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ON THE COVER:

Peter Weir in his 1908 Vauxhall with his father Jim at the 2023 Singleton Weekend



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Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Club Meeting held on 22 June 2023. Conducted at the hall and by Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 7 Members 20 Member's family: 2
Total at hall (11) and total on zoom (14): 25

MEETING OPENED AT 8:05PM

APOLOGIES: Lynette Martin, Peter Martin, Graeme and Karyn Newman

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The president, Phil O'Loan, welcomed members to the meeting and apologised for the late start as he was waiting for a quorum. He thanked the members who joined in on zoom. Also, he thanked Graeme Newman for chairing last month's meeting so well.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes arising from the minutes: Nil
Proposer: Lauren Newman Seconder: Robert Fordham

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

KidZFix Motor Expo, Nowra, 6 August
Robert Rumble
CHMC- Dinkum Oil # 23
Newsletter #4 - & 2-Cylinder Veteran Vehicle Rally
National Trust – success request for funds (\$5,000) for High Wheeler Rally
Newcastle Branch – digitalising in the library
CMC - advising of AMHF survey
Albert Costagliola -Auto-electrician in Smithfield TAVCCA- death of Francis Ransley
Ron Cox
Energy Australia
Bill Betts – see Events
David Norton – feedback on new constitution
TAVCCA - FIVA report

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Condolence letter to widow of Francis Ransley
Newcastle Branch - re library
National Trust
Robert Rumble

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Proposer: David McCredie Seconded: Robert Fordham

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was tabled. Balances are:

Moved: Andrea Holden

Seconded: Ron Cox

MAGAZINE

Lauren Newman was pleased with the discussion generated from the photo in last month's S&P.

Responses have been received from Andrew Winter, John Burke and Martin McCarthy for the page 9 photo agreeing the car is a Delaunay Belleville 1913? For the other photo, John Prentice has identified the car as 1902 De Dion. Please send any other old photos like this to Lauren.

Lauren also asked members to write a report of the Singleton Rally. Some photos on the club's Facebook page are worth a look.

EVENTS

PAST EVENTS

16-18 June - Newcastle Branch Singleton Rally

Phil O'Loan claims that this rally is one of the best kept secrets. He thanked John and Kelly Burke for organising the event. There was perfect rally weather, good roads and great scenery. There were 20 vehicles with only 2 trailer breakdowns. Phil particularly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of later starts, own catering for lunch and fun around the fire at the motel.

As our club is responsible for organising the 2026 National Rally, Phil suggested it would be ideal to base the rally in Singleton. It needs a rally director and team to start planning the event. Anyone who would like to be the rally director should contact Phil.

COMING EVENTS

23 June - MaSH: Bill and Robyn are still away after QLD rally but will be back for the Southern Run on second Friday in July

15 July – Christmas in July luncheon at the hall. Costs \$30 per person. Please pay soon for numbers

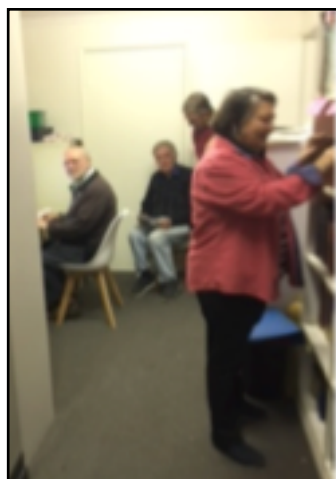
20 August – Shannons Sydney Classic at Eastern Creek – see Graeme is following up. Ron Cox indicated that he would like to go too. Contact Graeme if you would like to go so the club can pay for the tickets

Robert Fordham is organising a tour of Western Sydney Airport. Details were in Spit and Polish. If you are interested contact Robert ASAP as 20 people are needed to book a tour. It's free!

LIBRARY

A PowerPoint was shown to illustrate the progress of the library team. The library be opened officially at the Christmas in July on 15 July.

David McCredie and John Grant have catalogued the technical manuals from A to F and David Norton entered these entries onto the spreadsheet the computer. Jenny Fawbert has all the books classified into the Beaulieu system and the labelling and final sorting will be started next month.



It is hoped that the catalogue will have a thumbnail photo of the item for easier identification. The catalogue is an excel spreadsheet and adding the photos makes it a large file. We need some help on how to store the catalogue and make it accessible to members to be able to search. We are looking at ways to do this. There are 1110 items catalogued.

