility costs associated with the building.

Last year saw the replacement of 23% of the roof at the western end of the building. Since the completion of this project, we have been exploring and discussing options in relation to the replacement of the remainder.



The advice we have received is that the remainder is best replaced in one project.

Every item within the museum from the end of the completed section to the front of the museum will have to be removed. This includes not only the vehicles but internal ancillary displays together with retail, library and secretarial areas. This will be a massive undertaking and as such we will be exploring options such as the hire of contractors and storage facilities.

The museum itself will have to close for many months.

As you can imagine, the costs associated with the replacement are significant and beyond the resources of our volunteer community group. This means that that external funding will be required.

Local State and Federal members, notably Tim Bull, Tom McIntosh, and Darren Chester, have inspected and enthusiastically endorsed the project. While there are a number of grants available for such work most require a significant co-contribution. This unfortunately makes them not suitable for our needs.

Wellington Shire have agreed to monitor possible funding grants and we are particularly appreciative of the active support of Shire CEO David Morcom and his staff. In the last month, representatives from the Shire and Tim McIntosh's office again touched base with us so we are confident that the project is on their radar.

Three additional members are being added to the GAM membership recognising the need to maintain close ties between GAM and GVC. Leigh Shields, Duncan Malcolm and Graham Gunning have accepted nomination- each has much to contribute.



GAM members have given willingly their skills and time to the organisation but particular mention should be of Justin as secretary and Richard as treasurer for their commitment. It remains a pleasure to be involved in such a dynamic group.

Rob Noble

GIPPSLAND AUTO MUSEUM INC.

ABN 23 661 267 566

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Fees received	\$ 33,297	\$ 24,427
Grant Received received	\$ -	\$ 81,200
Donations	\$ 536	\$ -
Vehicle Sales	\$ -	\$ 8,501
GST refunds	\$ 333	\$ 11,418
Total Income	\$ 34,166	\$ 125,546
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Valuation of Vehicles sold	\$ 18,000	\$ 8,500
Depreciation	\$ 22,725	\$ 18,395
Consultants	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Hire	\$ 4,699	\$ 1,040
GST Paid	\$ 4,394	\$ 2,319
Property repairs	\$ -	\$ 472
Property rent	\$ 747	\$ 322
Property Rates	\$ 2,093	\$ 1,545
Property Water Rates	\$ 1,936	\$ 2,721
Total Expenses	\$ 54,594	\$ 35,314
<u>NET SURPLUS</u>	<u>\$ (20,428)</u>	<u>\$ 90,232</u>

GIPPSLAND AUTO MUSEUM INC.

ABN 23 661 267 566

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>EQUITY:</u>		
7 Memberships @ \$1 ea	\$ 7	\$ 7
Capital reserve	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
Donation received GVC	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Accumulated surplus	\$ 450,662	\$ 471,090
<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>	<u>\$ 822,669</u>	<u>\$ 843,097</u>
Represented by:		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		
Cash on hand	\$ 7	\$ 7
Cash at Bank	\$ 105,002	\$ 97,253
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 105,009</u>	<u>\$ 97,260</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Property purchase at cost	\$ 377,010	\$ 377,010
Model Car Display at Cost	\$ 98,213	\$ 98,213
Guards Van at WDV	\$ 7,049	\$ 10,406

Donated vehicles at Valuation	\$ 29,000	\$ 47,000
Mower at WDV	\$ -	\$ -
BBQ Area at WDV	\$ 8,922	\$ 9,670
Music System at WDV	\$ -	\$ -
Traffic Management at WDV	\$ -	\$ -
Heating at WDV	\$ 1,267	\$ 1,784
Train Renovation at WDV	\$ 3,901	\$ 4,459
Solar at WDV	\$ 6,837	\$ 9,993
Roller Doors at WDV	\$ 3,575	\$ 4,875
Air Conditioner at WDV	\$ 2,520	\$ 3,360
Car Mover at WDV	\$ 11,849	\$ 13,315
Pit Stop Door at WDV	\$ 3,249	\$ 4,078
Pit Stop Reno at WDV	\$ 15,488	\$ 17,424
Roof Replacement at WDV	\$ 143,534	\$ 138,696
Building Improvements at WDV	\$ 5,246	\$ 5,554
<u>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 717,660</u>	<u>\$ 745,837</u>
 <u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	 <u>\$ 822,669</u>	 <u>\$ 843,097</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Loan GVC	-	25,000
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>	<u>\$ 822,669</u>	<u>\$ 818,097</u>

Note re Depreciation:

