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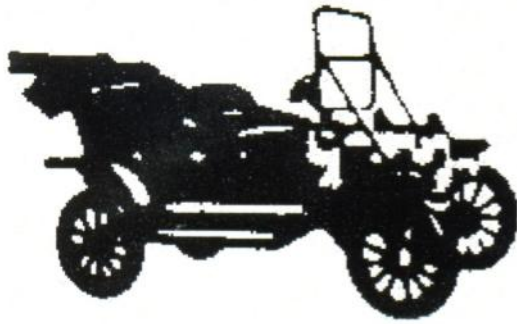
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Articles to be received by the **First Wednesday** of the month.

### **Cover Photo:-**

*John Burke's 1911 Hupmobile.*

*Ready for its run to Cameron's orange orchard at Milbrodale.*

*August 2013.*

## President's Report March 2014

Well here it is 2014 and we have already had some excellent events, although I was unable to attend due to work commitments, the working bee at the hall was by all reports, very successful. The major achievement of the day was moving all the chairs out and having the carpet cleaned, thanks are due to all that attended and lent a hand.

Just a couple of weeks ago I loaded the car onto the trailer and headed off to Goulburn for the first of our weekends away driving in the countryside, the M.a.S.H. Branch especially Greg and Jill Roberts hosted a wonderful event. The driving conditions were superb with nice quiet roads and no hills worth noting, all in all a very enjoyable couple of days in the perfect location. I would also like to thank the members that attended, for allowing me to take over the Saturday night's dinner slightly, to commemorate Mum and Dad's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which happened to fall on that day, 1<sup>st</sup> of February. That is showing commitment to the Veteran car Movement when you celebrate a milestone like that from the front seat of a Veteran isn't it?. Anyway, Happy Anniversary (Mum and Dad) Lyn and Neil.

When I came back as President, I mentioned that I would like to make the meetings a little more informative (read interesting) and would like to encourage more things to look at after the meeting, so at the March meeting I will start the ball rolling by bringing some of my restored bicycles along to show, they are of the Veteran era mostly and have some historical importance, as one of them was ridden to victory in the 1909 Goulburn to Sydney bike race, I also have the winners ribbons to accompany it. So come along and join in.

Until next month,

Peter.

## Federal Meeting - Shepparton Sept 2013

Although the final submission has not been released by the federal Sec, I thought I should send to you the draft minutes of the federal meeting conducted in Shepparton.

Main points:

- 1, The Veteran car club of SA has been admitted into the federal body, the constitution will be changed before the next meeting to reflect the points discussed, ie one state one vote, one rally etc. I along with others am on the committee to address the constitution.
- 2, The charter of Turin, The federal sec is to write to the commonwealth government (ministers) to inform them of our existence and that we are the sme for historic vehicles in Australia.
- 3, International rallies, Francis gave an outline of the time and efforts in running a FIVA international rally, need to give plenty of notice.
- 4, Member roster, sec to send out template for electronic version to be used as interim until next national roster is printed.
- 5, ACT sort permission to run national event outside of ACT boundary, due to the poor response to recent event. NSW stated that as long as consultation and communication was kept up this should not have any effect on state events as long as communication is kept up.
- 6, Generic guide lines for national events, well under way sec will circulate. point to note guide only.
- 7, national chair TAS, next meeting at the WA rally. Once the final release of the minutes is available I will send. the copy attached is draft only.

All pretty basic stuff, no real show stoppers, no major issues now on the table. Any questions please ask.

Regards

John Burke

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## Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

### ATTENDANCE

Committee: 8    Member's family: 2    Visitors: 1    Members: 22    Apologies: 6

### MEETING OPENED AT 8:10 PM.

### PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President, Peter Martin, welcomed all members. He welcomed our visitor, David Marshall, who had been mayor of Drummoyne and who had opened the hall in 1988.

### MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Minutes accepted.

Moved: Warren Irish    Seconded: Wilga Coutts

### INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

#### Flyers received

Bryars Little Hartley    First National  
Linton Gardens    Wenatex Events    The Engine Room Ashmore Palms Holiday Village    Sydney

#### TAFE

Shannon's 2014 Sydney Classic Autumn Auction

#### Other club publications

Motorlife News    VCC NZ Bulletin  
Early Auto    The Edwardian  
Bulletin of VCC of SA    Small Torque  
Veteran Torque    Matters of the Mount  
Brass Notes    Tea Gardens Hawksnest Motor Club

#### Other

Email re seeking information about a petition from Australian Heritage Motoring Federation to have changes to the provisions for the export of historic vehicles.

Russell Holden – offer to coordinate membership roster

Request from Coffs Harbour Veteran and Vintage Car Club re Coffs Harbour Centenary of Rail 28-31 August 2015

City of Canada Bay – requesting submission of annual fire safety statement

Extinguisher Services Pty Ltd – inspection report

Ray Turner – parts for sale

Change of address for VCCA (Tas)

Change of address for Bob Lamond

NRMA – withdrawing advertising

Lucile Clarke – withdrawing her application for membership.

Application for membership from Jonathon Hill (1910 FN)

### OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Wear    Kevin Boardman    John Brumby  
Russell Holden    Irvine Black    Colleen Liddle – get well card

Shannons

Correspondence accepted.

Moved: Bob Hobson    Seconded: Phil O'Loan

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balances are:**    \$

The Treasurer reported that the Goulburn Rally made a slight profit.

