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at the Newcastle Branch June Tour  
parked in Merriwa



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# Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Club Meeting held on 28 August 2025. Conducted at the hall and via zoom

## ATTENDANCE

Committee: 7                      Members: 28                      On Zoom: 5

Member's family - 5                      Visitor: John Hewitt

Total club members: 40

## MEETING OPENED AT 8:02PM

**APOLOGIES:** Robert Fordham, Dale Fuller, Malcolm Garthon, Kerrie Hughes, Les Johnson, Neil Johnston, Phil O'Loan, Phil Virgona

## PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The Vice-President, Graeme Newman, welcomed members to the meeting at the hall and those on zoom. He commented on how pleasing it was to have Don Liddle, Neville Preston, Derrick Page, John Burke, as well as three of our youngest members, Harriette Martin, Jackson Shinfield and Angus Yeomans, at the meeting. He especially welcomed John Hewitt, David Cox, Kelly Burke and Rowan Alan to the meeting.

Sadly, the club has lost another member, Allen Blythe, who was 101 years old. He was member number 285. To remember Allen, members stood and observed one minute's silence. The Vice-President recalled Allen and his wife, Madge, on many rallies. Allen had a successful trailer hire business which was used by many members to collect many car parts and veterans. He was also involved in speedway racing and led a team to New Zealand. Graham Weekes shared his memories of Allen and his 35/36 Buick which he used on the speedway. John Hewitt recalled what a gentleman Allen was. The Vice-President sent condolences to Kerrie, his daughter, and the family.

## MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes arising from the minutes: Nil

Proposer: David McCredie                      Seconded: Gary Canton

## INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Fleming – change of address

Kerrie Hughes – death of Allen Blythe

Chris Grey – cancelling speaking to the club

CMC – invitation to Club Lotus Supersprint

J. Burke – notice of motion to be put at TAVCCA AGM to withdraw from FIVA

J. Fawbert – response re FIVA motion

September 2025

TAVCCA – re Montagu Award

TAVCCA – re motion to withdraw from FIVA requesting information

Email from Jackson Shinfield

Newcastle minutes

### OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations to AGM

Applications to Paul Butler Bequest for Premier Rally 2026 and June Tour 2026

Club email re Allan Blythe

Flowers to Blythe family

Alan Miller – thank you for hosting visit

Tax return and AFR from Pratt and Partners

Harriette Martin, Jackson Shinfield and Angus Yeomans – reminders about AGM tasks

Email to TAVCCA re motion to withdraw from FIVA

Proposer: Graham Weekes

Seconded: Peter Martin

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was tabled. The balances are from 24 July to 28 August 2025. Balances are:

Moved: Dorothy Shinfield    Seconded: Barry Shinfield

**MAGAZINE** Lauren apologised about the lateness of the magazine. She welcomed Rod to the meeting. She is helping Rod gather content for the next issue.

### **EVENTS**

#### PAST EVENTS

**27 July – Garage crawl to Alan Millers** – Peter Martin enjoyed the garage crawl. There were two veterans – the Munro driven by Ian Bourke and Maxwell Boardman's Model T Ford. It was interesting to see Alan's collection and workshop. The catering was excellent. One family came from Canberra

where it was -7o to get warm! Peter is looking forward to the next garage crawl!

**10 August - Newcastle Branch visit to Paterson Courthouse** - Cancelled again due to the inclement weather and will be organised in 2026.

**17 August - Shannon's Sydney Classic at Eastern Creek** - Graham Weekes reported that his 1908 Buick won the concours d'elegance out of a field of 20 cars. Les Johnson had entered his 1910 Overland. Unfortunately, the cars were housed in a garage and missed most of the spectators. The Buick took two hours to start and Graham charged the battery. He loaded 5 of his 7 grandchildren into the car to do a circuit but they ended up pushing the Buick! Graham urged members to enter their cars into the concours as it forces you to finish the car. The members acknowledged Graham's success with a round of applause.

Gary Canton added that he attended an event at the weekend where the result of the concours was discussed and all agreed that although Les Johnson's Overland was a great restoration, the Buick deserved to win. John Hewitt agreed it was a close competition.

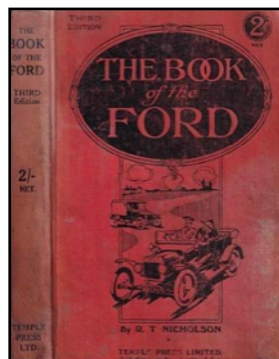
**23-24 August - Creepy Crawly Rally** - Peter Martin took 1907 Reo. The rally was held by HCCA around Bundanoon. On the Saturday the rally visited Fitzroy Falls and on Sunday, it went to Bundanoon. There were 12 cars on the road. It was an enjoyable rally.

