



Brass Notes

“DEMENTIA PRODEST” The journal of the VETERAN CAR CLUB of AUSTRALIA (Vic.) Inc.



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NATTER NIGHT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9TH

AGM 2018
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held at the VCCA (Vic) Clubrooms, Linden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday October 9th, commencing at 8.00pm

7.30pm - Drinks & Nibbles

8.00pm - Annual General Meeting / Natter Night

Club President, Paul Daley will deliver the Annual Report of the Club's activities.

- SUPPER WILL BE SERVED -



Flashback

This month's FLASHBACK photo comes from Adrian Thorley and is believed to have been taken in the 1970's. The car looks like Frank and Dot Dallimore's Ford T and we suspect they can be seen in the group of people on the left. But where and when was it taken? Respond to the editor.



FLASHBACK for September issue

Alan Long recognised himself (standing on the far left in the red pullover) and his father Ray (on the right) in the September FLASHBACK photo which is of an annual rally in the early 1990s. Elaine Bone also recognised Bruce Bone was the gent with the white cap next to Ray Long and is standing in front of his red 1918 T model Ford. Elaine also mentioned that the photo on the September inside back cover of the Markoff's 1906 Minerva was also owned by Bruce at one stage.

David Perkins, a member of the VCCA(Vic) from the Geelong, dropped into the Pre 1905 rally at the Learmonth lunch stop on the Saturday. He mentioned the Wolseley shown in the FLASHBACK photo in the August Brass Notes was his. He still has the car and it is a 1910 model.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Howard and Barbara Staples



The RACV is the principal sponsor of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc.

The RACV supports the:

- RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally
- RACV Midwinter Rally
- RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally

Coming Events

7 October 2018	Australian National Show and Shine - Euroa www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au
9 October 2018	Natter Night - Annual General Meeting Evening 7.30pm Pre-meeting drinks 8pm Natter Night
27 October 2018	Breakfast Run - Surrey Park, Box Hill Contact: Frank Pound T: 9583 7723
25 November 2018	VDC Head to Head Rally Contact: Ben Alcock 0404 917 366
25-28 April 2019	2019 Annual "4 & More" Rally, Corowa. NSW Contacts: David Lang T: 03 5881 2492, Don McPherson M: 0412 851 325

Major Events

9 -11 November 2018	RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally – Cape Schanck “Trip Down Memory Lane” Rally Director: Deb Alcock, M: 0412 777 676
14-17 March 2019	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Bright Contact: John Stanley 0409 001 836

National Events

15 – 19 October 2018	Early Overland Round Up – Orange NSW Les Johnson 0419 288 383 or Jeff Alcock 0425 519 959
22 – 26 April 2019	National Brush Rally 2019 – Goolwa, SA Hamish McDonald: brushownersregister@gmail.com
17 – 23 September 2019	National Veteran Rally – Bargara (Bundaberg, QLD) Rally2019@skymesh.com.au

International Events

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

President's Message

'Dementia Prodest' Launch – September Natter Night

Our history book launch was one of the most memorable meetings in the Club's history – and it went so smoothly with the help of so many. Setting up in the afternoon was undertaken by *John Prior, Geoff Payne, Andrew McDougall, Jim McCaffrey, Ian Berg, Ben Alcock* and myself. Catering was undertaken by *Kath Wright* together with *Maggie Bone, Lena Daley, Joan Scudds, Lea Coillet, Sherryn Dunshea, Rayna Guthrie, Caree Staples, and Sue Payne*. As always, *David Wright* and *Stan Bone* pitched in and helped and the drinks were superbly managed by *John Prior* and *Paula McNicol*, while *Scott Staples* assisted with meet and greet and register. The book collection tables were staffed by *Ian Berg, Sue Berg* (assisted by her sister *Anne Barbour*) and *Geoff Payne* undertook management of enquiries and sales. *Frances McDougall* was our photographer for the evening, and *Daryl Meek* supervised car parking.

Distribution and Sales of 'Dementia Prodest'

Ian and *Sue Berg* organised the posting of the books to members on September 10 and at the book launch evening we distributed over 200 copies. There are still 75 members who have not yet collected their book, and these will be available at the next Natter Night. (Some members collected their copies at Forbes). *Alan Long* has kindly offered to sell books on the Club's behalf at his swap meet sites as he attends quite a few during the year. They will also be for sale at Bendigo Swap. We expect the book to be a popular gift and Christmas present for members to consider.

Quick Visit to the USA

Lena and I have just returned from a three week visit to the US which we squeezed in between the August and September Natter Nights. We had a wonderful trip which included: The Woodward Dream Cruise, Mustang Owners Club of South Eastern Michigan meet at Ford World Headquarters, the Stahl Museum, Ford Piquette Plant, the Willow Run Plant, Cord Dusenber Museum in Indiana, and the Gilmore Museum in Illinois and finally a weekend in Nashville. The trip was a goldmine of material for Brass Notes and this will flow through in future editions.

Antique Touring Company

Touring Detroit in a Model A Ford was one of the highlights of our US visit. Antique Touring is the only history tour offered daily in Detroit utilising antique automobiles. They are headquartered at the historic Ford Piquette Plant, and have a fully planned historic tour that includes the picturesque Belle Isle, as well as the roots of the automotive industry in Detroit, including Dodge Bros, Packard, and even Brush Street. The company was formed by two friends from a Detroit church, and Pastor Steve welcomed us warmly and provided an entertaining two hours. In the US drivers

often survive on tips from passengers but the company advertises that 'Drivers are hired at better than liveable wages from the most economically challenged corridors of the Woodward Corridor'. In Victoria we cannot use CPS registered vehicles for hire or reward, however with the relaxation of the hire car industry, there is no reason why an enterprising person/s, using a fully registered historic vehicle could not operate a similar tourist attraction in Melbourne.



Paul Daley (with audio system for the tour) with Pastor Steve of the Antique Touring Company

The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain

My interview with *David Wright* and *Hugh Guthrie* at the book launch had a touch of humour when I recalled Hugh's early years in the 1950's when he first campaigned his 1916 Stutz. My pronunciation of Stutz (Stutz as in puts) earned a quick rebuke from Hugh – 'It's Stutz as in nuts', said Hugh, taking indignant umbrage of my mangling of the marques moniker.

The brand began production back in 1911, and was known as a producer of fast cars (America's first sports car) and luxury cars for the rich and famous; the perfect aspirational vehicle for the up and coming, and a fitting choice for Hugh. As for pronunciation – well a little bit of elocution doesn't go astray! I say darncce and Hugh says dance (as in ants)!



The Guthrie's 1916 Stutz circa 2015 – it now resides in the USA

The Hearse Used in the Aretha Franklin Funeral

On arriving at the historic Ford Piquette Plant, we parked in the expansive courtyard, and with a few moments to spare I wandered over to an area with garage facilities. A chap was busy cleaning the wheels of a pre-war hearse – the very hearse that was to be used in the funeral of Aretha Franklin. It's a 1940 LaSalle – very similar front to the coupe owned until recently by *Ian Berg*. The Franklin passing was big news in Detroit, and I also passed the funeral home that was handling the private viewing. On Saturday, August 31, Lena and I both watched a large amount of the 'Homecoming' service conducted at Detroit's Greater Grace Church – an eight hour marathon service, that was truly moving and fitting for the 'Queen of Soul'.



1940 LaSalle Hearse

VicRoads and Possible Changes to CPS

Your Committee referred the matter to the September Natter Night for discussions and direction. The questions VicRoads is seeking feedback on are:

AOMC has been requested by VicRoads to canvas two issues with member clubs concerning possible changes to the CPS

1. *Is your club in favour of not having a windscreen label? (i.e like fully registered cars a windscreen sticker would not be provided with the renewal)* **The meeting voted NO and requested that waterproof labels be introduced.**

2. *Does your club have a view on electronic log books? i.e an app or similar accessed via a smart phone or PC.* **The meeting voted NO – keep existing log books – almost a unanimous vote**

The AOMC was advised of your Club's position.

It's moments like these...

Microphones and sound systems seem to fail at the most embarrassing times, and the Saturday night at RACV Goldfields was no exception.

A short time before the formalities were due to start it became apparent that the sound system was 'dead'

and needed some expert attention. While two of our tech savvy members were troubleshooting, it became a case of the 'show must go on', and *Daryl Meek* began the welcoming formalities sans mike from the centre of the room. Soon it was my turn, and I launched in with my best 'Town Crier' voice thanking Rally Directors *Daryl Meek* and *Fiona Lane*, the RACV plus all the usual blah blah. Fortunately the system blasted into life around this time, and I was able to continue from the lectern. While we were at the Four or More Rally back in April, *Alan Esmore* used a most effective portable PA unit at the briefings, places of interest and the dinners.

Your committee has agreed to purchase a similar unit for use at our rallies and also as back up for our functions in the future



Adam Auditori (just left of centre with the yellow ear muffs) and the team chop wood

When *Adam Auditori* received a phone call from the owner of Chowilla Station offering wood for the paddle steamer *Marion*, he promptly organised a team of volunteers to spend a couple of nights at Chowilla Sheep Shearing Quarters. The team came back a little bit weary but happy with their efforts which yielded 70 tonnes of the best paddle steamer wood. Twenty years ago while visiting Henry Ford's residence Fair Lane in Detroit, I saw carved in the mantelpiece of a fire place, one of Henry's inimitable quotes: 'Cut your own wood and it will warm you twice' By the look of Adam and his pals, there was never a truer saying!



Mantlepiece at Henry Ford's Detroit residence

President's Message

Library and Archives

Daryl Meek was joined by Callum Walsh and Stan & Maggie Bone, on September 8, for a working bee to repair and reorganise the book cases. Daryl reports that he was sent a letter and complimentary copy of 'Dementia Prodest' to Eduardo Jesus of Madeira, Portugal who donated a book 'The first Car in Madeira' to the Club's library in June 2018. The Library now has new archives and storage folders that will be used in the future to store photos and images.

The Legend of 'The Taxis of The Marne'



The taxis leave for the Battle of Marne – official Renault archive picture



Renault Taxi type AG1 – 2 cylinder

It was back at the August Natter Night that Alan Lethborg informed the members that he had a bonnet of a Veteran four cylinder Renault circa 1912 to give away. 'Ahhh is that from a French Taxi?' I quipped. There was a rather puzzled look on some of the faces in the audience, so let me explain what I was referring to, and yes, it was somewhat obscure to many on that night.

