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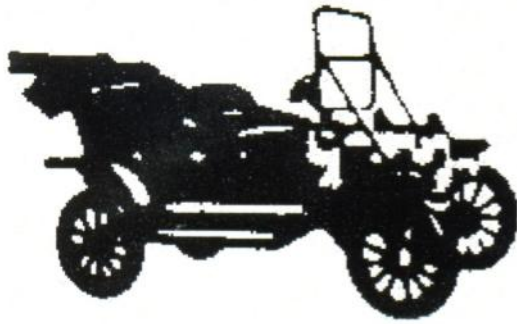
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Articles to be received by the **First Wednesday** of the month.

Cover Photo:-

*The late Ray Thomas at the wheel of
Eric Barlow’s 1912 Fabrique Nationale 1600*

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134 Queens Road, Five Dock, 2046

PATRON:

His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 28th July 2016

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 9 Visitors: 1 Members: 16 Family members: 2

Apologies were received from Euan Coutts, Don Liddle, John Fryirs, Peter Martin, David McCredie, Barry and Dorothy Shinfield.

Visitor: Nelson Correia

MEETING OPENED AT 8:10 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The Vice President, Doug Fulford, welcomed all members and visitors. He apologised for the absence of the President, Peter Martin, who was detained through an incident at work.

The Vice President presented a 50-year badge to Arthur Garthon who joined the club on 25 September 1958. Arthur reminisced about the opening of the hall.

Doug invited members to consider nominating for the committee at the coming AGM and that at the next meeting more 50-year badges would be presented.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Maxwell Boardman Seconded: Lynette Martin

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations

40th Chevrolet Festival 21-24 October 2016 Mt Gambier, SA
Shannon's Melbourne Winter Classic Auction 11 July

Other Club publications:

Veteran Torque	Brass Notes
Small Torque	Bulletin of VCC
Matters of the Mount	Early Auto

Other:

Minutes from Newcastle Branch
Replies from Barry Thew, John Pickup, Graham Steer, Allen Blythe
AVCCA – 100 year badges, agenda for AGM
Ian Wakefield – Comedy for a cause fundraiser
Resignation from Stephen Gamble
VCCA (Vic) – advising of death of Ruth Orde
Letter from Anne Irish
Letter from Rick Thomas and family
Two books from Bob Lamond *The Brush Runabout*
Vintage Motor Cycle Club – postponement of Maraylya Event



Arthur Garthon

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations to AGM to John Pickup, Bill Maunsell, R. Petersen, Malcolm Johns, Arthur Garthon, Barry Thew, George Gillott, Graham Steer, Allen Blythe, Bill Trevan, Bob Baxter, Rob McCarthy and Barry Perdriau.
Letters to Malcolm Johns, Bob Lamond, Robert Freeland, Anthony Dowler, John Pickup and Stephen Gamble
Tickets for Shannon's Sydney Classic to Mike Bendeich and Phil O'Loan
Response to John Wards
Membership letters to Jennifer Fawbert and Abbey Newman
Get well card to Malcolm Johns
Brian Farrell – looking for members of Veteran Motorist Club of Australia

The Vice president read out the letters from Anne Irish and Rick Thomas.

Moved: Ian Streatfeild Seconded: Arthur Garthon

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are: \$

The accounts for cleaning, printing, council rates and repairs to lights have been paid. Income has come from the payment of membership dues and rent.

The Treasurer thanked members who have already paid their dues and requested that any outstanding membership fees be paid by the end of August. He thanked Laurie Garrod for his work with the club's financial return.

Moved: Robert Fordham Seconded: Peter Weir

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

Graham Weekes advised members that unfortunately due to another event the combined day at Maraylya with the Vintage Motor Cycle Club has been postponed.

Lynette Martin described the Christmas in July luncheon. The food was delicious and the dining room very pleasant. Six couples wore period dress. She thanked Doug Fulford for organising the event.

Les Watton reminded members about the coming Navigator's Social Day on 7 August starting at Ermington Boat Ramp at 10 am. Members need to bring all their own food and drinks. It finishes at Penrith.

Robert Fordham reported about the *All French Bastille Celebration* on 17 July at Silverwater Park. It was well patronised by our members: John Wards with Doug Mecklem with the 1909 *Sizaire Naudin*, Geoff Simmons with the 1909 *Delage*, Robyn and Bill Betts in 1908 *Renault*, Alan and Denyse Barker with the 1906 *Darracq* and Andrew Benoit taking out his newly acquired 1911 *Le Zebre* for his first run.

Maxwell Boardman reminded members about the *Country Run in MacArthur Region Camden* on 27 August. Lunch would be available at Carrington Hospital and Barry Perdriau would join them. He also reminded members about the *Vintage and Veteran Chevrolet 40th year anniversary events*; one to be held at Mt Gambier SA on 21-30 October.

PERMIT TO MOVE Nothing to report

LIBRARY Nothing to report

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP

An application for associate membership has been received from Kim Nolan.

CMC Nothing to report

HALL

Robert Fordham reported that the Mini Car Club will no longer rent the hall for their meetings. He needs some help to sort out the microphone leads. He would appreciate that anyone able to help with the microphones contact him directly. A complaint about the parking has been received from another car club and he is following up with the club.

WEBSITE Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS

The raffle was drawn.

Mal and William Garthon played a CD compiled from early veteran car club events taken on a Movie 8 camera. Mal provided a commentary added to by members of the audience.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:40 PM.

Doug Fulford
Vice President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

AUGUST 2016

25th Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm

Minutes of 61st Annual General Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC
61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27 AUGUST 2015
134 Queens Road, Five Dock

The meeting opened at 8:35 pm by the President Peter Martin who welcomed all those present.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

These were read by the Secretary.

Matters arising: Nil

The minutes were accepted.

Moved: Lyn Martin **Seconded:** Robert Fordham

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2014/2015

The President, Secretary and Treasurer presented reports.

Full text of reports is printed in *Spit and Polish*.