#### COMING EVENTS

**6 September (11am-2pm)** - Display at Westfield Hornsby - will be coordinated by Ian Shinfield. Ian will email the participants the details.

#### **LIBRARY**

At its last meeting, the team completed cataloguing and ordering the shelves. The catalogue needs to be checked for missing items. Jenny looked in the archives to answer a question from Bob Trevan regarding his number plate. One of the books was found to be in poor condition. It called The original book of the Ford by R. T. Nicholson. The library holds the 9th revised edition. It's been rebound but the front pages are loose. Does anyone have a spare copy?



**DATING** Nothing to report.

**REGISTRATIONS** Neil reported that Malcolm Garthon has registered the 1909 Delage, and Graham Weekes renewed the registration on 1912 Buick. There were 4 movements; the cars attended the Creepy Crawley rally and were Peter Martin's 1907 Reo, Graham Weekes in 1912 Buick, Andrew Bennoit in 1911 Le Zebre and Malcolm Garthon and John Wards in 1909 Delage.

**MEMBERSHIP** No new applications

**HALL** The lease is being negotiated with Sydney Voice.



**CHMC** Jenny Fawbert announced that the Youth Awards open on 1 September and close on 1 March next year. Anyone from 10-30 years is eligible to apply and there is a cash prize. For more information check out the CHMC website.

**CMC** John Hewitt observed another veteran at eastern Creek: a Flanders. As the CMC is attempting to collect the histories of its member clubs, he requested that member clubs compile its history and send it to the CMC webmaster. He would like the message passed onto other clubs. The new CMC meeting will be held on 3 September.

**WEBSITE** Nothing to report

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. TAVCCA Motion**

A draft motion has been received for TAVCCA to withdraw from FIVA. It seems there is more work and costs are increasing to represent FIVA. There would be a twelve months transition and help to the organisation taking on the role of FIVA representative in Australia. The committee wanted more information and this will be available to members for discussion at the September meeting. The committee will then be able to direct the delegate on how to vote.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8:36pm.**

The raffle and lucky door prizes were drawn. The Lucky door prize was won by Don Liddle OAM.

Graeme Newman  
Vice - President

Louise Yeomans  
Secretary



**Lucky Door Prize winner for August**

DON LIDDLE OAM

To win a lucky door prize, come to a club meeting or tune in with zoom.

If a zoomer has his/her name drawn at the meeting, the prize will be held until the lucky winner can attend a meeting in person.

# VCCA 71st AGM Minutes

Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc 71st Annual General Meeting. Held on 28 August 2025. Conducted at the hall and via zoom.

The meeting was opened at the clubrooms and on zoom at 8:37pm by Vice President, Graeme Newman, who welcomed all present.

## ATTENDANCE

Committee: 7                      Members: 28                      On Zoom: 5  
Member's family - 5                      Visitor: John Hewitt  
Total club members: 40

## MEETING OPENED AT 8:37PM

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were published in September 2024 and July 2025 edition of *Spit and Polish*.  
Matters arising: Nil  
Moved: Lynette Martin                      Seconded: Lauren Newman

## COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2024/2025

The Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer presented their reports.  
A library report was presented by Jenny Fawbert.  
A report from the Dating and Investigation Committee was presented its chairman, John Burke.  
All of the reports will be published in *Spit and Polish*.  
Moved: Peter Martin                      Seconded: Neil Martin

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **Presentation of Annual Financial Statement** as required under Section 26(6) of the Associations' Incorporation Act 1984.  
The Treasurer presented the annual financial statement as circulated to members in the August 2025 edition of *Spit and Polish*  
Moved: Graham Weekes                      Seconded: David McCredie
- b. **Presentation of Awards**  
Hattersley Award (presented by Graeme Newman) - awarded to Barry Shinfield  
Literary Award (presented by Lauren Newman) - awarded to Louise Yeomans  
Volunteer of the Year Award (presented by Graeme Newman) - awarded to Joan Burke  
Veteran of the Year (presented by John Burke) - awarded to Les Johnson's 1910 Overland

- a. The Hattersley Cup is to encourage participation in the VCCA and was awarded to the

member who had attended the most events during the year. Points are given according to the location of the event, and whether a veteran was driven at the event. The event needs to be recorded in Spit and Polish for the member to score points. Graeme Newman prepared a countdown from 20 of the contenders. Ron Hattersley presented the Hattersley Cup to Barry Shinfield. Graeme gave Barry and the previous winners of the Hattersley cup a special mug stamped with the club logo and Hattersley Cup winner. Ron thanked Graeme for compiling the points.