For many, one of the proudest moments of French history was the 'Miracle of the Marne' and I quote from 'The Independent'. On 6th September 1914, 600 Paris Taxis we are told saved France from calamity. They transported 6,000 soldiers to reinforce a French and British attack of the 5 German armies blundering over

the plains east of Paris (now the home of Disneyland Paris). Their arrival tipped the balance in one of the most important battles of history. A lightning German advance through Belgium and Northern France in the first weeks of the war was checked.

The German commanders panicked and retreated behind trench lines behind the North Sea to Switzerland. The total taxi meter bill to take the Seventh Inventory Division to the Battle of the Marne settled by the French War Ministry, came to FR 70,102 (about \$17,000 today). If you accept the legend of the taxis of the Marne there was another bloodier bill. The Marne prevented an early German victory and prolonged the First World War for a further 4 years and 2 months of mass slaughter.

For the technical reader, Renault states: the Type AG was designed with simplicity and robustness uppermost in mind, two qualities that would prove instrumental to bring Renault the very first contract for Taxi service in Paris. In 1905, there were 250 type AG taxis on the roads of the French capital, rising to 1,000 by 1906 and 1,500 2 years later. Taxi service provided valuable exposure for the Renault name and even bought recognition beyond France; in 1907 Renault sold 1,100 units in London.

Member News

Michael and Claudia Holding will be doing our Rallies in self-contained splendour with the newly acquired Winnebago Esperance rig. The 26 RV Iveco is luxuriously fitted out and tows the veteran trailer – all up around 47', and just perfect for those coming tours such as Broome to Brisbane.

Darren Savory, signed on for the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride on Sunday, September 30, to raise awareness for prostate cancer and men's mental health. Already 65,000 riders have now registered world wide and have raised over US\$3m to date. 'I will don my finest attire with my fellow men and women across the globe. But before I press my tweed and polish my boots, I need you to donate what you can for this meaningful cause and help me reach my goal'



Darren Savory's 1913 Champion motorcycle.

says Darren. He will be riding his 1913 Champion motorcycle, with fond memories of his late father. I made an impromptu call to members at the book launch evening and nearly twenty members gave generously. It's not too late to support Darren tel: 0438 873 053

It was back in 2013 that *Brendan Pierce* was passing through the NSW Riverina town of Tocumwal, saw a dilapidated pub – just a neglected shadow of its former self. Four years later and with a lot of hard yakka the Terminus Hotel has been restored by Brendan and his team to its proud self. The verandahs are no longer collapsing and it stands proudly on the corner. 'We're still doing it up' says Brendan, 'but the pub is trading strongly'. And the counter meals? 'Well that depends on the day, at least I'm honest!' With Brendan there is never a dull moment and he is always looking for the next challenge.



Brendan Pierce's Terminus Hotel, Tocumwal

Vintage Sports Car Club Meeting



Forty years on... Ian Berg renews acquaintances with Dr Peter Donald

On Friday September 14, I accompanied *Ian Berg* who was guest speaker at the Vintage Sports Car Club's meeting. We joined President *Pat Ryan* for pre-meeting dinner with some of the members. There was a fascinating exchange when a rather dashing chap introduced himself to Ian and said 'I met you

back in 1976!' and the story unfolded as to how as a seventeen year old he had considered buying a 1927 Buick that Ian and Gordon were selling for \$800! He instead acquired a bullnose Morris, a 'wonderfully patinated car', that he still rallies! Forty years later Dr Peter Donald G.P is a very active VSCC member as well as a noted steam specialist with the Puffing Billy and other steam societies. Ian's presentation to the VSCC showcasing our book 'Dementia Prodest' and once again Ian's delivery and knowledge was applauded, and a good number of books were sold.



It's 1972, and the newly acquired '27 Buick is brought home by the Berg boys. Gordon Berg's body language says it all, while Ian Berg (standing) is firmly addressed by his mother Alice, while grandmother looks on in bemusement.

What did Mrs Berg say to young Ian? I welcome your contribution for next edition: Paul.Daley@neo.com.au

Thank you acting secretaries:

During the past three weeks *Ben Alcock* and *Callum Walsh* have fulfilled the Secretarial roles while *David Provan* has been overseas. Thanks guys for such a seamless contribution to this important role.

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally

Numbers are building for this year's event November 9-11, which is based at RACV Cape Schanck Resort. It is important to register now and book your choice of accommodation. *Deb Alcock* is the Rally director – 0412 777 676

Annual General Meeting: October Natter Night

The October Natter Night will include the Annual General Meeting, and I thank our Secretary *David Provan*, for preparing the statutory documentation and notices that are required for that meeting. I will address the meeting and reflect on the past year and also the challenges and goals for the next twelve months. Join us for pre-meeting drinks from 7.30pm.

Yours in Veteran Motoring,

PAUL R DALEY,

President

Presidents Annual Report 2017 – 2018



Karl Donald and son at Ballarat



Julian McNeil and Graeme Edwards at Ballarat

The 2017 Annual General Meeting saw the retirement of *Ian Berg* as President after four outstanding years of leadership, and it was an honour for me to be elected unopposed to that role. Also retiring were the Immediate Past President *David Wright*, and outgoing Treasurer *Jim McCaffrey* – all had made a marvellous contribution to the Club and I presented them with a framed letter of thanks. I also outlined my goals for the ensuing year – maintaining the ‘Three Pillars’ – interesting and enjoyable Natter Nights, a high quality *Brass Notes*, plus our popular three RACV signature rallies. In addition, I committed to a membership drive which has seen the membership grow from a base of 513 to in excess of 550 as of June 30. The other major deliverable for the year was to bring the history book project to conclusion, and increase our presence in social media – Facebook and Instagram.

The RACV Veteran Car Annual Rally was held at Ballarat, November 10-12, with Rally Directors *Michael* and *Claudia Holding* assembling a diverse program of tours, dining and entertainment over the three days. A highlight was the dinner and spectacular light show at Sovereign Hill. The RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally in March was at Cobram, and was hosted by Rally Directors *Frances* and *Andrew McDougall* with over 70 entrants, including 13 from NSW, five from QLD, two from WA, two from SA, and one from ACT. It was an outstanding event of almost ‘National’ numbers, and the topography was perfect 1&2 country. The RACV Midwinter Rally at RACV Goldfields Resort Creswick saw 38 Veteran entries, with Rally Directors *Fiona Lane* and *Daryl Meek* hosting and entertaining weekend. Entrants enjoyed the dining and hospitality of the Resort as well as the traditional Sunday morning Cold Start competition. It was encouraging to see new members boost the numbers at this event.

There were two additional rally highlights this year. *John Stanley* again hosted the ‘Springtime above the Snowline’ event from Mt Beauty in October with spectacular snow scenery and touring, and in April,

Alan and Heather Esmore hosted a four day ‘Four or More Rally’ at St Arnaud, with over 20 entries enjoying a packed diverse program of touring.

National Motoring heritage Day was celebrated in May with our first ‘Dawn Patrol’ – a half day tour to the Dandenong’s especially designed as a Next Generation run that joined with younger members of the VDC. This was a popular initiative that worked well with all ages participating, interacting and showcasing our cars with a public display at Emerald. In June over 40 members and friends enjoyed ‘Around the Garages’, in the Mornington Peninsula hosted by *Graeme* and *Lynette Edwards*.

The Club is active in many of the headline events that feature in the Movement’s calendar including the Bendigo Swap, Two Wheel Brake Rally hosted by the VSCC in December, RACV Australia Day Heritage Vehicle Showcase, Torquay Motor Show, RACV Classic Showcase, Hot Cross Bun Run, 62nd Kalorama Rally, AOMC American Motoring Show, Flinders Lion’s Club Motoring Heritage Display, RACV Florence Thomson Tour and Historic Winton.

A Special General Meeting preceded the May Natter Night, and it was unanimously passed to increase the annual subscription fee for 2018 – 2019 from \$80 to \$85, with no fee increase for members who receive the electronic *Brass Notes*. The Presentation of Trophies and Awards was conducted by our Secretary *David Provan*, with *Thanuja Gunatillake*, RACV General Manager, Community and Corporate Responsibilities presenting the Awards. There was a special time for remembrance when David asked all to stand and celebrate the lives of members who had passed on: *Stuart McNally*, *Bruce Nelson*, *William Orde*, *Lenard Harris*, *Peter Amor*, *Cedric Christie*, *Roderick Banks-Smith* and *Albert Blashki*. Members then stood and applauded past members as a gesture of respect. The evening concluded with an outstanding presentation by *John Stanley* on the German marque Stoewer.



David Provan and David Inglis at Cobram



Kim Coillelt and Tony Berry at Creswick

The Club is most grateful for the ongoing work of our honorary Auditor, *Gerry Howell* and the counsel and advice that we receive from our honorary legal advisor, *Michael Tippet*. Our Registrar, *Geoff Payne*, has not only handled our membership and CPS register, but also been the contact point for *Dementia Prodest* payments, and his diligence is appreciated.

Our monthly Natter Nights have seen a growing number of members enjoy the fellowship of the Club. The February meeting featured a complimentary BBQ from 6:00pm with 50 guests, and we are regularly seeing 60-75 members and friends attend meetings. Among our outstanding speakers have been: John Howell, 'The Only Woman at Gallipoli', *John Stanley* 'The Stoewer Story', *Brian Churchill*, delivered the third Henry Ford Oration 'The Highland Park Plant', RACV's Helen Stitt Archivist/Collections Manager 'Living with the Motor Car', and Jim Archibald, 'The Battle of Coral/Balmoral'. A special thanks to our catering team: *Kath Wright*, *Maggie Bone* and *Rayna Guthrie* and the support of the rostered 'sandwich ladies', who serve a sumptuous supper.

The major achievement this year was the completion of the history book project *Dementia Prodest* – a superbly printed case bound book of 400pp with 840 photographs. My sincere thanks to *David Wright* and *Hugh Guthrie* who completed the writing of the book, and *Ian Berg* who worked solidly over the past twelve months doing the final editing, photo selection and overseeing the graphic design, with *Sherryn Dunshea* providing a professional input to the proof reading. On behalf of the Club my sincere thanks for the countless hours they have worked to bring the project to conclusion. The many contributors who have worked on the history book project over the past twenty years are acknowledged in the Foreword.

Dementia Prodest was launched in September at a Special Natter Night at the Clubrooms – over 140 members packed the event to receive their assigned copy, and I was able to publicly thank the many contributors to the project. *Ian Berg* gave a slideshow/presentation 'The Making of *Dementia Prodest*', and our ladies served bubbly and canapés, with a marvellous supper at the end.

