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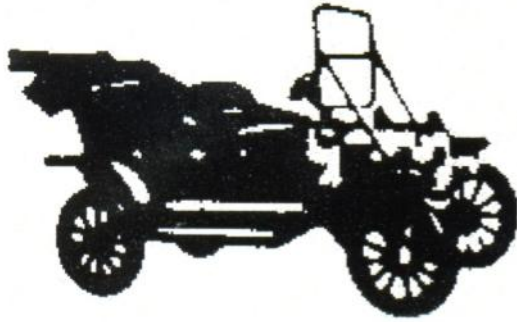
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Cover Photo:-

*Kevin Spackman's 1911 Ford T
At St Anne's historic church at Gresford.
During the Saturday run of the Newcastle Branch,
Singleton Weekend, June 2017*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc held on Thursday 23rd November 2017

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: 9 Members: 21 Member's family: 8

Apologies were received from Dennis Ballard, Euan Coutts, Ron Hattersley, Don Liddle and Peter Martin.

MEETING OPENED AT 8:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President welcomed all members and their families, especially Keith and Jean Carden, and Ruth and Rod Holmes from Dorrigo.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Dorothy Shinfield Seconded: Bob Hobson

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers:

2017 Shannons Melbourne Summer Classic Auction 27 Nov 2017

Invitations:

Parkes Antique Motor Club – 2018 Autumn Tour (concurrently with ABBA festival at Trundle) 4-6 May 2018

Classic Cars Orange - Classic cars, food and wine 24-26 November 2017

Other Club publications:

Brass Notes Torque

VCC of SA Early Auto

Veteran Torque

Other:

Grant information from Difibtech

CMC- AGM will be held on 28 Nov

TAVCCA – minutes AGM, contact lists for editor and secretary

National Library of Australia

The Preserve (online)

Newcastle minutes

Euan Coutts – change of address

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Andrea Holden, John Grant and Anthony Sinclair –membership letters

Reminder letters re fees

Moved: Phil O'Loan Seconded: Dorothy Shinfield

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are: \$

Ordinary account: 48,370.26

Term deposit 1 28,119.17

Term deposit 2 30,000.00

Accounts have been paid to the printer, cleaner, Sydney Water and Energy Australia. Rents have been received.

Moved: Laurie Garrod Seconded: Graham Weekes

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

Graeme Newman reported that at the last MaSH morning the run about 24 people attended, rego day at Newcastle was well attended and there will be another coffee run tomorrow. Sydney rego day will be held on Sunday 3 December. Newcastle Christmas party will be held on 10 December at Bargoed House and if members wish to attend they need to notify John Burke or Graeme Newman. Entries for CARnivale should have been lodged. An entry form for the Pre-1931 rally is on the website. The Heritage Rally sponsored by the National Trust was very successful. The calendar for 2018 has been finalised by the committee and will be distributed in January edition of Spit and Polish. Some information flyers have been printed for members to give to interested people.

PERMIT TO MOVE Nothing to report

LIBRARY

Disappointingly the club did not receive a grant from the National Library but it has been encouraged to apply in the future. The library needs to be catalogued before applying again.

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP Nothing to report

CMC

The AGM will be held next week and hopefully Norm will be able to attend on behalf of the club.

HALL

Robert Fordham reported that Sydney Voice is renegotiating their contract for 5 years with an option for an additional two years. A working bee will be held on 20 January with free morning tea. There have been two extra rentals on Saturday.

WEBSITE Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rod Holmes reminded members about the 1 and 2-cylinder rally at Yamba next year. The entry form is in Spit and Polish and on the website. All runs are on the flat!

EOIs for the HCCA 4th International Tour in September 2019 were distributed.

Techie Talk

Barry Shinfield told about the consequences of not checking your spelling!

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:20 PM.

