



# Brass Notes

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## Membership Growth... We Pass Target of 550

Since November last year we have grown from 513 members to 552 - which I am sure would place us at the top of the list for membership growth percentage in the motoring club movement. It is encouraging to see our membership continuing to grow and I welcome all who have joined recently. *Geoff Payne* does a marvellous job recording details and managing his portfolio. The Membership Subcommittee, *Geoff Payne*, *Scott Staples* and *David Provan* appreciate the efforts of many members who have introduced friends to the Club. Our target for the next twelve months is to grow the Club to 600.

### Excellent Response to Library Fund

There has been an excellent response to the opportunity for voluntary contributions to our Library Fund, with nearly 40% of our receipts to date making a contribution. Thank you for your generosity and we shall keep you updated with this successful initiative.

Our busy Registrar, *Geoff Payne* wishes to remind those who have not yet returned their details and payment that you need to include the \$18 postage fee for your complimentary copy of the Club's history book if you cannot come and collect it at the September or October Natter Nights.

### Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc

Over the past six months there has been correspondence and dialogue with the Federation on a number of important issues. Your Club's delegates, *Andrew McDougall* and *Daryl Meek* have been keeping your Committee briefed on the Federation's position on opposing the Luxury Car Tax on the import of vehicles over 30 years old. There have been conflicting reports on this matter and we want to speak with the Federation regarding their current standing with the movement on various matters. I have been in contact with *Neil Athorn*, President of the Federation, and have arranged a telephone conference call with Neil and his team, with your Committee at 8:00pm on July 2. This will be an opportunity for the Federation to put the record straight from their perspective.



### Brian Churchill Delivers Third Henry Ford Oration

More than 70 members and friends filled the Clubrooms for the Third Henry Ford Oration, delivered by *Brian Churchill* at our June Natter Night. Brian's presentation took us on a visual tour of the Ford Highland Park plant in the 1910's, preceded by a brief visit to the Piquette Avenue Plant which produced the 'Alphabet Fords' (B, C, F, N, R & S) from 1904 onwards. The Club is deeply appreciative of Brian's research and quality of presentation, and the good news is that he will return next year to again deliver the Henry Ford Oration.

### Events – Future Planning

Events Director, *Ben Alcock*, convenor of the Events Subcommittee chaired its meeting on Monday June 18. Present were: *James Dunshea*, *Greg Smith*, *Peter Caffyn*, *Graeme Edwards*, *David Provan* and *Paul Daley*. Rally Directors for our three signature RACV events in 2019 are all working on their programs, and our Natter Night speakers/activities for 2019 are in place – there's an exciting line-up and some fresh new features in store. We will shortly begin focusing on 2020 – a year of major national events, including us hosting the 2020 Veteran Car Clubs Nationals, which *Michael* and *Claudia Holding* are Rally Directors and have plans well underway.

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## RACV Midwinter Rally

It's not too late to register for this event held over July 21-22, at RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick. Book your accommodation directly with the Resort, and join in the weekend's popular activities. We welcome all members and it is quite okay to bring your modern for a fun weekend away. Any queries contact *Daryl Meek* 0407 881 288.

## History Book Project

The book is now with the printer in Hong Kong, and the final proofs have been approved for printing. Everything is running to schedule, reports *Ian Berg*, and the printed books should arrive in Australia by late July or early August, ready for the Book Launch evening at the September Natter Night. Ian is delighted with the quality of the proofs, and the service and professionalism of the printer.

## Render unto Caesar...

The A.O.M.C's *Iain Ross* reports that the Federal Government has decided not to repeal the Luxury Car Tax on vehicles over 30 years old at this time. There is some good news however. The Historic Vehicle Interest Group's submission to the Federal Government resulted in the following statement from the group: The Federal Budget was delivered last night. In our submission are highlighted the inconsistencies between GST and LCT regimes where a car is exported to be restored, and then reimported. Presently, the GST is only applied to the value of the work done on the car plus freight and insurance, whereas LCT is charged on the full restored value. The LCT is now removed in its entirety on cars reimported into Australia following refurbishment overseas, from January 2019.