A feature of the National Rally at Forbes was the dinner that I hosted for our Club on the Thursday evening and at the local pub, with *Ian Berg* delivering an entertaining talk and slide show/presentation on *Dementia Prodest*. This is the second year we have held this evening and it is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with our growing number of interstate members.

Brass Notes, our monthly journal has maintained its high standard, and Editor *Roger Berg* together with *Gordon Berg*, our contributors and photographers are thanked for their input. *Callum Walsh* was this year's Apollo Award recipient – an acknowledgement for his photographic assistance to the magazine.

The Library and Archives collection to grow under the direction of *Daryl Meek* and the initiative this year to include a voluntary Library Fund donation with annual subscriptions saw over \$1,000 donated.

The Club is blessed with a strong Committee that operates with all contributing to an allocated portfolio. It has been a delight to work with the Executive team: *Ben Alcock* Vice-President, *David Provan* Secretary and *Deborah Alcock* Treasurer, and I thank the Committee all for their dedication and willingness to make a positive contribution.

PAUL R DALEY JP,
President

Impressive Launch of our History Book 'Dementia Prodest'

By Paul Daley, photographs Frances McDougall



The room was packed!

Over 140 members and friends packed the Club rooms on Tuesday September 11, for the official launch of the Club history book 'Dementia Prodest'. Doors opened at 7.00pm for book collection and pre-meeting drinks and canapés. By 7.30pm the room was a buzz with lively chatter, exclamations of surprise as members flicked through the book, together with many catching up with friends they had not seen for 40 or even 50 years.

By the time the Natter Night component commenced at 8.00pm it was almost standing room only, and *Paul Daley* welcomed all – especially those who had travelled from interstate – *Clifton Cross* (QLD) and *James McInnes* (SA) – many had travelled from country Victoria, the furthest being *Doug Palmer* who had come up from Hamilton. They were enthusiastically applauded.

In the Member News segment Paul introduced *Darren Savory*, who has entered the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride for prostate cancer, and a quick show of hands from nearly twenty members saw Darren raise over \$700 – a wonderful result, and passed his goal of \$1,000. Paul had also visited *Graeme Edwards* in hospital and delivered his copy of 'Dementia Prodest', and members were moved by photos of Graeme and Lynnette at Monash Medical. Past Presidents and their partners in attendance were introduced; *Ian* and *Sue Berg*, *David* and *Kath Wright*, *Pam* and *Deane Hill*, and apologies from *Jeff Alcock* as well as a warm note from *Barry* and *Joan Forryan* were acknowledged.

Vice President *Ben Alcock* gave a pictorial report of the recent pre 1905 Pioneers Rally at Ballarat, and brought members up to date with coming events. *Andrew McDougall* briefed members on two issues and possible change to the CPS that VicRoads were requesting the Club's feedback on, and a vote by show of hands was conducted.

Hugh Guthrie and *David Wright* were introduced by Paul and the history and chronology of the book project was outlined. Hugh has been involved with the Club since 1955 and participated in the early rallies with his Stutz Bearcat as well as Committee roles. David also has been involved with the motoring movement since 1958, and joined our Club in 2006, and today is a Past President having served on Committee for 10 years. Hugh was a true believer in the History project, and in 2004 revived it after failed previous attempts over the previous decades. David joined the project in 2007. It was fascinating to hear how the project progressed from the early days in the 1960's when *George McKaige* began collecting historical material, and then followed by his son *Chester McKaige* who also joined in the vision for a written history and in September 2004 offered to write a history. Due to the high cost of publishing in those days, advice was received that the cost was prohibitive, and in December 2004 the project was put on hold.

Although an oral history was proposed in July 2005 by *Andrew McDougall*, dialogue was again held with *Chester McKaige*, and in November 2005 *Andrew* moved a motion to reconsider a written history but once again the Committee did not proceed. Finally in August 2007, *Hugh Guthrie* was requested by the Committee to gather research, and in August 2010, *Barry Edmunds* was appointed to complete Chapter One and gather material. By September 2011, *Chester McKaige* was again involved and he extracted a considerable amount of material from the Club's magazines. Regrettably by 2015 *Chester* was unable to complete the project.

In 2016 *Hugh* formed a new working group with *David Wright*, *David Provan*, *Jim McCaffrey*, *Daryl Meek* and *Graeme Edwards*. *David Wright* rewrote the narrative from chapter 1, using extensively researched text to



Paul Daley interviews David Wright and Hugh Guthrie



Ian Berg 'Dementia Prodest' presentation



Paul Daley thanks Roger Berg for his superb work

cover missing photographs and information, as well as an emphasis in tracking changes in society that had impacted the Club. In June 2017, *Ian Berg* took up the challenge and tracked down an extensive selection of photographs. He then revised the layout to accommodate the photographs, wrote the side-bar stories and edited the text which had grown to more than 100,000 words and arranged printing and production working for months with *Roger Berg* co-ordinating the graphic design. *David Wright* thanked the efforts of so many people in bringing to completion an extremely comprehensive written and photographic record of the Club's outstanding achievements, Members and their vehicles from the past 60 years. David concluded by looking to the future, and identifying two challenges:

First, the motor vehicles as we know it is changing dramatically and strict regulations will be introduced to accommodate these new forms of 'personal transport!' A strong national structure recognised by government will be essential to allow Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicles freedom to remain on the roads – 'The cost of freedom is eternal vigilance! Work is now under way with an advisory group to achieve this but we must all play our part to defend the cause'.

The second issue is the future of Club membership, particularly in respect to young people. We are extremely fortunate to have wonderful young enthusiasts, *Ben Alcock*, *James Dunshea* and *Callum Walsh* serving on Committee and they are developing plans to recruit other young members to the Club. David emphasised that this is a positive succession plan, and as the custodians of the vehicles that are essential to the club, we must support these initiatives.

Paul Daley then introduced Alex Downie, Director RACV, and in presenting him with a copy of the book, thanked the RACV for their ongoing support for the club as major sponsor. There was warm applause



Giff Hatfield collects his book

Impressive Launch of our History Book 'Dementia Prodest' (cont.)

By Paul Daley, photographs Frances McDougall

also for *Roger Berg*, who was contracted to complete the graphic design and photographic enhancement for 'Dementia Prodest', and his work was an essential factor to the quality of production. Roger was also thanked and applauded for the work he does each month on our Club magazine, 'Brass Notes'. *Sherryn Dunshea* contributed meticulous proof reading and peer editing to two revisions of the final artwork – a magnificent effort!

Ian Berg was thanked for the tremendous effort he put in to bring the project to a conclusion, and especially the support *Sue Berg* gave as Ian devoted time to the project. Ian's presentation 'The Making of Dementia Prodest', was a recognition of the outstanding photographic content of the book. Ian's articulate historical recollection of the fascinating identities who have been with the Club, their vehicles, often colourful personalities provided many an interesting tale. There was good humoured banter from the floor as members joined in recalling the past 60 years. Ian did not miss a beat, and without any notes delivered the 30 minute dialogue with great style, and some members rose at the end to the resounding applause.



Alan Maden (front) and Mark Herbstreit take a sneak peak



Peter Jordan-Hill with Marcus Wills Cooke



Janne Long and Val Dunshea



Stan Bone, Brendan Pearce and James Dunshea



Ralph Provan, Rodney Anderson and Ian Heyme



Margaret and Roger Stewart



David Couper is served by Sue Berg



Peter Caffyn, Rayna Guthrie and Alan Meredith



Brendan Pierce, Ian Berg and Chris Knoop



Attentive members watching Ian Berg's presentation

Impressive Launch of our History Book 'Dementia Prodest' (cont.)

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David Wright chats with Wally Nye



Paula McNicol and John Prior serving drinks



Frances McDougall, Pam Hill and Phillip Barclay



Anne Barbour and Sue Berg – managing book distribution



Andrew Brown



Bruce Walker and Paul Daley – old friends catch up



Bob Ballinger, Geoff Hood and Geoff Payne



Giff Hatfield and Jennifer Atherton



Craig Emmerson, Scott Emmerson, and Alan Lethborg



Steven Hobbins (front) enjoys the evening



John Washbourne and Bruce Walker



Alex Downie and Fiona Lane

Impressive Launch of our History Book 'Dementia Prodest' (cont.)

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Geoff Payne answers a query



Jim McCaffrey and David Wright being presented Long Service Awards by Paul Daley



Joan Scudds, Maggie Bone and Kath Wright prepare supper



Scott Staples does the Scotty waltz at the end of meetings



The Berg family Alastair, Lucy, Ian, Sue, Christopher, Matthew and Jessie.

Vale William John (Bill) Brand

By Andrew Brand

15/10/1930 - 17/9/18



Bill Brand in uniform with Victoria Police

Bill Brand was a member of the Veteran Car Club of Victoria from the early 1970's until the mid 2000's. His interests spanned Model T Ford, Metz, and Fabrique Nationale cars.

Bill was born in Mildura in 1930. When he was 4, the family moved to Dimboola. It was here that he spent his childhood - knocking around outdoors. It was a wonderful place to grow up, and Bill spent his time swimming, fishing, poking around in the Little Desert, catching yabbies, and so on. His father didn't come home to the family after the war, and Bill took on a sense of responsibility for his 2 younger brothers. Amongst other things he trapped rabbits and sold them to supplement his mother's meagre income. He excelled at school but left at 16 and came to Melbourne to become a Technician in Training with the PMG.

In 1950 Bill went to Papua New Guinea as a Patrol Officer, and it was his job to represent all government departments in isolated areas. The highlands were a wild frontier then. He was the first white man many tribes had seen, and some were still practicing cannibalism at the time.

He spent 2 years at Lake Kutubu, and 3 years at Erave. During that time he supervised the construction of an airstrip which is still in use. He told fascinating stories of his exploits trying to bring law and order to places where tribal warfare and the "pay back" system of justice were the norm.

On his return from Papua New Guinea in 1955, Bill joined the police force. His early work at Footscray and Victoria Dock on wharf patrol ensured some interesting experiences. In 1957 he joined the newly created Search and Rescue squad, first on a part time basis, then full time when the squad became permanent. He excelled at the kind of work the squad do - diving, climbing, searching for people lost in the bush and snow, disaster victim recovery, etc.

He worked his way up through the ranks and was promoted to Inspector in 1977. He was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1978, and the Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 1979. During his time as officer in charge of the Search and Rescue Squad he developed it into a highly trained, well equipped unit and is still regarded by the squad as a founding father. As a sign of respect, the squad named their recompression chamber after him when it was commissioned in 2006.