The motor trade documents have been delivered to the conservator and they will send a quote in a few weeks.

Members are welcome to come to a library meeting to look at items or to send through a request to the library team. The team will do the research

and either photocopy or scan the requested information for the member.

Graeme, Karyn and I have almost compiled a list of trophy winners but there needs to be a checked with the trophies. It will be loaded onto the website with a photo of the appropriate trophy. There are lots of trophies won by Jack Jeffrey and we are seeking contact with his descendants to return the trophies, car and club badges and glass cabinet to his family. The secretary has contacted the VW Club but not heard back. If you know of any possible descendants, please contact Louise.



DATING Only one dating certificate re issue this month for Henry Orton's 1911 Wolseley Alpine Tourer. The original certificate was issued 28 May 1992 and has been damaged.

PERMIT TO MOVE/REGISTRATION Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP No applications have been recieved.

HALL The club is still waiting on quotes to update the locks to comply with fire codes. The current locks are sophisticated and expensive, from \$500 a lock, so quotes are needed. The club is also waiting on clarification of the safety audit.

CHMC Jenny Fawbert attended the AGM at Wagga Wagga. The rally was attended by 187 vehicles

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including the Nixon's bus. HVS policy is under review and CHMC represents clubs' views consistently. HVS workshops will be held at Ballina, Cooma and Armidale. Any club members are able to attend any workshop. Two new clubs have been admitted to CHMC. Currently a working group with Transport NSW is looking at seat belts in historic vehicles and CHMC has input. Jenny suggested that members use the carbon calculator on Dinkum Oil #23 to work out the carbon emissions from their veterans which she conjectured would be low. She recommended members read Drive Lite from Transport NSW (It will be sent out with FFAF as no link could be found.)

CMC No report was lodged

WEBSITE On behalf of Abbey, Lauren advised that Abbey is busy updating the website and videos from Singleton will be loaded soon.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Feedback on Club Rules (Andrea Holden)

Andrea updated members on progress. She and Louise have been working to align the new constitution with Fair Trading's model. The changes are mainly cosmetic. Some feedback has been received from Neil Martin and David Norton and have been considered.

The next stage is to distribute the new constitution with a proxy voting form to members

If the member has email, it will be emailed.

If the member has no email, the new constitution will be mailed.

The new constitution will be posted on the website.

The proxy form will be on the website and also mailed in Spit and Polish.

It is hoped to save costs for printing and postage by distributing it this way.

Andrea thanked members for the feedback that was mostly positive and constructive. She asked for comments.

There were no responses.

The president thanked Andrea for her work and dedication.

2. Apologies

The president announced he would be absent in October and will be available for the November meeting. He asked that his apologies be tabled. In concluding the meeting, the president called for a volunteer to be the National rally Director as he would like to assemble a team fairly quickly.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:40pm

Phil O'Loan	Louise Yeomans
President	Secretary

President's Report

By Phil O'Loan

Big thank you to John and Kelly Burke for organising a very successful Singleton rally. The weather was beautiful, fresh and sunny, making it comfortable for both passengers and cars alike. The roads were ideal for veteran cars, combine this with the scenery and the very friendly rally participants, made this a very memorable rally.

I was so impressed with what the Singleton region has to offer our veteran cars. I believe it would make an ideal location for the National Rally for which we are responsible for organising in 2026. The roads are suitable for all cars, one, two, four, six and even eight cylinder cars. All would enjoy touring this picturesque country side and visiting many of the regions unique features.

The National Rally in 2026 is not that far away, we need to assemble a rally committee to start planning for this event. Very importantly we need to appoint a Rally Director to guide us through the planning process. If you would like to take on this roll, or be a member of the rally committee, please contact me as your contribution would be very much appreciated.

Happy motoring.

Editor's Report

By Lauren Newman

Thank you to the members who have contributed to the magazine this month. It's good to see the discussion that has been generated from the two photos that appeared in the last magazine. If you have any unidentified photos please feel free to send them to me and hopefully someone might be able to identify it for you!

Rodney Anderson has written an interesting article on De Dion and Renault and Graeme has reported on the Singleton Weekend which was an excellent weekend.

Information on the updates to the constitution are on page 11 with the proxy form then on page 24 if you are unable to attend the AGM. Andrea has given everyone a very clear update on the changes so be sure to have a read.

Happy reading.