## Many hands make light work....

*Kath Wright* and her catering team prepare and serve a delightful supper for us each Natter Night – supported by a roster of ladies from the Club who prepare the sandwiches. Our September Book Launch evening will see the Clubrooms packed with our biggest attendance yet, and the supper will certainly be a highlight. Kath would appreciate some additional volunteers to assist on that evening, and if you can assist please call her: 9887 9401.

## Old Cars – A Hobby for Life

At the Flinders Motoring Heritage Event, I caught up with some old motoring friends, *Rob* and *Joan Griffith* of Rosebud who were displaying their trusty 1930 Model A Ford. Rob was born in 1933, and the Model A was the family car – he's even got photos of the family on their annual holiday with the car at Hepburn Springs. As a 7 year old lad Rob learnt to drive in the car, and today travels in it to Vintage events around Australia. Old cars 'It's a hobby for life' says Rob! The Editor of Brass Notes would welcome your story on our wonderful hobby.

## Funeral of Frank Dallimore

More than fifty members of our Club attended the funeral service celebrating the life of Frank Dallimore on Tuesday, June 12. Frank joined the Club in 1958 and served as President from 1980 – 1984. He was a fine Christian gentleman, whose beliefs and values were known to all members. A tribute by *Darren Savory* will be published in next month's Brass Notes.

## July Brass Notes

As indicated in our last edition, your July 'Brass Notes' is an abridged edition, with many of our contributors and the Movement taking a winter break.

## July Natter Night

An excellent program is again lined up for the July Natter Night on Tuesday July 10. Helen Stitt, RACV Archivist/Collections Manager is our Guest Speaker. Helen will speak on 'Living with Motor Car - RACV's impact on mid-century Melbourne transport planning'. It's about the international symposium RACV organised and hosted in 1964.



*Florence Thomson at the wheel... Paddy's Ford near Goulburn*

Helen Stitt has prepared many articles on motoring history in her role as curator, RACV Heritage Collection, including 'Pioneering driver Florence Thomson proved critics wrong', which appeared in the RACV Royal Auto magazine.

In addition, there will be a special tribute for the late Frank Dallimore, and his granddaughter Madelyne Kremler, will again deliver the tribute she gave at Frank's funeral, a tribute that emotionally moved many on that occasion.

*Yours in veteran motoring,*

*Paul R Daley*

## Coming Events

10 July 2018	<b>Natter Night 8pm at Cubrooms</b> Guest Speaker: Helen Stitt RACV Archivist/ Collections Manager
21 July 2018	<b>AOMC Restoration Seminar</b> – (Note: Clash with Mid Winter) More details available from AOMC - 9558 4829
11 August 2018	<b>AOMC Club Management Seminar</b> More details available from AOMC - 9558 4829
1-2 September 2018	<b>Pre 1905 event – Ballarat</b> Greg Smith: 0447 395 233 or schacht09@bigpond.com
22 September 2018	<b>VACC Centennial Cavalcade</b> More details available from AOMC - Iain Ross 9558 4829

## Major Events

21 – 22 July 2018	<b>RACV Midwinter Rally – Creswick</b> Rally Directors: Daryl Meek & Fiona Lane M: 0407 881 288
9 -11 November 2018	<b>RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally – Cape Schanck</b> “Trip Down Memory Lane” Rally Director: Deb Alcock, M: 0412 777 676
14-17 March 2019	<b>RACV 1 &amp; 2 Cylinder Rally - Bright</b> Contact: John Stanley 0409 001 836

## National Events

23 - 28 September 2018	<b>National Veteran Rally – Forbes NSW</b> Organised by the Newcastle Branch of the VCCA (NSW) email: forbes2018@bigpond.com
14 – 19 October 2018	<b>Early Overland Roundup Rally 2018</b> Les Johnson 0419 288 383 or Jeff Alcock 0425 519 959
22 – 26 April 2019	<b>National Brush Rally 2019 – Goolwa, SA</b> Hamish McDonald brushownersregister@gmail.com
17 – 23 September 2019	<b>National Veteran Rally – Bargara (Bundaberg, QLD)</b> Rally2019@skymesh.com.au

