

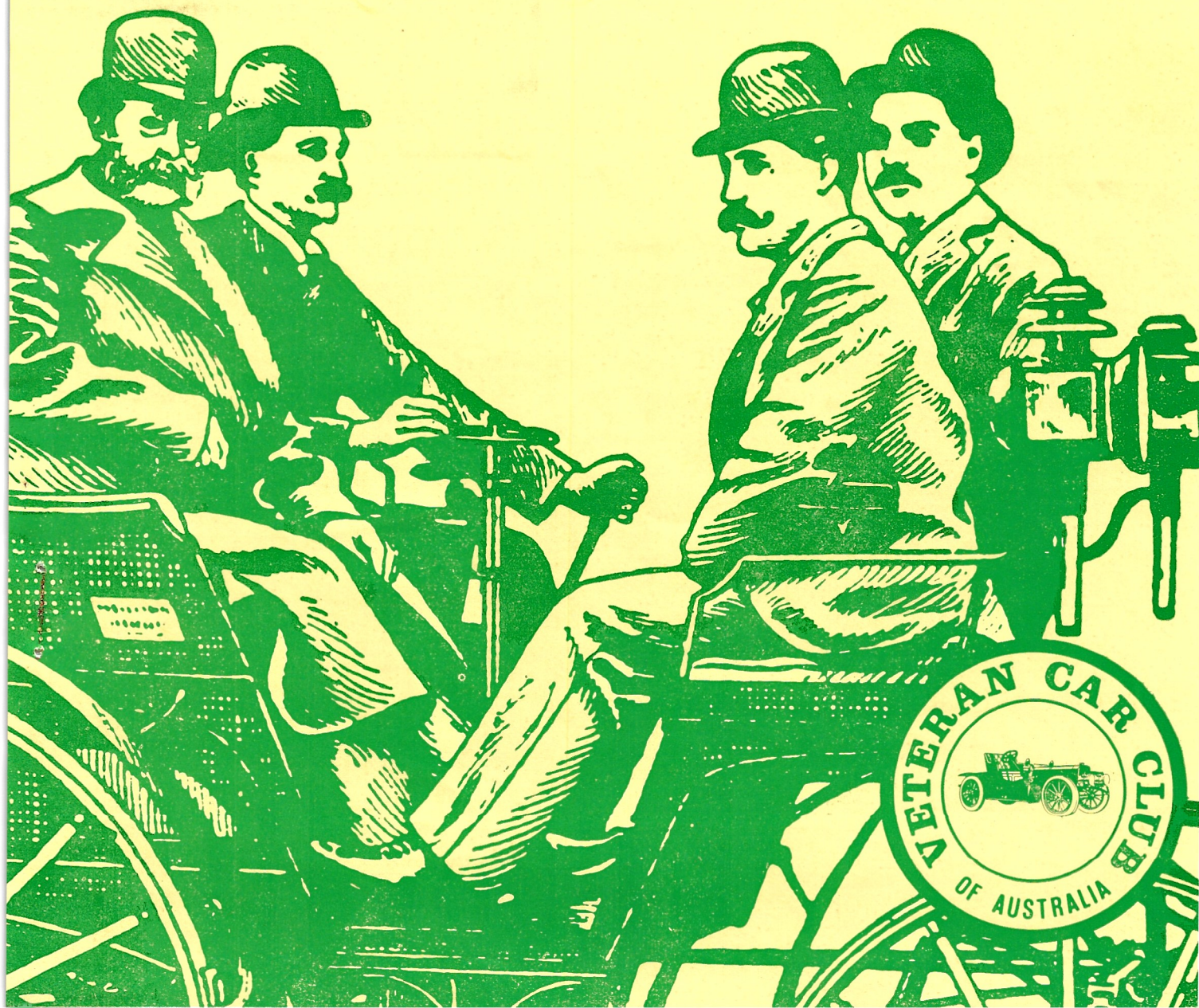
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His Excellency,  
The Governor of NSW  
Sir Roden Cutler,  
VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE.

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PLUS LOOSE LEAF SUPPLEMENT OF COMING EVENTS.

Other Veteran Car Clubs have permission to copy.

*HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION YET?*

The next Monthly General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (N.S.W.) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1978.

COPY REQUIRED BY FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

SPIT AND POLISH, 134 QUEENS RD, FIVE DOCK.

2046.



Hello:

Some Editors are born - some have it thrust upon them. Being one of the latter, please don't expect a standard set by my predecessor, who is one of the best.

In his final "OPINION" column he questions whether I would have an "opinion" - I can only quote the text on the wall of my office:

*'Any opinions expressed by the Head of the House  
are not necessarily those of the Management.'*

On a serious note, it was regrettable that bitterness and personalities should creep into the discussions at the last meeting. Let us remember that we are all there because of our keen interest in Veteran Cars and we should aim at informative and interesting meetings which it is pleasant to attend, held in a venue of which we can be proud.

We are faced with considerable financial outlay to carry out the necessary renovations required at the present time, and our hard-working Committee are merely acting on our behalf to the very best of their ability. We elected them, and they have to 'face the music' at the general meetings, so let's be constructive in our criticism without bitterness.

The Club is not committed to any course of action or any large expenditure at this stage - it is merely an endeavour to carry out the preliminary requirements in an endeavour to gain a Government grant - and when the results of these early endeavours are known they will be submitted to the Club in general for approval or disapproval. Surely there's no cause for alarm in this procedure!

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) HELD ON THURSDAY, 27TH JULY, 1978 AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

PRESENT:

69 members and 9 visitors.

The meeting was declared open by the Chairman (L. Sheen) at 8.10 p.m. and welcome to all visitors and to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clements from New Zealand.