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Letter to the Editor

From Martin McCarthy

Dear Editor,

I believe the mystery car on page nine of Spit and Polish is a 6 cylinder Delaunay Belleville of around 1912.

Years ago when assisting in the restoration of George Greens Delaunay I did a lot of research on this make of car for George.

Yours faithfully,

Martin McCarthy

From John Prentice

Dear Lauren,

I have just received my Spit and Polish with many thanks. I look forward to getting them.

The photo on page 24 prompted my memory, and a brief search on the internet produced the attached, showing a delightful collection of kids in what must be the same car at Manly Beach.

Other pictures I have seen are of different people in this car also at Manly.

I believe this car was available in around 1907 to enable seashiders to have their photo taken, for a fee.

I think the car is a de Dion-Bouton of either one or two cylinders. If so then it is an early example, probably from 1902 or 03 as the front dumbirons are curved under (by 1904 they pointed forward).

The car has clearly seen use, but by 1907 it would still have been novel and quaint, attracting seashiders that wanted a photo showing them 'driving a motor' or being a passenger.

I suspect that Rob's photo was taken before the one with the kids. In the latter note the headlight has been removed (either damaged or looking too antiquated) and the nearer front guard has been bent upward.

Rob's photo shows the car around the corner from the beach (seen in the background). I wonder whether this was just a different location for the owner to attract customers (note the 'wait here' on the picket behind the car)? Or does it suggest that, for an extra fee, one could be driven around the block?

A delightful photo, and thank you Rob de Souza-Daw for it.



With regards,

John Prentice

From Ron Cox

Good afternoon Louise and Geoff,

The latest edition of our club magazine is a wonderful read, the editorial contents get better every month, however I would like to comment about the page "THE DINKUM OIL # 23.

Analysing our veteran car I find that it does not emit pure "carbon". Based on the latest FIVA survey our vehicle covers about 200kM per year at their petrol consumption estimate, the amount of CO (Carbon Monoxide) would be in the order of 82kG for the year, or about 1/3 of the Carbon Dioxide that the average person breaths out each year!

As our vehicles expel Carbon Monoxide it is interesting to note that carbon monoxide uses 1 less atom of oxygen with carbon, we are therefore consuming 33% less oxygen atoms than a person, dog or Electric vehicle.

As an aside, our atmosphere has a Carbon Dioxide level of .04% far less dangerous than electric vehicle Lithium (number 3 on the atomic scale) and Cobalt, mined in The Congo by children for the companies owned by China, and who are deceased from the effect of Cobalt toxic poisoning by the age of 24. I don't suppose that the mining companies or electric vehicle buyers care about that.

Now, as our veteran cars carry fuel to mix with air we note that at a 10 to 1 fuel mixture we only carry on board about one tenth of the fuel that we use, where as an electric car carries 100% of the fuel load. We could look at the "clumping effect" on lithium fuel loads with fast charging which has the potential for fire and explosion but that is the electric car buyers problem, just don't park too close to one. I realise that these things are being "pushed" on to us by "ex spurts" and "politi shuns" but the last few weeks in the Canberra nursing home shows how "wonderful" they are. This just scrapes the surface of the electric vehicle fraud.

Keep up the good work and best regards,
Ron Cox.

Mystery Photo

By Graeme Newman. Photo courtesy of the Peter Sim collection

The mystery photo published in June Spit and Polish which was provided by Ian Shinfield was identified, quite correctly, by several members as being a 1913 Delauney Beleville. Somewhat naturally there was reference to the smaller of the two Delauney's which was a part of the George Green collection.

According to the Pedr Davis book 'Veteran & Vintage Cars' this was a four cylinder side valve version of about 3.75 litre capacity, capable of developing 26BHP at 2500 rpm. The vehicle was restored by George Green and some of his team with one of its first major outings being the 1970 International Rally from Sydney to Melbourne.

And whilst this may have been the first 'major' outing, it appeared in a partially restored state at the Newcastle Annual Tour in 1967 being entered by the late John Riley.



VCCA Constitution for 2023 AGM

Dear members,

As most of you will be aware, the constitution subcommittee has been working hard on updating the constitution to be more aligned with the Department of Fair Trading's Model Constitution. This has involved several feedback sessions with the club at club meeting and we thank everyone for their thoughts, feedback, and comments.

