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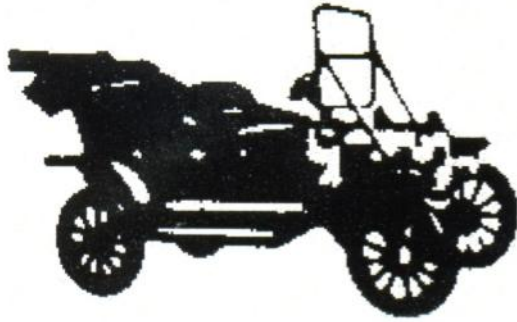
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Cover Photo:-

*Peter Nevell's 1912 Ford T
At Ray Lawler Reserve, Morpeth.
During the Saturday run of the Newcastle Annual Tour 2017.*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc held on Thursday 26th October 2017

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: 8 Members: 16 Member's family: 2 Visitor 1 John Grant
Apologies were received from Dennis Ballard, Euan Coutts, Bob Hobson, Don Liddle, Peter Martin, Norm Mitchell, Phillip Virgona and Peter Weir.

MEETING OPENED AT 8:10 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President welcomed all members and their families. He expressed his excitement at the prospect of three new members including a junior member. He wished Andrea Holden best wishes for her HSC and with her future career options.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil
Moved: Graham Weekes Seconded: Lyn Martin

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers:

Gosford Classic Car Museum Auction on 28 October

Invitations:

Berrima Car Club Annual Rally
2018 CARnivale – entry form online
Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club- Motorfest 10 March 2018 at Hawks Nest
Classic cars, food and wine at Orange 24-26 November 2017

Other Club publications:

Brass Notes x 2	Veteran Torque x 2
Bulletin of VCC of SA x 2	VCCA(Tas)
Vintage Drivers Club (online)	The Edwardian (online)
Retronauts (online)	Motorlife
Small Torque	Early Auto x 2

Other:

Lila – query about the registration of Chris Sultana veterans
Graham Doyes – Yamba entry
Euan Coutts – thank you for get well card
Emails concerning veteran cars on full registration
CMC-SSC debrief, log book trial to continue for another 2 years from 1/10/2017; changes to the constitution and vale for Keith de Britt.
AVACCA press release for Montagu Trophy 2017; EOI for 2017 National Rally, update of membership details
Horseless Carriage Event 2019 update
Kevin Ryan – change of details
Newcastle minutes for October
Arnold Glanville – resignation letter

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

VCCA(Q) and VCCA (Vic)- invitation to Yamba Rally
Euan Coutts, Denis Tobler, Neville Preston and Sue Martin– get well cards
Emails concerning veteran cars on full registration
Andrea Holden, John Grant and Anthony Sinclair – pre-membership letters
Roger Doughty – membership letter
Reminder letters and emails re fees
Club emails: Maraylya Rally start point; The Vintage and Classic Car Hub Workshop
Moved: Phil O'Loan Seconded: Laurie Garrod

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are: \$

Accounts have been paid to the printer, cleaner, NSW Fair Trading and Gallagher Insurance. There has been a change to the insurance as the liability is assessed on how the club establishes that vehicles are roadworthy. Rents and membership fees have been received.

Moved: Bruce Kinnear Seconded: Ron Cox

MAGAZINE

The President noted how two editions of *Spit and Polish* have been published in difficult circumstances and it's great to see the Editor looking well.

EVENTS

Graeme Newman reported that there had been a good roll up of veterans at the Fathers' Day breakfast. Mike Bendeich really enjoyed the National Motor Cycle Rally in South Australia. Again, in SA the 2017 National Veteran Rally at Clare was enjoyable, despite the winds some days. The Newcastle Annual Rally had 14 veterans start including two first timers. Mike and Denise Bendeich were the winners this year. Unfortunately, no veterans participated in the Maraylya Run with the Vintage Motor Cycle Club. The Temora Rally was most enjoyable and well organised, and included a ride in *1912 Daimler* bus. Future events include the MaSH run tomorrow, the Newcastle Christmas party to be held on 10 December at Barcoo House and CARnival on 26 January 2018 which requires registration soon. This can be done online through our club's website. Information about the Berrima Rally is on the website. Entry forms for 2108 National Rally are also on the website. There are already 30 entrants and Graeme urged members to put into an expression of interest as soon as possible. There will be a Christmas party after the November meeting and all members are requested to bring a plate of festive food to share.

A new award will be presented at the next AGM to encourage members to participate in our club events in their veterans. As Ron Hattersley is donating the trophy it will be named the Hattersley Cup. Members will need to nominate their region, for example, Sydney Basin, MaSH, Newcastle and NSW Country. A point will be awarded for each time a veteran is driven to an event in his/her region and double points for participating in events outside the nominated region. The event needs to be reported in *Spit and Polish* with photos if possible. The Events Coordinator will track the usage. He is open to suggestions about the scheme and a draft will be published in *Spit and Polish*.

The club will be hosting a swap meet on Saturday 10 March 2018. Unwanted library books, things from the Motorlife Museum will be for sale. Other vendors are welcome as long as items relate to the veteran/vintage period and are no larger than a radiator. If the object is larger please bring photographs.

PERMIT TO MOVE

There has been two renewal permits in the last two months and no movements. Sydney Registration Day will be held on Sunday 3 December from 8 until noon at 45 Railway Street, Guildford.

LIBRARY

A copy of the *Beaulieu System* has been received that could be used to classify the library books.

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP

The applications for John Grant, Andrea Holden and Anthony Sinclair were voted on by members and the President welcomed the new members to the club. He congratulated John Grant who was visiting the club on his membership.

CMC Nothing to report

HALL

Robert Fordham has replaced taps in the men's lavatories. The PA system is being updated and should be ready by the next meeting. Robert requested help to make repairs to the cupboards at the back of the hall. Volunteers to help need to contact Robert.

WEBSITE

Graeme Newman announced that more material would be posted in the public domain on the club's website to make it more attractive. He requested that members provide photos and details of the restoration of their vehicles for

inclusion on the website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Robert Fordham informed members that an application for the 2018 1 and 2 Cylinder rally at Cobram could be found on the VCCA(Victoria) website.

Techie Talk

Barry Shinfield gave an information talk of SU carburettors.

The raffle was drawn.

Treasures from Ron's collection

Ron Hattersley played music on an Edison Fireside phonograph. After winding up the handle, the song *Say au revoir but not good bye* played rather scratchily until magnified by a microphone down the trumpet and the words and music could be heard clearly. Two of Ron's latest purchases were fossils – a fish and shell, and he also displayed his bones from the church grave yard. He has eight *Fortnum and Mason* jars – one for caviar, two for eye ointment, cherry and carbolic toothpaste, cold cream and anchovy paste. One had evidence of eye cream left in it. Some of the jars had coloured transfers on the top.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:10 PM.