Doug Fulford
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

Events Calendar - Club Events

JANUARY 2018

- 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 6 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
- 23rd **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

MARCH 2018

- 4th **Sydney North Breakfast Run.** *See Page 6 for details*
9th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
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Events Calendar - National Rallies

MARCH 2018

- 21st-25th **National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour.** Deloraine, Tasmania.
Expression of Interest Form, April 2017, Spit and Polish
Dear fellow veteran car Folk,
I write with a request that you advise your members in your next newsletter that entry forms, meal order forms and booking info for both the Spirit of Tasmania ferry and accommodation in Deloraine are now available by email, jaclipp@bigpond.com by telephone 0363961144 or by writing to The tour committee box 182 Launceston Tas 7250. Please note that while some accommodation has been reserved for us and is still available space on the ferry is already getting tight as this is right in the busy season and will become very difficult particularly for those with tall trailers.
Kind regards Joe Clippingdale (Tour Director)

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
Also see Page 7 for further information. Entry Form on Page 17 & 18

Events Calendar - Invitation Events

MARCH 2018

- 10th Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Inc. **MOTORFEST 2018**,
to be held in the Myall Park Sports Reserve at Hawks Nest on Saturday, 10 March 2018 An exciting program has been arranged with exhibits of Veteran, Vintage, Classic & Unique Cars and Motorcycles of different models and makes from invited motoring clubs.
An entrance fee of \$10.00 per vehicle and \$5.00 per motorcycle will contribute to support the following local beneficiaries:
~ Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
~ Local NSW Rural Fire Services
~ Local Clinic Bus
All vehicles need to be in position by 9.45am for the Official Opening at 10am.
Closing date is Friday 2nd March 2018
See Page 19 for Registration Form
- 15th-18th VCCA (Victoria) Annual 1&2 Cylinder Rally - Cobram.
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
or contact Les Johnson Mobile 0419 288 383 Email: frogshollow1@bigpond.com.au

Events Calendar - Invitation Events (cont.)

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

30th August - 6th September 2019

HCCA International TOUR 2019 BATHURST, NSW, AUSTRALIA

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Hosted by the HCCA 5th Eastern Australia Region Invitation to ALL Veteran Car Clubs worldwide.

Rally headquarters will be the famous Mt Panorama Raceway Pit and Corporate area. With Hotel accommodation adjacent to the raceway.

Any questions, please contact: **Russell & Chris Holden (Rally Directors)**

Ph 61 422 219 911 or email: russell@oldworldlamps.net *Expression of Interest form in June 2016 S & P*

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

Coming Events

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)



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

See also Page 20 for flyer



Editorial

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

Three outings reported on this month. A report from Jenny Fawbert on the Historic Houses Tour and a report from the Editor on the Sydney and Newcastle Christmas Parties. Also an article from Jenny Fawbert on 'A Pioneer in Australian Motoring - George Peacock Innes', (part 1). Because of the length of the article the last part will appear in next month's edition. Also a couple of light-hearted humour stories from Ron Hattersley

Coming events for the next month or so are: the MaSH Branch Morning Tea run, MaSH Branch Northern Coffee run. Newcastle Branch Breakfast outing to Cooranbong and the Sydney North Breakfast run to Kangaroo Point (Brooklyn). Also the Swap Meet to be held at our club rooms.

There is a Registration form for the Motorfest to be held at Hawkes Nest. Also the Entry Form for the National Rally, Forbes along with some information on where and what to find on our web site.

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. ***Not getting reports on outings from the members doesn't help.*** 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



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Application for Membership

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Nominated: Chris Duncan
Seconded: Neil G Adams

Voting for the above application will take place at the
January meeting on 25th.

Membership Removal

Remove
Ray Ives from the roster
as he is no longer a member

2018 National Rally - Forbes NSW

The link for the on line entry form is www.vccansw.com/forbes2018

The link for the printable copy of the form is www.vccansw.com/entrypdf

There is also a page on the club website with the information about the rally,

which is www.vccansw.com/forbes

Graeme Newman

Rally Secretary

Old Hume Highway Historic Houses Tour. November 18th-19th 2017 National Trust (NSW) / Paul Butler Bequest

Jenny Fawbert

Bringing together historic properties and heritage cars is not a new idea as many of us have enjoyed displaying our heritage cars in the grounds of some of Australia's most historically significant buildings. But to make it a dedicated Tour for more than 45 pre-1931 cars to three important National Trust properties, add a scenic bit of the Old Hume Highway, some quiet country localities with their own heritage charm, great company and heritage house tours and meals all supported by sponsorship from the National Trust (NSW) then you have the Old Hume Highway Historic Houses Tour 2017.

