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NEWSLETTER OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)

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## EDITORIAL

I would like to draw your attention to several matters. I have changed the Editorial Address to my home at Mosman. I anticipate that my suite at 66 Pacific Highway, St. Leonards will be used part-time by others.

I must thank members for exercising consideration over the years in not making undue use of the telephone. It is helpful to me if you write rather than ring.

Again I would remind you that closing date needs to be a few days earlier as there seem to be frequent delays with post.

Last month's mailing was carried out by the Sunshine Sheltered Workshop and this seems to be most satisfactory. It was a great relief to your editor.

I would like to thank my recent contributors and I hope the steady flow of articles continues.

- GEOFFREY LEHMANN

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 28TH JULY, 1966 at the Royal Aero Clubrooms, Marion Street, Bankstown, at 8 p.m.

After the meeting slides of the Blue Mountains Rally, 1966 and restoration of Voiturette De Dion will be shown.

(The entrance to Royal Aero Club is at the western end of Marion Street. Do not enter the Bankstown Aerodrome entrance, but continue on to the end of bitumen surfacing. A sign "Royal Aero Club" is written over an archway at the gate.)

- LEN SHEEN  
Secretary.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Our Club celebrates its twelfth birthday tonight. It has been my privilege to have been your President for the past five years. During this period I have made many friends and received excellent support from all members of the Club. I feel that after such a long term of office it is only right and proper that I should not offer myself for re-election. The position of President should change in a good healthy Club such as ours and whoever my successor is, you can rest assured that I will continue to support him in any way I can. Over the years we have continued to grow and prosper; our cars without doubt are an example to all other clubs and the excellent standard of restoration continues to improve.

On the Federal front I have advice from our President, Mr. Tim Osborne, that the I.F.V.V.C.C. have not made a decision yet regarding the request by the V.C.C.A. to conduct an International veteran and vintage car rally in Australia during 1970. However, I understand from our Australian proxy, Lord Montague, that our application will be dealt with later this year, when there is every prospect of our application being successful. The national tour for 1967 will be conducted by the V.C.C.A. Victoria - it is proposed to hold it at Albury commencing on April 3rd to Saturday 8th 1967 with entertainment and day trips in and around Albury district. Let us see a good roll up from N.S.W. I am sure all will have a most enjoyable time. Your N.S.W. Committee over the past year have been a wonderful team working in perfect harmony, they have all done an excellent job - remember they devote a great deal of their time in an honorary capacity and at all time do their best for the Club.

I would just like to congratulate the lady members, Miss Helen Hardman, who has looked after the Club finances very efficiently. During Helen's absence on holidays Ray Hill helped out in his usual efficient manner. And you will learn from Helen's report that the Club's finances are in a very healthy state - this in no small measure is due to those members who have made their cars available for display on behalf of the Club. Mrs. Hilda Sheen, our Social Secretary, has been responsible for some most enjoyable evenings. I don't think we realise the work involved and I suggest the incoming committee should give consideration to giving the Social Secretary more assistance in the future. Miss Jan Sykes has continued to help our over-worked Secretary, Jack Dance, in the capacity of Minute Secretary at our monthly meetings, and a word of thanks to those ladies who have continued over the years to prepare our supper and unfortunately are frequently left to do the washing up.

The total number of financial members as at June 30th is 266, this is an increase of 42 since last June.

Allen Foy, our registrar, advised that 10 new number plates were issued during the year and that the total number of cars registered through the Club is 121, add to this many more that are carrying full registration.

The Federal roster of members is well in hand. Allen has details from all states except South Australia who, we hope, will forward their details shortly so we can go to print. The Dating Committee has been able to date 15 cars during the past year; they have nine further applications in hand. They inspected 49 cars for registration and inspected 12 cars of new members. I know many members are not happy about delays in dating their cars. I can assure these members that after conferring with our Senior Dating Officers, Mr. Geo. Roberts and Mr. Len Masser, that every effort is being made both here and overseas to come up with the right answer. These members, together with others, put in a terrific amount of research on our behalf.

