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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Greetings to you All. Well what's next for our Club, one of the highlights of the Club year, the Auction. It's time to take stock of what's in the shed, what do we want/need, perhaps take the advice of our nearest and dearest and get rid of anything that's not had the dust brushed off it in the last year. So, put all that stuff in the auction and come along, I'm sure you'll find some other good bits to fill up the shelves again when you get home. Don't forget it is also registration day so from 11.00 am on you'll be able to pay your subs to our Treasurer (note, they haven't gone up again this year) take the receipt to our Registrar, with your rego papers, this will ensure you can continue to drive your car after June 30.

Have a look at our events page on our website http://www.vsccsa.org.au/events-page.htm can you organise an event? Of course you can, email myself or the Secretary to which one of our events you'd like to organise and we'll let the Club Captain know about it when he comes back from swanning around the USA somewhere, and remember, one volunteer is better than ten pressed people, though that's not how the Club Captain thinks!!

One for the future, put down the 28 October 2018 in your diaries, that's the date of the **Down Under London To Brighton Run** and I'm sure that **Rod Wood** will be looking for Marshalls etc. for that date, we've got a lot to live up to after last year.

Now don't forget our General Meeting in May, very important to everyone to put forward their views on the direction that our Club might/should go, have a think about the issues that may/may-not concern you, read my piece in the March Bulletin, read through our Constitution, how does all this sit with you? I said this last month and I'll say it again here.

"To do this we need ALL Members to have an input into this, this is not my Club nor is it the Committee's Club it is YOUR Club and you as Members must have the say in what you want the Club to be".

Now this month we have a Guest Speaker showing us how to perform CPR, probably a suitable subject for us. Everyone will be able to have a go on a dummy, dummies will be supplied, he will also explain the use of defibrillators which are appearing everywhere, perhaps taking away your concerns of using one.

NB, the CCC has applied for a grant for a defibrillator to be put in our Clubrooms, so this is timely for us. This will take a bit of time so I intend to open the meeting at 7.15pm, if you don't come and share a meal with us please note the earlier starting time, a short meeting will follow the presentation.

That's it for this month

Happy (and safe) Motoring to you all.

Peter Dawes

EDITORIAL

This month's Members Marques features the **1925 Humber 9/20 Roadster** formerly owned by **John** & **Mary Leslie**. **John** went out of his way to make me feel welcome when I attended my first VSCC meeting, before joining the Club; he took me under his wing and didn't leave my side throughout the evening. **John** and **Mary** were heavily involved in Club activities until John's death. **Mary** moved to the Copper Triangle to be nearer family, but continues to enjoy reading '*The Vintage Bulletin*' even though many of the members names are new to her.

If you are wondering how we got the aerial view of the 2018 **Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering,** (featured on this months cover) - **Ian** managed to sweet talk the Metropolitan Fire Brigade who were conducting a training exercise on the site. Ian's friend **Trevor** was suitably safety-harnessed and raised in the bucket to take several photographs.

Six of our VSCC members vintage cars were part of the fifty-odd historic vehicles entered in the Gawler Club's "**Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run**", a run report is included on Page 17 of this Bulletin - thankyou **Lionel** & **Anne**. We could have done with a longer break between the departure of the veterans and vinti's because we, and some modern traffic, caught up with the veterans on both legs of the run. On the first leg we travelled at around 30 kph for part of the journey and on the second leg (more hills) around 10 kph for much of the way until we came to a halt when a 1904 De Dion needed the help of some man-power to get it to the top of a hill . Modern traffic displayed admirable patience and restraint, not so one vintage driver who overtook our slow moving cavalcade - over double lines, uphill, on a blind crest. This was only the 3rd Run, the concept is great, the **Gawler Club** deserve credit for all the work they put into it and I believe we as a Club should continue to support it. But the veterans need to be given a greater head-start and we all need to travel more widely spaced to allow modern traffic to get past easily to avoid the bunching-up we experienced this year.