APOLOGIES:

J. Godfrey, L. Baxter, G. Green, B. East, J. Garwood, R. Thomas, K. Matthews, K. Moss, D. Pearce.

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Minutes 27/7/78 (Cont'd.)

The passing of D. Roberts, J. Thorpe and P. Kemp was reported with regret and condolences were extended to all families and one minute's silence in respect was held.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting of 22nd June, 1978 were read and moved G. Sevenoaks, seconded P. Wards, CARRIED with the following amendments:

"Correspondence - J. Heath"

"Events - trophy winners for Blue Mountains Rally amended. Tour organised by B. Baxter and G. King and details to be advised."

"General Business - L. Sheen advises of Committee's proposed motion to instruct our delegates at CVVTMC not to stand for office not accepted by Chairman of Committee and requested issue be put to General Meeting.

Letter to be sent to Historians regarding history of Club."

MATTERSARISING:

Nil.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and moved F. Daly, seconded G. King, CARRIED.

B. Bronk presented recommendations for 25th Silver Anniversary Tour:

"25th Anniversary Tour - May, 1979. In order to keep a separate income and expenditure record for this tour I recommend the opening of a cheque account with the Commonwealth Savings Bank to cater for this tour only. The Account to be called the '25th Anniversary Tour A/c. VCCA (NSW)'. All payments from this account to be ratified by the Management Committee of the VCCA (NSW). At the conclusion of this Tour, a balance sheet to be presented to the General Meeting and published in the SPIT AND POLISH. It is further recommended that net proceeds of the Tour be dispersed as follows: 25% to General Fund, 75% reimbursed to entrants only."

Moved P. Wards, seconded M. Roberts, CARRIED that the Committee's recommendations on 25th Silver Anniversary Tour be accepted.

B. Bronk presented amounts held by Club from Wollongong Rally which did not proceed and requests a direction as to dispersal of this amount. Moved M. Roberts, seconded J. Corby, that \$2.00 be refunded to all entrants. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Federal Secretary - 14.7.78  
Franklin Mint Limited - 17.7.78  
Parramatta City Council - 7.7.78  
Rover Jubilee Rally - 20.7.78

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Minutes 27/7/78 (Cont'd.)Correspondence Cont'd.:

CVVTMC - 3.7.78

Moved J. Corby, seconded G. Sevenoaks.

CARRIED.MATTERS  
ARISING:

Letter from Federal Secretary 14.7.78 re Summit Meeting following Federal Meeting in Sydney and question put to Club "Do our Federal representatives attend?" and it was moved V. Jacobs, seconded J. McGowen, CARRIED, that our representatives attend.

COMMITTEE:

L. Sheen read list of new Committee members.

INVESTIGATION  
& DATING:

G. Roberts reported on:

1. F. Mountford - 1914 Buick
2. A. Porter - 1915 Overland
3. L. Johnson - 1911 Clement Bayard Roadster.

Moved L. Stewart, seconded D. Berthon,

CARRIED.SOCIAL  
SECRETARY:

F. Mountford reported:

1. Speak Easy Theatre Restaurant - \$13.00 per head 26.8.78  
Dinner and Show.
2. "Dracula" Her Majesty - October 1978.

PERMITS TO  
MOVE:

Nothing further to report.

CLUBROOM  
CHAIRMAN:

L. Sheen advises of plans for new Clubroom drawn by B. Burrows, Architect.

LIBRARIAN:

Nothing further to report.

CVVTMC:

G. Roberts asks whether CVVTMC paid application fees to Vintage Federation and could CVVTMC minute book be made available for inspection.

PUBLIC  
RELATIONS:

1. D. Berthon advises 35 people attended night at Tai Yuen Palace.
2. Reports on Motor Show - entry fees and eligible vehicles.
3. D. Steer attended at Darling Point for National Trust.

EVENTS:

J. Corby advises Events Calendar to be published in SPIT AND POLISH.

1. B. Baxter gives details of tour - 6.8.78.
2. 10.9.78 CVVTMC - requests for concours cars.

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Minutes 27/7/78 (Cont'd.)

Events (Cont'd.)

3. Orange Blossom Festival 16.9.78.
4. Parramatta Celebration Foundation - 28.10.78.
5. St. George Spectacular - 18.11.78.

25TH SILVER  
ANNIVERSARY  
RALLY:

B. Thew advises over 40 entries received to date.

INSURANCE  
OFFICER:

1. V. Jacobs requests letter of indemnity from Committee re terms of insurance policies submitted to Club by South British.
2. General discussion ensued on 3rd Party Property Insurance.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS:

L. Sheen discussed matter raised at June Committee Meeting that our delegates be instructed not to stand for office in CVVTMC. Discussed letter published by B. Bronk in SPIT AND POLISH, July 1978 issue and spoke in favour of delegates standing for Committee and general discussion ensued and it was moved A. Foy, seconded J. McGowen "that this Club give CVVTMC fullest support including right of delegates to hold office." CARRIED.

- V. Jacobs spoke in support of motion.
- B. Bronk spoke on the issue in reply.
- D. Berthon expressed his view on June Committee's decision.
- G. Sevenoaks requests that meetings be completed by 9.00 p.m. when guest speaker is present.
- D. Berthon spoke in favour of shortening meetings.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

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DON'S PARTY

*Don says that a hypochondriac's life is nothing but a bed of neuroses.*

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*Talking of milkmen, did you hear the story of the man who never had reason to doubt his wife's fidelity until he moved to Melbourne - and found they still had the same milkman!*

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*Don says that a vacation is something you take when you can't take what you've been taking, any longer.*

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S C E N E     S O C I A L L Y

A night at "The Speakeasy" Theatre Restaurant has been arranged for SATURDAY, 26TH AUGUST. "The Speakeasy" is at 107 Anzac Parade, Kensington and the current show is "The Godmother" starring female impersonator Chris. Shaw. The show features "send ups" of older movie stars such as Mae West, also other acts. The cost is \$13.00 per head for a three-course meal and the show which goes from 9 to 11 p.m. I suggest we try to be at the restaurant by about 7.30 p.m. Could you please ring me if you are coming and let me have \$5.00 per head deposit as soon as possible.