Moved: Neil Martin    Seconded: Robert Fordham

## **MAGAZINE**

The Editor request more articles. He reminded members the deadline for copy is the first Wednesday of the month.

## **EVENTS**

The Events Coordinator, Wilga Coutts, thanked Greg Roberts for his organisation of the Goulburn Rally. Despite the hot weather all of the participants enjoyed the rally. The motel was fabulous with the best food ever.

She reminded members about the Wallerawang Rally from 28 March to 31 March. Accommodation must be booked by 7 March, as the rooms will be released by the motel to another group. On Saturday there will be a run to Oberon (130km) and on the Sunday to Tarana. Lunch on both days is self-catering. Pub lunch available in both places.

Applications for Eastern Creek are due on 31 March so need to be completed tonight and the entry fee given to Wilga. The Autumn Tour is scheduled for the week before the Singleton weekend. More details to follow.

## **PERMIT TO MOVE**

2 permits; 4 conditional regos

**LIBRARY** Nothing to report

## **DATING**

A time as yet to be arranged to inspect Ian Bourke's car.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Application from Lucile Clarke has been withdrawn as she sold the car.

Application received from Jonathon Hill (1910 FN).

## **CMC**

Norm Mitchell gave a comprehensive report which appears on the club's website. He advised of coming events: 18/05 –National Motoring Heritage Day; 27/07 All Ford Day; 17/08 Shannons Sydney Classic; 23/08 All Holden day; 31/08 All British Day; 01/09 Goodwood Revival Tour; 07/09 Muscle Car Masters; 31/10-02/11 Classic Yass. Grants are available through the Robert Shannon Foundation see [www.ahmf.org.au](http://www.ahmf.org.au) All RMS rules will be on the CMC website soon but are on RMS website.

## **HALL**

Robert Fordham reported that there was a dispute between two tenants but that has been resolved. There has been some extra letting. Accounts for the last quarter are ready for posting.

## **WEBSITE**

Peter Weir has already loaded the CMC report on the website.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The President thanked Greg Roberts for organising the Goulburn Rally. It was a great run with excellent accommodation. He advised that he will bring some historic bikes to the next meeting and encouraged other members to participate in the *Show and Tell* session.

Bob Hobson reminded members about the monthly forum. If there are not more participants at the March meeting, then future meetings will be cancelled.

John Fryirs related that he has been helping a friend with motor neurone disease to restore a car. A glass company at Mittagong provided the glass for free. John would like to publicise the company in the next *Spit and Polish*. The meeting agreed to his request.

The raffle was drawn.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8:45 PM.**

**Peter Martin**  
President

**Louise Yeomans**  
Secretary

## Events Calendar - Club Events

### MARCH 2014

- 27<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm  
28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> **Blue Mountains Rally - Wallerawang.** *See Page 7 for details, Entry Form January S & P*

### APRIL 2014

- 5<sup>th</sup> MaSH Branch Meeting - 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong  
11<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run.  
15<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm  
27<sup>th</sup> **Newcastle Branch Outing.** Speers Point Park to Mulbring. *See Page 7 for details*

### MAY 2014

- 9<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run.  
18<sup>th</sup> **Newcastle Branch - Birthday Run.** *See page 7 for details*  
20<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

### JUNE 2014

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> **Western Tour** *See Page 8 for details*  
7<sup>th</sup> MaSH Branch Meeting - 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong  
7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> **June Long Weekend - Singleton.** *Entry Form on Page 13*  
13<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run.  
17<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

## Events Calendar - National Rallies

### MAY 2014

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY hosted by the Veteran Section of the Sporting Car Club of South Australia and The Veteran Car Club of South Australia. To be based in Robe, historic seaport in the South-East of S.A.  
*Expression of Interest Form in November 2013 Spit and Polish.*

### OCTOBER 2014

- 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY hosted by the veteran Car Club of WA (Inc)  
To be held in the Kalgoorlie - Boulder area Western Australia  
Correspondence to Committee:  
Secretary John Wood Email: [wood1941@bigpond.com](mailto:wood1941@bigpond.com) 7 Eleanor Court CRAIGIE WA 6025  
Chairman Harry Pyle Email: [hdpyle@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hdpyle@bigpond.net.au)  
*Expression of Interest Form February 2012 Spit and Polish. Bulletin No 4 on Page 16*

## OCTOBER 2015

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>     **2015 National Veteran Motorcycle Rally** hosted by Antique Motorcycle Club of Australia.  
To be held in Ararat Victoria.  
For further information contact John Burke National Coordinator  
2 Occident St Cessnock NSW 2325  
Ph: (02) 4991 1806 Mob: 0412 821 945  
Email: [Hupmobile@bigpond.com](mailto:Hupmobile@bigpond.com)

## List of Other Events

### APRIL 2014

- 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>     The Veteran Car Club of South Australia Weekend Rally at Hahndorf  
Contact VCCSA at [www.vccsa.org.au](http://www.vccsa.org.au) or Ph: 0423 115 813
- 5<sup>th</sup>             128<sup>th</sup> Annual Camden Show. Vehicle display and Parade. *Vehicle Register form on Page 15*
- 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>     An invitation to exhibit our cars at the Lithgow District Ironfest. The driver and one passenger will be admitted free on any one day. One form per Club, including all the registration details of the participating vehicles will suffice. *See Page 19 for Entry Form.*