Mower	10% Cost	9240	0
BBQ	5% Cost	14968	748
Music	20% Cost	7375	0
Traffic	20% Cost	1577	0
Guards Van	20% Cost	16876	3357
Heating	20% Cost	2818	517
Train Reno	20% Cost	5575	558
Solar	20% Cost	15779	3,156
Roller Doors	20% Cost	6500	1,300
Building Imp	5% Cost	6170	308
Air Conditioner	20% Cost	4200	840
Car Mover	10% Cost	14659	1,466
Pit Stop Reno	10% Cost	19360	1,936
Pit Stop Door	20% Cost	4147	829
Roof Replacement	5% Cost	154195	7,710
Total Depreciation			<u>\$ 22,725</u>

Donated Vehicles at Directors Valuation 2021

1923 Vulcan Truck	\$ 12,000
1937 Dodge D5 Deluxe Sedan	10,000
Subaru Ute	7,000
	<u>\$ 29,000</u>

STATISTICS

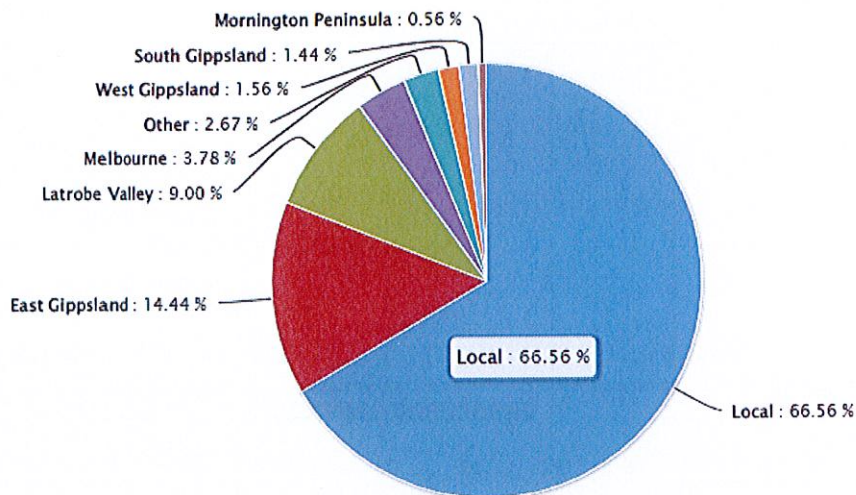
STATISTIC SUMMARY AS AT 30TH JUNE 2023

Membership

At 30th June 2023 we had **877 members**.

From 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023, we had **79 new members**.

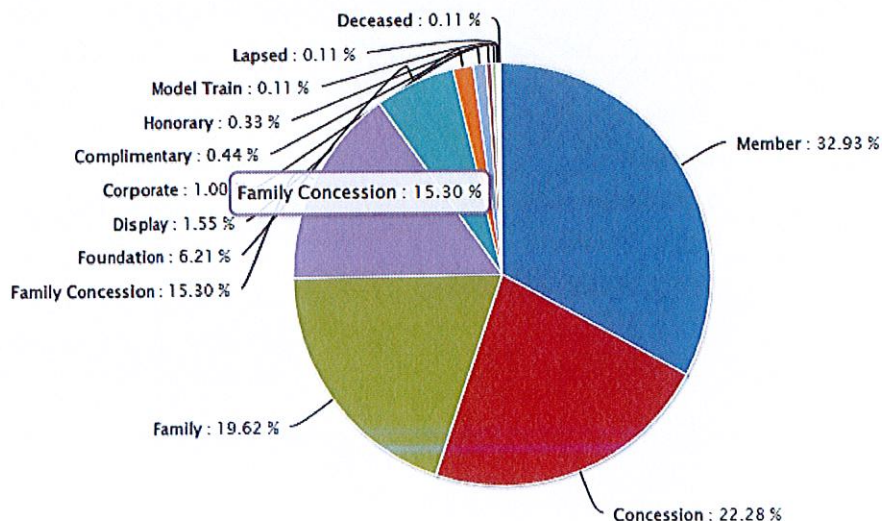
The geographic spread of new members is:



Local	46
Latrobe Valley	8
East Gippsland	20
South Gippsland	2
Melbourne	3
TOTAL	79

The breakup of the memberships is as follows:

Current Members by Member Type



OTHER REPORTS

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

The Vic Club Permit Scheme (CPS), being facilitated by Gippsland Vehicle Collection, has continued to provide many members with this valued service throughout the last twelve months. It has proven to be well supported and embraced by members far and wide.

Our records show that in the last year we have processed 563 Club Plate renewals and received 119 new applications for club plate vehicles.