Doug Fulford
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

NOVEMBER 2017

21st Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

Events Calendar - Club Events

23rd Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm

23rd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm *Also Christmas Party see page 6 for details*

24th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

DECEMBER 2017

3rd **Sydney Registration Day.** *See page 7 for details*

8th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*

10th **Newcastle Branch Christmas Party.** *Details on Page 7*

JANUARY 2018

12th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*

13th **Newcastle Branch Outing.** Rathmines. *See Page 7 for details*

16th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

25th Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm

25th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.

26th **CARNIVALE 2017**, to be held in Parramatta Park.

26th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

FEBRUARY 2018

9th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*

10th **Newcastle Branch Breakfast Run.** *See Page 7 for details*

20th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

22nd Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm

22nd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

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MARCH 2018

21st-25th **National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour.** Deloraine, Tasmania.

Events Calendar - National Rallies

Expression of Interest Form, April 2017, Spit and Polish

SEPTEMBER 2018

23rd - 28th For those of you that may not be aware, the Newcastle Branch is organising the **2018 National Rally** which we have decided will be held in **Forbes**. The dates of the event are from Sunday 23/09/2018 to Friday 28/09/2018. Make a note in your diary, iPad, Calendar on the back of the toilet door, or whatever means you use so that you can make arrangements regarding holidays etc, should you be interested in attending.

Expression Of Interest form on our web site and was also in October 2017 Spit and Polish

MARCH 2018

15th-18th VCCA (Victoria) Annual 1&2 Cylinder Rally - Cobram.

Events Calendar - Invitation Events

Application for the 1 and 2 Cylinder rally at Cobram can be found on the VCCA(Victoria) website.

OCTOBER 2018

14th - 20th **Willys Overland Roundup 2018** to be held at Orange NSW. The event will be a hub event which avoids unnecessary packing and unpacking etc
Most days we will leave at 9.00am and use country back roads for touring trips to various places of interest.
Typical mileage will be 200 kms per day.

See September 2016 Spit and Polish for more information and Expression of Interest Form

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Please note that there are other Invitation Events on our Web Site listed under Events

Coming Events

Sydney Christmas Party

Thursday 23rd November 2017

To be held at our Club Rooms
following the General Meeting.

Members requested to bring a plate of festive food to share.



Coming Events (cont.)

Sunday 3rd December 2017

9am to 12 Midday
At 'Smiley Power'
45 Railway Street

YENNORA

(Between Orchardleigh Street and Junction Street)
UBD 230 G9

Enquiries to Neil Martin on 9632 5047.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR REGO PAPERS
AND INSURANCE DETAILS**

SYDNEY

REGISTRATION DAY

ONE DAY ONLY

Newcastle Branch Christmas Party



Sunday 10th December 2017
Held at Bargoed House (Nesca Oval)
Old Pacific Highway, Swansea.
Gate open between 9.30am & 10.00am
Contact John Burke 0412 821 945



Newcastle Branch Outing to Rathmines

Saturday 13th January 2018

Meet at Rathmines Park at 8am to 8.30am
Where you can have Breakfast, Brunch or Lunch.
Depending on the weather we could then go for a drive after lunch.

Newcastle Branch Breakfast Run

Saturday 10th February 2018

8.00am

Cooranbong Park, Freemans Drive, Cooranbong
BYO Breakfast
BBQ's available

Sydney North Breakfast Run

Sunday 4th March 2018

The first Sydney North Breakfast Run for 2018 will be held
to Estuary, the restaurant at Kangaroo Point.
(southern end of the bridge over the Hawkesbury River
on the Pacific Highway)

Coming Events (cont.)



Swap Meet
Saturday 10th March 2018

at
Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Club rooms
134 Queens Road Five Dock
From 9am to 2pm

Sell, swap or trade any items relating to veterans
Some no longer needed library books and magazines
will be for sale

Contact Louise Yeomans if you would like a table 0488 082 611

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CONGRATULATIONS
Bob & Elizabeth Hobson
Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary
on 5th October 2017

CONGRATULATIONS
Doug & Dianne Marshall
Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary
on 22nd June 2017

As this is the last edition of
Spit and Polish for 2017
I would like to wish all members
all the best for Christmas and the New Year
and enjoy your Veteran Motoring in 2018
The Editor

Editorial

Thanks to the members for the articles which they have supplied for this edition of **YOUR** Spit and Polish.

Only two outings reported on this month. A report from Graeme Newman on the Newcastle Branch Annual Tour and a report on the Sydney North Breakfast run from Louise Yeomans. Also a few photos from the MaSH Branch Northern Coffee from Les Watton. Also an article from Brian Inder and one from Jenny Fawbert. Also the minutes from the TAVCCA AGM held in Clare, September 2017

Coming events for the next month or so are: Sydney Registration Day, the MaSH Branch Morning Tea run, MaSH Branch Northern Coffee run. Newcastle Branch Christmas Party, their outing to Rathmines and their Breakfast outing. The Sydney North Breakfast run to Kangaroo Point (Brooklyn).

Also don't forget the Sydney Christmas Party which will be held at the club rooms after the general meeting on the 23rd November 2017. (see page 6)

At the moment I have a **small** supply of material, but it is always handy to have a little extra just incase things get quiet. So if you have something it would be appreciated. Newspaper clippings with pictures are not the best, as the equipment that I own is not real good at reproducing this type of material. Some times people wonder why their information they have sent me has not appeared, but that can depend on how much space I am trying to fill.

Just remember a short article can be made into a page presentation with a couple of photos as I have stated before.

Remember this is **"YOUR MAGAZINE"**.

Enjoy your Veteran motoring

Nev Preston



The Hattersley Cup

Background: A little while back, Ron Hattersley approached the President suggesting the Club should have an annual award for the member who participates in the most Club events with a veteran vehicle. After further discussion between Ron, Doug and the Committee it has been agreed in principle that Ron will donate a suitable trophy, which shall be known as the 'Hattersley Cup'.

Proposal:

Points will be awarded to members on a 'home and away' basis. For the purpose of awarding points, members will be aligned with the geographical area in which they reside, or perhaps if their veteran is garaged at a different location, that location. The state will be divided into four areas, being the Sydney Basin, Newcastle/Hunter area, Macarthur and Southern Highlands area and Regional N.S.W.

Points to be awarded for each event as follows:

For attendance in a veteran: 5 points for a home event, 10 points for an away event

For attendance in a modern car, or as a passenger: 2 points for a home event, 4 points for an away event

For attendance at other events such as National Rally, Interstate 1 & 2 cylinder rallies, one make rallies, High Wheeler & Motorcycle Rally - 5 points for the event (for attending with a veteran)

For meeting attendance 2 points per Sydney meeting, 1 point for Branch meetings

For points to be awarded, a report on the event with a list of 'attendees' must appear in Spit & Polish.

Members who break down on route would still be eligible to receive points

Members of the Committee will not be eligible to win the prize, nor any member who has won in the preceding three years.

We are looking for input from members, however we want to get this happening as soon as possible. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me or another Committee member before the November meeting so we can discuss your ideas both within Committee and at the General Meeting.

Graeme Newman
Events Coordinator

Newcastle Branch Annual Tour - October 2017

Graeme Newman

Whilst the number of entrants for the rally this year were down on what we have had in the past, on a positive note we had two first time entrants. Graham Weekes joined us in his 1910 Buick Roadster and one of our newest members, Peter Nevell was with us in his 1912 Model T Ford tourer.