### MAY 2014

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>        Pre 31 Autumn Tour, Cowra. Organised by the Dinosaur Drivers Register Inc. Lachlan Valley Members. Contact: Jim & Christine Hatton Ph: (02) 6342 1314 Mob: 0419 697 632  
*Further information on Page 14. Entry Form in February Spit and Polish*

### SEPTEMBER 2014

- ?                Expression of Interest. CMC - 2014 Tour to UK (departing early September about 3 weeks)  
For further information contact: Lynelle Titcume Email: [tickostours@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tickostours@optusnet.com.au)  
Ph: Mobile 0422 513 256

## Swap Meets

### APRIL 2014

- 6<sup>th</sup>                Goulburn Swap Meet. *See Page 7 February Spit and Polish for details*

### JULY 2014

- 20<sup>th</sup>                Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia Inc., Liverpool Super Swap Meet.  
Fairfield City Showground, Smithfield Road, Prairiewood.  
Gates open at 6am. Admission \$4 per adult.  
For further information contact: Colin Murphy 4729 0482, Rick Boyce 9520 5497

## Application for Membership

Jonathon Hill  
1 Westminster Place  
Burradoo NSW 2576  
**1910 F.N. 1500**  
Nominated: Euan Coutts  
Seconded: Peter Martin

Voting for Jonathon Hill for membership  
will take place at the Monthly Meeting  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014



## Coming Events

2014 DIARY DATE , MARCH, 28,29, 30 & 31.

### **“OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR”**

Centred at the BLACK GOLD COUNTRY MOTEL AND CABINS, WALLERAWANG.

Motel units are \$130- per couple or single or if 3 people in the room \$140-  
(Motel rooms have a queen & single bed, kitchenette, bathroom etc.)

3 bedroom cabins, start at \$180- for 3 people or less, any extra adult is \$50- and extra child is \$25-  
(these Cabins have 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining area & lounge area.)

Book your accommodation now on (02) 6355 7305  
when Booking please mention the Veteran Car Club.

(ample trailer parking)

Entry form and dining arrangements will be in January, Spit & Polish.

***Entry Form in January Spit and Polish***

### **Speers Point Park to Mulbring**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Meet at Speers Point Park at 9.30am.

We will then travel to Mulbring Park for lunch.

### **Newcastle Branch Birthday Run**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Meet at John Burkes at 10am.

2 Occident Street Cessnock

We will then travel to Paxton Bowling Club for lunch.

Contact; John Burke 4991 1806 Mob: 0412 821 945

## Western Tour

The Western Tour is being run from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

It will finish in the Singleton/Cessnock area.

The entrants can then participate in the Newcastle Branch  
June Long Weekend to Singleton.

Further details when route finalised.

Those interested contact Neil Martin Ph: 9632 5047

## Editorial

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

Louise for her article about the Vulcan returning to King Island. A short article from Dick Tunbridge about how he came by his Ford T. And as fill-ins a light hearted joke from Ron Hattersley.

An interesting article from Graham Mackereth from England, who has purchased a 1903 Thornycroft launch and is in the process of restoring it. However he is trying to locate the whereabouts of a motor in Australia, photo attached to the article, as he stated in his article the information on the location of the motor in Australia has been lost.

Information on coming events, the "Over the Blue Mountains Tour" to be held at Wallerawang. Newcastle Branch outings, Speers Point Park to Mulbring and the Birthday Run. Also some brief information on the Western Tour, more details when the route is finalised.

**URGENTLY REQUIRED:** *I urgently require articles for the magazine as I have used up my backup supply and if I don't receive any the next magazine will be much thinner.*

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*



Lucile Edith Clarke  
12 Balintore Drive  
Castle Hill NSW  
**1913 Rover**  
Nominated: Euan Coutts  
Seconded: Peter Martin

*Please note that voting for the above application for membership did not take place as the car has been sold and Lucile did not wish to go ahead with the membership application.*

## Tuesday Forums

The Tuesday Forums have been temporarily suspended until further notice due to a lack of numbers.

## Breakfast Run - Cooranbong. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014

Nev Preston

A beautiful morning for our breakfast run. Starting time of 8am at Cooranbong Park and when I arrived at 8.05am most were already there, with a couple of later arrivals after me. A very good showing of veterans 12 in all with 3 moderns. The council had obviously done some repairs as both BBQ's were working this year. A good thing as the roll-up of people wishing to cook some breakfast made it a little quicker. Unfortunately there were some ladies doing exercising activities in the pavilion so we didn't have sole rights to the parking area, so our veterans were a little fragmented in the parking arrangements.



*John Brumby likes sausages for breakfast*



*Max keeping a watchful eye on the cooks*

After a hearty breakfast people seemed to be enjoying the beautiful sunny weather and spent their time nattering. It was good to see Bill Dudley in attendance, even if only modern. Bill managed to find a few people he knew to have a chat with, also John and Sue Wards with David and Jeanette Francis as passengers.

*Clockwise from the left*

*Wendy, Sue, Jeanette, Peter,  
Kim and Kaye*



By about 10.30 people started to make a move to head home with the last to leave at about 11am. I had a very brief light shower just before I got home. A great morning outing.



