



# Brass Notes

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# Flashback

We think we know who one of these young chaps is attending to the bike. But it was taken a while ago! Can anyone confirm their names and what the bike is? Respond to the Editor.



Noel Holbrook recognised his and Sue's car in the March FLASHBACK photo - The motor buggy 074 was part of the Ray Standerwick collection at his museum in Lakes entrance. The vehicle was acquired in 2010 by Sue and Noel Holbrook and ran in the 2012 Cobram 1&2 cylinder rally, without the rear seat. Since then a complete restoration of the 1909 International (IHC) was carried out and rallied at the Bundaberg and Hahndorf National Highwheeler rallies in 2013 and 2015 and again in 2016 at the VCCA National 1&2 Latrobe rally where sadly a broken oil line put us out on the long day run.

Greg Smith and Graeme Edwards also recognised the car and Greg advised that prior to Ray Standerwick's ownership it was one of the many Markoff vehicles that were regularly campaigned in the early years of the club.



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- RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally
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## Coming Events

10 April 2018	<b>April Natter Night - Ladies Night ANZAC Feature</b> 7:30pm Refreshments, 8pm, Clubrooms, Speaker: John Howell
15 April 2018	<b>AOMC American Motoring Show</b> Yarra Glen Racecourse - Armstrong Avenue, Yarra Glen
19 April 2018	<b>Welcome to Dick and Trudy Regter, Traralgon</b> 4pm, Dahlsons Carpark, Princess Hwy, Traralgon East
22 April 2018	<b>RACV Florence Thompson Tour</b> Celebrating Women in Historic Vehicles
27 – 30 April 2018	<b>4 or More Rally – St. Arnaud</b> Alan Esmore (Rally Director) - Ben Alcock 0404 917 666
4-6 May 2018	<b>Shakedown Run and Testing</b> kwquigley@aapt.net.au 0419 300 090
26 May 2018	<b>Historic Winton – Winton Recourse</b> Contact Paul Goethel 0412 534 131
20 June 2018	<b>Around the Garages (Mornington peninsula)</b> Organiser: Graeme Edwards

## Major Events

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

## National Events

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

## International Events

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

**Front Cover:** John Fryers driving his outstandingly original 1908 Renault AX on the RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally at Cobram (Photo by Andrew Benoit).

# President's Message

## A Club that Cares and Shares

More than half the 200 plus mourners at Bruce Nelson's funeral were members of this Club, and the emotions of all were touched on this sad occasion. There were embraces, tears, handshakes, and support was shown to those grieving. Bruce's life had a positive influence and touched whole families; it was a day that our Club joined to honour a wonderful friend and mentor to many. The Alcock and the Cripps families joined with other members to accompany the cortege in their Overlands to the graveside. An obituary is published on page 6.



*The Overlands of the Alcocks and Cripps joined the cortege procession.*

## June Smith – Fifty Years Member Badge

It was an honour to be able to present to Mrs June Smith the Club's 50 Year badge – an acknowledgement of her long involvement with the Club. June and her husband Ivan have been with the Club for nearly 60 years, and not previously presenting the badge years ago was an oversight that we rectified and apologised for. Secretary David Provan and I had the opportunity to present the award to June with four generations of the family present at the Sunday morning of the Cobram event. June is a warm, gracious lady and the applause of the extended family made it a very special event for her.



*L-R Paul Daley, June Smith, David Provan. Presenting the 50 Year badge.*

## RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally Cobram

Congratulations to *Frances* and *Andrew McDougall* for a job well done as Rally Directors for the RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally. There were over 70 entrants, with an outstanding interstate contingent: 13 from NSW, five from QLD, two from WA, two from SA, and one from ACT, plus a great representation of Victorian country members.

## We Welcome Visitors from the Netherlands:

Well known motoring enthusiast, Warwick Landy has asked the Club to join in welcoming to Victoria travellers Dirk and Trudy Regter from the Netherlands who have been travelling the world since 2012 in their 1916 Model T Ford. So far, they have clocked up over 80,000 miles and will arrive in Australia after the New Zealand leg of their trip in April. Warwick will be helping to plan their passage through Victoria and will be having an overnight stop over in Traralgon on Thursday April 19 which I plan to attend. To avoid Melbourne city traffic, they will travel down the Mornington Peninsula and across the bay on the Ferry and then pass through South West Victoria. It would be great if some of our members could accompany them on their route see events entry on page 21.

## Member News:

*Kath McInnes* has written to *Frances* and *Andrew McDougall* and advises that she is now a resident at 'Victoria Grange' in Vermont South. Kath was very unwell last year and advises that now 'with the love of my family and the endeavours of the wonderful medical and hospital folk, not to mention strong English and Scottish genes, I survived! Would you please thank the committee and members for all the happy times I had with them.' Kath enjoys receiving Brass Notes each month.

At the March Natter Night, *Scott Staples* shared with us all news of the recent motor cycle trip he led to Tasmania with 20 mates participating. Scott shared that it was a privilege to be a conduit to assist with men's mental health 'issues' and this annual event has become an opportunity for the guys to clear their minds and get away from their stresses. Scott has run this for some years now and expects next years run to have 30 participants.

Wedding Bells! The Club is delighted that Committee member *Callum Walsh* will be marrying *Francesca Cundari* on April 28. I am sure the entire Club joins with me in wishing Callum and Francesca every happiness for the years ahead.

Brian Hussey has recovered from his recent operations and is 'back in the saddle' and busy as the Club's Safety Officer. Brian writes 'G'Day El Presidente, just performed roadworthy near Violet Town/Benalla... which completes a full book (25). These were almost all new rego's in our short time with my/our new safety policy. Add to this, checks done by my other

scrutineers and it is a very healthy indicator of our buoyancy'. Brian and his team operate throughout the State of Victoria and their services are readily available to both city and country members.

### VCCA (Vic) Social Chapters to be Established

To encourage to social interaction of our country members, I have taken the initiative to create some social chapters of our Club in regional Victoria. *David 'T' Lang* will be the convenor for a group luncheon in North East Victoria, and in the Ballarat region *Damian O'Doherty* will be hosting a pleasant Sunday morning run followed by a pub lunch in Spring.

I would welcome any country members in Gippsland and the Wimmera regions to contact me to get a chapter started in your region. The plan is for a group from Melbourne to join with me and visit each region for a pub lunch on an annual basis.

### Update on the 100 Year FIVA Vintage Badge:

John Burke, Chairman of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs of Australia, has advised that the 100 Year Badge that was proposed for post 1918 vehicles was no longer a direction that TAVCCA wish to follow.

John advises 'in the absence of any possible direction to overcome the concerns and requirements of individual state clubs (their possible conflict of interest) and addressing the FIVA requirements of a rigorous dating process, the discussion on this topic is now concluded in the negative.' I welcome this decision, as our Club is identified as a Veteran only club and this distinctive point of difference distinguishes us from clubs that may wish to be 'all things to all'.

We have our special niche and a wonderful heritage; this should not be confused by adding centurian vintage vehicles.

### Motoring in South Africa

Paul and Leanne Goethel have prepared a fascinating article on their recent visit to South Africa - pages 16 - 17. We welcome your contribution to Brass Notes!

### Special General Meeting Tuesday May 8

Notice is given in this edition of *Brass Notes* of a Special General Meeting to propose to members an increase in the annual subscription for those who choose to have *Brass Notes* printed and posted. The past two years has seen postage increase by 40%, and this small proposed increase of \$5 reflects that cost. There is no change proposed for those who receive the electronic version.

*Yours in Veteran Motoring,*

PAUL R DALEY, President

## APRIL NATTER NIGHT

It's  
*Ladies  
Night*

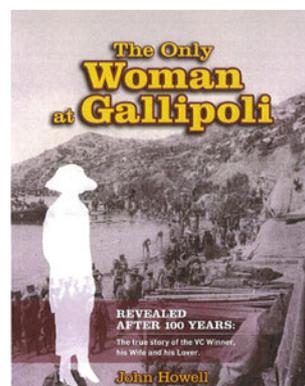


Tuesday April 10th

7.30pm - Drinks & Nibbles

8.00pm - Natter Night

## THE ONLY WOMAN AT GALLIPOLI



A special ANZAC feature with author John Howell, with the story of his book, "The Only Woman at Gallipoli", the true story of the VC winner, his wife and his lover.