Another date for your diary is FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER when I have booked a theatre party for "Dracula" at Her Majestys. This is a live show with John Waters as Dracula. If we can get 20 or more for this evening we can obtain a concession rate of \$8.50 instead of \$10.90. In order to make the booking and obtain a good choice of seats I would need to have \$8.50 for each seat required by Wednesday, 13th September. You may find it most convenient to hand this to me at the August meeting.

Also I would like to arrange a family theatre party for "Holiday on Ice" - possibly a Saturday matinee performance or Friday night so we might take children without upsetting school routine. (If you are interested could you let me know either at a meeting or 'phone 502.1182.

Are there any mums who would be interested in a weekday matinee in the school holidays for either of the Disney films - "Shaggy D.A." or "101 Dalmations". If there is enough interest I will organise a theatre party - please contact me if you want to join us.

As I am new to the position of Social Secretary and also new to the club I would like to hear of any ideas from members. What would you, the members, like to do? Please let me have your ideas and criticism. Looking forward to seeing you all at our social get-togethers.

- FAY MOUNTFORD

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NEW MEMBERS:

L. Johnson,  
94 River Avenue,  
CHATSWOOD.     2067     687 (F)

A.C. Porter,  
13 Pembroke Road,  
MINTO.     2566     688 (F)

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*It needs to be made clear to members that all jokes from the pen of the new Editor will be thoroughly vetted prior to going to print.*

*The heading "STEERING Column" makes no reference to any editor, past or present.*

*It has been rumoured that the new Editor can be seen as a real bottler.*

*At the last meeting a certain "Fronty" owner gave a vivid description of how that self-same "Fronty" tried to mount the car in front while crossing the Harbour Bridge on the way to Service City on a recent morning. To add insult to injury - the tow truck stopped to enable the unhappy owner to pay the toll.*

*Seen at the same "get-together" was the Treasurer in a fetching black polo-necked sweater with a white collar; a certain Michael B. enquired of the Editor if Father Ben would be taking confession after the meeting.*

*Green's Motorcade was literally "swamped" with "black iron" on Sunday, July 30th, which must have been socially depressing but financially uplifting for the lovable and courteous Proprietor.*

*George Roberts, who is normally associated with Rolls Royce vehicles, was seen in his sporty little "T" Ford Roadster, one of the more popular makes.*

*Sorry to hear of the passing of Jack Godfrey's father at a grand age.*

*Glad to hear Frank Ehlert is on the road to recovery after his spell in hospital with an injured back.*

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*SPRAGGO'S MOTOR SPIRIT. The announced results of a tech. examination lead to thoughts of some serious research in an attempt to produce from potatoes an inexpensive fuel for use in veteran engines. Could be tried out on a twin cylinder Renault.*

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*Strange, the odd places we see members - even on the Idiot Box. Did you see George C. speaking earnestly across the counter a few nights ago? Was it: "Where there's smoke there's fire", or "Where there's George there's smokes"?*

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DIVISION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

CULTURAL GRANTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Division of Cultural Activities will grant money on a 50-50 basis to non-profit clubs (our club is registered as a non-profit club) for the building of a museum, library and meeting hall for cultural educational films etc.

I would advise that I have spoken to an officer in the Sydney office of the Division of Cultural Activities and was advised that our club would be eligible for a grant for a new building. Our assets would appear to be sufficient for the club's share on a 50-50 basis, that is approximately \$60,000, so if we could build a suitable building for around this figure, no further funding would be needed from our club.

One of the requirements for this grant is that a development application, together with drawings, must be approved by the local council, such drawings to be prepared by a qualified architect and in this regard our club member Bill Burrows has been kind enough to offer his services in order to prepare the draft application for council approval. I would also advise that after having spoken to the Town Planner at Drummoyne Council, and having shown him the list of tenants at present using the facilities of the hall, he was most helpful and could see no objection to the erection of a new hall as we had existing use of the hall on this site. I would point out that our architect has agreed to prepare these drawings which are to accompany our development application on a no fee basis and in this regard I take this opportunity to extend our thanks to him. The only costs which will be incurred in endeavouring to obtain this development approval will be a fee charged by Council being the application fees which I am advised will be approximately \$190.00.

I would stress that should we be successful in obtaining this development application, this will then be incorporated with our application to the Division of Cultural Activities and should this application then be successful the entire project shall then be placed before the members for your agreement or rejection.

BUILDING STEERING COMMITTEE:

L. Sheen  
J. Thomson  
D. Steer



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Sir,

I would appreciate it if you would please print the following article in the next issue of SPIT AND POLISH:

Recently, whilst I was on a vacation in the Sunshine Coast, I came across a museum called the Suncoast Pioneer Village at Bli Bli on the David Low Highway, Queensland. This museum is one of Australia's biggest and best Vintage Car and Australiana Displays that I have seen. It is set in a very large building in natural bushland surroundings and offers many vehicles and antique items of early days. One of the oldest items on display is a Cobb & Co. coach which is in an excellent state of preservation and condition, a must to see. Cars date from a beautiful 1904 De Dion Raceabout and there are many veteran, vintage and post vintage cars, trucks, tractors etc., all of historical value.

I personally loved the display and would recommend that any person travelling in that are spend some time there as it is well worth the effort.