*John, Karyn, Sarah & Graeme.*



*Clockwise from the left.  
David, Dianne, Doug, Sue, Carol & Betty*

Attendance

- John, Kelly & Paton Burke ..... 1916 Buick
- Max & Joan Burke ..... 1915 Buick
- Matthew Burke ..... 1916 Hupmobile
- Graeme, Karyn,
- Lauren & Abbey Newman ..... 1914 Talbot
- Sarah & Christopher Gotley ..... 1914 Talbot
- David & Betty Cherry &
- Kevin Spackman ..... 1915 Ford T
- Chris & Catherine Duncan &
- The Turners ..... 1911 F.N.
- Peter Adams & Kim Nolan &
- Sue & Carol ..... 1918 Studebaker
- John & Sue Wards &
- David & Janette Francis ..... 1916 Benz
- Ben, Wendy, Steven &
- Kate Newman ..... 1914 Talbot
- Jeff & Kaye Palmer ..... 1908 Fiat
- Nev Preston ..... 1913 Talbot



*Kelly, Max, John & Jan*

John & Jan Brumby.....	Modern
Doug & Dianne Marshall .....	Modern
Bill Dudley .....	Modern

*Some of the cars*



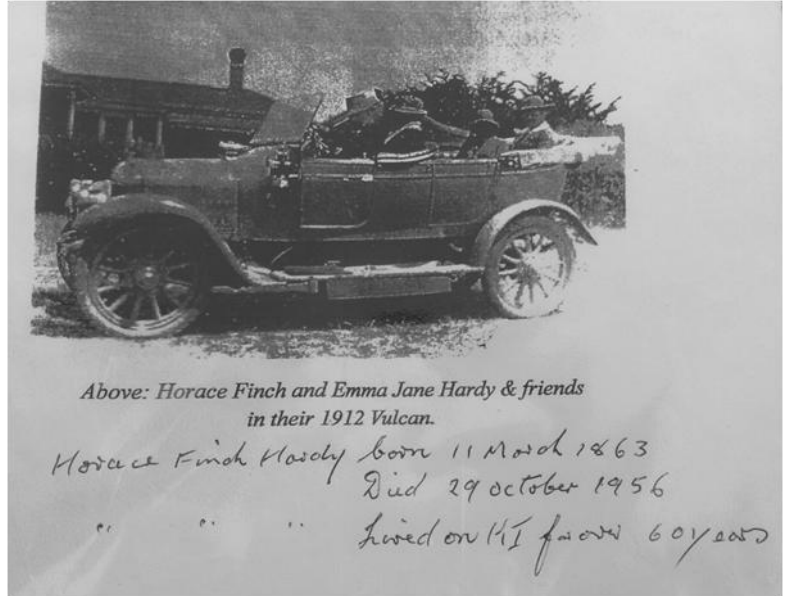
## 1912 Vulcan returns to King Island after 57 years!

Louise Yeomans

Our visit to King Island had been planned well in advance. Geoff's grandparents migrated from Desborough in the English Midlands and took up a soldier settlement on the island in 1922. When he left England Geoff's father, Monty, was two years old and he grew up on the island. In 1931 Monty won a scholarship and attended high school in Launceston. He completed his leaving certificate and returned to the island working on the family dairy farm and in the newly opened scheelite mine. In 1940 he enlisted in the RAAF and never returned again to live on the island. His parents left the island in 1954 and only one of Geoff's cousins continues to live on the island.

It was a nostalgic visit meeting with cousin Dorothy and her husband, finding the remains of the family farm, a family grave and learning more of the history of the island. Of course, there was an unexpected twist. On the morning of our departure, we decided to pay a quick visit to the King Island Annual Show. There in a display of historic and classic vehicles we spied a veteran car - a 1912 Vulcan. Painted green, the Vulcan immediately attracted our attention.

Now the Vulcan belongs to Fred Daly but it was originally owned by the Hardy family who imported the car from England. The Vulcan is believed to be the first car on the island and it was purchased for £295. In 1957 the car was auctioned as part of the Hardy family's homestead. In the catalogue the car is described as a *Vulcan car, horn in working order, probably King Island's first car*. The car features gas lamps, air conditioning (a vent opening), four cylinder engine and accommodates four in bench seats front and back. John Hewitt purchased the car and subsequently he moved to Launceston taking the car with him. Fred Daly first saw the car in 1957 as it was being loaded onto a trailer after the sale. Fred wondered why anyone would buy a *heap of absolute rubbish*. The new owner Les Hewitt restored the car to almost its original state.



Above: Horace Finch and Emma Jane Hardy & friends  
in their 1912 Vulcan.

Horace Finch Hardy born 11 March 1863  
Died 29 October 1956  
" " " " Lived on KI for over 60 years

