



Golden Oldies

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Secretary	John Judd
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Happy Birthday
to all our members celebrating over the next few months.



Have a Wonderful Day.

To see exact dates go to our Members section on the website.

Club Meetings

Due to the unforeseen circumstances of COVID 19,
we currently do not have any meetings scheduled.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to
contact the club on:
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Eds Report

Hello Tailgaters,

First of all I want to give a massive THANKS to those who have sent in articles and stories, it makes it so much easier to create a magazine when there is content.

So far the first 6 months of 2020 has been super rough. Not only have we had our own personal lives to consider, we have had devastating bushfires that have made our hearts ache. But while fires were still burning, Australians received a statement from the Department of health regarding the risk of a COVID-19 pandemic. Now we have all lived through the various stages of restrictions; making it a lot harder for some, more than others. We just need to remember to be respectful and considerate of each others situations.

I personally, didn't think things had changed a great deal for myself. I am an essential worker. Things were relatively normal to some degree, despite all the social distancing measures in place and the extra sanitising of EVERYTHING; but I was still going to work doing the norm.

But then I thought about other things in my life, travel had become restricted and my parents live 140km away, in South Australia, no quick trips over for either of us. We were hoping to go camping over Easter with most of the family, but that was cancelled. I even had the opportunity to assist my niece with some home schooling and I have great admiration for those parents out there that had to do this with 2 or more children of various ages. Well done.

Our entire family, (aunts, uncles, cousins), were supposed to go to Brisbane for a wedding in August, but nope, that's not happening. So my immediate family decided to keep their holidays, for "just in case" we could have a mini holiday. But no, we can't go anywhere, unless we want to quarantine.

So even though I haven't lost my job or been forced to take unpaid leave, or those kind of life altering changes, thinking about it, Corona has impacted my life. Please continue sharing your stories with us as the mag content will be a little low without any events occurring.

On that note,
Happy Reading.

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President Report

The Presidents Report can be found on page 6 of this edition of Tailgate.
Cheers, Andy.

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Uteznvanz would like to thank our club sponsor John Judd Industries for your very valued support of our club. It is businesses and people like yourself that helps us make a difference in our community. A friendly helpful business that does a great job so please give them a go when you have a job along these lines.



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UTEZNVANZ™ MARQUEE ON THE WAY.....

When the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and we can get out and about again keep your eye out for the UTEZNVANZ™ marquee.

It is going to be well utilised in many ways, from fundraising BBQs to special events, or even just promoting the club while having a member day out.

The club is greatly appreciative of our 2 sponsors: John Judd Industries and Mildura 4WD Accessories, Markraft Engineering. With their support, something that has been thought about and discussed for a long time, has now become a reality.

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The President Talks Covid-19

Personally, I can't say that I have overly been affected by all of the restrictions that have been implemented due to the Coronavirus. As for the majority of it, I was working 7 days a week on 12 hour shifts, 6am-6pm then switch 6pm-6am. I had no real reason to go shopping. I have returned back to 8 hour shifts now, but still alternate between days and afternoons. Aside from a family holiday being postponed until next year, life basically hasn't changed a lot.

But speaking as President of UTEZNVANZ™; monthly meetings have been effected, we haven't been able to hold one due to gathering restrictions. Many events have been cancelled within the club, both locally and away. We haven't even been able to get out and fundraise or promote the club via group outings.

Although it feels like the club has come to a bit of a standstill, I can assure you it hasn't. We are trying our best to keep things moving forward, even if it is on a small scale. We are still trying to keep planning for our future events and what we can do to make a comeback once all this is over. I can only hope that everyone is in relatively good spirits and remember we are all in this together. - Andy.

Members Stories

What "iso" was for me.....