*Wendy's Talbot, Graeme's Talbot, Kevin's Ford T, Graham's Buick, Geoff's Wolseley & Bob's Ford T.
at the Saturday morning tea stop at Bolwarra Lookout*

We had a bit of a mixed bag as far as the weather was concerned, with a few showers of rain at times and a bit of wind to contend with, but nothing that caused us any real concern. John & Sue Wards aboard the Sizaire et Naudin were the most exposed, but thankfully they seemed to avoid the worst of the showers.

Given the slightly disrupted lead up to the event with Karyn and me attending the National Rally in Clare followed by a few days in Adelaide, and Neville being a bit restricted after some tune up work on his heart, things were probably not quite as well organised as they could have been. Despite that, we had a couple of good days of veteran motoring without anyone getting too lost.

Whilst we followed pretty much the same route as last year, the weather always has an effect on how good the passing view is, and how good the run is. Last year when we had morning tea at Bolwarra Lookout, everyone was very happy basking in the spring sunshine whilst taking in the view across the floodplains towards Morpeth and Raworth. This year we were trying to avoid what was a rather strong breeze as we took in the same view, whilst trying to decide which way the rain squalls were travelling.

Despite the less than ideal weather, there still seemed to be a good number of people in the main street of Morpeth when we were trying to get a park. The bakery was certainly doing a brisk trade as the selection of pies was somewhat diminished.



Bob's Ford T and Peter's Ford T.

From lunch we travelled in a roundabout way to Maitland Park for afternoon tea. Karyn managed to find a rather large, newly constructed picnic shelter where she was able to set up. Sadly, a few of our group didn't manage to find us until we were about to leave. The shelter certainly proved handy as we had a smart shower whilst having a cuppa.

One of the lowlights of the Saturday run was crossing the Melville Ford Bridge, which seems to have become even rougher than what it was last year. Considering how much residential development is happening in the area, the relevant authorities will soon need to spend a serious amount of money to overcome the problem. It was so rough it upset the electrics on the 1914 Cadillac being driven by Allen Davis, causing him to come to a rather

unceremonious stop in the middle of the bridge, blocking all traffic. Thankfully he was able to get underway fairly hastily, without causing too much of a problem.

The Sunday run again took us to Allen Dunlop's old Powerserve Depot at Paterson for morning tea. We set up outside, but had to move inside midway when the showers arrived. This gave everyone a bit more of a chance to take in Allen's rather eclectic collection.



2 F.Ns , 3 Talbots & a Chevrolet at Ray Lawler Reserve, Morpeth.

We then travelled to Clarence Town for lunch. Sadly, we learned a week or so before the event that Ruth Arnall, one of the mainstays of the Senior Citizens Centre for many years had passed away earlier this year. Despite her absence, the other hard working ladies again provided us with a lovely lunch.



*What the well dressed Veteran motorist wears to keep warm.
Kevin Spackman*

After lunch we travelled back to East Maitland by a couple of different routes, depending on whether you read the instructions or not. We had quite a good number for dinner Sunday night as a few of those who weren't staying at the motel joined us for dinner.



Mike's Chalmers, Dianne's Talbot & Allen's Cadillac

After dinner we had our usual presentations which this year saw Michael and Denise Bendeich announced as the winners. Mick seemed pretty happy, given it



Saturday morning tea stop at Bolwarra Lookout.



Graeme awarding the winner's trophy to Michael



Doug and Dianne Marshall with the F.N. 1600

is the first time he has won the event, despite being a very staunch supporter of the event for many, many years.

Thanks to those who attended, and to Karyn and Neville for helping organise everything. To Allen Dunlop for the use of his premises and to Betty Cherry and Denise Bendeich for providing some goodies for morning and afternoon tea and also to Betty for making a lovely blanket for the evening raffle.

We are looking at changing the format of the rally for next year, to be more in line with the Club's other weekend events. A short run Friday afternoon, the main run on Saturday and a shorter tour again Sunday morning, which would allow those travelling back to Sydney to get away in the early afternoon. This has the benefit of going from three nights accommodation back to two.



Allen's Cadillac

List of Entrants

1	DUNCAN	<i>Chris, Catherine Strutt</i>	1911	<i>F.N. Tourer</i>
2	WARDS	<i>John & Susan</i>	1909	<i>SIZAIRE-NAUDIN Roadster</i>
3	HOBSON	<i>Bob & Elizabeth</i>	1915	<i>FORD T Tourer</i>
4	GOTLEY	<i>Sarah, Christopher & Brett Corrigan</i>	1914	<i>TALBOT Roadster</i>
5	ROSE	<i>Ben, Wendy & Kate</i>	1914	<i>TALBOT Tourer</i>
6	NEWMAN	<i>Graeme, Karyn, Lauren & Abbey & Josh Higgins</i>	1914	<i>TALBOT Tourer</i>
7	BENDEICH	<i>Mick & Denise</i>	1913	<i>CHALMERS Tourer</i>
8	MARSHALL	<i>Doug & Dianne</i>	1912	<i>F.N. 1600 Tourer</i>
9	CHERRY	<i>David & Betty</i>	1916	<i>CHEVROLET Tourer</i>
10	SPACKMAN	<i>Kevin & Narelle</i>	1911	<i>FORD T Tourer</i>
11	YEOMANS	<i>Geoff & Louise</i>	1914	<i>WOLSELEY Tourer</i>
12	NEVELL	<i>Peter</i>	1912	<i>FORD T Tourer</i>
13	WEEKES	<i>Graham</i>	1912	<i>BUICK Roadster</i>
14	DUNLOP	<i>Allen</i>	1912	<i>CADILLAC Tourer</i>
15	DAVIS	<i>Allen, Kate, Eliza & Rosie</i>	1914	<i>CADILLAC Tourer</i>
16	BRUMBY	<i>John</i>		<i>Modern</i>
17	PRESTON	<i>Neville</i>		<i>Modern</i>

Northern Sydney Breakfast Run. 5-11-2017

Louise Yeomans

As always, we keenly watched the weather forecasts for Sunday ... rain, showers, deluges were predicted. It rained heavily overnight and with poor visibility, slippery roads and limited weather protection to be safe we would be travelling to Brooklyn in the modern car. After two early morning phone calls the decision was made for a morning tea meeting.

On the way we collected David and Kate Norton and we were surprised at how quick the journey was to Brooklyn. There was very little traffic on the road. The weather had deterred the bikies, cyclists and joggers. Just before the freeway a ute had slide into the protective fence and two police cars were in attendance.

After a coffee at the Estuary at Kangaroo Point we drove to Brooklyn and discovered Phil O'Loan had found a dry table and he had been joined by Lyn and Neil Martin. Sheltering under some of the other tables were some very bedraggled brush turkeys but they soon had identified the groups as a possible food source. Carol and Bill Heeney joined us and Diane and Doug Marshall completed the party. The Shinfields had sent their apologies. However, there was lots to eat from chic French goodies, dips and cheese, fruit and Dianne had made pikelets which she served with a choice of jam from 10 little bottles. The weather didn't deter the conversations.

