GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 20th August 2024

Present Vanessa Noble, Chris Henry, Sue Lawrence, Justin Robson, Rachel Dawkins, Terry King, Leigh Shields, Ross Foster, Paul Kurts, Bruce Allen, Eijnar Tueben, Lynette Hume, Nick Elliott.

Apologies None

Attendees Gabi Mandel

Ness welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the newly elected committee and thanked everyone for their time and contribution.

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated

Moved: Leigh Shields Seconded: Terry King

Business Arising

a. **Kid's game.** This remains a work in progress. Chris Ballard stated that there is not enough content in the current display to design an activity. This will be reviewed on commencement of the 10 November 2024 display.

b. **Gum Trees.** The tree report from Roots 2 Leaves was tabled for discussion. The report covered all trees in the museum grounds and allocated each tree an assessment of LOW, MEDIUM or HIGH risk rating for dropping branches. The issue of liability to a third party by GVC, for damage caused by a fallen branch, was discussed and a number of views were voiced. Advice from the GVC insurance broker confirmed that GVC would have liability for any damage caused by fallen branches or trees. The committee AGREED that the report could not be ignored and action was required. Rachel stated she would engage an arborist to carry out the works on the high risk trees and table options for management of the LOW and MEDUIM risk trees.

c. **LED Lights.** The committee AGREED that this activity should no longer be pursued and the item removed from the agenda.

d. **Purchase of BBQ.** The committee AGREED that this activity should no longer be pursued pending cleaning and minor works to the existing BBQs.

e. **Rolls Royce Model.** The committee AGREED that this activity should no longer be pursued and the item removed from the agenda. Currently, no one has volunteered the time to build the model. The finished model would be too large for the existing display cabinets The committee AGREED to store the model for a future build project when a volunteer could be identified.

f. **Repairs to toilets.** This activity had been completed since the last meeting and was CLOSED

g. **Flag replacement.** Sue will acquire a replacement Australian National Flag (ANF) and a State of Victoria flag to replace those at the front entrance of the museum. There is a replacement GVC flag in the office.

h. **Front entrance looking shabby.** Ness volunteered to address the grass growing out of the gutter of the bull nose coping over the access ramp. Paul stated that this was an indicator of the lack of a formal grounds maintenance team.

i. **Roadway signage.** GVC is engaged with a group of local businesses to increase the road signage on the Princes Highway intersection guiding visitors to their establishments. The committee AGREED to remove this from future agendas and that Sue would monitor the activity. (Secretaries note: the GVC Secretary received an email stating that VICROADS would not support this initiative due to the existing large amount of signage already in that location).

j. **Removal of the Morris Minor Body.** The body hung on the exterior wall of the museum is looking shabby and detracting from the street appeal. Paul recommended that this activity should be part of the next working bee. It was noted that a GVC member was interested in on the panels and the remainder of the vehicle should be offered for sale at the next swap meet.

k. **Options for gifts for owners of vehicles on display.** The committee discussed this initiative and AGREED with Chris that, in addition to regular displays, something special should be offered for return exhibitors for our 20th Anniversary display. Options discussed included:

    i) Bottle opener with GVC logo and colours costed at 500 items for $8.00 each. The committee discussed the relevance of bottle openers in today's society and AGREED that this option was too expensive to pursue.

    ii) Chamois and polish. The chamois could have the GVC logo and be manufactured to fit into a glove box.

    iii) A key ring with the GVC logo and colours.

    iv) Framing the information card that accompanies the displayed vehicle.

    Ness stated she would continue to research options and report back to the committee.

l. **Status of Mardi Gras memorabilia display.** This is a work in progress, Leigh and Ness to action.

Finance Report

Justin presented the finance reported that it had been a good month. The chequing account had been moved to the interest account and noted under expenditure that:

a. The display costs – internal were attributable to the model train project.

b. The insurance costs were for the contents renewal.

c. The repairs and maintenance costs were for the Roots 2 Leaves tree report.

Justin stated that he was working on the budget for this year. There being no further questions or discussion, Justin moved that the Finance Report be accepted, this was seconded by Ness.

Display Report

Paul reported that on Sunday 25th August he had a team coming in to refresh the display cars with a polish and windscreen clean. He was looking for volunteers for two hours to participate and to grow the number of six to seven regular volunteers.

Chris and Leigh reported they had identified cars for the November 2024 20th Anniversary display. Paul proposed that the display for March 2025 should be Holden v Ford. The proposal was to stick to the 25 year minimum age of the car and display cars of the same era side by side, including a Bathurst display. Most cars were available from GVC members.

