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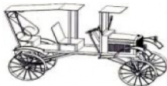
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Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Club Meeting held on 26th June 2026

Conducted at the hall and via zoom

ATTENDANCE

Committee Memberl: 7, Members at Hall: 14, Members on Zoom: 8, Total club members: 23, Family members: Brett Corrigan and Melinda Kovacs.

MEETING OPENED AT 8.05 PM

APOLOGIES: Euan Coutts, Lynette Martin, Peter Martin, Graham Weekes, Inez and Norma Mitchell

PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS

The President, Graeme Newman, welcomed members to the meeting at the hall and those on zoom. He thanked everyone for their attendance The President noted the attendance on zoom of members from across the state.

One minute’s silence was observed for Michael Lowe. Although Michael resigned last year, he was a long-standing member who joined the club in 1988 as member number 836. With his wife Sausan, Michael enjoyed rallies in his Renault. He served as secretary. Michael died in hospital in early June.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising from minutes:

Corrections: Nil

Proposer: David McCredie Seconded: Robert Fordham

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Mike Robinson – resignation and then rescinding his resignation until 2027.

CMC - 4 tickets for Shannons Sydney Classic

Valuer general – notice of land valuation (\$2,350,000)

Dating form from Ian Shinfield

Energy Australia -changes to cost of electricity

Andrew McVey – Model T Ford Club of Australia- requesting to pay rent in advance and reduce cost of IT

Murthy – requesting rent invoice in advance

Fran Fifield – advising when Renault Car Club did not use the hall

Data Diction – request to update club details

Aly McAuliffe – acknowledging postponement of Newcastle Tour

Scott Hogan, Government House Diary – unfortunately Vice Regal couple are unable to attend National Rally, Cowra

Central West Car Club – invitation to car show and swap meet at Parkes on 17 October
Newcastle minutes

Canada Bay Council – proposed parking changes
Gordon Dewey - letter

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Alexander Allum – membership kit
Andrew McVey committee will consider its request
Murthy – rent invoice
Fran Fifield – change of meeting dates
Ian Shinfield’s dating form to John Burke
Data Diction – checked off
Name badges distributed
Membership form to Keith Holme’s grandson
Aly McAuliffe – advising about postponement to Newcastle Tour
John Burke, Chris Duncan, John Brumby, Malcolm Garthon, Neil Martin, Rob McCarthy, and Barry Shinfield - VS6, VS9 and VS 53, the Historic Vehicle Sheet.
Susan Lowe – sympathy card
Vintage Motorcycle Club of Australia (NSW) – advice about Swap meet (Anthony Gullick)

The secretary thanked Graeme and Karyn Newman for taking the minutes at the May meeting.

Proposer: Jackson Shinfield Seconded: Dorothy Shinfield

Treasure's Report

The Treasurer’s report was tabled.
Balances are from 26 May 2026 to 25 June 2026.
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Ordinary account:
Rally account
Building Maintenance Acc.
Term deposit 1
Term deposit 2
Term deposit 3
Income for the main account has been received from rents and membership renewals.
Sydney Voice has reimbursed the club for cleaning its air conditioners (\$179.14).
Expenditure has been for Quickbooks (\$59.99), Optus for 2 months (\$190.40), Sydney Water (\$260.20), postage of Spit and Polish (\$212.15 and \$227.27), cleaning for 10 weeks (\$2,100), ATO instalment (\$2,349.10), electricity (\$1,201.93), name badges (\$364.42) and printing Spit and Polish (\$784.95).
Invoices to hall renters for the April-June 2026 quarter have been sent.
Thank you to those members who have paid their membership fees and a reminder to those who haven’t paid that the deadline is 30 September, 2026.

