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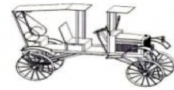
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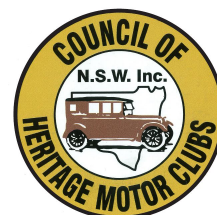
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**ON THE COVER:**  
2023 Veteran of the Year  
1914 Fiat Zero  
Owned by the Adams Brothers





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# Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Club Meeting held on 24 August 2023. Conducted at the hall and by Zoom.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: 9            Members: 24            Member's family: 3  
Total at hall (25) and total on zoom (6): 41

## **MEETING OPENED AT 8:05PM**

**APOLOGIES:** Andrea Holden, Inez and Norm Mitchell, William Garthon

## **PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS**

The president, Phil O'Loan, welcomed members to the meeting. He especially welcomed some members who had not been at the hall for a meeting for some time. He indicated that the club meeting would be fast leading to the AGM.

## **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes arising from the minutes: Nil  
Proposer: David McCredie    Seconder: Neil Martin

## INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation: CMC invitation to meeting to discuss memorial for Alan Foy - 22 October  
Other clubs: Small Torque, The Vintage Car  
Other:  
Bill Bishop – Napier Heritage News featuring 1908 Napier – for S&P  
General Motors Overseas I Operations – correspondence from 27 August 1945 on Holden design  
Gordon Dewey – CHMC stickers  
2023 Shannons Winter timed online auction 15-22 August 2023  
Proxy forms  
Renewal declaration forms – 55 members  
Kerry Hobson – resignation  
Royal Flying Doctor – thank you for donation  
HCCA- 8th International Rally, newsletter #3  
Donation to the library from Leah Foy

## OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Kerry Hobson  
Fee Reminders  
Proposer: Graham Weekes    Seconded: Peter Martin

September 2023

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was tabled. Balances are:

Moved: Lauren Newman

Seconded: Richard Yeomans

## **MAGAZINE**

The editor requested more articles!

## **EVENTS**

### PAST EVENTS

28 July – Northern MaSH Coffee Run

11 August – Southern MaSH Coffee Run to Mittagong – good day!

13 August - Newcastle outing to Morpheth

15-20 August - All Veteran Motorcycles at Bundaberg – John and Max Burke and Mick Bendeich took motorcycles.

20 August – Shannons Classic at Eastern Creek – Ron Cox and Garry Canton represented the club and John Wards was there also with the Benz.

### COMING EVENTS

2-8 October - National Rally Griffith. Harriette Martin has promised to write an article on the National Rally. There are 156 entries so far.

13 October - Southern MaSH Coffee Run

15 October - Sydney Tramway Museum Display

22-28 October – Highwheeler Rally – Gunnedah

8-10 September - 5th Annual Pre '05 Pioneers Run

25 November - Sydney Christmas Party

The Alan Foy Memorial has been changed to 30 September due to the family wishes. It will be held on an Open Day at Fagan Park.

Rod Holmes encouraged members to complete an EOI for the Premier Rally 2024. The organisation is coming together and the club will apply for funding from the Paul Butler Bequest. There are 18 entries from Queensland!

The President will order and organise the engraving of 40 rally badges.

Robert Duffy has 21 entries for the highwheelers rally and is willing to take late entries. He invited

members without highwheelers to come to the event.

**LIBRARY** Nothing to report

**DATING** Nothing to report

**PERMIT TO MOVE/REGISTRATION** Nothing to report

**MEMBERSHIP** No applications have been received

**HALL**

Robert Fordham is following up on the fire inspection report and has accepted a quote to have the doors and locks compliant.

**CHMC** Jenny Fawbert reported that the registration seminar at Cooma was with Transport NSW was a success. Drive Lite has been posted and there is a link on CHMC website. (A link will be sent in FFAF.)

**CMC** No report was lodged

**WEBSITE** Nothing to report

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8:25pm**

Phil O'Loan	Louise Yeomans
President	Secretary



# Minutes of the 69th AGM

Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. 69th Annual General Meeting.  
Held 24 August 2023

The meeting opened at the clubrooms and on zoom at 8:26 pm by the President, Phil O'Loan, who welcomed all present.

