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The club is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and use of veteran motor vehicles, that is self propelled vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1919 .

More information is available on our web site: <https://www.vccansw.com/> The club normally meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 134 Queens Road Canada Bay NSW 2046 at 8:00 pm.

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<https://www.vccansw.com/forum/members-forum/spit-and-polish-february-2021-extras>

### PLEASE NOTE:

Andrea Holden will be presenting a talk on the UNSW Sun Swift Solar Race Car Team at our February meeting. The meeting will be preceded by a sausage sizzle (subject to any possible COVID restrictions) from 6:45 pm.

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## Cover Cars



### Front Cover

The front cover boasts a picture of Phil O'Loan's magnificent 1910 6AS Talbot after its comprehensive body off re-restoration. No wonder it took out the 2020 Veteran of the Year Award.

### Inside Front Cover



This is a picture of Vic and Adele Jacobs in their 19xx Fronty Ford. This photo was used as the background image for the front cover of a collector car book put out by Sanitarium titled "The cars that made Australia". There is an article about Vic Jacobs, the Fronty Ford and his induction into the Model T Ford Cub of America's Speedster Hall of Fame in this issue.

### Inside Rear Cover




Peter Kable is now the proud owner of Vic Jacob's Fronty Ford. As you can see from this picture, while Peter has maintained the car as required he has kept it as much as possible exactly as it was when Vic campaigned it so extensively, which is a lovely and fitting tribute to a truly great man.

### Rear Cover



The rear cover has a picture of John Fryirs' amazingly original 1908 AX model Renault. The photograph was taken by John Holt at the NSW 1 and 2 cylinder veteran rally at Yamba organised by Rod Holmes.

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## President's Musings



*President (Doug Fulford)*

Firstly a big thank you to those members who participated in the January working bee at the club rooms, reported elsewhere in this issue.

In 2015 the late great Vic Jacobs was inducted into the Model T Ford Club of America's Speedster Hall of Fame. A plaque commemorating the occasion was sent to Peter Kable who now owns Vic's beloved Fronty

Ford. Peter has very kindly donated the plaque to our club for display in our club rooms. With the aid of Vic's great friend Bob Hobson I have put together an article on Vic Jacobs, Henrietta and the Fronty Ford (starts on page 7 of this issue).



*Bob & Elizabeth Hobson with the plaque*

The front cover of Last month's edition of "Spit and Polish" sported a painting done by Kevin Brooks. Kevin has now drawn the logo for the 2022 National 1 and 2 Cylinder Veteran Rally. The drawing features a koala driving a veteran car using a lizard as a horn. I have been forbidden to tell you where the rally will be held but there is a rather obscure clue in the choice of the two characters in the logo! Good luck trying to work it out!



*The logo for the 2022 National 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Rally as drawn by Kevin Brooks*



**Yeah, I have plans for tonight. I'll probably hit the living room around 8 or 9!**

This month's front cover is graced by a picture of Pil O'Loans 1910 Talbot 6AS roadster. I had the great pleasure of announcing that this car had taken out the "Veteran of the Year Award" for 2020 following its recent body off re-restoration.



### **President's Musings (continued)**

Phil has certainly had a busy year as he also took on the renovation of the bathrooms at the club rooms.

Last month's edition also contained an article from FIVA titled "The Big Question" which raised some important issues about the future for our hobby and our cars. One issue that needs to be addressed is how to encourage the younger generation to develop an interest in veteran cars. The committee is setting up a sub-committee to see how this might be done. If you have any ideas or would like to be part of this group please let me know.

The committee also decided to start printing "Spit and Polish" in colour. We will be running a member survey together with this issue to see what members think of the magazine, what content they would like to see and how they would like it to be delivered.

The committee also agreed in principle to purchase a big screen television and the other equipment required to enable members who are unable to make it to our club meetings to participate fully in them via zoom video. It will also enable speakers to give talks at our

meetings remotely. Tom Killingback subsequently prepared a proposal which has received final approval. We are desperately trying to have this in place for our February meeting. We will then investigate how we can leverage this and take other measures to assist members who have impaired hearing.

The coronavirus restrictions have not only restricted the club in terms of meetings and events, it has also hampered work on our library. I am very keen on members having some access at least to this valuable resource. I am proposing to open the library 1 day a month as an interim measure. There will need to be some rules about this in order to not undo any of the work that the library committee has done and to ensure that we meet any coronavirus directives. If you are interested please email me so that you can be pre-registered and we can work out the best date. It will be strictly restricted to on site use only and any items must be returned to the exact place you get them from.

**A grandmother bragged that her grandchildren were so good at social distancing, they wouldn't even call her!**

Phil Virgona has kindly agreed to be our liaison with the CMC.

Working on the article about Vic Jacobs with the aid of Bob Hobson and Peter Kable and getting to see the wonderful work that Les Johnson has done in documenting the history of all known Overlands in Australia reminded me of something. Namely the value of documenting what we know about the history of our veteran cars. If it is not written down somewhere and safely stored it will eventually get lost. Putting it up as part of a vehicle profile on the club's website might be a good way of doing that.