Bill in his Ford Torpedo

Bill married Dawn in 1958, and they had 3 children. He retired in 1987 and concentrated on the restoration of his 1911 Ford Torpedo Runabout which debuted at T Time '89 in Wangaratta.

Grandchildren, genealogy, and gardening were added to rallies and swap meets in Bill's busy calendar. He was proud of his achievements, yet remained humble.

His was a remarkable life.

The Inaugural Pre 1905 Pioneer Rally - Directors Overview

By Greg Smith (Photos by Ben Alcock, Frances McDougall, Callum Walsh and Gordon Berg)

Well, the pre 1905 Pioneer's event has been run and done. If I knew it was going to be such fun and relatively easy, I would have run it almost 20 years ago, when I first thought it would be a great idea for a two day event. That's right, back around the turn of the millennium after viewing an outstanding video given to me by Noel Holbrook and Colin Daniels, on a Victoria Rally they attended in England (All vehicles had to have been built in the Queen Victoria Era of Pre 1901, when her reign finished) This was such an amazing sight and experience, I thought we too, should organise such an event. Pre 1901 vehicles gracing our roads, it could not get any better!!



Rally Brochure

I approached all the people who had pre 1901 vehicles (Holbrook, Smith, Drake, Hetrel, Humphries, Russell) and they all showed enthusiasm and agreed that they would support it. Word leaked out, and I was approached by several, who owned curved dash Oldsmobiles, and early De Dion Boutons with a request to extend the date out to Pre 1905 vehicles. It was decided that the cut-off date of Pre 1905 was very appropriate, as post 1904 was being catered for quite adequately with the 1+2 cylinder rallies. It was, and still is, the earlier pre 1905 vehicles that are, and were, left languishing in the sheds with little that catered to their needs. Thus the cut-off date was decided!!

The great idea of the catering for the pioneer vehicles was hatched, but it never eventuated, mainly due to my inability to commit to organising it. I was always of the opinion, that I wanted to participate and enjoy the experience, rather than go through the anguish of the organisational torture and thus miss out on the euphoric experience. It was then shelved, but every so often I yearned for the presence of these Pioneers, and sometimes expressed, these views when I could see these vehicles were not being catered for. I must have done this one too many times, as it was at the events committee meeting early in 2018 (almost 20 years after my initial idea) that I was cleverly "ambushed" by our events director, Ben Alcock. On the agenda it was written, pre 1905 event with my name after it. I was trapped into discussing the proposal and the rest of the committee was in full support of running such an extraordinary event. Ben, and James Dunshea, committed to being assistants and I guess the rest is now history. A pre 1905 Pioneers event was to be a reality. My "baby" was to be born.

Andrew McDougall often refers to me as the patron saint of lost causes, and the ambassador of the "week and feeble". I am happy to accept that label, if it means we're able to see and experience these amazing vehicles, with a show case in time of a very special period in the history of the motor vehicle. I must admit my first thoughts were, if we got half a dozen vehicles that would be fine, and we would trundle around and enjoy what we had achieved. When we got to 12 I was amazed and thought this will be tremendous and a sight to behold. When the numbers peaked at 19, I was truly in a world of wonderment and excitement. It was a number to be completely outside of my wildest dreams. Unfortunately we lost several vehicles in the final week before the rally with withdrawals mainly due to vehicles being coaxed back from long standing slumber periods. I am now, pretty sure they will be ready and willing participants in next year's event.

The success of the rally is completely due to the support I received, especially from assistant directors Ben and James and Mick Turner and my wife and back bone, Denise. Support was also forthcoming from President Paul (rally booklets), Brendan Walsh (maps), Fiona Lane (supplying and catering morning tea on Sunday), Rick Thege and Peter Fitzgerald (Tailend Charlie), Graeme and Lyn Edwards, who were to be the sign people, but were unable to come due to Graeme going to hospital for an operation. These people all played an integral part in the running of the event. We also received support from entrants in moderns, who acted as marshals, pushers, mechanics and general helpers all in a tremendous spirit of camaraderie, and they all in their way added to the weekend.

The people who entered vehicles were absolutely paramount, and it was this support that allowed us to see and experience an outstanding collection of pre 1905 Pioneer Vehicles.

Andrew McDougall had his 1904 De Dion Bouton for sale some time ago, but now it is definitely off the market to attend future Pioneer Rallies. It ran so well, at one stage clocking over 40 kph, not that speed was any issue on the weekend, where our full day runs were marginally over 40 Kilometres.



Andrew and Frances McDougall's 1904 De Dion Bouton

David Provan and Callum Walsh drove Paul Daley's 1904 Oldsmobile. Paul was unable to attend being in the U.S., but kindly loaned his Olds to David and Callum. If enthusiasm was to be bottled these two gents would have a warehouse full. I truly thank you for your enthusiasm as it really is a tonic for rally directors.



Paul Daley's 1904 Oldsmobile entered by David Provan and Callum Walsh

Larry Clarke and Peter Allan: Whenever I talk to these two, it is music to my ears as both are true "tragics", that adore the real early stuff. I recall talking to Larry before entries were out, as he was desperate for one, and we discussed the weather in Ballarat in September. He said it would be a shame to have belt slip if it rained (and it certainly did). I said he should look for a shaft-drive FN motorcycle that came out in 1904. He quickly replied, if I was to get another FN it would definitely be earlier not later. He is a man completely after my own heart. Both are really keen to have something new at the next event. Thanks for making the trip from S.A.



1904 FN motorcycle, entered by Larry Clarke

Brendan Walsh in the Star had a big weekend working on it. And, I believe it was running by Saturday night. But alas, on Sunday, the Star refused to co-operate. Better luck next year.



The Star entered by Brendan Walsh

Noel and Sue Holbrook attended Friday night and Saturday morning, but the 1899 Peugeot was a late scratching with internal engine issues. It is certainly everybody's hope it will be a starter next year, as this vehicle is one of our "jewels".

It was great that the 1904 Wolseley of Gordon Berg was out again. Since the purchase of the Renault, the Wolseley has seen limited use. Now, with this event, which is most suitable for its use, it will again avail us with its lovely presence.

Rodney Anderson's 1898 Louis Renault was supposed to be in France at a museum to commemorate its 120 year old birthday. Luckily for us, it was cancelled and able to attend our inaugural event. Something very, very special, and our oldest vehicle on the event.

Kevin Cadzow entered his 1903 Oldsmobile and basically had a faultless run. It was one of my highlights as Kevin has been through a pretty tough time health wise, and the Olds has not been on a VCCA event on many, many years.

The Inaugural Pre 1905 Pioneer Rally (Cont.)

By Greg Smith (Photos by Ben Alcock, Frances McDougall, Callum Walsh and Gordon Berg)



Catherine and Gordon Berg's 1904 Wolseley



Kevin Cadzow and Glen Halden entered with this 1903 Oldsmobile



Rodney Anderson and Jennifer Atherton's 1898 'Louis' Renault



Brian and Joan Scudds with Ian Heyme entered the 1904 De Dion Bouton

Brian Scudds was recovering from a shoulder operation after an accident to do with scaffolding. Not only dealing with that, he had a busy weekend. He trailed the 1904 De Dion to Ballarat on Friday, dropping it and Joan there, and then preceded back to Melbourne to attend an event with his daughter. He then drove back to Ballarat arriving after midnight. The De Dion developed a carby issue on Saturday morning, and after much cranking failed to proceed. So for all his effort, and hard work, had to settle for travelling modern. I am confident, Brian and Joan will be back next year, and once again using the De Dion.

Julian and Jane McNeil made the huge journey from South Australia to attend. This was a major sacrifice, and totally appreciated by me and the rest of the entrants. Not only had they come all that way, but they attended with their earliest vehicle, the 1901 De Dion Bouton Vis a Vis. This vehicle was used as a favour to me, as Julian could easily have used any of the more practical more modern vehicles he owns. That is true support.

Russell and Chris Holden was a late withdrawal with the 1902 Elmore. Pity as this would have been a very interesting vehicle.

The 1904 Oldsmobile of Peter Blayney was a welcome return to a VCCA event, as it has been quite a few years since it has attended. Perfectly driven by Daryl Meek, they enjoyed a faultless run, and thanks to Daryl and Fiona for their enthusiasm for getting this Oldsmobile and Peter out again in it.



Julian and Jane McNeil in the 1901 De Dion Bouton



Peter Fagan was riding Mick Turner's 1904 Clement Motorcycle



Peter Blayney with Darryl Meek and Fiona Lane entered the 1904 Oldsmobile



Greg Orde displayed his 1903 Orient Forecar

Tony Duvoisin is a new member to our club, and after his successful run with the 1903 Orient Buckboard on Sunday, my hope is he enjoyed himself enough to make this a regular run in the future.



Tony Duvoisin entered his 1903 Orient Buckboard

A brand new restoration was something different for this event. Most were long time restorations, but we had Mick Turners 1904 Clement powered bicycle out for the very first time. Mick was a huge part in the organising of the event, but was not able to attend the event as he was in England at the Beaulieu Swap Meet. His wishes were for his new restoration to be ridden on the inaugural event. Peter Fagan obliged by riding the 192cc beast, with great success on Sunday. After getting off the Clement, after this success, he was eagerly asking where he could get one of these outstanding machines. I reckon we have a "new" convert to the Pioneer motoring scene.

Thanks also to Greg Orde for bringing his 1903 Orient Forecar as a static display. After the weekend, I feel it will return next year as a goer, or as an Orient two wheel motorcycle?

The Inaugural Pre 1905 Pioneer Rally (Cont.)

By Greg Smith (Photos by Ben Alcock, Frances McDougall, Callum Walsh and Gordon Berg)

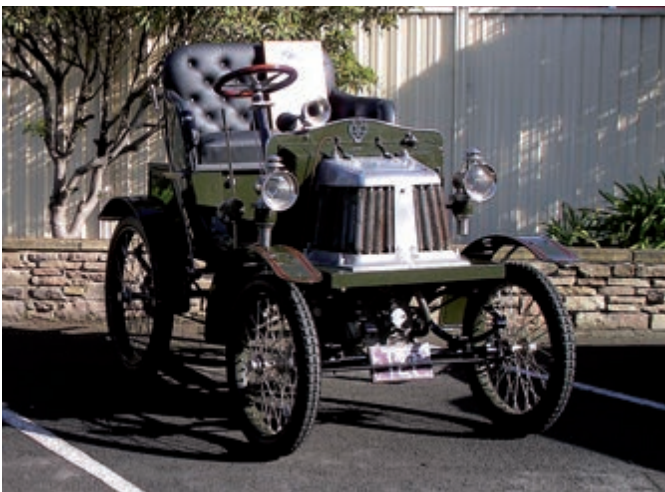
George Hetrel, back in 2004 basically was the “pioneer” of the pioneer event when he ran the re-enactment of the first 1904 Hill Climb in Burgandy Street Heidelberg. George was instrumental in getting as many pre 1905 vehicles to participate in the re-enactment, and achieved great success on the day; with many “pioneer” vehicles attending. Although George has parted with many of his vehicles he hoped to bring his delightful 1903 Peugeot to this event, only to be thwarted at the last minute with clutch and tail shaft issues. Let’s hope he attends next year in the Peugeot and not the Porsche!

