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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

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Over the weekend we had our last run/meet for summer at Sandy Beach Reserve. Even though it was a long weekend, it was good to see so many people there enjoying the morning.



During March, the MARC of WA club committee will be getting together to discuss the introduction of the new C4C registration concession and how to introduce it into MARC of WA in-line with the goals of our club. It is hoped we can have something ready for the next run/meet to present to the meeting and if accepted, give MARC of WA a direction to move forward with.

As a reminder, there has been no change to 404 concession at this time and it will stay as is until April 2022. During this time, please make sure you keep to the 404 rules. This reprieve was largely due to the support we got from you, and members of every car club in Western Australia, writing to our politicians and voicing our objections to the proposed changes to 404. There is still a lot of work to do between now and April next year to try and keep the 404 rules as they are now (or at least to minimal change). We will keep you posted.

Hope to see you on the next run, in the meantime stay safe.

Dean Roberts

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Front Cover: Reg & Coral Blewitt after presentation of their Life Member certificates and badges

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel (secretary@modelafordclub.com.au)

It was great to gather at Sandy Beach Reserve on Sunday for our annual February meeting with the feeling that maybe this year we will manage to continue with monthly runs and meetings throughout the year. Of course, the same meeting last year was the last we managed before we had to shut down for a few months prior to arranging for some scattered gatherings as the year progressed. Hopefully we can round up our full complement of participants once more and return to normal.

I have heard from a couple of members who are either changing details of a vehicle or licensing a new acquisition. Please keep me informed of whatever changes you make to your details.

Kathleen Kuenzel

March Birthdays



Elizabeth Calhoun	Lorraine Steele
Frank Farrelly	Lachlan Steele
Evan Gobby	Cerena Stratford
Shirley Hall	Sue Swindell
Tom Hart	Gerard TenBokkel
Alex Kirkwood	Pamela TenBokkel
Rob Lazenby	Matthew White
Rob Mawson	Steph Will
Daniel Pinnington	

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

(editor@modelafordclub.com.au)

We have now setup “official” email addresses for key positions in the club. This not only looks more professional, but it means when the people in these key positions change, the email address will remain the same (eg you’ll always be able to use president@modelafordclub.com.au to email the “president-of-the-day”). It also means that if anyone is on an extended holiday, or indisposed for a period, the email address can be re-directed to a stand-in person.

Our website address is www.modelafordclub.com.au, and all the email addresses end the same way (ie with “@modelafordclub.com.au”).

The email addresses that have been created are:

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CMC DELEGATE'S REPORT

Toni Mahony

A general meeting of the CMC was held on 15th February, and was the biggest I have attended. The main issue discussed was the ongoing saga of C4C and 404 concessions. The C4C for modified vehicles has effectively been bedded-down now with a commencement date of mid April. The 404 Concession will be reviewed over the next 12 months, in consultation with the CMC’s negotiating team and others.

A small group of car clubs proposed to continue the pressure on the Department of Transport by various methods, insisting no changes are to be made to the 404. However, after much vigorous discussion, this issue was voted upon with the result being in the negative. There is not much point in protesting something when we don’t yet know what the DoT has in mind regarding changes to the current system. While we would all like no changes to happen to 404, we know that there will be some changes - but are trying to keep them to a minimum. An additional person has been added to the negotiating team to bolster their expertise.

A proposed **foundation** (or similar) is in the early stages of being set-up using CMC funds. The aim of the foundation will be to promote motoring pursuits/interest amongst the young. The legalities and tax options are currently under review and discussion.

A re-enactment of the Australian leg of the 1968 **London to Sydney Marathon** will commence from Whiteman Park on 28th October 2021.

The **Classic Car Show** will be held on the 18th April at Ascot. If you are planning to attend with your Model A, please get in touch with Ray Mahony ASAP.

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ray Mahony

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

URGENTLY NEEDED

Members required to organise monthly runs for April, May, June, July and so-on for the rest of the year.