## International Events

30 Aug - 6 Sep 2019	<b>HCCA International Tour</b> Expressions of Interest - Russell Holden: 0422 219 911
29 Sept – 5 Oct 2019	<b>Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD</b> www.mtop12.wix.com/mtoq



# From the Safety Team

By Brian Hussey

## From the Safety / Roadworthy/ Scrutineering Team

We would like to introduce the newest addition to our team; Adam Auditori, from Echuca. Adam is a qualified Steam person and is an experienced restorer of river boats and paddle steamers. Adam's experience with the engineering of steam traction engines along with other engineering work has given him a good grounding for the work that he does on Veteran cars. Many members would have seen him on rallies in his 1906 Vulcan, along with wife Eleanor and their family.

### Adam Auditori

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With Adam's inclusion to the Scrutineering team all roadworthy, registration, eligibility and safety issues relating to steam vehicles will now be handled by Bob Ballinger and Adam who are both qualified in this area.

Bob Ballinger will still be available for other scrutineering as he has been. Bob is also our technical adviser and researcher.

### Bob and Helen Ballinger

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## MEMBERSHIP

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

*The committee and members welcome the following new members to the Club.*

*David and Gail Boyd*

*Etienne and Laura Winterbach*

*Michael Paas*

*Bill and Robyn Betts*

*Stuart McCorkelle and Megan Blackman*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE!

**Renewal form (provided with June Brass Notes) should be returned with renewal fees.**

# Four and More Rally

From David "T" Lang

*David recently sent the Secretary a card congratulating Alan and Heather Esmore on the recent Four or More rally as well as a short report which included further details on some of the sights visited which we thought worth including in addition to the report in the June issue of Brass Notes.*

On Friday where we collected the Rally packs and met up with many old friends after which we had a tour of the lovely town of St Arnaud followed by afternoon tea and a guided tour of the rally directors private collection including a 1908 single cylinder Cadillac, 1911 Berliet, 1913 Buick, 1920 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost that was originally owned by the Chirnside Family, 1926 & 1927 Austin Sevens, a 1928 Buick Sedan, Jaguars and more, a very interesting collection.

Then moving on to a lovely dinner at the Sporting Club.

On Saturday we toured for 100km visiting Postelthwaite Farm, a large grain farm and engineering works. After morning tea it was off to Donald to the Kooka Biscuit Factory a tour taste and sales, then we moved on to Donald for a lovely roast lunch at the local hotel.

After lunch we toured down the road to Donald Molloy Drum a local metal artist, after viewing the collection and work shop it was time to travel back to St Arnaud to get ready for the evening dinner which was another most enjoyable meal with great company.

On Sunday we did a 100km round trip to Tottington Station viewing the National Trusts classified wool shed being the oldest working wool shed in Australia and a drive past the Homestead. The next move was visiting the Summer Field Winery for tastings and sales, then we moved on to the Moonambel Hotel for yet another delicious roast meal after which we travelled on the back roads St Arnaud for another enjoyable evening meal.

Monday was a short run out to Stuart Mill township and on the way stopping at the Pebble Church, Teddington Reservoir and the Stuart Mill Cemetary. Then it was time to say our goodbyes and load up and head for home, until next time, a most enjoyable rally, great venues, great people with lovely Veteran Cars, the best food, what more could ask for on a rally? Many thanks to Rally Director Allan & Heather Esmore and team of helpers.