Eventually the weather got the better of us – it hadn't stopped raining and it was cold and miserable in the wind so at about 11 we all headed for home. Perhaps with the new scoring scheme it was pointless but what else would you do that was as enjoyable on a wet Sunday spring morning!

After enjoying the coffee and the view from Kangaroo Point the first run next year will be to Estuary, the restaurant at Kangaroo Point.

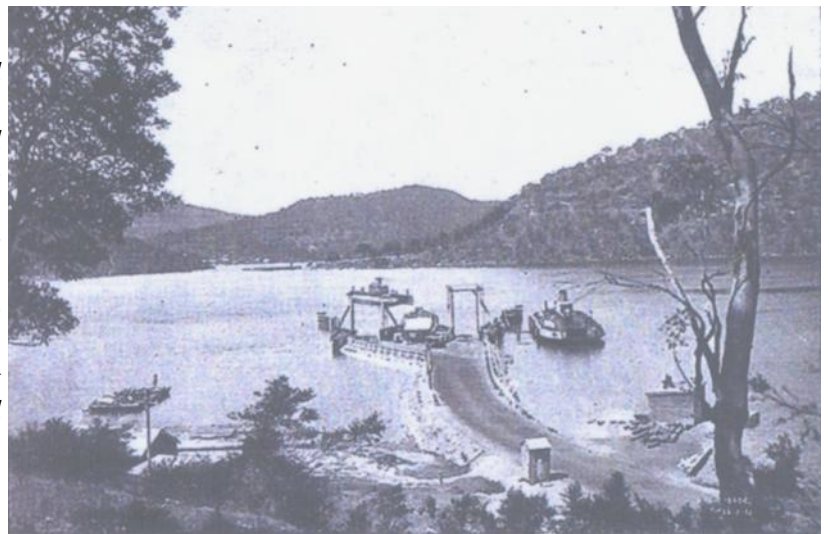
Attendance (all modern)
 Bill and Carol Heeney
 David and Kate Norton
 Phil O'Loan
 Doug and Dianne Marshall
 Neil and Lyn Martin
 Geoff and Louise Yeomans



The group enjoying their morning tea

Peat's Ferry and Brooklyn

Adjacent to or within easy motoring distance of Pacific Highway between Sydney and Newcastle are districts possessing some of the most pleasurable and spectacular weekend and holiday haunts in the State. Kangaroo Point, 31 miles from Sydney by concrete road, is one of the highlights of the Hawkesbury River. The elevated parking area on the southern bank of the river from which two modern oil-driven ferries carry traffic to the northern side at Mooney Mooney Point provides a particularly fine view over a broad stretch of water, Hawkesbury railway bridge one of the biggest in the world is in sight. A kiosk supplies hot water and refreshments. Brooklyn township is less than two miles away by road.



*Hawkesbury River crossing on Pacific Highway.
 Looking south from Mooney Mooney Point to Kangaroo Point.*

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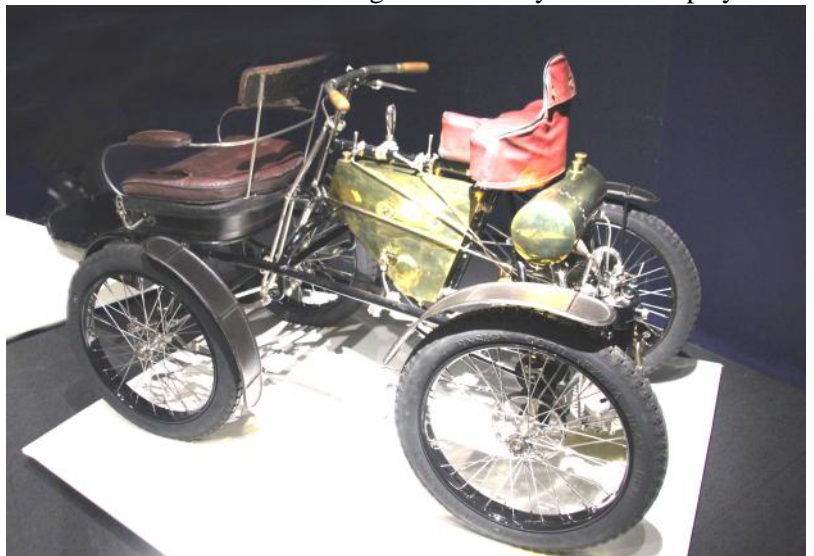
'Louwman Museum'

Brian Inder

On my trip to Europe in May this year I visited the 'Louwman Museum' in The Hague south of Amsterdam in Holland. Here there is an especially stunning collection of early automobiles [pre 1900], together with some very important and unusual vehicles. There is also an extensive collection of motoring memorabilia all well displayed in a relatively new and large building. The founders were motor vehicle dealers in Holland.

The outstanding collection of pre 1900 vehicles numbered twenty-eight and included nine Benz of various models. The total collection numbers about two hundred and sixty very interesting vehicles.

For me the most exciting find in the museum was to see, close up and personal, a 1900 De Dion-Burton Quadricycle. This was similar to the first four wheel vehicle bought by Henry Royce. In 1901 Royce had been working very hard and at the suggestion of his Knutsford doctor, Dr. Theodore Fennell, to get him into the fresh air and sunshine and for his good health, he was talked into buying a De Dion Quadricycle. Three De Dion engine Quadricycles were purchased. Royce purchased an English Beeston De Dion, the other one was for his partner Claremont and the third for the good doctor. I am sure that this was a foretaste of his automobile manufacturing career?



1900 De Dion-Burton Quadricycle.

Royce continued to work hard and as a result of this overwork he collapsed. He reluctantly took a ten week holiday and sea voyage with his wife to South Africa. On his return from his holiday with much improved health he bought a second hand two cylinder Decauville car late in 1902. Board permission was obtained to build three Royce two cylinder cars. Then as they say ‘the rest is history’!

I owe a big vote of thanks to Tom Clarke for his all great research and especially for supplying me the name of the Knutsford doctor that being ‘Dr. Theodore Fennell’ and the model of the Quadricycle bought by Royce which was an ‘English Beeston De Dion’.