Proposer: Ian Shinfield Seconded: Neil Martin

EVENTS

PAST EVENTS

6 June – Newcastle Branch to Mangrove Creek Dam - very pleasant, 4 veterans
7 June – St Ives Showground – 1 veteran.

COMING EVENTS

- 29 June10-noon Garage visit to see Mike Bendeich’s collection, 26 Reiby Drive Baulkham Hills 2153 Email: denisebendeich@yahoo.com M: 0401 911 601
- 25 JulySwap meet at the hall -please remind your friends. Contact John Grant for a table. Deadline 10 July
- 3-5 AugustNewcastle Branch Rally – Scone Tour – entry in FFAF. When booking accommodation mention John Burke.
- 16 AugustShannons Sydney Classic – Garry Canton is the contact. One ticket is available.
- 6-12 SeptNational Rally Cowra – Entries close on 30 June 2026.
- 14-19 SeptHupmobile Tour Orange contact Euan Coutts for details; the entry form was published in June S&P.
- 23-26 SeptPre 05 Pioneers Run Wentworth - contact Chris and Russell Holden
- 8 NovSydney Tramway Museum is having an Edwardian Picnic Day - contact. Malcolm Garthon
- 2027Metal working course with VSCCA - contact Jeremy Morris
- 2027Premier Rally – organiser is needed.
- 14-18 MayCHMC Rally at Maitland. Entry on CHMC website

MAGAZINE

The Editor would like more reports and articles

LIBRARY

Unfortunately, the dehumidifier was blocked so Geoff cleared it. It appears to be blocked again. John Grant sorted the medallions. Louise looked into two boxes of secretarial archives and classified the correspondence ready for better storage.

DATING

Ian Shinfield's application has been posted to John Burke

REGISTRATIONS

Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP

No new applications

HALL

The Model T Ford Club of Australia are interested in using the hall IT equipment. The club will trial it for one month and make a decision. Members of Model T Ford Club to attend VCCA(NSW) meeting to learn how to use the IT equipment before using it

CHMC

Good Governance and Motor Vehicle Registration Resource are available on CHMC website. Also, an entry form for the rally in Maitland. It incorporates National Motoring Heritage Day. Transport for NSW(TfNSW) have had a change of leadership and are tidying up conditional registration

CMC

Nothing to report - looking for a delegate

WEBSITE

There have been several enquiries.

One came from the South West Rocks Historic Museum to identify some vehicles in photographs. One claimed to be the first car in the district with the photo supposedly showing Mr Phizackerley delivering a car from a ferry in 1902. Graeme identified the cars as 1913 Fiat Zero and 1915 Model T Ford.

Another message came from a vendor of 1937 programme for the London to Brighton Rally. It was offered to members in FFAF.

The last message was from a man wanting his 1937 Buick reassembled. He was referred to the Buick Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Update from the Committee

Most of the committee’s time is occupied with the organisation of the Cowra Rally. The secretary is working through the recommendations in CHMC’s Good Governance resource. Negotiations are ongoing with Sydney Voice about the use of the main hall and carpark.

2. Update on National Rally Cowra

Entries close on 30 June 2026.

Final numbers are needed for the budget and to cost the meal package.

landra castle is undergoing roof repairs and is not open so the committee is looking for an alternative. It could be replaced with Glen Donald but its website describes the driveway as needing all wheel drive vehicle. To be followed up.

There will not be a display day on Wednesday. The location was not suitable for several reasons. Some people have indicated that a rest day is appreciated. There will be available tours around Cowra and the Lachlan Valley Railway Museum will be open on Wednesday morning

3. Update on Premier Rally 2027

Currently, Gunnedah is being looked at as a suitable venue. Graeme is looking into accommodation options. Rob Duffy and Dave Stewart have some routes already tested. It would possibly be from 12 -15 April 2027, in school holidays.

4.Swap Meet

Reminder to book a table by 10 July. and contact John Grant by email

5. Veteran of the Year

Send nominations by 31 July to the secretary with photographs of the vehicle

6. Motorlife Museum flyer

Members were offered flyers with a sticker and half price entry. Contact Louise of Graeme.

7. Comment on Phizackerley

Jenny Fawbert thought the incident referred to by South West rocks Historic Society could have happened but there needs to be more evidence.

4. Swap Meet

ave happened but there needs to be more evidence

8. Restoration of the 1912 Star

Paul Barglik is working on the Star with his son. The magneto is being reconditioned. The Star was used at Greens Motorcade.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:46 PM.

Lucky door prize was won by Andrew Benoit.

Graeme Newman
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

The raffle was drawn.

Andrew Benoit won the Lucky Door Prize
presented by Ron Hattersley



VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC

71th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 28 August 2025

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

The meeting was conducted at the hall and by zoom.

Committee: 7. Members; at hall: 28 and on zoom 5. Total club members 40

Zoom: Jenny Fawbert, Rod Holmes, David Norton, Wendy Rose, John Wards

Family members: Rowan Allan, Brett Corrigan, David Cox, Karyn Newman

Visitor: John Hewitt

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were published in September 2024 and July 2025 edition of Spit and Polish.

