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# DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB INC.

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\*\*\* CAR OF THE YEAR \*\*\*  
1931 Chevrolet Roadster - Leigh Howes

### **DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB INC. (DVHCC)**

is a member of

The Federation of Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Victoria (FVVCVC) and  
The Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC)

The DVHCC Caters for vehicles manufactured prior to 31 December 1942.

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Next General Meeting will be held at the  
**Dandenong Agricultural Society Club Rooms.**  
**on Friday 7th July 2023**

Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet Street, Dandenong.  
Enter through the main gate, follow the bitumen to the end and turn right.  
Door open at 7.30pm. Meeting commences at 8.00pm,



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Hi Everyone,

I am hoping that this issue of your Club newsletter will arrive on time. I started with that statement last month and nothing has changed. A late request from the President saw some changes and relocation of pages happen so I could include a report and some photos about a special presentation to Joy and Lindsay Tharle. Well done both of you.

Congratulations to all the Clubs winners for 2023, the presentation dinner was a very enjoyable night with three very unsuspecting and surprised Club members being presented with Honorary Life Memberships of the DVHCC. Inc. Congratulations to you all.

Once again, thank you to all those of you who have sent in so many items for this month's magazine, Kevin C, John J, Ian C, Jim L, Rick C, Marg D and Gary S. ( Sorry Marg D. but I have not included the attendees to the spoke wheel maker as I ran out of room.)

Please remember that the next meeting on Friday 7th July 2023 will be the Annual General Meeting of the DVHCC. Inc. Please don't be shy and nominate for a position on the Committee all positions will be declared as vacant. The nomination forms are available from the Secretary.

Regards Rick.

Don't forget the Closing Date for the August 2023 Newsletter is the 14th July 2023.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**JUST A REMINDER IF YOU HAVE A CAR ON C.P.S. REGISTRATION YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 2 MEETINGS AND 1 CLUB RUN PER YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE, UNDER THE CLUB RULES, TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED.**

**Well, another month has been and gone and what a month it has been. June is the month for the newsletter cover competition, but sadly we only had one entry, and it was from Gary Stocking. Congratulations to Gary on your entry. We have received a suggestion from Max Hobson, to change the cover each month with a different club car. The committee discussed this idea and have agreed to go ahead with that suggestion, subject to it being approved by the members at our July meeting.**

**Our car run on the 4th of June was to Matt and Judy Weeks home in South Pakenham, to view their collection of cars and the restoration work in progress. The timber wheel spoke making machine, which he designed and built himself, was amazing. While Matt walked us around the workshop, Judy had morning tea ready for anyone who wanted it. Thanks to a beautiful couple and perfect hosts. Then we went to the Koo Wee Rup Hotel for a really nice seniors' lunch, it must have been good as I did not hear any complaints. It was a great day out with our club friends.**

**Our presentation dinner on the 10th of June was well attended by members and a few visitors. Thank You to the people who helped set up the hall. A big Thank You to the member who supplied all those little chocolate boxes. Another big Thank You to everyone who helped clean up at the end.**

**Congratulations to all you trophy winners, you are all worthy winners. Well Done!**

**The highlight of the night was when Jim Lang took over the microphone at the end of the presentations and with Kevin Clarence's help, presented 3 life memberships to Club members. Firstly to Mazz Lafrank, then to Heather Lyon, and lastly to myself. Those sneaky committee members did this behind my back.**

**On behalf of the 3 of us, we all thank you very much, we don't do this for the accolades as we all enjoy doing things for the Club.**

**A special thank you to Ray Griffin for being the perfect steward, collecting the dirty dishes and taking them back to the kitchen, but at the end of the night we could not help Ray to get his car going. We had to leave him and Marg sitting in the car park waiting for a tow truck, they finally got home about 2am.**

**Drive safely but have fun, Ian.**

# Minutes of General Meeting of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on 2nd. June 2023.

Meeting Opened 8.02 pm.