Contact Ray Mahony

March

Event: Coffee Run

Date: Wed 17th March

Time: 10am

Location: Mid-Century Café & Collectibles, corner Michael St & Knight Ave, Yokine

Details: To ensure we have a big-enough table, please let Alan or Edith know if you are coming by Wed 10th March

Organisers: Alan & Edith Jeffree

Event: Monthly run & meeting - a 40th anniversary re-run of the first MARC run held in 1981

Date: Sunday 21st March

Time: 10am for 10:30am departure

Location: Taylor St, McCallum Park, South Perth (heading to Mundaring via John Forrest National Park)

Details: A short run (about 1 hour) with no morning tea stop

Organisers: Anne & Ian Steer

April

Event: Monthly run & meeting

Date:

Organiser: ****Organiser wanted****

Event: CMC Classic Car Show

Date: 18th April - 10.00am to 3.00pm

Location: Ascot Race Course

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/628317134503320>

Organiser: Council of Motoring Clubs

MARC Coordinator: Ray Mahony

Anyone planning to attend must register themselves at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNBNN>

Please let Ray Mahony know you are planning to attend.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ray Mahony

April

- Event:** Curtin Radio Car Spectacular
Date: 11th April
Location: Trinity College Playing Fields
Details: Entry from 6.30 to 9.00 **(No departure before 3.00pm)**
Organiser: See Horace Misko for more information.

April/May

- Event:** MARC Winter Getaway
Dates: 30th April to 11th May
Location: Pioneer Village car park, Armadale
Details: See February newsletter for details, and page 8 for an update
Organisers: Edith Jeffree & Toni Mahony

May

- Event:** Northam High School Centenary Celebration
Date: 15th May
Location: Northam High School Oval Trinity College Playing Fields
Details: 10.00 to 3.00
Organiser: Contact Ray Mahony

June/July

- Event:** North-West Run
Date: 26th June - (approx.) 24th July
Details: See page 11 for details
Organiser: Wayne Millman

September 2022

- Event:** 27th Model A National Meet
Date: 11-17th September
Location: Goulburn, New South Wales
Details: [National Meet 2022 Information Page](#)
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of New South Wales

Club-Sanctioned Events

March

- Event:** Classic Cars & Coffee
Date: 28th March 8.30 to 10.00
Location: UWA Business School Car Park
Hackett Drive, Crawley
Details: \$10 entry per car

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ray Mahony

March (cont'd)

Event: NZ National Model A Ford Rally
Date: 28th March - 4th April 2021
Location: Gisborne, NZ
Details: gisbornemodelafordrally@gmail.com

April

Event: Easter Rally
Date: 2nd to 4th April
Location: Albany
Details: contact jensinclair@gmail.com
Organiser: Veteran Car Club of W.A.

Monthly

Event: LBW (Leeming, Bullcreek, Willetton) Coffee Run
Date: 1st Tuesday of every month (except January)
Time: 10am
Location: Ruby's Bakehouse, 1 Dundee St, Leeming
Organiser: Steve Seddon (VCC)

September 2022

Event: "RED DUST REVIVAL"
Date: 19th to 25th September
Location: Lake Perkolilli



I'm not sure what motor it is running, but it has a Model A grille and front axle by the look of it. Note the tow hitch on the front, presumably to get it to and from the track. (Ron Andrews)

WINTER GETAWAY UPDATE

Toni Mahony

A 'shakedown' and mapping run was completed last week by the organisers. This should be a fun, relaxing, but reasonably long trip over the 12 days, with the emphasis of staying off the main roads and highways as much as possible. You will see a great deal of 'bush' along the way, but hopefully avoid the large log trucks and traffic. This run will be held over 2 weekends and the week between.

At this stage there are 13 entries, with several of those joining us for a weekend or along the way for part of the route. There are several lone drivers, so if anyone would like to come along and act as navigator/companion, please let us know.

If you haven't already booked your accommodation, do it soon to avoid disappointment. See February club newsletter for more details on accommodation ([click here to see February newsletter](#)).