*"great historical insight"*

*"something different from the hidden stories of WW1"*

*"skillfully developed illustrated presentation - very interesting"*

*"enjoyed the subject and the information, and the way it was presented"*

## A must for your diary - 2018 PRESENTATION EVENING



8.00pm - May 8th

Our May 8 Natter Night will be our Annual Presentation Evening at which the Club awards are presented. We will be welcoming some special guests on the night. This is one of our highlight events on the Club calendar and the guest speaker will be **John Stanley** who will present a fascinating insight into the German marque Stoewer.

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

### Notice of a Special General Meeting

Notice is given that the May members' (Natter Night) meeting will be classified as a Special General Meeting (pursuant to Rule 31 of the Club's Constitution) for the purposes of adopting a revised annual subscription fee for the 2018-2019 year.

### When and Where

The meeting will be held at the Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell commencing at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 8 May 2018.

### 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 commencement of the meeting. A form appointing a proxy may be given to the Chairperson of the meeting before or at the commencement of the meeting. A copy of a Proxy Vote form can be provided on request to the Secretary.

### Resolution

That the annual subscription fee for the 2018-2019 year be increased from \$80 to \$85; that there be no increase for members who receive the electronic version of Brass Notes only; and that there be no change to the joining fee.

*David Provan,*  
Secretary

## HAVE YOU GOT A PRE 1905 VEHICLE?

We are looking to run an event to cater for pre-1905 bikes, cars and tricycles. We rarely get to see and use these historically significant vehicles. Whether you plan to drive your vehicle or display it, please join us for the weekend of September (8th and 9th) 2018 near Ballarat, Victoria. We are seeking expressions of interest so that we can lock in a final location and dates.

### If you are interested, please contact:

Greg Smith – 0447 395 233  
or schacht09@bigpond.com.au or;  
Ben Alcock – 0404 917 366  
or events@veterancarclub.org.au

## SAFETY CHECK OFFICERS/SCRUTINEERS

The safety sub-committee would welcome interested persons in the far East Gippsland and Shepparton regions to join our group of VicRoads registered club scrutineers. This small amount of voluntary work on the club's behalf, sees new registrations, along with authentication. Member help and the keeping together of the very high standard of roadworthiness and good reputation of our cars in place, is a most important part of continuing to enjoy the privileges that we do. Clearly mechanical, engineering, and or restoration experience is essential. Should you know an eligible person who is not a member of the club, the Safety Sub Committee will pay their first years sub/entry fees to become a member. Please contact Brian Hussey  
M: 0418561910.  
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## MEMBERSHIP

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

- Michael and Helen Jageurs
- Colin and Anne Jenkins
- Stephen King
- Anthony Duvoisin

### Membership Sub Committee and Membership Growth:

Convened by David Provan, the Membership Sub Committee met on March 3 and their initiatives for growth have been endorsed by your Club's committee.

These initiatives included:

1. Promote the Club at all events such as the Ballarat Swap Meeting.
2. Each committee member to invite family members and friends who attend meetings/rallies/events to join the Club.
3. Offer complimentary memberships when appropriate and with the approval of the committee.
4. Offer parents, who wish to pay for their son or daughter to become members, the option of having them invoiced at renewal time.
5. Investigate the mechanics of using the Club's management software for prospective new members to apply for membership and existing members to renew electronically without the need for a signed form and then posting it to the Club's Registrar.

At the March Natter Night, David welcomed another six new members to the Club and there were 2 interesting vehicles added to the register; a 1906 Waltham Orient, and a 1913 Talbot 4CT Roadster. It is pleasing to see our membership grow to nearly 540 members.

# Vale - Bruce Nelson

By Rod Cripps



Bruce in the Cadillac in the 2004 RACV Centenary Hill Climb Heidelberg.  
The passenger is David Smallacombe.

## 9th- April-1930 - 20th-February-2018

*(This is an abbreviated Vale which first appeared in the March 2018 issue of The Generator Newsletter of the Willys Overland Club)*

I first met Bruce at a swap meeting in Chirnside Park where we both met a couple of members, Ralph Quaine and Ken Rhodes of the recently formed Willys Overland Club. I think it was somewhere about 1980. We also found we were restoring the same model vintage Overland cars, the model 91. A little later we discovered that Overland cars were built from 1902, so we then decided that we must find a couple of earlier ones. That was the start of about 35 years of travelling to swap meetings all over Eastern and Southern Australia, and later our journeys in those cars, around Australia, and our memberships of the Veteran Car Club.

Bruce's 1913 model 69 was the first of our veterans to go on the road. (I was held up by a broken bone in my hand for a while). These were both restored during the 1980's. In fact Bruce's 69 - the Blue Heeler went to Cooma with our club to join the NSW club on a week-long anniversary rally. The trip to meet up with the rest of the convoy at the start of our journey from Melbourne was its first road run. One of the front floor boards was made only the evening before.

A particular highlight for Bruce was when we found his personal Meteor jet aircraft on display at Woomera. This was the 'plane he was responsible for the maintenance of during his period in Japan with the Royal Australian Air Force during the Korean War. On their trip back to Australia at the end of their tour of duty, the aircraft carrier Melbourne struck a heavy storm, and Bruce's meteor was right at the end of the deck - in fact, with its tail hanging over the end. Bruce crawled out along the top of it and looped a rope around the tail so they could lash it down more securely - hanging over the end in 50 foot waves.

Over the last few years he was sidetracked by the 1904 Cadillac, the twin cylinder Renault, and more lately the Brush.

He had a well-known sense of humour - on one occasion his doctor said he was giving him a prescription for suppositories, whereon Bruce responded "for all the good that will do I might as well stuff it up my arse!" The doctor didn't seem to have a sense of humour. On our trips, the car maintenance was done at the end of the day's driving "so he could go to bed oily". Another Bruce-ism came out when we were at Kings Canyon on one of our trips, on a totally dark night, the whole skies ablaze with stars - the incredible display which can only be seen when totally remote from man-made light. To ease our aching necks, we lie on our back on the grass. One of our friends, Georgie Cass made a comment about the incredible number of stars, and Bruce's immediate response was - "Yes, I have counted 19 so far."

As well as our long distance trips, we went on organised rallies all over Australia and three or four times to New Zealand. Another highlight, as you will see from the photos and trophies, was the 2005 Dunlop race from Sydney to Melbourne. Bruce and I were in his 1904 Cadillac. This was the only car in the 2005 race which had been in the original 1905 race. Maggie drove the backup truck. Bruce actually won the 2005 race, completed without a breakdown, with no loss of points.

Bruce was a Freemason. Although not active for a number of years, he maintained a keen interest in it, and followed that Masonic straight and undeviating line of conduct in all his dealings.

He enjoyed his breaks down at Peterborough, and fishing, and particularly the Cray-fish. On one of his fishing trips with his brother Keith, they had finished fishing, and the waves were rising. Keith was at the cockpit driving home, while Bruce cleaned up the gear. He leaned over the side to wash the fish slime off his hands, just as the boat came off a large wave. Bruce went overboard, wearing heavy waders. Keith knew nothing of this and continued on, while Bruce discarded the waders and waved and shouted. Fortunately Keith turned around as he went over the crest of another wave and saw Bruce on the crest of a wave further back. Bruce complained that he lost a good fishing rod and reel which went over with him.

He shall be greatly missed by all of us who knew him. A close friend; With experienced, knowledgeable, and a very helpful mechanic and restorer; with a wealth of accumulated knowledge. I know observers from time to time will hear me say with exasperation when I am in trouble doing something -where the hell is Bruce when I need him".