Ian:

- Welcomed a visitor (Vernon) who introduced himself and outlined his 50 years of collecting cars
- Provided details of the Presentation Dinner
- Provided details of the weekend away in 2024 which is the 50th anniversary of DVHCC

Apologies: Brian Jeliff, Les Lucas, Peter and Margaret Jones, June Stocking, Eileen Thomas, Aub Smith, Kevin Clarence, Ron and Pam Barnett, Myra Capes, , Roger Bowen, , Paul Tangey, Rick and Jill Cove, Amanda Eagles

Minutes Motion: The minutes of the April General Meeting published in the June newsletter be accepted as accurate. Moved Ray Griffin Seconded Len Mizzi Passed

## Secretaries Report

### May 2023 Inward correspondence

- AOMC – Garage Girls – play about Melbourne's first all girl garage in the 20's
- National Motor Museum newsletter
- AOMC newsletter
- AOMC delegates meeting by 3
- AOMC Automotive Historian
- AOMC National Motoring Heritage Day by 2
- AOMC Lane 88 Museum
- AOMC Club Management Seminar June 17
- AOMC Europe 2024 tour
- The Australian MOTORLIFE Museum Magazine
- AOMC Wangaratta Annual Spring Rally
- Federation – Fuel emissions calculator

### Advertising Flyers

- Clair Brojan Air Fresheners
- Moorabbin Air Museum
- Coorong Reality news
- Rare Spares by 2
- Micawbar Tavern Belgrave by 1
- Shannons by 5
- Penrite by 4
- Bend Motor Sport by 3
- Performance Garage by 2
- Auto equip online by 1
- Pitstop online by 4
- Retromotive Magazine by 3

2 Club Magazines by email

6 Club Magazines by Post

May 2023 Outward correspondence – sympathy card to Rankin family

Motion: that the inwards correspondence is received, and outward correspondence approved for the month of May 2023. Moved Paul McMillan Seconded Michael Cogley Passed

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Treasurer's Report – Stan outlined the Swap financial transactions and the overall financial situation and outlined we need to chase up the invoice from the Steam Centre.

Motion: held over until next month as Treasurer is unwell.

Federation Report – Max outlined details on:

- Our application for Club banners has been approved
- Volunteers needed for Bendigo Swap
- Marong Picnic August 27 followed by week-long tour across northern Victoria
- VicRoads and odd number plates
- Money collected for Peter Mac Cancer

AOMC Report – will be listed in the newsletter.

Editor Report – editor requires more articles and asks for more personal stories on club involvement

Scoresby Picnic – we need a new date due to Easter

Web Master Report - nil

Swap Report – Gary outlined overwhelming positive results of member consultation –  
- details to be uploaded to the DVHCC web page and the DVHCC Facebook page.

Magazine Cover – Gary was the only entry – Max asked the committee to consider changing the cover each month with a different club car

## Past Events

- Garage run – great day and Ian thanked the hosts for their hospitality
- Market 3196 – relaxing day and pub lunch

## Future Events

- 4th June Wooden Spoke wheel man in Koo Wee Rup
- 10th June Presentation Dinner
- 21st June mid week run DFO Moorabbin
- 25 June – Lane 86 Museum
- 27th June retiring committee dinner
- 7th July – AGM and General Meeting

General Business. There was a discussion on:

- Carol Bloodworth gone into palliative care
- Brain Rankin funeral in Pakenham
- Motoring Heritage Day
- Sam discussed Horse drawn vehicle competition; Heyfield Truck Show; and George Holman gone into aged care

## Car or Parts for Sale

- Austin 7 from last month is still for sale

Meeting Closed 8.50

Jim Lang Secretary

Ian Clark President

# COMING EVENTS

**July 7th. DVHCC.Inc AGM at DAS.**

*Tonight we will be deciding on the design for the DVHCC.Inc. 50th Anniversary Badge.*

***Tonight is our AGM, Nomination Forms are available from the Secretary.  
Please consider nominating for a committee position.***



**July 9 - Moorabbin Air Museum, 12 First Street, Moorabbin Airport 3194. Arrive at 10.30.**  
Cost is \$10, although Concession / Pensioner are \$7.