Current participants:

Peter & Lorraine **Sartori**, Hans & Glenda **Hurij**, Wayne & Anne **Millman**, Ray & Toni **Mahony**, Alan & Edith **Jeffree**, Bob & Marilyn **Horgan**, Gerry **Ten Bokkel**, Ian & Anne **Steer**, Hamish & Dot, Tony & Pam (two families from Collie), Peter & Kaye **Eardley**, Neville & Sue **Swindell**

Contact Edith Jeffree or Toni Mahony for any further information.

Potentially interesting items out there on the web

Model A running on charcoal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g22U79seuNO> (What is the 2nd radiator for?)

Australian Weekly Zoom Meeting

Did you know there is a "Ford & Friends" weekly Zoom meeting originating in Australia?

Join us for our weekly virtual happy hour. Nothing specific planned, so bring any photos or stories and share with the group. Maybe we'll get another story from Mike Spencer about his misspent early adult life.....

Date and Time: Thursday at 2:00pm PST, 4:00pm CST, 5:00pm EST, 10:00pm GMT, Friday morning in Australia.

Hope to see you there,
Rob

Zoom Information:

Topic: Ford and Friends Weekly Virtual Happy Hour

Time: This is a recurring weekly meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81149433413>

Meeting ID: 811 4943 3413

MEMBER'S CAR STORIES

Read the story behind Peter & Kaye Eardley's 1930 Town Sedan :

<http://modelafordclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/memberscars/Peter-Eardley-Town-Sedan.pdf>

SANDY BEACH BREAKFAST RUN

Ian Steer



The annual Sandy Beach Reserve breakfast meet (organised by Anthony & Debbie Gilberthorpe in the family tradition) scored a fine and temperate morning for the last day of summer. About 40 members and 13 Model A's (one with a V8!) turned-up for the occasion, with a couple of cheeky moderns parking amongst them. Much barbequing of very aromatic breakfasts occurred - to make those of us that just brought cereals regret their decision.

During the meeting that followed, Alan Jeffree (the only new Life Member present) was presented with his Life Member's certificate and badge. Existing Life Members, Ray & Toni Mahony were presented with new Life Member's badges.



Dean presenting Alan Jeffree with his Life Membership certificate

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SANDY BEACH BREAKFAST RUN (CONT)

Ian Steer



Ray & Toni Mahony being presented with new Life Member's badges



The meeting under-way

NORTH-WEST RUN

Wayne Millman

This run takes-in the annual “race-round” events at Marble Bar, Roebourne and Carnarvon (for the atmosphere, rather than the actual horses).

We will be staying at caravan parks along the way. I understand everyone's circumstances are different, so please feel free to do all or only part of the run. I will be taking my little dog Molly.

The proposed itinerary is:

- Departure 26th June
- Return around 24th July
- 26th Meet up at Bakehaus Bindoon 9.30am. Perth to Paynes Find 390km O/N
- 27th Paynes Find to Karalundi 415km O/N
- 28th Karalundi to Newman 366km 2nights
- 30th Newman to Meentheena 234km 2nights
- 2nd July Meentheena to Marble Bar 90km 2nights
- 4th Marble Bar to Hedland 190km 3nights
- 7th Hedland to Port Sampson 215k 4nights
- 11th Port Sampson to Onslow 350km 2nights
- 13th Onslow to Minilya Roadhouse 350km O/N
- 14th Minilya to Carnarvon 140km 4nights
- 19th Carnarvon to Kalbarri 440km 2nights
- 21st Kalbarri to Geraldton 155km 2nights
- 23rd Geraldton to Perth 414km O/N
- 24th Perth to Collie 200km.

There is approximately 170km of unsealed road between Newman and Marble Bar, and also approximately 70km unsealed between NW Coastal Highway and Onslow via the Peedamulla Road.

