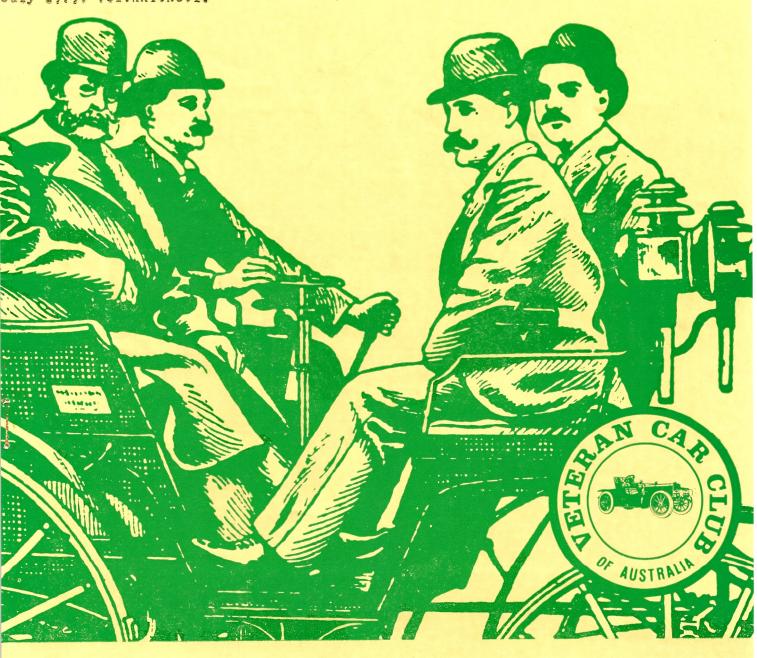
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The Governor of NSW
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The next Monthly General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1979.

Guest Speaker will be Peter Wherrett.

COPY REQUIRED BY FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH.

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SPIT AND POLISH, 134 QUEENS RD, FIVE DOCK.

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As usual, the month of June brought the Annual Meeting and the Election of Officers for the  ${\it Club}$ .

Len Sheen has occupied the President's Chair for the past six years, during quite a critical period for the Club during which time there has been the acquisition of the house next door to the clubrooms (which is almost free of debt) and the enormous amount of work entailed in the application for a cultural grant - mostly undertaken by Len and John Thomson, with support from the other members of the committee. In the near future we shall be able to know the result of this application, and hopefully we shall be able to go ahead with the erection of a new building and enjoy the fruits of all the hard work undertaken, along with the other 27 tenants who use the hall. But whatever the results, we have "had a go".

George Roberts has worked very hard for our Club in various capacities over the years, and it is a fitting tribute that he has been elected President; he will no doubt ensure that the Club progresses at a good pace. We wish him well and are all behind him to a man.

Our new Secretary will be Bill Maunsell, replacing Bob Petersen as Acting Secretary, when John Thomson went overseas and we know that Bill will maintain the high standard of his predecessors.

The Treasurer will still be "frugal" Ben Bronk, who has guarded our hard-earned cash so well in the past, and Keith Carden will look after the registrations as he has done so efficiently for us previously.

The new Vice-Presidents are Len Sheen and Barry Thew, with David Berthon as Public Relations Officer in his own incomparable fashion. The new Committee members elected are Jan Coulcher (like Mrs. Margaret Thatcher she makes history as the first lady committee member) and Mel Pope.

The members of this Committee are all "on the ball" and all have different contributions to make, whether from their experience of arranging a rally, as Barry did so well, or from other forms of expertise, and the club will see plenty of action in the next year. As George Green said at the meeting, it is good to see the younger members serving on the Committee to gain experience in the running of the Club.

Let us all get behind them, and match their enthusiasm, and when asked to do a job, tackle it willingly and to the best of our ability.

### OPINION CONTINUED:

Thank you Don and Dorothy for a wonderful volume of SPIT AND POLISHes, including most of this one for which I'm stand-in editor.

Don and Dorothy boarded a "straight through" 'plane for London on Wednesday 4th July - a replacement trip for the one which had to be abandoned when Don's head began vibrating. Happy touring!