Wilga and Euan Coutts (Veteran Car Club, VSCC and National Trust members) organised the event, bringing their considerable veteran and vintage rallying experiences to ensuring the best possible Tour for entrants, families and guests, *and* the cars. The cooperation of the National Trust, its local volunteers and sponsorship from the Butler Estate Motor Vehicle Fund guaranteed that the Tour was going to be a special weekend combining heritage houses and heritage vehicles.

A little bit of history first. If you were in the Sydney veteran and vintage world in the 1980s you'll probably remember Paul Butler, a collector of not just cars but car parts, antique typewriters, gramophones, signs, locks, telephones, sewing machines, petrol pumps, bicycles, radios and more. His extensive collection of things mechanical was stored at his homes in Darley Road, Randwick where he built a large shed with the intention of opening a museum. A member of the Austin 7 Club, Veteran Car Club and the Sunbeam Talbot Darracq Register, Paul's eclectic taste in vehicles meant he wasn't restricted to just those clubs though, I first met him at the Vintage Motor Club when he accompanied fellow Sunbeam enthusiast Andy Douglas. I well recall too Paul picking over my trailer of vintage parts at Chatswood Swap Meets.

Paul died suddenly in June 1991, at the time he owned fifteen historic cars, two historic trucks and two vintage motorcycles, all but four were in an incomplete state of repair. The major beneficiary of his Will was the National Trust (NSW) who established the Butler Estate Fund in May 2009 to be used for the promotion and preservation of veteran and vintage cars within New South Wales, hence the Tour.

The Tour. I think Paul Butler would have approved of this event just for veteran and vintage vehicles, old-style car club motoring on quiet roads, some that many entrants admitted they had never ventured on before

Tour entrants came from several clubs – VSCC, VCCA, VMC, Orange District AMC, Parkes AMC, VVCA, RROCA, Alvis CC, Austin 7 Register and Riley Motor Club.

VCCA participants were – Peter, Regina, Georgia and James Weir -1908 Vauxhall; Kevin and Narelle Spackman - 1911 Ford; Mathew Spackman - 1913 Ford; Geoff and Louise Yoemans - 1914 Wolseley; John and Susan Wards - 1914 Benz; David, Martine and Betty Cherry - 1916 Chevrolet; Doug and Vivian Fulford – 1929 Studebaker; John and Jan Grant – 1929 Studebaker and Jenny Fawbert – 1928 Oldsmobile.

The Tour started at the magnificent Retford Park, Bowral, a country home built 1887 in the Italianate-style for the Hordern family and last year gifted to the National Trust by James Fairfax AC. On arrival a scrumptious morning tea could be enjoyed while waiting for house tours or for the cars to make their way around the red gravel drive among beautiful gardens to be professionally photographed under the elaborate porte-cochere (*carriage porch*). The weather was a touch damp but not the rallyists enthusiasm as we departed for Goulburn passing through Moss Vale (where the cars, as usual, brought pedestrians to a standstill) and then the



1916 Chevrolet, 1911 Ford, Riversdale



1916 Benz at Retford Park

lovely driving roads to Bundanoon, Penrose, Wingello and Tallong. On to a little bit of the new Hume and then off onto quiet roads towards Bungonia, then Goulburn via Gundary.

Arriving at Riversdale, an 1830s coaching inn in the colonial Georgian style that became a family home for almost 100 years, the cars were parked along the spacious driveway. Rallyists were free to wander the house, take tours of the heritage gardens and look at the original outbuildings. Here too we were well catered for by the friendliest National Trust volunteers.

As at Retford Park rallyists emerged from the house and

garden tours recounting what they discovered about the history and heritage of the property and the impressive work of the National Trust in preserving this rural treasure.