Original Owners

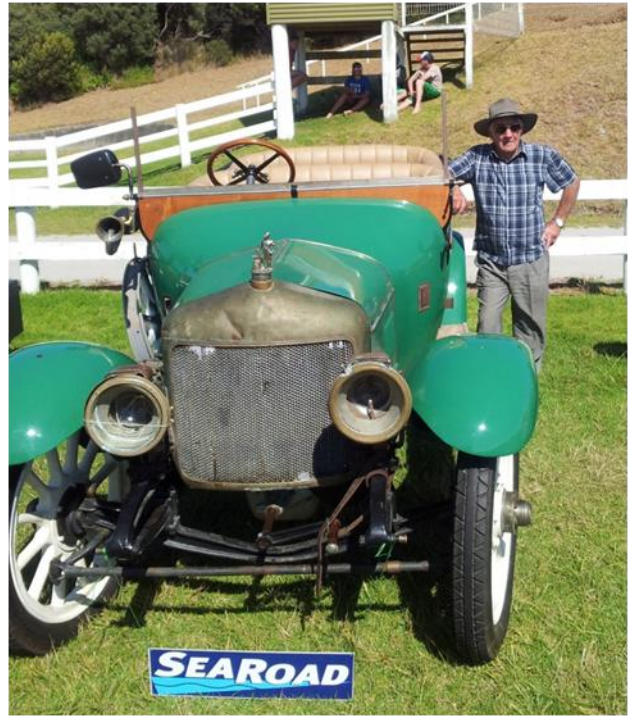


The Vulcan at the auction

In the meantime, about 40 years ago, Fred's wife when digging in their garden unearthed the radiator mascot for the Vulcan – a die cast blacksmith holding a wheel against an anvil. They stored it in a special place on the mantel piece. Fred thinks it must have come off the Hardy's car and been removed by Hewitt children who played with children who lived on Fred's property at the time. In 2008 when Fred and his wife were holidaying in northern Queensland by chance they met the brother-in-law of John Hewitt, the son of Les Hewitt who had purchased the Vulcan. After contacting John and lengthy negotiations Fred purchased the Vulcan in 2013 so the Vulcan returned to the island after an absence of 57 years. *Searoad Logistics* sponsored the freight and

*TasPorts* waived the wharfage. It seems as if the car was destined to return to King Island.

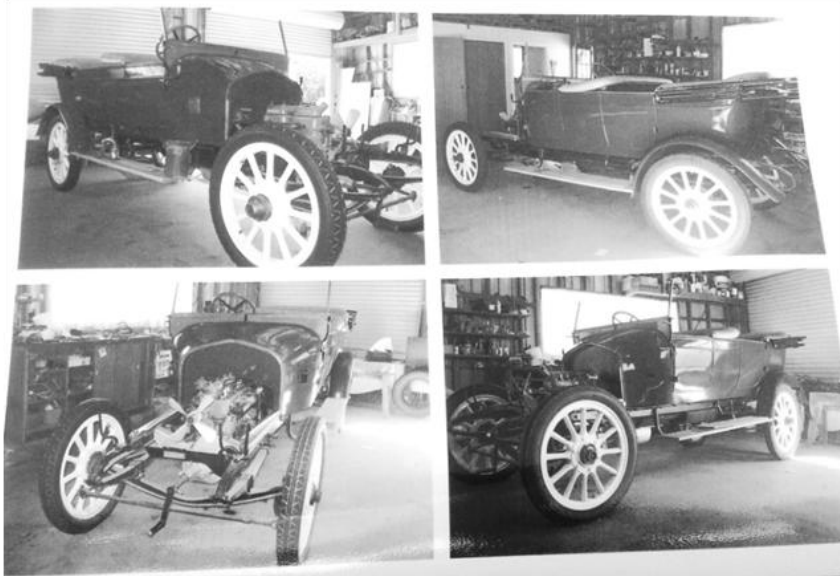
Fred with the help of a friend, Steve Archer, has restored the car's paintwork and reupholstered the seats. He has run the car. The magneto needs some tinkering to run smoothly. Fred now owns three mascots. The horn needs a reed to be in working order! Fred plans to have the car on permanent display in the King Island Historical Museum but first a suitable display needs to be built. Fred is the very proud owner of the 1912 Vulcan – what he once considered a heap of absolute rubbish!



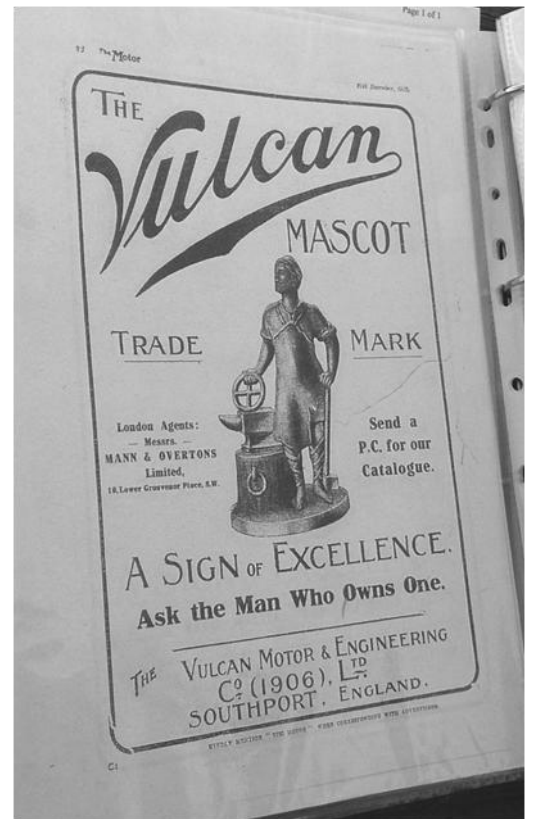
*Fred with his Vulcan*



*The Vulcan at the show.*



*The Vulcan under restoration*



*The Vulcan mascot*

**JUNE LONG WEEKEND TOUR**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

**SINGLETON**

The Newcastle Branch invites Veteran enthusiasts to enter this year's June long weekend tour.

The tour will commence on Saturday the 07th of June in Cessnock at the home of Max and Joan Burke.