At the time of going to press, there are 5 confirmed vehicles:

- Myself and my little dog - Model A ute
- Peter & Kaye Eardley - Model Fordor & teardrop caravan
- Kim & Janette Seinor - Model A Fordor with teardrop caravan
- Alan & Edith Jeffree - Model A ute and tent
- Tania Piercy & Darryl Freind

ALEX KIRKWOOD'S A MODEL STORY PT1

Alex Kirkwood, Western Model A News, November 2006

The July issue of Model A News covered the story of an A Model in Derby and on reading this I felt inspired to write a few words in relation to an A Model that I grew up with. When I was studying for my Leaving Certificate in 1963, at age 17, my father had a serious talk to me and told me to focus on my studies and forget the A Model.... He then went on to say that I would grow out of this obsession that I had with the A My father wasn't wrong very often, but in the latter phase of his life we still joked about that comment and how wrong it was. I have always had a deep passion for 28/29 A Models and maybe the story below will reveal the reasons why...so here goes.

WHY AN A

As a member of the Model A Restorers Club, people may ask...why restore an A Model? In my case I didn't stand a chance.

I was born in 1946 in Boulder and at that time, my father had already owned an A Model for 7 years, having purchased "Lizzie" for 25 pounds in 1939.

Lizzie was in fact a tourer that had been converted to the Aussie ute style and was used primarily by my dad as transport to and from work in the mines, to collect wood from the bush and to cart gear in relation to a hobby of gold prospecting.

You will note that Lizzie is referred to as an A Model. My father and other guys of that era referred to A Models and I never heard the term Model A used in conversation, although Model A is clearly the American terminology.

I can remember the A from way back when I used to go with my father and grandfather to collect wood. I can still remember clearly that Lizzie had a huge ability to cart a lot of wood and I still remember the spring (which had extra leaves) laying almost flat on the diff housings, but we always got home. (I was in serious trouble when I was about 16 and broke that spring as a result of pushing the old girl a little too fast through a creek bed.)

After the war in 1948, Dad decided to have Lizzie's engine rebuilt and this was undertaken by "Jack Hehir's Ford House" in Kalgoorlie. The rebuild was extensive and I still have the original invoices which show the total cost to be 37 pounds. As an example, 4 new 30th O/S pistons cost 4 pounds, a set of 8 valves cost 2 pound 7 shillings and so the list goes on. I also have the Motor Spirit Consumers License together with some unused 2-gallon ration tickets relative to Lizzie. These were last used in February 1950.

As a kid, I can remember being out prospecting in the A and recall one occasion when we were travelling slowly along a bush track and my father was paying so much attention to a small goldmine that he got off course and hit a low tree stump. This rearranged the front axle and broke the bell housing where the radius rod attached. Some ingenuity got us home and the old girl was returned to working order ready for the next weekend. On another occasion, part of the original fan dislodged and put a small dent in the side of the bonnet. A 4 blade fan was then fitted.

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ALEX KIRKWOOD'S STORY (CONT)

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From an early age I became quite passionate about the A and learnt to drive Lizzie at age 12and it didn't take long to take off without stalling as if I did stall the engine, my father would simply hand me the crank handle.

As a young bloke I looked for every excuse to drive the ute and by the time license time had arrived, I was quite an experienced bush driver....but things were a little different in Boulder in the 1960's.

At age 16 while in Perth I purchased a Floyd Clymer publication titled "How to Restore the Model A Ford". At that time I began to tidy the A which included painting the engine green and painting the front and back axles silver...which was the "in" thing at the time. I also added some stripes to the radiator shell, but I was overruled on that and had to repaint the shell. This was clearly the beginning of a restoration bug.

For my leaving certificate (ATAR) mechanical drawing project, I prepared a series of drawings of an A engine. The scales were taken from the above mentioned book and an old engine block that I had acquired. I still have these drawings and they even show Lizzie's engine number (CA 47519).

The leaving certificate was an interesting exercise as I was so taken with the A that I was continually told to forget Lizzie and concentrate on my studies, but that was not easy. I even resorted to sitting in the shed in the old girl to quietly read my textbooks.

