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Nigel and Angela Coutts' 1910 Hupmobile
at Old Errowbang Woolshed on the 2023
Premier Rally in Orange



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Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Club Meeting held on 23 February 2023. Conducted at the hall and by Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 9 Members at the hall: 14 Members on Zoom: 9 Member's family: 3
Total at hall (14) and total on zoom (9): 23

MEETING OPENED AT 8:18PM

APOLOGIES: Jenny Fawbert, Lynette Martin, Peter Martin, Dorothy Shinfield, Phil Virgona and John Wards

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President, Phil O'Loan, welcomed members to the meeting. He apologised for the delay as the computer when switched on updated itself taking about 45 minutes. He thanked members for their patience and forbearance.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes arising from the minutes: Nil

Proposer: Barry Shinfield Seconded: Will Garthon

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

CMC Tony de Luca Volunteer of the Year Award

Sydney Voice air conditioning quote (attached)

Alan Miller – request to run Brush Rally through VCCA(NSW)Inc and list participants and itinerary

Shannons 2023 Summer timed auction 21-28 February

Letter from Governor – any plans to celebrate King Charles coronation from 6-8 May?

Small Torque

Newcastle minutes

Valuer General- notice of property valuation

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Mal Garthon – letter re Crossley

Estate of the late John Lockeridge -donation of banner for start of 1970 International Rally

Rob McCarthy – donation of early issues of Spit and Polish

Letters to Mal Garthon, John Brumby, John Burke, Chris Duncan, Neil Martin, Rob McCarthy, Barry Shinfield and Geoff Simmons – thank you for work as safety scrutineers

Alan Miller – Brush National Rally will be run as VCCA(NSW) event

Rod Holmes and Laurie McGrath – letter about proposed rally at Inverell

The President requested that the outgoing letter to Malcolm Garthon be read. The letter advised Mal

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that his 25/30 Crossley was welcome at VCCA (NSW) Inc events and would be described in club records and publications as date of manufacture 1918 (not yet established). The committee endorsed the decisions made in 2011. As a compromise, the committee suggested that the 25/30 Crossley be registered with another club. If new evidence was found relating to the time of manufacture of the vehicle the date of the car would be re-assessed.

Moved: Robert Fordham Seconded: David McCredie

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Moved: Will Garthon Seconded: Graeme Newman

MAGAZINE

The Editor, Lauren Newman, requested more articles.

EVENTS

PAST EVENTS

27 Jan – Northern MaSH Coffee Run – no report

28 Jan – working bee at the hall – see Hall Report

4 Feb – Lunch with the Tiger Moths at Luskintyre – There was a tour of the workshops. It was a hot day with 3 veteran cars attending.

18-19 - Berrima District Rally – no report

18 Feb – visit to Neil Heilbrunn’s to look at his collection of motorcycles and vehicles. Neil had 2 veterans on display and 4 veterans drove there. About 20 people attended but it was another very hot day.

COMING EVENTS

24 Feb – MaSH Coffee Run – cancelled

6-10 March - Premier Rally Orange - Entry form is due by 28 February to Euan Coutts. Euan reported that there are 18 veteran cars and 2 more to decide. The motel is full and the caravan park has one cabin left. He thanked Lauren for her work on producing a rally booklet. Registration will be at the motel and dinner for Monday night will be at the pub for pizza!

16-19 March - RACV 1- & 2-cylinder Rally Cobram

20-22 March - 125th Anniversary Renault Rally

24 March - Northern MaSH Coffee Run - contact Bill and Robyn Betts

26 March – Visit to Ron Hattersley’s home

1 April - Visit to Luskintyre Aerodrome - see Graeme

2 April - Northern Sydney Breakfast Run to Berowra. Meet on the western side of the river

28 April - Northern MaSH Coffee Run - contact Bill and Robyn Betts

4-7 May Pre-31 - Event Cowra see club website for entry

21 May - National Motoring Heritage Day - any ideas see Graeme

26 May - Northern MaSH Coffee Run - contact Bill and Robyn Betts

4 June - Northern Sydney Breakfast Run - Mangrove Mountain. Details to come

9-12 June CHMC Rally – Wagga Wagga See <http://heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/> for entry forms

16-18 June - Newcastle Branch Singleton Rally

20 August - Shannons Sydney Classic at Eastern Creek - the Club will organise some tickets for members

2-8 October - National Rally at Griffith

15 Oct – Sydney Tramway Museum to celebrate 125th anniversaries of some trams. Looks interesting with free entry and unlimited tram rides if you take your veteran.