A welcome morning tea will be served before heading off on a scenic tour utilising quiet country roads to Singleton.

Sunday we will tour in the Singleton area and return to Cessnock on Monday.

***BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION***

**The tour will be accommodated at the Country Motor Inn,  
Singleton,**

**(02) 6572 2388**

**Dinner Bed & B/Fast packages**

**Please return your entry to,**

**The Tour Director,  
John Burke**

**2 Occident St Cessnock NSW 2325.**

**Ph 02 49911806 (AH) Fax 02 65750478.**

**ENTRY FORM**

NAME.....Phone.....

Veteran vehicle (year and make).....

Number of pers ...Adults.....Children.....

Entry Fee...(\$10.00).....\$10.00

TOTAL \$10.00

**Cheques to be made payable to the Newcastle Branch VCCA**

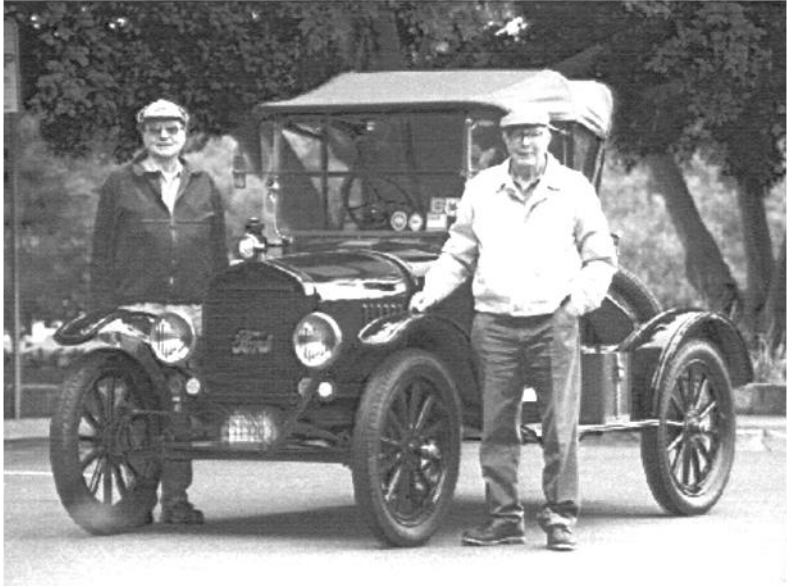
**This event is open to all Veteran Vehicles**

CAR lover Dick Tunbridge, knows the value of lending a stranger a hand.

Mr Tunbridge joined the Veteran Car Club of NSW and searched for an antique car in 1975. He found it in Terry Hills while working as a motor mechanic at a bus company. His boss had told workers to help his semi-crippled friend if ever he needed it and Mr Tunbridge came to the rescue by starting the man's car.

“While I was there I spotted the remains of a 1917 T-Model Ford which was being used to run a circular saw to cut firewood,” Mr Tunbridge said. “So I asked if I could buy the car and he said: if you can do something with it, you can have it.”

It took him four years to rebuild and a love affair with veteran cars was born.



*Les Watton and Dick Tunbridge*

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**2014 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY**  
**BULLETIN No. 4**  
FEBRUARY 2014 Kalgoorlie-Boulder WA

The Rush is on to Register for the National Veteran Rally 2014 at Kalgoorlie-Boulder - Don't Miss It!

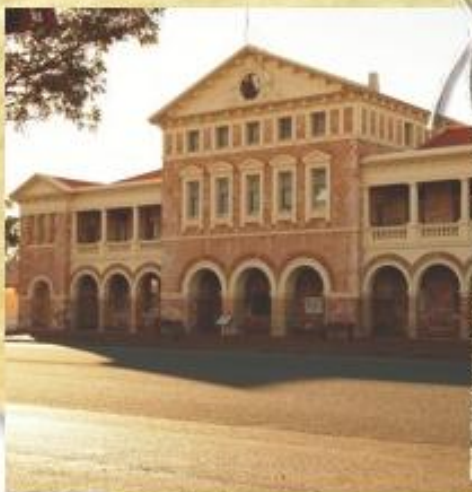


The Eastern Goldfields branch and the Veteran Section of the Veteran Car Club of WA have joined forces to organise the National Veteran Rally for cars and motorcycles manufactured before 1 January 1919. The Eastern Goldfields team has an exciting program of day touring to Broad Arrow, Ora Banda, Kambalda and Coolgardie. It will be an exceptional national rally from 19 to 24 October 2014. Now is the time to register. Download the registration/entry form from [www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/2014-national-veteran-rally/](http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/2014-national-veteran-rally/). For enquiries or correspondence contact Rally Secretary John Wood:

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For the full 4 page bulletin see: [www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/2014-national-veteran-rally/](http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/2014-national-veteran-rally/)

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## Wanted information on a Thornycroft A4 Engine.

*Graham is seeking information on the whereabouts of a Thornycroft A4 engine, somewhere in Australia, Editor.*

### SCOLOPENDRA

In 1903 John I. Thornycroft & Co built a launch to compete in the new Marine Motoring Association races, to the 30' class rules.

As builders of high speed steam launches, Torpedo Boats and Warships, they had in recent years become



interested in Lorries and could see the internal combustion engine opportunities for all their products, including expansion into cars. They must have recognised that the Thornycroft A4 engine they were developing for a car would be ideal for their boat. The engine was 4 cylinders 3,576cc and delivered 20 horsepower.