Wilga and Euan eventually gently encouraged us all to move on to Yass, though some needed little urging as a severe thunderstorm was clearly looming from the Crookwell direction. The drive through rural scenery out to Kippilaw and Merrilla, Cullerin, Dalton, Gunning and Jerrawa was enlivened at times by the lightning and storms to both our left and right, some motorists got a bit of a drenching but many reported later that the rain pretty much missed them. Mindful of the heritage connections of the weekend the route we traversed between Mutmutbilly Road and Cullerin Road near Breadalbane was a short



Tour breakfast at Cooma Cottage, Yass

bit of the Old Sydney Road (to Melbourne), the section travelled through the Cullerin Range to Gunning was the old Hume Highway, a deviation built in 1920s of that Old Sydney Road utilising abandoned formations of the Southern Railway. (And if you looked carefully in this section Old Sydney Road was just beside Cullerin Road, aka the old Hume Highway)

Arriving in Yass rallyists checked in at their motels and most then gathered for a convivial happy hour at Swaggers Motel, yarning among the cars and along the verandas about the day's journey, the historic houses and more. Liquid refreshments were supplied out of Dave Stuart's well known VSCC "Vauxhall Inn", and the motel staff kept up a supply of finger food.

The Tour Dinner was also at Swaggers and more than a hundred sat down to a nice repast and more happy chatter. Speeches from Wilga and special guests Garry Downes, Chair of the Butler Bequest Committee and Clive Lucas, National Trust President confirmed what the entrants had experienced – that heritage cars and heritage properties are indeed a wonderful and synergetic combination.



1908 Vauxhall, Cooma Cottage outbuilding

For Sunday morning everyone regrouped at Cooma Cottage for a hot breakfast cooked up by the Rotarians. What a treat, I never imagined I'd ever be eating brekky sitting in the sunshine in the forecourt of historic Cooma Cottage. This venerable building was home to Australian-born explorer Hamilton Hume from 1840 to 1873 (*Hume as in Hume Highway*). He extended an early bungalow built by the pioneering O'Brien family by adding Palladian-style wings, a Greek revival portico, impressive stables and outbuildings. It is one of the oldest surviving rural homesteads in the Yass district and southern NSW, and a national treasure acquired by the Trust in 1970.

With no particular haste most of us wandered through Cooma Cottage and then reluctantly bade farewell to other rallyists and made our way home – some choosing the quiet return route to Goulburn via Jerrawa, Gunning and the pleasant Cullerin Road.

Hopefully this Tour was a precursor for more collaboration between the National Trust and the veteran and vintage car movement.

[More photos on the CHMC, VSCC and National Trust websites and Facebook pages]



Cooma Cottage, 1929 Hupmobile and 1914 Wolseley

Sydney Christmas Party - 22/11/17

The Editor

Sydney held its Christmas Party this year after the General meeting in November in the Club Rooms. It was good to see Jean and Keith Carden there thanks to Bill and Carol Heeny for bringing them. Also Elizabeth and Bob Hobson and I believe thanks to John Fryirs for transporting them to the evening. Of course not to forget Ruth and Rod Holmes all the way from Dorrigo. All made for a great evening.

Also thanks to everyone who brought along some goodies to share with everyone, to help make the evening enjoyable and to support the event.

According to the attendance sheet there were 38 people in attendance.



At the meeting



At the meeting



The table of goodies for our Christmas evening.

Newcastle Christmas Party - 10/12/17

The Editor

The weather was perfect for the Newcastle Branch Christmas party and for veteran motoring, again it was held Bargeod House, Swansea, (NESCA Oval). We had our ideal spot under the shade of the large trees on the edge of Lake Macquarie. This area is not open to the general public and you have to have a member of the Nesca Welfare Association to obtain access and this year we again had Claire Spinks, granddaughter of Joan and Max Burke.



Adam's Studebaker, Adam's F.N., Shinfeild Overland, Nevell Ford T, Preston Talbot & Marshall F.N.

Much chatting and cup of coffee was the usual thing after setting oneself up in preparation for lunch. Quite a good role of veterans (7) and people, 27 adults and 10 children. Good to see Ian there, he drove his Overland from Mt Colah on his own as Jenny was not feeling well. Also good to see a couple of the Adams' cars in attendance.



The line-up for lunch

As midday approached our chefs headed off to barbecue the steak, sausages and onions, as the Motor Cycle Club who were again in attendance this year, also use the BBQ, so we have to be finished by midday, so they could use it.