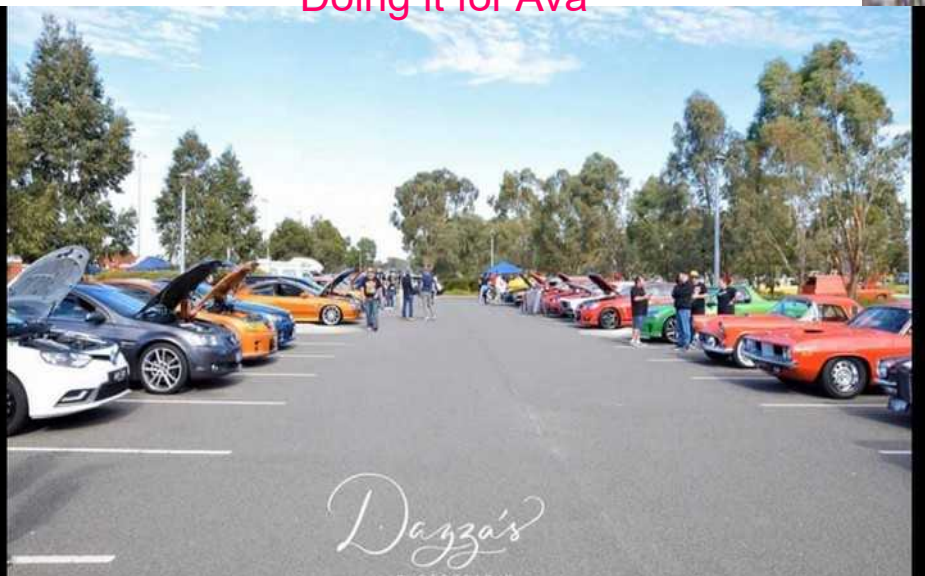
Well iso (isolation) has not really meant much different for me, as I had to keep working through it all. Really, the biggest thing was meeting all the distancing rules required at work and dealing with all of that.

They caused some challenges and I think some of the things brought in will become permanent, unfortunately. Cheers, Vince Wilson.

I have been finishing off this fundraiser for bushfire victims in Gippsland and pre planning a new fundraiser for MND (Motor Neurone Disease), hopefully with the backing from MND Victoria, which will be my third fundraiser.

Over the two fundraisers we have raised \$10,000 with big plans for this new one, including a massive car, truck and bike show all in one. - Graeme Ellis

Doing it for Ava



Photos from Graeme Ellis

Hi, it's Robert.

I have a VU Commodore Ute that I think is pretty special.

About 8 years ago, I decided to turn it into a themed AC/DC tribute Ute. My dream was big and so since then I have had a lot of work done everywhere. It is not even recognisable today as the ute I started with as it has been extremely modified inside and out over the time.



Some of the mods have been pretty far out there and it was a gamble on how they would turn out. However I have been very happy with it all.

Just to name a few (modifications); I have done extensive fibre glassing, interior as well as exterior, various airbrushing and completely modelled out the tub with a massive sound system that rocks along.

I really enjoying showing it, as it's my hobby. I go to many shows through the year all over Victoria as well as other states. Over the years since becoming a proud club member I have used it a lot to promote the club and especially to promote and attend the October Autoshow. This is always our favourite show to attend.



Yes it is quite scary but as a result I'm going to have a few other things done to the ute in the near future. So keep a watch out. It is not finished yet.....

Waiting to find out what is going to happen about it this year. It does not feel right to not have a trip to Mildura planned for October so we hope they try to put together a virtual show to at least have something.

It always amuses me how quickly my ute pulls the crowd around. Especially when the sound is going. The interest people take in it gives me a real buzz and feeling of satisfaction. Although, I know no one but me really has to like it, as I have created it to please myself but I do like thinking I have created something others also enjoy seeing.

It has been pretty hard staying home with all the events cancelled this year and unfortunately for my budget the extra down time in isolation got me dreaming again....





Hi, it's Matt from Wolf Pack Racing.

I was all geared up for the racing season and completed our first round at Bathurst with a couple of solid top 10 results. I was looking forward to improving my results throughout the year. When suddenly, right out of the blue, racing is cancelled.



At first I thought it would be short lived but soon realised this will be a long road, so what to do with the time?

I decided to try online sim racing to keep sharp. It proved very different but an extremely big challenge. I have also been motorbike riding to keep fit.

Now I am really looking forward to being able to get back behind the wheel and get back into it.

I am also in the process of renewing my go kart licence and getting my kart going so hopefully I can do some kart racing soon, just to get some race craft practice.