*Veteran motoring on a veteran road on the Four and More rally.*

# Remember When...

By Deborah Alcock

## Save the date for the 2018 RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally.

**When:** 9 – 11th November 2018

**Where:** Cape Schanck – RACV Resort

This year's annual rally will be a hub rally from the RACV resort in Cape Schanck. An optional Friday night dinner will kick off the weekend followed by scenic touring showcasing the rallies of old. The 'Remember When' theme will feature throughout the weekend and to help capture all of the old memories we are seeking your help. Whether it be a route we took, place we visited or something someone did on a rally,

we would love to hear from all of our members about your favourite memories of rallying with the Veteran Car Club.

So we are asking you for:

A photo(s) of you at your earliest rally

Paragraph on your favourite rallying memory

To be emailed to [events@veterancarclub.org.au](mailto:events@veterancarclub.org.au) or call Deb Alcock on 0412 777 676 to discuss.

Entry forms will be in the August Brass Notes, so please join us on this trip down memory lane.



*Dig out a photo of your earliest rally.*



*RACV Cape Schanck Resort*



# Natter Night Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday 12 June 2018 at the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc. Clubrooms  
Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell**

## **1. Opening and Welcome**

The Club's President, Paul Daley, opened the meeting at 8:00pm and welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting.

## **2. Attendance**

There were 71 members and visitors who attended the meeting.

## **3. Apologies**

Fiona Lane, Glenn Banks-Smith, Ian Berg, Scott Staples, Hugh and Rayna Guthrie, Robyn Blackwell, Cliff and Betty Ward, John Washbourne, Geoff Hood, Paul Goethel.

## **4. Visitors and New Members**

The President welcomed Alan and Jill Flude, along with members of the Wolseley Car Club, Vintage Drivers' Club, Model T Ford Club and the Model A Ford Club, to the meeting.

## **5. Member News**

Paul Daley informed members that Graeme Edwards, Rayna Guthrie, Bob May and Andrew McDougall's mother were unwell.

## **6. Treasurer's Report – Deb Alcock**

Deb reported that (as at 31 May) the cheque account balance was \$2,633, the cash management account balance was \$23,521 and the term deposit balance was \$95,660.

## **7. Membership – David Provan**

David welcomed the following new members to the Club.

David and Gail Boyd from Beechworth who own a 1914 Model T.

Etienne and Laura Winterbach from Ferntree Gully.

Michael Paas from Castlemaine who owns a 1916 Hupmobile.

Bill and Robyn Betts from Mittagong.

Stuart McCorkelle and Megan Blackman from Footscray.

David reported that 31 new members had joined the Club since January 2018.

## **8. Events – Ben Alcock**

### **8.1 Past Events**

Dawn Patrol – 20 May 2018.

Historic Winton (Winton Racecourse) – 26 May 2018.

Callum Walsh provided an event report.

### **8.2 Future Events**

Around the Garages (Mornington Peninsula) – 20 June 2018.

RACV Midwinter Rally (Creswick) – 21 and 22 July 2018.

Daryl Meek provided an update report.

Pre-1905 event (Ballarat) – 1 and 2 September 2018.

## **9. Library and Archives Report – Daryl Meek**

Daryl spoke about the recently donated items to the library collection including a book that Eduardo Jesus from Madeira, Portugal had sent to the Club titled The First Car in Madeira. Daryl thanked Kim Coillet for the loan of

a projector and Peter Blayney who had donated a box of reproduced Curved Dash Oldsmobile manuals. Daryl reported that the editions of Brass Notes for the last four years will be rebound.

Paul Daley said that membership renewal forms had been posted and that the form provides members with the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to support the expansion of the library's collection.

## **10. Wanted, For Sale or Swap**

Nothing reported this month.

## **11. General Business**

Paul Daley spoke about the funeral service of Frank Dallimore. Andrew McDougall and Darren Savory shared their memories of Frank.

Paul Daley informed members that Eastlink had been appointed as naming rights sponsor for the 2019 Great Australian Rally (Sunday 20 January at Langwarrin).

Paul Daley provided members with an update report about the Club's history book. The book is at the printers and will be launched at the September Natter Night meeting. It is expected that a larger than usual number of members will attend this meeting. If you can make a contribution to the supper, please talk to Kath Wright.