## 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were published in July 2023 edition of Spit and Polish. Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Graeme Newman                      Seconded: Lauren Newman

The minutes of the Special General Meeting 22 February 2022 were published in Spit and Polish March 2022. Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Ian Shinfield                          Seconded: David McCredie

## 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2022/2023

The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer presented their reports. A library report was presented by Jenny Fawbert. A report from the Dating and Investigation Committee was read in the absence of its chairman, John Burke, by the President. All of the reports will be published in Spit and Polish.

Moved: David McCredie                      Seconded: Peter Martin

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

The Treasurer presented the annual financial statement as circulated to members in the August 2023 edition of *Spit and Polish*.

### b. Presentation of Awards

Award	Recipient
2023 Literary Award (Lauren Newman)	Graeme Newman
Hattersley Cup (Graeme Newman)	John Burke
Appreciation Award	William Garthon
Veteran of the Year	1914 Fiat Zero owned by the Adams Brothers

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

	Membership Number	Date Joined
50-year badges		
Noelene Thomson	591	04/08/1973
60-year badges		
Keith Carden	272	29/06/1963
Jeff Wolfgang	280	08/06/1963
Allen Blythe	285	25/07/1963
Rob McCarthy	295	22/09/1963
Graham Steer	300	28/11/1963

### 4. Presentation of changes to the existing club rules

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

Moved: Peter Martin                      Seconded: Ian Shinfield

The President outlined the voting procedures. Graham Weekes was the returning officer. Barry Shinfield and David McCredie were the scrutineers. Ian Shinfield would distribute and collect the voting slips. Only financial members and those at the hall are entitled to vote. Proxy votes have been given to the Returning Officer.

The President gave details of a change in the composition of the committee. This was clarified after some feedback from a member and approved by the committee. The change was presented to the meeting.

*17 Composition of the committee (see deleted with strikethrough and amended in yellow)*

*The committee ~~must have~~ must have at least 8 members, as elected in accordance with clause 16, consisting of:*

*(a) The following office bearers:*

*(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)*

*the president;*

*2 vice-presidents;*

*the treasurer;*

*the secretary;*

*(b) ~~and at least 3 ordinary members~~ at least 3 ordinary or associate members.*

The President thanked Andrea and her team for their work in updating the club's constitution. The members recognised their efforts with applause.

The voting took place. The raffle was drawn.

The President announced that the motion had been carried by 33 votes in the affirmative to one vote against the motion. The motion was carried.

#### **5. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no other general business.

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

The President thanked all committee members for their support.

The President declared all of the positions vacant.

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Office Bearer</b>
President	Phil O'Loan
Vice Presidents	Graeme Newman Peter Martin
Secretary	Louise Yeomans
Treasurer	Geoff Yeomans
Committee Members	Robert Fordham Neil Martin Lauren Newman Ian Shinfield
Dating Chairman	John Burke

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

Barry congratulated the new committee members and thanked them for nominating.

The new President, Phil O'Loan, took the chair. He thanked Barry for conducting the election and congratulated the new committee members. He welcomed members to join the committee which has one vacancy.

#### **7. GUEST SPEAKER - ROB MCCARTHY**

Rob reminisced on his early days as a club member and of the restoration of the 1913 Vinot and Deguingand. The President thanked Rob for his contribution to the meeting and the club.

#### **MEETING CLOSED at 9:30pm**

Phil O'Loan                      Louise Yeomans  
President                              Secretary





Presentation of 60-year badges - Allen Blythe, Rob McCarthy & Graham Steer



2023 Literary Award - Graeme Newman



60-year badge recipients



Rob McCarthy captivating the audience



# Remembering Keith Carden

By Mark Carden (eldest son of Jean and Keith)

Keith was born 12 May 1928 at the family home in Dalton Avenue Eastwood, to Jane Lenore and Edward Clarence Carden. Dad was 95 years old in May this year. As an only child, dad was particularly devoted to his parents and took great responsibility in helping them throughout his life and also caring for them in their later years.

For dad, life had a few extra challenges as he developed polio when he was 10 months old. HOWEVER, those who knew him would testify he never complained and he never let it stop him from living an active life.

Dad went to Homebush Boys High School and then Granville TAFE. He completed his apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner at Eastwood. Dad belonged to cubs and then scouts, and in later years was active with the church fellowship, and sang in the choir (where he met mum). He had a lovely voice and sang at weddings and concerts. Keith and my mum Jean, were married in 1956 at Holy Trinity, Concord West, and had three children – myself, Peter and Elizabeth. Keith has 7 grandchildren, plus a further 4 great grandchildren.