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Lynette Martin Seconded: Lauren Newman

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2024/2025

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

A library report was presented by Jenny Fawbert.

A report from the Dating and Investigation Committee was presented its chairman, John Burke.

All of the reports will be published in Spit and Polish.

Moved: Peter Martin Seconded: Neil Martin

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 annual financial statement as circulated to members in the August

2025 edition of Spit and Polish.

Moved: Graham Weekes Seconded: David McCredie

b. Presentation of Awards

<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Hattersley Cup (Presented by Graeme Newman)	Barry Shinfield
2025 Literary Award(Presented by Lauren Newman)	Louise Yeomans
Volunteer of the Year (Presented by Graeme Newman)	Joan Burke
Veteran of the Year(Presented by John Burke)	Les Johnson’s 1910 Overland

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

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

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

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

All achievements were recognised by applause from the members.

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

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

Graeme Newman # 676 joined June 1977

Ron Cox # 680 joined October 1977

Malcolm Garthon # 681 joined January 1978

Neil Johnston # 689 joined July 1978

John Burke # 690 joined July 1978

Des Kelly # 705 joined March 1979

Kerrie Hughes # 713 joined November 1979

Don Liddle # 722 joined December 1979

Bob Walker # 718 joined January 1980

Bryan Inder # 760 joined November 1982

Peter Martin # 769 joined May 1983

Bob Lamond # 771 joined August 1983

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

Ron Byrnes # 778 joined January 1984

Santo Pennisi # 791 joined April 1984

Bill Bishop # 788 joined August 1984

Acknowledging the 40-year membership to this year of these members

Dale Fuller # 797 joined January 1985

Mark Carden # 806 joined July 1985

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

The members applauded all recipients

5. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS - none

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023/2024

The Vice-President thanked all committee members for their support.

The Vice-President declared all the positions vacant.

Barry Shinfield, a previous president, took the chair and conducted the elections. He declared nine of the eleven positions filled from the nominations as follows:

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

Barry called for nominations from the floor but no one offered to step forward to fill the vacancies.

None were forth coming so Barry declared the positions filled as per the nominations. Barry congratulated the new committee members and thanked them for nominating. The members congratulated the new committee with applause.

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

7. A montage of the year's events compiled by Hariette Martin was played. The members showed their enjoyment with a round of applause. The President thanked Hariette for the comprehensive video.
The meeting closed at 9:30 PM.

Graeme Newman
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

Editors Report

By Rod Wise

This is the first time I have been able to fill the magazine since becoming the editor, so I want to thank everybody who has sent in articles and pictures of events they attended. I ran out of space for the 1 & 2 cylinder rally report held at Temora, so it will go into the August magazine.
As Graeme said, now is the time to be preparing our cars for the National Rally at Cowra. I have been working on my 1918 Buick, so hopefully will have it ready for the rally

President's Report

By Graeme Newman

The entries for the T.A.V.C.C.A Rally at Cowra in September have now closed and we have received about 80 entries, which is quite pleasing given what has been happening with fuel prices. If you are going, now is the time to be doing that preparation work on your car to hopefully ensure you have a trouble-free week.

A big thank you to Michael and Denise Bendeich for hosting the recent garage crawl at their home. From what I have heard it was a most enjoyable time for those that attended.

The entry form for the Newcastle Branch Scone Tour being held from Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th is now available. If you want to go and haven't already entered, please do so and be sure to book your accommodation at The Gable Inn at Scone, being sure to tell them you are part of the V.C.C.A group to get the discount rate.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. If you would like to join the Committee, please contact Louise with your nomination. We have some vacancies, so please give it some thought. The club doesn't run itself, and with Committee and General meetings held on Zoom, you don't need to attend in person to contribute.

It is also time to pay your membership fees and complete your Renewal Declaration Form to ensure your details are up to date. If at all possible, please pay your fees by way of electronic funds transfer as it makes the job of the Treasurer so much easier.

Again, all the best to those who are battling illness at the moment.