PERMIT TO MOVE/REGISTRATION

Neil Martin reported that there 9 permits processed. In total 76 veterans are registered with the club: 40 in the Sydney Region and 36 in the country through Newcastle Branch and MaSH group.

LIBRARY

The team met last week. A regular time has been set for the third Wednesday of the month. Members are welcome to come. John Grant finished sorting the filing cabinets with information on specific makes of vehicles. Jenny Fawbert and Louise sorted through the club papers and have rough groups of minutes, rallies, membership and club history. There has been a donation of a banner from the start of 1970 rally form the estate of John Lockeridge. The first issues of Spit and Polish are ready to be bound. To date \$870 has been raised to conserve the Motor Trade documents leaving \$130 to find to reach the target of \$1,000. A raffle will be organized for the Premier Rally to help raise funds.

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DATING

John Burke reported that there is only one dating application in progress. It's for Graham Weeks' Model F Buick. He is waiting for confirmation of its numbers.

MEMBERSHIP No applications were received

CHMC No report was lodged

CMC No report was lodged

HALL

Robert Fordham thanked the members who moved the chairs at the end of the last meeting. This saved time at the working bee on Saturday morning which helped out there was only small number of volunteers present. The overhanging vegetation at the back of the hall was cleared and Robert thanked members who used their green bins to take away the pruning. The northern gutters were cleaned. Inside the carpet and chairs were cleaned. The previous carpet cleaner has contacted Robert and he will be used next year as he is cheaper. The air conditioners in the small hall will be replaced. As Sydney Voice has installed 3 self-contained cubicles it is its responsibility to air condition these areas. The new air conditioners will be installed on 10 March.

The man who looked after the keys and did the bins has closed his business. Sydney Voice has his car space and will bring the bins in. Robert apologised for missing the next meeting. Karyn and Graeme Newman will be posting Spit and Polish.

The President commented that 10 years ago a decision was made to repair the air conditioners in the small hall and now they need replacing. It is at considerable cost to the Club which is why it has reserves for contingencies. It is often criticised for holding funds but reserves are needed for such eventualities.

WEBSITE More vehicle profiles wanted please!

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Update on Club Rules (Andrea Holden)

At the last subcommittee meeting, the issues raised at the Club meeting were unpacked. The membership structure will be placed on hold while the subcommittee focuses on updating the constitution. Andrea is tidying up the changes and will send it to Graeme to check and identify changes. It is likely the Club will seek legal advice. It is working out how to best distribute the document to members. When asked if there were any questions there was no response. The President has contacted two legal firms about a possible review of the new rules. If there are any questions or concerns, Andrea asked members to speak with committee members. He thanked Andrea for her work.

2. Changing Tyres! (Barry Shinfield)

Barry Shinfield spoke about the effort required to change the back tyres on his Talbot. He purchased new Dunlop tyres with a chevron pattern from Dunlop in Victoria. He commented that the older he gets

the harder it is to fit tyres! It's fun being a veteran car owner! He purchased his tyres from Stuckey Tyres. Phil has purchased tyres online from the UK which were delivered in a week. He is happy to share contacts.

3. High Wheeler Rally (Rob Duffy)

Rob Duffy asked about the best way to run the National High Wheeler Rally as a VCCA(NSW)Inc event. It runs from 22 to 28 October at Gunnedah. The President asked Rob to send a letter outline the event and with his request to the Secretary.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:00pm

The raffle was drawn.

Phil O'Loan	Louise Yeomans
President	Secretary

President's Report

By Phil O'Loan

It's March already, the time has just flown. Before you know it, it will be Easter. There are a number of events planned for the near future, and we encourage you to participate in as many events as possible and enjoy your car.

After recent feedback about the proposed changes to the membership policy, the subcommittee has decided to place this initiative on hold, to concentrate on finalising the Club Constitution and updating the Club Rules. Andrea, who has put a lot of time and effort into this membership proposal, has requested any questions be sent to her and she would be able to answer them in more detail for any future policy evaluation.