Lauren Newman presented The Literary Award to Louise Yeomans for her contribution to Spit and Polish this year.

The Vice President read the citation for the Volunteer of the Year Award given to Joan Burke in recognition of her ongoing and support service to the club over 60 years. It was collected by her son, John. The citation will be published in spit and Polish.

The story of the restoration of the Veteran of the Year 1910 Overland will be published in Spit and Polish.

All achievements were recognised by applause from the members.

**c. Presentation of 40-year and 60-year badges**

Forty-year certificates and badges acknowledged the forty year membership of previous were presented to:

Graeme Newman # 676 joined June 1977	Ron Cox # 680 joined October 1977
Malcolm Garthon # 681 joined January 1978	Neil Johnston # 689 joined July 1978
John Burke # 690 joined July 1978	Des Kelly # 705 joined March 1979
Kerrie Hughes # 713 joined November 1979	Don Liddle # 722 joined December 1979
Bob Walker # 718 joined January 1980	Bryan Inder # 760 joined November 1982
Peter Martin # 769 joined May 1983	Bob Lamond # 771 joined August 1983

These members were presented certificates last year and their badges will be posted to them:

Ron Byrnes # 778 joined January 1984  
Santo Pennisi # 791 joined April 1984  
Bill Bishop # 788 joined August 1984

Acknowledging the forty-year membership to this year of these members

Dale Fuller # 797 joined January 1985  
Mark Carden # 806 joined July 1985

Sixty-year badge and certificate were awarded to Max Burke (#364) and on his behalf presented to John Burke.

The members applauded all recipients.

**OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS** - none



ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2025/2026

The Vice-President thanked all committee members for their support.  
The Vice-President declared all the positions vacant.  
Barry Shinfield, a previous president, took the chair and conducted the elections. He declared nine of the eleven positions filled from the nominations as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Office Bearer</u>
President	Graeme Newman
Vice President	Ian Shinfield
Secretary	Louise Yeomans
Treasurer	Geoff Yeomans
Committee Members	Robert Fordham
	Neil Martin
	Peter Martin
	Rod Wise
Dating Chairman	John Burke

Barry called for nominations from the floor but no one offered to step forward to fill the vacancies. None were forth coming so Barry declared the positions filled as per the nominations. Barry congratulated the new committee members and thanked them for nominating. The members congratulated the new committee with applause.

The new President, Graeme Newman took the chair. He thanked Barry for conducting the election and congratulated the new committee members. He welcomed members to join the committee which has two vacancies. Graeme commented he is honoured to be elected to the position and that it has taken 47 years to achieve this position!

A montage of the year’s events compiled by Harriette Martin was played. The members showed their enjoyment with a round of applause. The President thanked Harriette for the comprehensive video.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Graeme Newman	Louise Yeomans
President	Secretary

# President's Report

By Graeme Newman

I'd like to begin by thanking the members who attended the meeting in August. We had a very good number of people at the hall, and a few more on Zoom. The BBQ was a bit later starting than planned as many of those attending encountered more traffic than anticipated getting to the hall.

Once cooked, everyone was keen to partake in a sausage sandwich or two whilst catching up with members who hadn't been to a meeting for a while. Thanks to Louise and Geoff for organising the food and to the band of youthful cooks – Will, Angus, Jackson and Rohan.

During the general meeting, mention was made of the proposal to be voted on at the T.A.V.C.C.A annual meeting at Murray Bridge, namely that T.A.V.C.C.A. give notice to F.I.V.A to withdraw as their Australian representative. There will be further opportunity for members to discuss this at the September general meeting, so if you have any thoughts on the subject please come to the meeting or share your thoughts with the committee, ideally by way of an email to the secretary.

We then moved onto the A.G.M. With Phil O'Loan stepping down, I have taken on the role of President, with Louise and Geoff continuing in their vital roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Please support them both in any way you can during the coming year to make their jobs a bit easier. One way to help is to make any payments to the club by E.F.T (Electronic Funds Transfer) rather than by cheque, as this saves them having to visit the bank which can be very time consuming for them, and costs the club a processing fee.

We have had a couple of other changes. Lauren is standing down from the role of Editor, being replaced by Rod Wise, who is new to the role, so please assist by submitting articles and photo's for the magazine. The other committee members remain the same, with Ian Shinfield now in the position of Vice-President.