He lived respected, and died regretted.

# The Shakedown Runs

By Kevin Quigley and Bruce Humphries



1902: H.G. Martin and Company Automobile Storage and Repairs. A shakedown run can help make your car run as good as it did when new.

While the organisation of the Victorian 1 & 2 Rally was excellent, the performance of some of our cars was not. The usual preparation regime of working like mad for several weeks before the rally, is not effective. Obviously, the cars need to get out under rally conditions much more frequently.

To address this, we plan to run a series of “shake-down runs” at intervals of around six weeks to provide rally conditions for testing but none of the organisational burden of a formal rally.

## The Plan.

1. A suitable (parking area and old-car-friendly) motel, less than 150 km from Melbourne.
2. We trailer the cars in on Friday morning and have a short run Friday pm. We fix things
3. Lunches & dinner etc, own arrangements.
4. Saturday morning we have a short run and return to base at lunch time. We fix things
5. Saturday afternoon we have another short run. We fix things, or hopefully not.
6. Sunday home

## Formal organisation:

1. Selecting a base with easy driving and nearby places with fuel, water and bakeries,

2. Finding a suitable motel and negotiating a rate,
3. Providing multiple copies of local maps with daily routes marked (in pen)

## Rules of engagement.

1. All veterans welcome, but about ten would be a perfect number,
2. Each run will be around 30 km in total on minor roads,
3. No signage, no rally name tags (BYO Club Tag) no written instructions, no Tail End Charlie, one person drives a modern to take lame ducks back to get their trailer, (we take it in turns).
4. We all stick together on the runs so stragglers get support

Everyone is welcome and spouses/mates are encouraged so that the social aspects are enhanced (and there is someone to stay with the car if it fails to proceed). The whole purpose is to eliminate faults so the formal rallies are more enjoyable.

The first run will be over **4,5 & 6 May**. We are in the process of selecting a venue

If you are interested please contact us by email on:

**kwquigley@aapt.net.au** or **bruce@humphries.com**

# Response to Club Archive photos

By Hubert Tranter and Jan Flude



*Hughie Tranter's Hotchkiss*



*Artwork used for Australian Stamp*

We had a good response to the photos from the Club's Archives (*Hotchkiss fire appliances and Gobron Brillie*) on inside back cover of March Brass Notes.

Hubert (Hughie) Tranter and Jan Flude (Hughie's daughter) responded re the photo on the inside back cover of the Hotchkiss fire engines. Hughie's Hotchkiss, which he still owns, is the centre car in the photo. One of the others is in the fire museum in Yarraville and the third was owned by Russell Beach but was unfortunately destroyed in a bush fire at Birregurra many years ago.

Greg Smith also responded and thinks that, from left to right, the cars were owned by Guy Leopold, (which was formerly owned and campaigned by Miles and Bates), the middle one is Hughie Tranters, and the one closest I believe to be Russell Beach's.

As an interesting aside, I recently were able to have a good chat with Russell Beach, and Graeme and Sandra Splatt at the Ballarat Swap Meeting, and while having this chat, coincidentally Russell mentioned how he had a ride in the Gobron-Brillie, and low and behold it is pictured above the line up of Hotchkiss. We should also ask Russell to give his account of his ride and experience in the Gobron- Brillie.

Jan Flude provides the following information and also some background to Hughie's Hotchkiss which was provided to her by Graeme Edwards.

HOTCHKISS 40 h.p. 4-cylinder T-Head Engine. 120mm x 150mm, 6.8 litres. 65 b.h.p. at 1750 r.p.m.

The information below was printed under the Hotchkiss photo on a 1974 calendar which featured old fire engines. The calendar photo of the Hotchkiss is the one outside the old building and was for the month of March-April 1974.

1914 HOTCHKISS 40 H.P. The growth of the motor car industry at the turn of the century caused many fire departments to consider the need for motorized

fire appliances. The lack of such equipment ready made resulted in fire department engineers buying parts to construct their own appliances, or buying motor cars and trying to convert them into fire engines. Most attempts failed, due to the inexperience of the engineers. In Australia, one of the few large-scale experiments of this nature turned out to be a success. Between 1910 and 1914 the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade obtained 36 French Hotchkiss cars, and converted them into an assortment of fire appliances. This conversion consisted of the installation of an engine-driven 200 g.p.m. pump, hose body, ladders and in some examples, dual rear wheels. These vehicles gave sterling service in Melbourne for over 20 years, and many lasted this long again in rural areas.

Hughie bought it his car from a J A Thomas and a gentleman called Symonds who were in partners in the Hotchkiss They had obtained it from the play ground at Ringwood DriveIn. They rallied the Hotchkiss from 1958 to 1962. Hughie's first rally was in 1965 and the last was 1986.

The Hotchkiss fire appliances also featured in a set of stamps issued by Australia Post in 1983 with the following information.

## Historic Fire Engines

Designer: Alan Puckett - Printer: Cambec Press

The designs for this issue are four historic fire engines used in Australia, the 27c, built to spec's supplied by the Sydney Metropolitan Fire Brigade, this unit was horse-drawn, then converted to be towed behind a vehicle, used until the 1930's; 40c, converted from French Hotchkiss Touring cars to a hose carrier by the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, a ladder & rotary pump was later added; 65c, built in the United States & imported for use by the New South Wales Fire Brigade,; 75c, this "wagon" contained a hand-operated pump, the unit pictured was used by the Victorian gold town of Scandinavian Crescent, later renamed Talbot.

# Memorable RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally Held At Cobram

By Paul Daley, Pictures: Andrew Benoit, Callum Walsh, Frances McDougall, Paul Daley

The RACV Cobram Resort was the hub for this year's RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally held over March 15 – 18. The relaxed resort, with both cabin and caravan facilities was an ideal choice, and our accommodation allocation quickly filled, with other entrants using a nearby motel. Rally Directors Frances and Andrew McDougall spent over a year meticulously planning the event, and although we had previously hosted events at Cobram before, there were many new experiences on offer.

## Thursday... Shakedown Run, Cobram

The Thursday afternoon shakedown run was a 21.5km Cobram familiarisation run finishing at the picturesque Thompson's Beach. RACV Director Alex Downie was a passenger with Ian and Sue Berg in the 1909 Buick F, and refreshments and ice-creams were enjoyed at the Kiosk. David Holden and Mavis Hinton in the 1909 Renault AX were welcome participants, while Kevin Quigley and Bruce Humphries were noticed 'fine-tuning' the temperamental 1900 Locomobile Steamer down the road from the Resort. 'At least we made it off the grounds of the RACV Cobram', quipped a chirpy Kevin.



David Holden and Mavis Hinton



Kevin Quigley and Bruce Humphries ponder the 1900 Locomobile

Betty and Neil Ferguson were out in their trusty 1910 Delage with passengers David and Marge Barnard – a sprightly Betty had only a few months prior, surgery for her knees and seemed to be in good spirits. Tail-end Charlie David 'T' Lang brought Kim Coillet's wounded 1909 Renault AX back to base with a blown front tyre – 'it went off like a cannon' exclaimed Kim.

The evening's dinner was held in the Resort's recreation room, and this was the venue for all evening meals during the Rally. RACV Director Alex Downie addressed the entrants, saying that he was impressed with the diversity of the vehicles, the organisation of the event, and the relationship enjoyed by the Club with the RACV. 'Cobram is the most popular of all the RACV resorts – it was established over 20 years ago and many families come and enjoy third generations holidays together!'

## Friday... 120km run to rich Glen Olive Estate

With a 9:30am rolling start, Alex Downie procured a large RACV flag and did the honours flagging off the cars. All entrants were advised that it was a 120km run with no petrol available. Last off were Russell Holden 1902 Thomas, Callum Walsh '04 Curved Dash Oldsmobile, Paul Daley 1910 Brush D, John Stanley 1912 Brush F, and David Provan and Stephen Hobbins 1907 Cadillac.