The plan is that the revision to the Club's Constitution will be finalised in the coming weeks. Legal advice is being considered to review any changes, prior to them being presented to the members. Ideally the revised Constitution will be ready for voting on at this year's Annual General meeting. The club is still looking for a CMC Delegate. This is an important communication position to fill. Please contact me if you are interested in helping the Club out.

The Premier Rally for 2024 has just been announced. Rod Holmes and Laurie McGrath have volunteered to organise this Rally at Inverell. It is hoped that many of the country members around this area and possible Queenslanders will be enthusiastic to attend. Many thanks to Rod and Laurie for undertaking this initiative.

Happy Motoring!

Editor's Report

By Lauren Newman

We have just come home from our first day of Veteran touring on the Premier Event and what a great start to the week we have had! Great weather, quiet roads and excellent company. There have been a couple of hiccups with a few cars but hopefully they will all be resolved for the rest of the week. And fingers crossed the sensational weather keeps up!



The magazine is a bit light on for content and unfortunately I don't have anything in the reserve tank for next month. Hopefully we will have an event report or two from this month but if you have anything to contribute, please send it through!

A Day with the Tigers

4th February 2023. By Catherine Strutt

On the first Saturday in February we enjoyed an interesting and varied day out in our veterans at the Luskintyre Airfield for their "Lunch with the Tigers" event. The morning was stunning, weatherwise, as we motored along the back roads of Maitland and Lochinvar enjoying the morning sun and fresh air. We shared the day with members and cars from other car clubs around the district, some travelling quite a distance to the day. On show were vintage, and classic cars from the Upper Hunter Motoring Association, Dungog Historic Motor Club, Maitland Classic Motor Association and the Tilligerry Auto Club Inc. at Port Stephens. Three veteran cars attended the display which included Peter Nevell's





rare T Ford Centre Door on its first ever run since being acquired by Peter twelve months ago. It proved to be a very popular vehicle with the wandering public, many admiring the plush interior and pleasing body shape. Chris Duncan's 1911 FN was the oldest car on display amongst 80-100 other impressive cars, while John and Max Burke's Buick attracted its fair share of envious fellow motorists, especially those

with vintage Buicks, who made a bee line to the car.

The day turned a little windy as the temperature rose, which grounded a few planes, but there were some joy flights taken and talks about the mechanics and starting

procedures of the vintage aircraft explained as the large crowds of visiting enthusiasts wandered through the aircraft hangars



and around the vast display of cars. A Rotary Club van and its occupants was kept busy filling hungry stomachs with steak and sausage sandwiches while a barista with a small coffee van had his work cut out for him making brews for a never ending line of folks, eager for their morning heart starters.



It was a great day mixing with many

other like minded motorists and their impressive old machines!

Attending:

Max and John Burke - Buick

Peter Nevell - T Ford Centre Door

Chris Duncan, Catherine Strutt, Isaac Strutt-Stevens - FN

John Brumby - Modern



Newcastle Branch Breakfast Outing

18th February 2023. By Graeme Newman

For some of the group the breakfast outing was their second event for the month, having been to Luskintyre a fortnight before. Having experienced some wet weather for the last couple of years we decided to push the event back a week in the hope of some fine weather. As it turned out we got plenty of sunshine with it being a quite warm day.



Karyn and I were first to arrive, and Neil soon directed us to our parking spot in the front yard. He already had his twin cylinder Renault and the A Type Vauxhall in situ on the lawn, which was looking and feeling very lush. It was great to see the Vauxhall back home again.

It wasn't too long before the remainder of the group arrived in a mixture of veterans and modern cars. Neil soon had the 2400 FN and two Buicks parked

alongside the other veterans on the lawn, making for a nice group photo.

We were soon called together to partake of another very tasty breakfast prepared by Maria. As is the norm with the Heilbrunn hospitality no one went home hungry. At the Branch meeting on the following Tuesday night Neil lamented that we hadn't eaten a few more sausages as it had taken him a while to get through what was left over.



FN, Renault, Vauxhall, Talbot, Buick 1, Buick 2

After breakfast, quite a few of the group had a look at the 'Bike Barn', however those in the veterans, at least, were mindful of the predicted high temperature later in the day and were keen to get away to beat the heat.

Neville, who had travelled modern with Wendy and Dianne on the way there, decided he would travel home in the back of the Talbot. Whilst he was looking a bit windswept when we dropped him home he assured us he'd had a good time as a back seat passenger.