Substitute Ed.

### OFFICE-BEARERS 1979/80

President G.A. Roberts
Vice-President L.K. Sheen
Vice-President B. Thew
Hon. Secretary W. Maunsell
Hon. Treasurer B. Bronk

### Committee:

Investigation & G.A. Roberts (Chairman)
Dating D.M. Roberts

Events M. Pope (Chairman)

N. Martin L.K. Sheen (Advisory)

Building Develop- L.K. Sheen (Chairman)
ment & G.A. Roberts
Maintenance W. Maunsell
Committee B. Bronk

Magazine B. Thew (Editor)

Permits to Move K. Carden

Public Relations & D. Berthon (Entertainment Meetings)
Meetings Host

Registrar D.M. Roberts

Librarian Jan Coulcher

CVVTMC Delegates G.A. Roberts L.K. Sheen

B. Thew (Alternate)

Property W. McCarthy
Controller

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Office-Bearers 1979/80 (Cont'd.)

Insurance Officer V. Jacobs

Club Historians

A. Rose-Bray

R.A. Fov

G.A. Roberts

Research Historian G.A. Roberts

Auditors

W.V. King & Associates

Official

A. Porter

Photographer

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 28TH, 1979, AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

The Chairman (Len Sheen) called for one minute's silence in respect of the passing of our Secretary, John Thomson.

PRESENT: 76 members and 7 visitors.

APOLOGIES: K. Carden, R. East, W. East, N. Thomson, J. Dance, L. Baxter,

K. Mathews, P. Mathews, B. Pearce, B. Garth, J. Corby,

G. McGowen, G. Sevenoaks.

VISITORS: Seven visitors. Visitors welcomed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Monthly General Meeting of May 24th, 1979,

having been published in SPIT AND POLISH were accepted and

confirmed on the motion of A. Blevins, seconded J. Wards. CARRIED.

ARISING: Nil.

TREASURER'S The Treasurer's Report was read by B. Bronk and accepted on the REPORT: motion of G. Simpson, seconded B. Thew.

> Moved B. Bronk THAT a further \$5,500.00 be repaid to debenture holders, seconded M. Chapman.

ARISING: Nil.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Further letter from Roger Gallagher re wedding cars.

Minutes of A.G.M., Newcastle Branch, also G.M. June.

Notification of correct address of VCCA (Vic.): P.O. Box 267, Box Hill, Victoria. 3128. (Cont'd. on P.5.... Minutes Meeting 28/6/79 (Cont'd.)

### CORRESPONDENCE:

(Cont'd.) Notification of new A.C.T. Executive:

President Terry Lloyd Vice-President Ian Irwin

Secretary Alan Carpenter
Treasurer Bill Bruce

Copy of Auditors' Report 1978/79.

Letter from W. Burrows with \$25.00 donation.

Letter from B. McCarthy and W. McCarthy returning refund cheques of \$25.00 from Silver Anniversary Rally, donated to start a fund for colour photograph album of members' cars - to be known as the "Jack Thorpe Collection".

A motion was moved to this effect by R. Berthon, seconded by G. King.

CARRIED.

Bill and Bob McCarthy were thanked for their generosity and good idea.

### INVESTIGATION & DATING: The following cars have been investigated and

dated: 1912 Sumbeam

Paul Race

1912 Overland Tourer

Laurence Ocrame

1915 T Ford

Desmond Kelly

Mrs. G. Shaw of Great Britain will be here for the July Meeting and will give us a talk on her car - 1904 English Mechanic.

Science Museum, South Kensington, London, can supply photographs of cars, to assist in restorations.

### NEW MEMBERS:

A. Pendlebury

Associate Member

P. Race

Full Member

D. Kelly

Full Member

L. Ocrame

Full Member

Moved W. McCarthy - seconded D. Steer, that new members be accepted.

CARRIED.

### EVENTS:

Camden Event - a good day had by all in attendance.

15th July - Family Day at A. Blevins.

International Year of the Child - event abandoned due to lack of support. Advice from J. Wilson.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Caltex have donated the starting flags of the International Rally to V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) (Cont'd. on P.6....