Information about our veteran cars, such as owners manuals, parts lists and sales brochures, can be invaluable both to the restorer and anyone trying to identify or date a vehicle. Whilst our library has some very useful information there is a lot more information out there in the hands of our members. Beyond that there are our sister clubs, both in Australia and overseas, public libraries and other institutions etc. My goal is to have our library establish a computerised system so that members can scan information that they possess and make it available to all with due acknowledgement.

## President's Musings (continued)

Beyond that I am looking at arranging to share information between organisations and in that regard I have had some preliminary discussions with the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain.

Recently a member of our club received a speeding infringement notice about his Silver Ghost tourer doing 61 kph in a 70 kph zone. But that is under the speed limit I can imagine you protesting. True, but apparently the truck speed limit on that section of road is only 40 kph. So it appears someone in Transport NSW must have been of the opinion that the said vehicle was a truck. Whilst it has now been sorted out I can imagine Silver Ghost owners around the world feeling outraged.



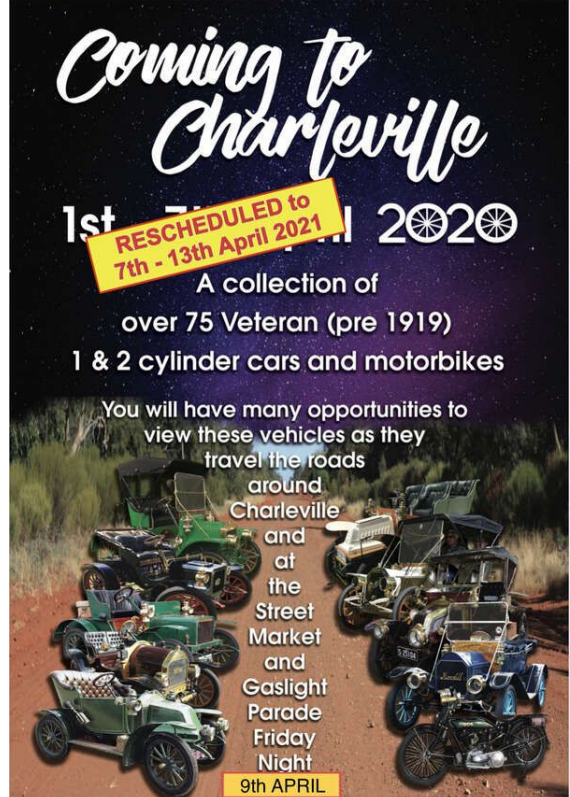
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Hopefully the coronavirus situation will be sufficiently under control to enable many of us to make the trip to Charleville for the National 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Vehicle Rally in early April.



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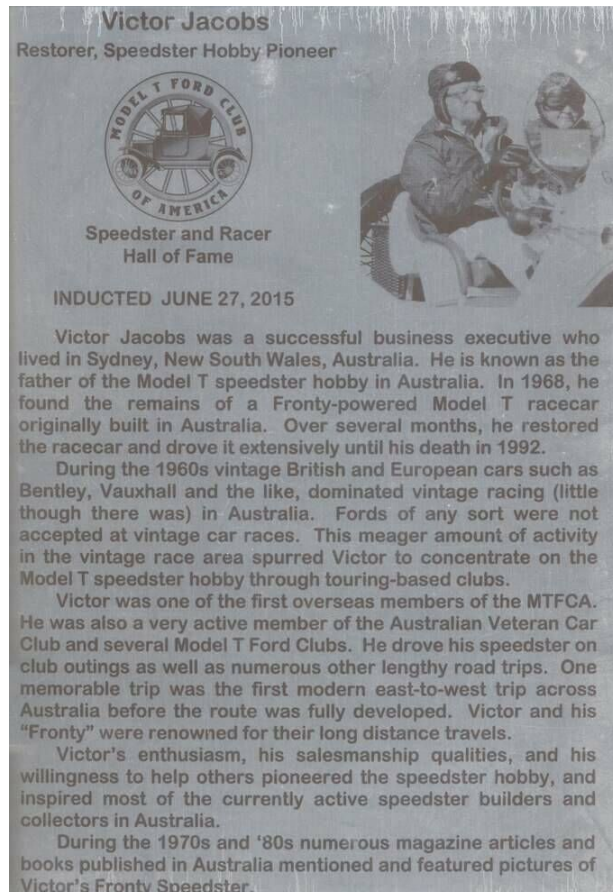
## Vic Jacobs, Henrietta and the Fronty Ford

*This article has been put together with the assistance of Peter Kable and Bob Hobson and the editor gratefully acknowledges their help and the archive material they have provided.*

VCCA club rooms.