All the best,

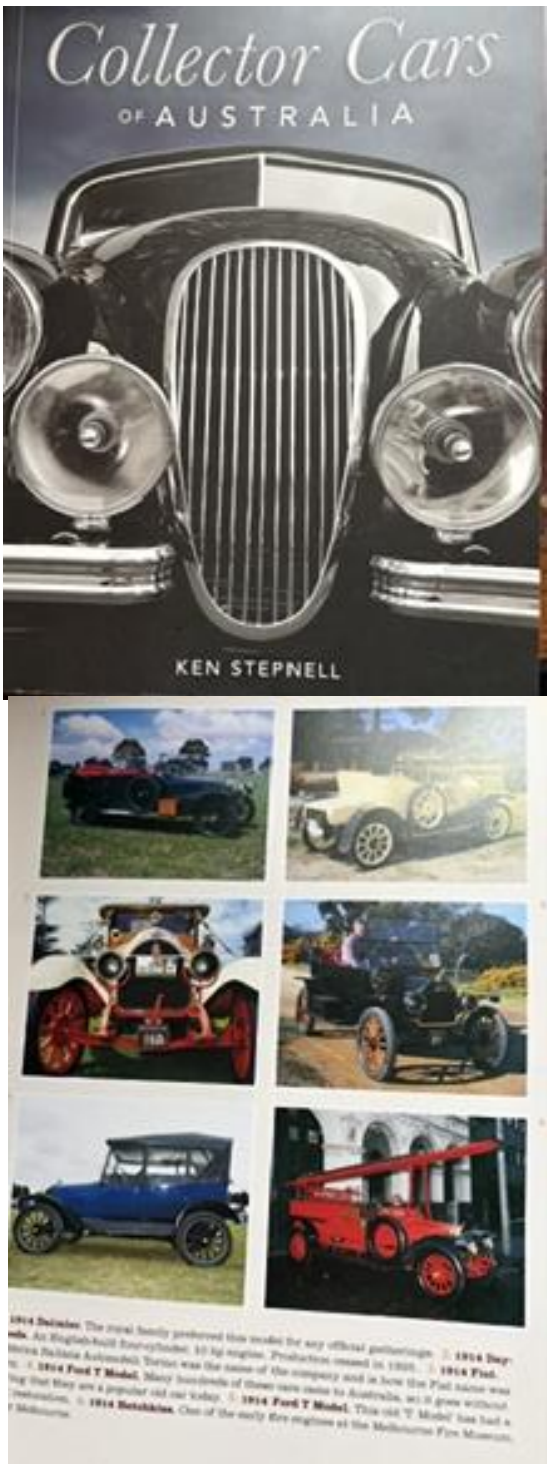
Graeme Newman



Library Files

By Louise Yeomans

Collector Cars of Australia by Ken Stepnell, published in 2018 is a condensed history of the collectible cars in Australia at that time.



The book is divided into 4 sections and the first is devoted to Veteran, Brass and Edwardian Era to 1918. There is a short history of the development of the motor car with some fleeting Australian references followed by coloured photographs from the earliest known car in Australia at the time: an 1885 Benz to 1918 Model T Ford.

The layout is logical and easy to use with a full index at the back. The photographs are arranged by year then alphabetically by make of the vehicle. The photos are in full colour. Some photos are clear while in others the colours are garish, or the image in shadows. (The quality of the page included gives some indication of the photos and layout but the photo has some additional glare.) Under some photos is information on where the photo was taken, and comments about the marque.

It is disappointing that the owners of the vehicles are not identified as it could be useful to anyone wanting to know more about the provenance of their vehicles. It could also be useful in identifying which veterans have left the country? However, the book is a comprehensive guide to the variety of veteran cars in Australia in 2018.

The colourful photos make the book an interesting browse and maybe you might find your veteran in it?