### Minutes Meeting 28/6/79 (Cont'd.)

### PUBLIC RELATIONS (Cont'd.):

Peter Wherrett to show the first films of Marque at July Meeting.

Government House Garden Party moving along as planned.

Caltex have agreed to sponsor the Blue Mountains Tour, Anzac weekend,  $1980\,\mathrm{c}$ 

MAGAZINE: Don Steer thanked all members for their support and advised he would not be standing as editor for the ensuing year.

### SOCIAL SECRETARY:

Presentation Night - good time had by all - included an inspection of the Museum.

### PERMITS TO MOVE:

No report.

### MEETING NIGHT HOST:

No report.

### CLUBROOM CHAIRMAN:

Len Sheen asked that more letters be sent to the Premier's Department re Cultural Grant.

LIBRARIAN: No report.

PHOTOGRAPHER: A. Porter advises start made on colour album.

### INSURANCE OFFICER:

Satisfactory terms agreed with N.R.M.A. for third party cover for ensuing year.

CVVTMC: The five amendments to the Constitution put forward were passed.

Warwick Farm, 16th September, 1979 - Council's solicitors advise that sponsorship can be accepted.

Much correspondence received re article in "Sydney Morning Herald".

CVVTMC asked to write to Government Insurance Office re reduced premium for permits to move.

Department of Motor Transport considering the matter of one plate covering more than one car.

Swap Meet showed a profit of \$463.00 of which \$421.00 went to CVVTMC.

Next CVVTMC meeting 30th July, 1979. Vic Jacobs and George Green to give details and opinions to CVVTMC on third party insurance, re N.R.M.A.

(Cont'd. on Page 7....

Minutes Meeting 28/6/79 (Cont'd.)

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

2nd to 7th June, 1980, V.C.C.G.B. Golden Jubilee Rally.

Moved D. Berthon, seconded A. Blevins, that a presentation in the form of a suitably mounted Silver Anniversary Plaque be presented to our Patron, the Governor-General, at the Government House Garden Party.

CARRIED.

President thanked the present Committee for the assistance during the year. Meeting closed 9.20 p.m.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As one past president remarked to me on Thursday evening, June 28th last at our A.G.M, following Election of Officers, "it's been a long haul, George, but congratulations, anyway." I hope I can live up to those congratulations and serve our club in a manner fitting with its status, not only in the motoring fraternity but in the community as a whole.

Another past president called for greater involvement of younger members in the Management Committee (a summons I fully endorse) and I believe this end can be achieved by the formation of sub-committees where the work load is spread and not relegated to one person.

Most of us attempting a function new or unfamiliar to us question our ability to fulfil its requirements, particularly when that function has been ably carried out by a predecessor. Others believe the Club's committee to be an inner sanctum into which it is difficult to gain entry. Neither is further from the truth.

Your committee is set up to control the interests of the Club and to carry out democratically the wishes of its members.

Greater member involvement in the Club's operation is undoubtedly the answer to our continued success and I look forward to the achievement of this goal by reducing where possible that burden and placing it proportionately on the shoulders of others.

- Geo. A. Roberts

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1978-1979

This year, being the 25th Anniversary of our club which was formed in 1954. It is with pleasure that I give you this President's Report, being the sixth presented by me - I am now your longest-serving President for which I thank all members. The past year has been a very successful one with the monthly events, also the 25th Anniversary Rally which was a very memorable event.

Looking back over 25 years of the club, which started with 5 foundation members, none of whom are still active in the club, to a total of 700,310 of which are still financial, is something to be proud of. Membership stays around this figure each year - some members resign and others join.

The club assets, Hall and House, Library, Projector, Furniture, Trailer etc. total approximately \$80,000, a very substantial amount for any club, thanks to the hard-working committees, past and present, also a goodly number of members who in their own way have been of great help and assistance.

Vice-President George Roberts has again successfully carried out investigation and dating of members' cars, also helped me organise the last Blue Mountains Rally at short notice. My thanks to George.

Vice-President David Berthon, Public Relations Officer, has also achieved a successful year with the sponsorship of the 25th Anniversary Rally, also public relation coverage on this event.

