GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 18th March 2025

Present Vanessa Noble, Sue Lawrence, Justin Robson, Leigh Shields, Rachel Dawkins, Paul Kurts, Lynette Hume, Bruce Allen, Nick Elliott

Apologies Chris Henry, Terry King, Eijnar Tuben, Ross Foster

Ness was attending by phone and Sue chaired the meeting. Sue welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 1927hrs.

Agenda Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated

Sue asked if there were any amendments, if not then she proposed that they be accepted.
Moved: Sue Seconded: Paul CARRIED

Business Arising from previous meeting.

a. **Model Train permanent covering options** – This remains a WIP.

b. **Tree Pruning** – The contractor has been contacted and the quotation accepted.

c. **Marketing Video** - Ness to follow up. WIP.

d. **Fox classic car collection rally.** WIP.

e. **Potholes at the Maffco end of Railway Place.** Macalister Earthmoving are donating the materiel and GVC will fill the potholes.

f. **Free waste disposal vouchers.** Justin reported that he had submitted a request to Wellington shire Council by email and would advise of the progress. WIP

g. **Purchase of aerosol horns.** Ness reported that these had been identified and purchased and were awaiting delivery. Once installed the fire plan will be updated and counter staff informed of updated fire response information. Sue will write to Jim Ballard who raised the issue informing him of the changes.

h. **Hosting of Shed Chatter on the web.** Sue originally raised this as an issue to due to the file size she was emailing. It was confirmed that this could be hosted on the GVC website with a link sent out for the Shed Chatter. However, since raising this, Sue has identified a means of compressing the files prior to sending and the web site link is not required.

Agenda Item 2 Correspondence.

Correspondence in:

a. Email from Ryan Reik a muralist with an expression of interest in a mural for GVC. The committee AGREED that this would be addressed post the roof restoration.

b. Leigh received an email from Facebook. Facebook had rejected an ad for the GVC Swap Meet claiming it did not meet their standards. Leigh suspects this is due to the inclusion of costs and will resubmit without the costs.

Correspondence out:

a. Nil

Agenda Item 3 - Finance Report

Justin presented the finance report and for February 2025. He stated that earnings for the month were on budget and with the expenses for the month there was nothing of note. The profit results are tracking well, being above the Year-to-Date budgeted earnings. Further transfers of donations for the roof restoration have been transferred to GAM.

Justin moved that the financial report be accepted: Seconded Nick. CARRIED

Agenda Item 4 – Other Reports

Swap Meet

Sue reported that there has been a low uptake of sites. The plan is to mark out the sites on Friday 28 March with a set up crew coming in on the Saturday.

The parking management has been reorganised to introduce parking managers individually responsible for four groups of sites. They will coordinate other volunteers who will escort the site holders to their sites. This should streamline the movement of vehicles to the correct sites. In addition, the managers will be provided with two-way radios to improve the communication of vehicle movement. Parking managers will be briefed at 0600hrs on the day and team members at 0630hrs. Sue will email out the roster to the volunteers.

Paul stated that Railway Place will be closed at the Sale-Maffra Road end until 0800hrs when the barriers will be removed. Volunteers will continue to guide buyers to the onsite parking area. Post 0800hrs there will be no entry permitted through the site holder entry gate. Signs will be installed at the intersection of Merrydale Street and the Sale-Maffra Road to prevent the public from parking there.

Paul stated that this swap meet was likely the last prior to the roof restoration and a good opportunity to clean out the annex through the GVC swap meet stall. This would provide storage space for the museum exhibits when it is time to prepare for the roof restoration. The committee AGREED to the sale of excess engine tuning sets held by GVC. There was no further room for these in the main display area. The Rolls Royce model and a champagne bottle GVC are holding could be put up for auction to raise funds for the roof restoration. After the committee AGREED to this strategy, Paul requested that individuals notify him of items in the annex that should be retained for historical or other reasons.

Roof Restoration.

Sue reported on the status of grant applications:

a. An application has been lodged with FRRR on 17 March for $25,000.00.

b. There is difficulty in meeting the four pillars of criteria required for most grants. An example of this is the Elders grant. The strongest pillar for GVC is the one addressing tourism, but this option is not often offered with the grants.

c. The Bendigo Bank have an option to apply for up to $300,000.00. This closes in May 2025 and GVC may require external assistance with completing the application.

Display Report.

Leigh raised the option of engaging a professional emcee for the opening of the Hot Rod and Custom display in July. The committee AGREED that this should be investigated. ACTION The display team are still considering a suitable display theme for November 2025.

Model Train.

The donated diorama and rolling stock discussed at the February 2025 GVC committee meeting has been sold and is awaiting pick up.

Small Projects

BBQ Shed.

The material for the frame of the extension will arrive on Thursday 20th February and preliminary construction would commence in the annex. Erection of the frame would not be commenced until after the swap meet.

Maintenance. See item under Other Business.

GAM. Nothing significant to report for this meeting. No issues raised.

Club Plates.

Ness reported a steady progression of new and renewed plates. Leigh reported that he had recently been made aware that VICROADS in Sale will only accept original “wet ink” signed renewal forms. However, in contrast, you can complete a renewal online with scanned documents. The committee AGREED that a letter should be addressed to a suitable position inn VICROADS to explain this apparent anomaly. There was general agreement that the roll out of the VICROADS online renewal has been lacking in direction and information. ACTION

Retail.

Ness reported that new GVC coasters are now available for sale.

AOMC. Leigh provided an email copy of the latest AOMC minutes. ACTION. Nick to email them to the committee members.

Large Train. Leigh reported that work was continuing at a steady pace on the platform crane. Planning was in place to relocate the tanker to the museum grounds by the end of March.

Promotion and Marketing.

Sue outlined an advertising opportunity on offer from the Central Gippsland Visitor Guide. This appears to be similar to the Lakes Visitor Guide in its purpose but circulated around the Traralgon area. Paul noted that the value in those circulars was in the editorial and not the advert. Sue agreed to follow up on obtaining an editorial. However, at a cost of $335.00 the committee AGREED that an advert should not be pursued as it does not provide value for money.

Paul recommended that GVC look into utilising local businesses to promote their business on our display days. The committee AGREED to this recommendation and to charge a fee of $50.00 to participating businesses. Leigh stated he would create a Facebook post inviting expressions of interest from local businesses. ACTION

Agenda Item 5: New memberships.

Sue stated that GVC was averaging ten new membership applications a month. The committee reviewed the list of proposed new members and did not identify any objections. Nick moved that the list of proposed new members be accepted, seconded Lyn. CARRIED.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

Availability of A4 frames. Leigh stated that the Armed Forces Museum had a number of A4 frames available for pick up at no cost.

History of the donated boat. Leigh stated that the donor of the boat on display in the museum had provided a copy of its history to include in the display. Ross would review the content prior to displaying.

Museum building information signage. Bruce stated that he has been approached by a number of persons asking about when the building was established and when it was taken over by the GVC. Information on the origin of the building is located on the inside of the museum's main display area and visitors should be directed to this. The committee AGREED that, post the roof restoration, the front of the building should include some relevant and important dates in the building's and GVC's history.

Display issues. The committee were informed that there is increasing amounts of dust on the display vehicles taking longer to clean. There is a new leak in the roof above the motorcycle display area and above one of the display cars. The cars would be looked at during the next cleaning activity.

New BBQ. Ness reported that the new BBQ has arrived and been assembled ready for use at the swap meet.

There being no further items Sue declared the meeting closed at 2030hrs.