Cars assembling at the Friday start

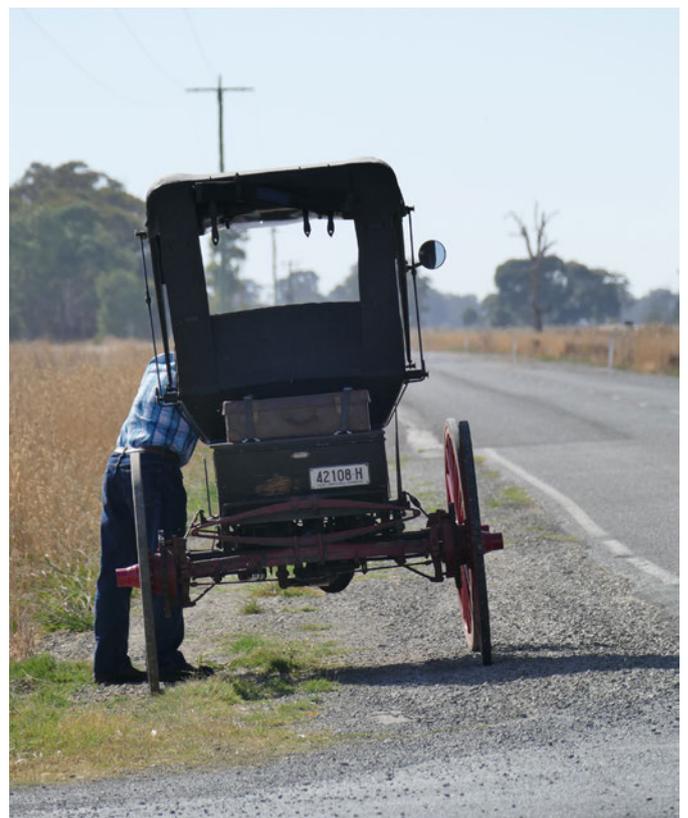
The 48km run to morning tea at Tungamah saw all cars arrive safely and the local Primary School children were given time out from class to inspect the cars. It was then a 21km run to the Rich Glen Olive Estate for lunch. This stunning property is set amongst ancient red gums on the Murray River, and the 100 year old homestead shop has a huge range of olive products, and condiments.



*RACV Director Alex Downie flags off Rick and Heather Thege from RACV Cobram. Rick and Heather's Renault AX was one of 15 entered in this rally.*



*Trevor and Russell White in the 1906 McIntyre*



*Rob Duffey making roadside adjustments on the 1905 Black*

# Memorable RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally Held At Cobram (Cont.)

By Paul Daley, Pictures: Andrew Benoit, Callum Walsh, Frances McDougall, Paul Daley

Kim Coillet was spotted shopping in the tranquil room of natural skin care products and aromatherapy candles. A basket farm sandwich lunch with petit fours was served in the garden.



Kim Coillet shopping for aromatherapy products

The 47.5km run back saw a number of cars fail to proceed and needing rescue by David Lang and John Anderson. Paul Daley's Brush had the main timing gear fail, and the crankcase oil was a soup of smashed gears. It was a witty Andrew McDougall commented 'A Brush without teeth. Does it bristle?'



L-R Kim Coillet and David T Lang, Tail end David rescue the Renault AX

Callum Walsh needed to do running repairs on the Curved Dash Oldsmobile and attend to a faulty water hose. Possibly the quote of the day came from Stephen Hobbins while observing Callum at work, 'Nothing happens without a plan!' With quotes like this in his back pocket, our Steve is a monty for a scholarship offer for a mature age online MBA.



Highwheelers at Rich Glen Olives on the Friday

## Saturday – Display at Resort and then to Finley

The day started at 8:00am with a display of our cars at a Farmer's Market in the Resort and supported by community groups. It is events like this that showcase our cars to the community that are encouraged by the RACV. With nearly 70 veteran cars on display it was an impressive turnout and the locals were not disappointed.

By 10:00am we had departed with a rolling start for Finley. Morning tea was taken in the parking lot of the Mulwala Canal, the head of the largest irrigation canal in the Southern Hemisphere, and the site of The Drop Hydro – a hydro-electric power station which is Australia's first power station on an irrigation canal.

First car to depart for Finley was the 1909 Maxwell driven by Graeme Edwards with navigator Andrew McDougall, while the 1904 Oldsmobile with the Walsh team on board limped in rather hot and bothered, accompanied by David Provan and Steve Hobbins in the 1907 Cadillac. The Curved Dash Oldsmobile was originally restored by David Inglis in the early '90s and a nostalgic David reflected that he 'wished he still had it' – we all think back on past treasures – the one we don't have!

The other route to Finley tracked past some impressive farms with grand entrances and long tree lined



*Geoff Payne directs traffic at the Saturday display*



*Saturday Morning - Group Briefing*

driveways, which begs the question when does a large farm become a station? Outposts such as 'MARDEWOORA' seemed to exude a rich farming heritage. A local in his Toyota ute with his Kelpie stopped and nodded in awe at the passing parade 'Beautiful, beautiful' as our veterans went by. The run took us past crops, cattle and sheep, and even a fox was seen slinking in the brown grass.

Arriving at Finley it seemed the whole town had turned out – the local car club was visible and our arrival was captured by the local video crew. With temperatures approaching 40 degrees we pulled into the Mary Lawson Wayside Rest Area, to visit the Finley Historical Museum and Log Cabin and the shade of the expansive tin shed museum where the BBQ lunch was served was welcome. The Museum is a showcase of the heritage of the Finley District and provides the opportunity to step back in time and view those items that supported the lives of the pioneering rural families.



*Zazu and Sheldon Featherbrain inspect the cars*

Zazu and Sheldon Featherbrain from the Parrot University added to the colour of the day as they wandered with their two parrots on a harness and leash.

The last stop at Finley was to the Close Foundry – a business established by J.T & N Close back in 1893 and still going strong as what appeared to be a general 'jobbing' steel and engineering business. The original building with its undressed log posts is preserved with a huge wooden shed over the top – the central steam driven shaft and pulleys are still visible. At 2:00pm they fired up the 1911 Hornsby 1 cylinder gas engine – an impressive relic of a bygone era – that powered the entire plant. With the extreme heat, the trip back to Cobram took its toll and the '04 Oldsmobile was a guest of tail-end Charlie. The rest of the fleet staggered back and beer o'clock at 5:00pm was taken by many! Others, such as Lea and Kim Coillet entertained guests with a more refined touch – a selection of cheeses washed down with chilled Sauvignon Blanc!

# Memorable RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally Held At Cobram (Cont.)

By Paul Daley, Pictures: Andrew Benoit, Callum Walsh, Frances McDougall, Paul Daley



*Finley Hornby steam engine at the Close Foundry, Finley*



*Dinner in the Recreation Room*

The final dinner was a three course affair and over 150 guests filled the recreation facility. Special guests were Iain and Maureen Ross of the Vintage Drivers Club and A.O.M.C, and Ian and Judy Barton, Events Directors of the Jaguar Car Club. Both couples were attending to experience first hand the special kind of rally that our Club puts on. For Ian and Judy it was a 'first time out' experience and their Saturday was spent riding with David Provan in the '07 Cadillac.



*Iain and Maureen Ross*

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of The Ron Hobbs Perpetual Trophy – Annual 1&2 Cylinder Rally, which is awarded to the driver who meets specific criteria for the event, including perseverance to complete each day. The recipient is chosen by the Rally Directors and on this occasion the large perpetual trophy was presented by Ron Hobb's daughter Sue Payne to Warwick Bayley (Vic) in his 1907 Metz Runabout.

Andrew McDougall then thanked his wife Frances for her patience and assistance in organising the event. Special thanks was given to the Tail-end Davids – David Lang, John Anderson and Geoff Pullar and Pam and Deane Hill together with Geoff and Sue Payne.