DICK TUNBRIDGE"

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CAMELLIA GARDENS OUTING REPORT

On Sunday, 6th August at 10 a.m. cars assembled under the Southern Pylon of the Sydney Harbour Bridge for the start of the Southern Tour. After enjoying coffee and tea from the Club trailer we set off for an enjoyable drive which took us through the City, down the Southern Cross Drive and on to Cronulla where we had an interesting detour around the Point; back through the Cronulla shopping centre and along the Kingsway where we finished at the Caringbah Camellia Gardens.

Members and their families (including numerous grand children) enjoyed a B.B.Q. lunch which was provided by the Club.

The Camellia Gardens were beautiful and we all enjoyed strolling through them during the day.

Our thanks to George King and Bob Baxter for arranging such an interesting tour, and our special thanks to Glad King and Anne Baxter for organising the B.B.Q. lunch and cake and biscuits which followed. We will look forward with anticipation to next year when I hope these two members will arrange another great Southern Tour for us.

Many thanks,

JOHN CORBY

(Veterans attending listed on Page 10.....)



VETERANS ATTENDING CAMELLIA GARDENS OUTING

109	Jim Lewis	Buick
091	Victor Jacobs	Ford
204	Fred Rossiter	Studebaker
096	Jack Dance	Talbot
123	Bob Baxter	Calthorpe
149	John Corby	Buick
005	Jim Cooper	Wolseley
035	Bill East	Studebaker
222	David Berthon	S.C.A.T.
024	Jim Simpson	B.S.A.
117	Max Chapman	Wolseley
176	Malcolm Garthon	Rover
006	Arthur Garthon	Delahaye
194	Noel	Vauxhall
213	Don Steer	Wolseley
002	F.L.	George King
	Col Jackson	Clement Bayard
	Les Jackson	T Ford
200	Reg Jones	Clement Bayard
140	Bill Hardman	Daimler

Plus Barry Thew's Toyota pulling the Club trailer and many members in modern and vintage cars.

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SEEN AND HEARD AT CAMELLIA GARDENS SOUTHERN TOUR 6/8/78

- (1) Inspection by interested Police of Jimmy Simpson's trusty steed at the Harbour Bridge start. How did you make out, Jim?
- (2) A couple of highly respected & immaculate members who were so anxious to get a good view of the camellias they forgot to shave.
- (3) Mal Garthon and lovely feminine passenger in the Baby Rover sporting a "P" plate, while Father proudly drove the Delahaye, and loyal Val drove the tender car - a real family affair!
- (4) King George, husband of Glad, confesses he is poor - he's bought a Barrel Pipe Organ circa 1820, and claims to have spent his last shilling with nothing left - not even enough to buy a monkey! Who ever heard of a Barrel Organ without a monkey - any offers?
- (5) The "editress in the background" pointed out an "Emperor of Russia" camellia with the remark that she had one of those, to which Reta East gently replied, "Oh, everyone has that one, dear!"

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SEEN AND HEARD AT CAMELLIA GARDENS SOUTHERN TOUR 6/8/78 (CONT'D.):

- (6) Had a chat with a couple who attended Royal Ascot during the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, when a very impressive parade of lordly Rolls Royces was held, featuring one or more of every model ever produced from 1 cylinder upwards. They were intent on taking pictures of our picnic rally, as the complete contrast. Hardly a true comparison, would you think? After all, when requested we CAN look respectable.
- (7) Comparing notes, it's amazing the number of drivers and wife-navigators who are in mortal danger of divorce on these rallies - thought we were alone in this respect.
- (8) What a sickening gaggle of doting Grandmothers (not to mention proud Grandfathers - as if THEY could take any credit!) Glad King, Laurel Rossiter, Jean Chapman, Dot Wilson, and Olive Jones, to mention but a few, all proudly announcing their number of beautiful and talented grandchildren - quite demoralising to those of us who can't find spouses (unsuspecting) for our eligible offspring.
- (9) Olive Jones took out the grand prize with her little grand-daughter Yasmin Monique, aged 6 weeks. Reg is determined to introduce her to the joys of Clement-Bayard motoring at a very early age.
- (10) Charming names for the twin grand-daughters of Laurel and Fred Rossiter mentioned in a previous issue - Amy Louise and Heidi Michelle.
- (11) What a picture Bill Hardman made with 11 children in his Daimler.
- (12) David Berthon "surrounded by beautiful women" as he viewed the gardens - Di, his mother, and 2 beautiful little daughters.
- (13) A very tasty luncheon cooked in an expert fashion by the organisers - thank you, chaps and spouses.
- (14) David Berthon put too much Brass on his car and Peter Kable forgot to polish his Brasso off.
- (15) Unable to find the starting point, we were "flying blind" as we had no direction sheet, and decided to follow Bob Baxter, which was a wrong move, as they were cutting out some of the scenery to reach the Gardens and get lunch under way. However, we tagged along and made it, and Bob found so many following him that he decided the complete the course.
- (16) Seen on the way to the Rally - attractive young lady driving a modern car towing a somewhat battered not-so-modern car. On the back of the second car was a large notice advising all traffic following that the vehicle was "On Toe".

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY RALLY

At the present time over 50 entries have been received, with the involvement of over 160 persons for whom accommodation has been arranged at the various stopping points organised by Frank Nissen.

By the time you receive this copy of your magazine the first public announcement will be taking place at the Sydney Motor Show. David Berthon has arranged a display stand featuring John Thomson's De Dion (thank you John) together with a large map showing the route and our various stopover points.

Applications have been made to the various councils along the way and our proposals have been favourably received; the sub-committees in our stopover points are busy organising the various dances, B.B.Q., sightseeing trips etc. and need only the final numbers to complete their arrangements.

So that the Club can celebrate its 25 years of Veteran motoring we need the help of you, the club member, and your car to make this a memorable rally. We also need the assistance of a few members to act as officials.