Moved: Barry Shinfield **Seconded:** Bob Hobson

3. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2015/2016

The President declared all the positions vacant. Bob Hobson, past president, took the chair to conduct the election of office bearers for the ensuing year. Bob called for any further nominations. A nomination for vice-president was received from Doug Fulford.

The results were as follows:

Position	Officer Bearer
President	Peter Martin
Vice President	Phil O'Loan
Vice President	Doug Fulford
Secretary	Louise Yeomans
Treasurer	Geoff Yeomans
Events Coordinator	Graham Weekes
Website management	Peter Weir
Magazine Editor	Neville Preston
Hall management	Robert Fordham
Dating	Peter Adams
Registrations	Neil Martin

Bob handed the meeting to the President. The President thanked Bob for conducting the elections.

4. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Graham Steer agreed to continue to conduct a review of the financial statements and to report any matters requiring the Committee's attention.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Navigator's Trophy	Louise Yeomans
Len Masser Trophy (Blue Mountains)	Not awarded
W.T. Coggins Trophy (Blue Mountains)	Not awarded
Veteran of the Year Award	Not awarded
Literary Award	Graeme Newman
Junior Literary Award	Not awarded

There being no other general business the President closed the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Peter Martin
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

Membership Dues for 2016-2017

Thank you to all members who have promptly paid their dues for 2016/2017. It makes it easier when members pay on time.

If you have not yet paid your membership due, please check your details that were mailed to you in the July edition of *Spit and Polish*. If you paid for a three-year membership last year you do not need to pay until June 2018. However, if you pay your dues yearly it would be appreciated if you could do this before the end of the August. I will be away for six weeks and would like to be able to finalise payments before 1 September.

Payment details are as follows. \$80 for one year and \$210 for three years. You may pay by cash, cheque or EFT. The bank details are:

Account name: Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc.
Commonwealth Bank Wynyard NSW
BSB: 062009 Account number: 28023425

If you pay by EFT, please identify your payment with your name and/or membership number and notify the Treasurer by email of the transaction. His email is Geoff.yeomans1@gmail.com

Any unidentified deposits will be considered a donation to the club.

Please return your membership form with any changes to your details to the secretary. If your form is not returned it will be assumed your details have not changed.

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC
62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
25 AUGUST 2016
134 Queens Road FIVE DOCK NSW

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**
- 3. COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2015/2016**
 - a. The President
 - b. The Secretary
 - c. The Treasurer
- 4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016/2017**

Positions: President
Vice President (2)
Secretary
Treasurer
Events Coordinator
Website Manager
Magazine Editor
Hall Management
Dating Committee Chairman
Registrations Coordinator
- 5. APPOINTMENT OF HONORAY AUDITOR AND LEGAL ADVISOR**
- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a. Presentation of Annual Financial Statement as required under Section 26(6) of the Associations' Incorporation Act 1984.
 - b. Presentation of 50 year badges
 - c. Presentation of Awards
 - d. Other general business

Nominations will be accepted on the night.

**VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC
NOMINATION FORM FOR 2016/2017 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

OFFICE BEARERS	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	ACCEPTED
President				
Vice-President				
Vice-President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				

Committee

1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Note 16 (1) Nominations of candidates for the election as office bearers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee

- a. Shall be made in writing, signed by two ordinary members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form), and
- b. Nominations will be accepted on the night.

Invitation to all Members

Come to the August Meeting to help celebrate over 50 years membership of some special people.

They have some interesting stories to share about the early days of the club.

Help to make this a night to remember as we honour our long term members.



Email Address

Michael Bendeich

michaelbendeich44@gmail.com

Application for Membership

Kim Nolan
129 Christo Road
WARATAH NSW 2298
Associate Member
Nominated: Chris Duncan
Seconded: Doug Marshall

Voting for the above application will be held
at the meeting on 25th August 2016

Events Calendar - Club Events

- 25th **AGM and Monthly Club Meeting** at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.
 26th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*
 27th **Country Run in MacArthur Region - Camden** *See Page 10 for details*

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 3rd **Newcastle Branch outing to Luskintyre Airfield.** *See Page 10 for details*
 4th **Sydney North Breakfast Run** *See Page 10 for details*
 9th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
 17th **MaSH Branch** Meeting 2pm Mittagong RSL
 18th **Vintage Motorcycle Club Veteran only run at Maraylya.** *This event has been cancelled*
 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*
 30th - 2nd **2016 Motorlife Expo Illawarra Tour.** *See Pages 10 for more information*

OCTOBER 2016

- 14th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
 14th - 17th **Newcastle Branch Annual Tour** - *See Page 11 for information*
 18th **Newcastle Branch** Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
 27th **Committee Meeting** starting at 6.45pm
 27th **Monthly Club Meeting** at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.

NOVEMBER 2016

- 6th **Sydney North Breakfast Run** *Details to follow*
 11th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
 13th **Sydney Christmas Picnic Day** *See page 11 for details*
 15th **Newcastle Branch** Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
 20th **Newcastle Branch Rego Inspection** day at Maxon Machinery, Boolaroo. 8am start.
 24th **Committee Meeting** starting at 6.45pm
 24th **Monthly Club Meeting** at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.
 25th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

DECEMBER 2016

- 9th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
 10th **MaSH Branch Registration Day**
 10th **MaSH Branch** Meeting - 2pm - Mittagong RSL Club
 11th **Sydney Inspection Day** *Details to follow*

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2016

Events Calendar - National Rallies

- 30th - 4th **The National Veteran Tour in Tasmania.** To be held in Ulverstone, which is situated approx. 30km west of Devonport. Expression of interest form was in *August 2015 Spit and Polish* or can be obtained from John Biggelaar Email: biggelaarj@gmail.com or by post mail addressed to:
 The Secretary National Veteran Tour 2016.
 PO Box 170,
 Riverside, Launceston,
 Tasmania, 7250.

Information will be sent at regular intervals to those sending in their completed expression of interest form.