Once I turned 17 I was able to cruise the streets, but when the A ran into engine trouble, I convinced my father to purchase a B Model engine from a wrecker named Reg Adams in Kalgoorlie. We had this engine rebored and Dad taught me how to scrape white metal bearings and how to assemble the motor. I converted this engine to fit the A (I still have this engine)

and then purchased a better radiator for 10 bob (also still have) which allowed prolonged travel and we had fantastic fun wandering far and wide around the goldfields. The photos below with the 3 guys



With constant A passenger Mitzie.

ALEX KIRKWOOD'S STORY (CONT)

Western Model A news, November 2006

(that's me in the overalls) was taken south of what is now Kambalda, but the road to get there at that stage was a rough gravel road called Celebration Road for part of the way and then a rough bush track. But despite our travels, we never broke down and always got home.

(to be continued)



South of where Kambalda now is, 1963



On a little used road, 1963

TECHNICAL TIP

Dick Przywitowski (taken from *The AaaaOOOgah! LaFayette, Colorado*)

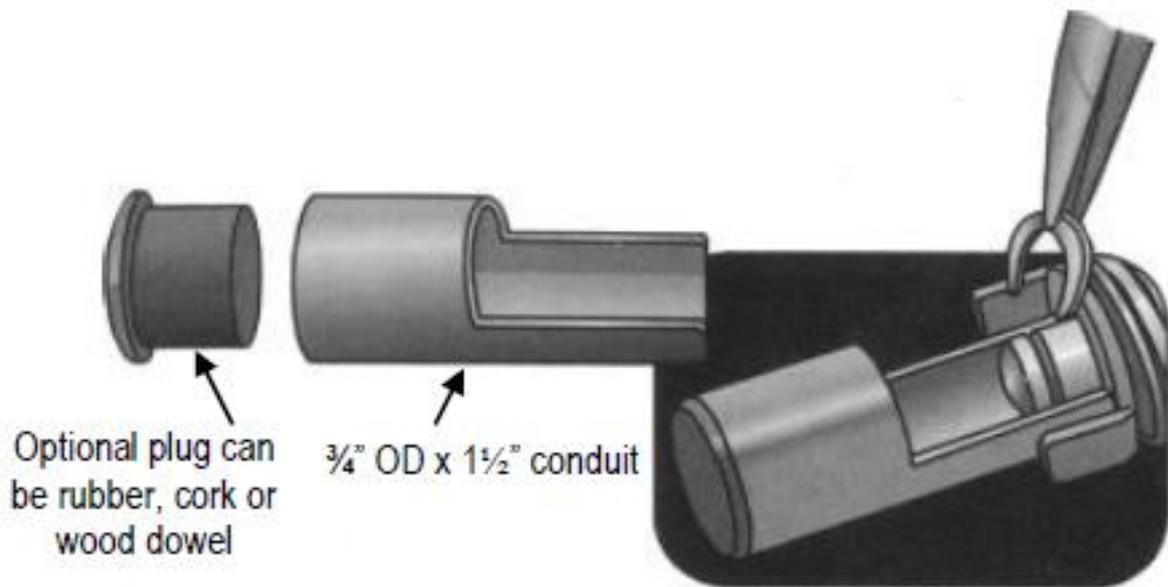
An easy to make tool to seat a horn rod clip

This tool will help to seat the clip on the end of the horn rod, which can be frustrating and sometimes painful.

The tool is a short piece of 3/4" OD conduit about 1 1/2" long. Cut with a hacksaw half way through the conduit vertically and horizontally, taking 1/4 of the piece of conduit out. An optional plug can be inserted in the end of the tube to catch the clip if it falls. *Note: You may need to squeeze the half round portion a little to fit the spider.*

To use:

1. Move the light switch 90 degrees, so that the forks of the spider are horizontal.
2. Hold the horn rod down using a ruler or similar item.
3. Set the spring and the spider on the horn rod end and press the tube to expose the notch that the clip goes into.
4. Seat the clip using needle nose pliers or forceps.



MODEL A COMINGS & GOINGS

A prospective new member (Gavin) was at the Sandy Beach breakfast meeting. Gavin has an early 1928 AR coming from country Victoria, and will be only the 4th owner of the car. We look forward to seeing Gavin again.

