

MEETINGS: 7.30 PM
THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
IN CLUB SHED AT
MONT DE LANCEY
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YVMPs NEWS

An outing to Remember: is always the trip to check out Simon's shed. Probably one of the largest private collections of Engines, Tractors Memorabilia etc. in Victoria. Some exhibits, like this Mc Donald roller are restored like new, while others are displayed and running "in their working clothes". Entry is a donation into the milk drum, to help cover the cost of fuel to keep 20 to 30 engines running all day. Hats off to Simon for a great display. Turn the pages for more engines.



AGM 19/08/2026

At our AGM we had 20 members turn up to welcome in all the new office bearers for the next 12 months.

Many thanks must go to our retiring President, Stuart Bennett.

Stuart has led the club over the past 13 years, bringing us from our humble beginnings meeting in the Seville hall through to our present permanent home here at Mont De Lancey.

Here we have engines on permanent display in our shed, and a comfortable club room to operate from.

To the left we see Stuart receiving gifts of appreciation from the Secretary, Barry Thomas. In the center we are pleased to have Jamie Butcher as our new President.

We all look forward to our next 12 months together as the Y.V.M.P.S.

**HI ALL MEMBERS
COME EARLY TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND
ENJOY a B.B.Q DINNER AT 6.30**

SIMON'S SHED CONTINUED. His love of Chevrolet vehicles.



A section of small engines stacked up high.
All in working order



The big daddy of them all was up and
running like a dream.



Here Simon inspects the engine before starting.
There were two gas burners running flat out to heat
the cylinder to get it to operating temperature.



A view showing the extent and size of part
of the shed.

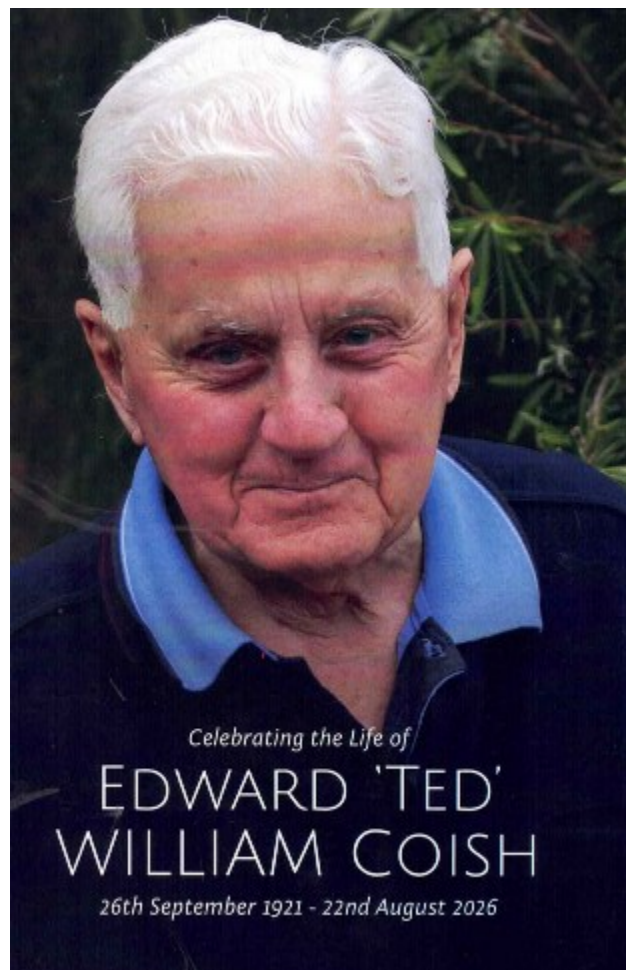


Tractor driving a huge centrifugal pump.