Vic was the principal of a Ford dealership with headquarters on Broadway and later a big complex in Alexandria. Bob Hobson went to work for Vic as a mechanic, ending up as foreman. Vic had 'Henrietta', a 1912 Model T Ford on display in his showroom. He had a driver arranged to give children rides in 'Henrietta' at the 1962 dealership Christmas party, but the gentleman concerned called in sick. Bob told Vic that he could drive a Model T having owned one previously and subsequently got the opportunity to drive it on many Blue Mountains and other club rallies.

In February 1968 Peter Kable discovered the sad remains of a 1913 Model T speedster. What was left was the lowered chassis, front and back axles, a Peerless radiator, bench seats and the remains of wooden wheels. Initially unmoved, Vic acquired the car and he and Bob set about restoring it mechanically while Jim Elliot of King St Newtown built the body. Bob would head in to work early and he and Vic would work on the speedster until the dealership opened, grabbing a quick breakfast from the dealership canteen. They often worked on it



*Plaque struck by the Model T Ford Club of America on the occasion of Vic Jacobs induction into their Speedster Hall of Fame*



Vic Jacobs was a colourful member of our club and a Model T Ford enthusiast who will be fondly remembered by our long term members. In June 2015 he was inducted into the Model T Ford Club of America's Speedster Hall of Fame. Duplicate plaques were struck, one to go on display and the second was sent to Peter Kable, a member of our club, a long time friend of Vic Jacobs and the present day owner of Vic's beloved Fronty Ford. Peter has kindly donated the plaque so that it can be put on display in the

I's not so boring at home. It fascinated me that that one bag of rice had 7,846 grains while another had 7,237.

### Vic Jacobs, Henrietta and the Fronty Ford (continued)

after the dealership closed at 4:00. The speedster was completely finished some eight months later and Vic proudly drove it on the VCCA Brighton(-Le-Sans) run with Bob piloting 'Henrietta'.

Some 2 years later Eric Lang rang Vic about a T

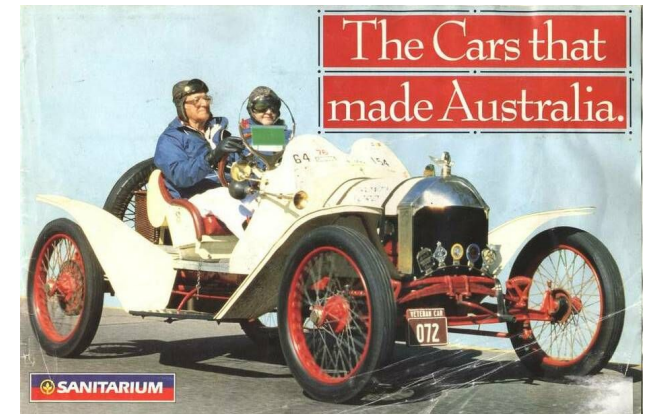
Ford with wire wheels. Vic's interest picked up when he heard that they were "funny wire wheels with big brass nuts". Well that changed everything and Vic decided that they had better go look at the wheels that very day. Ever the salesman, he convinced Eric to take his set of wooden wheels and came home with 4 correct

wire wheels. They were short a spare until Neil Martin found one at a Cooma swap meet.

Vic married his secretary, Adele, and the two of them had a great time rallying in the Fronty Ford. The picture of them out together that is on the inside front cover was used as the



*The Fronty Ford as first restored with the original wooden wheels.*



background image for a collector card album issued by Sanitarium titled "The Cars That Made Australia".

Vic was up for even greater challenges so when Rally West was organised in 1973 he decided that it would be wonderful to drive the Fronty Ford and 'Henrietta' from Sydney to Fremantle en route to the rally. When he made the announcement at a club meeting lots of members expressed interest in joining him for



Just saw a burglar kicking his own door in. I asked him what he was doing. He replied, "I'm working from home."

## Vic Jacobs, Henrietta and the Fronty Ford

the trip. But one by one, as the enormity of the undertaking became clear, they dropped out. That left 'Henrietta' and the Fronty Ford as the only two starters with Vic Jacobs, Ian Gay, Reg Minett and Bob Hobson as crew.

Vic again used his skill as a salesman to negotiate sponsorship from the Ford Motor Company. The deal was that Ford would cover all their expenses provided that they made it all the way to Perth under their own power. That left our intrepid four with a decision to make. Did they rough it to keep costs down in case they didn't make it and had to cover all the costs

themselves or did they afford themselves some luxuries on the assumption that they would get there and Ford would cover it all. In the end the latter option won out, but was it the correct call? Only time would tell.

The trip went pretty much according to plan until they were heading into Penong, which is on the far side of Ceduna. Bob was driving the Fronty Ford when Vic, in 'Henrietta', caught up with him and said that 'Henrietta' was making an awful noise. It turned out that the pinion bearing had collapsed, resulting in damage to the tail shaft. Luckily there was a little local service station with a now disused workshop



*Leaving Sydney*



*They certainly attracted some attention*

**Big trip for old-timers**

Engine roaring and horn blazing, the Yellow Streak flashed out of Sydney yesterday to travel more than 4185km (2600m) to Perth.