Secretary John Thomson carried out the duties of Secretary, Legal Officer, and was totally involved in our application to the Cultural Grants Commission, the result we should receive next month. John's passing in London was a very sad blow to the club and his family - he will be sadly missed by all members.

Treasurer Ben Bronk is a most concise treasurer, keeping our books in a true accountable manner, also very ably managing the funds on the 25th Rally.

Barry Thew as the 25th Anniversary Rally Director did a faultless job of organising the event, also it received for Barry the Goodwill of the Public Trophy for 1979.

Keith Carden as Permits to Move Officer has been busy keeping everybody happy with insurance and permits to move for their cars.

Don Steer as Magazine Director, with the very able help of wife Dorothy, has been able to keep SPIT AND POLISH out on time each month with an interesting and informative magazine each month. Thank you Don, sorry you are not able to carry out this task next year.

 $\,$  George Sevenoaks as Meeting Night Host has arranged some interesting nights after meetings.

John Corby, Events Chairman, unfortunately through pressure of business had to resign early in the year.

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### President's Report 1978-1979 (Cont'd.)

All other members of the club who have helped the committee run the every-day doings of the club, I sincerely thank them. A special thanks to Fay Mountford for all the social events during the year.

The house purchase, 134 Queens Road, is proving a profitable venture with us being able to repay debentures and the bank off, only to leave \$2,200 owing in such a short time is no mean feat. The full debenture issue should be cleared early next year, well within the time set out for repayment.

The Cultural Grant we should know if successful early in July. We should consider a new hall grant or not next year, I am sure we could manage it without any difficulty with the full co-operation of members.

Once again I thank members for the past six years which have been very gratifying and rewarding to me and I trust that I can serve the club for many years to come in some capacity.

May the Veteran Car Club of Australia (N.S.W.) continue to flourish in the future.

Len Sheen, President.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT 1978-1979

It is my pleasure to report a net surplus for the year of \$7,282, this is \$2,839 more than last year. This surplus was achieved mainly by the successful conclusion of the International Rally, \$3,430; also net proceeds from our Hall and Cottage, \$2,501; and donations from our members.

SPIT AND POLISH costs have escalated and shows a loss for the year of \$964, although we have 12 months' supply of printed covers and envelopes on hand which will help next year's budget.

Loss on Socials \$338 stand out, but this year supper expenses have been put under the heading of Socials.

Members loans (debentures) have been reduced this year from \$16,375 to \$7,701, and I recommend that the loans be further reduced by \$5,500, leaving a liability of only \$2,201.

With these excellent results I also recommend that membership fees remain at \$13.

All books and records have been audited by W.V. King and Associates, Chartered Accountants. A copy of the Balance Sheet and their report will be published in the July issue of SPIT AND POLISH.

I thank the members for their trust in me, and I thank the Committee for their co-operation with a special thanks to Bill McCarthy for his continued assistance in looking after the rentals, and also for his willingness to advise me at any time.

Ben Bronk, Honorary Treasurer.

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1979

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Accumulated Funds			1979	1978
Balance as at 1st June, 1978  Add: Surplus for the year			27,156 7,282	22,713 4,443
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS			\$34,438	\$27,156
REPRESENTED BY:			ethic large in the control of the co	
Stock on Hand - Note 1. Sundry Debtors Cash at Banks Deposits	299 585 1,116 80			469 474 1,725 80
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,080		2,080	2,748
DEDUCT:				
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	628			1,172
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	628		628	1,172
			1,452	1,576
ADD:				4 admitted to the desire of the second secon
Meeting Hall - At Cost Building - At Cost Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines,	10,444 24,765			10,264 24,765
Equipment, Floor Coverings and Library - At Cost 3,874  Less: Provision for  Depreciation 2,022	1,852			2,124
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	37,061		37,061	37,153
			38,513	38,729
ADD:				
Bank of N.S.W. Sinking Fund	3,626			4,802
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	3,626		3,626	4,802
DEDUCT:			42,139	43,531
Members Loans - Note 2.	7,701			16,375
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,701		7,701	16,375
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES			\$34,438	\$27,156
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### INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1979