It was proposed to run a movie night for the Holden / Ford movie currently available on FOXTEL.

The committee AGREED to these recommendations.

The committee discussed the option of acquiring an electric Mini Moke currently at the museum in Shepparton on an extended loan option. Three examples were built of which two were destroyed. The variant offered to GVC would be the only one in the world. The vehicle would most likely be available in April 2025. The committee AGREED to pursue this acquisition for the museum.

20th Anniversary Display – Planning. Sue presented a list of options for the 20th Anniversary celebration on the 10th of November 2024. The options have been distilled down from those of the 10th Anniversary due to lack of lead time to organise them. The committee discussed the options and identified the ones to be included for Sue to action.

Sue stated she had developed a list of invitees to the anniversary in consultation with Robert Noble. One list would be dignitaries from the area, politicians, council members etc. the second list would be people who have been closely associated with the museum over the years such as past presidents etc. They would receive a special birthday invitation.

Model Train

The project is progressing. A number of display cars were moved away from the train project for better access for some works.

Small Projects

BBQ Shed. Nick reported that the documentation for the building permit has been submitted to B4UBuild consultants for action.

Maintenance

Eijnar stated that he had filled some potholes in the main driveway.

Nick has engaged Eagle Eye Roofing to clean the gutters and fasten some loose capping on the new roof. They will provide an assessment on the state of drainage on the southeast side

of the museum where rising damp is affecting the walls causing the bricks to crumble and the paint to peel.

Roof

The committee were updated on the recent meeting between GVC and GAM that resulted in a roof strategy. The strategy is to provide one third of the funds required from current cash assets, borrow one third and fund raise one third.

Sue presented a concept sketch of a proposed logo to support the fund raising. Paul AGREED to take the concept sketch and develop it to a point where it could go to the printers.

Sue stated that the newly formed roof fund raising sub-committee would meet on Wednesday 21 August to develop option. The opening of the GVC 20th Anniversary display would also see the launch of the fund-raising program. The idea is to get people here and sell them the story.

GVC will still pursue grant funding options as well as approaching philanthropic organisations for donations.

The committee AGREED to a suggestion from Eijnar that he approach Bega transport for potential advertising space on their tankers for a six-month option.

Sue stated that a number of decisions would be required prior to the next committee meeting to keep things moving. She would circulate these to the committee members out of session. If the committee members did not reply, then this would be taken as agreement.

GAM

Justin stated that the GAM AGM would be held next Tuesday 27th of August 2024.

Club Plates

Ness reported that it is getting busier with new members placing cars on the permit scheme.

Retail

Retail has shown its traditional slowing over winter. Ness is building a display a display tower for the cast iron bells. Ness recently made a large purchase of items from Melbourne. She will be sending out order forms for shirts over the next couple of weeks.

AOMC

Chris reported that the next meeting is in Shepparton at the end of August and that he and Gabi would not attend this one. The next meeting is in November where the plan is to promote the roof fundraising project. There is potential for access to the RACV historic fleet.

Large Train Project

Steady progress is being made. The International truck arrives from Shepparton on Thursday 22nd August with thanks to Admiral Towing. Paul asked what was happening with the engine analysers in the museum annex. The committee AGREED to hold on to them for future

display. Paul stated he would put them into deep storage within the annex to create more space.

Promotion and Marketing

Sue provided the background that post the 2024 GVC AGM a sub-committee would be formed to direct this business. Chris stated that he would be happy to be part of the sub-committee. Ness stated that this activity should be tied over to the September 2024 GVC committee meeting. Justin stated that some aspects affecting this may be addressed in the roof fund raising sub-committee meeting.

Leigh has removed, from the newsletter, all those that are no longer corporate members.

New memberships

The list of proposed new members was presented. Terry moved that the list be accepted. Seconded Justin. It was noted that there was an anomaly in the member numbering in the list presented in that 1691 had been omitted. Sue to review. Leigh asked whether Admiral Towing had been charged for their corporate membership as they shouldn't due to the high levels of support they provide to GVC. Sue to review.

Other Business

Community work proposal. GVC received a proposal from the Department of Justice and Community Safety for people placed on community work bonds be employed at the museum. The committee discussed this and AGREED not to proceed with this proposal. Ness moved that her, Sue and Nick to meet with the proposer to advise them of our decision. This was passed by a vote of the committee members.

Shell sign

Bruce reported that there has been no result in the search for the missing Shell sign.

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th September 2024

Ness declared the meeting closed at 2107hrs