The best part of the A.G.M. is the presentation of awards. Again, Louise did most of the background work to make it such a success. A number of members were presented with their badges and certificates recognising their years of membership. Louise was awarded the Literary Award, Les Johnson was awarded Veteran of the Year for his newly restored Overland, Barry Shinfield won the Hattersley Cup and Joan Burke was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. We also viewed a fabulous video collage put together by Harriette Martin highlighting some of the clubs motoring activities for the past year.

And then we feasted on a beautiful pavlova with our supper, to finish the evening. Thankyou Karyn.

We have a busy year ahead, so please try to support the meetings and events as much as possible.

All the best,  
Graeme Newman

# Editor's Report

By Lauren Newman

Change of plans! I'll be doing the magazine for the rest of the year, allowing time for Rod to get the hang of his editing software and to kick off in 2026. Please have a think about if there is anything you can write an article about to support Rod as he takes over the role. I have a good amount of content to cover the rest of the year, so if you are able to send something through before the end of the year, it will be able to be sat aside for Rod to use.

The magazine is quite wordy this month, with the yearly reports following the Annual General Meeting. There are some photos from the AGM that will hopefully be in the next magazine - they weren't able to fit in this one!

Don't forget to save the date for the Christmas Party in November!



# Events Calendar

## Club Events

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 16th	<b>Newcastle Branch Meeting</b> - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm
Thursday 18th	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Thursday 25th	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm

### OCTOBER

Sunday 5th-10th	<b>TAVCCA National Veteran Vehicle Rally</b> - Murray Bridge, South Australia.
Thursday 16th	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Tuesday 21st	<b>Newcastle Branch Meeting</b> - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm
Thursday 23rd	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 18th	<b>Newcastle Branch Meeting</b> - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm
Thursday 20th	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Saturday 22nd	<b>Sydney Christmas Party</b> - see page 13 for details. Contact Louise Yeomans
Thursday 27th	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm



# Vice President's Report

For 2024-25. By Graeme Newman. Presented at the AGM.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the considerable amount of work that has been done by our current President Phil O'Loan, not only during his time as President, but also for his many years of service on the committee which included a great deal of work with the hands on maintenance of the hall along with other work not necessarily seen by our members. Like everyone, I would prefer if Phil were here presenting the report, but sadly Terri's illness prevents that, so again I would like to pass on our best wishes to Phil, Terri and all their family as Terri continues her battle with cancer.

Sadly, we have also lost a few members during the year. Max Roberts, Geoff Simmons and Allen Blythe were all long-term members who made different, but very significant contributions to the club. We also lost one of our new members Marianne Gatt who passed away only a short time after attending the combined gymkhana. Earlier in the club year, Graham and Sue Taite from Parkes were both tragically killed in a car accident near Dubbo. Our thoughts go to the families and friends of those members.

We also lost the widows of two members, Dianne Marshall and Val Garthon. These two ladies both provided an enormous amount of support to their husbands during their membership. Again, our condolences to their families.

On a much brighter note – we have had some new members join our ranks– more significantly some young new members in Eliza Davis, Angus Yeomans and Jackson Shinfield. All come from families with a long history with the club, so hopefully they will also become active for many years to come.

The club has had some successful events during the year, despite the weather not always cooperating. A small number of members made the trip to Tasmania for the National Rally towards the end of last year. Obviously, the ferry trip to get there effected the number that made the trek – I'm sure there will be quite a few more headed to Murray Bridge for this year's event and look forward to reading about their experiences in Spit and Polish.

We had a really enjoyable and well organised Christmas Party at the Yeomans residence. Thank you very much to Geoff and Louise for all they work they did to make it happen, and to the other members who assisted on the day. The Newcastle Branch did their Christmas luncheon the easy way, having lunch together at Club Catalina at Rathmines.

The Premier Event held in the Shoalhaven area was very well organised by Mal Garthon, who had obviously put a lot of work into the arrangements. Sadly, the weather was really bad, but those who went still had a great time and enjoyed some great time together, even if the veteran motoring wasn't as good as it might have been. Thankyou Mal.



The combined gymkhana with the V.S.C.C. and others held at the Fiat Grounds at Clarendon was well attended and very much enjoyed, particularly by some younger members and family of members as it gave them the opportunity to do some driving in an ideal venue. Hopefully we will get an even better attendance next year.