The Club will pay for a guided tour to start at 11.00 am. Cheltenham RSL is nearby for anyone wanting to go for lunch. The Museum has one of the most significant collections of aircraft and engines in Australia and is

**July 19th. Mid-week Run. Waverley Antique Bazaar: Address: 88 Garden Road Clayton 3168**

Opens at 10.00 am. There are more than 400 stalls and a map is available at the front counter. Lunch to follow at the Vale Hotel, cnr Springvale Road and Princes Hwy.

**August 4th. DVHCC Inc. General Meeting at DAS.**

**August 6th. UPWAY R.S.L. to view their museum then lunch there.. Meet 11.45am.**

**August 16th. Mid-week Run. The 1812 Theatre. 3 Rose St. Upper Fern Tree Gully.**  
Meet at the Royal Hotel for Lunch at 12.00pm. 1208 Burwood Hwy. Fern Tree Gully.  
Booked for 40+ mention DVHCC Inc.

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***HAPPY 80TH. BIRTHDAY,  
JOAN GRAHAM !  
With love and best wishes from  
all your friends at the DVHCC.***



# Presentation Dinner

## June 2023

The 2023 DVHCC Presentation Dinner at the Keysborough Masonic Centre went off with a 'Bang'. Well not really, but it was a night that will not be forgotten for a long time.

61 of us danced or listened to the music supplied by the band, most chatted and caught up with friends not seen for a while.

The Committee were introduced by President Ian and those who won perpetual trophies last year were given a memento trophy to keep as a reminder of their previous success.

And the band played on.

Dinner was served table by table and the spread was fantastic. Chicken, fish, lamb, savory nibbles, curries and more were supported by a wide range of salads and other add-ons.

Raffle prizes were won and the perpetual trophies were presented to many surprised winners.

Well, what happened next??

Secretary Jim Lang took to the microphone and after explaining the history of the Honorary Life Membership of the DVHCC and after explaining that there were not many lady recipients, Jim called up a very surprised Mazz Lafrank and with Kevin Clarence's help, presented Mazz with Honorary Life Membership of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc. It doesn't happen very often, but Mazz was speechless.

Not to leave it there, Jim then called up another lady, Heather Lyons, the Presidents lady, and they also presented Heather with a very well-earned Honorary Life Membership of the DVHCC. Inc.

But Jim was still not finished, he related the exploits of a well-loved person, who has more that served the DVHCC over the past 18 or so years, both on the Committee and as President. Your President, Ian Clark, was then to much acclaim, also presented with Honorary Life Membership of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club .Inc.

Our congratulations to all three of you and thank you for the work you all have done for the Dandenong Valley Historical Car Club Inc. over the years.

Sweets were then served and what a selection there was. It was to prove that, after the main course, many members had eyes bigger than their stomachs.

And the band played on.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

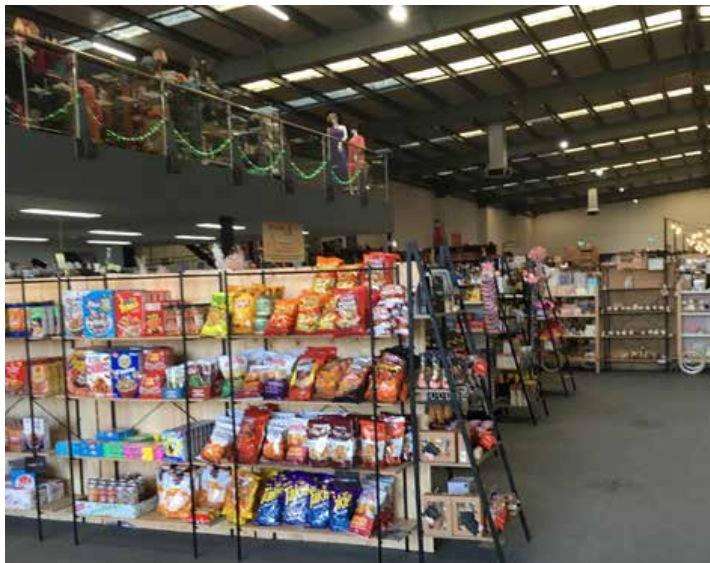
...Rick C.