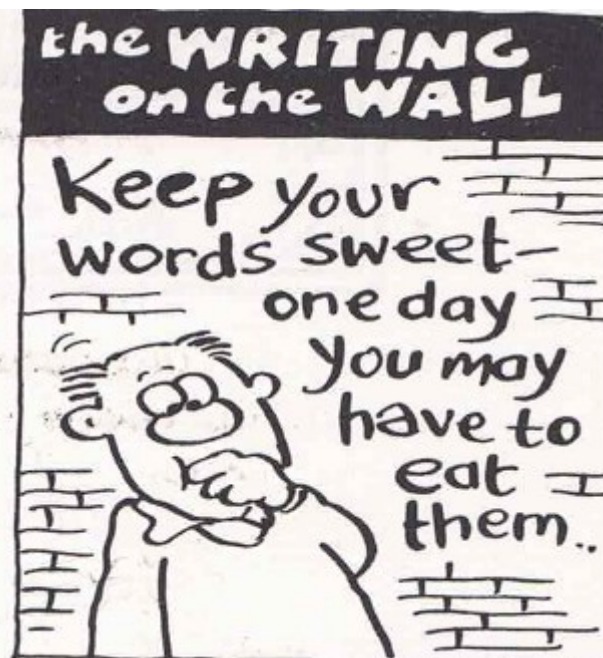
Simon about to start another engine.

Sadly we had to say farewell to Ted . Born in Bendigo 1921 and died at the age of 105, 22 August 2026. He was a very active member of our club and his restorations and workmanship was quite amazing. It was a privilege to have known him.



"There's a very special garden
Where the trees of memory grow
Nurtured by the kindness
And concern that good friends show.
The roots are cherished memories
Of good times in the past.
The branches tender promises
that souls endure and last.
It's a place of peace and beauty
Where bright new hopes can start
It's memory's lovely garden
That soothes the hurting heart"

Can you solve this ACRONYM
R.T.A.F.A.
See answer on page 7



Did you take notice, that at our next club general meeting you are invited to a B.B.Q dinner at 6.30

Wedderburn Rally 2026

Y.V.M.P.S. members were well represented again at this year's rally. Those who attended included Phil and Tanya, Jamie and Clare, Peter, Richard, Don and Ally, Norm and Kim, Bob, Lee, Casey, Ben, Alister and Barry.

Friday night always starts the weekend off well with dinner at the pub organized by Jamie. Unfortunately he was not able to arrange a prize for any of our crew in the meat tray raffle despite a plethora of tickets. The sun was shining Saturday morning and set the scene for a fabulous weekend with a very healthy number and diversity of engines, machinery, and cars on display.

First appearances for YVMPS members were Jamie's Austral, Bob's Sentinel Dragsaw and Phil's immaculate Delco Light set, Peter fired up his newest acquisitions - a very nice Famous vertical and a rare Pa La Fonderie De. Terrific to see Alistair with a couple of small engines running well after a little tinkering..

Saturday night dinner was provided by Wedderburn club and was again outstanding, as was the traditional light show which grows bigger and more spectacular each year. Unfortunately there did not appear to be as many visitors as the event deserves; however we were all kept busy talking to other exhibitors and the patrons that did attend.

Congratulations to the Wedderburn engine club for another outstanding event with wonderful hospitality.

I'm sure we will be back next year. Bob G.



Upcoming Events

October 16 & 17 Wandin Sylvan Field Days

October 17 & 18 Korumburra Interclub Social Rally (club event – no public)

October 21 General meeting.

October 24 Bunnings BBQ. – Croydon – Maroondah Highway

October 31 November 1 – Lake Goldsmith – Kerosene Engine is the theme

November 7 & 8 Muckleford Rally (Engines Sat & Sun / Tractor Pull Sunday

November 7 Katamatite Vintage Tractor & Engine Club Tractor Pull and Rally – Yarrawonga Showgrounds

November 14 – 15 Bendigo Swap

November 15 Sylvan Primary School 150 year celebrations (10 AM to 3:00PM)

November 18 General meeting.

November 21 Peter Coleman's shed visit.

November 21 & 22 Lilydale Show - Details to be confirmed

November 28 – Yea Show

November 29 – Maldon Swap meet

December 4 Mont De Lancey Market evening – Shed opening.

December 6 Sunday Yellingbo Christmas Festival

December 16 General meeting and Christmas Break up.

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February 27 & 28 Draught Horse Festival – Mont De Lancey

Why do cemeteries have gates ?

Because people are dying to get in.!