It's hard to believe we are well into April, having experienced four consecutive days above 37 degrees centigrade during our travels in the Barossa and Riverland - on the trip home we enjoyed some much needed rain.

Regards Brian

MEMBER's MARQUES

JOHN & MARY LESLIE's 1925 9/20 HUMBER

John & Mary in their 1925 Humber

In 1961 I thought it would be a good idea to buy a vintage motor car, and restore it after I retired. At that time I had a very big garden to maintain, golf every Saturday accounted for a whole day, so spare time was at a premium.

Having owned an Austin 7, I decided to look for one. After passing the word around, I finally struck oil, a friend, one Ben Tillett rang me, he hadn't found an Austin 7 but a **Humber 9/20**. I hot-footed it to see the owner, ten pounds changed hands, and as it was still registered I was able to drive it home.

After putting it on blocks and filling the engine with clean oil, I had my retirement project all set. In 1974 I joined the VSCC and after seeing **Alan Robinson**'s identical car fully restored, I got the urge.

The mechanical side of the project interested me most of all, so I pulled down the engine. The cylinders though very worn had never been re-machined, they cleaned up nicely and I was able to get four alloy piston castings un-machined (intended for Austin 7) which could be machined to suit. The crankshaft was re-ground and bottom-end bearings reworked to suit, surprisingly the main bearings were in perfectly good order.

I was able to get a set of inlet and exhaust valve blanks from Repco, the heads had to be machined to suit and the stems cut to length and drilled for the 1/8" cotter pin. I found 1/8" x 5/8" needle rollers ideal for the job, being in the ball and roller business at the time, they were most inexpensive! The valve-guides were made from some good old well-weathered cast-iron.

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The leather-faced cone clutch didn't look too promising and none of the trades-people would take on the re-facing job. I gave it a good soaking in 'Brake-Clean', it got rid of all the oil in the leather and it came up quite well; it is still giving satisfactory service and I am pleased that I didn't have a shot at refacing it with Ferodo segments.

The magneto and dynamotor I had overhauled by Aerolec at Parafield Airport; excellent job. Knowing that it would be a long time before the engine would be fitted and running, I assembled all the moving parts with Molybond-G-plus paste. I'm sure that this paid off because I had no overheating problems and I was a little concerned that I had assembled the engine too tight.

Gearbox next, what a relief to find there are no teeth missing, a new set of bearings and re-bush the housing that takes the sliding gear change shaft, all fixed. The tail-shaft flexible joints are a rubberised canvas disc, these I made from heavy conveyor belting. The diff. was a different kettle of fish, the crown-wheel was good but the pinion teeth were badly worn – I advertised for replacement parts to no avail – I had to use the old one.

To cut a long story short, I completed the car in June 1976, in 1975 I had entered a Queensland Rally for September 1976, this had forced me to press on and complete the restoration. I managed to get 400 miles on the clock before taking off on the Queensland trip.

The Leslie Humber - Photo courtesy Roger Bennett

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(Cont. from Page 6) **JOHN & MARY LESLIE's 1925 9/20 Humber (Cont.)**