*(Photos on the middle pages.)*

## A trip to Market 3196 17th. May.



I don't think Matt the Barista quite knew what hit him, when a large group of DVHCC members descended on his coffee shop for coffee and Devonshire teas on May 17, but after calling in some extra help he catered for us all. The coffee shop was in the market building so after the "inner man" was satisfied we all spent time wandering around the huge display area. In this market you can buy just about anything, including groceries, clothing, bic-a-brac, jewellery, toys, etc. No I don't think the motorcycle and side car were for sale. Altogether a pleasant and entertaining morning.



A wide variety of goods were on offer.



Everyone looks to be enjoying themselves, especially Stan.





**PRESENTATION DINNER PHOTOS - Rock and Roll Theme.**



Heather really dressed for the theme with a Rock and a Roll.





Congratulations!

**Congratulations to three most worthy recipients who have been granted Life Membership of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.**

**Vice-President Kevin Clarence is seen here presenting Ian Clark, Heather Lyons and Mazz Lafrank with the highest honour this Club can award. Honorary Life Membership, for their outstanding example of Clubmanship and devotion to the ideals of preservation and restoration of historic vehicles and the continuing success of our Club.**



Ian Clark.



Heather Lyons.



Mazz Lafrank.

**WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!**



# PRESENTATION DINNER - CLUB WINNERS.



Presidents Award winner  
Michael Cogley.



Car of the year winner  
Gary and June Stocking.  
1934 Plymouth sedan.



Touring Trophy winner.  
Leigh Howes.



Peter Gabe Literacy Award – Les Thomas.



Special Road Event winners.  
Graham and Sue Bates.



2022 Special Road Event.  
Stan and Marg Snyders.



2022 Car of the Year.  
Leigh Howes.  
1931 Chev Roadster.



2022 Presidents Award.  
Joy and Lindsey Tharle.



2022 Touring Trophy - Leigh Howes.



Les Lucas being presented with  
an Appreciation Award for  
services rendered.



Graham Bates also received  
an Appreciation Award for  
services rendered.





# A Trip to the spoke wheel maker. 4th June 2023.





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We were certainly blessed for our first winter club run, with mild temperatures and bright sunshine. After meeting for coffee and a chat at the BP servo at Officer, we had a short drive to the home and workshops of Matt Weeks, at Koo Wee Rup North. Matt is best known for his spoke wheel repairs, but he also has a full restoration facility as can be seen in the photos.

After sticky buns and tea and coffee, Matt demonstrated the manufacture of wooden wheel spokes. He has a machine that copies from a sample and produces four spokes at a time, from specially selected and cut timber. We then were able to roam around Matt's workshops and study his projects in progress.

In the main workshop area, Matt had a sheet metal guillotine, a folder and welding equipment. He also had a large lathe for manufacturing parts as well as a comprehensive tool set. Projects in the workshop were a Dodge 4 undergoing a total restoration, a very early Daimler for which Matt was making body panels, and a Chevrolet truck. Behind the main workshop was a "Body shop". There Matt was working on a Holden FJ ute, and a WW2 Willys Jeep. Matt's own Dodges were also on display.

Altogether a very interesting couple of hours, and it is terrific to see some of the traditional skills being used, in an age where such skills are being lost.