The Newcastle Branch June tour was a progressive event this year. Travelling to Merriwa and Scone for overnight stays. Those who attended seemed to enjoy the change of format and had a great time. Thanks to John & Kelly Burke for organising the weekend.

Two of our members, Graham Weekes and Les Johnson have had their very impressive restoration efforts acknowledged at several different events. Well done to both. Hopefully we will see the Buick and Overland at club events in the future.

The club committee has continued to work together to get the job done. Whilst owning the hall is of great benefit to the club, it also entails a great deal of work. Most of this has been done for many years by Robert Fordham. Ian Shinfield has been helping over the last few years with his trade skills coming to the fore. He has also assisted with the installation and monitoring of the CCTV system we have had installed. Robert also does a great job with posting Spit and Polish each month – a rather tedious but very important task.

Without the efforts of Louise and Geoff Yeomans we would probably cease to exist. Whilst this may sound a bit dramatic, the work they do is fundamental in keeping the wheels turning. Due to our arrangements with tenants, the work involved is quite significant, but without the tenants we would not have the funds to maintain the hall and to make the increasing financial contribution to events, something the current committee is keen to continue as much as possible.

Neil Martin has continued to look after the registration of club members cars. Thankfully the task is not as onerous as it once was, but it is still of great importance to those members who want to have their car registered through our club.

Whilst Peter Martin isn't as hands on as he has been in the past due to his work commitments, he continues to be a great source of knowledge with regards to matters discussed and dealt with by committee. Hopefully his work situation might change in the not-too-distant future, and he can become more active with the committee again. I'm sure he'd at least agree with me about the work commitments, even if not the committee involvement.

Lauren Newman has done a great job with Spit and Polish for the last few years but is standing down – for obvious reasons. Whilst I'm no doubt biased in my opinion, I think she has done a great job, however the quality of the end product is very much dependent on the input from members with articles, so a big thankyou to those who have supported her and I urge everyone to support our new Editor, Rod Wise.

September 2025

Whilst our meeting numbers aren't what they once were, Zoom attendees help to increase the numbers. We continue to have some glitches with the system, but we are working hard to overcome these to make the experience for those on zoom more enjoyable. Ian has done a lot of work in this area, as well as helping to facilitate the zoom meetings when Lauren hasn't been available – he could be doing more of this in the next few months.

The library committee led by Louise Yeomans has continued their work, which once completed should be of much benefit to those members who then use the library. Thank you to all the members who have contributed both by volunteering and by way of donations.

2026 will be quite a busy year for us. The Premier Event in the Hunter Valley, the Combined Gymkhana, the June Tour to Scone, another swap meet most likely in July and the National Rally in Cowra in September. Several of these events being supported by the Paul Butler bequest which is managed by the National Trust. This is of great support to our club and members in helping to keep the cost of events more manageable and reasonable for members. Thank you so much to the National Trust for their support.

The committee is always looking for ways to get more members involved, be it at meetings, car events or perhaps more social events. We are keen to hear ideas that might assist. One possibility is to try to make the meetings a bit more social, perhaps with a few more nights where we might share a bite to eat prior to the meeting. I think we all agree that the Sydney area is not for veteran motoring, so it is vital that we continue to organise events outside of Sydney and that these events are supported.

Thank you to my wonderful wife Karyn for helping me with car club stuff, and for co-ordinating our suppers. She also stays awake to help me on the drive home – which has become quite important since our move to Millfield as the wildlife is a bit of an issue for the last 30 or 40 k's of the trip.

Finally, thank you to all those members who have attended meetings and events or assisted in some other way as it makes it all worthwhile. And sorry to anyone I should have thanked or acknowledged but didn't.

Graeme Newman  
Vice President

P.S. I overlooked thanking our vehicle inspectors for the vital contribution they make to the club, and also Ron Hattersley for organising the raffle and lucky door prize at our meetings.

# Secretary's Report

For 2024-25. By Louise Yeomans. Presented at the AGM.

In the 71st year of operation the VCCA(NSW)Inc continues to survive. Members enjoy driving their veterans and the company of like-minded people. It is a family which supports its members in good times and bad.

One of the roles of the secretary is keeping members well informed about club matters and club events. The fulfil this function both the editor of Spit and Polish and myself rely on you for news reports, interesting articles, and photographs. Thank you to the contributors of Friday's Fact and Fiction and to Graeme Newman who kindly sent out the newsletter while I was on holidays.

The other important role of the secretary is with membership – tracking membership, processing membership applications and keeping details up-to-date. Both David Norton and Robert Fordham are involved in doing this and I appreciate their efforts in keeping records current, which means you receive your monthly copy of Spit and Polish.

