



# Brass Notes

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## President's Message

July brings an abbreviated version of Brass Notes. This allows the editorial crew to have a break and enables articles to stockpile for the remainder of the year. Please keep them coming to ensure we can maintain the current high standard of our club journal. However, you will note the fantastic Mrs. Thomson brochure and the "Springtime above the Snowline" brochure enclosed. Thanks to Paul Daley for production of these quality inserts. For email only Brass Notes recipients, a copy of each can be obtained at Natter Night or from the Secretary.

The speaker at our June Natter Night was Paul Tsiaris, CEO of Statewide 4x4, who provided a very informative presentation on towing vehicle capabilities and limitations. You can judge a good presentation by the number of questions – and Paul took plenty. We had a relatively modest number of members in attendance at the meeting (yes it was cold), but this was a topic of great interest to the those who came.

During June, Paul Daley, Ben Alcock and I attended the AOMC Club Management Seminar and this was a very worthwhile initiative of the AOMC. I feel good about how our club is running, however there are always useful take-aways from these sorts of forums. The AOMC are also organising a restoration seminar in July and again I applaud their foresight in planning these events.

Thanks go to Graeme and Lynne Edwards for organising and leading the June midweek run. This allowed us to view the unique and fascinating oil can collection of Ralph Philpot, as well as Bill Sides' garages and car collection. It was a good way to spend a day and those who came enjoyed it for sure.

I hope to see you on the RACV Midwinter rally at Yea.  
Best regards

Ian Berg,

President VCCA (Victoria)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE!**

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

## July Natter Night

Tuesday, July 11th 2017  
Speaker: Helen Stitt, RACV



**'The Volunteer Motor Corps: Researching RACV members' service on the home front'**

**Join us on this special evening as Helen Stitt tells the remarkable story of the volunteers who helped bring our soldiers home.**

*'It began with something like military precision. More than 100 private cars parked two abreast in Bay Street, Port Melbourne early one September Friday in 1915 before marshalling on Station Pier. Organised by the Automobile Club of Victoria, they were to provide transport for troops returning by hospital ship from Gallipoli.'*

*'The next day The Age reported: "The Automobile Club had calculated on transporting 209 Victorians, 51 South Australians and 23 Tasmanians but when the final tally was made it was found that 314 had crowded into the motor cars." A few enterprising troops from New South Wales and Queensland evidently opted for some early time ashore.'*

# Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Held at VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 commencing at 8.00 pm

## 1. Opening and Welcome

The Club's President, Ian Berg, opened the meeting at 8.01pm and welcomed all members and guests present.

## 2. Attendance

There were 32 members in attendance at the meeting

## 3. Apologies

David Provan, Hugh and Rayna Guthrie, Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane, Cliff and Betty Ward, Margaret Lethborg, Brian Hussey, Bob May, Stan Bone, Barry Smith, Brendan Pierce and Scott Staples.

## 4. Member News

Paul Daley advised that he is now the proud owner of a 1904 Oldsmobile.

## 5. Visitors and New Members

Ian Berg welcomed the guest speaker Paul Tsiaris.

## 6. Raffle - Jessica Alcock

## 7. Treasurer's Report

As at 30 May 2017, cheque account balance \$5,914.00, cash management account balance \$23,970.00 and Term deposit balance \$92,348.00.

## 8. Events

Paul Daley reported on the past and upcoming events of the club

### Past Events

Historic Winton 27 to 28 May 2017  
Events sub-committee Meeting  
National Motoring Heritage Day

### Future Events

Around the houses – Ralph Philpot Oil Can Collection - 21 June 2017  
July Natter Night (guest speaker Helen Stitt, RACV curator)  
RACV Mid Winter Rally (Yea) – 14 to 16 July 2017  
RACV Annual Rally (Ballarat) – 10 to 12 November 2017  
National Veteran Rally (Clare, SA) – 24 to 30 September 2017  
RACV One & Two cylinder rally (Cobram) – 15 to 18 March 2018.

## 9. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

a. David Wright advised that the ex Bert Lamshed La'Buire is going to be auctioned in Bathurst on the 24th June 2017, a well used car on VCCA (Vic) runs.  
b. Brian Hussey has a 1904 De Dion Bouton for sale (see Brass notes for more information).

## 10. Membership

No new members this month.

## 11. General Business

1. Russell Holden is organising a run in 2019 for the Horseless carriage in NSW with lots of interest already from overseas entrants bringing cars over.  
2. IB advised that membership renewals are now due. Please pay promptly to avoid any issues.

**12. Next Meeting:** 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 July 2017

## 13. Meeting Closure

The meeting was closed by the clubs President at 8:39pm

## 14. Guest Speaker:

Paul Tsiaris, CEO of Statewide 4x4, presented to the membership on the legal loading of towing vehicles.

# RACV Annual Rally – Ballarat

Scheduled for the weekend after Cup Day, this 2½ day event running from Friday morning till lunch on Sunday, returns to a VCCA stomping ground, not visited for some years.

For those wanting to avoid an early Friday morning trip we are encouraging members to arrive on the Thursday afternoon and have planned a social get-together that evening.

Our main touring day will visit the National Trust property, Mooramong. This 1860's estate was remodelled in 1938 in the art deco style by silent movie actress, Claire Adams. Miss Adams and her young Australian husband lived and worked at Mooramong until the 1960's. The property has remained essentially unmolested since they bequested it to the National Trust. The estate also incorporates the MacKinnon Nature Reserve.

Also, we have secured a special dinner and show deal for the Sovereign Hill light and sound show – "Blood on the Southern Cross". This multi-million dollar spectacular tells the story of the Eureka Rebellion. We are able to offer members this show at a huge discount, being 50% of the regular charge.

A full programme has been planned for the rally, so don't miss out. Entry form in a future Brass Notes

Rally headquarters will be The Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat (03) 5334 1600. We have rooms reserved at discount prices. Book directly with the property now but you must mention the VCCA for your special deal.

Alternative accommodation nearby is:

The Big 4 Ballarat Windmill Holiday Park 1800 256 633 and the Alfred Motor Inn 5334 1607

**When:** Thur 9th to Sun 12th November 2017

**Where:** Ballarat, Vic

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## Events

<b>11th July 2017</b>	<b>Natter Night – Helen Stitt, RACV.</b> <i>'The Volunteer Motor Corps: Researching RACV members' service on the home front'</i>
<b>14th - 16th July 2017</b>	<b>RACV Midwinter Rally Yea</b> Robert Couper: debirob@dodo.com.au
<b>11th – 14th July 2017</b>	<b>National Brush Rally Dalby Queensland</b>
<b>13th August 2017</b>	<b>Rob Roy Hill Climb Christmas Hills</b> John Cox: johnmarg654@yahoo.com <a href="http://vintagesportscarclub.org.au">http://vintagesportscarclub.org.au</a>