From there, we took another short drive in the sunshine to Koo Wee Rup, to the Royal hotel, for lunch.

Some really excellent meals were served up and the \$20 Seniors Meals were more than adequate.

Another couple of hours relaxing and chatting followed before we all headed home well satisfied.

**Frazer Carless**



Sir Vival was to be the car of the future. It would seriously challenge existing car design. A safety conscious public was expected eschew conventional cars and live longer. NONE of this occurred. Bridget Driscoll has earned an unenviable place in The Guinness Book Of Records. In 1896, she walked in front of a car. Although it was travelling at only 6 or 7 km/hr, she became the first road fatality. At that time, an authority proclaimed that steps must be taken to ensure that such a tragedy must never be repeated. If only.

In Australia, 700 people died in road accidents in 1925. The toll had risen to 1643 killed in 1950, and 2468 fatalities in 1960. Road toll in USA, during the 1950's, ranged from a low of 34763 in 1950 to a high of 39628 in 1956.

Jerome Walter from Massachusetts decided that action must be taken, and that he was the person for the task. Jerome was an engineering graduate who lamented that car companies preferred style and body changes to safety. His Sir Vival had safety features that were not adopted for several years by other auto manufacturers. These included seat belts and a strengthened body via a roll cage, side lights, air bags and shock absorbing bumpers.

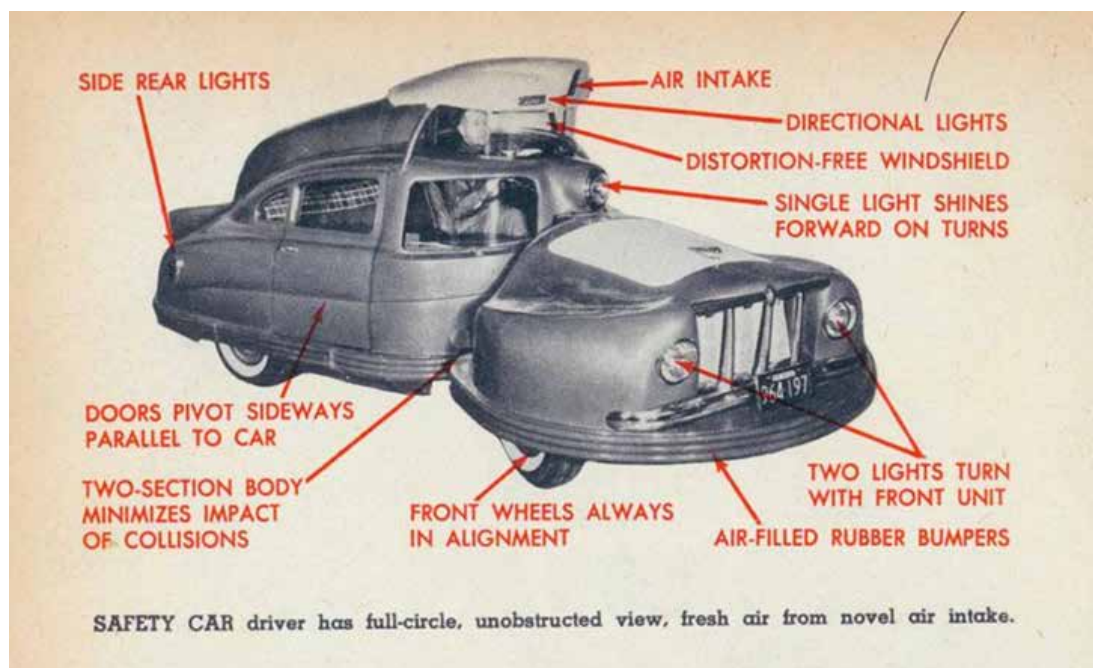
A motorist in an old car may be struck by the steering wheel, or crushed by a dislodged motor. A modern car has a collapsible steering column and a construction that causes the motor to deflect down in a collision. Jerome's Sir Vival may have received greater acceptance had he pioneered such features. Instead he created a two part vehicle so that the engine and front wheels were separate from the passenger compartment. This was done via an articulated joint. In an accident, the passengers were to be protected by the sections swiveling about that joint. As this occurred, the impact of the collision would be greatly reduced as energy was absorbed. The same principle of energy absorption is used in today's cars via a crumple zone.