Events Calendar - National Rallies

SEPTEMBER 2017

17th - 22nd **The 11th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally** will be: Hosted by The Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia, Inc. <http://vymccsa.org.au>
Held in South Australia's glorious Barossa Valley. <http://www.barossa.com/>
Centred on The Barossa Tourist Park, Nuriootpa, South Australia. <http://barossatouristpark.com.au>
tel. 1800 251 634
The Barossa Tourist Park has been bulk-booked for the week, so please mention the NVR to receive a 5% discount (a maximum discount applies) off their normal rates for cabins and camp sites. There are numerous accommodation options in the region if you're looking for something different - try <http://www.barossa.com/> or the Barossa Visitor Information Centre tel. 1300 852 982.

SEPTEMBER 2017

24th - 30th **National Veteran Vehicle Rally, Clare Valley, South Australia.** See April 2016 *Spit and Polish* for more detail and *Expression of Interest Form*, also available from our web site under *Downloads*

Events Calendar - Invitation Events

SEPTEMBER 2016

6th INVITATION EVENT. OASIS RUN START 9.30am for 10.15am Departure. McDonald's Windsor Rd. McGrath's Hill To Scheyville National Park & Then Lunch At Pitt Town & District Sports Club. Every Welcome With Any Type Of Vehicle.
Details, Les Watton 9838 8063 M: 0418 973 866

OCTOBER 2016

2nd The Australian Motorlife Museum at Kembla Grange is having their annual Expo day on Sunday 2nd October 2016 (Labour Day Long Weekend), with the VCCA (NSW) as the guest club this year.
See Page 10 for more details and Entry Form

21st - 24th We would like to officially invite your members to the 40th National Chevrolet Festival, in Mt Gambier SA. The Chevrolet Performance Assoc of SA is proud to be the host club for this prestigious event. For more information please call: Graeme Gilbert - 0407 037 837 Rebecca Bottrill- 0402 049 011

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

30th August - 6th September 2019

HCCA International TOUR 2019 BATHURST, NSW, AUSTRALIA
For Petrol, Steam & Electric, Veteran Cars & Motorcycles produced prior to December 30th, 1916.

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 S & P

General Information

Wooden Wheels

Go to the link below to see how wooden wheels are manufactured
<http://www.hemmings.com/hmw/how-its-made-wooden-wheels.html>

Coming Events

AUGUST COUNTRY RUN

in MacArthur Region,
on Saturday 27th.

Start 9:00 am at 103 Dowle Lane, BICKLEY VALE, via Camden.

Morning tea supplied. Hot water for your thermos.

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH.
“we eat where we stop”

Roads & Distance to suit Real Veterans.

Plenty of space for trailered cars on-site

CONTACT if necessary - Maxwell, Phone 0428 301 031.

Macarthur and Southern Highlands Branch of VCCA.

Newcastle Branch Outing

to Luskintyre Airfield.

Saturday 3rd September 2016

Meet at Lockinvar Park at 10.30am

There will be a BBQ available for those wishing to have a BBQ lunch which is BYO.

This is not an open day to the public so there may or may not be planes flying.

Contact is Chris Duncan

(M) 0400 571 781

(E) cdun0175@bigpond.net.au

SYDNEY NORTH BREAKFAST RUN

Sunday 4 September 2016

Lane Cove National Park

Tunks Hill Picnic area

Approach from Delhi Road or Ryde Road

\$8 entry fee

2016 Motorlife Expo Illawarra Tour

Friday Afternoon 30th SEPTEMBER to Sunday Afternoon 2nd OCTOBER 2016

Information and Entry Form in June 2016 Spit and Polish

Motorlife Museum situated at Intergal Energy Recreation Park, Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange NSW.
(Suburb of Wollongong)

Peter Weir
66 Vista Parkway
Wongawilli NSW 2530

Or email to weir@learth.net

Ring 4262 6595 for any additional information.

Coming Events (cont.)

2016 Newcastle Branch Annual Tour

Friday 14th to Monday 17th October

Based at the Molly Morgan Motel East Maitland where there is plenty of off street parking for your Veteran, trailer and tow vehicle if required.

Dinner will be available each night in the dining room.

We have made provisional booking, so give the Molly Morgan a call and book your room. Let them know you are with the Veteran Car Club.

Molly Morgan Motor Inn

Ph: 4933 5422

Email: reception@mollymorganmi.com.au

Come along and join us for a weekend of veteran motoring on some relatively traffic free roads with some lovely scenery.

For further details contact:

Graeme Newman

4392 1035

0412 138 063

kazngrae@bigpond.com

Neville Preston

4352 1533

Entry Form on Page 20



VCCA Christmas Picnic Day

Sunday, 13th November from 9.30am

At Linwood House, 25 Byron Road, Guildford.

Adults \$10 p/person, Children Free which includes entry into the house and Devonshire morning tea and dessert, tea and coffee supplied.

Bring a picnic lunch including your thermos of hot water and a plate and spoon for dessert.
Don't forget your picnic chairs table and rug etc.

Please also very importantly bring your veteran cars as Linwood House is holding an open day which includes various stalls, displays of jewellery, bag making and carnival glass plus many more.

Please call Lynn Martin on 9632 5074
with numbers for catering purposes.
Money to be in by October Meeting
either by Direct debit,
cash or cheque to "VCCA" to our Treasurer.



Letters to the Members

Anne Irish
15 Anne William Drive
West Pennant Hills NSW 2125

Hon. Secretary
Veteran Car Club of Australia
134 Queens Road
FIVE DOCK NSW 2046
15 June 2016

Dear members of the Veteran Car Club,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the wonderful flowers you sent me. Beautiful native flowers and they are still on my dining table. I also want to thank all of you who came to the funeral service for Warren. It was so good, to catch up with so many I have not seen for a while.

Kind regards
Anne

Rick Thomas
2 Kingstown Road
Woodbury NSW
2322

Dear Sir / Madam

Last Friday was probably the worst day of my life.