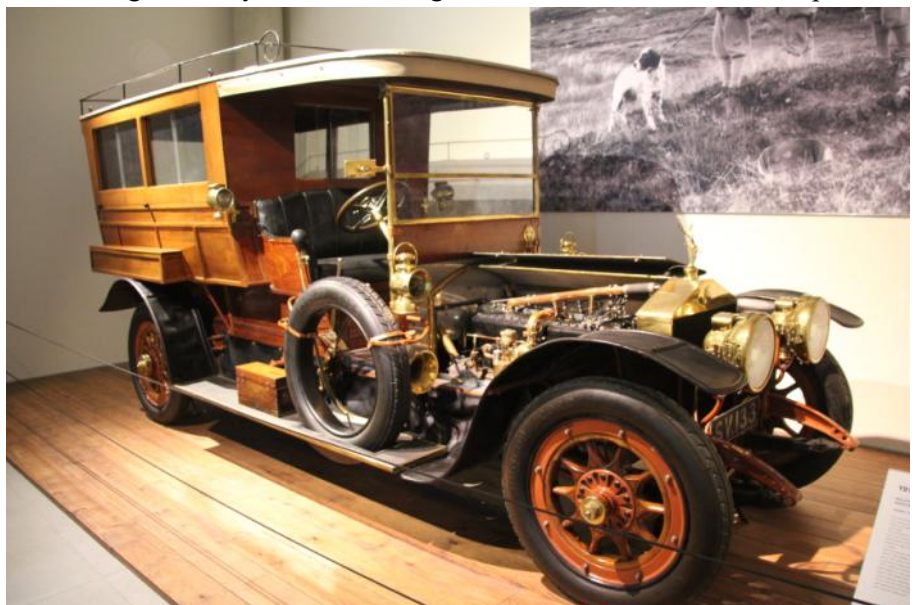
Possibly the most important vehicle in the collection is ‘Genevieve’ which is a 1905 Darracq that was the star of the 1953 film by the same name ‘Genevieve’. This Darracq and a Spyker together with vehicles from the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain appeared in the movie and this is credited with generating the whole interest in the old car movement and I know the movie started my interest in old cars!



Darracq and a Spyker (in background)

Unfortunately the museum has deliberately miss-labelled Genevieve as a 1904 model vehicle, in order I feel to somehow make it seem eligible for the London to Brighton Rally where the entrant’s cars have to be built before December 1904. Because of its historic importance in the car movement this vehicle is always eligible as a ‘guest’ entry and has been on a number of occasions. The competing vehicle in the movie is a ‘Spyker’ and there is a nice green example of the Spyker beside Genevieve with the movie itself is running continuously on a screen behind both cars. The actual Darracq/ Genevieve spent a good part of its life [forty years] in the Gilltrap Collection on the Gold Coast, Queensland before being purchased by Paul Terry for a motor museum collection in Albany, Western Australia. Paul Terry was a member of our club and custodian of Silver Ghost Chassis #15TW. Sadly he died in a helicopter accident in Honolulu, after which Genevieve was auctioned and bought by this museum here to Holland.

There is one Silver Ghost in this museum collection. Sadly again incorrectly labelled! The description says it is a “1910 Rolls-Royce 40/50-HP Silver Ghost Croal & Croal Shooting Brake”, and incorrectly claim that this vehicle is the “third oldest surviving Silver Ghost with original bodywork”. The registration number on the front plate is SV.133 with the statement that the original owner, again incorrect, was John Charles Montagu-Douglas-Scott. The vehicle has a brass radiator and a lovely brass stag’s head mascot. Upon an enquire to my good friend in France, Andre Blaize, the Chassis number of this Silver Ghost is #1246 and before being in this museum was under the custodianship of Millard Newman and Ray Lutgert and now possible with its third body! No mention of this is apparent on viewing the vehicle or reading the description card, as with Genevieve the description is not accurate. However the whole museum is very good and well worth a visit if you are in this part of Holland.



“1910 Rolls-Royce 40/50-HP Silver Ghost



The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA)
<http://avcca.veterancarclub.org.au>

Minutes – Annual General Meeting

The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia

Sunday 24 September, 2017

9:30am ACST (8:30 am WA time)

Venue: Clare Country Club, White Hut Rd, Clare

1. Welcome and apologies - *Peter Arnold*

1.1. Attendees

	Delegate	Observers
QLD	Peter Arnold	Bob Burley
NSW	John Burke	
ACT	Rob Woolley	
VIC	Paul Daley	David Provan / Daryl Meek
TAS	Francis Ransley	Tony Thompson
SA	Peter Templer	Peter Allen
WA	John Smith	John Wood / Bob Henley (phone)
	Peter Arnold – National Chairman	
	Hamish McDonald – Secretary/Treasurer	
	Andrew McDougal – FIVA/TAVCCA Liaison (<i>apologies – written report sent in advance</i>)	
	(<i>Peter Templer – Past National Chairman</i>)	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of AGM on Oct, 2016 - *Peter Arnold*

2.1. **Business Arising from Minutes of Oct, 2016** (*and not covered elsewhere*) - *Peter Arnold*

2.2. **Moved: TASMANIA Seconded: ACT Carried**

3. National Chairman's Report - *Peter Arnold* (as previously circulated).

4. Accounts – *Hamish McDonald*

4.1. **Audited Annual Accounts 2016/17 presented** (as previously circulated).

4.2. **Approval of accounts: Moved: Tasmania Seconded: SA Carried**

4.3. **Financial management into the future** (*differed until item 12.8*)

4.3.1. Point to be made on financial.

- > Does TAVCCA need to have a huge balance?
- > Badges will be cost recovered over time (need to reflect this in the Audit report)
- > Passports can have up and down in years (depends on events in Europe)

5. Club/Section Annual Reports (As previously circulated).

6. Club Agenda Items:

6.1. WA – *Challenge in getting member to attend rallies due to age of memberships*

6.2. VIC – *Ian Berg to retire as President. Paul Daley as President after AGM. Ben Alcock vice and club captain. 1/4 of committee under 30. Next generation move underway and excited by the change. Brass Notes shared with other clubs. Vic club flying the flag as a premier veteran motoring group.*

6.3. NSW – *New website now in place. Spit and polish now on the website and you can download. 60 day permit trial now ending and appears to be continuing. \$52 a year for 60 days (person/private) excludes club events. Trying hard to get more members to bring their vehicles out – having success.*

6.4. QLD – *high membership, club house work. Lots of QLD members attending Clare.*

6.5. SA – *Clare Rally as well prepared as we can be. One fact the Rally highlighted in the organizing of the*

- event. Public liability cover needed to be noted on each other's policy but this turned out to not be the case.*
- 6.6. ACT – not a lot of growth of veterans in the ACT. Lot of growth in vintage cars. Electronic magazines being shared is good and gives an insight to technical and movements of other clubs actions.
- 6.7. TASMANIA – Note 1 & 2 Rally report to be shared 7.1.1.

7. Dates for major tours

7.1. National events summary

- 7.1.1. **Update on 1 & 2 Tasmania 2018** – All happy with the report shared. Need to book the boat crossing sooner rather than later.
- 7.1.2. **Update on National All Veteran NSW 2018** – Based in the Forbes region. Proposed month to be 23-28 Sept. Newcastle branch running this. Facebook and electronic and EOI's to go out on Friday at the dinner. Basic route and layout organised. Start point will be McFeeters Museum. Closed street activities for the vehicles. Forbes local council very supportive of the event.
- 7.1.3. **Update on National All Veteran QLD 2019** – Bundaberg rally base. 17-23 September. Lots of details on the website. Come to QLD and Bundaberg is the focus. Council also being very supportive.
- 7.1.4. **Update on National All Veteran VIC 2020** – After Bendigo national swapmeet, in the Bendigo area.
- 7.1.5. **Update on 1 & 2 QLD 2020** – Hoping to have the information available on the website – month (July a possibility) to be coordinated with others. Major event - 2020 event in the pipeline, Broome to Brisbane. Managed in 3 sections and covering 5 weeks.
- 7.1.6. **Motorcycle National Rally** – Number of participants very large. Rotor of locations now in place and next national rally Tasmania 10 – 15 March 2019, WA 2021, QLD – Bundaberg 2023. Flexible rotor with ability to change.
- 7.1.7. **2020 AHMF (Christine Stevens)** – proposed a national rally out of Albury-Wodonga. Last week of March/first week of April 2020. This could be a good move for these vehicles outside of Veterans.