With the AGM coming up in August, we have finalised the proposed constitution and this can be found on the VCCA website. Although proxy voting has been removed from the proposed constitution, it still exists in our current constitution. Therefore, there is a proxy voting form on the website that you can print out if you wish to vote by proxy for the AGM. For our members that don't have access to internet, we will be posting them the proposed constitution and proxy slip.

Here is a summary of what key changes have been made:

- Fees: cost of membership has been removed and moved to the by-laws.
- Committee Members: the 5 committee members who are not officer bearers can be either associate or ordinary members.
- Use of technology at meetings: electronic means can constitute a quorum & members that vote online are taken to have voted in person.
- Proxy voting: no proxy voting allowed. Instead, electronic, and postal voting will be used.
- Quorum for General Meeting: changed from 20 to 15.
- Special General Meeting: if an issue arises within the club, a submission, must be made in writing to the committee outlining the issue, in which case, the committee will try and solve this issue before going to special general meeting (refer to the proposed constitution for more detail).

As mentioned, all these changes are in line the Department of Fair Trading's Model Constitution so that we do not need to seek legal advice to pass this through.

Thank you all for your consideration and looking forward to the AGM.

Kind regards,
Andrea Holden

Events Calendar

Club Events

JULY

- 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 at Curry Reserve Elderslie.
Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.

AUGUST

- Friday 11th **Southern MaSH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Winifred West Park.
Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.
Tuesday 15th **Newcastle Branch Meeting** - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm
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
Thursday 24th **Monthly Club Meeting** - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm
Friday 25th **Northern MASH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Curry Reserve Elderslie.
Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 8th **Southern MaSH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Winifred West Park.
Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.
Friday 8th-10th **5th Annual Pre '05 Pioneers Run** - Forbes, NSW. First Newsletter
on page 24. *Contact: John Fryirs or Russell Holden*
Tuesday 19th **Newcastle Branch Meeting** - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm
Thursday 28th **Monthly Club Meeting** - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm
Friday 29th **Northern MASH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Curry Reserve Elderslie.
Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.

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Major Events

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd-8th

National Rally - Griffith, NSW.

Entries are NOW OPEN!! Online entry form available at:

<https://griffith2023.vvccaact.org.au/>

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. More information to come.

Sunday 22nd-28th

16th Highwheeler Rally - Gunnedah, NSW. First Newsletter circulated in Friday Fact and Fiction. *Contact: Rob Duffy*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Important information regarding the 2024 Premier Event in Inverell:

Arrive in Inverell: Wednesday 10th April 2024

Runs will be on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the final dinner being held on Sunday night.

Depart Inverell: Monday 15th April 2024

Further information to come, but please be aware that the runs will commence on THURSDAY morning and the final dinner will be on SUNDAY night.

Membership fees are due for 2023/2024

Just a reminder that your annual membership fees are due at the end of June.

You will be sent a copy of your membership details including what fees are due in this edition of Spit and Polish. Please check this carefully as you may have already paid for this coming year. Do not pay until you have received this information and have checked your membership details.

Geoff Yeomans - Honorary Secretary

The de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis & 125th anniversary of Renault Frères

By Rodney C Anderson (Melbourne)

De Dion Bouton & Trepardoux set out constructing and testing steam driven vehicles in Avenue Grande-Armée Paris in 1884 (photo right) before coming up with the first high-speed petrol motor in 1895. Initially air-cooled, the first water cooled motor was fitted to the de Dion Bouton model vis-à-vis [(photo below) that began to appear on the streets of Paris in September 1899.



By the turn of the century de Dion & Bouton (Trepardoux having moved on) was claimed to be the largest automobile manufacturer in the world with the vis-à-vis being one of the most easily recognised automobiles from the dawn of motoring.



One belonging to Comte de Dion, founder of the first automobile club, is displayed in the foyer at 6 Place de la Concorde Paris, l'Automobile Club de France. There are other de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis models on display in France including the one driven along the Champs Elysees with the Comte on board as part of a celebratory parade at the end of hostilities. In a private Chateau there is a recent 'discovery' in remarkable condition still with the lamps in the box – unwrapped!

In June 1994 eight of the 38 de Dion Bouton entrants in the Centenary celebration of the first automobile 'race' from Paris to Rouen were vis-à-vis – incidentally there were 17 Renaults & 14 Peugeots.