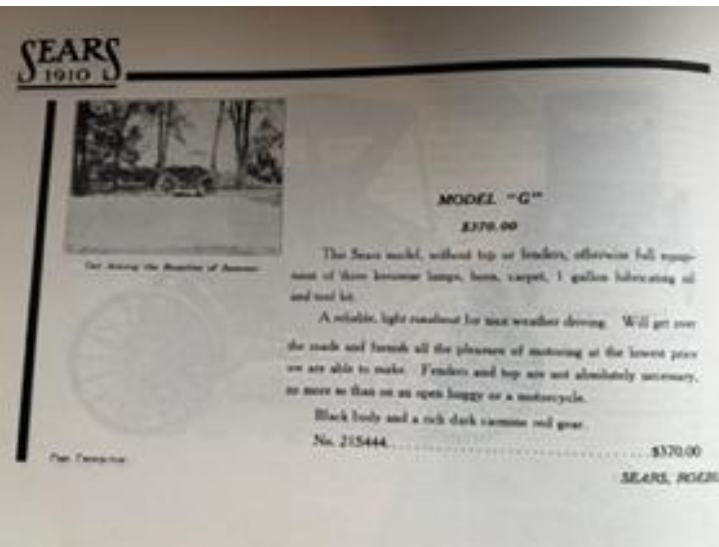


While sorting out the books, this catalogue from Sears, Roebuck & Co caught my eye. It is a motor buggy catalogue 1909-1912 and book is a treasure replica from the Archives of History. Sears started the business in 1888, and was obviously an entrepreneur like Elon Musk, prepared to take risks. In 1908 his business made over 50 million dollars, a staggering amount at the time! Sears also was perspicacious

to realise the motor car was here to stay, and of course an opportunity for him to make more money.

The first Sears Motor Buggy catalogue appeared as an entry in 1909 and further entries followed until 1914. What is more interesting is the development of motoring to be traced in the entries. In 1910 the buggy was road tested. The catalogues provided a comprehensive set of statistics on how the buggies performed. It was a light weight vehicle with tiller steering and a top speed of 25 mph. All sales terms were cash.

By 1912 buggy sales were down. Buyers wanted more. Only one entry appeared in 1914 catalogue but other ads were for motoring supplies, accessories and clothing for men and women. Sears had seized the opportunity to become "suppliers of everything automotive" except for cars.



This booklet combines catalogues from 1909 to 1912 and has some wonderful black and white pictures complementing the descriptive text. Some of the descriptions are amusing such as A perfect car for the ladies of a 1910 buggy. For the Model 10, one needs to order a seat and cushion as extras!

Edited by Joseph J. Schroder and

Sheldon L. Factor and published by Digest Books in 1973, this is an interesting read, even if you don't own a high wheeler!

Events Calendar

Club Events

JULY

Wednesday 15th	Library Meeting
Thursday 16th	Committee Meeting
Tuesday 21st	Newcastle Branch Meeting - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7.30 pm
Thursday 23rd	Club Meeting - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay, 8.00pm
Saturday 25th	Swap Meet - At the Club Rooms

AUGUST

Sunday 16th	Shannons Sydney Classic
Tuesday 18th	Newcastle Branch Meeting - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm
Wednesday 19th	Library Meeting
Thursday 20th	Committee Meeting
Thursday 27th	Club Meeting & AGM - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6-12th	TAVCCA National Rally - Cowra
Tuesday 15th	Newcastle Branch Meeting - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7.30 pm
Monday 14 - 19th	Hupmobile Rally - Orange
Wednesday 16th	Library Meeting
Thursday 17th	Committee Meeting
Saturday 19-20th	Clarendon Classic
Wednesday 23-26th	Pre- 05 Pioneer Run - Wentworth NSW
Thursday 24th	Club Meeting - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay, 8.00pm

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th	Sydney north Breakfast Run
Thursday 15th	Committee Meeting
Tuesday 20th	Newcastle Branch Meeting - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo, 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st	Library Meeting
Thursday 22nd	Club Meeting - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay, 8.00pm

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th	Sydney Tramway Museum is having an Edwardian Picnic Day - Contact Malcolm Garthon
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VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC

72ND T ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 August 2026

AGENDA

1. WELCOME
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
AGM 2025 - PUBLISHED IN SPIT AND POLISH JULY 2026
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2024/2025
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 BADGES
5. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS
6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2026/2027

Membership fees are due by 30 September 2026

Please pay directly into the club's bank account as the club s charged \$5 to deposit each cheque.

Account name: VCCA(NSW)Inc

BSB:062009

Account number: 28023425

Once you have checked your details, please return your Renewal Declaration Form to the Treasurer by email or post.

treasurer@vccansw.org or Geoff.yeomans1@gmail.com

Geoff Yeomans

Honorary Treasurer

National Motoring Heritage Day

Our Blue Mountains Run

Written by Sue Martin

The previous weekend to 16th and 17th May, was an “Autosol” weekend of polishing and general cleaning, to prepare the Crossley for an enjoyable weekend drive to the Blue Mountains.