The labours of the chefs, was enjoyed along with side salads, etc, followed by apple pie and cream and or custard, which all made up our lunch menu. All very nice and thanks to the chefs who cooked the meat and the ladies who provided the side salads, etc.

After lunch a NE breeze came up and cooled things down a bit to the extent that one tended to find a bit of sunshine to stand in.

Around 1.30pm there was movement to pack up and head for home. Ian Streatfeild followed me back to Wyong and then continued home to Mt Colah.

Thanks to everyone who did their bit to make it an enjoyable day.



The queue for lunch is getting shorter

Veterans

Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt & Jennifer, Issac, & Helen Strutt - 1911 F.N.

Doug & Dianne Marshall - 1912 F.N.

Nev Preston - 1913 Talbot

Peter Nevell - 1912 Ford T

Ian Streatfeild - 1915 Overland

Neil, Toni, Conrad & Alexandra Adams - 1912 F.N.

Brian, Hamish, Oliver & Neryl Adams - 1918 Studebaker

Modern

Malcolm & June Bailey

Graeme & Karyn Newman

Lauren Newman & Josh Higgins

John, Paton & Ruby Burke

Max & Joan Burke

Clare & Alistair Spinks

Kim Nolan

Allen, Kate, Eliza & Rosie Davis

Allen Dunlop



The Duncan F.N., with Issac

A Pioneer in Australian Motoring - George Peacock Innes (1863-1936)

Jennifer Fawbert.

(Part 1)

“How many Innes cars were there?” When asked this by the Curator of the Australian Motorlife Museum, where the only known surviving Australian Innes car resides, I set about researching the vehicles of Sydney motor dealer George Peacock Innes and quickly it became apparent that though the Innes cars were very interesting Innes himself was arguably more intriguing.

George Peacock Innes was born at Hobart in 1863 and as he recalled he was mechanically minded from his earliest years - *“trying to make engines (I) nearly blew my head off when my home-made boiler burst....However, I kept on trying, and at the age of nine I had a crude sort of engine going, all my own make”*. Innes became an engineer, coming to NSW in 1890 with railway contractors Smith, Finlayson and Timms. In 1893 he married Susan Mills and thereafter resided in Sydney where they raised three children, Myrtle, Elspeth and Donald.

In 1897 Innes, with his brother-in-law Robert Augustus Mills, a successful competition cyclist, opened a cycle works at 84 Bathurst Street, Sydney. They became well known in bicycling circles and were NSW agents for Rudge-Whitworth bicycles employing staff repairing and building new bicycles and George's own inventions - Tasma spray pumps and a collapsible child's cart, which sold well.

Seven Gladiator motor tricycles imported in June 1898 by the English and American Cycle Agency sparked widespread interest, especially when demonstrated by Mademoiselle Serpollete. Innes purchased at least one of the De Dion-engined Gladiators in late 1898 or early 1899 and joined a select group, as The Telegraph in April 1899 reported *“With the exception of a few Gladiator motor tricycles, seen occasionally in the streets and which apparently are ridden with a good deal of pleasure and comfort, motor cars are unknown”*.

The first motor car Innes probably observed was the Thomson Steam Car at the April 1900 Sydney Show where Innes and Mills had a very successful bicycle display. By the 1901 Show the partners advertised they sold De Dion-engined tricycles imported from Britain. They had also applied for a patent for a motor and steering attachment to fit to horse drawn vehicles.

In mid-1901 there were about 20 motor vehicles, mostly cycles and motor tricycles, running about the Sydney streets. In July Innes added another when he imported a 5 h.p. Pieper. He recalled that: *“When I unpacked it and got the engine going the next trouble was to drive it. After some practice I ventured out with the family aboard, and managed to negotiate the city streets without much difficulty”*.

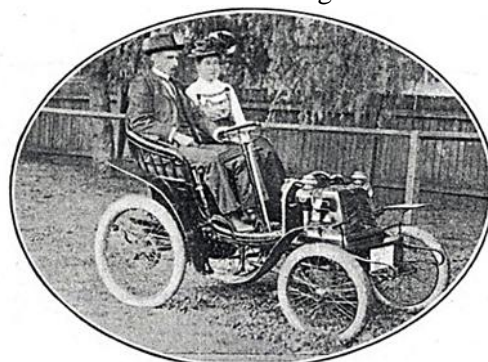
In August he shipped the car to Newcastle and drove it to the Singleton Show for exhibition. He said: *“Here I struck trouble. Everyone wanted a ride, the axle broke, and I had to make a new one to drive home”*.