As Thornycroft's specialised in iron craft, the hull's construction was put out to the local wooden boat building specialist, Frank Maynard on Jan 20th 1903, with a contract speed of 16 knots. The world record at the time being *Mercedes* at 23 mph

#### 1903 The Racing Year

As Selwyn Edge had won the Gordon Bennett Trophy the previous year in his Napier, Britain was required to hold the

trophy, but could not because there was a 12mph speed limit on mainland. It was accepted that as Ireland didn't have a speed limit and at that time was part of Britain, they would host the event.

Gordon Bennett's contemporary Alfred Harmsworth, owner of the Daily Mail offered to give a trophy for a Motor Boat Race, and the running of the event was passed to the Automobile Club, (now the Royal Automobile Club) and arrangements were made for it to take place in Cork Harbour.

John. E. Thornycroft and his younger brother Tom entered the first running of the Harmsworth Trophy, but their intended entry a 40 foot boat called "Champak" was not 'race ready' so Scolopendra was entered as her trials had shown she was surprisingly fast for her modest power.

#### 1903 -The first Harmsworth Trophy Race

The rules of the Harmsworth Trophy were simple the entry came from a country, as the contest should be a test of nations rather than individuals, so the boat which had to be under 40' in length, its engine (unlimited power), and 2 crew had to all come from the same country.

The Trophy being only awarded and promoted early in 1903, received only a few entries,

1. Selwyn Edge with a 75 HP *Napier*, 40' in length, and purpose built for the race.
2. Mr Beadle's launch, *Durendal* 30 feet in length, driven by a 52 horse power, eight-cylinder, M.M. Co gasoline motor, being 2 of 4 cylinder engines, bolted together.
3. *Mercedes*, 40' and with an 80HP engine, was to be Napiers main competitor, though as with the cars this was consumed in the Cannstatt fire, so an entry came from France, but was ineligible under the rules, as the hull was made in France.

#### *Scolopendra*

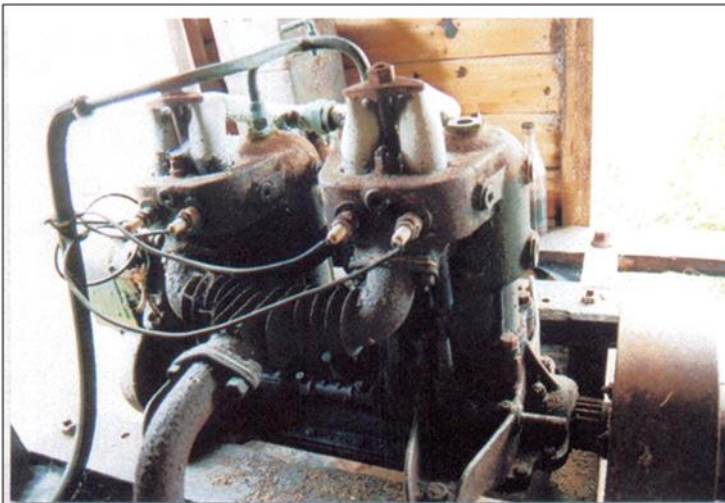
Napier won easily, with her purpose built hull and large power advantage over *Scolopendra*, however in the Yachtsman's Trophy that followed, as it was a handicap race, it was *Scolopendra* that triumphed, as she did in the Cowes Cup a month later. *Scolopendra* received much praise for her speed and efficiency, and her stern design and hull form were emulated by many builders.

The Harmsworth Trophy became the first International Motor Boat Racing Trophy, and *Scolopendra* is the only survivor, and probably the oldest purpose built racing motor boat. As with the Napier boat and cars, she was the first

to be painted what is now called “British Racing Green” though it was originally a lighter Shamrock or Emerald Green shade than has become common today.

**1904 –Gunboat Years**

In January 1904 she was bought by the Canadian Govt to join their Coast Guard Cruiser *Petrel*, and later *CGS Valiant* to patrol Lake Erie to combat smugglers and particularly fishing poaching from the USA’s port at Erie. This had become such a serious problem it was known as the Fishing Wars, and as the *CGS Petrel* was too slow so *Scolopendra* was used as an armed high speed chase boat, in which shots were fired frequently, fishing boats seized, and sadly on one occasion 2 lives were lost, when a fishing boat lost control, and was rammed by *Valiant*.

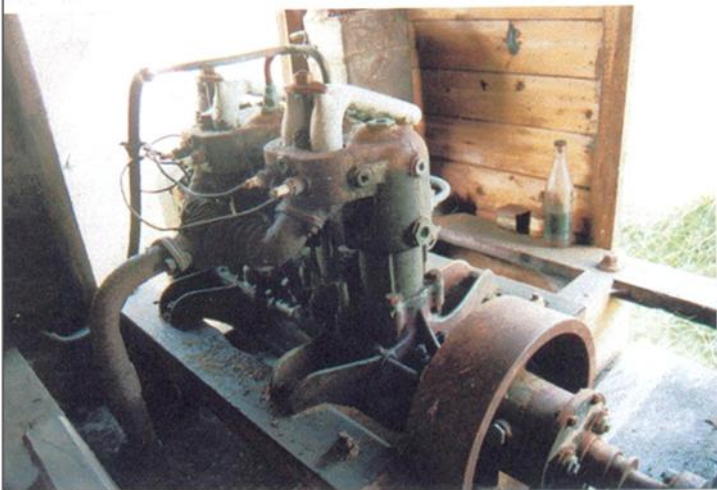


**1912 –Recreational Launch**

After being sold out of the Coast Guard, she returned to some local racing near Toronto, before being bought by a Mr Kitchen in 1919, a Contractor at Parry Sound who used her for building houses and for recreational lake use. Mr kitchen modernised *Scolopendra*, with a new engine, cockpit, seating arrangement, and she lost the last 5’, her distinctive Beaver Stern.