I have stressed the need in the past of these senior officers to train junior members of the Dating Committee and with no thought of criticising their wonderful work over the past years. It is surely time they sent their juniors out to inspect cars and bring information to them rather than doing the job themselves and then in Committee endeavour to fix the date of a car. This to me seems to be the logical way in which to help our juniors and maintain their interest.

Our Events Committee ably led by Len Sheen have given us a good variety of events with quite a few new ideas and I am sure all who participated have had very enjoyable outings but with the exception of our major rallies attendance is still not good. Now this is no fault of the Events Committee, so what about those members with restored cars bringing them out more often.

Our Newcastle Branch led by President Don Barker has continued to be quite active, putting on some interesting events and increasing their membership. At their recent Annual General Meeting a new President and Secretary were appointed for the ensuing year; they are Mr. Jim Turner, President, Mr. Adams, Secretary. The V.C.C.A. A.C.T. excelled themselves with their Invitation Rally over Easter. Our branch gave very good support, about 20 cars making the trip. The weather on Good Friday was anything but kind to us on our journey to Canberra, but the rest of the weekend was perfect.

C.V.V.T.M.C. rally at Warwick Farm proved a great success. All seemed to approve of the new area and there was an excellent collection of cars to inspect. During the year the council has been active and the current president is Mr. Bob Prichett and secretary Ray Neeley. Our Club meeting rooms have been a continual source of concern for your committee; we have been looking at every possible hall within our price range. As mentioned in our monthly meetings I hope that our troubles are over if we are able to make satisfactory arrangements and



that members are agreeable to be associated with the Royal Aero Club. This will solve the problem of a permanent home. Your committee has placed before you details of concessional insurance rates - I hope that most members will avail themselves of these, at least against total loss by fire in your own homes.

In conclusion, on behalf of the club I would like to thank our sponsors during the year - Castrol Oils and Amoco Petrol for their support, also Doug Rees who has done a very good job photographing our cars and Bob Paddle who uncomplainingly swings the broom after our meetings and again many thanks to all club members for the support you have given me during my term of office.

- GEORGE GREEN

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. President, fellow members, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure in presenting this my first financial report as treasurer of your club.

There has been a regrouping of the accounts during the year. This has been the splitting up of the Annual Subs. and Magazine Subs. to comply with the G.P.O. regulations. However, I am sure that all members will agree that the amount saved in postage warrants all the effort and alterations.

The recommended card system is now in operation and is proving quite effective.

Before giving you the figures, I would like to point out that all the accounts have been converted into dollars and are not in pounds.

I am very pleased to report the the Club finances are in a very healthy position. The overall surplus for the year is \$1,201, which is an increase of \$555 on the previous year.

A further \$700 was placed in fixed deposit in April, bringing the total amount, including interest, in fixed deposit for the Club to \$5,294.58.

#### Acknowledgments.

There are four main reasons why the finances of the club are as stated:

1. Many members exhibited their cars at various functions, displays and such-like (often at great inconvenience to themselves) then donated all of the fees they received for same into Club funds. Castrol donated \$100, but otherwise the balance of the \$490.41 donated through the year was all donated by members in this way.
2. The business-like way in which Len Sheen organised the rallies. A profit of \$6.54 resulted from rallies.
3. The hard work done by our Social Secretary, Hilda Sheen. Socials show a profit of \$24.97.
4. The insurance levy of \$1.00 inaugurated in December resulted in the insurance figures showing a profit.

I cannot list all the members who have been of such assistance to me, but I would like each and every one of you to know I appreciate all the help I have had. However, there are several persons I feel I must specially mention. Ray Hill, who explained in detail all the figures when he handed me the books and who graciously stepped in for me when I went on holidays. George Green, Jack Dance, Arthur Garthon, Allan Foy, Len and Hilda Sheen.

#### Banking.

Our fixed deposits are still held at the Rural Bank, Earlwood Branch. However, the current account was changed to Rural Bank, Rockdale Branch. The current credit in the bank is \$654.71.

