

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

*Club Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
Governor of Queensland*

VETERAN TORQUE

MAY 2019



THE TARRANT – THE CAR DEPICTED ON OUR CLUB BADGE

Harley Tarrant (born Clunes, Victoria: 1860-1949).

In August 1897 Tarrant patented an engine powered by kerosene, a fuel which he declared to be safe, cheap and readily available, whereas electric motors needed recharging stations. Although his first car was a failure, its kerosene motor proved suitable for such stationary work as pumping water to farm houses. By 1899 he sold his engines as far afield as WA.

With larger premises, the company also imported cars, beginning in February 1900 with a Benz. Tarrant completed his first car in Victoria in 1901, this had a Benz engine. The next car, built two years later was 90% locally made. The Tarrant was a 2 cylinder, 2-seat vehicle and about 16 cars were produced between 1900 and 1907. After a small number of motor vehicles were built, it became apparent it was uneconomic to build Australian vehicles in the face of overseas technology. Tarrant assumed the responsibility for distribution of Ford automobiles in Victoria in 1908, and production of Tarrants ceased.

The last surviving Tarrant was acquired by the RACV in 2002.

{Primary source: Australian Dictionary of Biography}



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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Clubrooms phone number is (07) 3843 0010

The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

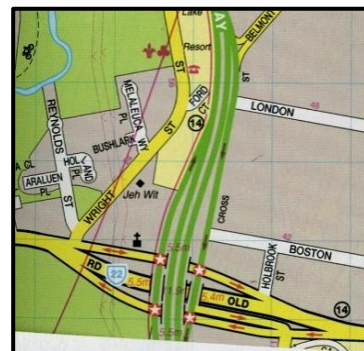
Membership fees as from 1 July 2019 are:

Full Membership (single): \$ 67 Joint Membership \$ 74

Country Membership (single): \$ 50 Joint Membership: \$ 55

Associate Membership \$ 50

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.



Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$10 FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING A MAILED COPY.

Membership fees may be paid by **direct deposit** into the Club's Account:

Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001, giving details of your name.

Or By Cheque, made payable to Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc.

(Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.)

Membership Application Forms are available from the Secretary

(Hazel Burley) at the address below.

All articles for publication in "Veteran Torque" must be with the Editor by the 20th of each month.

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"What's Mexican for top hose?"

President's Report

Everyone arrived back from Victoria safely after a few really great events. We don't often get a chance to use our single and twin cylinder cars in similar company, so it proved to be a good opportunity. Reports on these events appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

The midweek social working bee was well attended again this month with all mowers, a couple of whipper snippers and weeders and poisoners converting the jungle into the manicured property we are used to. As usual the morning tea was the highlight. This month's working Bee will be on the 15th and I suspect with all of this rain the grounds will take up a fair bit of the work again.

The Ice-cream night will have been and gone by the time you read this and for all of you ice-cream aficionados, I trust that the range of toppings was to your liking. It is good to see something new on the social calendar as your social committee is working hard to provide a range of activities.

Our supplier of the Club shirts has closed up shop so we need to find a new supplier. Rhonda and Steve have been investigating but are having difficulty in sourcing the ladies formal shirt. It may be necessary to review our uniform or have a couple of colours available. This also gives an opportunity to again look at the casual polo shirt as we have had the green colour for as long as I can remember and I have always believed that the beige polo shirts with the green collar that we used for committee on the Gympie National in 1998 was a smarter looking shirt. The topic is open for discussion and we should have some news on potential suppliers for the June meeting.

The first reminder is that there will be no meeting this month as most of the committee and a good number of members will be away on the Country to Coast Rally up in the Burnett. Terry and Co in Biggenden and Ken and Gwyn in Howard have completed the planning and await our arrival. I'm sure we won't be disappointed if the last couple of rallies are an indication.

While talking of Terry and Co., I know there has been a great response from Queensland for the National Rally in Bargara but there has also been a good response from interstate as well. Entries are now out if you haven't got yours in, they can be downloaded from the website or contact Terry and he will organise one for you.