Saying goodbye to my Dad, closing the book on nearly 60 years of involvement with veterans cars.

I knew that there was a major rally on at Singleton that weekend, so I really didn't expect many people from the Veteran Car Club to turn up.

Words cannot describe my feelings, when a bus pulled up, full of members of the veteran Car Club and the church was full!

Your support helped me through the service, and helped me hold my head up, as we carried dad out of the church. I'm just glad that Dad didn't get to see the coffin because he would have grabbed his "clue book" and looked under "B" for Bedelia and put wheels and an engine on it.

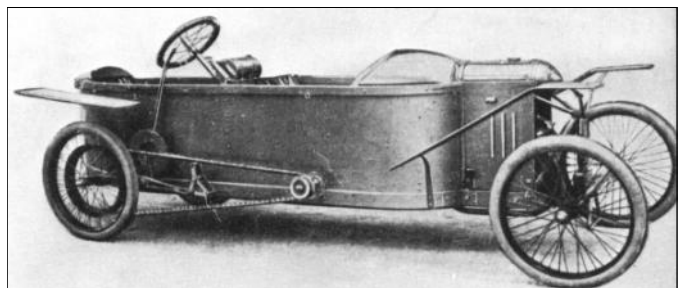
Just ask anyone who knew Dad, he wasn't one for body work, he just loved to drive!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Rick Thomas
(and Family)



One of Ray's many Ford T's he owned



1913 BÉDELIA 8/10hp cyclecar

These 2 pictures added by the Editor.

V.C.C.A. N.S.W. Newcastle Branch Chairman's Annual Report 2016

A very sad year for us all, with the passing of two great stalwarts of the Veteran Car Club, and in particular, the Newcastle Branch. Peter Adams and Ray Thomas. Both well respected members of the branch and friends to us all.

The loss of friends from any club can have a dampening effect on membership and can cause some to reflect on his or her being. Peter and Ray would both want us to get on with club matters and activities as such.

Our two major events for the year, Maitland and Singleton are significant events on our calendar, both attract members from far and near, these events are not without some planning, organising and at times frustration. Although small in numbers they are a good grounding for bigger events, in particular the 2018 National of which the branch has carriage of. I am confident that we are ready for the task; we do have a practice event in September this year with the hosting of the National Hupmobile rally in Singleton. I am sure this event will offer some learning opportunities and good take-a-ways for future planning.

As for the National in 2018, Forbes has been locked in, dates have been set and I can now announce that Jeff Palmer will be the event Treasurer. Next year will see the real work start with further visits to Forbes and a lot of planning to draft and then test. Volunteers for jobs and all round organising of the first National event where all entered vehicles will be a minimum of 100 years old.

To branch events: the change to the structure of the January outing proved rewarding and the other monthly runs have been well supported. The 100 year Birthday event is nearing its end with only 1917 and 1918 to run, some cars eagerly awaiting their day in the spotlight. I am sure the event will continue as it has developed into a well-attended run.

Unfortunately, the weather has caused some events to be postponed throughout the reporting year, the run into the Newcastle museum was somewhat dampened but we will reschedule for next year.

Some changes have been made within the Conditional Registration Scheme for NSW allowing eligible vehicles to be used much more widely and without a lot of club control: I support this initiative but am also aware of the spirit of the Veteran Car Club. It is much easier for "30 year rule" clubs as all eligible vehicles can attend their runs and activities; not so for the Veteran car club. We are to foster the restoration and preservation of Veteran Vehicles and as such our events should be attended in your veteran or modern vehicle. Attending in your "30 year rule" vehicle on your sixty day permit, detracts from the spirit of the club. I am sure that the Services NSW trial period will develop into continued practice as I believe it should. Yet as veteran vehicles owners and members of the Veteran Car Club we need to stay focused on the use of our veteran vehicles at every opportunity.

Well done to those who have recently completed your restoration project, or repairs; the number of veteran vehicles owned by branch members is growing. In essence this should see an increased number of vehicles on tours as some family members and friends are becoming interested in Veteran vehicles.

A thought to close on:

Next year 2017 will see the fifty-fifth year since the late George Adams Chaired the first Branch meeting. Let's have a party to celebrate that occasion and all that has gone before and all yet to come.

John Burke
19/07/2016

Editorial

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

Thanks to Anne Irish and Rick Thomas for their letters to the Members.

Only two outings reported on this month, report from Doug Fulford on the MaSH Branch Northern Coffee run and one from the Editor on the Newcastle Branch Garage Crawl. Obviously the Christmas in July and the All French Day were not worth telling the members about.

An article from Filipe Martin on his 1903 Darracq and a copy of a letter from Rod Holmes, written by his brother 'Sandy' Holmes to their brother Keith, on his run from Sydney to Melbourne in his Vauxhall 'Fifty Bob'. A few light-hearted humour stories from Ron Hattersley and Malcolm Bailey.

Coming events are the MaSH Branch August Country Run, the Newcastle Branch outing to Luskintyre Airfield and the Sydney North Breakfast run to Lane Cove National Park. The Motorlife Expo Illawarra Tour, followed by the Newcastle Branch Annual Tour in October. Also an early notice about the Sydney Christmas Picnic Day in November.