The interior of John & Mary's Humber - Photo courtesy Roger Bennett

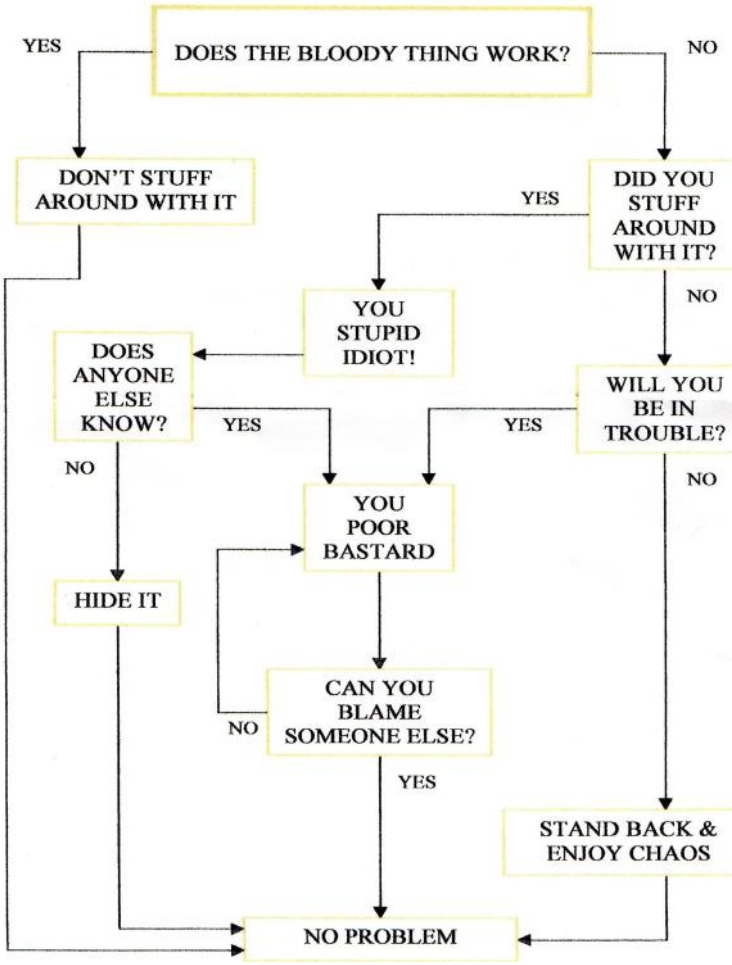
We drove to Melbourne, put the car on the train to Murwilumbah and drove it from there 170 miles to Coolam Beach. After 10 days at the Rally, we put the car on the train again at Murwilumbah and got off in Sydney, a week in Sydney and drove back to Adelaide. 2205 miles all-round trip, 31.2 miles per gallon. We found the little **Humber** most comfortable on the bitumen roads and 200 miles a day, quite a pleasant run. Now I know why it has a 6 gallon tank – one days run.

Unfortunately, I haven't any knowledge of the car's history, there is a strong feeling by **Gordon Gardiner** that the car was once owned by his brother who smashed a stub-axle in an accident, he had a new one fabricated and welded. Mine has such a replacement, so it could well be that it was once owned by Gordon's kin.

John Leslie

From the April 1985 Bulletin

PROBLEM SOLVING FLOW CHART



Joan Catt suggests referring to the above chart before considering changes to our Club or its Constitution.

2018 HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING

Sunday 18th March 2018

The **Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering** started off with showers forecast. We left at 7.55 am in the Le Zebre, and with friend **Trevor** towing the packed trailer behind our Ford Ranger, we arrived at Park 23 at 8.30 am.

Should have known that others would already be there to help with the setting up – and the Power of the Past Stationery Engine clan, and the ice-cream van were there as well. The coffee machine bicycle arrived shortly after, along with the Lonsdale Football Club BBQ team and the boys from Shannons.

Soon all was set up, cars and bikes began to arrive and as the sun shone so the visitors drove in.

Some of the Motorcycles on display

The Le Zebre & Wilma flanking our Banner

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It turned out to be another successful event. An unexpected treat was the SA Metro Fire Brigade, out for a morning drive. They decided to have a look, and accepted our suggestion to put a photographer high up on their ladder to take photos.

Fifty seven vintage & veteran cars plus eleven motor bikes were on display, along with approximately sixty classic cars, a pleasing number despite the gloomy forecast. And after a few spots (dirty ones) early on, the sun shone for the remainder of the day.

Among the 'Classics' - A Ford V8 Roadster with three of our members cars in the background.

As usual it was the reliable band of regular club members who put their hands up to help on the day, and to these people we say many thanks. This enjoyable event wouldn't happen without their help.