DIY CAR PAINT SHOP

From: Car Paint Hello <hello@carpaint.com.au>
Date: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 11:29 am
Subject: Spray Booth Welcome Offer (WA Car Clubs)

Dear Car Club Presidents (and car enthusiasts!),

For those of you who don't know us, we were **Autopower Car Paint Centre** (in Balcatta) and are a DIY car paint shop, now operating in our 43rd year.
We've met a lot of you at the Classic Car Shows or Motorbike shows, or just from you popping in over the years.

We wanted to let you know that end of last year we moved down the road, changed our name to *That Car Paint Shop* & now have a bigger shop.

We also have an exciting development: a workshop with a WA-Made (Zodiac Semi Down Draft Bake Oven) Spray Booth that is ready for hire,
PLUS we're running basic courses on how to spray, with advanced courses planned for the future. (Don't worry - we're still the same owners, with the same practical advice and many-years of knowledge.)

We'd like to offer your clubs a welcome offer where their first booth OR course booking will include a \$50 discount on any product they buy.

Our new details:

New Address: Unit 12, 30 Erindale Rd, Balcatta (next to the BBQ place)

Opening Hours: 8:30am - 5:15pm (Mon-Fri) or 8:30am-12pm (Sat)

New Email: hello@carpaint.com.au

Phone: 9345 3812

Facebook: fb.com/thatcarpaintshop - follow us for all updates!

Bookings: for COURSE or SPRAY BOOTH hire - go onto bookings.carpaint.com.au for all details & FAQs, or give us a call to book in.

To Redeem Offer: Book the booth or the course and let us know *which* car club you/they are from! We will automatically apply it when you come in :)

Please pass this information on to your club, and we hope to see you soon to help you with any project you have!

We won't be emailing you again as we don't want to intrude, so if you'd like us to tell you about upcoming courses, discounts & offers or you're happy to pass them on to your club - please let me know and I'll put you on our contact list.

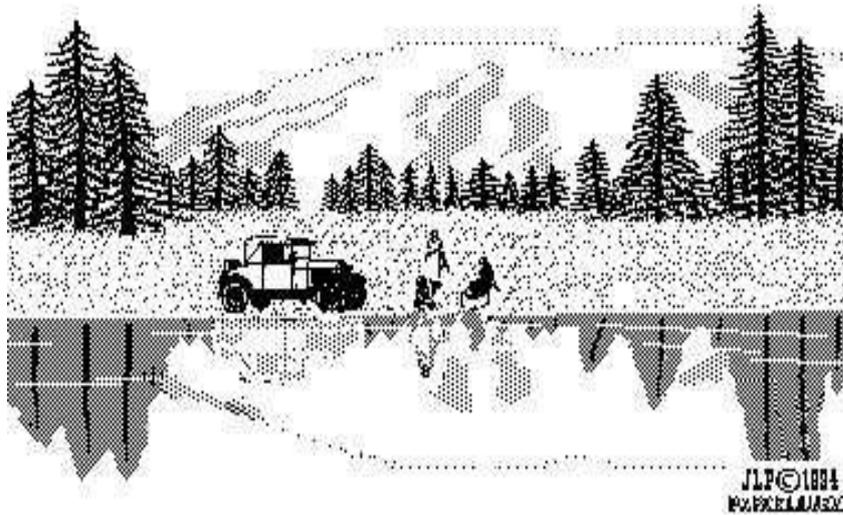
Thank you,
Amy & Nathan (that guy you normally see!)

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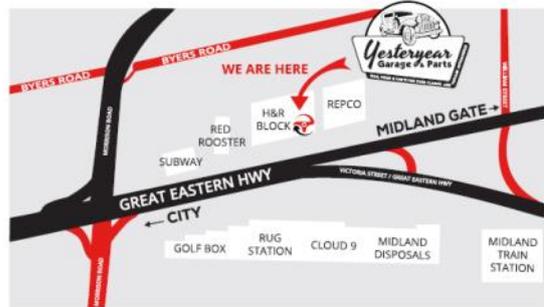
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