Some of the cars flanking the 'Furphy's Farm Water Cart'

Thanks once again to Neil and Maria for making their home available to us for this outing and for providing a wonderful breakfast.

Hopefully a few dollars were donated to the Martinsville R.F.S. by those who attended.



Those attending:

John & Kelly Burke – Buick

Max & Joan Burke – Buick

Graeme & Karyn Newman – Talbot

Chris Duncan, Catherine & Helen Strutt -
F.N.

Modern: David & Betty Cherry, Allen
Dunlop, Kim Nolan, Peter Cockbain & Kay
Good, Wendy Rose, Dianne Gotley &
Neville Preston

Events Calendar

Club Events

MARCH

Thursday 23rd

Monthly Club Meeting - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm

Friday 24th

Northern MASH Coffee Run - Meet at 10:30am Curry Reserve Elderslie for morning tea and start of run. *Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

Sunday 26th

Visit to Ron Hatterseley's house - see details on page 13

APRIL

Sunday 2nd

Northern Sydney Breakfast Run - details to come

Friday 14th

Southern MaSH Coffee Run - Meet at 10:30am Winifred West Park (Railway Station end) for morning tea and start of run. *Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

Tuesday 18th

Newcastle Branch Meeting - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm

Thursday 27th

Monthly Club Meeting - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm

Friday 28th

Northern MASH Coffee Run - Meet at 10:30am Curry Reserve Elderslie for morning tea and start of run. *Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

MAY

Thursday 4th-7th

Pre '31 Event - Cowra, NSW. Entry form on page 20

Friday 12th

Southern MaSH Coffee Run - Meet at 10:30am Winifred West Park (Railway Station end) for morning tea and start of run. *Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

Tuesday 16th

Newcastle Branch Meeting - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm

Sunday 21st

National Motoring Heritage Day

Thursday 25th

Monthly Club Meeting - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm

Friday 26th

Northern MASH Coffee Run - Meet at 10:30am Curry Reserve Elderslie for morning tea and start of run. *Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

Please note:

The meeting location of the Newcastle Branch Meeting has changed. Starting this month, the meetings will now be held at

78 MAIN ROAD, BOOLAROO

Contact John Burke for any other details

Major Events

MARCH

Monday 20th-22nd **Celebration of 125 Years of Renault production-** event being held in Cobram following the VCCA Vic 1&2 event. Contact details for the organiser are on our website.

JUNE

Sunday 4th **Northern Sydney Breakfast Run** to Mangrove Mountain
Saturday 10th-12th **CHMC (Bush Council) Rally** - Wagga Wagga, NSW. Entry form and details on the CHMC website, otherwise contact Jenny Fawbert
Friday 16th-18th **Newcastle Branch Singleton Rally**

AUGUST

Sunday 20th **Shannons Sydney Classic** hosted by the CMC at Sydney Motorsport Park from 8:30am to 3pm - a ticket will be required. Further details to follow

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd-8th **National Rally** - Griffith, NSW. Details are both on our website and the Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia - A.C.T website.
Sunday 15th **Sydney Tramway Museum Display** - We have been invited to an event at the Sydney Tramway Museum, at Loftus on to display our cars.
The museum is holding a 'Turn Back Time' Event to celebrate the 125th anniversary of two of their tramcars - Sydney C Class trams 29 and 37 which both entered service in 1898. The Museum will celebrate with a 'Turn Back Time - Trams at the turn of the 20th Century' Event. We have been invited to display our cars. People attending in a veteran will receive free admittance to the museum and free tram rides.
Members of the Historical Picnic Society will be attending in period costume, so I'm sure our members would be welcome to do likewise if they so choose.

Visit to Ron Hattersley's House of Treasures

See his amazing collections of walking sticks, silver, china and many other fascinating things in his wonderful house.

26 March 2023

103 Bay Street Beauty Point 2088

Morning Tea will be served so RSVP to Ron - 0422 232 923

Email: ron.hattersley@gmail.com

Keith Holmes and his Albion

By Rod Holmes

VCCA Foundation member No. 9 Keith Holmes was born on 5/3/1933.

In 1948 aged 14 he found an old lorry on a neighbour's farm. The owner said he could have it if he could drive it away. This he did using kerosene as petrol was still rationed. So began a lifelong association between Keith and his 1908 Albion model A3. Engine and chassis number 74C.