The National Motoring Heritage Day gives us a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the weekend and enjoy the use of our veteran car, having a well-earned break from school and work. We decided to create our own ‘Blue Mountains Rally’ and drive up to Katoomba for the weekend and stay at the Carrington Hotel. Saturday was beautiful as we headed out on the road. With no time constraints, no hurry and with only the thought of checking in after 2pm we took our own sweet time toward our destination.

May is still a great time for motoring and yes while it does require a good coat and hat you still have the warmth of the sun to keep cosy. We headed along Silverdale Road and made our way to Mulgoa stopping at the Rustic coffee shop for a delightful cappuccino, hot chocolate, and something delicious to eat. It is important to get one’s ‘coffee fix’ in the morning and we took our time sitting on the balcony at the coffee shop and had a chat with some of the patrons there.

As usual once you stop a crowd ensues and as you lovely readers know there are always the two or in our case three questions that are asked by the public. Question one, what is it? While there is no obvious mascot or name emblazoned on the radiator, the Crossley quietly has its name on the running boards, fuel cap and a few of the dash gauges, Question two, how old is it? Once you tell them 1913 you can hear the brain matter whirring as it leads to the last question, how much is it worth? The answer that we always give is quite vague and they seem to be happy with whatever anyone thinks it’s worth/wants to pay for it.

It wasn’t long after leaving our coffee stop where we saw a group of trees with their leaves that had turned bright gold and red. With the sun on the right side of the picture, this was a great photo opportunity and with the red of the trees and green of the Crossley together, it looked magic.

It was a good run up the mountain, and the view was magnificent. As you ascended the greens and blue colours of the trees where interspersed with deciduous leaves of gold or bright red.

We made our way to Springwood, drove through the town and stopped for lunch at the Springwood bowling club. I remember going to the ‘bowlo’ on another blue mountains rally a good while ago and knew that we would get a substantial meal to keep us going for the rest of the day. This stop was intentional as dinner was going to be small since the restaurant at the Hotel had been reserved for a private birthday party. We enjoyed our lunch and another cuppa and took a relaxing time sitting outside on the balcony to watch the suburban trains run by.

We then drove on to the hotel and checked in. There was a very large antique/curiosity shop further down the road from the hotel that Harriette was keen to have a good browse at and the books on the lower floor were varied and interesting. After spending a good two hours there and finding lots of fascinating books, we ended up buying three books one of which had pictures of some of the cars we own.

The sun was going down, and it was getting cooler so after a quick look further down the street we headed back to the hotel and stopped for a drink and relax, we brought our own books with us to read in the pool/

snooker room. We also found a scrabble set and played with that until the letters ran out. The effect of too much fresh air soon found us relaxing back in our room with a few light and delightful snacks before settling in for the night.

Our one night’s accommodation included a cooked breakfast the following morning. I think they must have been a bit short staffed this morning and all the cooked items were very slow at coming out from the kitchen and a lot of people were waiting for their breakfast. Eventually we enjoyed a lovely breakfast and headed down the mountain toward our next stop. Going downhill is much faster, and we soon found ourselves at Blaxland for a delightful coffee at Macca’s. The rest of the downhill run took us to The Northern Road toward Campbelltown and then on to Menangle.

The Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum had their open weekend on the same weekend as our private Blue Mountains Run, and we headed over to Menangle to catch up with Neil and Lyn and Ruby who were already there.

We arrived early afternoon and the Museum was in full swing. There were steam train rides and traction engine rides plus lots to see both steam oriented and engines that were a bit more modern. We headed in and parked briefly but moved the Crossley to an area that had a few other vintage vehicles. It was an enjoyable afternoon with a nice cuppa and a good look around before we headed home.



Visit to Mike Bendeich's Garage

By Louise Yeomans 8 June 2026

Mike has been a member of the VCCA(NSW)Inc for over 60 years so has an interesting garage to visit. Despite the drab day, outside the garage Mike had set up his 1904 standing engine under a waterproof canopy and it happily chugged away softly for the morning.

Mike's garage is actually the area under the house. It stores his Chambers, Morgan, racing car and a Hillman Minx with space to spare for a workshop and even space for the modern cars. Tucked in at the side was a penny farthing bicycle and of course, his beloved motor bike, a 1914 AKD. Mike's grandson, Ewan, proudly guided visitors around the collection.