Gift Card SCAMs - recent club learnings

When you go into most supermarkets there is usually an end of an aisle that has gift cards for cinemas, shopping, computer games, all sorts of stuff including what is effectively a cash card that can be used anywhere that takes EFTPOS.

To thank Bolin who has done our annual audit the club purchased him a gift card..

Colin's wife went to use the card and found there was no funds available. It was noticed that the PIN details had been removed. This unfortunately became a little embarrassing as something we had tried to do turned sour. We have replaced the card with cash to rectify the problem of that embarrassment a little.

I purchased the card and it was inside the cardboard packaging and looked normal.,

I was able to reach out to Coles customer support who have organized a refund.

If in doubt—do what grandma did and stick the cash in a card.

Barry Thomas

YVMPS AGM Summary.

Our AGM was held in middle of August as per most years. As per the back of this newsletter you will see there are some changes to the committee. The main one I would like to focus on is that we have a new President Jamie Butcher.

Stuart who has been president for around 15 years and was the man who organized the actual building of our club shed which we are proud to call the home of our club. Stuart over the past year or so has become a grandfather twice, with both Melissa and Mark becoming parents. He is finding that being a grandparent takes a little more time and he would like to spend a little more time with family.

On the night of the meeting Stuart was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift hamper which we hope he has enjoyed since.

Jamie has taken on the role of President, and I hope you all give him similar support as you have given Stuart as we do all the different things during the year. Barry Thomas



The Alexandra trip was a good day out. Left home in light rain at Mooroolbark, pouring as we approach Yea and sunny by the time we got to Alexandra.

We had quite a few members there with a variety of engines and displays. We were in a spot which was wet, but it had been the original siding and we had a lot of crushed rock and stuff under foot.

I headed home Sat. afternoon to be spoilt by a great dinner, and yes the Hawthorn Best and Fairest. Judy B will understand. Barry.



Why won't it go??

I got my picture in the local Rag. More Alexandra stuff on next page.

A Day at Alexandra. 3 /10 /2026

On one of the two wettest days on record, I headed off in the morning from Nunawading to check out our members at the Alexandra Rally.

As I approached Taggerty the rain eased and I drove into bright sunshine and blue sky.

I arrived around 11.30. It was a bit wet underfoot but the place was in full swing, with engines running ,a great collection of organ grinders and the steam train in action.

There was a Harman Steam Winch which was dragging a large log back and forth with the drag cable.

Don Wright was displaying a couple of very large pistons which he is refurbishing. He was also assisting Barry with the starting of a Blackstone engine.

The old 1944 army Ford blitz truck was fitted with a 12 ton crane and maybe in time it will go again??

Casey Jones (Costerman) displayed this old International. It would not start in the morning, but an hour later it decided to go and ran like a dream the rest of the day ??



Ed.



Parallel lines have so much in common, it's a shame they never meet.

DON WRIGHT'S TIPS of the month for the shed wall.
How to find TOP DEAD CENTRE when the spark plug hole is
 above the piston.

Put a stick down the plug hole, rotate the crank . The stick will come up
 near the top. Mark the stick.

Also mark the flywheel with a chalk line.

Rotate the crank the other way .

When the same mark on the stick lines up, mark the flywheel again with
 chalk.

Now half way between the two marks on the flywheel is
TOP DEAD CENTRE

How to work out the right rotation, or if you have everything right.

In the direction of rotation, the exhaust valve should close at
TOP DEAD CENTRE or a whisker past.

Adjust pushrod tappet as required—no clearance.

If nothing makes sense it probably rotates the other way
 (New Way engines.).

Please cut these pages out and pin them up in the shed.

Don Wright.

Answer to question on page 3.

R.T.A.F.A.

Ron told me a story about a Defense Department that put in an application for a
 grant of several thousand dollars for the purchase of an **R.T.A.F.A.**

The funds were granted !??

Rotational, Torque, Adjustable, Fastener, Applicator.

Converts to a **screwdriver.**

Believe it or not?

Ron.A.



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Once only Joining	\$5.00
Insurance & NHMA levee	\$20.00
Annual membership	\$30.00 (plus ins.)
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Here is the new team.

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I remember it well, seems like only yesterday. Ed.

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