As prevention is better than cure, the driver's visibility was panoramic. The driver's seat was almost one metre above passengers to provide an unobstructed view.

Jerome commenced his project with a 1948 Hudson, and persevered for ten years. By then, his Sir Vival bore minimal resemblance to the Hudson. He spent years endeavoring to find investors, and displayed his Sir Vival at several car shows. Publicity was also gained via features in magazines.

His endeavors failed to gain public acceptance. Appearance was a significant reason, and so was price. Cost was double that of the then current Cadillac.

His prototype remains the sole production. It was stored for many years. Its owner has refused purchase offers, and so it languishes in storage for the foreseeable future. Preservation will occur, but restoration awaits some hard to find parts, and an enthusiast with much money and determination.





July Aileen and Les Thomas.

Brian Jellif/ Tong Ho

AUGUST Byron and Janice Savory. Leigh Howes/ Graham Chard

If you cannot do your roster, PLEASE arrange with someone else.

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***The story of the first pedestrian road death. 17th August 1897.***

The death of Bridget Driscoll (c.1851 – 17 August 1896) was the first recorded case of a pedestrian killed in a collision with a motor car. Mrs. Driscoll, in the company of her teenage daughter, May, and her friend Elizabeth Murphy, was crossing Dolphin Terrace in the grounds of the Crystal Palace in London when she was struck by the car belonging to the Anglo-French Motor Carriage Company that was being used to give demonstration rides. One witness described the car as being driven at **"a reckless pace, in fact, like a fire engine"**. Arthur Edsell was driving the car he personally tuned to a speed of 4.5 miles per hour during the demonstration run on a public road. The car, a Roger-Benz, was the property of the Anglo-French Motor Company Ltd. During the inquest, witnesses said that the other two cars were at least 35 yards in advance of the third car which was running quickly, and the deceased woman did not see the notice boards "Beware of horseless carriages" posted up in the grounds.



Despite being ample room for the cars to pass, it is believed that driver, Arthur Edsell, had lost control, coming in a zig-zag fashion instead of straight ahead. The driver and one of his two passengers during the exhibition ride, Miss Ellen Standing, claimed that Mr. Edsell had rung his bell and shouted a warning. Several hours later the jury reached a verdict of accidental death. The coroner at the inquest hoped that **"such a thing would never happen again"**. The Crystal Palace company announced that they would bear the cost of Mrs. Driscoll's funeral.

Émile Roger bought a car from Benz in 1887. Soon after, he was selling Benz vehicles in France. In 1888 he founded his own automobile manufacturing company in Paris. Marketing was as **Roger or Roger-Benz**, as the vehicles were based on models made by Benz. Production ended in 1896. The Anglo-French Motor Carriage Company Ltd. from Birmingham, under the direction of Frank Gardner and Léon L'Hollier sold the vehicles in England between 1896 and 1897 under the brand name Anglo-French. The British company 'International Motor Car' also manufactured cars in its early years that corresponded to the Roger-Benz models.



*The death of Elaine Herzberg (August 2, 1968 – March 18, 2018) was the first recorded case of a pedestrian fatality involving a self-driving car, after a collision that occurred late in the evening of March 18, 2018. Herzberg was pushing a bicycle across a four-lane road in Tempe, Arizona, United States, when she was struck by an Uber test vehicle, which was operating in self-drive mode with a human safety backup driver sitting in the driving seat. Herzberg was taken to the local hospital where she died of her injuries.*

**The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents estimated 550,000 people had been killed on UK roads by 2010.** (All the above was taken from information found on the WWW.by Editor.)

