

## From The Central West

Well, our area has joined many of the Sydney areas with a Covid outbreak thanks to a drug courier. Lockdown has changed our life a little as we battle to stay safe. Still, there is good news as both our local dams are full: Burrendong 110% and Wyangala 100%. Large releases of water are sent downstream to allow more storage capacity. Crops are looking very good and now we just need more labour to harvest closer to years end.

Of course all events have been canceled up here also and a trip to shops for essentials sometimes means giving one of my Morris cars a run. The battery charger is swapped around all cars and mowers, keeping everything in running order.

Hoping we all have had vaccinations and have downloaded our Covid passport, for when this all ends we may need it to have an outing. It's not that hard on My Gov...

**Members Cars** Gary Martin has sent in an update on his Morris Minor. For me, I have managed some jobs including some touch up paintwork on the Ute, and I have fitted 'daytime running lights' to my 4 door, plus a new rear window braking light which I found in a shed clean up - I have had it for years. Speaking of which see the Fathers Day card I got from my son.

Quick run to Bunnings last week and halfway home a backfire and the engine stopped - I coasted downhill to a parking spot, checking fuel pump/filters/flow etc. I found all OK it would sometimes start the engine and it would immediately stop. Around to distributor, I checked points/leads/etc, found nothing and was about to ring the NRMA when I pushed the low voltage lug on the side of the dizzy and found it was a loose fit: a squeeze with pliers and away the engine went.

**Shed Clean out** Sue has been helping me clean out our shed; it's amazing all the stuff

I have accumulated over years! It has taken about three days and a lot of stuff has gone; some sold, some given away, and some in the bin. Probably looking for it next week...

**Events** Nothing on of course but I was a bit desperate for something so I arranged a 'Virtual Cars & Coffee', complete with chair, coffee and windscreen banners. The neighbours probably thought I was mad.

### Mudgee weekend

This year's weekend was postponed, not canceled, and it is on next year: September 23-24; Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning. The reason for mentioning it early is that originally we were allocated ten cabins and already 8 are booked so if you are interested give the park a call and book Mudgee Holiday Park, Ph 63721090, and mention MMCCNSW. When lockdown finishes the place will be booked out.

Stay safe

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### From Gary Martin

Good day John,

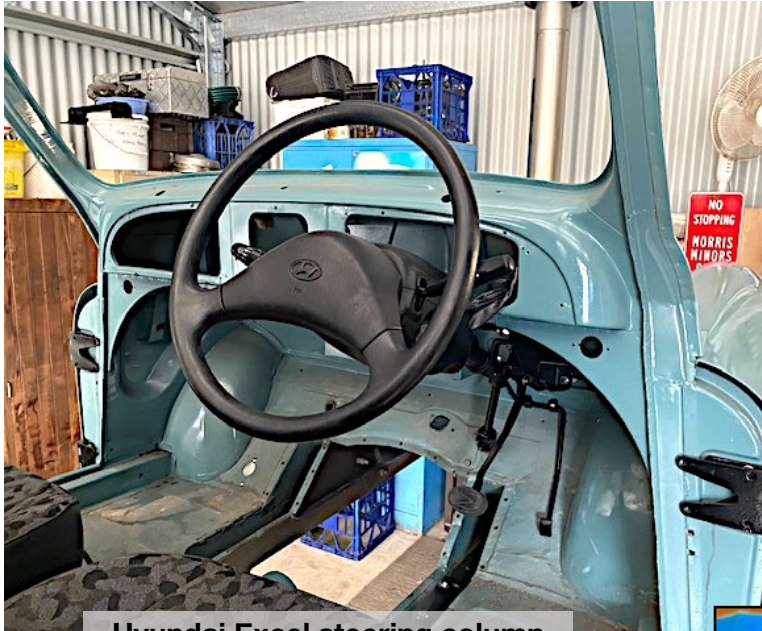
Hope you and yours are well. I have attached some photos of the progress I am making on the convertible. It's taken a while and some trial and error, but I am making progress. I was lucky that a friend of mine has given me 2 Hyundai Excels and a KE55 Corolla for parts, along with an Datsun 120Y, which I purchased for \$250. It is surprising what you can use out of these.

So the steering column is out of the Hyundai Excel, because it uses 2 steering universal joints; the steering column is straight and at a nice angle. The pedal box is out of the Datsun 120Y and the brake booster/master cylinder is out of the 120Y too.

The disc brake rotors are from a 1986 RB9 Gemini, fitted to the standard Morris hubs

and I am using backing plates and calipers from the KE55 Corolla. I also found a newspaper article, which was tucked into a Morris manual I brought I thought might be of interest.