And in November 1996, of the 'nearly ninety' de Dion Boutons entered in the RAC London to Brighton Veteran Car Run to celebrate the centenary of the 1896 Motor Car Club Tour to Brighton, there were 21 or more vis-à-vis models entered - '... this Paris maker was the oldest and most popular company of veteran days. Famed for its excellent petrol engines...' [Official Souvenir Programme p. 36]



1128 DX 75 [photo right] - an entrant in both these centenary celebrations – also commemorated the centenary of the Paris-Rouen on the 22 July 1994 and the Motor

Car Club Tour to Brighton on 14 November 1996 - the actual dates of these historic events!



In Australia the de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis is arguably the most significant and also readily identifiable of the earliest motorcars in Australia especially in New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria.

The first car imported into NSW - a *de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis* - arrived in May 1900 (photo left). And the first car purchased by the State Government is also claimed to be a *de Dion Bouton* and the first car driven through the Blue Mountains

The *de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis* displayed at the National Motor Museum (photo right) is owned by the History Trust of South Australia. Another *vis-à-vis* was in recent time imported by a well known collector in Adelaide.



Museums Victoria believe the *de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis* purchased in 1900 by James Craven of St Kilda is the first car to be imported into Australia (photo below).



In Queensland, an enthusiast rebuilt the *vis-à-vis* featured in *Veteran and Vintage* (Davis 1981) and Clive Parmer recently purchased a *vis-à-vis* to add to his collection.

Sadly, by the end of the 20th century the once great name of de Dion Bouton was largely forgotten save for the 'de Dion axle' whereas his nemesis, Louis Renault, who relied on a de Dion Bouton motor to 'test' his système of direct drive, created an

Empire. To my mind it was important to acknowledge the contribution made by de Dion Bouton towards the Empire described by General de Gaulle as the 'first and finest factory in France' by having a de Dion Bouton present at the *Premiere Rassemblement International des Models Louis Renault* at Cobram in March 2023.



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So it came as a wonderful surprise for those at Thompsons Beach to hear and see an 1899 3 1/2 hp model *vis-à-vis teuf-teufing* her way to line up with the younger Renaults and then treated to the spectacle of this delightful vehicle whizzing around the iconic river gums on the banks of the mighty Murray and on the final day leading the way to Tocumwal where the owner most generously provided an opportunity for others to enjoy driving around the streets [photo right] in his *vis-à-vis*.

According to my reckoning 8 of the 69 de Dion Bouton models listed in the 2015 Vehicle Index published by The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia were in New South Wales.

As a stalwart of the *marque de Dion Bouton*, I'm trying to encourage owners or custodians of any tricycle, quadricycle or any other vehicle including road sweepers fitted with a single, twin, four or eight cylinder de Dion Bouton motor to get together to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the *de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis* with your families & friends or come along to the gathering that will get underway once the VCCA (Vic) Annual 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally at Echuca is over.



And for those going to the 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally in Albany, a record number of *de Dion Bouton* enthusiasts are expected for the Festival of Motoring including the *de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis* from the National Motor Museum invited to the WA *édition* of the *Deuxieme Rassemblement International des Models Louis Renault* .

There will be other opportunities for *de Dion Bouton* and *Renault* enthusiasts in Australia to get together and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the *vis-à-vis* and *Renault Frères*.

2023 Singleton Tour

16-18th June 2023. By Graeme Newman

The recently completed Singleton Tour showed once again that if you combine a good handful of veteran cars, or a handful of good veteran cars with some pretty good roads and some sensational weather conditions it makes for a great weekend.

Whilst the tour officially began on Friday morning, quite a few of the entrants made their way to the Hunter area on the Thursday to save a long drive immediately prior to the start. By the time we arrived at the Burke residence, there was quite an impressive line-up of cars parked beside their driveway, with a couple of others parked further away in the paddock after being unloaded from their trailers.

The Burke ladies had once again been busy preparing morning tea which everyone enjoyed in the warmth of the 'Queenslander Room' which adjoins the rear of the house. After a quite leisurely 'cuppa'



Chalmers, Ford, Talbot, Talbot, Chevrolet, SCAT

John Burke welcomed everyone to the event and gave a run down on the weekend's activities with the appropriate warning about ensuring you had fuel before leaving Cessnock as it was a bit hard to find further along the way. Chris Duncan and Peter Nevell joined us for the day in Chris' 1911 F.N. Chris & Catherine had a gig in Sydney on the Saturday night meaning they couldn't join us for the weekend.