#### Auditors.

To Messrs. W.V. King and Associates and especially Mr. Laurie Kitchener we express our appreciation for their professional services.

#### Special Note.

As retiring treasurer there are two vital points I would like to

make, which in my opinion would greatly reduce the work of the incoming treasurer and also further increase the finances of the club.

These are namely:

1. Members not to send cheques if they do not have sufficient funds to honour them. The re-presenting of cheques involves a lot of unnecessary bookwork.
2. All members to pay their Annual Subs. and Magazine Subs. as soon as possible. The constant notifying of unfinancial members involves many thankless hours of work and costs the Club a considerable expense in postage and stationery.

#### Balance Sheet.

As last year, the Annual Balance Sheet will be attached to the July issue of SPIT AND POLISH.

- HELEN HARDMAN

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#### MEETING REPORT.

A somewhat abbreviated report will be given on this meeting which preceded the Annual General Meeting; quite a few matters will be reported on under separate headings.

Helen Hardman has returned from holidays and she thanked Ray Hill for his care of the books in her absence. The books, of course, have been at the auditors and the report appears separately. There have been no further events and the July scheduled event will be a social one, not making use of the veteran cars.

George Roberts reported on the inspection of a 12-cylinder Packard, a 1913 Fiat and a 1913 Overland. Several new full and associate members were accepted into the club.

The Social Secretary asked that people pay their money for the Music Hall event as soon as possible.

The General Business that was introduced at this meeting was of considerable importance, and members will recall that negotiations with insurance brokers had been commenced by our President, George Green, with respect to obtaining more satisfactory cover. The full schedule of this of O.H. O'Brien, Sydney (Insurance) is separately published and it is committed to you for your careful study and it is strongly recommended that you proceed with arranging adequate coverage on your veteran car. Our President stressed particularly the fact that fire in the garage is not an infrequent event and could be disastrous.

The other item of great importance is the one concerning clubrooms, the invitation for affiliation with the Royal Aero Club at Bankstown providing excellent facilities, proved an item that provoked stimulating discussion. The fact that Bankstown is so far from the Northern and Eastern suburbs brought forth isolated protests. Vic Jacobs felt that another special committee should be set up to look for more central facilities. In general most members spoke in favour of investigating the offer and it is anticipated that the club will be invited to attend a function there so that members can see for themselves the prospects. It is understood that the club would be able to have a permanent library room, they can have the use of a meeting hall, there is a restaurant, bar, and child-minding facilities and there is also limited overnight accommodation. The charges per member of this type of affiliation would be reasonable. It is also felt that the Bankstown area could provide a possibility of some limited permanent work area for the club.

The General Meeting concluded with a motion introduced by Len Masser that our President be honoured with Honorary Life Membership. This was overwhelmingly accepted and George Green thanked members for bestowing this valued recognition. He warned members that they would still be hearing plenty of him even though he is stepping down from the Presidency.

Other matters were the exhibition of a dry chemical type of fire extinguisher available from Doug Pierce at \$8.00 retail and refills at \$1.60, purchased from D. Pierce there is a substantial discount.

Arthur Garthon also received from R. Wardrop a film of the 1962 Wollongong Rally; this was donated to the club and the club's thanks will be expressed by letter to Mr. Wardrop.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1966

This meeting followed the usual monthly meeting. Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were presented and the reports of the President and Treasurer were given prior to the election of office-bearers of 1966-67. These reports are published in full separately.

Jack Dance was the only nominee for the Presidency and he let it be known that he had a hard man to follow and he thanked members for honouring him with this office.

The five nominees for the Vice-Presidency were: George Green, George Roberts, Len Sheen, Allan Foy and Ken Moss.

There were two nominees for Secretary: Len Sheen and Alby Frost.

Helen Hardman accepted the Treasurer's office again.

Nominees for the Committee were: Baxter, Garthon, Foy, Nasser, G. Roberts, Marshall, M. Roberts, Welch, McLeod and Naylor.