As expected, the garage and workshop were meticulously tidy with shelves and compartments labelled; tools in the right places and even more storage for spare parts further under the house.

Mike is a collector! He collects old things, no surprise, but he has an extensive collection of hubcap nuts, base-ball caps, soft toys, and old clay pipes that Mike fossicked on the side of the Thames was unexpected. Another surprise was that all members of the family had raced the Morgan around Orion Park earning pennants and prizes.



Upstairs, Denise and their daughter Sue had cooked up a storm. There was a selection of drinks with lots of Denise's delicious home cooked goodies for morning tea. Thank you, Mike and Denise, for hosting the visit and your warm hospitality.

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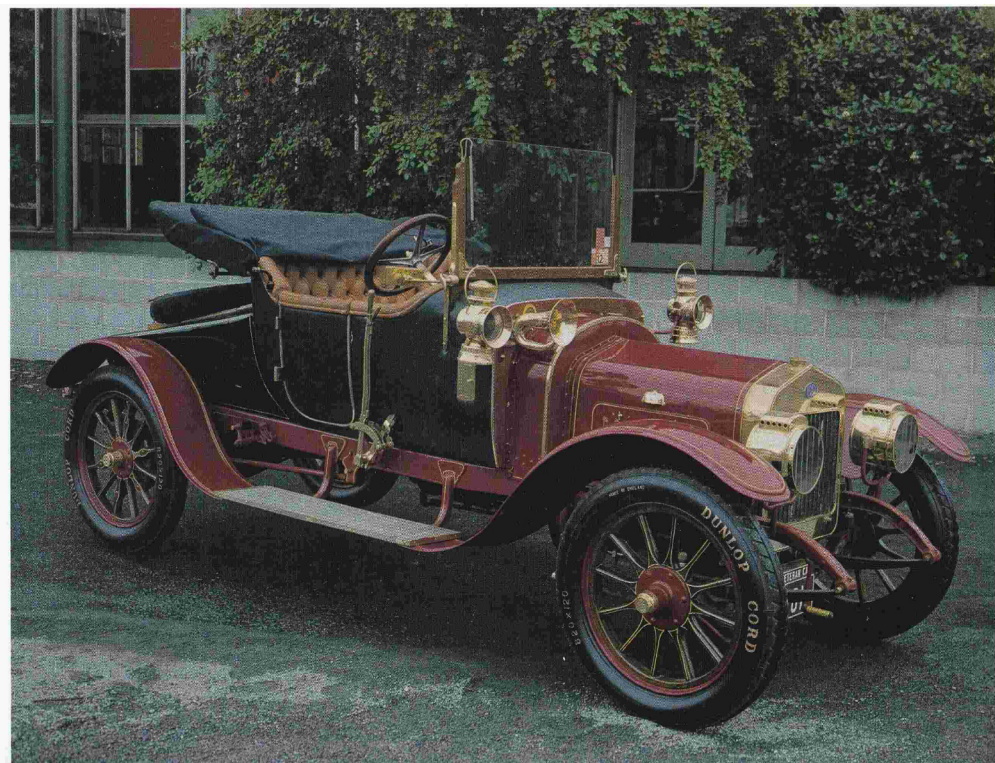
Two Mystery Delages – Can you help?

By Rick McDonough

A plea to members for any information on two Sydney based veteran Delages.

Delage No. 1

The Delage Club of Australia recently received an enquiry from a lady wishing to know the fate of a 12/14hp 4 cyl Delage c'1912/13 her Grandparents owned. The car was originally based in Narrandera. Through a series of happy coincidences, we have now found that car. It was brought in and restored in the mid 60's by Ross Marshall (Marshall Motors, Parramatta) of Castle Hill. It completed the 1970 International Rally, being driven from Sydney to Melbourne. See photo below.



1910 Delage Roadster, owned by R. W. Marshall, Castle Hill, N.S.W.
Type AB, 4 cylinders, 15 h.p. This car was restored by its owner over a period of four years.

But this car seems to have disappeared. It hasn't been sighted for over 45 years. It appears in the NSW club membership list of 1973, (no. 101) but it is not listed in the 1980 version. Can any member please assist with any information, either on the car or particularly, its fate? Not only would the Granddaughter of the original owner like to know, but I, as Editor of the Delage club newsletter, would too.