8. Lord Montagu Trophy

> Nominations have been received from (already circulated):

VIC:- Greg Smith
SA:- None
NSW:- None
ACT:- None
WA:- None
QLD:- None
TAS:- None

Proposed: Vic **Second:** ACT **Carried**

Wording: "Lord Montague Trophy Recipient 2017 (Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia.)" Formal announcement of 2017 Montagu Trophy recipient will be made at Friday night's Rally Dinner.

9. FIVA passports -

9.1. Report from Andrew McDougall tabled.

10. General Business

11. Office Bearers for 2017-18

Chairman - NSW – John Burke

Vice Chairman – ACT Rob Woolley

Secretary/Treasurer – This is an appointed position.

Moved by NSW that Hamish McDonald continue in this role. **Seconded:** TASMANIA **Carried**

Appointment of Auditor for coming year (Jeff Hobson)

- Auditor to be reappointed

- Donation to charity in lieu of Auditor Fee - \$200 payment.

Moved: ACT **Second:** NSW **Carried**

12. Any Other Business:

- 12.1. **Date for next AGM or teleconference – Morning 23rd September – Forbes 2018 (final location to be confirmed).** (VCCA-NSW)
- 12.2. **Proposal: Printing of National Roster (VCCA-Vic)**
- > Reminder of the proposal.
 - > People use the rosters in a variety of ways and for different purposes.
 - > Discussion took place around the time frame and some Delegates advised their clubs were not in support of the time frame suggested in the proposal. It was determined that 5 years was the norm between printings.
 - > The printing cost could be a drain on the principal in the TAVCCA account and our funding will not be sustainable. Does this warrant a user pay system? In the past an electronic update was received. Do we look at moving to a full electronic version? Do we look at committing to the following 2x editions? Suggested we consider 4 years with an electronic update in between.
 - > **Motion:** We ask Michael Holding to do one over 4 years (with electronic updates, if required).
- 12.2..1. **Moved:** SA **Second:** NSW **Carried**
- 12.2..2. Question about whether Sponsorship could be investigated for this. Will require some branding as part of this. Daryl Meek (RACV) happy to offer some sponsorship to offset the production provided it happens in the next financial year. \$2000 is being committed from the RACV. We may review this position.
- 12.2..2.1. Questions on whether three editions need to be produced? Sponsorship is available for how long? Review in 12 months.
- 12.2..2.2. Need to advise Michael Holding of the request. Hamish and Victorian Delegates to follow up.
- 12.3. **Proposal: Vintage century badge scheme (SA Clubs)**
- Motion 1** – *To adopt the vintage scheme as proposed by the SA member clubs,*
- Motion 2** – *For TAVCCA to provide funds for the setup/implementation of the scheme, with all costs being recovered through the sale of badges into the future.*
- > **Look at having FIVA on the badge.** Question about FIVA requiring an inspection. Specific criteria would be required. How do you absolve the club of any liability? Tasmania, WA and NSW have some concerns about the proposal as it stands.
 - > **AHMF**, vintage drivers of Victoria and Federation of Veteran and Vintage and Classic Clubs supported the idea of someone doing it. They are happy to administer it, but keen for someone else to initiate the scheme.
 - > **Moved:** SA **Second:** ACT
 - > Victoria would support the proposal in principle. View that it is not to be a rigorous process and carries no warrant of endorsement. Issued in the spirit of fraternity of veteran and vintage fellowship.
 - > ACT Supports the proposal in that there is no dating certificate and/or endorsement given. There are no national vintage events, so good to see something happening for vehicles in this age group.
 - > This is a starting point proposal and can be amended to embrace member's views.
 - > The opportunity to embrace this is now with other clubs looking to fill this gap.
 - > It was suggested an amendment be made to the original motion to drop "*as proposed.*" Suggestion made to "**Adopt the proposal in principle and report back in 4 months.**"
 - > **Motion now – as above - Moved:** SA **Second:** Tasmania **Carried**
- 12.4. **Luxury vehicles tax/reduced GST on veteran vehicles and/or parts (SA Clubs/VCCA-Vic)**
- > Working group convened in July to address this "Australian historic car tax reform group." Aim to remove the LVT on vehicles 30 years and older. GST was part of this, but due to opposition, it was dropped and now just focusing on the LVT issue. Submission before the next Treasury round. Need to provide evidence and validity to the case – size, value and effort of the movement.
 - > A question was raised about the affected of Asbestos on purchases? Not the focus of the Taskforce.
 - > **Motion:** Vote of thanks to Daryl Meek and the working party for tackling this issue and where required TAVCCA to support the work of this group.
- Moved:** NSW **Second:** Tasmania **Carried**
- 12.5. **Movable Heritage Recognition (SA Clubs)**
- > Where are we at with the PMCH? Does TAVCCA have a position on this?
 - > The act was introduced in 1986. Reactive and not pre-active. Can only be made once an application for