Peter and Robert Caffryn assisted with the direction signage, while Michael and Claudia Holding prepared the financial budget and name tags, the Rally Book was printed by Paul Daley with the route maps set out by Brendan Walsh, Daryl Meek (RACV) organised the rally bags, area map and name tags. Andrew presented Gary and the team at the RACV Resort with a plaque and other mementos of the Rally.

The RACV was thanked for their ongoing commitment and financial support of the event and the Club. Special thanks was given to Alex Downie, RACV Director who made time to attend the event. In reply, RACV Motoring Interests Manager, Daryl Meek gave an overview of the RACV's commitment to the motoring movement and importantly the RACV's link to the broader community and the role of the VCCA (Vic) to interact with the community at events such as this.

Paul Daley then gave an update on the membership growth the Club is achieving, and especially welcomed the interstate and Victoria's country members of the Club. Paul announced a new initiative to connect with country members – the goal to establish VCCA (Vic) Social Chapters in the North East, Wimmera and Gippsland, with David 'T' Lang already on board to organise a North East Chapter.

Paul drew laughter reading an extract from the soon to be released history book 'Dementia Prodest'. There was much amusement and hooting as Paul read a letter from Joan Weisheit (Joan Forryan) and her exploits at the RACV Annual Rally 1966. The invitation was given to the interstate members to join and be part of our cheerful Victorian Club – quite a few entrants took application forms and joined. John Stanley gave an outline of the 2019 1&2 Cylinder event which will be held in Bright, with dates similar to this year. John outlined the runs and scenery that will feature and there was a buzz of excitement in the room. Paul thanked Andrew and Frances for a memorable rally and presented them with a selection of wines from Monichino Estate.

## Sunday... Monichino Wines Katunga

Sunday morning was blowing a gale (literally) and it was a handy lot who tackled the headwind to Monichino Wines at Katunga for the final run of the day. The winery had put on a magnificent spread – in fact the scones and cream, fruit platters, lemon slices, pizza slices were first class. To top the final morning off, Paul Daley and David Provan had the privilege of presenting June Smith with her 50 Year badge.



*Ken Russell's Stanley Steamer arriving at Monechino*



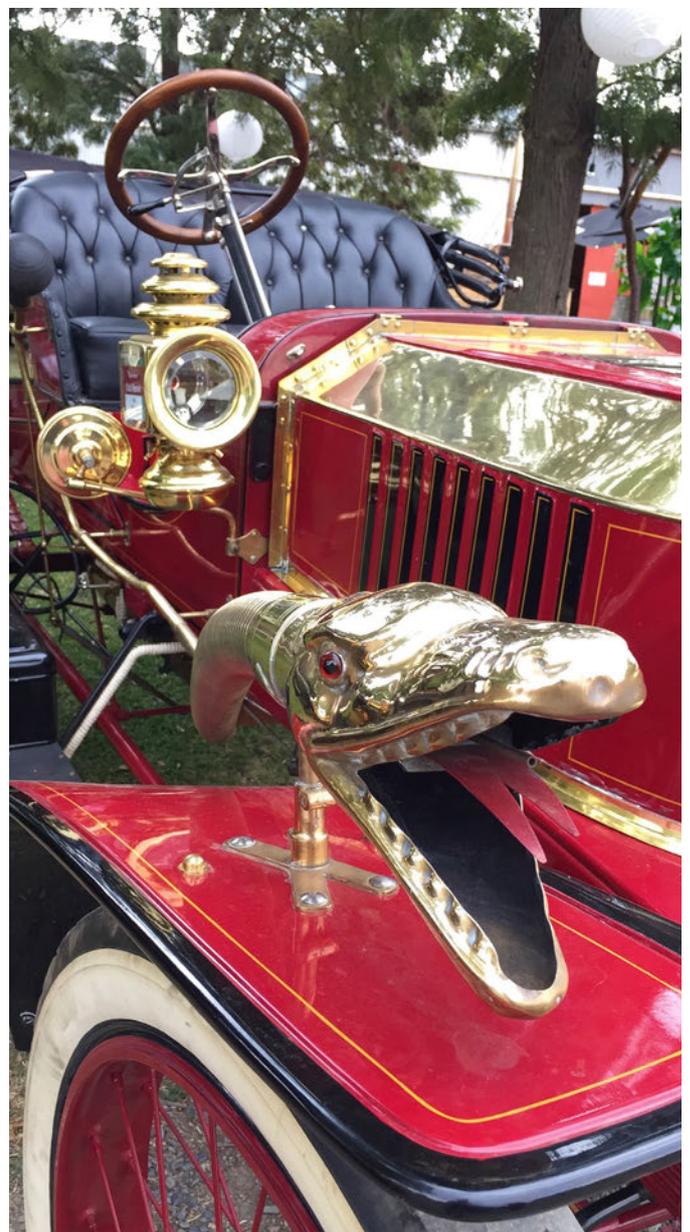
*Who said a highwheeler can't raise dust?*



*Martin and Tina Smallman's Stanley Steamer uses steam to settle the dust.*



*Paul Daley and David Provan with multiple generations of the Smith family at Monichino Winery*



*Boa on Stanley of Ken Russell*

# Motoring in South Africa

By Paul Goethel

Earlier this year, Leanne and I visited South Africa, a country that is beautiful and diverse with most outgoing and friendly locals, spectacular scenery and amazing animals. While we were also fortunate to get very close to the native animals, spending some time on a safari and living in a game reserve, our visit to that beautiful country would not have been complete without visiting the wine growing region in the Cape Province.

There, nestled amongst the wineries, is the Franschoek Motor Museum with a collection of cars, motorcycles and bicycles, some dating back over 120 years and portraying the evolution of the automobile. It is a private collection of Johann Rupert and can normally only be seen by appointment.

The collection curates in excess of 220 vehicles, ranging from 1898, with examples covering the antique, veteran, vintage, post-vintage, post 1945,

post 1960 eras and right up to the modern super cars, including significant racing machines as well as experimental designs. Normally, around eighty cars are presented and rotated on display in four magnificent de-humidified halls of more than 2700 square meters. It is a chronological representation of motoring in that country and tribute to the owner's late brother.

Included in the collection are these:



*Wolseley 12 – 16 Town Car 1910*



*Model T Ford 1911*



*Veteran tricycle*



*Curved dash Oldsmobile*

South Africa, being a large and arid country, not dissimilar to Australia, has a rich and colourful motoring history, dating back to the late 1800s, when the first car, Benz Velo “horseless carriage”, arrived in Port Elizabeth in 1896, imported by John Hess, who then went on to becoming the sole agent for Benz in South Africa. That first Velo, after its arrival, was transported by train to Pretoria (the capital) and displayed to the then President, Paul Kruger and hailed as “here to stay, craze of the century”. We now all know, that it was not only the craze of the century, but opened many regions there, similarly to what it did here, in Australia. The lack of significant public transport alternatives has led the country being reliant on vehicles for personal transport.



1896 Mercedes Velo

Interestingly, that Mercedes Velo did not run under its own power till the January of 1987, when the benzene fuel arrived.

The first drive that could be thought of as overlanding in South Africa was undertaken by Robert Jefferson together with Frank Connock in 1907 in a single cylinder Rover, from Durban to Cape town, via Johannesburg, some 2000 kms. This was mainly through bush and some walking tracks.

A light car that could easily be pushed and that required less petrol to carry was chosen for the purpose. It took 16 days. At that time no other motorist had achieved such a feat there.

With more vehicles being produced in the world, by 1910 about 1000 cars a year were going onto South African roads. It is estimated that there are now around 15 million vehicles registered there. Many are older, contributing to the pollution and congestion.

Driving in South Africa, one sometimes comes across some colourful sights, like utilities travelling on the highway at speed with up to 20 or 25 people standing on the tray at the back, bicycles being towed by cars on highways or cars with some ingenious modifications

that one is likely to see on the YouTube under “engineering fails”. It is not unusual to see overloaded cars, both with people or goods. At one point we were overtaken by a car (roughly panel beaten at home and literally held together with duct tape and rope (no number plates visible), towing a utility by a rope that could be no more than a meter and a half long. We were travelling at 120km/h (the limit) and this rig just “flew past” us. The utility had a load of large windows standing upright on the tray. These, instead of being tied down, were wrestled to stay down on the tray by two locals who at the same time were hanging on for their lives.