The Albion had commenced life carting produce from the poultry and fruit farms at Berowra to Hornsby returning with fodder and fertilizer, at weekends it was fitted with bench seats to take visitors from Berowra railway station to Berowra waters. Its last work before WW2 was pulling a plough.

On the Holmes farm it was used to cart sandstone slabs to pave the cattle yards. In 1951 now with a drivers licence Keith drove the Albion into Sydney for the 50 Years of Federation Parade.



Keith and friend Stan Stokes on the way to Sydney for 1951 celebrations parade

With his older brother Sandy who owned the 1912 Vauxhall "Fifty Bob", they went to the inaugural meeting of the Veteran Car Club and became foundation Members, Keith was number 9, and the Albion still wears the brass club badge stamped number 9. Keith drove the Albion in the first Blue Mountains Rallies in 1956, 1957 and 1959.



Farming operations moved to Raleigh in 1957 then to Kempsey in 1959. He let his club membership lapse due to work and family commitments. The Albion being called on to do occasional farm duties. Another farm



Keith and Rod Holmes in the 1956 Blue Mountains Rally. Rod is holding a towel over the radiator cap to stop the water and steam blowing over the driver

move to Wellington in 1976 saw the Albion doing light duties on the wheat and beef property.

When Keith retired from farming in 2009, the lorry came with him to Dorrigo and was garaged in younger brother Rod's farm shed. Keith re-joined the VCCA as a full member.

Rod and Keith began restoration work, woodwork, radiator, mudguards, leaks on the water jacket, new tyres including new solid rear tyres and painting.

The Albion has been driven to many local shows and functions and trailered to The Rusty Iron Rally several times. Its last VCCA Rally outing was the 1 & 2 cylinder rally at Yamba in 2018.



Above: the first Blue Mountains Rally. Keith is back row, sixth from the right with dark hair and tie. Sandy Holmes is front row, second from the left



Left: Working duties at Wellington

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*Loading up on the way to Yamba 1&2
Cylinder Rally 2018*



Keith enjoying using his Albion



June Tour Singleton

16-18th June 2023

The Newcastle Branch invites Veteran enthusiasts to enter this year's June tour at Singleton.

The tour will commence on Friday the 16th of June in Cessnock at the home of Max, Joan, John and Kelly Burke.

A welcome morning tea will be served before heading off on a scenic tour utilising quiet country roads to Singleton.

Saturday we will tour in the Singleton area and return to Cessnock on Sunday.

BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

Inform Motel at time of Booking VCCA event

The tour will be accommodated at the CHARBONNIER, Singleton. Ph: 02 65722333

Dinner and Breakfast available in the Motel Restaurant

Please return your entry to,
The Tour Director,
John Burke
20 Valley View Place Nulkaba NSW 2325.
0412 821 945

ENTRY FORM

Name..... Mobile Phone.....

Veteran Vehicle (year and make).....

Number of persons: adults..... children.....

Entry fee \$10

Direct Deposit: BSB 637000 ACC 781325341 Newcastle Branch VCCA or
Cheque : Newcastle Branch VCCA (Please indicate method of payment)

This event is open to all Veteran Vehicles

Finds from the library

Recieved from Louise Yeomans. Authors unknown.

WHERE WERE YOU ON SUNDAY, GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER ?

" "My boy, can't an old car have some fun ? I had the time of my life on Sunday. Since Owner joined the Veteran Club I have had a new lease of life, so don't think you can put me on the scrap-heap yet !

" 'S'funny y'know, how many of us old codgers are turning up - it's almost like old times again. There are over 100 of us in the Club now, ~~the~~ and there are just as many Owners, I hear. The Club's certainly grown since Owners Ron Grant, Bill Daly, Frank Klein, Jack Myers and John McLean got together at Owner Grant's place on 30th April 1954 and formed the Veteran and Edwardian Car Owners Club of Australia. My word, that's a mouthful isn't it ? Owners must have thought so too, because they changed it to Veteran Car Club of Australia, which is much better.

" I remember the first event we took part in was the Brighton Rally of 1954, which was organised that year by the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia. I nearly lost my way that year because Owner covered both my headlights, one with the Vintage Sports Car Club's number, and one with the Veteran Car Club's label, because nearly all of us Veteran Car Club members entered in that Club's name. Next year of course, we Veterans took charge and ran it, which was only proper wasn't it?