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		1979	1978
Annual Subscriptions & Entrance Fees		2,026	1,951
Donations Received		2,266	1,941
Hall Rents Received (Net)		611	715
House Rents Received (Net)		1,890	1,906
		284	195
Interest Received		154	115
Surplus on Raffles		182	67
Surplus on Insurance		-	153
Surplus on Magazine		3,724	_ 1
Surplus on Rallies		15	410
Surplus on Trading Sundry Income		36	34
Sundry Theome			
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED		11,188	7,487
DEDUCT:			
Affiliation Fees	335		127
Audit & Accountancy	325		300
(The Auditor received no other bene	fits)		
Bank Charges	109		41
Depreciation	272		311
Federal Conference			182
General Expenses	31		341
Honoraria	200		200
Interest	457		626
Loss on Magazine	964		
Loss on Socials	338		24
Loss on Other Events	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		41
Printing, Stationery & Postages	442		282
Trophies & Presentations	433	n continues and	569
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,906	3,906	3,044
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SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR transferred			4
to Accumulated Funds		\$7,282	\$4,443

# STATEMENT OF SOURCE & APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1979

During the year, the following funds became available:

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1. Surplus for the year	
Add: Depreciation charged in the Accounts	7,282
Accounts	272
	7 550
2. Reduction of Stocks on Hone	7,554
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riodaction of Cash at Banks	609
4. Reduction of Sinking Fund	1,176
	Minimaka amilian interplatings
	\$9,509
These funds were applied as follows:	
1. Obtaining Building Permit for Club Rooms	180
2. Reduction of Sundry Creditors	
3. Reduction of Members' Loans	544
4. Increase in Sundry Debtors	8,674
	\$9,509

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1979

### 1. STOCK ON HAND

We have accepted a certificate from the Honorary Treasurer as to the value of Stock as at 31st May, 1979.

### 2. MEMBERS' LOANS

The unsecured \$5 loans of \$7,701 on issue are redeemable at one month's call and yield an interest rate of  $3\ 3/4\%$ .

### AUDITORS' REPORT

We report to the members that, in our opinion:

- 1. The accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement of the Club, which are to be read in conjunction with the notes attached to and forming part thereof, give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 31st May, 1979 and of the results for the year then ended.
- 2. The accounting records and other records and the Register of Members required by the Constitution to be kept have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Signed at Sydney this 26th day of June, 1979.

### W.V. KING & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants.

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

### DON'S PARTY

My friend put a silencer on his shot-gun - his daughter wanted a quiet wedding.

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Heard how Lucifer lost his tail so he went into a liquor store because he heard they retailed spirits there.

Women like silent men because they think they are listening.

I recall the lady who went into the hardware store for a file. Asked the assistant: "Would you like the big flat bastard?" "No," she replied, "One of those little round beggars will do."

The little boy was saying his prayers and said "Please bless Daddy and Mummy and Grandma and may Grandpa rest in peace." Next day Grandpa died and the next night he said his prayers and said: Please bless Mummy and Daddy and may Grandma rest in peace," and next day Grandma died. That night he said his prayers and said: "Please bless Mummy and may Daddy rest in peace." His rather was really worried all that day, and came home that night and went to bed and got out the next morning and thought - well, he must be wrong, opened the front door to get the milk and found the milkman dead on the doorstep.

The vicar ran out of petrol but wasn't worried because he remembered the baby's potty his wife had left in the back of the car the day before. Went to the garage and bought a gallon and was pouring it in the tank when one of his parishioners came past, stopped and then said to the vicar, "Good heavens vicar I admire your faith, but I don't think it will run on that."

An optimist is a man middle-aged, who thinks the dry cleaner is shrinking the waist band of his trousers.

Heard on a bus: "I have nothing against teenagers and young people - I just hope my kid doesn't become one."

The best way to tell which is the Irish aeroplane is to look for the one with the outside toilets.

The art of human hospitality is to make your friends feel at home where you wish they were.