Dad worked for 25 years at Lamson Engineering as Production Manager, and prior to retirement, operated his own engineering company with 10 employees. Dad's fascination with cars was evident throughout his life and his first car was a 1925 Morris Cowley.

He restored:

- 1914 Clement Bayard model 3B 4-cylinder\_12 HP engine which he drove in a Rally to Brisbane without a problem
- 1913 Clement Bayard model AC 2A 2-seater 2-cylinder engine\_which I recently drove my daughter Julie to her wedding in. That was special in Grandy's car.

- 1911 Hotchkiss model AB 18/22 HP
- 1928 Stuz 8-cylinder BB speedster

Dad loved being a member of the Veteran Car Club and a 60-year membership medal was recently awarded to him.



He had many fun times in the club, going on numerous rallies, taking cars to the Central West, Riverina, Melbourne and Brisbane. With Dad's mechanical ability and mum's navigation, they made a great team.

Dad and mum had a great number of good friends and I thank the members of the car club who are here today.

My memories of Dad are of a gentle loving father who would help anyone and have a go at fixing anything mechanical. He also turned

his hand to building incredible cubbies for the grandchildren, mini bikes and go karts for my brother. He built a boat trailer, car trailers and even built a caravan for his and my mother's honeymoon to Queensland.

We will all miss him greatly.



# Events Calendar

## Club Events

### SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 19th **Newcastle Branch Meeting** - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm  
Thursday 28th **Monthly Club Meeting** - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm  
Friday 29th **Northern MASH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Curry Reserve Elderslie.  
*Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

### OCTOBER

- Monday 2nd-8th **National Rally** - Griffith, NSW.  
Online entry form available at:<https://griffith2023.vvccaact.org.au/>  
Details are both on our website and the Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia - A.C.T website.  
Friday 13th **Southern MaSH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Winifred West Park.  
*Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*  
Sunday 15th **Sydney Tramway Museum Display** - We have been invited to an event at the Sydney Tramway Museum, at Loftus on to display our cars. More information to come.  
Tuesday 17th **Newcastle Branch Meeting** - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm  
Sunday 22nd-28th **16th Highwheeler Rally** - Gunnedah, NSW. First Newsletter circulated in Friday Fact and Fiction. *Contact: Rob Duffy*  
Thursday 26th **Monthly Club Meeting** - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm  
Friday 27th **Northern MASH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Curry Reserve Elderslie.  
*Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*

### NOVEMBER

- Friday 10th **Southern MaSH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Winifred West Park.  
*Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*  
Tuesday 21st **Newcastle Branch Meeting** - 78 Main Road, Boolaroo. 7:30pm  
Thursday 23rd **Monthly Club Meeting** - 134 Queens Road, Canada Bay. 8:00pm  
Friday 24th **Northern MASH Coffee Run** - Meet at 10:30am at Curry Reserve Elderslie.  
*Contact Bill or Robyn Betts for details.*  
Saturday 25th **Christmas Party** - see details on page 13

## Major Events

**APRIL 2024**

Wednesday 10-14th **Premier Event** - Inverell NSW



Christmas Party – 3 course lunch

Saturday 25 November 2023

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# President's Report

By Phil O'Loan

As you would be aware, the Annual General Meeting was held following the monthly meeting on August 24. One of the main purposes of this meeting was to vote on a special resolution in regards to the constitution of the club. The proposal voted on was as follows:

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

I am happy to confirm that the motion was carried by 33 votes to the affirmative to one vote against the motion.

A very big thank you to all those involved in updating the Club's constitution. It was a very lengthy process headed up by Andrea Holden. Thank you to those members who contributed valuable feedback during the consultation period and to the members who formally supervised the voting process on the night of the AGM.

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

Happy Motoring

# Editor's Report

By Lauren Newman

The 2023 Literary Award was awarded to Graeme Newman for his ongoing contribution to the club magazine. Dad has contributed to eight out of the eleven magazines in the previous year, whether that be in the form of an article or a cover photo and without his assistance, I wouldn't be able to do the magazine. Thank you to everyone else who has contributed in the past 12 months, with a special mention to Jenny Fawbert, Peter Martin and Catherine Strutt who are also regular contributors - your contributions are greatly appreciated.