Graham and his crew are in Charleville at the moment checking out plans for the One and Two next year. Entry forms for this event will hit the email soon.

On the local scene, Boules at Dayboro organised by the Vintage Car Club will be on Election Day, May 18th. Vote early and join us in the park around 10.00 for a round of boules before lunch at the hotel. Don't know the rules, doesn't matter, I have never played it before and I'm reliably told that the rules are only there as a guide, the aim is to have a bit of fun.

The following day is the National Motoring Heritage Day Picnic in the Park at Cameron Park Ipswich. You need to be on the grounds by 9.30, with free entry and many activities during the day. Vehicles can leave from 2.00pm.

As there is no May meeting we need to mention the No Emissions Day on June 1st. This year we will be catching the train to the Gold Coast then joining the light rail to Broadbeach for lunch at the Surf Club, or the Casino for those who like a wager. Full details are elsewhere.

We have had an influx of new members over the last few months and I am very pleased to welcome them to the Club.

Gary and Kathy Day are no strangers to us and while they don't have a veteran at the moment I believe they are on the lookout for one.

Ian and Jackie Martin, Inverell
Bob and Suzanne Ausburn, Inverell.

1908 2 cyl. Reo not restored
1906 De Dion Bouton restored
1907 De Dion Bouton restored
1912 Phoenix roadster restored
1913 Phoenix roadster restored
1918 Model T Ford Tourer not restored
1926 Model T Ford Sedan restored

Graeme and Ellen Allen, Allora

Grant Vormister & Melissa Cornish Picnic Bay, Magnetic Id 1905 Reo under restoration
1918 Dodge roadster

We look forward to seeing you and your cars on future events, particularly in Bargara later in the year

That's all from me this month so Happy Motoring.....Peter Arnold

**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Fifty Ninth Meeting
of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.
Monday 1st April 2019**

President Peter Arnold welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance, Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Apologies:

Russell & Susan Massey, Neal & Jan Sims, Glen Adams, Bev Lollback, Alan & Carolyn Robinson, Lauren Forster, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Geoff & Barbara Clegg, Michael Hackshall, David Hackshall, Dulcie Wilkinson, Trish Hanley & Joe Jarick.

Visitors: Bob O'Connor

Attendance: 37

Minutes of the March Meeting: Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Hazel Burley moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded by Alan Carpenter. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward:

Signed Deed of Agreement from Vet & Vin Chev Club, Austin 7 & Austin Motor
Request from Grant Vormister to join VCCAQ
Invite from Chrysler Owners Club to attend 2019 Chrysler Expo, Sept 1st.
Update from Terry Lewis re the National Rally and Country to Coast I May.

Outward:

Thank you letter to Ron Johnman and to Gateway Church
Welcome letters to Graeme & Ellen Allen, Ian & Jackie Martin & Bob & Suzanne Ausburn.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Hazel moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Albert Budworth Carried.

Treasurer Report:

Steve reported on the club accounts. Steve moved that the report be accepted, and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Trevor Farnell. Carried.

Events:

Albert reported the very successful time with the RACQ Foundation, helping the farmers around Kingaroy. The farmers are doing it tough out there and appreciated the help they could give. The Crows Nest rally has been cancelled due to illness.

27 th April	Ice Cream Night BYO dinner.
3 rd -11 th May	"Country to Coast" Biggenden/ Howard rally.
1 st June	No Emission Day to the Gold Coast. Meet at Roma Street Station.
6 th -7 th June	Petrie Steam Fest.
14 th July	RACQ Motorfest. Peter to liaise with RACQ.
19 th , 20 th 21 st July	Esk rally organized by Kevin Brooks, not long runs, time for happy hour.
28 th July	Fish & Chip lunch on the bay.
17 th Aug	Veteran swap
7 th Sept	Handover dinner at clubrooms
17 th - 23 rd Sept	National Veteran Rally Bargara.
24 th -27 th Oct	Landsborough rally
2 nd -3 rd Nov	Brighton Rally
16 th -17 th Nov	Funkana at clubrooms
21 st Dec	Christmas Party

Property Report: Wayne did the mowing, Social working bee 17th April.