The 1911 yellow Fronty-Ford racing car is being driven by Sydney businessman Mr Vic Jacobs, 54, of North Sydney.

He is accompanied by navigator, Ian Gay, 45, of Port Macquarie.

A 1912 T-model Ford named Henrietta also is making the trip crewed by mechanics, Bob Hobson, 35, of Lidcombe, and Reg Minett, 45, of Port Macquarie.

Both cars left on the journey yesterday (above) from Sydney Town Hall.

The men hope to make the trip in just over two weeks, averaging about 175 miles a day at a cruising speed of 50 mph.

THE KALGOORLIE MINER, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1973

### TWO VETERAN FORDS PASS THROUGH KALGOORLIE

Two T-model Ford cars left Kalgoorlie yesterday on the final stage of a 2600-mile journey from Sydney to Perth to compete in a national vintage car rally.

## Vic Jacobs, Henrietta and the Fronty Ford (continued)

that they were given access to but it was strictly lights out at 8:00 pm when the diesel generators were switched off and batteries used as the power source instead. The diff was duly dismantled and laid out on the workshop floor. A local wandered out of the pub and crossed the road to find out what was going on. When he saw the disassembled diff he told them that he had one the same at home and enquired if they would like him to fetch it. Naturally they replied in the affirmative.

Two and a half hours later they decided that the chap must have been having a lend of them. They wandered over to the pub and asked the publican who said, "See that dirt road? He lives 68 miles down that road. He'll be back". And sure enough he was and what's more he brought with him a T Ford diff that provided the parts required to repair 'Henrietta'. The repair took some 5 hours excluding waiting time. They stayed the night in the pub having sent a message on to their intended accommodation for the night at Ivy Banks.

The only other major problem was when a radius rod on the Fronty Ford broke, dug into

the ground and bent. Armed with some fencing wire, a dog chain they found under a tree and a 14 inch screwdriver they managed to repair the Fronty Ford sufficiently to drive the rest of the way to Perth, through the city and on to Fremantle. They had to travel some 1,200 km before they had an opportunity to have the rod welded.

Their departure was reported in the Sydney papers. All along the way they received a lot of publicity and their progress was reported in many local newspapers.

Vic and Ian were joined by their wives for Rally West. By the end of that rally they figured they had had enough veteran driving for a while and Ford paid to have their cars shipped back to Sydney and they flew home.

Vic was active in the Lions club and together with Arthur Garthon organised a number of "VCCA Charity Days" where members of our club took the disadvantaged, the disabled or the elderly for a picnic outing in their veteran cars.

In 1973 Vic told Bob that me might as well take

'Henrietta' home with him. So Bob became custodian. After Vic died in 1992 the Fronty Ford was inherited by his son, David. David decided to sell the cars in 2007, Bob purchased 'Henrietta' and the Fronty was put up for auction. The successful bidder thought he was buying a tourer. As he had children he decided to put it back on the market a little while later. It was most fitting that Peter Kable, who had found the car initially, purchased it. To this day he has kept the car very much as Vic had it as can be seen from the picture on the inside rear cover.

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## Coming Events

February 2021	
Thursday 25 8:00 pm	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> Club rooms 134 Queens Rd Canada Bay <i>Andrea Holden will be talking about the UNSW Sun Swift Solar Power Race Team</i>
Friday 26 10:30 am	<b>Macarthur Area Coffee Run</b> Meet at Curry Reserve Elderslie Enquiries: <i>Doug Fulford</i>
March 2021	
Sunday 7 9:00 am	<b>Sydney North Breakfast Run</b> <b>Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn</b> Enquiries: <i>Louise Yeomans</i>
Friday 12	<b>Southern Highlands Coffee Run</b>  Enquiries: <i>Greg Roberts</i>
Tuesday 16 7:30 pm	<b>Newcastle Branch Meeting</b> Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba
Thursday 18 7:00 pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Thursday 25 8:00 pm	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> Club Rooms 134 Queens Road Canada Bay
Thursday 25 to Sunday 28	<b>RACV 1 &amp; 2 Cylinder Rally</b> Cobram Victoria Enquiries: <i>Callum Walsh</i>
<i>No Macarthur run due to clash with Cobram unless someone volunteers to organise.</i>	

April 2021	
Wednesday 7 to Tuesday 13	<b>TAVCCA National 1 &amp; 2 Cylinder Veteran Vehicle Rally</b> Charleville, Queensland
Friday 9	<b>Southern Highlands Coffee Run</b>  Enquiries: <i>Greg Roberts</i>
Thursday 15 7:00 pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Sunday 18 to Wednesday 21	<b>National Brush Rally</b> Cowra NSW Contact: <i>Allan Miller</i>
Tuesday 20 7:30 pm	<b>Newcastle Branch Meeting</b> Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba
Thursday 22 8:00 pm	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> Club Rooms 134 Queens Road Canada Bay
Friday 23 10:30 am	<b>Macarthur Area Coffee Run</b> Meet at Curry Reserve Elderslie Enquiries: <i>Doug Fulford</i>