## ***A PRESENTATION TO JOY AND LINDSAY THARLE.***

*On June 16th at the South Eastern Masonic Centre, Joy and Lindsay Tharle, were presented with a Certificate and a Badge of Merit Award from Freemasons Victoria. This award was only started 4 years ago and very few people have received it.*

*Joy and Lindsay received this award for their 60 plus years of community service. They have always supported each other in whatever community organizations they have been involved with. These include the C.F.A., the Lioness Club, the Country Women's Association, local Football Clubs, School Councils, For 20 years, they supported the Breakfast for Students at the Koo Wee Rup Secondary School as well as cooking and delivering meals for local people in need.*

*They are both foundation and Honorary Life Members of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc. They are foundation members of Masonic Unique Car Club.*

*They are awarded for helping set up and run the animal nursery at the Dandenong show for 40 years, where Joy was also made an Honorary Life Member.*

*There have been many other thing along the way whilst both were working full time and raising their3 boys.*

*Many thanks to Vic Wren and all his hard work in organizing and nominating them for this very special award.*

*On a personal note, thanks for being my big sister and my brother- in- law. You have always been ready with open arms to help myself and all your friends at any given moment.*

*Ian.*

**Vic Wren, Lindsay and Joy Tharle.**





## **Easy sausage roll recipe**

Time to make. **50 min** Difficulty **Easy.**

### **Ingredients.**

- Puff Pastry Sheets
- 1 kg Sausage Mince
- 1 Medium Brown Onion, finely diced
- 1 Medium Carrot, finely grated
- 1 Medium Zucchini, finely grated
- 3 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 2 Eggs
- 30g Tomato Paste
- 50ml BBQ Sauce
- 40ml Worcestershire Sauce
- 75g Breadcrumbs
- 80g Parmesan Cheese
- 15g Fresh Parsley, chopped
- Black Pepper - to taste
- Sea Salt Flakes - to taste.

### **Method.**

1. Place diced onion, grated carrot, grated zucchini and garlic in the large bowl. Pour over the tomato paste, BBQ sauce, Worcestershire sauce and egg. Add in salt and pepper. Give it all a thorough mix with a whisk until everything is combined.
2. Add in the mince, mix with the vegetables together. Sprinkle over the breadcrumbs, cheese and parsley and keep mixing until it all comes together.
3. Cut the pastry sheets in half or third, depending on the size.
4. Arrange the mince mix in a log shape along the centre of each pastry sheet. Brush one long side of pastry with the egg and roll up to enclose filling.
5. Cut each giant sausage roll into two normal sized ones, or six party sized rolls. Place seam side down on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Make sure each roll is at least 3cm apart so the pastry will puff properly.
6. Egg wash each sausage roll.
7. Put the sausage rolls in the preheated oven and bake at 190C for 30-35 minutes, or until the pastry is golden brown.



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# **Only in Britain - Complaints to Councils**

## **Extracts from letters written by council tenants:**

1. It is the dog's mess that I find hard to swallow.
2. I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
3. I wish to complain that my father twisted his ankle very badly when he put his foot in the hole in his back passage.
- 4 Their 18-year-old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
5. I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off.
6. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
7. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
8. Will you please send someone to mend the garden path? My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.
9. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
10. 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster, and 50% are just plain filthy.
11. The next-door neighbour has got this huge tool that vibrates the whole house and I just can't take it anymore
12. The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.
13. Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny colour and not fit to drink.
14. Our lavatory seat is broken in half and now is in three pieces.
15. I want to complain about the farmer across the road. Every morning at 6am his cock wakes me up and it's now getting too much for me.
16. The man next door has a large erection in the back garden, which is unsightly and dangerous.
17. Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.
18. I am a single woman living in a downstairs flat and would you please do something about the noise made by the man on top of me every night.
19. Please send a man with the right tool to finish the job and satisfy my wife.
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