Innes was not only one of the few motorists in NSW he was the first fined for speeding. On August 15th 1901 a constable observed him driving in the Domain at about eighteen miles an hour, upon being stopped George indicated he did not know he was going that fast. He was fined 10 shillings.

Innes and Mills began importing 1½ h.p. De Dion-engined Thomas Auto-Bi motor bicycles in December 1901, selling one quickly to W. J. McKinney from Gundagai and another to T.T. Alkin of Yass. In July 1902 Innes ventured up-country on a motor tricycle, arranging agencies with local bicycle shops. One local paper reported - *“A stir was caused in the streets of Inverell yesterday by the arrival of a motor - the first one seen here”*.

Innes and Mills gained more publicity by providing motorised pacing machines for bicycle races. When the Sydney bicycling fraternity permitted a test for motor cycle racing in August 1902 P. Thompson rode an Innes and Mills machine against one built by Isaac Phizackerley and another provided by F. Drury. The success of the test prompted the first motor cycle race run in Sydney in November 1902 at the Cricket Ground, easily won by Robert Mills on an Innes and Mills built machine, third place went to one of their Thomas Auto-Bi's.

During 1902 only three or four established Sydney firms were dealing in motor vehicles, one being Innes and Mills who were then advertising motor cars, motor cycles, motor tricycles and quadricycles as well as bicycles and oil engines.



Mr & Mrs Innes in the Pieper 1901

When Sydney's car owners organized their first motor gathering with a drive to Sandringham and Tom Ugly's Point on September 14th 1902 the run involved Mr. Highland's 4 h.p. Cudell, J. Spencer-Nolan's 4 h.p. Cudell, H. Jones's 5 h.p. Decauville, G. Bradwyn's ex-Innes Pieper, Mr. C Highland's early quadricycle and George Innes with an 8 h.p. Winton car.

Innes visited family in Tasmania in February 1903 taking a Panhard-engined Stirling car with dog cart style body. It attracted considerable interest and Innes offered it for sale there.

Motor cars increasingly engaged George Innes's attention. By December 1903 the firm was advertising shipments of 5 and 6 h.p. cars of the best French make and other unidentified new cars with 5½ and 4½ h.p. engines, as well as new 3 h.p. motor cycles, the Thomas Auto-Bi and new 2½ h.p. motor cycles built on their premises.

Innes and Mills were cautious in naming the make of cars they were importing, possibly as Bennett and Wood publicised that they had been appointed De Dion Bouton of London's sole and exclusive agents for NSW and Victoria, and they were active in guarding that agency and cautioning buyers against purchasing of De Dion motor vehicles from other vendors.

In January 1904 Innes sold one of the "French" cars to W. B. Wilkinson, a prominent businessman from Stawell, Victoria. Wilkinson had driven to Sydney in a small Covert car, once there he tried one of Innes's recently imported 6 h.p. single cylinder De Dion-engined voiturettes. Wilkinson and his passenger W. A. Whitehead then continued their tour successfully overland back to Stawell in the Innes & Mills car.

The firm's shift to motor cars continued with a car and driver available for hire and motor car parts and accessories for sale. The partnership however ceased with Mills at the end of 1904 and 1905 began with Geo. Innes and Co. of 84½ Bathurst Street offering a variety of cars from £120 -£300 and importantly the hitherto "unnamed" cars began to be both advertised and reported in the press as Innes cars. That G P Innes engaged in such "badge engineering" is not remarkable for the time, it was a widespread practice.