Police these days are yelling out to crims “Come out with your hands washed”

## Coming Events (continued)

May 2021	
Sunday 2	<b>Sydney North Breakfast Run</b> Location to be advised Enquiries: <i>Louise Yeomans</i>
Friday 14	<b>Southern Highlands Coffee Run</b>  Enquiries: <i>Greg Roberts</i>
Sunday 16	<b>Drive Your Veteran Day</b> Local runs – details to be advised Contact: <i>Graeme Newman</i>
Tuesday 18 7:30 pm	<b>Newcastle Branch Meeting</b> Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba
Thursday 20 7:00 pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Thursday 27 8:00 pm	<b>Monthly Club Meeting</b> Club Rooms 134 Queens Road Canada Bay
Friday 28 10:30 am	<b>Macarthur Area Coffee Run</b> Meet at Curry Reserve Elderslie Enquiries: <i>Doug Fulford</i>

Future Major Events	
August 2021	
Friday 27 to Sunday 29	<b>President’s Picton Rally</b> Enquiries: <i>Doug Fulford</i>
October 2021	
Sunday 10 to Saturday 16	<b>RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally</b> Swan Hill, Victoria Enquiries: <i>Michael and Claudia Holding</i>
Sunday 17 to Friday 22	<b>National Veteran Motorcycle Rally</b> Manjimup, WA
November 2021	
Monday 22 to Friday 26	<b>National Highwheeler Rally</b> Mount Gambier, SA Enquiries: Noel and Sue Holbrook
May 2022	
Sunday 8 to Saturday 14	<b>National 1 and 2 Cylinder Veteran rally</b> South West NSW (location to be revealed) Enquiries: <i>Robert Fordham</i>
September 2022	
Monday 19 to Sunday 25	<b>Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival</b> Lake Perkolilli, WA

**This coronavirus has done something no woman has been able to do. Cancel all sports, shutdown all bars and keep men at home.**

## Minutes of the January Club Meeting

**Date:** 28 January 2021 at the Club Rooms  
**Attendance:** 25 (Committee: 7, Members: 15, Family: 3)

**Apologies:** Maxwell Boardman, Rod Holmes, Les Johnson, Lynette Martin, Peter Martin, David McCredie, Abbey Newman, David Norton

**Meeting opened at:** 8:05 pm

**President's opening remarks:** The President welcomed all members and their families to the first meeting of the year and the first meeting at the club rooms since February last year. Since the November meeting the club has sadly lost two members –David Revell and Denis Tobler. Club members reflected about the men in a minute's silence. The President apologised for the lateness of Spit and Polish due to technical difficulties.

### Minutes of the previous meeting:

Matters arising from minutes: Nil

Corrections to the minutes: Nil

Moved: Phil O'Loan Seconded: Warren Wilson

### Inwards correspondence:

#### Other clubs:

The Vintage Car –Spring 2020

Early Auto - June

Brass Notes-March-Dec2020, Jan 2021

Small Torque-March -Dec2020, Jan 2021

Veteran Torque –March2020

### Other:

Donation from Rob McCarthy - Alldays, Enfields, Enfield-AllDays Car Production Data Bill Formby

Christmas card from Government House

### Outwards correspondence:

Get well cards and messages to Dennis Ballard, Rod Holmes, Karyn Newman, Marilyn and Michael Threthowan

Thank you letters for vehicle inspections to John Brumby, John Burke, Chris Duncan, John Fryirs, Bob Hobson, Neil Martin, Neville Preston, Greg Roberts, Barry Shinfield, Geoff Simmons

Thank you letters for book donations to Tom Currie and Rob McCarthy

Thank you for the bathroom renovations to David McCredie and Phil O'Loan

Letters to tenants about COVID and QR code requirements

Flowers to families of David Revell and Denis Tobler

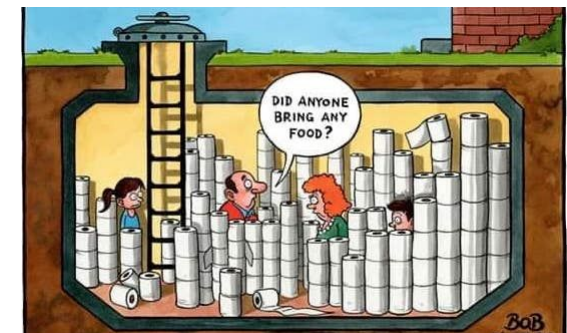
Emails: Spit and Polish, Friday's Fact and

Fiction; vale David Revell, Denis Tobler  
Moved:Phil O'Loan Seconded: Warren Wilson

### Treasurer's Report:

Income has been received through membership subscriptions and rents. Outgoings have been for accounting, printing, cleaning, postage, Sydney Water, post repairs and CMC affiliation (\$120).The total for the bathroom renovations was \$39,437.16 leaving \$20,563.84 fromthe initial budget. He noted the great value in the renovations as the costs included painting to the kitchen, woodwork and committee room. All members have paid their subs. A fire inspection will be done next month and an NBN will be installed.