As Uncle Nev used to write every month, and I'm beginning to understand why he wrote it so frequently, *"Remember this is YOUR MAGAZINE"*. If there is something you would like to see in the magazine, please consider contributing or letting me know if there is something that can be done differently.

# MaSH Coffee Run

25th August 2023. By Lynette Martin

Hi all, It was a lovely sunny morning to start out the Friday MaSH Run. We arrived in Curry Park in time for morning tea scones and jam courtesy of Robyn. During our cups of coffee we had, amongst other general subjects of interest, a robust discussion on "The Voice" and the anticipation of the upcoming referendum.

We left there around 12pm to travel to Campbelltown golf course. On the way we passed through some beautiful suburbs and were amazed at the amount of housing development going on at Menangle. As Neil would say, "Strike me Lucky!" He commented that it would be a potentially very congested area to live in the future. While I have noticed that a lot of eating places have increased their prices and correspondingly decreased their portions, it certainly isn't the case with Campbelltown Golf Club. A superb and may I say, very generous helpings of food was enjoyed by everyone.



The upcoming Griffith rally was discussed during lunchtime and Robyn was keen to show us photos of outfits she is making. After a relaxing and enjoyable lunch time we all departed around 2pm. It's now 6pm so its Weetbix for dinner... Strike me unlucky!



## In attendance:

Robyn + Bill Betts, Lyn + Neil Martin + Ruby, John + Jan Grant, Alan Miller,  
Les Watton (Uncle Charlie), Peter and Sally Cable,  
Graham Weekes, Kath and Bruce Kennear, John Friar

# President's Report 2023

By Phil O'Loan

The 2022/23 year has certainly been a major improvement over the past Covid years. With the restrictions removed we were able to resume some sense of normality, including the ability to enjoy our cars and friendship and social interaction with fellow club members. A number of significant rallies were successfully run during the year and I would like to mention a few of them.

A special thank you to Greg and Jill Roberts for organising the Bob Hobson Memorial Rally at Cowra. The Rally was an outstanding success and was very well organised, while being relaxed and casual. The participants enjoyed fantastic roads, well suited to veteran cars. Bob was given a good send off with a guard of honour of veteran cars. A worthy mention to Robyn and Bill Betts who worked behind the scenes, particularly in supplying the catering on a number of the days, which was superb.

Congratulations to Wilga and Euan Coutts for organising a great Premier Rally at Orange this year. The rally attracted 22 cars which was a wonderful turnout. The weather was perfect, the roads were ideal for veteran motoring, the organisation was first class and I believe everyone had a tremendous time. The financial support from the Paul Butler Foundation and your Club added to the success of this event, with all participants benefiting from subsidised events. Again, thank you Wilga and Euan - we now look forward to next year's Premier Rally to be held at Inverell.

Also worthy of a special mention and thanks is John Burke and his family, for organising once again the fabulous June Tour Newcastle Branch Rally based at Singleton. The roads were perfect, the weather was unbelievable and the company delightful. Both Terri and I had a wonderful time and would encourage other members to participate in this rally next year. Well done John and thanks for making us feel very welcome.

A number of valued members have passed away this last year. Many had strong ties with the Club and formed many great friendships with members, after years of sharing their motoring experiences. Those who passed include Felipe Martin, George King, David Crisp, Dennis Ballard, George Gillott, Anne Baxter (wife of Bob Baxter) and Allan Foy. Our condolences and sympathy to their families and friends. Apologies if I have left anyone off the above list.

I would now like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our Committee. Louise and Geoff Yeomans are always involved heavily in the operation of the club. Louise's initiative presenting Friday's Fact and Fiction consistently every week has to be commended. It is a valuable communication with all of our members and I think we all would agree that she is making an outstanding contribution to our club for this and the many functions she performs.

Geoff's responsibilities as treasurer are growing and growing, particularly now with our tax obligations. The role now could be compared to an accountant for a small business, the difference being is that Geoff's contribution is honorary. Many of you may not know that Laurie Garrod has been continually behind the scenes supporting Geoff and the club. To both these members the club appreciates your unwavering commitment.