Special thanks must go to the groups who fed and watered us during the day, the **marshals** and those who stayed to help pack up. To the **ladies** at the 'meet & greet' tent, to **Shirley Tonkin** on the microphone and for handling raffle ticket sales & to **John Clare** for organising the PA system, what would we do without you.

1927 Essex Roadster

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Finally, to **Rodney Wood** for all the work that he did, helping to organise the day prior to his holiday. Thanks **Rod**.

1926 Oldsmobile Sedan

To top off this great day, **Garth** & **Margaret** won the raffle for a painting of their **1929 Chevrolet International Roadster.** Congratulations.

Ian & Lorraine Loader

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FRIDAY	27th April	**GENERAL MEETING**
THURSDAY	10th May	Committee Meeting
SATURDAY	12th May	**CLUB AUCTION & CONCESSIONAL HISTORIC REGISTRATION DAY**
THURSDAY	17th May	**MID WEEK RUN** (Anne Mott)
SUNDAY	20th May	**STANTON OHLMEYER RUN** (Brian Bennett)
FRIDAY	25th May	**GENERAL MEETING**
SUNDAY	10th June	**PRESIDENTS TROPHY RUN** (Peter Dawes)
THURSDAY	21st June	**MID WEEK RUN**
THURSDAY	19th July	**MID WEEK RUN**
FRIDAY	27th July	**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
THURSDAY	16th August	**MID WEEK RUN**
SUNDAY	26th August	**WATTS TROPHY RUN**
SATURDAY	1st September	DRIVE IT DAY

ALL MEETINGS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED WILL BE HELD IN THE **C.C.C. CLUBROOMS** CLARK AVE., GLANDORE

**April General Meeting to commence at 7:15 pm.
to allow time for guest speaker on C.P.R.**

CLUB WARES

VSCC Metal Car Badge	$25
VSCC Cloth Badge	$3
VSCC Metal Lapel Badge	$5
VSCC Coffee Mug	$6

VSCC Down Under London to Brighton Cap $15

All items available from the Treasurer at General Meetings

MEAL BEFORE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

6:30 PM FRIDAY 27th April 2018

MENU: Chicken with Potatoes Peas & Gravy

$3 PER HEAD

BYO Drinks

Coordinated by Lee Michelmore

ALL GUESTS ARE WELCOME

COMING EVENTS

CLUB AUCTION / REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 12th May 2018

At the CCC Clubrooms - the **Treasurer** and **Club Registration Officer** will be there from 11:00am to process membership renewals and endorse log-books and registration papers - Statutory Declarations are no longer required. A **Membership Renewal Form** is included on the reverse side of this month's mailing wrapper.

A sausage sizzle will be provided. **Chris Rees** will commence the Auction at around 12:30 pm. We just need you to bring some "good" stuff for sale.

Reminder: your Club Registration **expires on 30th June** if your membership is not renewed by then - significant penalties apply for driving your historic vehicle unregistered (and insurance is void). Your log-book must be filled in prior to, and carried on each journey.

MID WEEK RUN

Thursday 17th May 2018

Meet at the reserve in Old Noarlunga at 10:00 am for BYO morning tea.
Following a scenic drive we will have lunch at the Normanville Hotel.

Anne Mott

STANTON OHLMEYER RUN

Sunday 20th May 2018

Meet on Main South Road, near the Weighbridge, just past Black Road at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start. We will travel to Willunga for BYO morning tea at the Linear Park Garden - toilet available. Southern residents may prefer to meet us in Willunga at around 11:00 am - please let me know if you choose this option.

Then a pleasant drive through the southern hills and vales to **Ian** & **Toni Nicholls** country estate near Meadows for a BYO Lunch - please bring chairs - tea & coffee making facilities available, (Ian suggests we also bring gardening tools and a wheelbarrow). The last 700 metres to Ian & Toni's is unsealed.