Ivan and June Smith were of great support to the event in allowing two of their cars to attend. The 1901 Argyll and 1900 Victoria Combination. The Argyll had a severe radiator issue so was a static display, but the 1900 Victoria Combination completed all the runs impeccably. Both Brenton and I were extremely blessed and fortunate to be able to pilot the Victoria along, with “Dad” and “Grampy” as co-pilot. And I even squeezed in some time to ride the 1904 Maldon for part of the rally.



The 1904 Maldon Motorcycle, entered by Greg and Denise Smith

Thank you for allowing me to run and participate in one of the most memorable fun events I have experienced. It really has revitalised our love of these vehicles, as well as it has reincarnated some vehicles to give them another go at life. It has also rekindled a desire to restore some long term projects. In fact it has been a tonic that has given all that attended an amazing dose of enthusiasm. It really is a great concept, and I sincerely hope my “little baby” continues to flourish and develop.



The 1901 Argyle of Ivan and June Smith



The 1900 Victoria Combination also of the Smith's, driven by Ivan, Greg and Brenton



'Excusez moi Monsieur Louis Renault, mais votre "sprag" montre'

The Inaugural Pre 1905 Pioneer Rally - Participant's Account

By the Participants (Photos by Ben Alcock, Frances McDougall, Callum Walsh and Gordon Berg)

We all know they exist but rarely get to enjoy their company on rallies. The true pioneers of early motoring are a sight to behold and what better way to enjoy them than by organising an event specifically for them; hence the Pre 1905 Pioneers Event was conceived. With very little convincing and like a man on a mission Greg Smith set about the task of organising this event.

After months of buildup the weekend was here. A hearty breakfast was served to fuel the mechanics, drivers and passengers of the rally before the curious onlookers observed as the lineup of pre 1905 vehicles grew. Some cars started first crank, others needed a bit more convincing and some hadn't been started for years, but this didn't stop anyone or dampen the spirits of the crew and we were ready for the first drive. While we were treated to scones, jam and cream Greg laid down the rules for the weekend, follow the signs and have fun!

With over 10 cars and 2 bikes at the Bell Tower Inn carpark there were a lot of very curious eyes and some even more curious owners trying to remember "which lever does what". We left the carpark and headed to Lake Learmonth on the way to the Cider Café for lunch,

unfortunately Ballarat missed the memo regarding the weather but we pushed on and enjoyed a warm lunch and some running repairs at the lunch stop - only 1 casualty for the very delighted Peter Fitzgerald and Rick Thege (tail end Charlie).

The remainder of the contingent continued on our merry way back to Ballarat via the Avenue and enjoyed the quiet back roads travelling at speeds rarely travelled these days, much to the enjoyment of the local farm life.



Andrew and Frances McDougall head off from the Bell Tower Inn



To work on the 1901 De Dion Bouton one has to raise both of the "Vis a Vis" seats - so, no room for passengers at this stage



Peter Blayney shows Daryl Meek where to use the oil can



Peter Fagan preparing to leave on the 1904 Clement Motorcycle

Pre 1905 Pioneer Rally, Ballarat (Cont.)

By the Participants (Photos by Ben Alcock, Frances McDougall, Callum Walsh and Gordon Berg)

The weather didn't stop the mechanics from getting out and doing some late afternoon repairs to ensure a second day of touring was completed, before the Saturday night dinner where we enjoyed watching videos of previous London to Brighton runs.

We were greeted on Sunday morning by the sun, and a couple of Orions, so another morning of remember the starting routine (or finding pushers) and we again had a great display of cars in the carpark.

This time we headed off for morning tea and a sticky beak at a couple of local collections before heading to Creswick for lunch via a couple of hills - couldn't make it too easy!

Overall a great weekend that was truly special; a weekend that rekindled the love affair for these early cars and bikes. We heard a few murmurs of people heading home to dust off and work on the old cars for next year's event, with the SA crew even declaring that 'Team SA' will be back stronger next year. Our 2nd Pre 1905 Pioneers Event will be big and something that you will want to be a part of. For all of you with pre 1905 cars, restored or unrestored, here is your warning. The 2019 Pre 1905 Pioneers Event will be held and a date will be publicized shortly so head out to the shed, grab a shifter (or polishing rag) and whisper some nice words to the cars for you won't want to miss it!

"She hasn't been started for 6 years, a little tickle and I bet she starts first crank"

"It's all Greg's fault"



Rick Thege and Peter Fitzgerald provided backup with Rick's truck



Arrival at Café Sidra for lunch on the Saturday



Sometimes the 1900 Victoria Combination needed a push-start



George Hetrel had to make do with his 300+ hp Porsche, as the 6.5hp 1903 Peugeot had clutch problems



Lineup of cars at morning tea on the Sunday



Classic cars at morning tea



Peugeot collection at morning tea

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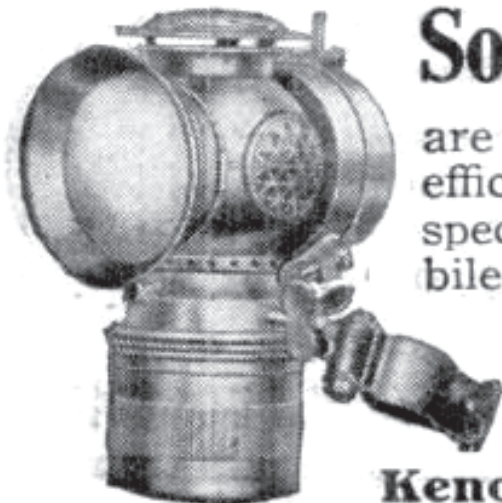
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Roger

I was sitting comfortably, enjoying my early morning cup of tea (always the best one of the day!), reading the September edition of Brass Notes and casually glancing at the colour photos of the 1958 rally at Mornington, when something caught my eye in the shot of the 1911 Scat on the back cover. The chap with the fair hair looked like my uncle Bill.

A second look confirmed it was Bill Hands, my uncle, and standing next to him, my father, Frank, with his new Rolliflex camera hanging from his neck. This took two inch transparencies, the fodder for many a terminally boring "Slide Night!"

Dad and Bill were talking to Jumbo Goddard, who must have been down from Sydney and probably staying with Bill and his wife, Sylvia, whose face can be just seen, peeking out from behind the taller figure of my mother, Shirley, who has her back to the camera.

It took an even closer look for me to realise that the "cat" sitting on the near side mudguard was, in fact, the head of a young boy. Zooming in revealed green and gold stripes on the cuff of his jumper, which in turn, filled me with an overwhelming desire to berate my late mother for taking me out on a Sunday dressed in my school jumper!

I would like to think that, even though I was only a few weeks short of my eighth birthday, so taken was I with the Scat, that I had to express my childish love for the car by giving it a cuddle.

However, I must concede that the alternative explanation, that I was bored to the point of collapse by the tedious conversation of my elders, is rather more likely to be the case!

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the photo. It has brought back memories of, despite the photographic evidence to the contrary, a very happy time in my life. Neither Dad, nor uncle Bill were members of the VCCA, although both were very active members of the VDC and Bentley Drivers Clubs, so catching them in this photo was really quite a coincidence.

*Thanks again,
Stephen Hands*



Seen at the RROC

Robert McDermott with his 1911 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost which was the only veteran Rolls Royce present at this year's Rolls Royce Owners Club display at Xavier on 16 September



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Rally Dates Fri 30th August 2019 to Fri 6th September 2019

Rally headquarters Pit area, Mount Panorama, Bathurst

Accommodation headquarters: Rydges Hotel Mount Panorama
<https://www.rydges.com/private-page/hcca-7th-international-tour-2019/>

Camping and RV accommodation will be available in the “pit area” we are working with Council currently on costing for the week. Other accommodation options (Motel, Caravan Parks Camping etc) are available on the web site or see. Newsletter #1 for details of other accommodation options.

Entry Fee – is \$A135 per entrant, \$A60 each passenger (children under 15 no charge)–which includes the following : -

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| § Friday Mayoral Reception | § 1 Rally Pack including Booklet |
| § Sunday BBQ | § 1 Rally badge |
| § Seminars | § Gas Light Parade |

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Entries are limited to the 1st 200 entrants (approx.), 400 people, or close: 1st July 2019

*An additional meals form will be sent closer to the event, once we have confirmed rally routes and catering.
Dietary requirements will be noted at this stage.*

Dementia Prodest - Did you know?

By Ian Berg

The Club motto has been in place since 1959.

Under the leadership of then President Norm Strack the Committee was searching for a suitable motto and wanted to have something that reflected the character and eccentricities of our emerging Club.

The University of Melbourne Classics Department (now The Classics and Archeology Department) were approached and asked to come up with a suitable Latin motto. There was much debate within the Department and finally *Dementia Prodest* was proposed, and subsequently approved by the Club. Various it translates to 'You don't have to be mad but is helps' or 'It pays to be mad'. Every single issue of both the Newsletter and Brass Notes since that time have featured the motto on the front cover.

Our thanks to Ralph Provan for pointing us in the right direction on this following our book launch, and it has also been confirmed in discussion with a student of the time at Melbourne University. This certainly reinforces it as the appropriate choice for the title of our history book!