A big thank you to Graeme Newman for all his support. Graeme's commitment to the future of our club is outstanding. In particular he has stepped up and taken on a number of roles within the committee, when illness or travel has prevented some committee members from undertaking their responsibilities. A special mention goes to Andrea Holden who has taken on the responsibility of heading up the Sub-Committee reviewing the Club Constitution and updating the Club Rules. The workload to deliver this initiative has been substantial, and we appreciate her dedication and contribution to the club. She will be missed when she and Tom move to England later this year.

The Library has been a significant initiative for the Club. We thank the sub- committee for all their efforts and we look forward to the reopening of the library to the members in the near future.

As I have said before, Robert Fordham is a committee member that keeps on giving to the Club. He takes on so many functions, some that you would not know about. Robert spends many hours at the club overseeing the day to day operations of the club hall, managing the sometime demanding tenants and the never ending maintenance issues. With his hard work and dedication he is an invaluable member of the committee.

Lauren Newman must be commended for her professional approach to and resolution of the many significant issues that have occurred with the printing, and the on time delivery of the magazine over the past twelve months. The Printer has presented many unforeseen challenges that have upset many members. To Lauren's credit she has persevered with the Printer and established procedures that should prevent future occurrences.

A subcommittee for establishing guidelines for the financial management of rallies consisting of Graham Steer, Geoff Yeomans, Graeme Newman and myself was established mid last year. Graham Steer, after consultation and agreement with the sub-committee, formulated and presented a spreadsheet/template that will be used for all future rallies. We believe it is very user friendly and will be a valuable tool for future rally organisers.

Further to the above, I would also like to personally thank each individual committee member for their contribution. Each have their own skills and talents and this sets us up for a very strong future. Neil Martin continues to support the club after many years on the committee. Peter Martin, with his wealth of experience as a long term member and past president, offers valuable insight and support to the committee. Ian Shinfield even though relatively new to the committee, enthusiastically undertakes any role that is requested of him and offers very practical feedback to many interesting discussions. Thank



September 2023

The income generated from the current tenants is almost back to pre Covid levels, putting us in a very strong financial position, notwithstanding our tax responsibilities. Our financial position has allowed the Committee to offer financial incentives to future club events. Working with for example, Rally organisers, to fund selected activities and expenses that hopefully will incentivise more members to participate in future events.

Finally, thank you to all those who have offered me and my committee their support over the past twelve months.

Happy Motoring, Phil O'Loan

# Secretary's Report 2023

By Louise Yeomans

Under the strong leadership of Phil O'Loan, this year has been more settled so that there has been more opportunities for the committee to focus on club business. The rules have been updated and are ready for members approval. The by-laws are under review. More rallies and events are happening so members can enjoy veteran motoring. The library is becoming more organised and hopefully, more useful to members.

Zoom has increased the participation of club meetings. The average meeting size for the year was 28 participants. Most committee meetings are conducted by zoom, removing the time restraints and allowing business to be thoroughly discussed and issues to be resolved.

Unfortunately, club membership continues to decline. Currently there are 177 members compared to 184 in July 2022 and 193 in July 2021. Seven members have resigned for various reasons but usually due to the member's increasing age and the sale of any veterans they owned. Over the year we sadly lost some members: David Crisp, George Gillott, Alan Foy, Felipe Martin and Kevin Spackman. Many were long- term club members and contributors to the club. Henry Orton, Tom Killingback, Paul Barglik, Paul Nelson and Ian Brenner were welcomed as club members. David Norton does a wonderful job compiling and keeping the membership records current and I thank him on your behalf. The committee are a committed group of people dedicated to the veteran motoring movement in Australia and you would be amazed at the amount of the work that happens behind the scene to keep the club working – accounting, planning and organising events, website magic with the club's website, Facebook and Instagram sites, editing and distributing Spit and Polish, leasing arrangements, hall maintenance, membership, operating the technology, writing submissions, communicating with members, organising raffles and contributing to supper to name a few of the tasks.

I have appreciated their willingness, especially the support from Graeme Newman, to share my load

over the last couple of weeks while I have been out of action. The library team meets every month and you can see the progress that has been made to sort the books, memorabilia and club archives so the collection can be used in person and hopefully soon remotely. Thank you to the team for their monthly commitment and regular input. Thank you to the contributors of Friday's Fact and Fiction. It makes it more interesting than my ramblings. Also, thank you to all of the people who contribute to the club in their own ways. Every contribution counts. If the club is to survive it needs your support at meetings and events. You might like to serve the club as a committee member!