At the moment I have a **very 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. 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



VCCA (NSW) Inc Financial Statement

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC. ACCOUNTS - 30 JUNE 2016

Certification by members of the Committee

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. the members of the committee declare that the financial statements as set out in pages 1 to 5 :

a) present a true and fair view of the financial position of The Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. as at 30th June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Act; and

b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President.......... (Mr Peter Martin)

Treasurer.......... (Mr Geoff Yeomans)

Dated at Sydney this 09 day of August 2016

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
OPERATIONS: INCOME/(DEFICIENCY)			
Annual Subs		14,400	12,485
Donations		205	10
Stock	6	-	-
Interest		1,067	876
Raffles		487	554
Spit & Polish	2	8,378	9,726
Functions & Events	3	174	448
Property Operations	4	14,152	10,846
Net Surplus/(Deficiency) from operations		<u>21,758</u>	<u>15,494</u>
LESS: ADMINISTRATION & OTHER EXPENSES			
Secretarial Subscriptions		1,946	386
		-	-
		<u>1,946</u>	<u>386</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		19,812	15,108
Newcastle Branch Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5	-	713
		<u>19,074</u>	<u>14,395</u>
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the year		251,233	236,838
Accumulated Funds at the end of the year		<u>\$270,306</u>	<u>\$251,233</u>

The attached notes form part of the accounts

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	1	110,766	76,321
Debtors		5,890	6,055
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>116,656</u>	<u>82,376</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Premises at Cost, 134 Queens Road, Five Dock		42,057	42,057
Freehold Land (at cost)		102,839	102,839
Buildings (at cost)		-	-
Less: Prov. for Depreciation		<u>144,896</u>	<u>144,896</u>
Library at Cost		27,902	27,902
Less: Prov. for Depreciation		-	-
		<u>27,902</u>	<u>27,902</u>
Furniture, Plant		77,421	77,421
Less: Prov. for Depreciation		77,421	77,421
		-	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>172,798</u>	<u>172,798</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>289,454</u>	<u>255,174</u>
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Members Subs in Advance		10,770	2,740
Events, Monies(Net of Expenses)		7,247	-
Sundry Creditors		1,131	1,201
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>19,148</u>	<u>3,941</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>270,306</u>	<u>251,233</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Funds		<u>270,306</u>	<u>251,233</u>

The attached notes form part of the accounts

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC.
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

NOTE 1: CASH	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Commonwealth Bank	38,000	41,404
~Cheque Account	-	3,004
~Cheque Account No 2	57,428	22,043
~Term Deposits		
Greater Building Society Newcastle	69	154
~General Account	59	715
~Car Rally Account	6,208	-
~Hupmobile Rally	9,002	-
~Term Deposit	<u>9,002</u>	<u>9,002</u>
	<u>\$ 110,766</u>	<u>\$ 76,321</u>

Details of Term Deposits at 30 June 2016

Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Principal	Rate	Due Date
	27,428	2.50%	16/10/2016
	30,000	2.40%	9/07/2016
	<u>57,428</u>		
Greater Building Society Newcastle	Principal	Rate	Due Date
	9,002	2.80%	23/11/2016
	<u>9,002</u>		

NOTE 2: SPIT & POLISH OPERATIONS

Printing(including covers) & collating	6,249	8,031
Mailing & Sundries	2,554	2,133
	<u>8,803</u>	<u>10,164</u>
Less: Advertising Income	425	438
Net Deficit	<u>- 8,378</u>	<u>- 9,726</u>

NOTE 3: FUNCTIONS & EVENTS

Blue Mountains Rally	-	60
Trophies	30	170
Montagu Trophy	-	-
Christmas Party	29	235
1 & 2 Cylinder	-	-
CMC	105	-
MASH Rally	68	103
Net Deficit	<u>174</u>	<u>448</u>

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC.
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

NOTE 4: PROPERTY OPERATIONS

Rent Received:	39,100	35,182
Expenses:		
Cleaning	7,400	6,385
Consumables	289	935
Depreciation	3,167	1,551
Electricity	3,789	2,609
Hall Repairs	969	960
Small Hall Agent Fees	4,833	4,725
Insurance	3,629	3,546
Rates & Taxes	891	745
Water	<u>24,948</u>	<u>24,336</u>
Net Income/(Deficiency)	<u>14,152</u>	<u>10,846</u>

NOTE 5: NEWCASTLE BRANCH - RESULT

INCOME	263	327
Interest received	-	-
Events - Surplus/(Deficiency)	-	30
Monthly meetings	712	177
June Rally	-	-
October Rally	207	246
Combined Run with Sydney	-	-
Christmas Party	91	58
Hupmobile Rally	-	-
Raffles	12	-
	<u>- 402</u>	<u>- 96</u>
Total Income	<u>- 140</u>	<u>231</u>

EXPENSE

Bank Charges	121	115
P O Box	-	-
Club Archives	-	-
Supper	156	-
Donation	522	764
Sundry Expenses	112	65
Trophy	-	-
Total Expense	<u>599</u>	<u>944</u>
Net Surplus for the year	<u>- 739</u>	<u>- 713</u>

NOTE 6: INCOME TAX

The Club's income for the year is considered tax exempt under Section 23(g)(iii) of the Australian Taxation Act.

Newcastle Branch Garage Crawl. 17-7-2016

The Editor

Departed home at 8.25am in sunshine, arrived at Peter Cockbain's at 9.25am and by this time the weather had turned to occasional misty drizzle. Peter was a member between 1975 and the late 1980's

Max, John and Joan Burke, Doug and Dianne Marshall were already there along with Chris Duncan. A little later Allen Dunlop and Jeff Palmer arrive, Jeff driving his 1908 Fiat.

An interesting time looking at the vehicles Peter has. The 1910 4 cylinder Humber which he has had for a number of years, which only needs a hood for it to be a complete restoration. Where as the 1908 6 cylinder of about 5½ litre, still has to have a body built, mechanically it is complete. We enjoyed morning tea while still admiring Peter's restorations.

A few of us then went and had some lunch at "The Servant's Quarters" in Morpeth before heading down to Doug Marshall's.



1910 Humber



1908 Humber 6 Cylinder

At Doug's we were shown the restoration of his 1913 F.N., Type 1950 which is well underway. Doug had given the body a coat of paint but was not very happy with the result. Doug is hoping to have it completed by the end of the year. Dianne then provided us with a nice afternoon tea before we headed home.

A interesting and enjoyable day. Thanks to Peter and Doug.

At Peter's
Max & Joan Burke
John Burke
Doug & Dianne Marshall
Jeff Palmer 1908 Fiat
Chris Duncan
Allan Dunlop
Nev Preston

At Doug's
Bill & Carol Heeney
Malcolm & June Bailey
Chris Duncan
Nev Preston



1908 Humber 6 Cylinder motor



Doug's F.N.