Moved: RobertFordham Seconded: Graeme Newman





## Minutes of the January Club Meeting (continued)

**Magazine:** This is the first edition with Doug Fulford as the editor. He praised the work of Neville Preston and has great respect for the work Neville did as editor for thirteen years. Doug apologised for the lateness of the magazine as there were some glitches with publishing it. An e-version was sent to members. It was intended that the magazine be stapled on the short side but the printer was unable to do this. The Editor has received some feedback with mixed responses. A survey will be circulated to all members with next month's edition of Spit and Polish and members can respond on paper or electronically. He urged all members to complete the survey. The meeting had no comments to make. Robert Fordham received the print run of Spit and Polish at 10:30 am this morning and managed to pack and post them by 4:00 pm this afternoon. He had four copies available for the meeting to peruse.

**Past events:** MaSH held a Christmas party. A working bee cleaned up the hall and grounds on 23 January.

**Future events:** (*refer also to the calendar on pages 12 and 13*). 29 January Northern MaSH run has been changed to a meeting at Doug's

house due to predictions of rain. 12 February Southern MaSH run – contact Greg Roberts for details. 16 February Newcastle Branch meetings resume. 25 February Sydney meeting with Andrea Holden as guest speaker on the UNSW Sun Swift Solar Race Team. 25-28 February RACV 1-& 2-cylinder rally Cobram. 7 March Sydney North Breakfast Run to Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn. 7-13 April TAVCCA 1 & 2 cylinder rally Charleville, Queensland  
10-16 Oct RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally Swan Hill, Victoria

Graeme Newman is organising an event to be held on 16 May where veterans can drive to a venue local to the owners. He needs some volunteers from different parts of the state to coordinate a local venue and to act as a contact for participants. Details will then be published in Spit and Polish. It is hoped that there will be photos of the event from the different venues.

**Permits to move / Registrations:** (*refer also the article on page xx*) Neil Martin reported on club registrations. At the Sydney Registration Day 18 veteran cars and 2 veteran motor cycles were inspected and 13 pink slips presented for signing off. At MaSH, 13 vehicles were inspected and 2 pink slips presented for signing

off.. Newcastle registration data is yet to come. The fault in Robert Fordham's Renault was diagnosed. Neil thanked the following people for their assistance with the inspections:  
In Sydney: Geoff Simmons and Barry Shinfield,  
In MaSH: Bob Hobson, John Fryirsand and Greg Roberts  
In Newcastle: John Bourke, John Brumby, Chris Duncan and Neville Preston.

**Library:** Work in the library will resume in February with labelling items and moving them into the compactus. Louise thanked Phil Virgona for the library ladder and the copy of Holderness Motorist's guide. Doug would like to open the library once a month with conditions about usage. Anyone interested needs to contact Doug directly.

**Dating:** On behalf of the Dating Committee, the President announced the Veteran of the Year for 2020 is the 1910 Talbot belonging to Phil O'Loan. Phil accepted the trophy and the members recognised the achievement with a round of applause. Phil thanked Barry Shinfield for his help and outlined how the car had been stripped back and repainted. The fittings re-plated, new upholstery, brakes reconditioned, new fuel lines, wheels re-painted and new tyres

## Minutes of the January Club Meeting (continued)

fitted.



*Phil O'Loan receiving the Veteran of the Year Award for 2020 for his 1910 Talbot re-restoration*

**Membership:** No new applications

**CMC:** Phil Virgona will be the new representative. The President thanked Phil for taking on this role.

**Club Rooms:** Robert Fordham thanked all the volunteers for their help at the working bee. All the chairs were washed, the carpet cleaned, the bathrooms and kitchens cleaned, and the outside cleared of leaves and overhanging branches were lopped. Tenants are gradually returning to

use the hall and he expects all tenants will use the hall once the 2m<sup>2</sup> rule is reinstated. Communication with the clubs about usage is complicated and all invoices have been sent out for the last quarter.

**Website:** Abbey Newman is gradually updating the website to the new format. Currently the focus is to tag photos. The search facility on the website has been changed and Abbey is following up with the provider. The older photos have been tagged using the date of the car as it appeared at the time and it is not necessarily the date agreed for the car now. Graeme made a request for more Vehicle Profiles. If any photos are not loading into the profile, email them to either Abbey or Graeme and they will upload the photo. The more information on the website the more attractive it is to use!

### **General Business:**

**Literary Awards:** On behalf of Neville Preston, Graeme Newman presented the Literary Awards for 2019-2020. Ron Hattersley was recognised for the most consistent supply of material. The Junior Literary Award was awarded to Harriette Martin for her article on the HCCA Rally in

Bathurst. It was accepted on Harriette's behalf by her grandfather, Neil Martin. The meeting recognised the awards with a round of applause.