I also assume through observation, that the local road code makes obeying traffic lights in some parts of the country optional, as is staying within the lanes or overtaking on double lines! Don’t get me wrong, on the whole driving appears orderly, but one has to be super extra vigilant and expect the unexpected at all times.

Assembly of cars began in 1924, with Ford opening a plant there. Over the years, motor industry there enjoyed variety of government support for manufacturing activities. Presently cars manufactured in South Africa include: Mercedes Benz, Volkswagen, Ford, Toyota, BMW, Nissan and Isuzu, South Africa also exports cars, in 2016 around 350,000 cars were exported, with that number estimated to rise.

In 2016, south Africa celebrated 120 years of motoring with the Festival of Motoring, hosting numerous veteran, vintage and classic cars at the famed Kyalami Race Track.

The historic and classical car movement is very much alive in South Africa, with many active car clubs thriving around the country. Like in Australia, there are clubs that feature particular time period, like; Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage or Classic for example, and clubs focusing on particular Marques, like Jaguar, Mercedes, Austin or Morris, or even clubs specialising in particular car types, like Ford Capri, Morris Minor or Austin 7, etc.....Most of these clubs operate in a not too dissimilar way as our Australian clubs, organising runs, events both social and competitive as well multi club events.

On the weekends, especially on sunny days, many of these cars can be seen on the roads.

South Africa has an “S” concessional licensing for vintage and classic cars, which saves on the normal cost of putting a car on the road, however the conditions of its use are very restrictive, only allowing the vehicle to be driven on car club events. The cost of registering a car in South Africa is much lower than locally (around tenth of our costs), so most people choose to register their hobby cars on full registration.

# RACV 2018 Classic Showcase

By Ben Alcock



*Geoff Simmons Delage was entered by Daryl Meek. Next to it is the Dillon's Minerva*

The AOMC hosted, and the RACV supported the 2018 Classic Showcase, for British and European vehicles, at the Yarra Glen Racecourse on Sunday February 25th. A few local members decided to take a leisurely Sunday drive and took in the scenery of the Yarra Valley as they powered up the hills to the racecourse. Once the 5 veteran cars were parked it was hard to get away from the onlookers with plenty of interest and questions being asked of all the cars.

Those in attendance (in veteran cars):

- Daryl Meek – Delage
- Chris and Fiona Dillon – Minerva
- Stan and Maggie Bone – FN
- James Dunshea and Ben Alcock – Hotchkiss
- Brendan Pierce – Cadillac;

We managed to walk away with two awards on the day, congratulations to Chris & Fiona Dillon for the Best Pre War European Vehicle with the 1909 Minerva Roadster and also to Stan and Maggie Bone for the AOMC President's Award in the 1910 Fabrique Nationale.

A good display of cars and plenty of things to do and see with shuttle buses running into town for the chocolatier and local markets, those of us with American cars can put in the diary for 2018 American Motoring Show on Sunday 15 April 2018 at the Yarra Glen Racecourse.



*Veteran line-up at Yarra Glen*



*Brendan Pierce snuck his recently acquired Cadillac in!*

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**CONTACT:  
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E: [pjransom@westnet.com.au](mailto:pjransom@westnet.com.au)**



# Events

## MODEL T WORLD TOUR COMES TO AUSTRALIA.

In April 2018, Model T world adventurers, Dirk & Trudy Regter will pass through Victoria in their 1916 Model T Ford. The around Australia leg of their World Tour departs Brisbane and circumnavigates our country in a clockwise direction.

Dirk and Trudy have enjoyed great support on their tour from Veteran car enthusiasts, the world over. Now it is our turn to show these ambassadors for charity and the Veteran Motoring hobby, some of our great Victorian Hospitality.

A Victorian reception and charity fund raising BBQ will be held in Traralgon, Victoria on their only rest day while travelling through Victoria. All interested enthusiasts and supporters are invited to attend this event.

Dirk and Trudy are happy to accept donations for their chosen charity, (SOS Childrens Villages International) of which all donations collected during their travels will be passed on.

For more information about their travels please take a look at their website, <http://www.tfordworldtour.org/> and watch the youtube link about their tour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHSZ51hkOV0>

**When:** Thursday April 19 2018 from 4-8pm.  
**Where:** Dahlsons Carpark, Princess Highway Traralgon East.  
**Contact:** Warwick Landy ph. 0400168319 email- landylandy@bigpond.com



Dirk & Trudy Regter in their Ford T

## 4 OR MORE RALLY 2018 IT'S ON AGAIN! FOUR or MORE RALLY

St Arnaud is a former gold mining town, situated between Avoca and Donald.

The district around St Arnaud supports an agricultural industry of sheep grazing, grains and wineries, with forested areas to the south and open Mallee plains to the north. The town's historic precinct, along Napier

Street between Millett Street and Inkerman Street, features the old post office (built in 1866), court house (1866) and Victoria's oldest fire station (1883) which now serves as a fire brigade museum. The town's last mine, the Lord Nelson, operated within these parks and there is a lookout atop Wilsons Hill which is flooded with mine shafts. This event will showcase all the aspects of St. Arnaud and how a small town like this operates.

Entry forms and accommodation details to follow in the new year. Any questions, please contact Ben Alcock 0404 917 366, on behalf of Alan Esmore (Rally Director)

Friday afternoon tour of St. Arnaud and dinner at the Botanical hotel.

Saturday 100km trip to Avoca for lunch via the Tottington national trust homestead and woolshed, returning via the historic Logan pub.

Saturday night dinner will be a relaxed spit roast.

Sunday lunch in Donald after visiting the Postlethwaite farm and engineering workshop and the Kooka's country cookies factory.

Sunday dinner is at the sporting club, with our own area.

Monday Pebble church via Stuart Mills (gold discovery town) and the reservoirs for morning tea before heading home.

Entry forms and accommodation details to follow in the new year. Any questions, please contact Ben Alcock 0404 917 366, on behalf of Alan Esmore (Rally Director)

**When:** 27 to 28 April 2018  
**Where:** St Arnaud  
**Contact:** Ben Alcock 0404 917 366

## VCCA NSW INVITATION RALLY 1 & 2 CYLINDER VETERAN CARS AND BIKES

The Invitation Rally for 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Cars and Bikes, will be held 25th – 27th May 2018 at Yamba. You are invited to come to Yamba on the NSW North Coast for a short 1 & 2 cylinder Veteran Car and Bike Rally next year. Yamba is at the mouth of the Clarence River 670km north of Sydney and 270km south of Brisbane.

The rally will be based at the Calypso Tourist Park in the centre of Yamba phone 02-66468847 [calypsoyambaholidaypark.com.au](http://calypsoyambaholidaypark.com.au) There are good facilities with plenty of trailer parking. I have made tentative bookings for cabins and powered sites in my name.

Friday - a short shakedown run of 25km around Yamba with stops at the beaches, marina, lighthouse and town area.

Saturday – a 75 km run to Maclean then along the river

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on Woodford Island through cane fields and farms to Brushgrove Hotel for lunch then back the other side of the island and home.

Sunday – 35km South to Angourie and Lake Woolewayah, which will be flat with short hills.

**When:** 25th – 27th May 2018  
**Where:** Yamba, NSW  
**Contact:** Rod and Ruth Holmes (E:) rodruitholmes@gmail.com  
(P) 02 6657 2765  
(M) 0427 572 765

## HISTORIC WINTON

Australia's longest running, all-historic motor race meeting presents two big days of non-stop racing on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 May. Once again, the event will feature over 400 historic racing cars and motorbikes from the 1920s to the 1980s plus a huge heritage display of veteran and vintage vehicles.

The long weekend of historic motoring will commence on Friday 25 May with the Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour, which is always great fun for all who participate, as well as spectators.