- export has been made. No motor vehicles have had an order placed on them. Just a few vehicles Daryl mentioned have been noted. Has been applied in other countries.
- > Why are the stationary engine movement more ahead of this? They have created a pre-emptive list for Boarder watch. Not a legal list but to acts as an identifier.
 - > Does TAVCCA need a pre-emptive list? **Suggested member clubs formalise a list of potential vehicles and forward to TAVCCA Secretary to formalise a submission.**
- 12.6. **Proposal: Adelaide to host FIVA World Rally (2020 or 2021) (SA Clubs)**
- > Proposal is to gauge support in principle for approaching FIVA to seek a place on their calendar of events.
 - > **Motion:** We promote the FIVA World Rally and delegate SA to organise such an event.
Moved: ACT **Second:** Vic **Carried**
- 12.7. **ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image) Contact to obtain copies of relevant vehicle footage to be made available to members for research purposes. (VCCA-NSW)**
- > **Carried over/not discussed**
- 12.8. **Vision for TAVCCA (SA/VCCA-QLD Clubs)**
- > What does TAVCCA want to look like over the future and where do we want to go. Some aims of the association are overlooked outside the coordination of calendar events. Advocacy issues are starting to gain traction and the TAVCCA is being seen as a legitimate voice in the movement. What we are doing now must be affirmed. We administer and coordinate rallies very well. Are we being constrained in our given structure and how can we organise ourselves better to meet our aims. How can we move between the confines of the constitution to address the greater needs of all veteran car members now and into the future? What should the member clubs do? Look at two points and clubs discuss and suggest how we can address? Find out if clubs want to review this and what they want to see as the future role of TAVCCA.
- 12.9. **Reimbursement of expenses especially travel for assessing vehicles for FIVA. (VCCA-NSW)**
Non-issue. This is administered and FIVA passport applicant normally covers any expenses.
- 12.10. **TAVCCA feedback on the status of invitations to interstate events. (VCCA-NSW)** The organising committee for the 2018 National Rally at Forbes were seeking sponsorship from Shannons and had been asked to advise the value of business that members have with Shannons. Should we be answering on the basis of state clubs when we would be better answering as an Australia wide group of clubs.
- > The NSW membership was surveyed for membership to take to Shannon's as evidence of number of their members are involved and should be worthy of sponsorship.
- 12.11. **Disclaimers on club certification (VCCA-NSW)** The NSW Committee believes that the disclaimer on our dating certificate needs to be 'beefed up' for the protection of the club's reputation and assets. We would be interested to learn what other state clubs do in that regard. I note that some of the disclaimer items that members thought were on our dating certificates isn't actually there.
- > All covered in Ulverstone. Refer to the wording shared at this time. This was the determined legal advice given to the VCCA-Tasmania
- 12.12. **Australian Business Number (TAVCCA Treasurer)** Issues around updating the TAVCCA ABN due to privacy and that the change of Treasurer has occurred several times and this has not been updated. Peter Quigley is attempting to have Hamish McDonald added as the contact as he was the recorded contact at the time. It would possibly help if the AGM moved a motion to support this.
- > **Motion:** That Hamish McDonald be authorized and empowered to approach the Australian Tax Office to update the ABN details. **Moved:** NSW **Second:** Vic **Carried**
- 12.13. **TAVCCA Website:** This needs to remain current and relevant, especially the events calendar. Each club needs to manage the flow of information.
- > **Motion:** States to provide information and links through the Secretary to Mark McKibbin (TAVCCA Webmaster). **Moved:** NSW **Second:** Vic **Carried**
- 12.14. **Asbestos Importing Issue:** Concern over the importation of vehicles with Asbestos and how we can continue to do this given the cost and tests that now need to be undertaken and no vehicle importers want to go near this. Need to get the story clear from all stakeholders. Some can get vehicles through with no issue. Concern was raised following suspect imports from China. There has been an urge to act and address the importing of vehicles with Asbestos. Suggested TAVCCA Delegates feed in any issues on this subject to the Secretary and Hamish liaise with Daryl. TAVCCA needs to have the ability to respond. Any updates will be shared.
- 12.15. **100 Year Badges.** Clubs need to update these details with Rob Woolley (100 Year Veteran Badge Coordinator - ACT) and added to the national database before they receive further badges.

MEETING CLOSED – 2pm (ACST)

Sydney's first gathering of motorists – when was it?

Jenny Fawbert

Mention is made in quite a few articles, books etc., modern and old, about the earliest days of motoring in Sydney of a 1901 gathering of Sydney's pioneering motorists.

The *Sunday Times* motor column in 1913 reported:

"The first motor gathering held in Sydney took place in November 1901, when Messrs. G. W. Innes (8 h.p. Winton), C. Highland (4 h.p. Cudell), H. Jones (5 h.p. Decauville), H. Vale (3 h.p. Benz), Bradwyn (4 h.p. Piper), and C. Thurla (4 h.p. de Dion) met at Lady Robinson's Beach, and as far as could be ascertained they were the owners of all the cars in Sydney at the time." ["Growth of Motoring." *Sunday Times* July 27, 1913, p. 17.]

Pioneer motorist J. Spencer Nolan advised the paper that he was at that event also and a correction was given in the following week's issue. In 1921 Spencer Nolan told the *Evening News* that:

"a run took place in November 1901 to Sandringham. There were there, according to an annual publication Mr. H. Vale (of Auburn), Mr. Bob Gillett (Anthony Hordern and Sons), Mr. J. Spencer-Nolan (Oxford-street), Mr. C. Highland (Castlereagh Street). Mr. Jones (Asphalt Company), Mr. George P. Innes (Innes and Mills), Mr. Thurla (McMahon's Point), and Mr. Bradwyn. Each had a motor car and it was then believed that the cars which met at Sandringham were the only ones in Sydney.

Mr. Innes' car was an 8 h.p. Winton; Mr. Nolan's a 4 h.p. Cudell; Mr. Highland's, ditto; Mr. Vale's a 3 h.p. Benz; Mr. Jones' a 6 h.p. Decauville; Mr. Thurla's a De Dion; and Mr. Bradwyn's a 4 h.p. Peiper." ["First Run to Sandringham." *Evening News* January 29, 1921, p. 2]

The following Monday the paper printed advice received from "a Sydney motorist" that Mr. C. Highland Senior's 1897 quadricycle was also at the gathering. ["Sydney's First Motors." *Evening News* January 31, 1921, p. 4.]

Was it really in 1901? Despite intensive searching I can only find one early gathering of most of those named and their vehicles reported in the Sydney newspapers between 1901 and 1902, and that is for a run to Tom Ugly's Point and Sandringham on the 14th September **1902**:

"On the 14th instant a number of motorists took part in a quiet run to Tom Ugly's Point. The following owners with friends or families made a start at 10.45 and proceeded to Sandringham, and thence to the point, where dinner had been arranged for, and to which ample justice was done. Mr. Jones and 1 passenger (Decauville car), Mr. Spencer Nolan 2 passengers (Cudell), Mr. Bradwyn 2 passengers (Pieper), Mr. Highland 2 passengers (Cudell), Mr. Innes 3 passengers (Winton), and Mr. C. Highland 1 passenger (quadricycle). Several other motorists had promised to take part, but owing probably to the threatening sky, did not put in an appearance. Needless to say, the small company enjoyed the outing, as the roads were good, the shower of rain on Saturday night having laid the dust, and made the air very refreshing. It is intended to try and get a much larger number of motor men together at some early date and visit more of our distant pleasure spots."

["Cycling." *The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser*, September 17, 1902, p. 759.]

So was the earliest gathering of motorists in Sydney in 1901 as remembered in later years or 1902 as reported by the press of the time – who were usually in those early years keen to report any of the activities of the earliest motorists?

My contention: that the first motorists gathering often referred to as the run to Lady Robinson's Beach or the Sandringham run was **actually in 1902, not 1901** as often cited.

What supports my assertion?

1. No newspaper reports of a gathering of Sydney's motorists in November or any other time in 1901 have been discovered despite extensive searches, but there is certainly a report for September 1902.
2. Coincidence or not? Spencer Nolan and the *Sunday Times* in 1913 and 1921 list essentially the same names and vehicles as the 1902 *Sydney Mail* article.
3. Some of the vehicles mentioned were not in this country in November 1901!