He was as frightened as a tom cat who saw the veterinary surgeon's car pull up at the front gate.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday	26th August	Navigator's Rally - details to be advised.
Sunday	16th September	CVVTMC Warwick Farm Outing.
Saturday	29th September	Newcastle Bi-annual Tour.
Monday	1st October	Entry forms were in May SPIT AND POLISH. (Also back page of this issue.)
Sunday	21st October	Garden Party at Government House
Saturday	10th November	1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Vehicle Inspections.
Sunday	11th November	Schofields Air Show.
Saturday	17th November	1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Vehicle Inspections.
Sunday	18th November	Fisher's Ghost Festival
Sunday	25th November	Vic Jacob's Lions Club Outing.
ona kabup i Pise gerber Pikegase o	February 1980	"Go Gippsland 1980" National Rally. Entries close 31/10/79.

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## PICNIC DAY - HISTORIC "GLEDSWOOD" CATHERINE FIELDS

On a perfect day on Sunday, 17th June, a samll group of members attended the Picnic Day at "Gledswood" and inspected the historic old home built in 1810, and formerly owned by Mr. Anthony Hordern.

Some members enjoyed the wine tasting, and there were hay rides and horse riding for the young fry, with plenty of animated conversation.

Those who attended were:

Len Sheen and Hilda (modern car)
Peter Wards, Robyn and the children (modern car)
Jim Simpson (B.S.A.)
Jack Godfrey, Merryl and the two girls. (Ford)
Reg. JOnes, Olive and two grandchildren. (Clement Bayard)
Neil Johnston and family. (Talbot)
Allan Blythe and Madge. (Hubmobile)
Darryl Blythe. (Hupmobile)
Kerrie Hughes. (Buick)
Jim Wilson and Dorothy. (Oakland)
Don and Dorothy Steer. (Argyll)

Thanks to the organisers for a lovely day.

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### HIDDEN COGS

Our "Hidden Cog" for the month is a quiet lady who works behind the scenes, and during the time her "better half" was President, worked very hard indeed for the Club - Val Garthon.

Val was a very gracious hostess to the Club at her home, and worked very hard for the Rotary, Lions, Apex and Veteran Car Club Day which we all attended.

It is because of the cheerful support of ladies such as Val for the hobby which we all share that the Club is such a happy one.

### SALES RESISTANCE

A magnificently restored Veteran Car. Stands among the highly polished cars on the floor of car sales room.

One day two elderly women entered, intending to buy a near-new but second-hand car. Fastidiously cared for, including log book. After showing them various cars which came into the category mentioned, one lady stopped and thoroughly perused veteran car.

She then enquired "What model is it?" After learning that it was over 60 years old, the lady interrupted and said: "Oh dear, and you haven't been able to sell it yet!"

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P.S. The car is owned by a member of V.C.C.A. and was most definitely NOT for sale!

### A Personal Reply to Jim (SPIT AND POLISH, May 1979)

I see a "Great Dame" and yet another "Irish Terror"!

With commendable foresight (on the part of the vehicle designer) and a modicum of luck (on the part of the present owner) the Hupmobile is fitted with a touring body.

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### STEERING COLUMN

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Somebody referred to our hall as an "historic structure" and perhaps we'd better be careful to keep the facts from the conservationists or we could be faced with a preservation order. Seriously, though, does anybody know where the building was originally erected? It showed signs of having been moved from somewhere when we began renovations some years ago.

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Vic. Jacobs said very little at the last meeting - perhaps worried by Jim Simpson's query re insurance refunds because of the petrol shortage?

Those Chalmers charmers Mike and Denise reported a problem they had in England when baby Janette dropped the car keys down inside the car door. Mike's father recalled that Mike had done the same thing when a child so we'll see whether the trait is hereditary when Mike has a grandchild.

Some voices carry. In a remote section of the Fitting and Machining workshop at Sydney Tech. one recent evening a familiar voice could be heard above machine noises. Guess who? He has a veteran Renault and used to be in the potato business.

We didn't carry out a body search but rumour has it that Don Steer wore his valuables in a money belt rigged up in "Cross Your Heart" style to foil the European pick-pockets.