Membership numbers have decreased from 172 to 162 as at June 2025. There have been 5 new members including three youth memberships for those under 25 years of age: Eliza Davies, Jackson Shinfield and Angus Yeomans. Jeremy Morris and Marianne Gatt joined. There were 11 resignations for various reasons. Sadly, five members passed away. Our condolences to their families. Of the 162 current members we have email addresses for only 149 members and it would be appreciated if all members supplied an email address for the expediency of communications.

As always it has been a pleasure to work with the committee who are like minded in wanting the club to survive and thrive. Any contribution, however small, helps to keep the club alive, functioning, and relevant in this fast-changing world. It's your club and it needs your input. Your suggestions on how to do things differently are welcomed by the committee. Next year the committee plan to send out a survey on what we can do to make the club more relevant and dynamic. Hopefully, the by-laws will be updated.

Perhaps you would like to join the committee?

Happy veteran motoring!

# Treasurer's Report

For 2024-25. By Geoff Yeomans. Presented at the AGM.

The annual financial report for 2024-2025 has been published in the August edition of Spit and Polish for members' inspection. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing help and support from Laurie Garrod with the accounts. Thank you, Laurie. The tax return is prepared by Pratt Partners for the club and the club pays its tax upfront and by instalments.

The accounts are in a healthy position without having to increase membership fees. They have been held at the current level for at least 12 years. This is because the hall and carpark are leased, and despite rises in ongoing costs this helps the club finances to remain positive. This has allowed the club to subsidise events.

An e-money system is being looked at to manage the payments for rallies and events. It will not interfere with our existing account system.

I appreciate that more members are using EFT for payment. It has saved a lot of time traveling to the bank and wasting time at the bank. In combination with the QuickBooks accounting package, it streamlines accounting. QuickBooks generates invoices for the renters and other clubs.

Some of the expenses for the year have been subsidising rallies such as the Premier Rally. Other increases in expenditure have been for insurances and utilities. CBA notified us that the cost of the safe custody file that holds the deeds for 134 Queens Road has increased and the fees are now automatically processed monthly from our account.

The club has changed its building insurance from GIO to Gallagher. The changes happened when GIO advised it's no longer does this type of insurance. There was an advantage as Gallagher premiums cost less than GIO.

Ensuring compliance for the annual fire inspections is a challenge as the regulations seem to change annually and there are costs associated in bringing the old building up to standard.

Robert Fordham and Phil O'Loan ensure the hall remains operational for our tenants and I thank them for their efforts on your behalf. Another source of income is the raffles run by Ron Hattersley, a big thank you to Ron.

Reserves are held for emergencies as the infrastructure is aging. In the future the air conditioners, seating, roof and carpet will need to be replaced.

I would like to thank the committee and club members for their support during the year.

Geoff Yeomans  
Honorary Treasurer

# Volunteer of the Year

For 2024-25. Presented at the AGM.

Joan Burke has been associated with VCCA(NSW)Inc since her husband Max (member 364) joined the club in January 1965. Max Burke was one of the early members of the Newcastle Branch of VCCA(NSW) which was inaugurated in 1960. In 1978 her son, John (member 690), entered the club and in 2012 her grandson, Matthew, became member 1093.

Over the last 60 years Joan has supported her husband and family in veteran motoring attending local, state and national events. Her warm smile and easy conversation make all feel welcome. Joan's enjoyment of riding in a veteran car is obvious for all to see. She has actively participated in many other ways in contributing to the conviviality of the Newcastle Branch. Over the years, she has made many friends through the veteran motoring community.

Joan has been involved in the Newcastle Branch since Max joined. Initially Newcastle Branch held its meetings at Adamstown in a hired room, then in 1978 meetings were held in private homes with the hostess providing supper to the members and their wives. Joan frequently gave suppers. Later as the branch grew in 1990s, its meetings moved to more permanent premises and Joan took on the role of catering for supper at the meetings. To this day, Joan continues to bring the mugs, the doings including tea, coffee, milk, sugar, cakes, and biscuits for the meeting suppers. She also bakes a birthday cake for a lucky recipient.

Not only did Joan cater for the branch meetings but she also was an active contributor to the popular June Tour organised by Newcastle Branch. For 30 years Joan cooked up a storm catering for all the morning teas. Often, she hand-crafted a special something for the rally bags.

Not only is Joan a staunch supporter of the veteran car movement but an enthusiastic long serving volunteer. Joan is a worthy recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

# Investigation & Dating Committee Report

For 2024-25. By John Burke. Presented at the AGM.