Doug's F.N.

MaSH Branch “Northern Coffee Run”

To Campbelltown Golf Club - 29 July 2016

Doug Fulford

The weather forecasters got it right (for once?) and we were greeted by a lovely sunny winters day. A lot of our regulars had other commitments this month – the only other person I knew was coming was Les Watton. As usual I had route instructions after battling googlemaps. For some unknown reason Curry Reserve has been deleted from googlemaps. The first encouraging sign was that Curry Reserve itself most definitely had not been deleted in any way. The second sign was spotting Bill Betts taking the Renault for what I hoped was a warm up run as he was headed in the opposite direction sans navigator. Curry Reserve itself was busier than usual with a group of elderly people, some of whom were nearly as old as our cars, on a bus tour. They complained about how tough the biscuits the tour operator was providing were. Our only problem was the sheer quantity of warm freshly baked scones, biscuits and cakes (including one that Kermit himself must have baked) that Robyn Betts, Helen Grant and Les Wottan brought along for our traditional morning tea. I didn't dare open my store bought biscuits given the scale and grandeur of what was on offer.

The bus tour mob were anxious to meet Robyn Betts' husband. When I arrived they seemed quite excited mistakenly thinking I was Robyn's husband. The same excitement ensued when Alan Miller arrived with Peter Small. They felt that Alan had to be Robyn's better half. I'm not sure why they discounted the possibility that Peter was the missing husband. By now we were expecting Bill to be swamped when he returned to the Reserve. But no! The Renault was too much of a “chick magnet” (at least to great-great-grandmothers) so poor Bill was largely ignored. I assume that those women who were hanging around the Studebaker had yet to reach the



Bill's Renault, Doug's Studebaker & Alan's Chevrolet

great-great status and Alan's 1935 Chevrolet presumably attracted those youngsters among the tour who hadn't yet proceeded past grandparent status.



Vivian, Alan, Peter, Bill, Robyn, Doug & Helen

The route was a rather scenic and circuitous one. At the base of one of the steeper sections along Menangle Road was a sign saying “please slow down – roadwork ahead”. Hardly required for veterans! Then it was quite some distance to the actual roadworks – veteran brakes aren't that bad! There was a manned (by a lady) stop/go operation at the roadworks and the lovely lady in charge saw us coming and changed the flow to our way. Shortly thereafter we arrived at Campbelltown Golf Club and took stock. We'd lost Alan and Peter in the last 1 kilometre. Eventually they arrived having been forced, apparently, to ignore masculine pride and actually ask for directions! The Fairview restaurant at the club is well named as it has a magnificent view over the fairways and a massive lake. There is a choice of outside or inside dining. We originally opted for

outside but having opened the doors and taken no more than two steps outside the decision was reversed. It was a nice winter's day but just a touch too wintery. There was a good range of meals available at \$13.80 (\$12.50 for members) which proved to be both tasty and filling and quite a few of us are keen to go there again some day and try some of the other options. As usual the conversation flowed and by the time we eventually left the restaurant we were well into school zone times.

Next month's coffee run is the day before the MaSH “Run in the Country”. We might opt for a picnic depending in part on how warm the day is likely to be.

Robyn and Bill Betts – Renault
 Vivian and Doug Fulford – Studebaker
 Alan Miller and Peter Small - modern
 Helen Grant and Les Watton - modern



Lunch at Campbelltown Golf

Photos courtesy of Les Watton

Auto-Biography 1903 Darracq

FILIFE MARTIN

Automobiles Darracq SA was a French motor vehicle manufacturing company founded in 1896 by Alexandre Darracq. In 1902, Alexandre Darracq signed a contract with Adam Opel to jointly produce vehicles in the German Empire under the brand name "Opel Darracq". In late 1902, a consortium of London financial interests initiated a takeover of Darracq resulting in the creation of A Darracq and Co Ltd. Alexandre Darracq was managing director. In 1905 the company expanded to Britain, incorporating as the A Darracq Company (1905) Limited. In the summer of 1912, following the failure of a range of new models incorporating a rotary valve under Henriod patents, Alexandre Darracq resigned and retired from the motor industry.

During World War I, the Darracq factory was converted to the production of various war materials. In 1919 Darracq took over Clement Talbot including the British Talbot and Talbot models. Cars built at Suresnes were then marketed as Talbot-Darracq. The company merged with the Sunbeam Motor Car Co in 1920 and the name changed to STD Motors Ltd. Cars built at Suresnes, and early examples of the 8hp built by London Talbot, were badged as Talbot-Darracq.

In 1935 Rootes took over Sunbeam and Talbot following the bankruptcy of STD Motors and they bought the plant at Suresnes. Cars built there were eventually called Talbot-Lago, but up to 1939 they continued to be badged as Darracq, if they were imported into Great Britain to avoid infringing Rootes Group's right to the Talbot name in Great Britain. Though the Darracq name survived on those of the Sunbeam-Talbot-Darracq group's products destined for Britain or its Empire, it was no more than a very convoluted exercise in badge-engineering, and the latter history of the cars from Suresnes form part of the Sunbeam and Talbot stories.

I can trace ownership as far back as 1910. The then current owner was Mr B. Weir of Woodville, South Australia. The



car was subsequently stored in a barn on his property until Mr Albert Edward Vinnal bought it around the late 1950's or early 1960's. I bought it from him around 1982. At that time it was completely disassembled and boxed, but complete in nearly all respects. I have since restored it to its original condition as much possible.

It was a great pleasure to find so many missing original parts (water hoses and the upholstery), and to find the original parking lights, one headlight, one tail light and the horn. These accessories are all from the same manufacturer (Herm Riemann). In fact, finding all these original accessories together was a bigger surprise than finding the car!