Brian Bennett (08) 8276 2000 or 0409 397 241

MARCH MID WEEK RUN

Thursday 22nd March 2018

Christine had a physio appointment so we were not able to get to the start in Stirling, our participation in the run commenced at the regrouping stop in Balhannah. There was a good roll-up, with ten cars and twenty two people in attendance.

The state economy must be booming going on the number of road-works we encountered along the route. **Graham** & **Shirley** devised a very interesting and scenic drive on back-roads from Stirling via Balhannah, Littlehampton, Nairne, Mt. Barker, Wistow and Woodchester to the Langhorne Creek Hotel for lunch.

As is to be expected at the end of Summer, the country was very dry. The magnificent views along the route were spoilt by a thick haze - smoke? or dust? - we couldn't tell, but it was very widespread.

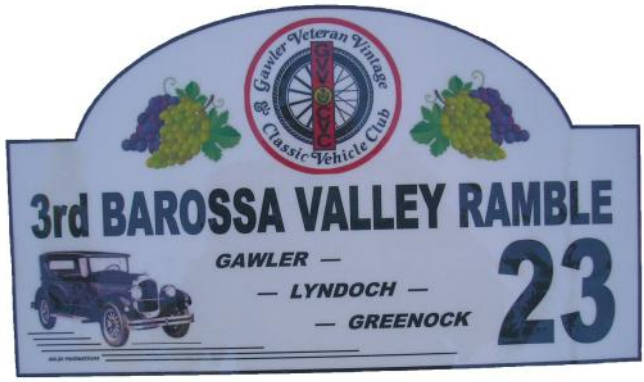
Our convoy was broken from time to time waiting our turn at road-works or interrupted by other traffic, but with the slower vehicles in front and faster ones at the rear we managed to reach the lunch venue together.

We enjoyed a leisurely lunch and natter before breaking up and heading for home, we along with several others from the Southern suburbs, chose to travel via Strathalbyn, Meadows and Clarendon.

Thank-you to **Graham** & **Shirley** for organising another enjoyable run.

Brian Bennett

Ian & Lorrain's MG TF outside the Langhorne Creek Hotel



The sun was up (barely) when we left home to meet Brian and Christine Bennett at Castle Plaza. This was in preparation for the trip to **Gawler** to join the run to the **Barossa Valley** organised by the **Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club.**

The traffic through the city at that time on a Sunday morning was virtually non-existent. It was a dream run for the **Essex** and **Rugby**. The pre-run assembly car park in Gawler was a hive of activity. The documentation for the run was first class with each car sporting a large participant number (*see head of this page*) and receiving very detailed route directions. Following the customary welcome speeches, the first cars were flagged away at 9.30am.

The first row of Vinti's awaiting the start in Gawler

The first leg of the run went via Sandy Creek to Lyndoch. Here we experienced a bit of traffic. The stop at Lyndoch village Green for morning tea was exceptionally well organised. Tea or coffee and a choice of cakes were very welcome, as was a bit of shade in the pavilion.

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The sun was by this time high and hot and the wind tending to be gusty.

A line-up of cars at Lyndoch

The next leg of the run went through Rowland Flat, Tanunda and Seppeltsfield and finished at Greenock Park. An interesting route and at the speed that the mighty veterans and vinti's travelled we were able to literally smell the roses and other wine making smells along the way. Traffic on this section was quite heavy and slow.

Upon arrival at Greenock Park the cars were arranged in two arcs around the perimeter of the oval. This allowed the display of cars to be seen by all and also allowed mini picnic sites to be set up in the shade next to the cars. By this time it was well and truly hot. Cool drinks, hot food, cakes and ice cream were all for sale in addition to the picnic lunches packed by participants.