Call for Display Vehicles – Sound your sirens. Ring your bells. Organisers are currently seeking heritage emergency vehicles for a display as well cars and motorbikes with significant anniversaries. Clubs or individuals with below listed vehicles who wish to participate can receive complimentary tickets by contacting organizer Noel Wilcox on noelwilcox@rocketmail.com or 03 54 282 689.

### Historic Winton displays:

- Shannons Classic Car Park featuring car and bike clubs plus special interest vehicles
- Heritage Displays featuring Model T Ford, Veteran Car Club, Vintage Drivers Club, Ford Model A, vintage speedway cars and bikes, micro cars, cycle cars, pedal cars, push bikes, dragsters, veteran and vintage cars / motorcycles, vintage buses, work vehicles, caravans, speed boats and more.
- Spectator access to the Competition Paddock with fabulous, old racing machines on open display.

Raceway entry fees: Sat \$30, Sun \$35, weekend \$60, children 16 and under n/c, competition paddock \$5. Camping at the track: \$25/head per night. Camping enquiries: Winton Motor Raceway 03 5760 7100.

**When:** Friday 25, Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May 2018  
**Where:** 42nd Historic Winton, Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria Australia

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## BENALLA & DISTRICT CLASSIC CAR & MOTORBIKE TOUR

Be part of the Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour assembling 9am on Friday 25 May in front of the Benalla Art Gallery, situated in the Benalla Botanical Gardens. No gravel roads. Red plate vehicles welcome. The tour concludes with a 'Shine & Show' display. More information: Benalla Visitor Information Centre on 03 5762 1749.

**When:** Friday 25 May 2018

## CAMERON CORNER 2018

Model T Owners Queensland is excited to announce – "An Outback Adventure Tour", to remember...!!!

All parties and/or clubs will meet up at Tibooburra (top end of NSW) on the 1st & 2nd of July – 2018 for the push to The Corner. We are inviting all Model T Ford Clubs/Friends to come along to add extra fun (and challenges) for a trip of adventure in the outback. This will be a great tour of endurance just getting our T's and ourselves "out & about" into the outback. As a group/club, you make your way to Tibooburra (North/Western part of NSW) then head out with us to Fort Grey (base camp) in the Sturt National Park, where all the states will meet, before finally making our way to CAMERON CORNER the following day.

You need to do this, as you may not get another chance...

**When:** 1st – 2nd July 2018  
**Where:** Tibooburra NSW  
**Contact:** Peter Cameron – pgcamo81@gmail.com  
phone - 0458581458  
Don Hill – don.hill@live.com.au

## AVCCA NATIONAL RALLY FORBES NSW

You are invited to join the 2018 National Veteran Tour which is currently being organised by the Newcastle Branch of the VCCA (NSW). The Tour is proposed to run as a hub event from the beautiful town of Forbes in the Central West of NSW. Daily runs will be on roads that are well suited to veteran motoring, following routes that are flat to gently undulating.

We are in the process of negotiating places of interest, accommodation options, routes etc and approximate costs will be listed in our first newsletter later this year.

To assist with planning we are now seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2018 Veteran Tour to be held between the 23rd September and 28th September 2018. The Tour is open to veteran vehicles built before the end of 1918.

**When:** 23rd – 28th September 2018  
**Where:** Forbes NSW  
**Contact:** The Tour Secretary,  
PO Box 6110, Gorokan NSW 2263  
email: forbes2018@bigpond.com

## 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 13 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.

Information on motel accommodation will be made available in the very near future as motels are not currently taking bookings for October 2018 until the end of October 2017, however there are a few caravan parks recommended:

Colour City Caravan Park – 02 6393 8980

203 Margaret Street Orange NSW 2800

Debbie Mara dmara@orange.nsw.gov.au,  
colourcitycaravanpark@orange.nsw.gov.au

Highly recommended for trailer storage next to Orange show ground and event Head Quarters

Canobolas Caravan Park – 02 6362 7279

166-172 Bathurst Road Orange NSW 2800

canobolascaravanpark@colourcity.com

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

## 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!

The two things you are being asked to do right now:

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](mailto:brushownersregister@gmail.com) or

c. post to Brush Owners Register, PO Box 440, Willunga, SA 5172

2. Reserve your accommodation:

Goolwa Motel  
30 Cadell Street  
Goolwa SA 5214

08 8555 1155  
[info@motelgoolwa.com.au](mailto:info@motelgoolwa.com.au)

TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE 2019 NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY

**When:** 22 - 26 April 2019  
**Where:** Goolwa, South Australia  
**Contact:** [e: brushownersregister@gmail.com](mailto:brushownersregister@gmail.com)  
or post to Brush Owners Register, PO Box 440, Willunga, SA 5172

## 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”.

We will base the event in Bargara at the lovely Nielson Beach next to Bargara Beach Caravan Park. This will be the first year ALL our vehicles are over 100 years old, so it is an ideal time to highlight Queensland's veteran motoring history and heritage; it will also be our first national rally in Central Queensland. As a challenge, we are attempting to have the alphabet represented in vehicles ...so get working on that Zwickau!

The event will have a distinctly Queensland feel: warm and welcoming with that relaxed outdoors lifestyle. The Veteran routes will offer beautiful Pacific coast and country scenery. For those who dare, the Edwardian clothing theme is leisure and sport.... period beach wear, tennis, dancing, cricket, croquet and of course motoring. We currently have 15 “new” veteran vehicle projects under restoration getting ready for a 2019 Rally debutant. In September, our Spring weather is traditionally pleasant, part of the rally is over the school holidays - why not bring the family ...or just escape yourselves!

We ask you to please forward a completed Expression of Interest (Eoi) form which can be found on the VCCAQ website ([www.vccaq.com](http://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. To complement our direct emails, thanks to Peter Ransom, the VCCAQ website ([www.vccaq.com](http://www.vccaq.com)) will also soon provide rally links.

A full range of accommodation is available close by, including apartments, motels, holiday house rentals and Airbnb. The Bargara Beach Caravan Park has ample site spaces but also 15 cabins. The cabins will be popular so early booking is very advisable. To help the Caravan Park plan sites and cabins, they have asked if you would ring them on or after 11th September 2017 (Phone 07 4159 2228, speak to Maureen mention, VCCA 2019 Rally).

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For our Lady Motorists:

Dear fellow motoring ladies.

We would very much appreciate your input into the "think tank" (not fuel tank!) for the VCCA Rally 2019 in Bundy - from a female perspective! At present I am entertaining the idea of a "Sheila Shack" and wonder as to what you would expect/like to find inside one?

Let your brain cells somersault, jot down your thoughts... and anything can happen! Also, if there is something or anything that would make your rally experience easier, happier, more fun, exciting or special - let us know.

Add Girl-power to Horse-power

Regie and "gals" Regieoz@skymesh.com.au 0452 096 142 SMS or phone (after surgery hours!), letter or pigeon!

**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  
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## HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2019

Expressions of Interest are sought for a Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) International Tour to be held in September 2019 Bathurst NSW. With 2 years to go, and with 80+ Expressions of Interest having already been received the tour looks like it may top 300 entries

Entries include every State in Australia (except NT) and Internationally:

- New Zealand
- England
- Wales

- United States of America
- Canada
- Spain

7 days of touring and fun. Some of the highlights being organised:

- Evening fair & Gas light parade,
- Display day & BBQ on Mt Panorama Start / Finish grid.
- Evening seminars & entertainment.

For vehicles produced prior to the 31st December 1915

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# Natter Night Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday 13 March 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 8.03pm and welcomed all members present.

## 2. Attendance

There were 45 members who attended the meeting.

## 3. Apologies

Bob May, Brian Hussey, Paul and Leanne Goethel, Daryl Meek, Alan Long, Michael and Claudia Holding.

## 4. Visitors and New Members

The President welcomed Bob and Sue Watts, and Phillip Barclay, to the meeting. Phillip was the successful purchaser of the late Cedric Christie's 1916 Dodge.