" Stop playing with that, little girl, you might break it ! Yes, I know, it doesn't look very pretty and Owners copied it from another Club's badge, but only the first fifty of us in the Club were given these badges and we wouldn't part with them for anything. Yes, all the other members will be given a new badge which is being made now. Of course, it won't look like the one I'm wearing, nothing could be ~~exactly~~ ^{quite} the same as that.

" What's that ? How many of us went on Sunday ? Owner said there were 32 of us, but I was too busy talking with the fellows to count us all. Of course some

2/.

Owners have more than one of us. Owner was only saying the other night how the Club has grown since it started. He said that in June 1954 there were 14 Owners in the Club, in June 1955 there were 30, 1956 - 56, and now, as I told you before there are over 100.

" No my child ! I never get puffed out. More than I can say for your father, ~~he~~ acts like an old car already. We climbed all the way up to Katoomba from Sydney and back in the Blue Mountains Rally last year, and again this year. And what's more we'll do it every year - more and more of us. Next year, they say, they are going to bring some of the interstate fellows over to try and show us the way up the Mountains. They'll have to be good to get near us, I can tell you ! Little Renault from Melbourne came over for this years' Mountain Run, and she tells me that her Owner, Mr. Dyer, who is President of the Veteran Car Club of Victoria, enjoyed himself. Sweet little thing Renault, I hope she comes again next year.

" Quite a few of us have been interstate for rallies, particularly for the Olympic Rally Melbourne-Ballarat in November last year and for the Barossa Valley Run this year. My old friend Napier went over to Adelaide and back on his own wheels for this run. Stout fellow, Napier.

" Yes my dear, some Owners are ladies. The Club's first one was Mrs. Paula Bryson, but Miss Green was the first Owner to drive her car in an event.

" ~~MiddxHxxx~~ Miss Green ! My word, there is a nice Owner to have ! Now when I was a young car like you, my boy What's that my dear ? Stop putting ideas in the young cars' heads ? Oh well, run along to your garages, youngsters, and leave this old car to his memories. Goodnight ! "

RALLY! RALLY! RALLY!

or the woman's Angle on the Brighton Race

"Come on - wave - you're not doing your share."

"Mmm.... what's that mm".

I had drifted into a doze rocked by the steady beat of the four sturdy cylinders of Victoria as she pulled slowly (but surely) up a long low hill. We had passed a group of people and I had not waved. When out in a veteran it is most important to wave (and smile). Who would be the Queen I thought once again; she has to wave even when in an ordinary car.

You have gathered by now we were in a Veteran Car - Victoria, a 1914 Minerva and the old lady was taking the air with her contemporaries and friends on a gala trip to Brighton.

The first call made was at the Brookvale oval where the cars were welcomed by Councillor Berry - a true friend who is really interested (he even owned a Bugatti once...) The oval was a riot of colour - I never thought I'd ever see a purple car but what a thrill when it came in sight - with carpet to match too (and for that person who said it was a made up name Metallurgique is quite genuine) Once round the oval, a brief pause to be placed in order and we were off again with Mr. Roberts' Hot Canary leading. We floated (in a snow of yellow dodgers) out the gates where the big Golden Fleece tanker was still standing solidly like a giant sow with a litter of multi-coloured piglets waiting for their petrol meal.

On to the first check point we went, then a brief stop for the local fathers to explain to their sons the principles of odd kinds of springing, handbrakes outside the doors and so on and so on.

Eventually we came to the city over the bridge (have you ever tried lying back and observing the moving pattern of the girders against the sky - by the way this is not recommended for drivers...)

The city was frankly not impressed (except for one group of sailors who waved until their arms nearly fell off) but there weren't many people around anyway.

The route lay along City Road through Newtown and it's

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just as well no-one had a break-down there because those children would have pounced on any stationary veteran and quickly unrestored it - at least that's how we felt just from watching the glean in their eyes - perhaps it was only excitement.

A few more miles, a few more twists and turns and there we were - at Brighton. The people were ready with a rousing welcome and innumerable questions. Have you noticed how the faces of the old people light up when the veterans arrive - no doubt it reminds them of the Good Old Days and the Red Flag Era.