Delage no. 2

This one has proved to be a real mystery. It was originally a Queensland car, restored in the late 50's. I have worked with the Veteran car Club of Qld Archival team, who have been incredibly helpful. This Delage is a 4cyl model of 1913/14. The photo here shows the daughters of the then owner, Laurie Elkin, driving it on a Brisbane based rally in 1958



We have established this car, came to Sydney in 1965 with its new owner, Paul Armstrong. Paul did work on the car, which included a more suitable raceabout type body. He painted it dark green, and it had yellow Rudge-Whitworth wire wheels. Note – this is not the same car as the dark green Delage tourer that John Riley restored in the 90s – nor is it the late Laurie Scheneiderr car. Paul thinks he sold it in 1967 to a bloke in Richmond, who owned a service station. That is where the trail ends for us though. We can't see it listed in any NSW member registers. This seems strange as it was a restored car ready for rallying. Ross Marshall seems to be the only Delage owner. This suggests the Richmond bloke never joined the club, or if he did, never registered it.

Again, can you please help? The Qld Archival team would like to know its fate as its original owner, Laurie Elkin, was a foundation member of their club. I, with my Delage club hat on, would also like to know what happened to it.

Any information members can provide on anything above would be gratefully received. If you think you can help on either car, even a tit-bit, could you please contact Rick McDonough (Veteran Car club of the ACT and Delage Club of Australia) rick@netspeed.com.au or 0415 453 503.

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Sydney North Breakfast Run

By Louise Yeomans 5 July 2026

Rain threatened. It was cold and windy. Miserable weather to ride in a veteran car so we chickened out and drove in the modern warm car to Pioneer Park. We weren't the only ones to opt out! On arriving just before 9, we were surprised that the car park was nearly full. When we finally reached the grassy area several of the picnic table were taken with children's birthday celebrations and the playground was busy with lots of little children. A council man was busily cleaning the BBQs so next time we can cook some sausages. With the green and white check table cloth on the picnic table staking our claim, the morning tea was quickly set up. Soom Ian and Jannina with their white Samoyed, Abbey, arrived followed quickly by David McCredie, the Streatfeilds, Shinfields, Wattons, Bendeich party and David Norton. Despite the cold wind, some of thehardy men wore shorts and some sandals! Only one veteran, the Bendeich's Chambers which caused a stir in the carpark with admirers. Despite the chill, it was an enjoyable morning with warm coffee, cakes and good cheer.



Although the next Sydney North Breakfast Run is scheduled for September, the date clashes with start of the National Rally, Cowra so the run has been postponed until October and perhaps, an inside venue!

- Mike Bendeich with his daughter Jeanette and friend Dave
- David McCredie,
- David Norton
- Barry and Dorothy Shinfield
- Ian and Jannina Shinfield
- Ian and Jenny Streatfeild
- Les Watton with his son and granddaughter
- Geoff and Louise Yeomans

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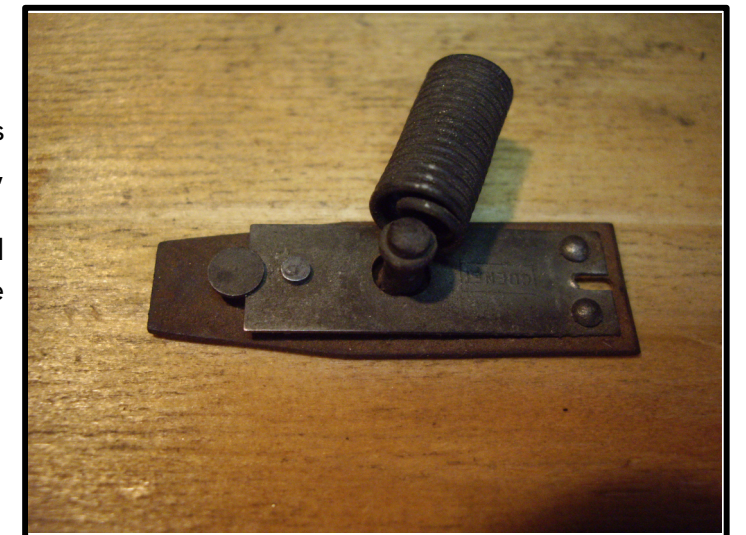
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