By the time we departed, it was after morning school drop off time, so there wasn't too much traffic about as we made our way along Vincent Street, the main street of Cessnock towards Kitchener and Quorrobolong. From there we headed through Ellalong, Paxton and Millfield to Wollombi for lunch. Unfortunately, not far from the start Henry and Andy Orton began to experience some fairly severe wheel wobbles in the Renault, so decided quite wisely to call it a day. Henry got a lift back to the start where he retrieved the tow vehicle, and they caught up with us later in the day.



Talbot, Talbot, Vauxhall, Buick, Hupmobile

Whilst some of the roads throughout the Shire of Cessnock aren't of the highest quality, the council is making a concerted effort to improve the situation with much of the road between Millfield and Wollombi having

been re-built with work continuing on another section. Slacks Park in Wollombi was the designated lunch stop, which proved to be quite delightful in the midday sun. Some of the group had prepared a picnic lunch whilst some others sampled the local delights – all of which looked pretty good.



Euan and Wilga in the SCAT

From Wollombi we headed north through Paynes Crossing towards Broke. Along the way, Rod Holmes had an unplanned stop in the Ford. By the time we arrived, the crews of the Vauxhall and Rambler had already stopped to assist so we continued to the afternoon stop at Stewart McTaggart Park in Broke. The park is just across the road from the servo/general store where most of us went to buy an ice cream for afternoon tea.

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Whilst having our ice creams we learned that Rod's Model T had electrical problems which couldn't be fixed there so the back-up crew of Peter Cockbain and Kay Good were transporting Rod back to the start to collect his trailer.

From Broke we continued to Singleton through Mt Thorley, which was all quite enjoyable until we struck the afternoon peak traffic period which is largely due to mine workers heading through town combined with



Talbot Camp

school zones. Bring on the Singleton Bypass which is supposed to be opened by the end of 2026! Friday afternoon at the motel was spent with some doing some car maintenance whilst others were able to enjoy some pre dinner drinks and chatter. Dinner was taken in the motel dining room and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

We were joined for breakfast on Saturday by Peter, Sue and Harriette Martin. They couldn't be with us



Zander showing the group his riding skills

on Friday as Harriette was involved in a music concert that night. Given they had some distance to travel from the concert to Singleton, they were well prepared, driving to the concert with the Model T tucked away safely in the trailer so they could head off once it was over. Alas, things didn't quite go to plan though, as after leaving the concert they found a wheel missing from the trailer – apparently someone decided they had a greater need for it than the Martin's!

Saturday morning was quite cool and a few of the cars were a bit reluctant to start at first, but thankfully everyone got sorted and was ready once it was time to leave. It was only a relatively short drive to our morning tea stop at the very aptly named Mount Pleasant Public School where we enjoyed a leisurely stop in the morning sun. A few of the younger ones in the group were seen amusing themselves playing handball in the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area).



Jim, Euan and Wilga at Lake Liddell

We decided to leave first in the hope of finding a good

spot a bit further up the road to take some photos of the cars. You can never have too many photos of veteran cars – or can you?

Only about a kilometre up the road we found what appeared to be a fairly recently constructed ford over the Goorangoola Creek. With some water running over the ford and a convenient place to park this seemed like a good location. (For those that haven't seen it, there is some footage on both the V.C.C.A (NSW) Facebook page and website).

After waiting a while, we became a bit concerned that we had somehow got our directions wrong because no one seemed to be heading our way, but it turned out the morning tea stop was just a bit too pleasant, and no one was in a hurry to leave.



Afternoon drinks

Once the cars had all passed, we continued to the Lake Liddell Recreation Area for our lunch stop. The area seems to be popular with not only day visitors but also some holiday makers camping and caravanning. Sadly, it also seems to have become home to many people living there permanently, no doubt due to the lack of affordable housing in the region. The area where we stopped gave a clear view of the now de-commissioned Liddell Power Station which utilised the water from the lake for cooling.



David & Betty - cheery as usual!

The day's directions had us heading back to Singleton using a stretch of the New England Highway, as one of the preferred routes was closed due to damage caused by last year's floods. Given how enjoyable the morning run was, I think most of the group decided to return the same way. It was just as enjoyable heading in the opposite direction.

