



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK

# 2021 LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS



## Boulevard of Broken Cars

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STOPPED IN AT THE VIC  
MEAL AND A MIDSTRENGTH PITSTOP  
WITH A FREE BACK PARKING LOT  
THESE DAYS YOU HAVE TO PAY

SPOKE TO A MAN WITH A SHAKY HAND  
AND HE STARTED TELLING ME STORIES  
ABOUT THIS ROAD FROM A LONG  
TIME AGO  
BUSINESSES AND WHERE THEY WERE  
PROPER AND WHAT THEY DID

HE SAID 40 YEARS AGO  
THIS DRAG WAS ALL CAR YARDS  
MOTORCYCLE SHOPS AND AMUSEMENT  
ARCADES  
THERE WAS A DOLLAR TO BE MADE  
IN A SECOND HAND CAR SALE  
AND THIS IS WHERE THE SWEET  
TONGUES PLED THEIR TRADE  
THERE WAS A MILLION STORIES TOLD  
ON THIS DRAG AND SOME OF THEM  
WERE EVEN TRUE.

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HE TALKED ABOUT DOING UP  
HOT CARS  
BROUHAM'S MONAROS AND GTRS  
AND WHEN THE WORK WAS DONE  
YOU PICK UP YOUR GIRL  
AND GO CRUISING ON THE  
BOULEVARD OF BROKEN CARS  
SUCK AS A RAT WITH A NEW  
GOLD TOOTH

WE LEFT ME REMEMBERING  
THE FIRST TIME I SAW THIS  
STRIP AS A KID  
IT WAS LIKE SOME SORT  
OF WONDERLAND  
I CAME DOWN WITH MY OLDER  
BROTHERS MATES  
AND THEY WOULD LOOK  
FOR HEMIS COBRAS BIG V8S  
GO FOR TEST DRIVES

AND I'D BE LIKE A PINBALL  
ON A TRIPLE BONUS TRIP  
BOUNCING ROUND THE BACK  
SEAT

THINGS NOTHING LIKE  
BEING A TEEN BEHIND THE WHEEL  
OF A LARGE DISPLACEMENT  
AUTOMOBILE

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WRO GO HOME  
AND I COULDN'T WAIT FOR SCHOOL  
BECAUSE I'D HAVE BRUISES  
AND A WIDE EYED STORY  
TO TELL  
AND THIS IS JUST ONE  
MEMORY  
ONE STORY

FROM THE BOULEVARD OF  
BROKEN CARS

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