The Committee would greatly appreciate your early return of entries so that it can assure you of your accommodation and arrange for the niceties along the way.

Thank you,

BARRY THEW,  
Rally Chairman.

P.S. Information and photos on cars found at points along the rally still required.

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ROSTERS OF MEMBERS

Circulars have been sent to everybody on the mailing list requesting up-to-date information for the club's new roster which is scheduled to be printed after the Annual General Meeting of the Federal Body in September.

It is essential that any changes necessary to your entry be received before the end of August to ensure inclusion.

If your information cannot be returned to the next meeting, please post as soon as possible so that we do not have too many late alterations.

25 Regatta Road, Five Dock. 2046

MAX ROBERTS,  
Registrar.



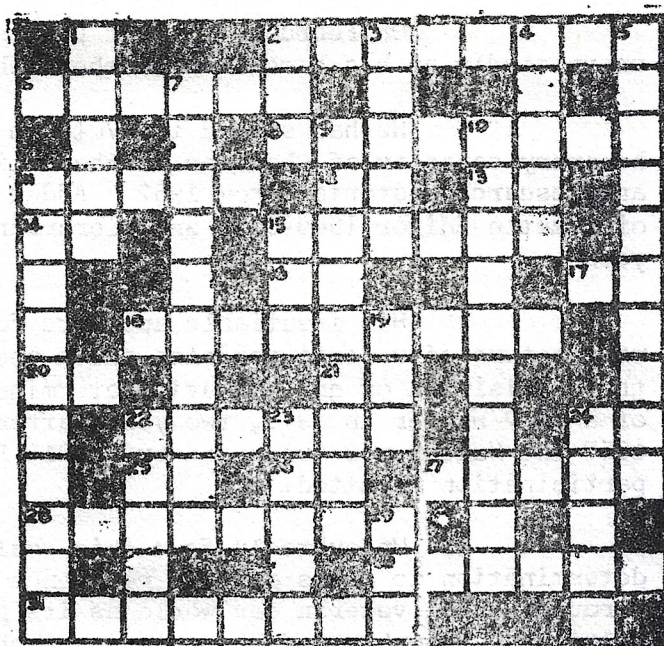
## ACROSS

- 2 Walk away slowly from fob flame. (5,3)
- 6 English car makes music in Reg's confusion. (6)
- 8 Candle dealer led ranch around an American car. (8)
- 11 English car in pear wine by means of a short railway. (5)
- 12 University of Dakota. (2)
- 13 United Engineering. (2)
- 14 Yes. (2)
- 15 P.R. Esky damaged a Dutch car. (6)
- 16 I am shortened. (2)
- 17 Italian river is a little Post Office. (2)
- 18 French car in steep roll. (9)
- 20 Belgian car seen in brief numbers. (2)
- 21 Boys' Brigade. (2)
- 22 Sir Rom returns an English car. (6)
- 24 English car has 550 parts. (2)
- 25 Youth Organisation. (2)
- 26 Old lady. (2)
- 27 Storehouse posted about without direction. (5)
- 28 English car rested me badly. (8)
- 30 Scottish car gallery arranged bearing loss. (6)
- 31 Impressive speaking makes rich note. (8)

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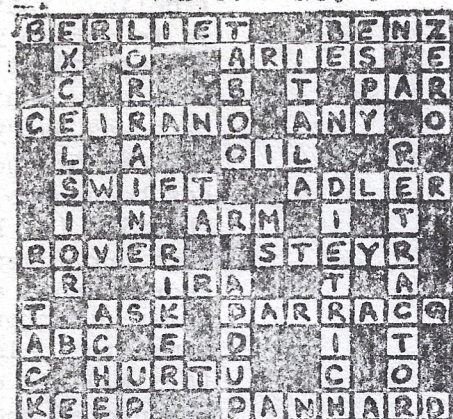
- 1 English car gets 5 to make livery. (5)
- 2 Curve confuses Royal Automobile Club. (3)
- 3 Small, bright eyes are thus when day be broken. (5)
- 4 Lubricant gets the Queen to make a lubricator. (5)
- 5 Fred told Mo to make a popular car. (4,5,1)
- 7 A gear groom provides space for a veteran. (5,4)
- 9 Roll up hem to make an American

## CROSSWORD No. 9



- car. (9)
- 10 American car makes Des gun tear. (10)
- 11 Find part he twisted to make an American car. (10)
- 15 Drink a small mouthful. (3)
- 19 Short pounds. (3)
- 22 I see with this expression of astonishment. (2,3)
- 23 Distributor part is nonsense alternative up and down. (5)
- 24 Confused blonde loses direction in an American car. (5)
- 29 Royal Automobile Club formed when car climbs. (3)

## SOLUTION No. 8





VALE DENNIS C. FIELD

On February 12 last Dennis C. Field died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Salcombe, Devon, England at the age of 63.

He had served the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain in the honorary capacity of Chairman of the Dating Committee continuously from 1950 and Research Historian from 1952. Added to these offices must be included that of Gazette Editor 1949-1959 and Librarian 1952-1971, a total of nearly thirty years.

His insatiable appetite for technical facts, plus dates of manufacture of veteran vehicles and a phenomenal memory for detail stemmed from the acquisition of and his avid determination to establish the identity and date of a 1902 Hanzer in 1945, two years after he had joined the V.C.C. Later in 1957 the Hanzer was succeeded by a 1913 Swift, Cyclecar and further rally participation resulted.

Undoubtedly from this small beginning and his earlier determination to amass a large reference library he became and was recognised throughout the veteran car world as its greatest historian, all of which culminated from his dedication and search for the truth no matter what effort was entailed nor its duration.