Innes giving car rides in the Stirling, Tasmania 1903



Wilkinson's De Dion 1904



GP Innes and assistants in an Innes car 1905



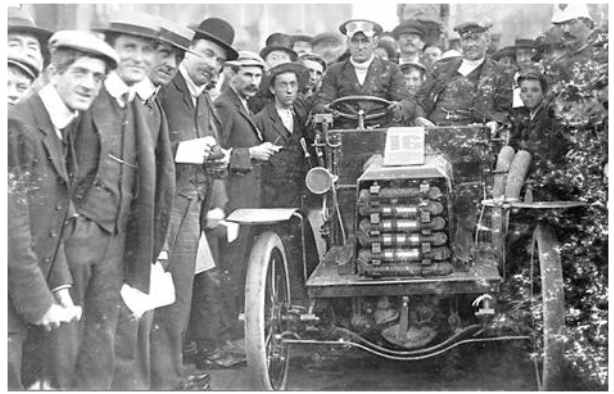
J M Arnott 19-20 h.p. Innes 1905

The bodywork on the Innes cars was practical and uncomplicated, possibly some supplied by the French factory from which George directly imported cars – Lacoste et Battmann. Certainly at least one large Innes was landed in December 1905 complete with side entrance bodywork for Mr Ritchie of Ritchie Brothers, engineers and railway carriage builders.

Innes's customers had included several prominent Sydney businessmen but in 1905 perhaps none were more widely known than brothers J. M. and H. R. Arnott. The Arnott's purchased an

Aster-engined 4 cylinder 19-20 h.p. five passenger Innes and a 9 h.p. De Dion-engined two seater Innes and entered their cars in the February 1905 Dunlop Motor Reliability Trial from Sydney to Melbourne.

J. M. Arnott took his chauffeur and a good friend, A. B. Paterson. Paterson, then the editor of the Evening News, sent reports back daily, his four special articles were titled “*Overland to Melbourne on an Automobile. The History of the Haste Wagons*” with illustrations by Lionel Lindsay. Paterson wrote: “*When you get a bit of really good road... and the car is at her best, the engine working with a rhythmic hum....while the milestones slip past one after another in surprisingly rapid fashion, and you put the watch on her and find she is doing thirty miles an hour, and only sauntering along at that*”. The journey in the Innes also resulted in Paterson’s wonderful motoring poem *The Lay of the Motor Car*.



H R Arnott 9 h.p. Innes 1905

The bigger Innes performed well till the Albury section. Paterson reported: “the car was sent headlong into dust and holes”. H. R. Arnott’s smaller Innes maintained a cautious pace. Any competitive chance ended for J. M. Arnott when, as Patterson recorded: “near Tarcutta...Bang went some spokes of a wheel... Some flour-mill mechanics at Albury bolted stout timber supports on to either side of the wheel, and with many stoppages we got into Melbourne just before the speeches of welcome were quite finished”. Both Innes cars finished the Trial, placing seventh and eighth out of the nine cars that completed in their class.



H R Arnott Innes on the Reliability Trial. Who accompanied H R Arnott, Innes did not indicate he was on the Trial in later interviews.

In November 1905 J. M. Arnott entered the Melbourne to Sydney Reliability Trial. Near Mullengandra the near front wheel of his



J M Arnott’s Innes finishing in Melbourne. Arnott’s Innes, showing off side wheel repair

Innes was shattered a f t e r hitting a bridge, Arnott optimistically repaired it by fitting two crosspieces of timber on each side of the wheel, somewhat akin to the February event repairs and continued on.

Arnott’s confidence however was not rewarded. On Saturday November 18th, near the Bargo River crossing the repaired wheel hit a culvert and collapsed. Passenger Lieutenant Cox was thrown out, sustaining ankle and head injuries, Arnott and the chauffeur were uninjured.

George Innes’s optimism also was misplaced as he advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald of Saturday November 18th – “*An irresistible force strikes an immovable mass. The big Innes car demolishes a bridge and comes home on three legs. Have a glance at her as she glides silently past. She has lost a few marks, but has beaten many others costing a mint of money. Make a few comparisons, and you’ll decide on one of our cars. They cost little, run well, and keep running*”. Unfortunately spectators did not see the big Innes glide into the Finish at Sydney that day, as the car was taken by wagon to Picton.



J M Arnott and his Innes at Gundagai, February 1905. Look like G P Innes standing on the passenger side running board

1906 started well for Innes and Co. holding the agency for Humber cars. By April 1906 the business name was changed to The Humber Motor Depot and George Innes began championing the British-made car, a habit he became well known for in the motor trade. H. R. Arnott promptly purchased a new Humber - his Innes had a serious accident near Jenolan Caves in April 1905. J. M. Arnott drove an Innes with the ACA group that welcomed Glidden to Sydney in March but then purchased a Swiftsure.