Bob Ballinger reported that he and Adam Auditori are appointed as 'Steam Safety Officers' for advice or safety checks of all steam vehicles.

Alan Long displayed his VCCA (Victoria) Club jacket that has been in his family for many years.

Andrew McDougall provided members with an update report concerning the issue of the possible removal of the luxury car tax on the importation of vehicles over 30 years old.

There were no items of general business.

## **12. A Reading From the Book**

Paul Daley provided a reading from the Club's soon-to-be-published history book.

## **13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will commence at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 10 July 2018. Guest speakers will be Helen Stitt (RACV Archivist and Collection Manager) and Frank Dallimore's granddaughter.

## **14. Closure**

The President closed the meeting at 8.27 pm.

## **15. Speaker – Brian Churchill**

### **'A Factory Tour 1903 to 1930'**

Brian delivered a fascinating presentation and 'tour' of Ford's famous production facilities in Detroit from the early 1900s through to the late 1920s. The 'tour' started with a brief visit to the lesser known Piquette Avenue Plant which commenced in 1904 producing the so-called 'Alphabet Fords' (B, C, F, K, N, R & S) and in 1909 was the birthplace of the Model T. The factory still stands today and is remarkably well preserved. It now operates as a museum to Ford. Piquette was eclipsed in just five short years by the most famous of Ford's plants being the Highland Park Facility. This facility, of more than 100 acres, employed over 20,000 people and was the home of the moving assembly line producing 15 million Model T Fords.

# Pre 1905 Event

By Greg Smith

The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) is pleased to announce a weekend of historical importance; promising wonderment and joy and the opportunity to experience the pioneering spirit of our early motorists. Yes, an invitation to participate in a weekend of gentle ambling on quiet country roads with each days travel being no more than forty-five kilometres.

Saturday will see a morning tea served at our headquarters, before we head off on our leisurely jaunt to our delicious lunch stop in Learmonth. Our afternoon tour is equally enjoyable as we return down the tree lined avenue to our accommodation. Saturday evening, our evening meal will at our accommodation with the ease of bed being within metres. On Sunday, we leave to view two interesting collections and our morning tea stop. And then, on a bit more of an undulating run to our relaxed lunch in Creswick. With a 23 kilometre return drive to our accommodation, to finish our wonderful weekend.

This weekend is planned to be eminently suitable for the earliest of vehicles, the broadest range of engine capacity, the diversity of drivers and the most pernickety of crews. Yes! The chance to drive your early vehicle - car or bike with other vehicles of a similar age and performance with ample time to enjoy

the vehicle, take in the scenery and fettle to your hearts content. It often seems that the early cars and bikes remain at home whilst the larger and seemingly more practical vehicles get a run. This event is planned to show each other the versatility and variation of early motoring, and also, to present to the broader motoring enthusiast and general public the amazing and wonderful machines that exist in our club. Welcome in spring with a gentle saunter through the scenic countryside of Ballarat. Marvel at the brilliance and ingenuity of the early inventors and creators of this new fangled craze. Enjoy the camaraderie of like minded souls and have fun.

Please bring your pre '05 veteran motorcar, motorcycle or trike and partake of a truly splendid outing.

Ballarat 1st and 2nd of September 2018.

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*Ivan and June Smith in the 1900 Victoria Combination in 2007*



# VACC Centennial Cavalcade - 22 September 2018



## Be part of **history**

In September 2018 the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce turns 100.

To mark the occasion, the **VACC Centennial Cavalcade - featuring '100 vehicles from 100 years'** - will travel from Melbourne to Bendigo, VACC's birthplace.

It's a feat never attempted before and you can play an important part.

VACC is seeking significant vehicles dating from 1918 to 2018 to participate - cars, motorcycles, commercials and trucks of all marques.

So, if your special vehicle fits the bill, **register your interest at:** [vacc.com.au/News/Events](http://vacc.com.au/News/Events)



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