When Dennis set a date on a vehicle and had this date ratified by his committee it was seldom queried. This skill, truth and his prestige was recognised not only in his own country and also Europe and by other far distant eminent historians, such as the late Dr. Alfred Lewerenz of the H.C.C.A. in California and locally, George Brooks of the Sporting Car Club of South Australia but by the Federation Internationale des Voitures Anciennes, when in 1968 he was elected to first president of F.I.V.A.'s Technical Committee for a term of three years. Tributes from many countries and peoples confirmed this recognition.

The knowledge of his untimely death reached me in a letter from his wife "Mary" then by telephone from Pam during the exacting final weeks prior to the International Rally. An extract from my reply is as follows:

"I believe that the best tribute we can pay Dennis is to inform you that his name, resulting from his sincere and tireless approach to research and as I consider, senior historian in the field of veteran cars was every bit as much a household word with members of the Veteran Car Club of Australia as it has been over the years with the V.C.C. of G.B. At the time (of hearing the news) I was in conference with our International Rally Committee which includes George Green and John Thomson, Max Roberts who is Rally Director and my lieutenant on our Dating Committee, also Len Sheen, President of the V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) and current Federal President. All were stunned at the news.

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VALE DENNIS C. FIELD (CONTINUED)

"For myself I have lost a very sincere friend as well as associate for undoubtedly our interests were on the same plane."

From the early beginnings of our club I corresponded with Dennis, then in 1962 for the first time had the opportunity to meet with him in London at the then Fitzhardinge Street office of the V.C.C. and later at his home, then in Swindon. His invitation to me to sit in on the V.C.C. Dating Committee at any time I was in London was readily accepted and this initial meeting, together with subsequent similar meetings, proved invaluable both in the inaugural setting up period and later developments of our own Dating Committee.

Many members of our club owe a debt of gratitude to Dennis Field for his more-than-generous attitude to part freely with knowledge often gained through years of research.

I for one will miss his counsel but am more than pleased to read that Mary Field has joined the V.C.C. Dating Committee and will continue to act as Club Historian.

In her last letter to me, Mary Wrote:

"I hope to be able to carry on with Dennis's research work as I have worked with him for some years. I may not have all the information at my fingertips but I have been well trained."

GEO. A. ROBERTS

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RALLY PHOTOS

Photos of cars from 1978 International Rally are available by writing to:

Mr. R. Kelso,  
Pacific Film Laboratories,  
298 Railway Parade,  
CARLTON.

People writing should quote:

Rally No.  
Rego. No.

If possible a general description of the car (Blue with black hood - silver with black guards and no hood. Anything to help them identify photos.) Plus 52¢ plus postage.

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F O R   T H E   C O O K SCARAMEL SLICE (Anne Baxter's delicious recipe made for Camellia Gardens lunch)

¼ lb. melted butter or margarine	)	
½ cup brown sugar	)	Mix well and place in a well-greased slab
1 " coconut	)	tin. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.
1 " self raising flour	)	

Topping - Caramel

Bring to boil in a saucepan:	)	
¼ lb. butter or margarine	)	Allow mixture to boil and then stir
2 tablespoons Golden Syrup	)	constantly over a low heat for 5 minutes.
7 oz. Condensed Milk	)	(Stirring is essential).
4 oz. sugar	)	Pour over hot biscuit base - cool.

Chocolate

4 oz. dark chocolate	)	Heat gently and blend. Double saucepan is
1 oz. Cofa	)	best. Pour quickly over caramel.

DATE SLICE

(Especially for Geoffrey, No. 4 Thew son, who thanked Glad King who made this for the Camellia lunch)

¼ lb melted margarine	)	Combine sugar and margarine, add beaten egg.
½ cup brown sugar	)	Stir in flour and dates.
1 " dates	)	Place in well-greased slab tin.
1 " self raising flour	)	Bake 375° for 20 minutes. Cool.
1 egg	)	Cover with lemon icing.

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ROVER JUBILEE RALLY

To celebrate 75 years of Rover car production a group of enthusiasts has formed a committee to organise a five-day rally at Parkes from 29th August to 2nd September, 1979.

Any person owning or having driving access to a Rover car is invited to attend.

If any of our members are interested in this Rally would they contact:

Mr. J. Muddell,  
P.O. Box 1359,  
WOLLONGONG. N.S.W. 2500 (Telephone: 042. 28.7048)

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OFFICE-BEARERS 1978/79

President	L.K. Sheen	Building Chairman
Vice-President	G.A. Roberts	Investigation & Dating
Vice-President	D. Berthon	Public Relations
Honorary Secretary	J. Thomson	Legal Officer
Honorary Treasurer	B. Bronk	
<u>Committee:</u>		
Events 25th Anniversary Rally Director	B. Thew	
Events	J. Corby	Events Chairman
Magazine	D. Steer	Editor
Permits to Move	K. Carden	
Meeting Night Host	G. Sevenoaks	Entertainment Meetings
Investigations	G.A. Roberts, D.M. Roberts	
Librarian	J. Simpson	
Social Secretary	Fay Mountford	
CVVTMC Delegates	L. Sheen, G. Roberts	
Registrar	D.M. Roberts	
Property Controller	W. McCarthy	
Insurance Officer	V. Jacobs	
Club Historians	A. Rose-Bray, R.A. Foy G.A. Roberts	
Research Historian	G.A. Roberts	
Auditors	W.V. King & Associates	

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1978

This is the Twenty Fourth President's Report to our club members and firstly I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Management Committee for their support during the past year, also to all members who have willingly given their services which all adds up to a very successful club.

We seem to have reached a stable membership of some 300 members which is a very manageable number for our club. The steady inflow of new members makes up for loss of members for some reason or other during the year.