How the Wilsons' Managed in the Pandemic **2020**

Don had been in and out of hospital for a couple of months due to Kidney Stones and was scheduled to have a final operation later on but got a phone call late one afternoon –“Could you be at the hospital 7:45am tomorrow?” The operation had been brought forward because of the possibility of closing due to the Corona Virus.

Don's answer was a quick “Yes!”

A week later, we took our little Duck (Amphibious Jeep) to a Military Rally called 'Swim In' Corowa.



This was the 40th anniversary and it is the largest gathering of Military Vehicles in the Southern Hemisphere.

The theme this year was Motor Cycles.

There didn't seem to be as much panic buying in Corowa Super Markets as in Mildura. The Toilet Paper shelves were the only empty ones!

A chap attending with his Motor Bike for the first time said:

"Well, what can I say? First of all, why, why, why; did I wait so long to attend this fabulous event?

I have owned my BSA WM20 for just on 20 years, I registered it back in 2002 and since then I have literally ridden the wheels off the bike. I really enjoy riding it. Over the years, I have attended dozens of bike rallies, hundreds of club events, numerous bike shows and many log book rides. In the last couple of years I have started to attend several military events.

I also own a 1942 Harley Davidson WLA in full military trim with only 350 miles on a full restoration."

Regards: Ray Smith, 1942 BSA (pictured below).



This year water events were restricted due to the low river at the Caravan Park where the event is held. So it was a five mile trip to Lake Moodermere, a few Amphibious vehicles went out there and had a great time.

Andrew in the DUKW, (the big Duck) Daniel in a little one with Roger Ross, (who was one of the original organisers of the 'Swim In' 40 Years ago). Our friend Jack, driving the Lark, with the Sharks mouth. It unfortunately blew a radiator but Andrew received a Hard Luck Award for that.



A motorbike and sidecar, got bogged on the way and had to be towed out, much to the amusement of those looking on.

An old time Truckie from Alice Springs spent a few days with us. He had travelled down to attend a Truck Muster the next week at Kyneton, which was cancelled due to the Virus. At least he had a good time at the Corowa event, which he hadn't planned on.

On the whole we had a great time at the Rally which had over 200 military vehicles and 33 Motorcycles. The weather was perfect.

Some had parts for sale and we actually took parts down to help pay for the trip.

We also acquired a very rare floating Duck trailer with a water tank.

We were mighty glad to travel home in one day.

One Service Station was wise enough to have a brick in the toilet door, so we didn't need to touch any handles.

Overall, things have worked out pretty good for us during this Pandemic.

On arriving home, because of our age bracket, the family deemed us "at risk." So we stayed home, with them doing all shopping etc. So we had a life of leisure for a couple of weeks until the novelty wore off.

We are ever grateful that we live in the Sunraysia area with plenty of fresh air and Sunshine.

Don and Iris Wilson.

Andrew in the big DUKW



UTEZNVANZ™ autoshow Mildura

Well what a shock this year has been!

Mildura Show Cancelled and along with it our Autoshow as we know it for this year!

However...

We have plans!!!

Just not quite ready to be released so as the saying goes watch this space!!!

Who ever would have thought only a few months ago we would be facing such a crisis as the world is in. Uteznvanz Autoshow Committee and Club members would like to send a special message to all our friends, supporters, sponsors and entrants...

Thank you for your support over the years and for your offer to support already what we are hoping to do for this year and keep safe!

So stay tuned for our media release in the coming weeks!

Meantime enjoy some memories from our previous shows...



Tall Stories

Baby Boomers “Home Schooling,”

(I'm sure these lessons are still being taught).