Frank Nissen thought he'd made a bargain buy until he discovered the tyre was chalked at exactly half the price he paid. No wonder the seller carefully carried the tyre out to Frank's car.

Hilda will have to become accustomed to having Len around the house now that his time will be more his own and less the Club's.

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Best wishes to Bill East who is at present in Prince Alfred Hospital with a bit of pneumonia trouble and to have his timing adjusted.

### "CORONARY CLUB" QUALIFICATIONS

Seven revised rules for securing admission to the "Coronary Club" are published in the British Heart Foundation's quarterly magazine. They are:

- Make sure you have a positive grievance, a real chip on your shoulder.
   A promising candidate has to make resentment part of his life.
- Never smoke less than 50 cigarettes, preferably more, per day; or at least six ounces of double extra strength black bulldog tobacco. A mild cigar in the evening is no substitute.
- 3. A man who can afford a bottle of whisky per day is a ground floor candidate.
- 4. Make sure you add a few pounds to your body weight per quarter. An ambitious candidate must put up with shortness of breath. A bull-neck and hippo-belly are excellent qualifications.
- 5. Keep your nose near the grindstone. Take work home in the evenings, seven nights a week. Make sure you are so tired that you need a sedative. Cut down that holiday an idler won't be admitted here.
- 6. Eliminate walking. It's a waste. Go everywhere on wheels. Put effort into your leisure. Don't let yourself relax. You owe it to your employer. Make your games a science. Never play golf without business talks at the same time. Run for that train.
- 7. Cut out that optimism. Let your mind dwell on tax problems. Remember the Treasurer is out to get you. Keep the nuclear bomb well in mind. Work up a nice obsession about the state of the world.

A footnote to the rules reads: "If you fulfil these main qualifications for getting into the "Coronary Club" we can't say you will be admitted, but the application will be kept on file."

- From Geo. A. Roberts

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### THE F.L. - LITTLE KNOWN FEATURES

We see how it is that George King is such a whizzer on maintenance. In V. & V. Magazine we have read a report of an article in The Autorcar of 70 years ago, in which accessibility of the F.L. engine is praised.

The main features are: "The engine forms, together with the clutch and gearbox, a complete unit which can be detached from the chassis by removing some few bolts. The clutch can be dismantled within 2 or 3 minutes without disturbing the gearbox; the carburettor comes away by unscrewing 2 nuts and 2 unions; the magneto can be taken off for examination by loosening a thumbscrew, and the distributor by taking off 2 nuts."

George could well be the winner in a dissembling and reassembling competition!

- Jim Simpson

### BITS & PIECES FROM NEWCASTLE

 $\frac{\text{SYMPATHY: Newcastle branch members and families would}}{\text{deepest sympathy to Noelene and family on their terrible}}$  loss of John. We too as a club will also miss him in more ways than one.

Members, how about getting your entry forms in for our October Tour into the hands of our Secretary? (Entry forms re-printed. See back page of this issue.)

How's this for generosity? At our June Meeting it was decided to let the secretary buy (at his own expense) a replacement piece of sticky tape for the handle of the club's or his briefcase. There is nothing like having a friendly bank manager.

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Members who spent the long week-end camping etc. at Crangan Bay, had a restful break. I can't say quiet week-end, with the number of people learning to play musical instruments. Who were the ones who caught all the nice fish on the Monday? After using silver bait they stood on the bank of Lake Macquarie and caught those thrown back by the professional fishermen. It is surprising how a roaring log fire brings out the "Tall Stories" by the firesiders - Max Burke, Peter Adams, Ray Thomas - to name a few.

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Did you hear that the Irish are making tea bags now? They're making them waterproof.

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It was good to see Barry and Judy Thew and boys camping with us for the weekend.

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Sandy and Peggy Holmes will have taken off on their trip around Australia by the time you are reading this. We wish them a wonderful, safe and trouble-free trip. They make us envious - it's five years since we did the beaut. trip. I recommend it to all that like driving.

- John G.

PAUSE and THINK. There are some interesting words inscribed on an old clock in Chester Cathedral.

"When as a child I laughed
And wept - time crept.
When as a youth I dreamed
And talked - time walked.
When I became a full grown man - time ran.
And later as I older grew - time flew.
Soon I shall find, while travelling on - time gone."