Arnott's near side wheel shattered near Mullengandra



And repaired, the chauffeur looking somewhat sceptical

Les W. Pye. Of the other two Innes' one was to the order of Dr. Farrell of Quirindi, and driven by G.P. Innes and Dr Farrell to Quirindi in one day.

A prominent sportsman and pharmacist Les Pye was credited as being the first Parramatta citizen to own a motor car - a 9 h.p. single cylinder De Dion-engined car bought from Innes in 1904, Pye subsequently owned a twin cylinder De Dion-engined Innes but it was his 1906 Innes that was admired as "the best motor car in the district".



Myrtle Innes (aged 11) in a Humber 1906

(End Part 1 - the final part will appear in February 2018 edition)

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MOTORFEST 2018 - Community Aid Event Day
Saturday, 10 March 2018
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To register as a participant, please fill in and return this form by Friday 2nd March 2018

Yes, I wish to participate.

Individual:

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Club contact address:

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Name of Club:.....

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How many vehicles/motorcycles will be attending:

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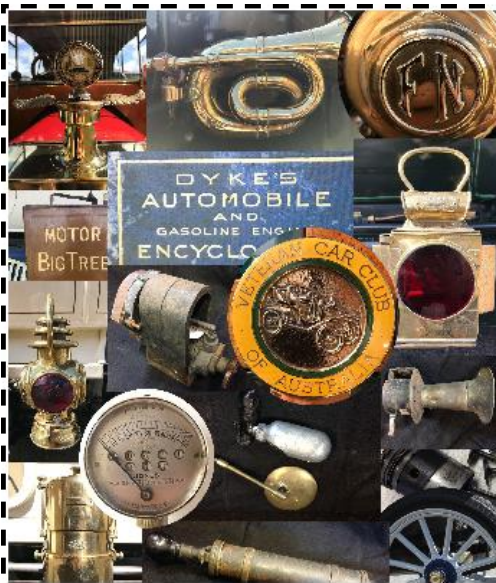
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On arrival each participant will receive an Information Kit.

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PROGRAM

8:00-9:45am	Arrivals
10:00am	Official Opening by Community Leader
10:15am	Welcome to Motor Clubs, Exhibitors, Public Services, Red Cross and Visitors
10:40am	Presentation by Rural Fire Brigade and Surf Life Saving Club
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Wayne, was driving home from one of his business trips in Northern Queensland when he saw an elderly Aboriginal man walking on the side of the road.

As the trip was a long and quiet one, he stopped the car and asked the Aboriginal man if he would like a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the man got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Wayne tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Aboriginal man.

The old man just sat silently, looking intently at everything he saw, studying every little detail, until he noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Wayne.

'What's in the bag?' asked the old man

Wayne, looked down at the brown bag and said, ... 'It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my wife.'

The Aboriginal man was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, he said:

'Good trade ...'

Light-hearted Humour

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back.

It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange, and lime trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator.'

Some old men can still think fast.

Thanks to Ron Hattersley for the above humour stories

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Contact: Antony Wood (H) 4423 3117 (W) 4421 8922 (M) 0411 551 751 (E) antonywood@shoal.net.au
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Give Away (cont.)

I have temporarily rescued a very sad veteran that was literally on it's way to the tip. It has 'Reo' on an ignition control on the steering column and the forward curve on the top tank of the radiator indicates it could be around a 1915 - 18 Reo. Some of the springs have rusted away, but the diff, gearbox and front axle could be used.

Wheels still have the remains of the wooden spokes and tyres. Head lamp pieces and other tin seems to have been better stored. No motor, but crankcase is still in chassis. Not looking for dollars, just want to find a Reo owner who could use the parts. Hope someone will want it, otherwise I'll have to let it finish it's trip to the tip. More photos available on request.

Contact: Allen Blythe (02) 9587 9414

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Wanted for our Web Site

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.

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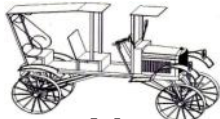


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