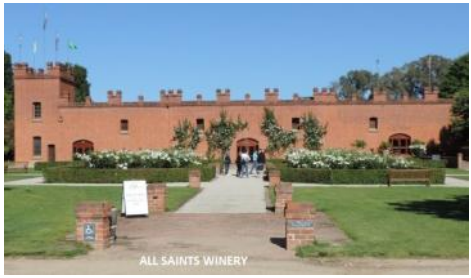
Cars displayed on Greenock Oval

We decided to forgo the scenic route for our return journey and opted for the highway. Long, hot and uninteresting, but effective. Thank you to the Gawler Club for arranging a super day. I counted forty four veteran and vintage cars plus three motor-cycles at the oval. I am sure all had a good day.

Lionel & Anne Leddra

OUR TRIP FROM THE SOURCE OF THE RIVER MURRAY TO THE MOUTH - Part 2

Our next planned overnight stop was at Tocumwal across the border in NSW. On the way we called into All Saints Winery estate. Here they have a very beautiful building based on a castle and set in beautiful grounds. We had morning tea there and purchases were made before leaving for our next stop.



Before reaching Tocumwal we called into Chrysties Classics Collectables museum. It was a collection of Old cars, trucks caravans and other auto memorabilia. It was a very diverse and interesting collection.

After Tocumwal it was onto Cohuna, on the way we stopped at Echuca for some lunch. We had a walk around Echuca before continuing on to our camp site on the waterfront. The weather here was perfect, we would have liked to stay an extra day in Cohuna but our caravan sites were booked out for the next few days.

From Cohuna it was on to Mildura. On the way to Mildura we passed through Lake Boga. This is the site of the Catalina Flying Boat Museum. We arrived in Mildura on a very hot day, something we had been unaccustomed to most of the trip. To date we had experienced some very cold days and nights. In Mildura we chose to stay for three days and there is plenty to do here, catching up on shopping, visiting Wentworth, going for walks and generally catching our breath.

It was just a short trip from Mildura to Renmark where we stopped and replenished our food supplies. Here we decided we would continue on to Berri . The Berri park is very nice with lawn and shady trees. They also had a swimming pool and as it was quite hot we gratefully made good use of it.

How the weather can change from very hot and dry to very wet. We stopped at Waikerie for brunch, our intended destination from here was to a free camp site at Cadell, but due to the continuous rain, staying there was not an option.

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The rain continued all the way to Morgan, and it didn't let up while we set up our vans, it was a very bedraggled bunch who sat down for lunch. After lunch the rain cleared enabling us to enjoy a walk along the river and around the town.

After Morgan we were off to Mannum, the weather was still cool with some misty rain to dog us all the way. At Mannum there is a bush camp on the opposite side of the river to the town and we decided to stay there. The weather fined up after lunch enabling us to take the ferry across the river into Mannum and take a stroll around the town. There was a fire pit in the camp ground and were able to finish off the day around the fire.

We were slowly making our way to our final destination, Goolwa, where we could access the Murray mouth. On leaving Mannum we headed for Tailem Bend where we had met at the start of our trip nearly three weeks ago. From there it was across the ferry at Wellington before continuing through Langhorne Creek, Strathalbyn and on to Goolwa. The drizzly rain dogged us all the way, fortunately it had stopped by the time we reached Goolwa.

Our final day at Goolwa saw us all in the two four wheel drives, driving along the beach to the Murray mouth, where the water collected by those who walked to the source, ceremonially poured the water collected there into the sea, at the mouth of the mighty Murray.

On returning to the caravan park we had a photo viewing session in the camp kitchen reliving our trip.

Next morning we all went our own way home after a most enjoyable journey, many thanks to all those who went. You couldn't ask for better company, a group of people intent on making sure everyone was well looked after and with me being the oldest they were all concerned that I was going OK. A great trip.

Garth & Margaret Mugford

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Meeting held on Thursday 8th March 2018

The following significant matters dealt with by the Committee are reported for the information of Club Members - the full minutes are displayed at General Meetings.