- **CIRCLE OF LIFE-** “I brought you into this world, I can take you out.” Dad.
- **RELIGION-** “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.” Mum.
- **MEDICAL SCIENCE-** “If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck like that.” Mum.
- **GENETICS-** “You're just like your father.” Mum.
- **OSMOSIS-** “Shut your mouth and eat your dinner.” Dad.
- **LOGIC-** “Because I said so, that's why.” Dad.
- **TIME TRAVEL-** “If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week.” Dad.
- **WEATHER-** “This room of yours looks like a tornado just went through it.” Mum.
- **FORESIGHT-** “Make sure you wear clean underwear just in case you're in an accident.” Mum.
- **HYPOCRACY-** “If I have told you once, I have told you a million times, do not exaggerate.” Mum.
- **IRONY-** “If you don't stop crying, I will give you something to cry about.” Dad.
- **ANTICIPATION-** “You just wait until we get home...” Mum.
- **RECEIVING-** “You are going to get it from your father when he gets home.” Mum.
- **HUMOUR-** “When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.” Dad.
- **ESP-** “Put a jumper on; don't you think I know when you are cold?” Mum.
- **ENVY-** “There are millions of children out there that don't have wonderful parents like you do.” Mum.
- **ROOTS-** “Close the door behind you, do you think you were born in a tent?” Mum.
- **HOW TO BECOME AND ADULT-** “If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.” Mum.
- **WISDOM-** “When you get to be my age, you will understand.” Mum.
- **JUSTICE-** “One day you will have kids and I hope they turn out just like you!” Dad.

Adopt A Roadside Clean up.

Our Club is proud to support the community and be a participant in this program and our cleans regularly clear an astounding amount of rubbish from our area.

It is sad to see it dumped really.

We would like to encourage everyone to support this initiative and do us out of a job by thinking before you drop or throw the next piece of rubbish out and all work together to help keep our road sides clean.



Supporter Thank You

Uteznvanz would like to thank the following businesses for their recent support of our club. We are looking to purchase some new items and are looking for supporters. The contribution from these businesses is very much appreciated and will go a long way towards our goal. If you own a business and would be interested in supporting us please give the club a call as we still have opportunities open.

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History in the Making...



50th Australian Van Nationals Easter 2025....

This all seemed so far away when our club finally won the bid to bring this iconic event home for its 50th birthday. Now it is less than 5 years!!!

Planning is already under way to make this an event worthy of such a place in history **BUT... now we need YOUR help!!!**

Whether you live in the Mildura area or not does not matter you may be able to help as we are looking for info on the first 4 events held here and would like the stories from a few more people who attended one or more.

We have some! You will have seen photos of a few of our precious treasures on the opening page of this article but we need more...

- Did you attend one of the first four events held here New Year weekend in the late 1970's? They were held on Number 1 oval at Mildura Show Grounds at the time.
- Do you know someone who did or who may have you could ask?
- Over the years do you know what happened to any of the vans that were around at the time and could have attended one of these events? If we were able to find one of the local vans tucked away in a shed would be fantastic regardless of its current condition.
- Tucked away in the memory cupboard do you have any photos, merchandise, an old flyer or anything that would have come from one of the events. A trophy for example would be awesome!

We are trying to create a history of Vanning in Mildura in the 70's. Every bit of information no matter how small you think it may be could be a missing link that would help us put a section of information together.

If you know anything or anyone please contact the club and let us know. We would appreciate hearing from you.

Now as a part of the above we need your help again for a related thing...

Mildura's Van Club of the late 70's...

We know one existed but have not even been able to find its correct name. A reference in Sunraysia Daily in the late 70's speaks of the local Mildura Van Club now being over 200 members strong!

If you are one of those members or know one please let us know. This club is very much a part of the Mildura Vanning History and so all information we can source is vital for our records.

Even to source its correct name would be a huge start. To find out when the club was founded and by who would be terrific as it would be to find out when and why it was finally disbanded.

Any information or memorabilia like a club sticker or even where they met up would help to fill some of the gaps in our history.

So in summary if you were a part of the Mildura car scene at any point between 1975 and 1980 please contact us. We would love to hear from you! The next 5 years will fly away so fast and we would like to get the history written sooner rather than later so please come forward...

Please email the club on uteznvanz@live.com.au or call us on 0431 559 636

Finally get ready to enjoy our iconic event in 2025...

If you have a van in the shed now is the time to start sprucing it up!

If you would like to help us organise the event we would love to hear from you also.

Now to tantalize you....

A taste of what you will enjoy in 2025...