The final results were:

J. Dance	President
G. Green, K. Moss	Vice-Presidents
L. Sheen	Secretary
H. Hardman	Treasurer
B. Baxter, A. Garthon, )	Committee members
A. Foy, R. Marshall )	
and J. Naylor )	

Full Membership:

Maxwell Welch, 32 Carina Rd., Turramurra. Brush 1910 Roadster.

(Custodian G. Green)

Trevor L. Foulcher, 127 Glenhaven Rd., Glenhaven. Fiat 1913 (Chassis)

(Car ready for inspection, Associate).

Alex McLeod, 14 Horton Street, Yagoona. Star 1912.

William Maunsell, Box 58, Potts Point. 35/6528 (home). Packard.

Rex G. Wigley, 52 Parry St., West Tamworth. (Tamworth 56675).

Overland 1913, Minerva 1912

Lance N. Hopson, 22 Canonbury Grove, Bexley North. Buick Tourer 1915 or 16.

Associate:

Colin J. Burke, 40 Scott St., Mortdale.

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O.H. O'BRIEN (SYDNEY) INSURANCE

Dated 24th May, 1966. Veteran Car Club - Quotation for Veteran Cars

Excess Free

Minimum Premium - as for \$1,000

(a) Sum Insured	(b) Fire only (Garage)	(c) Fire & Theft (Garage)	(d) Comprehensive
\$1,000	\$4.40	\$8.25	\$44.00
\$1,500	6.60	12.38	49.50
\$2,000	8.80	16.50	55.00
\$2,500	11.00	20.63	60.50
\$3,000	13.20	24.75	66.00
\$3,500	15.40	28.88	71.50
\$4,000	17.60	33.00	77.00
\$4,500	19.80	37.13	82.50
\$5,000	22.00	41.25	88.00
\$5,500	24.20	45.38	93.50
\$6,000	26.40	49.50	99.00
\$6,500	28.60	53.63	104.50
\$7,000	30.80	57.75	110.00
\$7,500	33.00	61.88	115.50
\$8,000	35.20	66.00	121.00

less 25% \$33.00

Stamp Duty at ruling rate for relevant State.

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NOTE:

Discounts on the above premiums can be obtained if the Policy carries any of the following warranties:

1. 10% - If the vehicle only be covered under table (d) when such vehicle is on a rally or outing under the control of the Veteran Car Club.
2. 10% - In the event of an accident to the vehicle necessitating the manufacture of new parts or accessories the liability of the Company in respect of such new parts or accessories shall be limited to:
  - (a) The cost of making such parts or accessories, or
  - (b) The latest price list of identical parts or accessories for the vehicle, or
  - (c) The amount of \$100 in respect of any one part or accessory whichever of (a), (b) or (c) shall be the lowest.
3. 5% - If the vehicle carries an approved Fire Extinguisher.

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The following item was received from the Association Sportive, de l'Automobile Club Normand, 46, Rue General Giraud, Rouen and is a translation by courtesy of Mr. Perce Blundell:

"Second Race of the GOLDEN AGE  
ROUEN LES ESSARTS CIRCUIT  
10TH JULY, 1966.

On the 28th June 1964 the firstpremierspeed competition in closed circuit for vintage cars to be disputed on the European Continent took place at Rouen.

Foreign participators had been invited, some even promised, but finally the test was limited to the challenge FRANCE/ENGLAND or more exactly two of the principal clubs of vintage cars: the VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB and the ASSOCIATION DES AMIS de l'AUTOMOBILE.

- 14 vehicles of the V.S.C.C. took part in the trials, 9 were classified.
- all participants, 7, for the A.A.H.A. were classified on arrival.

Besides the "scratch" classification won by the Hon. Patrick LINDSAY (on 1500 cm3 E.R.A.) for top grade, and the individual "handicap" classification GIBSON (on 1500 cm3 FRAZER-NASH motor Gough), the french BERNARD & ANKERSMIT (3537 cm3 Delahaye) DUMONTAND (4000 cm3 Talbot) won the 2 tests scratch and handicap in teams of 3.