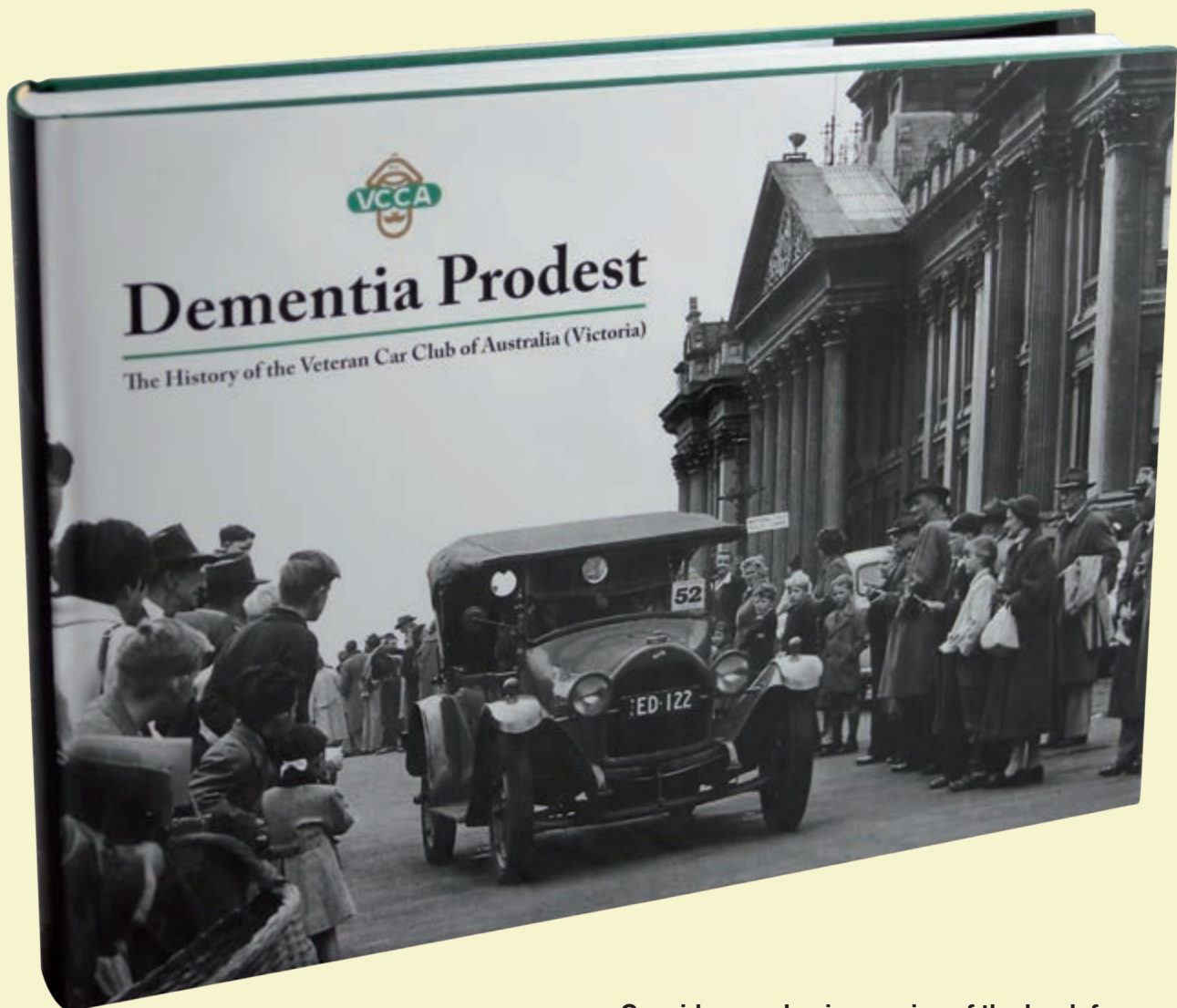
A reminder:

For members who have not yet collected your complementary copy of *Dementia Prodest*, you can either collect it at the October Natter Night, or you can have it sent to you by payment of postage of \$18. Please contact our Registrar Geoff Payne,

Phone: 03 95606837

Email: registrar@veterancarclub.org.au.

Additional copies are available for purchase; \$45 for members, or \$60 for non-members.



Consider purchasing copies of the book for Christmas gifts.

Financial Statement

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Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Profit & Loss July 2017 through June 2018

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Income		
Club Event Entry fees	49,432	36,481
Donations received	25,595	30
Interest received	3,501	1,042
Natter Night Proceeds	856	715
Newsletter Advertising received	940	900
RACV Spons'p applied to events	12,000	12,000
Sale of Club Stock	818	1,646
Membership Subs & Joining fees	20,952	20,715
Total Income	114,094	73,529
Expense		
Annual Return Expense	57	308
Bank Account overdrawn fees	39	0
Club Event expenses	60,806	39,667
Club House expenses	300	0
Cost of Stock sold	2,571	906
Depreciation expenses	2,122	1,059
History Project expenses	17,907	12,000
Insurance	2,451	2,024
Low Cost Asset write off	161	144
Maintenance & Repairs	0	385
Natter Night expenses	1,076	364
Newsletter printing and distrib	10,462	11,871
On-line Communication	1,138	698
Postage and telephone	274	844
Printing and Stationery	1,001	730
Rent of clubrooms	330	323
Subscriptions to other Organ'ns	533	365
Swap Meet expenses	0	165
Trophies and Awards	624	523
Website expenses	272	141
Total Expense	102,123	72,517
Net Income	11,971	1,012

NOTES:

1 Actual entity operating result was \$369 deficit.

\$12,340 final History Book printing invoice and GST were paid after June 30 and taken up as an expense in the FY 2019.

Extra-ordinary item of donations for History Project were taken up as income in FY 2018.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 20

	Retained Earnings	\$
Opening Balance at 1 July 2016	138,016	
Profit attributable to the entity	1,012	
Total other comprehensive income for the year		
Closing Balance at 30 June 2017	139,028	
Profit attributable to the entity	11,971	
Total other comprehensive income for the year		
CLOSING BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2017	150,999	

SATATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Jun 30, 2018	Jun 30, 2017
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	138,149	129,989
Inventories	800	2,953
Other assets	4,015	250
Total Current Assets	142,964	133,191
Non Current Assets		
Property Plant and Equipment	43,778	33,920
Total Non Current Assets	43,778	33,920
TOTAL ASSETS	186,742	167,112
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0	126
Income in advance (Midwinter)	7,775	3,596
Membership subs in advance	12,360	9,995
History book postage pre-payments	1,242	0
Total Provisions	14,366	14,366
Total Current Liabilities	35,743	28,083
TOTAL LIABILITIES	35,743	28,083
NET ASSETS	150,999	139,028
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	139,028	138,016
Net Income	11,971	1,012
TOTAL EQUITY	150,999	139,028

SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS RUN DURING THE YEAR

EVENT	INCOME \$	EXPENSES \$	SURPLUS/ -DEFICIT
ANNUAL RALLY	23,214	22,673	541
1 & 2 NATIONAL RALLY	27,827	27,918	(91)
MIDWINTER RALLY	6,388	6,313	75
4 OR MORE RALLY	3,908	3,902	6
TOTAL	61,337	60,806	531

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AUDITORS REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) INC. No. A0097964Y

In my opinion the accompanying accounts being Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th June 2018 and Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2018 have been drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the transactions of the Club for the period and of the assets and liabilities as at the close of the period.


G. Edwin Howell, CPA
24th August, 2018

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 9 October commencing at 8.00 pm.

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (for a twelve-month term of appointment) as well as two general committee positions (for a three-year term of appointment) need to be filled this year. Members are advised that the following nominations for executive and general committee positions have been received.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Paul Daley	David Provan	Ian Berg
Vice-President	Ben Alcock	Stephen Hobbins	Andrew McDougall
Secretary	David Provan	Paul Daley	Ian Berg
Treasurer	Peter Hammet	Paul Daley	David Provan
General Committee	Deb Alcock	James Dunshea	Callum Walsh
General Committee	No nomination		

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

In accordance with the Club's Constitution (Rule 34), each member is entitled to appoint another member as his/her proxy if he/she cannot attend the meeting, by notice given to the Secretary in writing (by hand, post or email no later than 24 hours before the meeting) or the form may be given to the Chairperson before or at the commencement of the meeting. Please contact me and I will post or email the proxy form to you.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VCCA (VICTORIA) 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 10 October 2017.

1. Opening and Welcome

The President, Ian Berg, declared the Annual General Meeting open at 8.02 pm and welcomed all members present.

2. Members Present

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3. Apologies

Andrew and Frances McDougall, John Prior, Paul Goethel, Cliff and Betty Ward, Kim Coillet, Margaret Lethborg.

4. Proxies

The President stated that there had been no proxy forms received.

5. Quorum

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 36.2 of the Club's Constitution, the meeting must have physically present (or by proxy) 5% of the members entitled to vote. The Secretary, David Provan, declared that a quorum for the meeting was present.

6. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Resolution: That the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, as published in the October 2017 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by David Provan and seconded by David Wright – carried unanimously.

7. President's Report

The President thanked the committee for their diligent work throughout the year and acknowledged the outstanding contribution to the Club over many years of David Wright and Jim McCaffrey. David and Jim were both retiring from the committee this year. David and Jim have held executive roles with David being President and Vice-President, and Jim serving as Secretary and Treasurer.

The President shared a story about Adrian Garrett's 1907 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost.

Resolution: That the President's Report, as published in the October 2017 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Ian Berg and seconded by Deb Alcock – carried unanimously.

8. Treasurer's Report

8.1 Bank Balances

The Treasurer, Jim McCaffrey, reported that (as at 30 September 2017) the cheque account balance was \$12,424, the cash management account balance was \$30,991 and the term deposit balance was \$95,119.

8.2 Financial Audit

The Treasurer informed members that a condensed version of the auditor's report had been published in the October 2017 edition of Brass Notes. Any member wishing to view a full version of the report should contact the Secretary, David Provan.

8.3 Membership Fees for 2017-2018

The Treasurer reported that the committee had reviewed the membership fees for the 2017-2018 year. In light of the sound financial position of the Club, there is no need to increase the membership fees for the 2017-2018 year.

Resolution: That the Treasurer's Report, as published in the October 2017 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Jim McCaffrey and seconded by Alan Long – carried unanimously.

Annual General Meeting

9. Appointment of Auditor

Resolution: That the appointment of Gerry Howell CPA as the Club's auditor (on an honorary basis) be accepted. Moved by Ian Berg and seconded by Jeff Alcock – carried unanimously.

10. Election of Office Bearers for the 2017-2018 Year

10.1 Nominations Received

For the position of President – Paul Daley
For the position of Vice-President – Ben Alcock
For the position of Secretary – David Provan
For the position of Treasurer – Deb Alcock

For the five vacant positions of General Committee Members – Daryl Meek, Geoff Payne, Brian Hussey, John Prior and Callum Walsh.

10.2 Executive Positions

There being only one candidate nominated for each executive position, Paul Daley was declared President, Ben Alcock was declared Vice-President, David Provan was declared Secretary and Deb Alcock was declared Treasurer, all for a twelve-month term.

10.3 General Committee Members

There being only five candidates for the five vacancies on the committee, Daryl Meek, Geoff Payne, Brian Hussey, John Prior and Callum Walsh were declared elected to the committee for a three-year term.