This represents solid financial input to the GVC organisation and gives us many opportunities to extend our influence across various communities. Over the years, the CPS team's 'can do' attitude has encouraged many to continue their support and keep our older cars on the road.

There are often stories that come with new applications that make the process more personal for our volunteer CP officers. I particularly enjoy this part of the role. I take this opportunity to reflect on one such conversation that a new applicant had with one of my team.

The story unfolds as a young family are heading off to the hospital to welcome their first child, when the vehicle they owned breaks down. So, they replace it quickly with a trusty old Holden, which becomes a faithful vehicle for many years. As time passes it is time to say goodbye to said Holden & it finds another owner, supposedly, never to be seen again. Fast forward a few years & the children have grown up & life goes on. Somehow the same vehicle that served the family so faithfully reappears & the children procure said vehicle & present it back to their dad. And now, through GVC, we become a part of the reunion story that adds to the history of a family car's return journey. I have left much out of the account for the sake of space in this report. My point is, that every owner of a club plated vehicle has their own story & we get to share in that story, often with quite some enthusiasm.

I find it very rewarding to be a part of GVC in the Club Plate role. To be involved in a scheme that joins lives and vehicles together, for whatever reason, certainly has highlight moments that makes what we provide, so worthwhile.

This service does not happen without some serious commitment from our faithful team of volunteer, Club Plate Officers. I want to acknowledge and express my personal appreciation to these members and, on GVC's behalf, offer them our heartfelt thanks for all they do.

Jim Downes, Paddy Boyce, Don Ripper, Nick Elliot, Stephen Dempsey, Eijnar Teuben, Col McQuillen, Ness Noble, Sue Lawrence and Terry King. Many thanks to each of you for making this service available through the time and commitment that you consistently give. And if there are others who would be interested in being involved, please contact me. I am always keen to hear from you.

I acknowledge and thank the Committee for their support as they enable us to administer this scheme through the GVC and entrust us with its facilitation.

To all the members of GVC, this scheme is a great scheme. Thank you for all your support in both promoting it and engaging in it, with your own club plated vehicles.

Graham Gunning

Club Permit Secretary, GVC



DISPLAY

This year has arguably seen the greatest diversification of vehicles on display in one year.

The three themes, Mostly Motorcycle and Maffra Cars, Rarities and Replicas and Cars and Songs, included everything from amazing motorcycles to cars like the Tucker which is the only one in Australia and big American vehicles which featured in the Cars and Songs Display.

Mainly Motorcycles and Maffra Cars featured over 160 bikes which was quite a spectacle. It paid tribute to the love of roaring engines, wind in the hair and twisting roads which are so much part of motorcycle riding.



The display included a beautifully restored 1914 Junior Triumph and a rare 1961 BMW R50S



It was great to have a display by the Maffra/Sale Motorcycle Club, many of whom are also members of GVC. It reminded those of us of the passion which Ian and Jan Kennedy had for ensuring that motorcycles always had a presence in the museum.

There is no doubt that the standout vehicle for **Rarities and Replicas** was "The Tucker". Volunteers lost count of the number of times people audibly sucked in their breath when they set eyes on this vehicle – Many had read about it but never expected to see one in their lifetime especially in a museum in a little Victorian town. There were also some other wonderful vehicles like the "Brush" which is owned by one of our members and the Auburn to name a few.



And finally, just for something completely different we celebrated the relationship between **Cars and Songs**. This was also a fabulous display but totally different to the first two. For many this display was a real nostalgia trip – it wasn't unusual to hear hoots of laughter as stories were shared between family and friends.

There is no doubt that all of these exhibitions certainly lived up to our vision statement which is:

To be recognised as a premier destination for transport related exhibitions that entertain and educate our members, visitors, and community.



These displays would not be possible without the very hard work of the Display team and it would be remiss not to acknowledge the great work done by Andrew Gallagher, Barry Cairncross, Sporty Moran and their team in relation to the first two displays and Chris Henry, Leigh Sheilds and their team for the "Cars and Songs" display.

We are also grateful to the generous owners who lend us their vehicles for each display. We know they are their "babies" so there is a huge amount of trust involved in handing them over to us for 4 months.

Finally, a special thanks to Andy Kulkewicz who takes photos of every display which he then turns into video which is posted on You tube and our Web Page for the world to see.

COMPLEMENTARY DISPLAYS

During this past year we have continued to receive many wonderful and interesting items from both the general public and our members.