*Figure 1: Ron Hattersley accepting the Literary Award*



*Proud grandfather, Neil Martin, accepting Harriette Martin's Junior Literary Award*



## Minutes of the January Club Meeting (continued)

Information request: Phil Virgona, on behalf of the Motor Life Museum, had an inquiry from Sweden on the whereabouts of a 1913 Calthorpe the man had seen on an earlier trip to Australia. Graeme Newman identified the vehicle as now belonging to Neryl Adams in Newcastle.

Raffle from November A reminder was given to attendees at the November meeting to pay for their raffle tickets and for the lucky winners to collect their prizes from Ron Hattersley. Arrangements will be made for winners who are unable to collect their prizes in person.

**Meeting closed at:** 8:55 pm

### Vale David Revell

*by Kevin Brooks*

On Saturday, December 5, 2020, as I, along with many of you, celebrated my eightieth birthday, by a bitter twist our friend and fellow member David Revell, departed this life and the rigours of that rotten cancer. Some of you will not have known David and his wife, Helen, as well as others. Their being country members

from Wee Waa, NSW meant, of course, that they could not be present at every social event. However, Narrabri-Wee Waa being a convenient day's drive south on the Newell, the Revells' place became a ritual and necessary stop for members travelling south for major rallies. Our little convoy would arrive, set up overnight camp, partake of the Revells' generous hospitality (sometimes contributing to the fare) and depart next morning with the Revells in tow.

David was a kind, gentle, generous man, passionate about both his farming and his hobby of self-propelled vehicles, especially steam. So knowledgeable about his cotton farming, he loved to take us lesser city slickers on a tour of the farm, explaining the complexities of growing that crop. Equally so, was a tour of David's shed. The first visit to that shed by the uninitiated proved jaw-dropping, as one took in the extent of David's "toys", especially the steam vehicles. From the Stanley Steamer to the Mann steam truck decked out as a local bus, to the beautiful traction engine, and on to a wonderful steam boat and a steam firefighting "Waggon" ready for the London fire.....so it went on, surrounded by David's gasoline-powered vehicles. Some never realised how clever David was with his hands or just what he

could accomplish. Myself having a little artistic and manipulative skill, I was in awe the day David showed me one particular little accomplishment –a beautifully "carved" master for one of the data plates on his recently completed Star, that special car which brought Helen and David together sixty years before and completed for their anniversary. David enjoyed a good Scotch or wine and, on many rallies, an afternoon visit to the Revells' motorhome saw hospitality extended. Sadly this will be no more. Rest in peace, dear friend. This quote from your memorial service says it all:

*Passion shared, knowledge bestowed, friendship treasured and love given with hands and heart that fixed, lead, nurtured and cherished.*



## Macarthur Area “Get Together” at Mount Hunter

29 January 2021

Due to the coronavirus situation we have been having open air picnics of recent months for our “coffee runs”. Indeed, the plan for January was for us to head to Bent’s Basin State Conservation Area, somewhere we had not ventured before. However as it got closer to the date the weather forecast changed for the worse so that idea was cancelled and a gathering at the Fulford residence substituted. I was wondering if, once having made that decision, it would guarantee that we would have a nice sunny day instead. For a while on Friday morning it looked like that could almost be the case. But come 10:00 am when I would have been leaving home for Curry Reserve in the normal course of events the heavens opened up and not having an open air picnic seemed to be a good call.

Despite the get together being a bit of a last minute affair and the weather being most uninviting, we had a good roll up both in terms of people and food. So much good food in fact that Alan Miller’s 12 inch sub that was to have been his lunch went home with him destined to be dinner instead. The weather certainly didn’t dampen spirits or get in the way of conversation. Some of our number gravitated to the “music room” to check out the pianola, music box and a variety of phonographs. Some found it fascinating to see an early Pathe disc played – being French it works the opposite way from what you would expect – the pickup starts in the centre and

works its way outwards. Rather like the handbrake on Vivian’s Clement-Bayard which you push forward to apply the brakes rather than the more conventional pull back to apply them.

I explained the difference between a pianola roll, the two types of player piano rolls and a claviola roll. You never know what us veteran car people will find whilst scouring the country for cars and parts. I have a claviola. It’s like a pianola sans the piano part. You roll it up to a piano and the protruding levers play the keys. Hence its common name of “push up”. I have one in lovely condition but not a single roll to play.

Vivian had to go back in to work in the late afternoon. Thank you to the people who kindly



*Berliner, Pathe, Diamond Disc and 78 phonographs*

pitched in and did the washing up.

*Attending:* Robyn & Bill Betts. Vivian & Doug Fulford, Jan & John Grant, Alan Miller, Donna & Anthony Sinclair, Peter Small



*2 & 4 minute cylinder phonographs and a music box*



*Pianola*



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**Updates to the TAVCCA Membership Roster**

Laurie McGrath no longer has a home phone instead he has a mobile phone 0403 030 998.

Michael and Susan Lowe have moved to 5 Center Road MOSMAN 2088. All other details are unchanged.