# Treasurer's Report 2023

By Geoff Yeomans

The annual financial report for 2022-2023 has been published in the August edition of Spit and Polish for members' inspection. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing help and support from Laurie Garrod with the accounts. The tax return is prepared by Pratt Partners for the club and now the club pays its tax by instalments.

The accounts are in a healthy position without having to increase membership fees. They have been held at the current level for at least 10 years. This is because the hall and carpark are leased and despite rises in ongoing costs this helps the club finances to remain positive. The club has started rally account. It is being used for Premier Rally 2023 and the high wheeler rally. It allows the organizers to better manage the finances.

I appreciate that more members are using EFT for payment. It has saved a lot of time travelling to and from the bank. In combination with QuickBooks accounting package, it streamlines accounting. QuickBooks generates invoices for the renters.

Some of the major expenses for the year has been the replacement of air conditioners in the small hall for our tenant Sydney Voice, clearing and replacing the sewer pipes, and computer equipment and filing cabinets for the library. A new cleaner looks after the hall and is more expensive but does a better job. Robert Fordham and Phil O'Loan ensure the hall remains operational for our tenants and I thank them for their efforts on your behalf. Another source of income is the raffles run by Ron Hattersley, a big thank you to Ron.

Updating the fire safety doors and locks to comply with current regulations is an ongoing expense. Reserves are held for emergencies as the infrastructure is aging with the air conditioners, roof and carpet will need to be replaced in the future.

I would like to thank the committee and club members for their support during the year.

# Dating and Investigation Committee's Report 2023

By John Burke - Chairman

The Investigation and Dating Committee have been very quiet over the previous twelve months with only one request for dating and one request for a replacement certificate.

We have reviewed requests for membership applications and carried out checks to ensure that a vehicle presented five of the required seven parts manufactured prior to 1919.

I encourage members to apply for a 100 - year badge for their vehicles, (no dating required for a veteran vehicle). If you would like a 100-year badge, apply through the secretary to the Dating Committee.

# Newcastle Branch Chairmans's Report 2023

By John Burke - Chairman, Newcastle Branch

A quick overview of Branch activities is quite easy to write this year. The Branch has conducted many events and kept quite active.

One major activity was the move to the Newcastle Vintage and Classic Car Club rooms for our monthly meetings. The NVCCC made the transition quite easy for us and this venue offers much more than our previous meeting place. We have already made use of the media available with the showing of the 1970 International Rally film following a monthly meeting.

This move also provided an opportunity to review the filing cabinet and reduce our holdings of some very old documents and magazines. History and the past are always an important part of progress, learning from past activities and views. Some of the early paperwork was quite interesting especially the names of those who worked hard to create the Branch and the veteran vehicles that were a part of the Newcastle district. Our past minutes have been collated and will be sent to the state club rooms in Sydney for archiving.

Over the past twelve months it was very pleasing to welcome the Orton's to the club and the Branch. They along with many of us enjoyed some excellent club activities, the state 'Premier Event' held at Orange was well patronised by the Branch members. The Branch also had representation at many state and national events: The Brisbane to Broome, the National Rally at Busselton, Western Australia and the Branch June tour to Singleton was well supported by Branch and state members, as well as one make rallies and events.

Although the loss of some active members over the past few years and our ageing membership has reduced our numbers on monthly runs, the runs have been interesting especially the days at the Tiger Moth restoration workshop and airshow at Luskintyre. Vehicle inspection day at Maxon was well attended, the inspection team were busy checking our vehicles. This is an important aspect not only for the RMS requirements, but it also provides an opportunity for members to check their vehicles with qualified persons who have an understanding of maintenance of veteran vehicles. Breakfast at Heilbrunn's is always a great way for the Branch to start the year and was well attended as was the BBQ lunch at the Dunlop farm, the Austin Healey and the Heritage Day in May followed by the June tour concluded the financial year's touring.

Active restorations are well underway within the district. The Adams brothers have completed a fine restoration of an early Fiat and have commenced work on an Armstrong Whitworth. The Burkes are working on a veteran Dodge Brothers car and Chris Duncan is building a radiator for one of the F.N's. Neil Heilbrunn's Renault and Vauxhall should be back on the road soon and Peter Cockbain's Humber is undergoing further work.