FOR THE KIDS

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JULY
COAT
COLD

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Joke Time

Q. What's a crocodile's favourite game?

A. Snap!

Q. What's small, furry and bright purple?

A. A koala holding its breath!

Q. What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A. A stick!

Q. Why did the emu cross the road?

A. To prove he wasn't a chicken!

Q. Why did the dingo cross the road twice?

A. Because he was a double-crosser!

Q. What's a koala's favourite drink?

A. Coca Koala!

Q. What do crocodiles call children?

A. Appetisers!

Q. What do you get when you cross a kangaroo with sheep?

A. A woolly jumper!

Q. What animal can jump higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

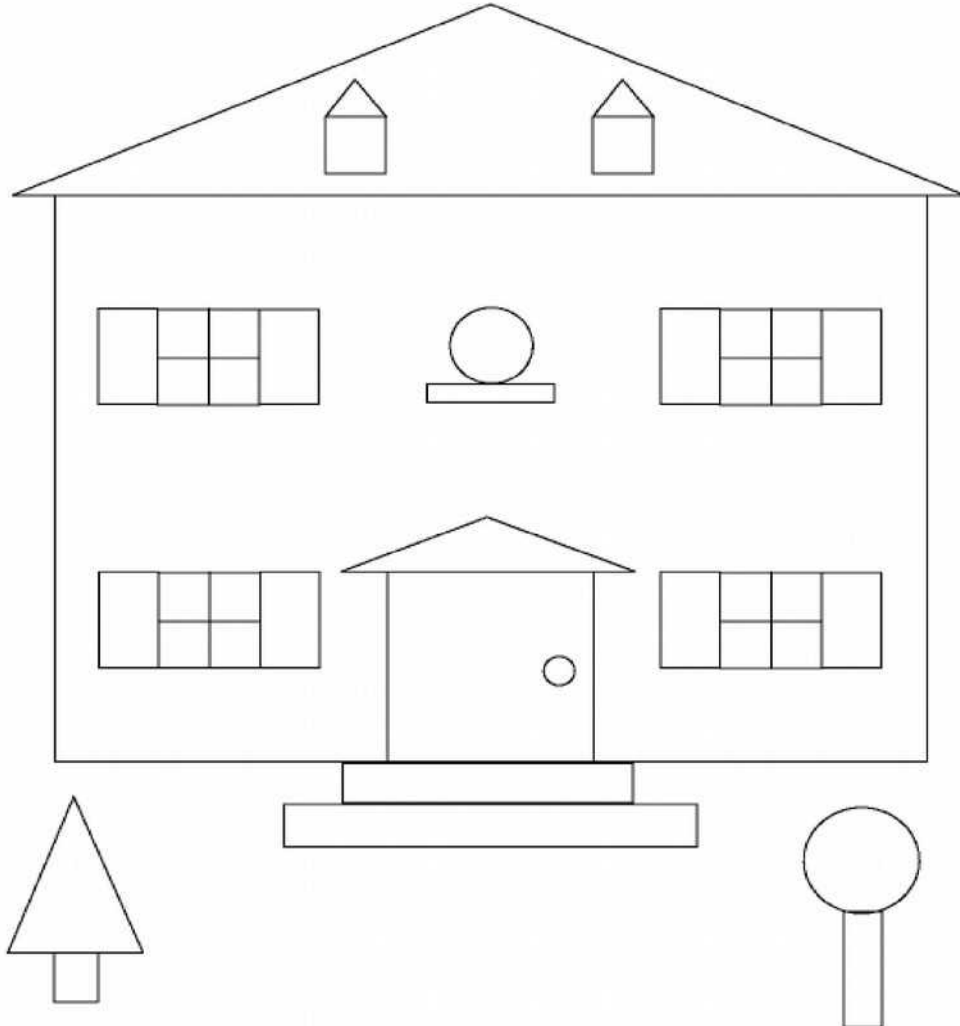
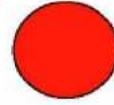
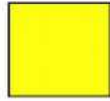
A. All animals, because bridges can't jump!

Q. Why do kangaroo mums hate bad weather?

A. Their joeys have to play inside!

It's Colour Time

Colour the house using the colour coded shapes as a guide.



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