Ian Berg welcomed Paul Daley the newly elected President, Ben Alcock the newly elected Vice-President, Deb Alcock the newly elected Treasurer, and Callum Walsh the newly elected General Committee Member.

11. Closure

Ian Berg closed the 2017 Annual General Meeting at 8.24 pm and then handed-over to Paul Daley, the newly elected President.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like further information or have any questions about the 2018 Annual General Meeting, please feel free to contact me via email at secretary@veterancarclub.org.au or mobile 0409 136 301.

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Secretary*

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Events

EARLY OVERLAND ROUNDUP RALLY 2018

What could possibly be the largest gathering of Early Overlands in the one place since the end of the 1919 in Australia, the next Willys Overland Roundup Rally is only months away. The event is already promising to be one not to be missed with the rally finishing on the 100 year anniversary of the day Fred Eager and Wally Webb set off on the record breaking Sydney to Brisbane trip.

Itinerary:

Sunday-14th- October-2018. Registration day at Rally Headquarters- Leeds Parade, Orange Show ground. Enter the main gate and drive straight ahead 450 metres to Environmental Learning Facility (ELF) Building.

Welcome and Greet and receive Rally Packs. Sausage Sizzle 3-30 pm to 6-00pm.

Monday-15th-October-2018. Day Country Tour- Museum – Historic Millthorpe

Total Distance – 91 Kilometres. @ 60 KM per hour 2 driving hours.

8-00-am. Headquarters open for Coffee and Tea – Daily Tour starts at 9-00 am.

A pleasant easy tour through the countryside, Light Lunch, Tea/Coffee at Millthorpe Museum Entry and meals included in event fees.

Tuesday-16th-October-2018- Day Country Tour- Molong-Cumnock-Yeoval – Manildra - Theatre- Poetry. Total Distance – 130 Kilometres . @ 60 KM per hour 3 driving hours.

8-00-am Headquarters open for Coffee and Tea – Daily Tour starts at 9-00 am.

Tour through the countryside, Cumnock and a visit to country museum (Banjo Patterson) at Yeoval. Manildra for light Lunch-Coffee /Tea at Manildra Town Hall. Pre-paid. Then to Tom's Overland Garage which was Established in 1914 – Watch Old time Movies – Movie Posters etc. Entry fee included in event fees. This is a day not to miss!

Wednesday-17th-October-2018. Day City Tour- Mansion Morning Tea- and Display of Willys-Overlands in Orange City Park.

8-00-am. Headquarters open for Coffee and Tea – Daily Tour starts at 9-00am. Small amount of easy driving.

Morning tea at Duntryleague Golf Club. See Botanical Gardens – Display day of Willys-Overland vehicles at Orange City Park.

Thursday-18th-October-2018. Historic Mansion and Famous Race Track.

Total Distance -133 Kilometres @ 60 KM per hour 2-1/2 driving hours

Distance – Morning: 50.5 KLM Afternoon: 83 Kilometres- not including 6 Kilometres of Mount Panorama Race Circuit.

8-00-am. Headquarters open for Coffee and Tea – Daily Tour starts at 9-00 am.

Tour through the country side, visit Heritage Mansion for Lunch, and after a well know world class Race Track. Pleasant challenging drive back to your accommodation .

Mansion entry fee, lunch, coffee, tea included with event fees.

Friday-19th-October-2018. Local Country Tour - Race Track - Final Dinner

Total Distance – 38 Kilometres @ 30 KM per hour 1 1/2 driving hours.

Distance – Morning: 21 Kilometres Distance- Afternoon: 17 Kilometres

8-00-am. Headquarters open for Coffee and Tea – Daily Tour starts at 9-00-am.

Tour through the Orange district countryside. Those who are interested can take their Overland on a challenging hill climb, up Mount Canobolas. Lunch by Lake Canobolas. Return back to Orange via pretty Orange country drive.

Tonight is the final presentation evening at Duntryleague Golf Club.

When: 14th – 20th October 2018
Where: Orange, NSW
Contact: Les Johnson 0419 288 383
frogshollow1@bigpond.com.au
Jeff Alcock 0425 519 959

BREAKFAST RUN

When: Saturday 27 October 2018
8.00 am onwards
Where: Surrey Park Box Hill
Enter off Standard Avenue
Melways Ref 47 B 11
What: Bring your own breakfast
Why: Please join us in a lovely park with lake for our first breakfast run for the spring.
Facilities: Electric barbecues, tables and seats under cover, children's play ground
Enquiries: Frank Pound T: 9583 7723

REMEMBER WHEN...

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

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

Events

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 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.

When: 9 – 11th November 2018
Where: Cape Schanck – RACV Resort
Contact: Deb Alcock on 0412 777 676

YARRA SCENIC DRIVE HEAD TO HEAD RALLY

A Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Join the Vintage Drivers Club on a fun, relaxing 40 mile drive on Melbourne's famous Yarra River Scenic Drive.

Three optional starting points, Warrandyte, City or Williamstown depending on which one is closest to home. The idea is to meet together "head to head" at the Studley Park boathouse on the banks of the Yarra for a picnic lunch. Younger members and guests will be encouraged to compete in the inaugural VDC rowing championship during the lunch break for everyone's entertainment.

For those that wish, there will also be a photographic scavenger hunt to complete throughout the day and will keep everyone in the car entertained and on the look out!

Meet at the starting points at 10am to collect your instructions and have a coffee before a 10:30 departure.

Starting Points are:

Williamstown – Meet at the Time Ball Tower, Nelson Place, Melway Map 56 F10.

City – Alexandra Ave, Melway Map 44 A11

Warrandyte – River Reserve Car Park, Web Street, Melway Map 23 F11

I have arranged perfect weather, so there is no excuse not to bring out your vintage car.

You will need:

A Melway (yes a Melway, not a Navman!!)

Clipboard and pen

Picnic lunch (refreshments available at Studley Park boathouse at your own expense)

Smartphone / camera phone and someone that knows how to use it.

A Navigator with more a sense of humour than a sense

of direction. Eyes in both the front and back of their head would be advantageous as well.

When
Contact:

Sunday 25th November

Please let Stuart McCorkelle know if you are coming and your starting point, via ph. 0423 939 053.

email: stuart_mccorkelle@hotmail.com

Or Doug Stevenson 0419 319 977.

email: events@vdc.org.au

NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY 2019 GOOLWA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

All Brush enthusiasts are called to register now for the next National Brush Rally being held in Goolwa South Australia 22nd to 26th April 2019. Following the highly successful Rally in July 2017, plans are well under way to make the 2019 event even bigger with a huge push to encourage members from the UK and USA to join us. It would be great if we could get 20 cars!

1. If you are a Brush owner and you haven't already registered for the Members Forum, please do so via any of the following:

- a. the website <http://brushownersregister.com/>
- b. email brushownersregister@gmail.com or
- c. post to Brush Owners Register, PO Box 440, Willunga, SA 5172

2019 ANNUAL "4 & MORE" RALLY

Come, See, Learn and Explore this fascinating part of our National Heritage. Corowa NSW. The birth place of Australia's Federation set on the banks of the iconic Murray River. Be sure to book your accommodation NOW as this is the ANZAC weekend and Corowa books out fast.

Further details to come.

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Golfers Lodge Motel (02) 6033 1366

Corowa Caravan Park (02) 6033 1944

Corowa Golf Club Motel (02) 6033 4188

Statesman Motor Inn (02) 6033 2411

Corowa Motor Inn (02) 6033 1255

Rivergum Holiday Park (02) 6033 1990

Best Western Heritage Motor Inn (02) 6033

Greenacres Motel (02) 6033 2288

Corowa Bindaree Holiday Park (02) 6033 2500

Federation Motor Inn (02) 6033 2022

Golden Chain Lone Pine Motel (02) 6033 2966

When:

Where:

Contact:

Anzac Weekend 25th-28th April 2019

Corowa. NSW.

Rally Organisers:

David Lang T: 03 5881 2492

Don McPherson M: 0412 851 325

HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2019

In this edition of Brass Notes you will find an entry form and a full page with everything you need to know about this upcoming event for vehicles produced prior to 1916.

But, in case your Brass Notes page is missing, all you really need to know is the newly launched website is:

www.hccabathurst2019.com.au

When: 30 August – 6 Sept 2019
Where: Mt Panorama race track Bathurst NSW
Contact: Russell and Christine Holden
Rally Directors:
Phone 0422 219 911
info@hccabathurst2019.com.au

2019 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

Bundaberg/Bargara Queensland

Planning is now underway for our 2019 Queensland National Rally. The Rally runs Tuesday 17th – Monday 23rd September 2019 and for those who wish, either side of the event (Friday 13th–Thursday 26th Sept) we will arrange a selection of pre and post rally “enjoyments & excitements”.

The dates were selected to fit between the HCCA International Tour based at Bathurst Friday 30th Aug- Friday 6th Sept and the Model T National Rally Maryborough Sunday 29th –Saturday 5th Oct. What a great festival of historic vehicles September 2019 will be, we encourage you to come and enjoy all. If you would like to leave your vehicle here between rallies we can arrange free storage ...but leave the crank handle!

We ask you to please forward a completed Expression of Interest (Eoi) form which can be found on the VCCAQ website (www.vccaq.com). From the Eoi we would like to get a general idea of your requirements and it may help us negotiate accommodation discounts, etc.

When: 17th – 23rd September 2019
Where: Bundaberg/Bargara Queensland
Contact: Rally2019@skymesh.com.au or
John & Pam Handley 0423 000 675
Chris & Jenny Sorenson 0427 244 847
Peter & Linda Arnold 0417 615 149
Terry & Regie Lewis 0404 647 359

2019 MODEL T FORD NATIONAL TOUR – MARYBOROUGH QLD

Model T owners QLD Inc (MTOQ), welcomes all Model T Ford enthusiasts to join us in 2019 for the 13th National Model T Tour. This tour is to be based in the city of Maryborough, Queensland from Sunday 29th September to Sunday 5th October 2019 on the banks of the Mary River. Just a short 3 hours' drive (250km) north of Brisbane, Maryborough is a thriving and vital city on the banks of the Mary River, filled with meticulously maintained Heritage Listed buildings, just a short Model T drive from the beautiful Fraser Coast and Hervey Bay.

For all enquiries and entry details visit the website www.mtoq12.wix.com/mtoq/2019-national or email MTOQ2019rally@hotmail.com for an information pack. Tour Director Peter Cameron has already begun his tour of duty preparing newsletters to keep everyone informed of the planning process and uploading them to the website. Peter's tip for this tour: book your accommodation from the list on the website!