### BACK ONE DECADE

It seems that things haven't changed a great deal in the last 10 years - the editorial of July 1969 brought to members' attention the hard work done by the various committees - in particular the Events Committee - and exhorted some members whose vehicles are consistently missing from events to bring them out and let the older and newer members have the pleasure of seeing them.

Meetings were still being held in the Drummoyne Rugby Union Club, and at the July meeting a welcome was given to four visitors, one of whom was Fred Rossiter, who was admitted as an associate member, together with Barry Garth.

Arthur Garthon was re-elected as President, Len Sheen as Secretary, Bill McCarthy Treasurer, and the committee comprised George Roberts, Max Roberts, Bob McCarthy, Barry Thew and John Corby.

An interesting breakdown was shown in the President's Report that 69 cars had attended events (152 carried club plates that year), 17 made one appearance only, 26 made five or more appearances, and of these 12 cars belonged to one member.

Alex McLeod and Jim Lewis retired from the Committee after a busy year and some familiar names cropped up throughout the report - Allan Foy Registrar, Hilda Sheen Social Secretary, Jim Simpson Editor, Ross Marshall Public Relations Officer, Barry Thew Librarian, George Green Insurance Officer, Peter Kable Vehicle Records and Badge Officer. Arthur Garthon as well as being Club President was also Federal President, and Len Sheen was Federal Secretary as well as Club Secretary, and with the 1970 International Rally looming on the horizon these were onerous tasks, and of course the organising committee for the Rally under the direction of George Green were tremendously busy.

Financially, the credit result was \$1,138.66, as against \$117 for the previous year, mainly due to the donations (\$761.88) and very sound business management.

The issue also contained excerpts from an article in "The Reader's Digest" in connection with the "approaching moon landing" which bears a little looking back upon. It is amazing how quickly we take for granted the most momentous of happenings.

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BACK A WHILE John G. sends in interesting statistics from June 1965:

In pounds, shillings and pence: Scale of charges - Entrance Fee, 1. 0. 0, Annual Subscriptions - Full and Associate Members 2.10.0, Junior Members 1. 0. 0, Car Badges 1st 3. 3. 0, 2nd 2.17. 0, 3rd & Over 2.10. 0, Lapel Badge 5/-, Name Bars 7/6, Club Number Plates 2. 0. 0, Brass Rear Vision Mirrors 1. 0. 0.

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### FOR THE COOKS

### CHICKEN CASSEROLE

750 g. chicken pieces, 1 large onion chopped, 250 g. carrots, sliced, 250 g. turnips, shaped into balls or cubs, 1/4 cup white wine, chicken stock.

Dredge the chicken with seasoned flour, brown all over in oil, lightly brown onion in the same pan. Put into an ovenproof dish with the carrot and turnips. Pour in the wine and just enough stock to cover. Bake covered in a moderate oven for one hour.

Serve with mashed potatoes or boiled rice. Serves 6.

### CHUCK STEAK IN POT ROAST

1.5 kg. chuck steak on the bone, 1 tablespoon each of butter and oil, small potatoes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pkt. onion soup mix, 1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs, evaporated milk, red wine, stock, browned flour.

Order the meat ahead as that's the only way you'll get chuck steak still on the bone.

Tie with string into as round a shape as possible, and brown on both sides in the oil and butter in a heavy-based pan.

This should be as near in circumference as possible to meat size, to avoid loss of steam. Put lid tightly on pan and cook meat gently for about two hours or until tender.

Forty-five minutes before it's done, lift it out, put in potatoes, return meat.

When meat is tender, lift out and make a paste from onion soup mix, herbs and evaporated milk, spread on one side of meat and bake in a hot oven for 15 minutes to set coating. Meanwhile, keep potatoes hot.

Make gravy from pan juices using browned flour, some red wine and beef stock. (Browned flour is just the plain variety, baked in a hot oven until it is well browned. It gives gravy a nutty flavour and doesn't make it lumpy.)

Serves about 6.

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### PERSONAL GLIMPSE:

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