Vice-President George Roberts has been active with the dating of cars and the investigation during the year. George was mainly responsible for the route instructions and the production of the souvenir programme for the 1978 International Rally.

Vice-President Max Roberts has organised a very successful International Veteran and Vintage Motor Rally enjoyed by all who attended, both officials and competitors, also many hundreds of the public. I would like to express my personal thanks as Federal President to Max at this time.

Secretary, John Thomson, has kept the minutes and correspondence in order and always in time for printing in SPIT AND POLISH in a very efficient manner.

Treasurer Ben Bronk, this being his first year as treasurer, has shown he is capable of keeping the books in first-class order, also with advice on all financial matters.

Max Chapman as Editor and Chairman of the Magazine Panel has presented a very enjoyable SPIT AND POLISH on time each month and also has managed to keep costs within his budget.

David Berthon as Public Relations Officer has been successful in keeping the club in front of the public, also has organised enjoyable social events during the year.

Barry Thew, Events Chairman, organised some well-thought-out outings for members, enjoyed by all who came along in Veteran or modern vehicles.

Allan Blevins, Building Chairman, has not been able to give his full attention to club buildings but may be able to help more this coming year.

Keith Carden as Registration Officer is making a first-class effort with the Permits to Move. Please help Keith by sending your cheque in early this year.

Bill McCarthy as Manager of Club Hall and collector of rents, has helped the Committee by carrying out this task and I trust Bill will be able to continue this year.

The past year we have achieved a very successful goal with the Rural Bank being cleared of all loans last December and the Debenture investment accounts in credit of over \$5,000, rents now amount to \$1,700, Hall \$2,750, House total \$4,400 last year and expect to improve amount next year with more tenants in Hall and the larger rent now being paid for house. When debentures are paid we will be in a very enviable position with this money in hand each year.



President's Report 1978 (Cont'd.)

This next year being our 25th Anniversary year plans are in hand to make it a memorable one, both events-wise and hopefully a grant from the Stage Government for a new building or improvements to the old hall.

Thank you for electing me President and giving me the opportunity of being Federal President during the past year. May our Club continue to prosper in the years to come.

LEN SHEEN,  
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1978

The most difficult part of the Treasurer's job, I find, is writing the Treasurer's Report. The results of the past year are very good with a net profit of \$4,443.

This profit is a direct result of proceeds from property: Cottage \$1,906 net, Hall \$715 net and not to forget the generous donations received from members, \$1,941.

Your Committee have worked very well to contain costs.

SOCIALS are shown in the Balance Sheet with a small deficit; this in fact is caused by the Auditor charging supper expenses to social events.

EVENTS are shown as a small deficit but, considering Barry ran raffles for the events funds, it also made a small surplus.

SPIT AND POLISH. Through careful management by your editor, the cost of your magazine was contained within its budget with a surplus of \$153.

POSTAGE, a considerable saving this year due to co-operation between Editor and Events Director.

PROPERTY. We have acted on the recommendations set out in Bill McCarthy's Report 1977 and have paid out the Overdraft Account, so there is nothing owing to the bank on either property. Also, we established a sinking fund to meet redemptions of members' debentures. The balance of the Sinking Fund as at 31.5.78, \$4,801.86.

I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their co-operation, with very special thanks to Bill McCarthy for his assistance, advice and for doing such an excellent job in looking after our lettings.

Also, a special thanks to Keith Carden for his co-operation and assistance with the handling of all the accounts for D.M.T., G.I.O., etc.

A copy of the Balance Sheet, Auditor's Report etc. will be published in the July issue of SPIT AND POLISH.

I will be happy to answer any queries regarding same at the July General Meeting.

BEN BRONK,  
Honorary Treasurer.



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1978

	\$	1978 \$	1977 \$
Accumulated Funds			
Balance as at 1st June, 1977		22,713	18,939
Add: Surplus for the year		4,443	3,774
<u>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</u>		<u>\$27,156</u>	<u>\$22,713</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
Stock on Hand - Note 1	469		320
Sundry Debtors	474		726
Cash at Banks	1,725		1,771
Deposits	80		80
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>2,748</u>	<u>2,748</u>	<u>2,897</u>
<u>DEDUCT:</u>			
Bank Overdrafts	-		2,401
House Bond	-		100
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	1,172		225
<u>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>2,726</u>
		1,576	171
<u>ADD:</u>			
Meeting Hall - at Cost	10,264		10,264
Building - at Cost	24,765		24,765
Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines, Equipment, Floor Coverings and Library - at Cost	3,874		3,874
Less: Provision for Depreciation	1,750	2,124	(1,439)
<u>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>37,153</u>	<u>37,153</u>	<u>37,464</u>
		38,729	37,635
<u>ADD:</u>			
Bank of New South Wales Sinking Fund	4,802		-
Building Fund	-		1,728
<u>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>4,802</u>	<u>4,802</u>	<u>1,728</u>
		43,531	39,363
<u>DEDUCT:</u>			
Members' Loans - Note 2	16,375		16,650
<u>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>16,375</u>	<u>16,375</u>	<u>16,650</u>
<u>EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES</u>		<u>\$27,156</u>	<u>\$22,713</u>



INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1978

		1978	1977
	\$	\$	\$
Annual Subscriptions and Entrance Fees		1,951	2,042
Donations Received		1,941	1,680
Hall Rents Received	1,912		1,199
Less: Hall Expenses	1,197	715	(1,188)
House Rents Received	2,690		2,000
Less: House Expenses	784	1,906	(589)
Interest Received		195	350
Surplus on Raffles		115	1,068
" " Insurances		67	169
" " Magazine		153	276
" " Rallies		-	167
" " Trading		410	-
Sundry Income		34	-
<u>TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED</u>		<u>7,487</u>	<u>7,174</u>
<u>DEDUCT:</u>			
Affiliation Fees	127		133
Audit and Accountancy	300		225
(The Auditor received no other benefits)			
Bank Charges	41		322
Depreciation	311		363
Federal Conference	182		151
General Expenses	341		139
Honoraria	200		300
Interest	626		588
Loss on Socials	24		85
" " Other Events	41		14
Printing, Stationery and Postages	282		637
Rosters	-		261
Trophies and Presentations	569		182
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>3,044</u>	<u>3,044</u>	<u>3,400</u>
<u>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR transferred</u> to Accumulated Funds		<u>\$4,443</u>	<u>\$3,774</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 19781. STOCK ON HAND

We have accepted a certificate from the Honorary Treasurer as to the value of Stock as at 31st May, 1978.