There are many activities to come this year with members attending the National Veteran Motorcycle Rally in Bundaberg and the All Veteran Rally at Griffith in October. Some members have already booked accommodation for the Premier Event next year at Inverell.

Future events could include a progressive tour of the Upper Hunter, a gymkhana and the reactivation of a combined tour with the Newcastle Vintage and Classic Car Club for Heritage Day next year.

Well done to all members. Your input and attendance goes a long way to securing the future of veteran motoring with the Greater Newcastle District.

# More Mystery Photos

By Graeme Newman

At the August library meeting I was sorting through a variety of items which were donated to the club by the family of the late Allan Foy OAM, when I came across the photo's included in this article. As can be seen from the captions, one is titled 'Main Road. Kurragong' and the other 'On the road to Barranjoey. North of Newport'.

The third photo gives details of a road trip to Kurrajong on Thursday 9th May 1912 and another on Thursday 14th May 1914 to the

Northern Beaches, with the most northerly location mentioned being Newport where lunch was taken.

Both trips start from Burwood and finish at Lynton. A quick Google search reveals that Lynton is a Federation style house at 4 Clarence Street, Burwood which exists to this day. The house was designed for Arthur Hezlett by architect Stanley Rickard in 1906 and construction started in the same year.



*The Main Road. Kurragong.*



*On the road to Barranjoey. North of Newport.*

Whilst it is rather difficult to make out in this photo. The advertisement on the building is for Inglis Goldenia Tea.

For interest's sake I did a comparison using a current mapping/navigation program to compare travel times, following the original routes as near as possible. The

trip from Burwood to Kurrajong and back to Windsor where the travellers had a lunch stop was estimated at 2h 24m without traffic compared to 3h 3m in 1912. The trip home was estimated at 2h 13m without traffic compared to 2h 59m – allowing for time taken at the ferry and afternoon tea.

The estimated travel time without traffic from Burwood to Newport was 1h 46. In 1914 it took 2 h 17m, allowing for morning tea; the punt at The Spit and a stop at Church Point. The trip from Newport back to 'Lynton' is estimated at 2h16m without traffic. In 1914 it took 2h 38m allowing for the punt at The Spit and refreshments at Epping.

Both the highest and average speeds for the two trips are noted in the log. Also, what is the make and model of the car in the car in the photographs?

MOTORING.					
Route	Time	Miles	Route	Time	Miles
BURWOOD	9.57	0	BURWOOD	9.31	0
Parramatta	10.24	8½	Fivedock	-	½
Baulkham Hills	10.34	12½	Stummoyne	-	4½
WINDSOR	11.10	23	Hunter's Hill (Fig Tree Bridge)	9.58	7½
Richmond	11.21	32	Chickwood	10.8	10½
South Kurrajong	11.53	40	Willoughby	10.11	11¾
Kurrajong Road.	12.5	42	Mosman	10.25	16
North Kurrajong turn back	12.19	47	The Spit (Punt)	10.31	17½
WINDSOR (Lunch)	1.00	62	Manly	10.39	20¼
Wilberforce	2.00	66	Narrabeen	10.48	20¼
Ebenezer	2.8	69	Mona Vale	11.12	28
Lackville March (Punt)	2.16	72	Bay View (Marr. 2nd)	11.20	30½
Maroota	2.27	72	Church Point	11.24	31½
Castai Creek	2.49	78	Newport (Lunch)	12.18	37¾
Pitt Town	3.14	85	Condamine Street	12.38	38¼
Old Windsor Road (Marr. 1st)	3.27	88	The Spit (Punt)	12.53	38¼
Seven Hills	4.00	100	Chickwood P.S.	2.28	48¼
Taangabbie	4.36	104	Pymble	3.13	51¼
Westmead	4.41	106	Peare's Corner	3.18	51¼
Parramatta Park	4.50	108	Pennant Hills	3.43	59
Granville	-	-	Epping (Refreshments)	3.58	63
Homebush Bridge	-	-	Corlingford	4.7	66½
Stretfield Station	-	-	Parramatta	4.15	69
LYNTON	5.25	118	LYNTON	4.23	72
Thursday 9th May 1912.			Thursday 14th May 1914.	4.30	72
				4.38	74
				4.50	78
				5.18	86½



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 0400 597 222



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