It is regretted that the spectators could not see for a longer period in action the Delage 1922/23 of Arnold FOSTER and the wonderful BUGATTI 3257 cm3 type 59 of 1934 of "Doc" TAYLOR, or also the modified Alfa Romeo "MONZA" of 2600 cm3 1933 of J. MUDD.

On 10th July next the Sporting Association of the AUTOMOBILE CLUB NORMAND will run on the magnificent circuit of ROUEN LES ESSARTS the second race of the GOLDEN AGE. Reserved as for the previous one to race cars of the period 1921/1939, it will be run this time in 12 rounds instead of 10. On the English side, the V.S.C.C. will certainly have 17 or 18 cars at the trials and if everything is all right, 15 at the start. On the French side, the 6 best contestants of 1964 will be present but with more experience.

Maybe, and this is to be wished, more contestants will be added and this circular is aimed at interesting them in the invitation to enter.

We wish a stronger participation by clubs of other countries of Europe, the Italian absence of 1964 having been particularly regrettable.

Four classifications have been foreseen and endowed with prizes:

- \* 2nd cup of the Golden Age "Individual Scratch".
- \* Challenge L.E. POMEROY, in memory of the great historian of the automobile who suddenly disappeared on 19th February last, "Individual" Handicap.
- \* Challenge Charles FOURREAU in remembrance of the direct collaborator of Chevalier de KNYFF, of Augustin PEROUSE, who for more than 50 years was Secretary of the Sporting Commissions of A.C.F. et of U.M.F., and died in October last at the age of 82. Classification by teams of 3 "Scratch".
- \* Challenge George FRAICHARD newspaperman and commentator for automobile races and rallies, who allowed us to follow with his articles and to live the races on the circuits with his comments, who also died in 1964. Classification by team of 3 "Handicap".



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TO help with catering, PLEASE FILL IN SLIP BELOW AND HAND  
TO EVENTS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JULY 28TH:

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FOR SALE Maxwell Motor Car, 1911 model, garaged at Broadwater. Apply Branch Manager, Public Trust Office, Lismore, for further details.

FOR SALE 2 new 550 x 19 6-ply tyres and tubes. Dunning retreads.  
- KILPATRICK, 31/6761

WANTED Pontiac radiator cap 1928. - G. LEHMANN, 96/3477

AVAILABLE CHAIN, may be suitable for veterans.  
- BERRY ENGINEERING,  
P.O. Box 37, Dulwich Hill.

FOR SALE Vauxhall 30-98 Radiator. - W. BIRD,  
Box 28, P.O. New Lambton.

1930 Model 'A' "New Beauty" Ford, immaculate condition.

- W. BIRD,  
Box 28, P.O. New Lambton.

WANTED Parts and information on 1923 Rollin.  
- W. BIRD,  
Box 28, P.O. New Lambton.

### WANTED ALL STATES (W.A.)

1909 Renault Chassis, radiator, universal and tailshaft.  
- MAX MUSTO,  
62 Peebles Rd., Floreat Park, W.A.

1929-30 Stutz Blackhawk Speedster, boat-tail if possible.  
- J. HARWOOD,  
4 Stirling Rd., Claremont, W.A.

Pair of rear bumperettes and mounting brackets for 1929 Studebaker Director 8.  
- LAURIE ANDERSON,  
41 Watkins Rd., Claremont, W.A.

Rocker cover for 1926 pushrod operated o.h.v. Salmson.  
- RAY COYLE,  
377 Huntriss Rd., Doubleview, W.A.

Vacuum windscreen wiper and tail light for Austin 7.  
- PETER SANDERSON,  
9 Kathleen St., Triggs Island, W.A.  
25/7119

1907 8 h.p. single cylinder Rover Front axle, front engine mounting fan, carburettor and radiator. - D.G. HENLEY,  
56 Celebration Street,  
East Cannington, W.A.

1913 Ford "T" chassis frame. Also 1 headlight glass and gas tank for 1925 Essex. - TONY STAFFORD,  
67 Sixth Ave., Maylands, W.A..

WANTED:  
One or two 765 x 195 B.E. Tyres & Tubes new or used. - BRUCE TUDGEY,  
"Glendon", Currabubula, N.S.W.