I bought her last year, to restore her to her original specification. We’re fortunate in having copies of some of her original plans, and quite a bit of period information from the Yachting and Motor Magazines of 1903 and 1904.

The photo of her state in Feb 2014 shows the new ribs, engine bearers and stern taking shape, but the biggest problem is sourcing a Thornycroft A4. 2 have survived in cars, and there is one that has been sawn in half to make a 2 cylinder.



However someone in Australia a few years ago contacted Hampshire Museum archives who also have some of the Thornycroft papers, and vehicle collection at their Milestones Museum, with photos of one being used to power a wood saw. The contact information is sadly lost, though the photos attached survive and I hope that someone in the Veteran World in Australia may know of its existence and help put me in touch.

*Photo of the motor somewhere in Australia powering a wood saw.*

Thanks again and I’ll keep my fingers crossed!

Graham Mackereth

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Ron Hattersley

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The woman thought about this, but decided she had to have the bird anyway. She took it home and hung the bird’s cage up in her living room and waited for it to say something. The bird looked around the room, then at her, and said, “New house, new madam.” The woman was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought... ‘That’s really not so bad.’

When her two teenage daughters returned from school, the bird saw them and said, “New house, new madam, new girls.” The girls and the woman were a bit offended but then began to laugh about the situation considering how and where the parrot had been raised. Moments later, Charles, the woman’s husband came home from work. The bird looked at him and said, “Hi Charles.”



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## G,day to all.

About thirty years ago a couple of young fellows would call on me while I was in the shed. I was building a short circuit lowboy sidecar racing outfit at the time and they were most interested. One mentioned that his father Harry Wallace had recently got hold of an Essex four and was busy restoring it. Harry found that it was of 1918 manufacture and this opinion was strengthened when Len Masser and George Roberts issued him with a statement confirming this.

The Essex was eventually ready for the road but as Harry was more a restorer than a driver I don't remember it ever being used on the road, in fact it seems it went once round the block and was put up on blocks. All this about 20 odd years ago.

Glen Wallace, Harry’s son contacted me with the news that his father is very ill with cancer and the car must be sold soon. One of our members asked me to check it out as the Essex is in our town and I did so a few days ago.

Harry was sitting in his yard in the morning sun and knew me straight away. Harry mentioned that John Burke had recently asked him to help with facts of dating Essex as the Veteran car club was having a problem in this regard. His wife brought him a small glass of a magic elixior viti Harry sparked up and with the aid of his walking frame we made it to the garage and had a brief look at the Essex. Looked very tidy to me but the wire wheels are 21 inch . The original 24 inch wire wheels are on the floor under the car The body and upholstery are quite tidy. Harry believes the veteran car club were in error with dating and believes the Essex to be an early 1919.

By then Harry was becoming quite tired and Shirley said time for your injection and your nap, I took my leave.

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Max Burke.  
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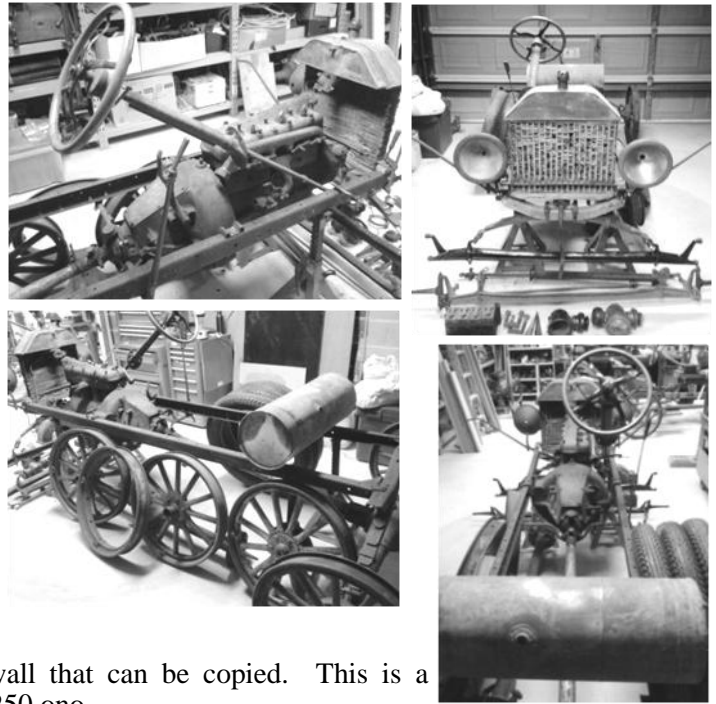
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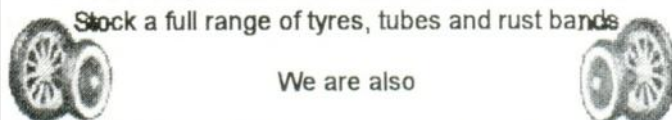
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