## 5. Member News

Kath McInnes has moved into a retirement village and would welcome visitors. Brian Hussey is well on the way to a full recovery after his recent operation. Graeme Edwards' son Shane was present at the meeting. James Dunshea and Stan Bone recently celebrated their birthdays. Scott Staples shared his story of a recent motorcycle trip to Tasmania, which had 20 participants. Paul Daley and David Wright reflected on the recent Moomba Parade and the Veteran Car Club's participation up until the mid-70s.

## 6. Treasurer's Report – Deb Alcock

Deb informed members that (as at 28 February) the cheque account balance was \$18,971, the cash management account balance was \$40,448 and the term deposit balance was \$95,660.

## 7. Membership – David Provan

David welcomed the following new members to the Club.

Stephen King from Deniliquin NSW.

Anthony Duvoisin from Raywood. Anthony owns a 1906 Waltham Orient.

Michael and Helen Jageurs from Camberwell who own a 1913 Talbot 4CT roadster.

Colin and Anne Jenkins from Richmond.

## 8. Events – Ben Alcock

### 8.1 Past Events

Ballarat Swap Meet – 23 and 24 February 2018.

Breakfast Run (Dendy Park, Brighton East) – 24 February 2018.

RACV Classic Showcase (Yarra Glen Racecourse) – 25 February 2018. Chris and Fiona Dillion along with Stan and Maggie Bone received awards.

### 8.2 Future Events

RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally (Cobram) – 15 to 18 March 2018. Andrew and Frances McDougall provided an update report.

National 1&2 Cylinder Tour (Deloraine, Tasmania) – 21 to 25 March 2018.

Breakfast Run – 24 March 2018.

Annual Kalorama Rally – 25 March 2018.

Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Run – 30 March 2018.

Flinders Lions Club Motoring Heritage Display – 10 April 2018.

Natter Night (Ladies' Night) – 10 April 2018.

Shannons American Motoring Show (Yarra Glen Racecourse) – 10 April 2018.

RACV Florence Thomson Tour (Clunes) – 22 April 2018.

4 or More Rally – 27 to 30 April 2018.

Historic Winton – 26 and 27 May 2018.

## 9. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

David Inglis offered for sale a brass horn and a Zenith carburetor.

## 10. General Business

Paul Daley spoke about Dutch couple Dirk and Trudy Regter who would rate among the world's real adventurers as they make an 130,000 kilometre journey round the world, through 50 countries, in their 1915 Model T Ford.

Paul Daley also informed members that in the mid-year report of TAVCCA Chairman John Burke stated that 'after a considered review of the proposal for the 100 year badge for vintage vehicles, and in the absence of any possible direction to overcome the concerns and requirements of individual state clubs and addressing the FIVA requirements of a rigorous dating process, the discussion on this topic is now concluded in the negative'.

David Provan shared a couple of 'interesting and challenging' emails that the Club had received in relation to a 1937 Studebaker and an 1897 De Dion-Bouton tricycle.

There were no items of general business.

## 11. A Reading From the Book

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

## 12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will commence at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 10 April 2018. Guest speaker John Howell author of 'The Only Woman at Gallipoli'.

## 13. Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

## 14. Presentation – "Meet the Member" Bob Watts

Bob delivered a very interesting presentation about his life in Chicago during the '50s and '60s and his career at Binks the US company who invented the air-pressure spray gun that was used in the motor industry.

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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.

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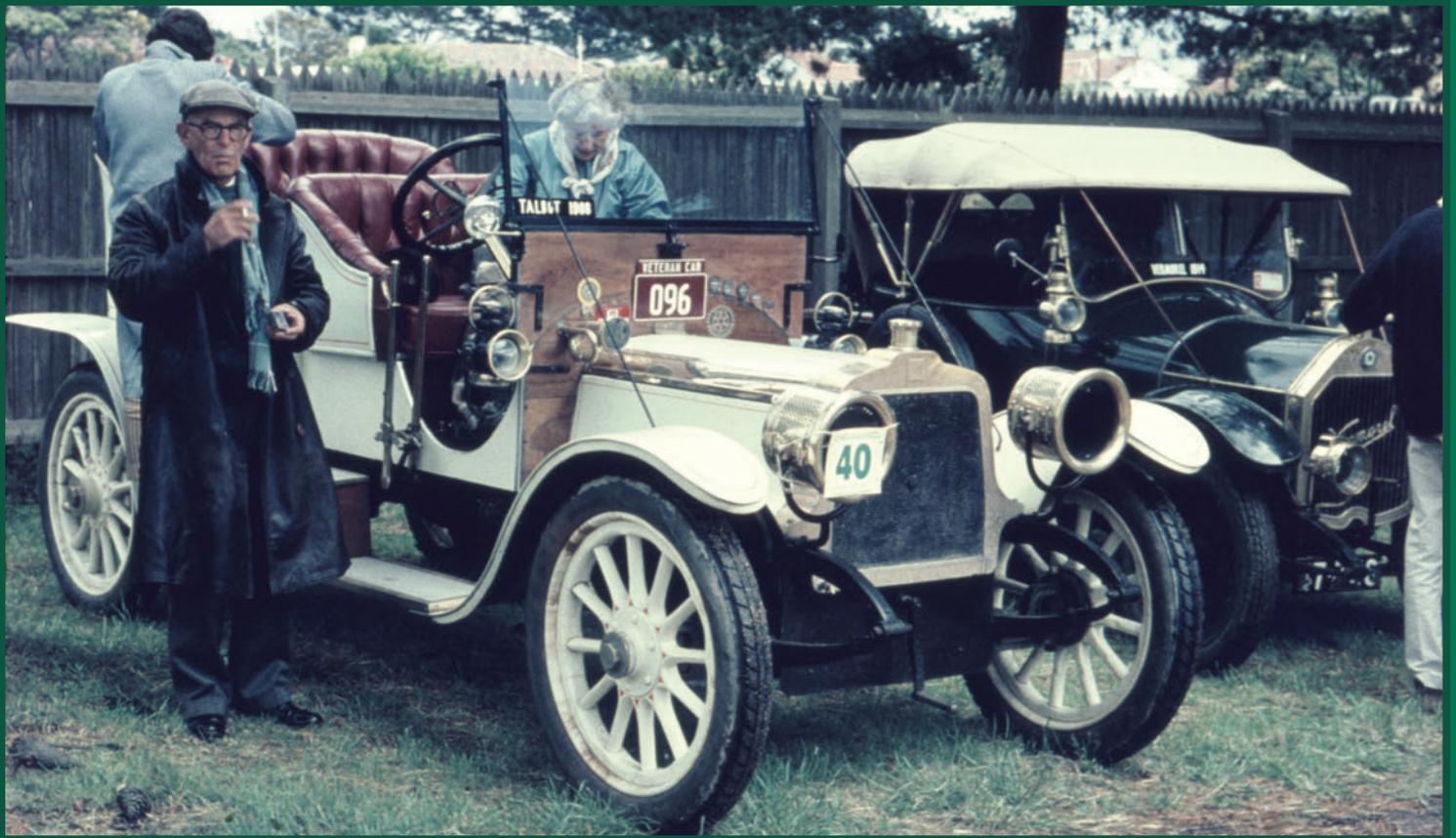
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## Photos from the Club's Archives



*There was a great response to the photos in last month's Brass Notes and an article on the Hotchkiss fire appliances is on page XX.*

*This month we have two more photos from the archives.*

*The top photo shows a Talbot on the 1960 Annual Rally to the Mornington Peninsula, but we are unsure of the identity of the people.*

*The bottom photo we are unsure about where and when it was taken (again it shows one of the Hotchkiss fire appliances in the group).*



*Neil Ferguson and David Barnard in Neil's 1910 Delage at Cobram (Photo by Frances McDougall)*



*Terry Mansbridge and David Inglis in Terry's 1912 Rover at Cobram (Photo by Andrew Benoit)*