H. Jones 5 h.p. Decauville	H A Jones sailed to England on 9 th March 1901 for a 6 months tour of the Continent, he returned on November 4 th 1901. Shipping lists for 23 rd December 1901 record his importation of a motor car from Britain shortly after his return to Sydney. (Decauville, a French make was sold in England, or Jones could have bought it on the Continent, toured, then shipped it back from Britain) Pioneer motorist J W McKinney said in 1917 that H A Jones “bought the Decauville out with him” – i.e. when he returned from his trip.
J Spencer Nolan Cudell	The first news reports of Spencer Nolan operating a motor car are the July/August 1902 Sydney newspapers. Nor are Cudell motor cars reported in the Sydney papers before that time.
C. Highland 4 h.p. Cudell	First mention of Highland with a conventional motor car is his importation of one from Germany, recorded in the shipping lists on 28 November 1901 (<i>The Cudell was a German-made car</i>)

Can anyone prove otherwise?

I do remain a bit open-minded on the matter, as a professional researcher I don't feel I quite have enough documentation to prove for absolute certainty, but I do feel I have gathered enough data to throw into significant doubt the 1901 date.

If someone can provide a verifiable and 1901 contemporary report of a run to Sandringham in 1901, or challenge my data that the arrival of three of the vehicles post-dates November 1901 then I will willingly revise my contention. I do suggest though that at this time research documents outweigh human recall of the event.

General Discussion about the 1902 gathering

Of the other owners and vehicles mentioned in 1902:

J. Bradwyn 4 or 5 h.p. Pieper	Bradwyn bought this car from G P Innes after he returned from the Boer War, it was the first motor car Innes imported arriving in Sydney in July 1901. Bradwyn was with Kitchener's Horse in South Africa 1900 to probably at least November 1901.
G. P. Innes 8 h.p. Winton	The first Winton cars arrived in Sydney in March 1901, as a motor trader that Innes had the Winton is not surprising.
C. Highland Jr 3 h.p. De Dion engined own build quadricycle	This would likely be the quadricycle that Highland built in 1897 (<i>It was reported to be still operation in Tenterfield 10 years later – if true did someone ever recover a 3 h.p. De Dion motor from Tenterfield – it could from the Highland!!</i>)

Some may ask why prominent early car owner Mark Foy was not listed among the motorists who gathered at Sandringham – in September 1902 he was motoring in England in his Panhard, the same car that he had driven to Melbourne the previous year to see the running of the Melbourne Cup so had the Sandringham run been in 1901 he would have likely missed that too. Similarly Mr W. G. Dixon – a few days after the September 1902 run he was motoring through central west NSW so perhaps did not participate in readiness for that journey or was put off by the threat of rain as mentioned in the 1902 article..

Vale and Gillett are mentioned in the lists from 1913 and 1921 – Vale's 3-1/4 h.p. Benz was imported in mid-1900 – they were extremely well known motorists so any list of the who's who of early Sydney motorists compiled in the latter years from memory would naturally include them. Their absence however from the 1902 news item I cannot explain, I have checked both the general, social and business items for the period.

Unsolved:

- Who was Mr Thurla mentioned in the 1913 and 1921 reports? No other mention is made of him in the Sydney or Melbourne papers between 1900 and 1920 in any capacity, motoring or otherwise. (I have tried variations of the spelling of Thurla)
- What is the annual publication to which Spencer Nolan refers to the 1921 newspaper article? A search of those I can access which reported motoring matters 1901-1902 don't contain any reference to a 1901 event.

Conclusion

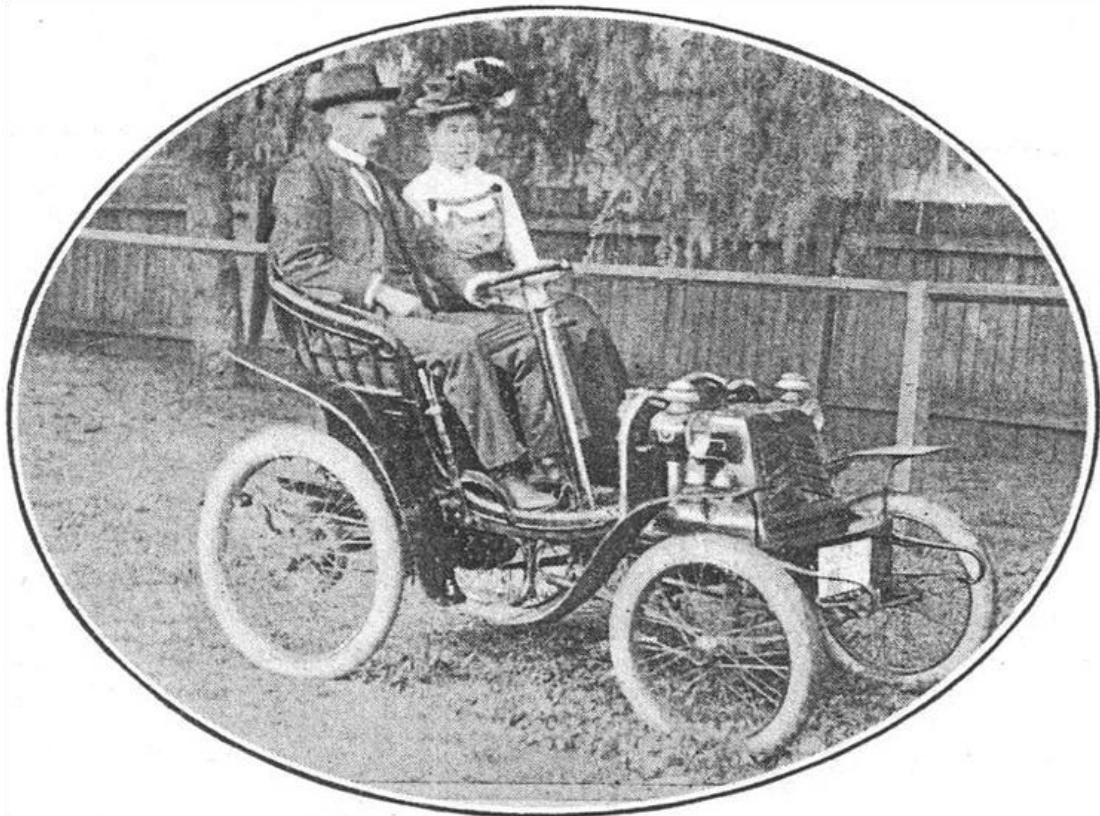
Those who refer to the first gathering of motorists and their cars in Sydney as being held in November 1901 are repeating a story from 1913 and 1921 that cannot be substantiated. However the news item of 1902 referring to the gathering just a few days before publication can be supported when one investigates further the vehicles and persons nominated.

So, Sydney's first gathering of motorists – was it 1901 or 1902?

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Automotive Historian

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Early rally flyers (entrant lists) of major rally's such as the Blue Mountains event for events prior to 1960. We have a number of old photo's of cars in events. It would be nice to be able to identify the events the cars were taking part in.

'Before and After' photo's of any veteran vehicles members may have restored, along with some details of the car and restoration. We want to add a section to the Website to highlight what can be achieved with the persistence and talent (or money) our members possess.

Any other articles or ideas to publish on the website.

Please contact us on the details below or talk to me at a Club meeting.

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