It has been a quiet year with no requests for dating or 100-year badges.

Dating certificates are useful as it is an accurate record of the year the vehicle was manufactured and lists any modifications made. TAVCCA has a new dating certificate.

Any car recognised by VCCA(NSW) as a veteran deserves 100-year badge. The badges are numbered and recorded on a national register held by TAVCCA.

If you wish to have your veteran dated or would like a 100-year badge for your car, contact the secretary who will send the request to John.

John Burke  
Chairman of Investigation and Dating Committee

# Veteran of the Year 2025

Adapted from Les Johnson’s entry for Veteran of the Year by Louise Yeomans

1910 Model 40 Gentleman Sports Roadster

**Chassis Number: 40723**

**Engine Number: 7477**

**Model: 40-Roadster**

I guess my story begins with an advertisement in a USA car magazine in 2016 , the thought of owning an early Overland appealed to me greatly. So, after a bit of haggling , I send my securing deposit over to Mr Jonathan Fleck in New Jersey. With internet scams going on, Mr Fleck was concerned as well as myself about the transaction. After about 6 days of emails, I relented and sent the deposit. I tried to gain as much history on the Overland as possible, to which there is very little information. Mr Lester Pfleuger



*As purchased in 2016*



restored the car back in early 1980's, then sold the Overland to Mr Tom Welch in the late 1980's , who in turn sold it to Mr Jonathon Fleck.

I believed that the Overland would require minimum work to bring it up to a reasonable standard that I could use reasonably trouble free on many future rally events. This was to prove not the case indeed, the more I drove the Overland, the less happy I was with it. Such a rare car deserves better. So, after the 2018 Early Willys Overland Round-Up I decided to investigate a rebuild to bring the Overland back to its former well-deserved glory. As I am the custodian of this magnificent Overland, it was time to set the task of a complete rebuild.

The radiator was sent off to Lester Thearle in central NSW in the town of Gunnedah. A fellow Overland enthusiast, David Crisp, had advised me this would be the person he would trust with such a rare radiator. In October 2020 , Roselee and I delivered the radiator to Mr. Lester Thearle. A new core was ordered from Replicore in New Zealand (Cost 6523-92) after receiving the original drawings through W.O.K.R via Greg Guntow, who has been ever so helpful during the rebuild of the Overland.

Believe it not there are some 60 odd pieces - see the photograph on right and including the core from New Zealand ( 3,290 individual tubes) that make up the radiator on the Model 40.



While the radiator was being built, I hooked up the car trailer and drove down to Albury, as this is where I trusted Karl Richardson of KJR Coachbuilding. After inspecting restoration work on John Bisley's 1911 Model 47 (Chassis Number: T9185 Engine Number: T9185) I found Karl's workmanship was to the standard I was trying to achieve.

I entrusted Karl Richardson to sort out the body work as it was full of Plastic Bondo from the USA. To my horror the nightmare was revealed. No wonder the body was cracking everywhere! The Overland was stripped down and the drama had begun. I had now decided that due to the rotten COVID 19 stealing a lot of my valuable time left on this earth it was time to bite the bullet and try and have the car to my satisfaction and to be able to use the Overland the way it should be driven and have fun.

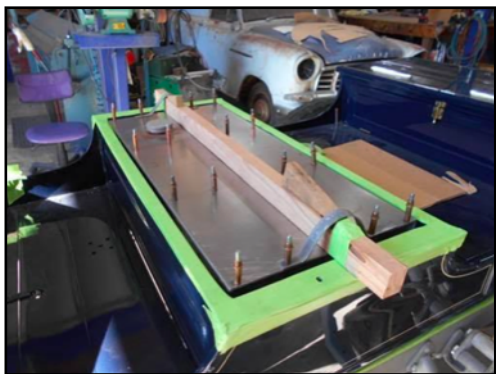


*Body removed for further inspection work on mechanical parts*

September 2025



*More plastic Bondo than metal - no wonder it had developed paint cracking*



*Timberwork carried out during the restoration*

The mechanical parts were sent to John Kent of Crank Start Engineering in Wangaratta to fix the many issues of elongated alloy parts over the past 110 years.

*Below: Newly restored, Les' 1910 Overland won Best show at the Motors and Masterpieces Show in Melbourne in 2024.*





# Classifieds

Please note ALL ADS MUST include the price and if you wish ONO. Advertisements will only run for 3 months then will be removed unless requested otherwise. If selling a vehicle or engine, please include all known numbers and details. All states please copy.