**Application for Membership**

An application for ordinary membership has been received from Garry and Tania Canton of 12 Gogol Place Wetherill Park NSW 2164. They have purchased the 1917 Dodge Tourer formerly owned by Reg Wade. Voting on their application will take place at the February club meeting.



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**Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it wasn't socially distancing properly!**

### Editorial

It seems like only the other day that I sent off the January edition of "Spit and Polish" to the printers. Now it's time to send the February edition. Thank you to all the members who sent feedback about my first issue as editor. Your mostly very kind words were greatly appreciated and I have taken note of all your suggestions. It would be great to get some more specific feedback about the magazine. A survey has been created to enable this and I would appreciate it if you could spare a minute or two

of your time to complete it. The easiest way to do that is to use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G8PLQXV>

However the survey form is also printed on page 23 of this issue if you would prefer to provide your feedback that way. If you elect to use that method please mail your response to Veteran car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. 134 Queens Road CANADA BAY NSW 2046.

I do apologise to anyone who felt the jokes in the January issue were "sexist". I think you are

missing the point that they are funny precisely because they make an absurdity out of historical gender stereotypes and sexual prejudices. None the less I most certainly beg your forgiveness for any distress however unintentionally and inadvertently caused. Hopefully the subject of this month's one liners, namely the coronavirus, is a much safer subject in that regard.

It would be a great relief to me, and a benefit to all readers, if a member would kindly volunteer to act as a proof reader for future issues.



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**I remember when you could smoke in a bar. Now you can't even drink in one.**

### **1910 Talbot 6AS Restoration**

New paint to Body and Chassis

New Leather Upholstery to seat

Refinished Hood Bows

New Hood material

Refinished Timberwork to Dash and Windscreen

Refurbished Steering Wheel

Refurbished Steering Box

All new authentic Engine Hose Clamps and Hoses

Refurbished Engine Blocks

Refurbished Water Pump

Nickel Plating to Acetylene Generator

New Acetylene Hoses to Lights

Wheels Painted

New Tyres

Petrol Pressure Gauge refurbished

Speedo and Drive refurbished

Refurbished Running Boards

Refurbished Fuel Line



**So you're staying inside, social distancing and cleaning yourself. Congratulations - you've become a house cat.**

## **1910 Talbot 6AS Restoration (continued)**



## **Working Bee at the Club Rooms Saturday 23 January 2021**

Ten members pitched in at our bi-annual working bee at the club rooms. Whilst the morning is arranged around the need to steam

clean the carpet in the big hall, many other jobs are tackled on the day. The first job is to remove all the chairs so that the carpet can be cleaned. The last job is to replace them. This year that also involved disinfecting them and replacing them in a social distancing pattern. It must be good quality carpet because even after all these years it came up looking great. The hall certainly looks different with all the chairs moved out.

We all admired the great work that Phil O'Loan has done on the bathrooms with help from David McCredie and Geoff Yeomans. Toilets were cleaned and mopped, floors and even one wall were vacuumed. Outside weeds were removed, overhanging branches lopped and paths swept.



*A view of the main hall with all the chairs removed*

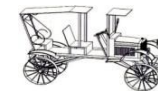
*Attending:* Robert Fordham, Doug Fulford, David McCredie, David Norton, Phil O'Loan, Barry Shinfield, Phil Virgona, Graham Weekes, Geoff Yeomans, Louise Yeomans

*Apologies:* Laurie Garrod, Neil Martin



*Some of our volunteers enjoy a coffee while they wait for the carpet to dry*

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3. If you would like to continue to receive "Spit and Polish" as a printed magazine should the magazine be printed in colour throughout?

- ☐ Yes - print in full colour throughout
- ☐ No - only print the cover in colour

4. Do you like the new format introduced for the January 2021 edition

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I am happy with either either format

- ☐ I am deferring my judgement until I have seen a few more issue

5. In terms of the content of the magazine would you like to see more (check any that apply)

- ☐ technical articles such as ones on vehicle restoration and maintenance
- ☐ articles of potentially more appeal to women such as Edwardian fashions, recipes
- ☐ articles aimed at children
- ☐ puzzles and competitions
- ☐ general news about the club and its members
- ☐ a summary of decisions made by the committee

6. In order to make space in the magazine for such items would you be happy for the minutes of the club meetings not to be printed in the magazine but sent via email?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't mind either way

7. In the longer term should we investigate the

possibility of having a national veteran car magazine with input from all the various Australian veteran car clubs?

- ☐ Yes - I think this would be a good idea
- ☐ No - I would want to have a one club only magazine
- ☐ Undecided - this is a new concept and I would need more time and more details to consider it
- ☐ Don't care - I am ambivalent about the possibility

8. Do you like the one liner jokes at the top of each page

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

9. Would you prefer the magazine bound on the short edge so that it opens like a conventional book (this is more expensive)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Happy either way



What do you tell yourself when you wake up late for work and realize you have a fever? Self, I so late.

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