The cabinets within the museum are filled with a huge range of memorabilia which our visitors enjoy. Whether it be old radios, scales, badges, car parts or even ice-cream containers, you can be sure that they are the subject of many walks down memory lane.



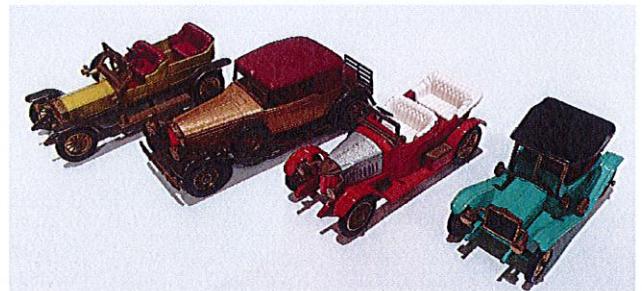
One major display which never ceases to fascinate people is Steve Pearson's tiny carburetors which were made by him. The detail is quite remarkable.



Our **model collection** has continued to grow especially after the installation of the new shelving in the Wilmour Motors garage.

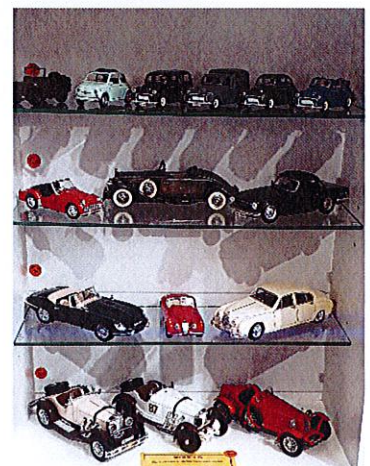
The displays showcase miniature marvels, with intricate details, precision craftsmanship and nostalgic charm.

During the year a number of models have been lent to us by their generous owners. These include a model steam engine from Paddy Boyce, a collection of model motorcycles from Martin Ogle and Frank Birthisel's collection of "Models of Yesteryear."



We have also been very fortunate to have been gifted a range of models including a collection of 25 diecast cars from Mrs. Sandra Haynes in memory of her late husband, Mr Barington Haynes.

Sporty, Frank Birthesel and other volunteers have done a great job in finding a place for all of the exhibits and I am sure you will agree they add yet another point of interest for our visitors.



THEMED DISPLAYS

None of our vehicle displays would be complete without the magic created by John and Liz Britton and Gabi Mandel.

Just as the vehicle displays varied enormously so did the Mannequins, who found themselves dressed in everything from Motorcycle Leathers, period costume and ball gowns to rock n roll gear.

Rarities and Replicas featured models dressed in period costumes which transported us to bygone eras and the historical elegance of those times.



Mainly Motorcycles and Maffra Cars paid tribute to the "Maffra Mardi Gras" which has been an annual event in Maffra for over 50 years. The models were dressed in their gowns receiving their bouquets as a thank-you for participating in this iconic fundraising event.



In contrast, this theme also had displays which featured models dressed in their "leathers" ready to feel the wind in their hair and take to the road on their motorbike.

The final display for 2023 was **"Cars and Songs"** which highlighted the relationship between cars and songs over the years. Our models found themselves dressed in rock n roll gear and even as Santa Clause.

The Combi Van popular in the 1970s featured a fabulous beach scene which depicted the counterculture and hippie movement so prevalent at the time.



PROJECT REPORT

As many of you know, we have two entities who own and manage the museum.

Decisions on who funds which project are based on the following:

- Projects that relate to our building, grounds or the railway are recommended to the GAM committee by the GVC committee. If approved, they are funded by GAM.
- Projects that relate to display and infrastructure supporting the general running of GVC are considered by the GVC committee. If approved, they are funded by GVC.

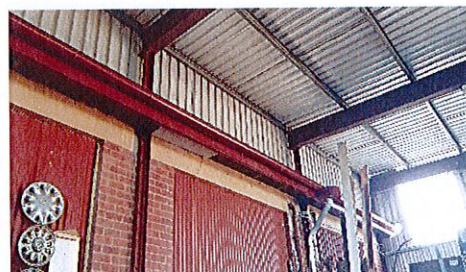
Where available, the GVC committee will apply for grants as an additional source of funding to support the implementation of projects.

The following projects were approved and have been implemented since the last AGM:

GVC Projects

- Purchase of Lift Trolley.
- Manufacture and installation of additional display cabinets in Wilmour Motors Garage.
- Installation of a clear blind between Pitt Stop and the museum
- Upgrade to the front entrance

*It should be noted that we are very grateful for the donation from the Eastern Valley Rodders who funded this project.