- Club Information pamphlet approved by committee.
- Club Car Register - around 40 responses so far.
- David Prest reported problems with website host - hopes it will be sorted soon.
- Discussed if Club should establish a facebook page - not at this time.
- Preparations for Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering discussed in detail.
- Membership application from Hans Janiak approved.
- Agreed to establish a spreadsheet to bring all membership details into one easily accessed location.
- Suggested Club Registration Officers be located in side-room to avoid disruption of meetings.
- Discussed PA system for General Meetings - will be investigated.
- General discussion on pro's & con's of changing age of cars recognised in our constitution - member feedback required.

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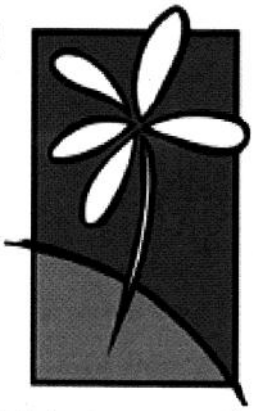

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ROLY's POEM

The late **Roly Forss** recited poems at General Meetings for several decades,
the Elder Statesmen of the Club are determined that the tradition should continue.

NONSENSE RHYME

Take any impotent barouche and paint it vivid yellow,
Print a motto on the bonnet to show you're quite a fellow,
Add phoney racing numbers in white on discs of black
And the Fish-tail to end all fish-tails on the plumbing at the back.
Then polish all the shiny parts and any bits that aint
Load down with thick and slobbery coats of aluminium paint.

Pose a popsy on the scuttle of this monarch of machines,
Dressed neatly in a stone-guard and a pair of aero-screens,
Then get photographed in crash-hat beside the whole contraption,
Send to any Sunday paper complete with silly caption,
"Major Squat the racing motorist, Miss Sqit the rising star",
And then go home and hang yourself and burn your ruddy car.

ANON

Recited by Brenda Dawes at the March 2018 General Meeting.

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BULLETIN ARTICLE LOTTO

Ian and/or **Toni Nicholls**

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Thanks *Brian*

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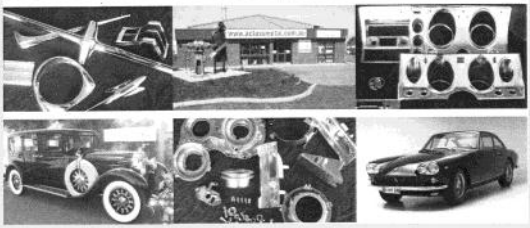

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CHANGE OF DATE

PRESIDENTS RUN

Sunday 10th June 2018

Meet at the CCC Clubrooms at 9:00 am for BYO coffee and a chat, depart approx. 9:50 am to travel to a mystery destination (I don't think we have been there before, so this should be a first for most/all of you).
Depart the mystery destination around 12:30 pm to go somewhere for lunch - more details in the May Bulletin. Have a great day.

Peter Dawes Ph: 0418 837 402

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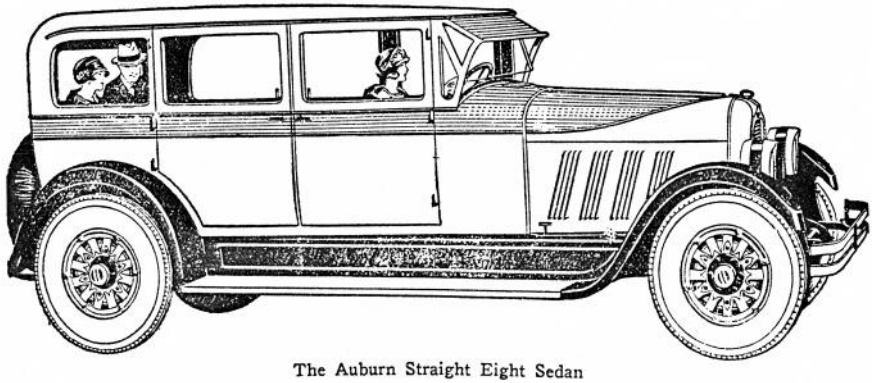

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