FOR SALE:  
Vintage model T Ford single seater fully restored and registered. - BRUCE TUDGEY,  
"Glendon", Currabubula, N.S.W.

WANTED (ALL STATES). Wanted for 1913 Benz Model W.5 engine No. 15775, steering wheel, column and controls, carburettor and intake manifold, engine side cover plates, flywheel, instruments, fuel tank and any body parts. I would also like to contact all owners of Benz cars in Aust. with aim of forming a register of this make. Please advise full details of car and of any known spare parts.

- MARTIN MC CARTHY,  
C/- B.P. Aust. Ltd., P.O. Box 2,  
TUMUT, N.S.W.

### AVAILABLE ALL STATES (VIC.)

Hillman 1913 with trailer if required, fully restored, judged best veteran of 1960 Australian Rally. Holder of Award of Merit.

Offers to: Alec Lubeman, 47/2078  
12 Goldsmith Ave., Preston, Vic.









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## NEWCASTLE BRANCH

Before the next meeting, the Tour Committee and the Executive will have decided on the route of the next Newcastle Tour and will also have decided the venues and other arrangements.

Every year we experience the same problems - how many visitors can we expect from Sydney and perhaps Canberra? How can we plan a Tour that will be interesting and entertaining?

Everyone who has been associated with the organising of Tours and Rallies has experienced the same problems, uncertainties and frustrations.

Here in Newcastle and Suburbs we will have ten mobile Veterans by October, but to make a really successful and enjoyable Tour we must have the full support of our own Club Members AND the participation of Club Members from the Parent Club.

Each time we have a Tour, we hear criticisms of certain aspects. We have considered these thoughts - even though they might only be singular - in an endeavour to make sure that this Tour will please everyone.

I sincerely ask everyone to start thinking of and start preparing for our Newcastle Tour to be held in October of this year. Give us early indications of your desire to attend and make our job of finding accommodation for you and your family - and your Veteran - easier.

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Looking at photographs shown at the last meeting, it appears John Cowan's Big Renault will soon be another addition to the fleet in Newcastle.

Slides of a recent visit through Samarai, Port Moresby, Goroka, Madang and Lae were shown and a commentary given by James Turner. An excellent session.

The next meeting will be held at the Driver Training Range, Court Road, Adamstown on Wednesday, 13th July, 1966.

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FOR SALE: 501 Fiat. Registered. 300 dollars or swap for a good lathe.  
- J. RILEY, 25 Alexander St., Hamilton.

WANTED: 2 Brass hub caps for Model T Ford.  
1 Sulky Lamp in any condition, kerosene or candle.  
- BARRY CAMERON, 95 Fletcher St., Adamstown.

WANTED: 2 Essex 23" wire spoked wheels 6-hole type.  
- J. TURNER, Lowry St., Cardiff.

FOR SALE: Warford Gear Box for model T Ford, 12 dollars.  
- N. ROBINSON, 335 Turton Rd., New Lambton.

WANTED: Parts for ALBION 2-cylinder or any chain drive Albion car or truck 2 or 4 cylinder, particularly rear axle and dash board lubricator.  
- J. RILEY, 25 Alexander St., Hamilton.

FOR SALE: Demountable 30 x 3½ rims. Perfect beads 2 dollars each.  
30 x 3½ Dunlop Perdreau tyres. Excellent condition, 6 dollars ea.  
- DON BARKER, 25 Myall Rd., Waratah.

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AVAILABLE ALL STATES (VIC.)

Dashboard plywood, half inch thick faced with Cuban mahogany sawn in France in 1885. Approx. 3 ft. x 4 ft. 75c. per sq. ft.

- RUSSELL STAPLETON,  
33 Creswick St., E. Brighton, Vic.  
'Phone 92/5604

WANTED ALL STATES (VIC.)

Sizaire-Naudin 1909 Single-cylinder. Information, parts, photos or correspondence.  
- TOM PAINE,  
P.O. Box 19, Edenhope, Vic.

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