When: 29th September – 5th October 2019
Where: Maryborough QLD
Contact: Peter Cameron, National Tour Director
Phone: (07) 3219 4192
email:
popintomaryborough2019@hotmail.com
PO Box 1282, Carindale, QLD 4152

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Seen on Facebook - something different, for the collector who has everything!

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Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Natter Night Meeting Minutes and Launch of the Book Dementia Prodest

Tuesday 11 September 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 8:02pm and welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting.

2. Attendance

There were 133 members and visitors who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Netta Griffin (RACV's President and Chairman), David Provan, Chester McKaige, John White, Paul Goethel, Joan and Barry Forryan, Cliff and Betty Ward, Graeme and Lynette Edwards, John Martin, Margaret Lethborg, Margo Neilson, Wally Martin, Greg and Denise Smith, Jeff Alcock.

4. Visitors and New Members

The President welcomed all visitors including RACV Director Alex Downie.

5. Member News

The Club mourns the passing of member Ralph Quaine. Many members attended the celebration of Ralph's life. The Club sends their condolences and support to Anne and family. The President welcomed and acknowledged the past Presidents and their partners in attendance including Ian and Sue Berg, David and Kath Wright, Pam and Deane Hill, and Deb Alcock, with further acknowledgements to Joan and Barry Forryan, Jeff Alcock who were apologies. The President then presented Barry Forryan's written apology to those in attendance.

Darren Savory spoke about the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride which he be a part of on September 30. The event aims to raise awareness of and money to support men's health. Darren then requested some financial support from members for his fundraising efforts, to which he received an overwhelming response and will have almost reached his target of raising \$1000.

The President advised members that he had visited Graeme Edwards in hospital, following Graeme's recent procedure. Whilst there Paul delivered Graeme his copy of Dementia Prodest, which he was thrilled to see. The Club continues to send Graeme their best wishes for his recovery.

6. Membership – Callum Walsh

Callum welcomed new members Howard and Barbara Staples to the Club.

7. Events – Ben Alcock

7.1 Past Events

Pre-1905 Pioneers Run (Ballarat) – 1 and 2 September 2018. Ben Alcock provided an event report and thanked Rally Director, Greg Smith, for organising a fantastic inaugural run and all those who attended and supported the event.

7.2 Future Events

National Veteran Rally (Forbes NSW) – 23 to 28 September 2018

Ben advised that there are over 140 entries for the rally and is sure to be a great event. A dinner has been organised for Victorian entrants, please contact Ben for more information. RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Cape Schanck) – 9 to 11 November 2018

20 entries to date. Members are encouraged to enter and book accommodation ASAP so they do not miss out on another great event.

VDC Head to Head Run – 25th November 2018

8. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

Give Away – Michael Holding offered members his surplus of Roll Pins, stating that he did not want to take any home again. Wanted – Deane Hill is after a steering wheel spider for a 1909 IHC buggy, Andrew McDougall advised that he may have one. For Sale – Robyn Blackwell has the following items to sell, please contact for more information:

1948 Norton ES2 motorcycle

1927 Riley Nine

Screw fly press

Bandsaw – capable of horizontal and vertical actions

For Sale – Daryl Meek has the following vehicles for sale:

1949 Morris Minor

1938 Ford 10hp

1933 Dodge Brougham

9. General Business

9.1 The President presented members David Wright and Jim McCaffrey with their Long Service Award badges.

9.2 Andrew McDougall canvased those in attendance with two questions received from the AOMC, on behalf of VicRoads, concerning possible changes to the CPS. The questions VicRoads are seeking feedback on are:

9.2.1 Is your club in favour of not having a windscreen label? (i.e. like fully registered cars not windscreen sticker will be provided with the renewal)?

The majority of those in attendance voted against (retain a window label).

9.2.2 Does your club have a view on electronic log books? - i.e. an app or similar accessed via smart phone or pc.

After contributions for both sides of the discussion from John Washbourne and Michael Holding, the majority of those in attendance voted against the introduction of electronic log books.

10. Interview David Wright and Hugh Guthrie about the history book Dementia Prodest – Paul Daley

Paul introduced both David and Hugh, gave members a short summary of their involvement with the club and noted how important they were in reviving and then driving the history book project. After acknowledging that Hugh's birthday was the following day, David summarised his involvement with the history book project and thanked all the contributors and supporters of the project. He went on to thank Hugh for the motivation he gave to complete the book. Hugh presented the chronology of the book. Hugh also thanks the other members of the subcommittee who all significantly contributed to the data collection and processing for the book. David noted how fantastic it is to finally have this history documented and that the Club and its members need to stay vigilant going forward to ensure the continuing success of of the Club and the historic vehicle movement as a whole.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM and will commence at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 9 October 2018.

12. Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8.46 pm.

13. Speaker – Ian Berg

Prior to Ian's presentation, the President presented a copy of Dementia Prodest to RACV Director Alex Downie.

Immediate past president Ian Berg then provided the members with an abbreviated version of the presentation he had presented at the recent Automotive Historians Australia Inc. conference.

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The Events Subcommittee meets in February, May and October to plan the Club's forthcoming events, which are published annually in the Club Calendar with regular updates in Brass Notes.

Chair – Ben Alcock, Participants – Paul Daley, Ian Berg, David Provan, David Wright, Daryl Meek, James Dunshea, Ben Alcock, Chris Dillon, Robert Couper, Brendan Pierce, Graeme Edwards, John Prior, Michael Holding,

SUBCOMMITTEE CLUBROOMS MANAGEMENT

John Prior and Jim McCaffrey

SUBCOMMITTEE SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEXT GENERATION

Ben Alcock, James Dunshea, Callum Walsh

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Geoff Payne, Scott Staples and David Provan

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JP SERVICES AT NATTER NIGHTS

As a service to VCCA (Victoria) Inc. members our President Paul Daley JP and Secretary David Provan JP, in their capacity as Honorary Justices of the Peace for the State of Victoria, are available at Natter Nights or by appointment to provide document witnessing and certification services.

CLUB MEETINGS

Monthly meetings (Natter Nights) are held at 8:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (excl. January) in the Club Rooms:

*Lynden Park Club Room,
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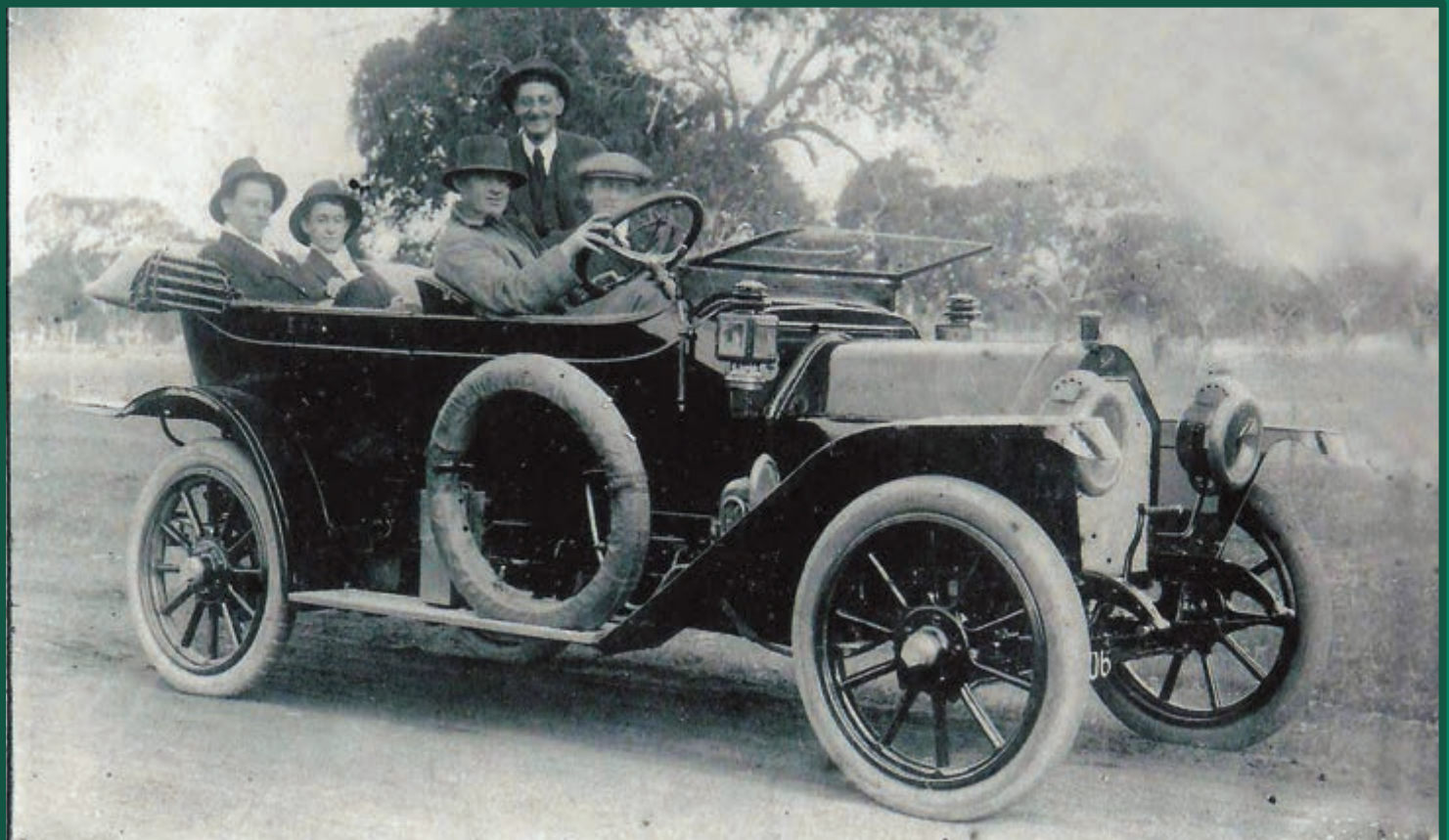
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FROM THE ARCHIVES, by Ian Berg

Doug Palmer, member from Hamilton, sent in the following two photos of cars we would like to identify.



Post WW1 celebratory event taken at the corner of Gray Street and Brown Street Hamilton.



Another unidentified Veteran



Kevin Cadzow and Glen Halden in the 1903 Oldsmobile on the Pre 1905 Pioneers Rally (Photo by Gordon Berg)



Andrew and Frances McDougall in the 1904 De Dion Bouton on the Pre 1905 Pioneers Rally (Photo by Ben Alcock)