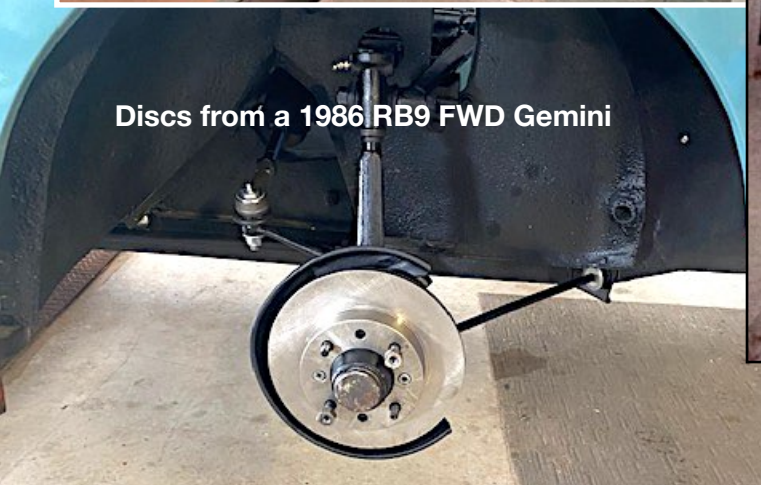
Kind regards  
Gary



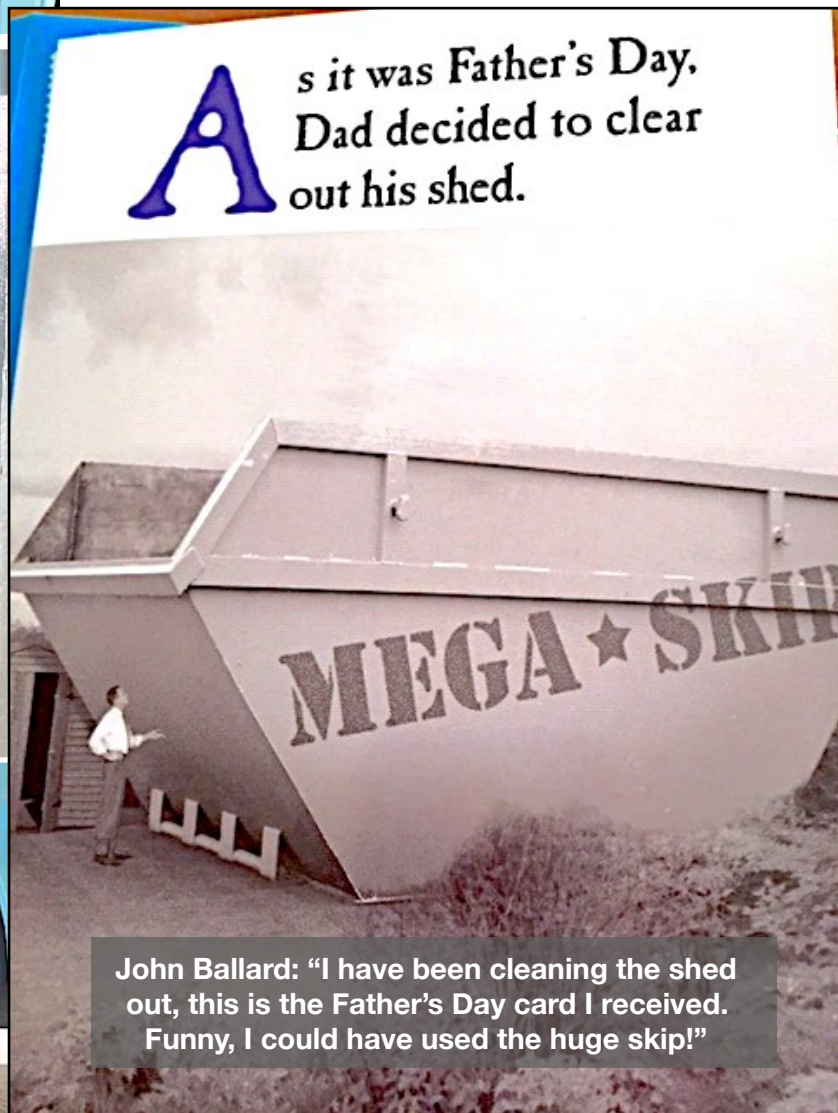
Hyundai Excel steering column



Datsun 120Y brake booster



Discs from a 1986 RB9 FWD Gemini



John Ballard: "I have been cleaning the shed out, this is the Father's Day card I received. Funny, I could have used the huge skip!"