2. MEMBERS' LOANS

The unsecured \$5 loans of \$16,375 on issue are redeemable at one month's call and yield an interest rate of 3 3/4%.



STATEMENT OF SOURCE & APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1978

During the year, the following funds became available:

	\$
1 Surplus for the year	4,443
<u>Add Depreciation Charged in the Accounts</u>	<u>311</u>
	4,754
2 Reduction of Building Fund	1,728
3 Increase in Sundry Creditors	947
4 Reduction of Sundry Debtors	252
5       "       " Bank Account	<u>46</u>
	<u>\$7,727</u>

These funds were applied as follows:

1 Increase in Stocks on Hand	149
2       "       " Sinking Fund	4,802
3 Reduction of Bank Overdraft	2,401
4       "       " House Bond	100
5       "       " Members' Loans	<u>275</u>
	<u>\$7,727</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report to the members that, in our opinion:

1. The accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Club, which are to be read in conjunction with the notes attached to and forming part thereof, give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 31st May, 1978 and of the results for the year then ended.
2. The accounting records and other records and the Register of Members required by the Constitution to be kept have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Signed at Sydney this                      day of June, 1978.

W.V. KING & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants

W.V. KING - A member of the firm.  
Registered under the Public Accountants  
Registration Act, 1945, as amended.



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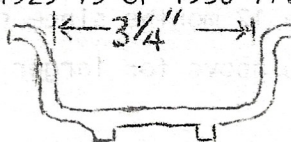
FOR SALE F.N. 1913 Tourer - Model 2600 - 22 H.P. - Complete.  
Restored 1970. Good goer - long legs. \$7,000.

- J. EISENHAUER,  
98.8964

WANTED: Ruxtell Axle.  
1918 "T" Ford Head.  
1913 " " " "

- PETER MATTHEWS,  
94.4809

WANTED: 5 Chrysler Wheels. 1929-75 or 1930-77. 18"  
Must be like this:



Vivian Lewis kick-plates.

Zenith Carby: Model DEF36.

Bosch Magneto: ZU4

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& Bosch Magneto: DF4

Bosch Magneto: ZU4

McCanna Multiple Pump Oiling System.

K.W. Spark Coil Box.

H & B Gas headlight No. 972.

Bosch Coil Accumulator: Type A Horizontal.

- CHRIS MADDEN,  
190 Terry Street,  
Connell's Point.  
546.4862

FOR SALE: Restored 1913 Chalmers Raceabout. 4 litre O.H.V. Inlet -  
S.V. Exhaust Engine. \$10,000

- M. BENDEICH,  
639.5897

WANTED: Headlights for 1917 Overland Model 90. Also Hood Frames  
or old ones to copy for same.

- C.J. STANBRIDGE,  
"The Lodge"  
Treetop Glen,  
Thirroul. 2515  
67.2066

FOR SALE: 1913 7-seater Fiat Tourer, Model 3A, 35 h.p., 4.400 litres  
with spare gear box, diff., tyres, axles, springs, crank shaft  
and fly wheel, bearings, brake shoes, magy., speedo and box of  
other goodies.  
The last of five 1913 models 3 as imported at that time. Price  
\$11,000 (offer to last one month before advertising overseas).

- ROY FARRELL,  
Box M27, Sydney Mail Exchange,  
N.S.W. 2012



Advertisements (Cont'd.)

WANTED Bosch DZR Magneto.

ALL STATES Bosch ignition switch (thru' dash mounting).

Radiator suit Talbot Model 4AB.

Parts and/or information on 1911 R.C.H. Model 25.

Chassis diff. and gear box parts for 1911 Model 20 Hupmobile.

Parts and/or information on 1911-12 Mitchell.

- BARRY THEW,  
638.1155

FOR SALE  
OR TRADE

1906 De Dion Coupe 1-cyl. 8 h.p. Fully restored Ex Len Masser.

1929 "A" Ford Tudor Sedan. Has won top Concours in two clubs.  
4,000 miles in 12 months since restoration.

Will trade the above for larger Veteran needed for family rallies.

- PETER MICHAELS,  
588.1452 (Business)

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SUPPLEMENT TO SPIT AND POLISH - AUGUST 1978

C O M I N G     E V E N T S

SUNDAY    10TH SEPTEMBER, 1978

C.V.V.T.M.C. - WARWICK FARM

The theme of the C.V.V.T.M.C. this year is "Bring out your Oldest Car". It is anticipated that the first 500 cars in attendance will be presented with a 15th Anniversary Badge. Cars entering the Concourse must be marshalled by 9.30 a.m. Other cars attending should arrive before 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1978

Orange Blossom Festival, Castle Hill.

SUNDAY    22ND OCTOBER, 1978

Tour and Picnic Day - Green's Motorcade.

S O C I A L

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST, 1978

"The Speakeasy", 107 Anzac Parade,  
Kensington for "The Godmother", 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY    6TH OCTOBER, 1978

"Dracula" at Her Majesty's.



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