GAM Projects

Replacement of the asbestos guttering to the annex area

Projects that have been approved but are not as yet completed are:

GVC Projects

- Upgrade of the security system

GAM Projects

- Levelling of the earth mound adjacent to the platform
- Construction of a shed at the BBQ area.

Our thanks go to all our volunteers who have assisted with any of these projects or other more minor repairs and maintenance throughout the year. Your contribution is valued enormously.

The roof replacement is an ongoing project that requires substantial funding via grants from State and Federal governments to implement. The GVC committee is working closely with the local representatives of those governments and the Wellington Shire Council to secure funding for the replacement. GVC takes this opportunity to thank those representatives for their time to visit and understand the scope of the project and for their support and encouragement is seeking the funding.

Model Rail Annual Report

The model railway layout is coming along albeit slowly. It was originally enclosed by four walls and was designed to be operated manually. There are over 33 points! ('turnouts' if you speak American) and over 70 switches for lights and other unknown functions. It was also designed to be operated from the centre which is not suitable for a public display. There is much modification to be done.



The biggest enemy of model railways is dust and fingers! We must keep them at bay.

The initial plan is to get it up and running, starting first with two loop tracks and two locomotives with some automation. Visitors will be able to press a button and the trains will run for a set period (5mins?) and then stop.

We have commenced working bees with a few volunteers. The first task was to relocate the modules a little further back so as to allow room for a disabled ramp.

Next, we decided to lower the whole display to improve viewing, so each leg (around 40) was cut down by 30cm. We then fitted adjustable feet to each leg, (ably manufactured by Leigh) as the museum floor is very uneven. This will allow for fine adjustment at the module joins so that the rails line up properly. This is essential to prevent derailments.

The modules were then pushed together meaning that repairs to the track and some of the scenery which suffered minor damage can now begin.

We are also now able to make a start on the module



bus wiring. This will have terminal strips at each module join to make it easier to disconnect for any future moves (we hope not too many!).

The next major job is to investigate the wiring under the benches and find out how it all worked without the aid of circuit diagrams which were not available. There are about nine mains' transformers housed in Tupperware boxes which will have to go. The plan is to run everything on low voltage and hopefully one

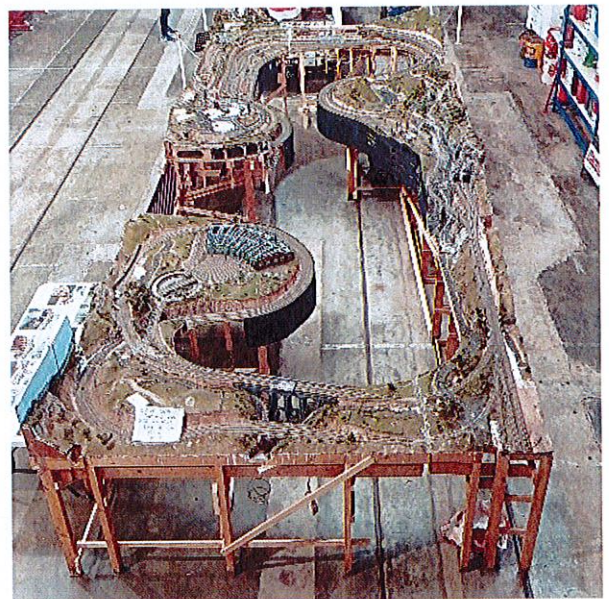
day power it by solar.

At the same time the modules must have panels fitted as the diorama was originally backed and supported by three walls. These will need to be removable for maintenance. Eventually we will be able to think about scenic panels behind the display.

In addition to the above we will also need to build the new controllers for the trains and automation..... there is plenty to do.

We are hoping to make this display as interesting as possible with lots of things happening, lights, motors and sounds etc.

Mike Hart



RAIL PROJECT REPORT

This year has seen the relocation of the Guards Van to the platform with the assistance of Macalister Earthmoving & Stan from Swatco.

It has then had finishing touches added and the internal display has been started.

A minor glitch with disabled access meant we laid some additional track to temporarily move the Van and lower the existing track, this was deemed the easiest, most cost effective and aesthetically pleasing way to overcome the problem.

Work has progressed on the "B"Box Van with some rust repairs and re-skinning of the doors.



During the year we also saved the Bunyip Rail Crane from the scrappers, and it is currently stored off-site at Gippsland Pre-Cast awaiting more pleasant weather to give it a polish up.



A massive thanks to those few dedicated volunteers that have stuck with this project, hopefully everything will shortly fall into place and some major progress will be evident allowing us to open to the public at long last.