The vehicle is a one cylinder and 3 speed gear box and reverse, it has a leather clutch and

has over drive. The car has been accepted as one cylinder 1903, by the Veteran car Club of South Australia and is eligible for the London to Brighton run.

For those with long memories and a love of old black and white movies the car featured in the 1953 British film *Genevieve* was a 1904 Darracq.

“Fifty-Bob”

This was a letter from W.M. (Sandy) Holmes to his brother Keith Holmes after his record breaking run from Sydney to Melbourne in his car, Vauxhall ‘Fifty-Bob’, in 1956. He was trying to better the original record run by Boyd Edkins in the same car in 1916 whom did it from Melbourne to Sydney in 16 hours and 55 minutes.

George Hotel
St Kilda
Monday

Dear Keith,

Scrounged this paper to write on.

To start at the beginning.

Left home at 2.20 am Saturday morning. Arrived G.P.O. Sydney at about 3.05. Rained all the way in. Waiting for us, & looking a little worried because we were late, were Jim Simpson, Bill Bolderstone & Bill’s brother. Waited until 3.15 am before departing as I was expecting Bill Daly to turn up. He may have brought in some petrol for me to top up the tank. At the Town Hall came on Jack Butcher who had thought we were going from there. Got him to sign the scroll saying we had left at 3.15. The others had already done this. Bill Bolderstone had had a rather neat sheet turned out a copy of which, signed by all of us, was received by each at the start. Must try to get one of these for Jack Butcher if he would like it. Will show you mine when I come home. Very grateful to these chaps for turning out at such an ungodly hour on such a lousy night.

A garage was open at Liverpool & we topped up there. Next stop Goulbourn to top up again. Had got bitterly cold by this – we wore our plastic coats to keep warm until 10 am. Left Goulbourn at 7.00 am. Didn’t rain after Sydney although still overcast.

Outside Berrima is a stretch of wavy road about 1 mile long. 5 or 6 feet from crest to trough. Peg had a very rough trot on this & I thought she would be ill. She was airborne half the time & half through the floor the rest of the time. She turned white & had a bad stomach ache for several hours after.

Stopped at Yass to top up. At each petrol stop I also checked oil, tyres, water, etc. This was about every 100 miles, although much frequent stops were not a necessity. Arrived Gundagai about 10 am about 10 minutes ahead of schedule. Again topped up.

Somewhere between Gundagai & Albury lost a hub cap. Very unhappy about this.

Only place on trip where gradient made a change down necessary was Jugiong Hill. Changed down to 3rd & then to 2nd & 1st when came up behind heavy truck. Passed him on only part where passing permitted & then went up through 2nd to peak revs in 3rd as we went over the top. Very steep but comparatively short hill. Best view on trip from top of hill looking back over Jugiong & Murrumbidgee River.

Dropping down the Victorian side of a watershed between Gundagai & Albury doing about 55 mph came upon a big “hump” sticking out of the middle of path. Possibly caused by heavy trucks braking or uneven or watery subsoil etc. Would have collected sump anyway. Couldn’t go to right of it because of oncoming car, so had to take violent evasive action to left over rough surface, although still half on tar. Glad I was in Fifty Bob & not new car as it held very well, although nearly lost Peg through bouncing out. Semi-trailer was stopped about 75/100 yds past bump with driver standing beside – seemed likely that “bump” had done him some damage. Could not have stopped closer than 200/300 yds past him (as I was still working hard) to see whether he needed help. In any case there were several semis only a short distance behind me.

Arrived Albury 1.15 pm half hour ahead of schedule. Spent 15 minutes finding Jim Pearsall Secty (*Secretary*) of Albury Car Club who was to act as liaison. He didn’t think we would arrive until 2 pm & had arranged for us on the way through at this time. However he insisted that we leave without waiting for this although this probably caused him some bother, alas wouldn’t allow me to cover cost of phone call to Melbourne – said Car Club would bear this. Seems particularly nice chap & I must think of a way to repay him for help. Also topped up with petrol here.

Because very hot after leaving Gundagai – sunny with no breeze whatsoever although till then we had very strong headwinds. Pearsall lead us through Albury to Wodonga with fellow club member with modern Vauxhall who took some photos.

Earlier had stopped about 7 miles north Albury, took out floor took off cover of gearbox & inspected oil level. I still have the leaking seals, but didn’t need to top up as much as expected. Used a little over ½ gallon of oil all told in gearbox so far (ie. to today).

After Albury came the worst part of the trip – great long straight stretches of road running approx W.S.W. with an afternoon sun. Have worst face burn ever. 3rd degree burns on nose – plasma is seeping through surface. Can now understand why Boyd Edkins went Melbourne - Sydney not vice versa.

Stopped Wangaratta over 15 minutes for petrol, soft drinks & ice blocks. Also put air in offside rear tyre which was down a bit. Temperature here was over 90 degrees in shade – garage chappy rather distressed by it & cars with bonnets up everywhere although saw some people hereabouts playing tennis.

I seemed to have lost some nerve after leaving Albury which I didn't regain until it became cooler about 5 pm. Also was driving the car slower, about 45 m.p.h., because of the heat. There wasn't a breath of wind & the sky didn't have a cloud in it. I can guarantee this as I was looking for them.

About 5 mile south of Benalla car wasn't "bouncing" quite right so inspected tyres. Offside rear was about half down and almost red hot. Changed to spare & had a cool drink. Took ¼ hour here on a stop which should have taken about 8-10 minutes at most. We were then ¼ hour behind schedule.

Somewhere around here the oil pressure started to drop & went down to about 4-6 lbs from the 10 to 12 it had been in the hot running, (15-18 to Yass in the cold). Nearly had pups & began to drive with judicious care but trying to hold a 35 m.p.h. average. Only about 70 miles from Melbourne found cause. The oil line to the gauge had fractured (cracked) just near the gauge & I already had a pair of pants soaking in Castrol "R". Being about body temperature when hitting me I hadn't noticed it before.