Saturday afternoon saw another gathering for pre-dinner drinks. This included an informal meeting convened by Rod Holmes and Laurie McGrath to provide an update on planning for the 2024 Premier Event at Inverell. That night we had another enjoyable dinner together followed by the presentation of prizes and the raffle draw. Unfortunately, Matt Burke didn't join us for dinner as he wasn't feeling too well. Perhaps he'd got a bit much sun in the Model 32.

Sunday morning was quite cool again, but with a bit of coaxing all the cars started. The drive back to Branxton where the tour finished, took us through some very nice farming country with locality names such as Obanvale, Wattle Ponds, Clydesdale, Big Ridge, Roughit and Glendon.

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Our farewell morning tea was shared at Miller Park, Branxton before the group began to disperse. Whilst the majority travelled back to the Burkes to re-load, we headed home through Kurri Kurri to Freemans Waterhole and home. Another great weekend of veteran motoring that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Hopefully Henry will soon have the Renault headed in the right direction and Rod will get the T firing on all four again.

Thanks very much to John and Kelly for organising the event and to the Burkes, both senior and junior for making their home available for both the start and for trailer parking over the weekend. Also, thanks to Peter Cockbain & Kay Good for performing the 'tail end charlie' duties.

Attended by:

Max & Joan Burke - 1912 Hupmobile	Peter & Jim Weir - 1908 Vauxhall
John & Kelly Burke - 1916 Buick	Euan & Wilga Coutts - 1910 SCAT
Matt Burke - 1913 Hupmobile	Henry & Andy Orton - 1908 Renault
Dianne Gotley & Brett Corrigan - 1914 Talbot	John Brumby - 1916 Maxwell
Michael & Denise Bendeich - 1913 Chalmers	David & Betty Cherry - 1916 Chevrolet
Graeme, Karyn & Lauren Newman - 1914 Talbot	Phil & Terri O'Loan - 1910 Talbot
Ben Rose, Gab Michl, Wendy & Kate Rose - 1914 Talbot	Rod Holmes & Greg Gossip - 1915 Ford
David & April Salter, Zac Guise, Katie Burns & Zander - 1916 Buick	
Peter, Sue & Harriette Martin - 1912 Ford	
Robert, Ross & Graham Duffy - 1913 Rambler	Chris Duncan & Peter Nevell - 1911 FN
Peter Cockbain & Kaye Good - Modern	Laurie & Marcia McGrath - Modern

VCCA 2022 AGM Minutes

68th Annual General Meeting. 22 August 2022

The meeting opened on zoom at 8:54 pm by the President Phil O'Loan who welcomed all present.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were published in July 2022 edition of Spit and Polish. Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Lauren Newman Seconded: Lynette Martin

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2021/2022

The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer presented their reports.

A Library report was presented by Jenny Fawbert.

There was no report from the Dating Committee as there were no requests for dating or for Veteran of the Year. All of the reports will be published in Spit and Polish.

Moved: Robert Fordham Seconded: Graham Weekes

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Presentation of Annual Financial Statement as required under Section 26(6) of the Associations' Incorporation Act 1984.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement as circulated to members in the August 2022 edition of *Spit and Polish*.

Moved: Barry Shinfield Seconded: David McCredie

b. Presentation of Awards

<i>Award</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
2022 Literary Award	Peter Martin - <i>My Veteran Affair</i>
2022 Junior Literary Award	Harriette Martin - <i>Mudgee Misfits Report</i>
Hattersley Cup	Phil O'Loan
Volunteer of the Year	Tom Killingback

As Events Co-ordinator, Graeme Newman, reminded members that the Hattersley Cup, kindly donated by Ron Hattersley, is to encourage members to participate in club events. Members need to use their cars, attend meetings, and write an article to share the experience. Some points may have been missed as attendance is difficult to track on zoom, some events are recorded in *Spit and Polish* but do not always include an attendance list and some events are not reported on at all. He has done his best. In third place was John Burke with 50 points and Geoff Yeomans was in second place with 53 points and the overall winner was Phil O'Loan. It is important to have veterans on the road to attract potential members such as at the Pre 31 event which was attended by the Sultana and Blythe families.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Tom Killingback in recognition of his work with Andrea in setting up and operating the hall's IT and the drone footage from Narrandera. He was awarded a year's club membership.