There was a pleasant pause here for greetings between owners some gloating over recent triumphs of restoration (and ladies, some notes on veteran fashions - top marks to Mrs. Green for her red duffle coat - the perfect foil for Franklin's white duco - to Mrs. Vanstane with scarf and lipstick to match the Metallurgique and Mrs. Moss and daughters in tartan slacks and white caps - the Brysons in their red and white).

The next stop was at the Golden Fleece station - we were all ready for the appetising lunch provided by Golden Fleece (this is how they earned the undying gratitude of all wives and mothers - by eliminating the Early Morning Sandwich Scramble) There was plenty of time for a good unrestricted-by-the-public look at the cars - it's always fun but futile, trying to decide which one you like best.

After lunch the Rally set off in procession again ultimate destination Bondi, providing a little interest for the jaded citizens at King's Cross (I even saw a taxi driver stop, open-mouth in William Street!) The people of Vaucluse were very interested too (they had plenty of time to see us - isn't it funny how much hillier the hills are in a veteran - each one seems to take half an hour).

Journey's end came at Bondi where the cars had a well-earned rest and plenty of admiration while drivers and passengers refuelled by courtesy of Golden Fleece once again.

Then on our way once again - each taking a different route this time (hope you all enjoyed the fresh little breeze on the way home and will come against next year).

At the February Newcastle Branch Meeting, members enjoying viewing a very disassembled magneto brought in by Chris. Out of pure curiosity, Chris disassembled the magneto, which other members found extremely fascinating as no one else had seen much of the inner workings of a magneto.





Newsletter # 3



FEBRUARY 2023

The Veteran Section of VCCC of WA, your hosts for the 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally, asks entrants to consider extending their visit to WA for the week before the March Sun 17th to Sat 23rd Rally begins. If this idea appeals, in that the one week extension makes your long journey to the WA rally more attractive by turning it into a holiday, then please let us know ASAP

Some things we could do together in PERTH BEFORE the Albany Rally: Sat 9th to Sat 16th March 2024

*Take part, with Veteran vehicles on Sunday 10th, in the half day, annual 35km, Perth to Armadale Run which re-enacts and commemorates the FIRST car rally held in Perth in 1905. Traditionally this run culminates with a picnic lunch in a parkland setting. The Mayor of the City of Armadale usually attends this historic re-enactment.

*A hosted BBQ lunch at our amazing VCCC of WA club rooms at Wattle Grove with the chance to see our club's

-huge spare parts collection on sale to members for their historic vehicles
Inspect the car mechanical services areas where members can

- use the hoist to service their club car
- learn to make body panels for their historic club car
- learn car upholstery on the job using industrial sewing machines

See our wood work workshop where club members can order wooden wheels, hood bows or a steering wheel, manufactured to original patterns by our skilled team of volunteers

*Visit the Motor Museum of WA at Whiteman Park displaying over 200 historic vehicles, including Daniel Ricciardo's Monaco F1, winning car. Have a picnic or BBQ lunch in the surrounding parklands

*Take a half/full day ferry cruise (30mins duration) to Rottnest Island, WA's immensely popular, local playground and home of our smiling, free roaming, native animals, the quokkas. 25% discount on fares for RAC members.

*Enjoy a full day wine tasting, with lunch, river cruise into the Swan Valley. 10% discount for RAC members

*Go shopping with your hosts or work on your car

Entrants interested in extending their WA visit to include the week before the Rally:

CONTACT: hdpyle@bigpond.net.au 0407 999 290 Harry and Deidre PYLE

Rally UPDATE

*On each of the 4 driving days, you will have the choice of a long run or a shorter run

*Period costume dress-up is encouraged but not mandatory. Some love doing it, others don't.

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<https://Veterancarclubofwesternaustralia.wildapricot.org/2024-National-1-&-2-Cylinder-Rally>

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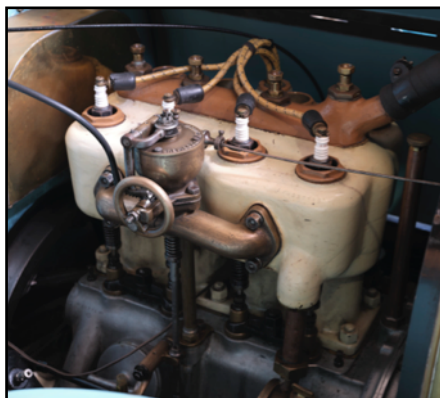


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