This accounted for the drop & being cooler, I started to put on the pressure again. In the last 30 – 35 miles to Melbourne outer suburbs we picked up 10 minutes. Needless to say I haven't mentioned this to the police as I must have been driving at something like 70 m.p.h. during most of this time. The road was perfect & almost straight.

About 8 miles from G.P.O. Ron Cheney & family picked us up in their car & led us in. Without him we wouldn't have stood a chance of getting in at the time we did. Farther in we were joined by Theo Bragg, Alan Provan & Geoff Vine in their cars.

Clocked in at G.P.O. at 7.20 pm – 16 hrs 5 mins after leaving Sydney. Bit disappointed that we didn't do the 16 hrs but the tyre stop & lost time at Albury contributed to this. Felt remarkably fresh at the end – didn't get to bed till 10.30. Next day OK except for stiff right arm & leg.

Won't say much about the Rally will tell you when I come home. Of 45 entries + 1 started. The conditions of some of them would put any of our Club's to shame, with due regard to our own chaps. Have taken photos of a fair number of the cars. Should be alright if they turn out O.K. Most impressive was Miss Duckett's Isotta. 2 seater sports with 2 bolster tanks at back – perfect.

We got the prize for farthest distance although I haven't seen it yet. I think Wagenar from S.A. was a bit disappointed not to get this. He drove over starting Saturday morning & arrived just before Rally & immediately after started on way back to arrive next night. A pleasant chap, had his wife with him. He may come to our Run next year in his Studebaker. Told him he would be given a good time in Sydney.

Only complaint is the average set. Although only 20 m.p.h. I found this impossible to maintain through the traffic & crowds although Geoff Vince led me in his Rover in excess of what I would have done in normal driving. We dropped 7 points on time all told & of course were not in the hunt on condition.

Had quite a yarn to Peter Dale & inspected his Hispano Suiza Boulogne Surbaisse Vitesse (?). This is in almost chassis form, in perfect condition & obviously made never to have troubles or breakages. A super motor car.

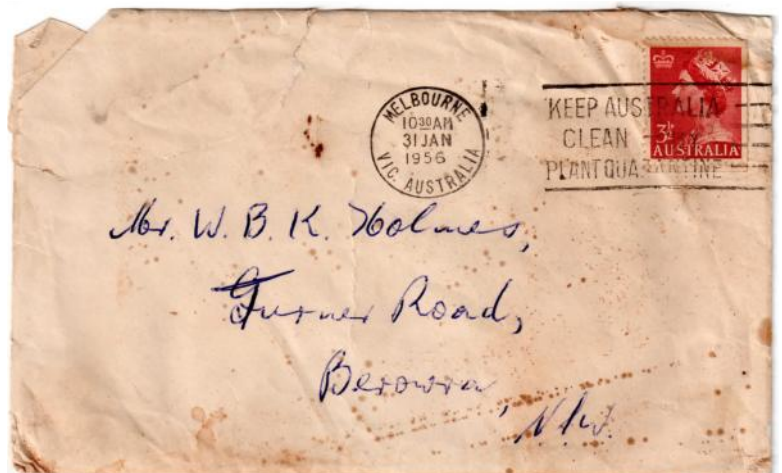
Although from betters in Motor Sport etc I had obtained the opinion that he would not be a very likeable character, this doesn't seem to be so & I have changed my opinion.

Will keep the rest for when I get home. May not arrive till Monday, not certain yet.

Yours truly,
Sandy

P.S. Please keep the rally programme for me

The above letter came from Rod Holmes



Light-Hearted Humour

Raymond & Bob, two government mechanical engineers, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole, said Bob, but we don't have a ladder. The woman said, Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox.

She loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from their toolbox, took a measurement, and announced, Eighteen feet, six inches, and walked away.

Raymond shook his head and laughed. Ain't that just like a Miss know-it-all woman!

We ask for the height and she gives us the length! Bob and Ray are still working for the government.

Two Irish friends leave the pub. One says to other, 'I can't be bothered to walk all the way home.' 'I know, me too but we've no money for a cab and we've missed the last bus home.'

'We could steal a bus from the depot.' replies his mate. They arrive at the bus depot and one goes in to get a bus while the other keeps a look-out. After shuffling around for ages, the lookout shouts, 'What are you doing? Have ye not found one yet?' 'I can't find a No. 91' 'Oh Jaysus Christ, ye idyat, take the No. 14 and we'll walk from the roundabout.'



Two businessmen in a new shopping mall were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new shop. As yet the shop wasn't ready, with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other, "I bet any minute now some pensioner is going to walk by, put their face to the window, and ask what we're selling."

No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious old woman walked to the window, had a peek, and in a soft voice asked, "What are you selling here?"

One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling idiots."

Without skipping a beat, the old dear said, Must be doing well ... only two left!."



Lesson here: Don't mess with old people! ! !

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Tubes - 820 x 120 new "Betco" brand, rubber stem \$25
895 x 135 new "Betco" brand, rubber stem \$25

Contact: Andrew Gauld 0407 112 887

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For Sale: (cont.)

FOR URGENT SALE DUE TO ILL HEALTH

\$10,000

1915 BUICK CX25 TOURER. Partly restored. Body work almost finished, chroming done, motor currently disassembled but complete. Needs new mudguards but otherwise complete car. All chassis work done well by an accomplished tradesman. Selling by Joe and Visjna Timkiv only because of ill health.



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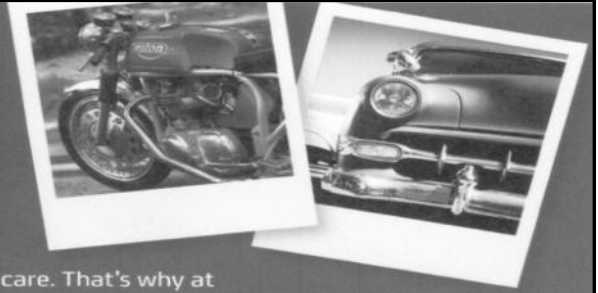
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