c. Presentation of 50-year and 60-year badges

A 50-year badge was presented to Bryan Inder (member number 760) and it will be posted as he sent his apologies and best wishes to members as will the 60-year badge for Leon Smith (member number 199). The 60-year badge for Robert Trevan (Membership number 240) was presented to his daughter Elizabeth Trevan. On accepting the award on behalf of her father, Elizabeth said the award meant a lot to Bob to be acknowledged for 60 years of membership. His passion for old cars started in 1954 when he restored a 1924 Ford. Someone told him that Brass era cars were better so he found a 1909 Model T Ford when the Bull n Bush at Baulkham Hills was knocked down. Affectionately known as Rust, it was the first Model T in Australia and Ben Bronk helped Bob with parts. Veteran cars have been Bob's life passion and the club has provided many happy memories and friendships. The last 12 months have been tough in Lismore and the floods in February rose to 8 feet in the shed covering 8 cars. Most cars are back on track.

4. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS Nil

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021/2022

The President thanked all committee members for their support. The President declared all of the positions vacant. Barry Shinfield, a previous president, took the chair and conducted the elections. As all positions had nominees, he declared the positions filled nominations as follows

<i>Position</i>	<i>Office Bearer</i>
President	Phil O'Loan
Vice Presidents	Graeme Newman Peter Martin
Secretary	Louise Yeomans

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Treasurer	Geoff Yeomans
Committee Members	Robert Fordham
	Andrea Holden
	Neil Martin
	Lauren Newman
	Ian Shinfield
Dating Chairman	John Burke

Barry congratulated the new committee members. And thanked them for nominating. The new President, Phil O'Loan, took the chair. He thanked Barry for conducting the election and congratulated the new committee members.

The meeting closed at 9:36pm.

Phil O'Loan	Louise Yeomans
President	Secretary

VCCA 2023 AGM Agenda

69th Annual General Meeting. To be held 24 August 2023

1. **WELCOME**
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2022/2023**
 - a. The President (Phil O'Loan)
 - b. The Secretary (Louise Yeomans)
 - c. The Treasurer (Geoff Yeomans)
 - d. Dating Committee (John Bourke)
 - e. Library Report (Jenny Fawbert)
4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a. Presentation of Annual Financial Statement as required under Section 26(6) of the Associations' Incorporation Act 1984.
 - b. Presentation of Awards
 - c. Presentation of 50- and 60-year badges
 - d. Ratification of new constitution for VCCA(NSW)Inc

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022/2023**

All positions are declared vacant. A previous president is asked to run the election of office bearers. Nominations will be accepted on the night for unnominated positions.

Positions: President, Vice President (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members (5) and Dating Committee Chairman.

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC
NOMINATION FORM FOR 2023/24
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Office Bearer	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Accepted
President				
Vice-President				
Vice-President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
1 Committee member				
2 Committee member				
3 Committee member				
4 Committee member				
5 Committee member				
Dating Committee Chairman				

Note 16 (1) Nominations of candidates for the election as office bearers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee

- a. Shall be made in writing, signed by two ordinary members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form), and
- b. Nominations will be accepted on the night.



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Patrons:

**Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of New South Wales
and Mr Dennis Wilson**

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____
(Full name)

OF _____
(address)

Being a member of VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW)INC

Hereby appoint _____
(Full name of proxy)

OF _____
(address)

Being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the association to be held on 24th day of August 2023 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Votes will be accepted in person, electronically or by proxy.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/ against * the special resolution:

"That the existing VCCA(NSW)Inc constitution be replaced with a new constitution based on the model from Fair Trading with the changes being applied from this meeting on 24th August 2023."

Signature of member appointing proxy

Date: _____

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association and must be a financial member of the club.

(* delete as inapplicable)

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- 3. Man's fake fur coat. Suit person 180-200cm (modelled on one worn by Lord Northcliffe in 1900's). Brown with black long fur through it. Fully lined, with pockets. Very warm. \$150— **SOLD**
- 4. Man's brown wool trousers & waistcoat. Suit erson 170-200cm. Trousers waist 1 metre length 1.1m. No coat. \$40
- 5. Tennis racquets and presses. 1 Alexander Cressy Wizard - 50's, 1 flat bottomed - 20's. \$40 the pair
- 6. Men's flat caps. 1x mid brown tweed wool fine check (L), 1 x green-grey black tweed check (L). \$30 each. One man's Stetson brand narrow brim hat. 60's, grey green (L) \$5
- 7. Brown leather driving/motorocycle style helmet (L) \$30



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