## FOR SALE: 1910 Brush

1910 D26 Brush Runabout with the only BRUSH 2 Cylinder-2.5 lire-Rotary Shaft Balanced. The only one in the world. Designed and manufactured by Alanson Brush. I am searching for a VETERAN Car Enthusiast in Aussie or NZ , preferably one who is young and dreams of enjoying owning and driving such a Historic Brush.

My Brush and I have enjoyed long distance drives, twice Perth to Sydney, a Brush was the first automobile to drive 4,100 kms in 1912 -Fremantle to Sydney, The BIG DRIVE - Around Australia - 14,700kms, 80 days, 20 on expedition for the Centenary of Federation, 60 days with help from Family and friends. Ave 40 +kms.

I bought my Brush in 1980, shortly before my retirement from KPMG as National Chair. Audit, and enjoyed the various weekend events of our Australian Clubs. I am 91 and have two inoperable Knees which is why I am searching for a Veteran Car enthusiast.



My Price is \$50,000 to \$60,000 - happy to negotiate on numbers only - I am not interested in museums or O/S interest. I will inform overseas enthusiast in January 2026 of the sale price of \$100,000 if an ANZAC has not been found.

Please ring me on 0409 712 101 if enthusiastic, I have pack of info on Brush 2 Cylinders Etc.

Contact: Bob Lamond      Ph: 0409 712 101



September 2025

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Cylinder block castings (un machined) for AX Renault

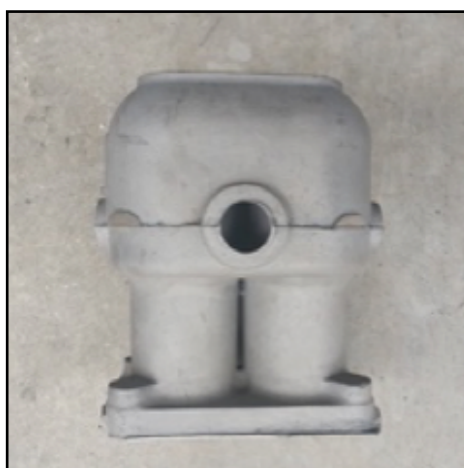
I am looking at doing another run of AX Renault engine block castings (un machined). See photos.

As the pattern for these blocks are almost past their use by date, this is possibly the last time they can be used.

Please let me know if you are interested.

\$2,950.00 ex Sydney (Excluding packing and freight).

Bill Trollope      wwt@bigpond.com



FOR SALE: 1908 Talbot 4DB Restoration project

Very complete original engine, gearbox, diff, chassis, steering box, some original body work. Spare engine, headlights and sidelights, tyres including wire wheels. Car will make a beautiful large touring car. VCCA (NSW) dated.

\$25,000 ono

Contact: Ian Shinfield      Ph: 0411 214 495  
email: ivselectric@optusnet.com.au



WANTED: 15hp Argyll Parts

Contact: Neil Adams      Ph: 0418 682 828

email: neilandtoniadams@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1915 Ford Model T Roadster

Reliable car, starts and runs well.

Restored mostly by John Hancox (Qld) who owned the car from 1965 to 2006. Reconditioned engine, runs on unleaded fuel. Canadian engine probably 1916 but original car 1915. Ruckstell 2-speed differential. Three kerosene lights from 1915 Town Car. Laminated windscreen.



Restored colonial radiator, all coils restored, Kevlar bands, oil screen, accessory linings in parking brake, Anderson timer. Original turtle deck and running boards. Rootlieb for other tinwork. Interim timber tub, have nearly all parts for standard tub - seats and hood (Classique Upholstery, Minnesota), hood frame, wood kit (Ray Wells, California) - missing tinwork for rear of tub. Odds and ends including accessory dashboard, speedometer (not working).

On NSW historic rego. Need space in garage. Located in Sydney. \$19,500 ono.

Contact: David Norton 0411 705 405 (leave a voicemail if unanswered)

FOR SALE: 1908 2 Cylinder Alldays and Onion

The vehicle was owned by my father, the late Erik Larsen from Queensland. The Alldays and Onions is a 1908 and has had the original motor rebuilt and put back in the car along with the gearbox so it is now a matching number car. My father paid \$65,000 for the car in 2008 and then had the motor rebuilt and the gearbox and various other parts replaced. I'm open to a reasonable offer.



Contact: Jan Larsen                      Ph: 0410 907 318

The car is on the Sunshine Coast, QLD



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