Dating Report: Ross presented Allan Lyons, Merv Thompson & Steve Forster with their dating certificate and their 100-year badge.

Library: Nil
QHMC: Nil

SAG Report: An email was received from Ross Vasta MP, would our club be interested in a government grant for putting in a solar and batteries to the value of \$12,500. An EOI has been sent and we await a decision, we will know by 1st Sept if we are successful. Two quotes were obtained one for \$13,500 and another for \$19,900, if we accept the more expensive one we would expect to get over \$700 per quarter In credit.

Web Master: Nil

Editor Report: Nil

General Business: Discussion re Special Interest Vehicle conditions and restrictions, all the information is on the Dept of Main Roads website.

SIV must NOT be used for general purpose e.g., going to work and cannot be hired or have any reward for supplying the vehicle.

SIV must only be used for rallies or events including impromptu events organised by an incorporated club. Rally is a social event where vehicles travel together for competition or an agreed location. An impromptu event is an event that has been initiated by a club member, involves one or more vehicles, and is supported by an incorporated vehicle club. Rallies and events (including impromptu events) must be listed in the incorporated club's newsletter, website or social media page prior to the event.

If your Special Interest Vehicle does not have permanent lighting, you must always carry a removable lighting system with the vehicle and use that system whenever lighting would normally be required. Carbide lights are acceptable where that type of light was originally fitted.

We need to establish a member protected section on the website to use for impromptu rallies, at the next committee meeting we will develop a procedure to be able to use the website for impromptu events. For full details go to the Main Roads website.

Still working on the feathers, need a graphic artist to re do a computer copy of the club badge. Albert to ask around, maybe ask a TAFE college.

The May general meeting will be cancelled as most members will be at the Country to Coast rally.

The Charleville 1- & 2-cylinder rally is only 1 year away, the organisers are Graham & Irene Donges, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie and Merv & Margaret Thompson. They are all heading out to Charleville for 4 days to check rally details, they are all working very hard. They are looking for things for the rally bags, if you can help please let them know. Three newsletters have been sent out and are available on the website, a lot of Victorians have said they are coming, up to 20 cars.

Syd reported that at Roland Clark's funeral, there was a very nice story of his life, unfortunately his wife Dorothy was in hospital but is home now.

Syd reported that the 1910 Standard is back on the road, the engine was green with electrolysis.

VCCQ have invited VCCAQ to Ormiston House on 23rd June, the All-American Day at the Maritime Museum on July 21st, and the Boules challenge in Dayboro on 18th May.

John Day had a skite about the Oldsmobile, they were travelling on a gentle uphill rise and were gaining on some fellows on pushbikes, he overtook them and then they stayed in the Olds slipstream!!! At the same time having a great conversation with them. The Oldsmobile putted along really well on the rally also Brooks' Humberette went like a charm, Kevin also said that rabbits can run at 30 mph.

Meeting Closed 9.00 pm.

Hazel Burley.....

Secretary
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

Peter Arnold.....

President
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

At the April General Meeting Ross presented Allan Lyons, Merv Thompson and Steve Forster with their dating certificates and 100-year badges {Photos: Rhonda G.}



**The following is reproduced for interest of members from the latest
Wanganui (NZ) Vintage Car Club Magazine**

"FIVA has produced a guide for Historic Motoring - some of this is likely to impact on NZ and our ability to drive our older vehicles at any time - anywhere. Fuel supplies may also become a problem in the future as more and more vehicles are produced on alternative fuels or electricity. Suitable Training for apprentices to work on "Historic Vehicles" is already a concern in many countries. Holland has reduced air pollution by 90% in the last 18 years - it is a major concern in Europe. But here in NZ we have been fortunate so far that the motor industry has not been directed to cut back on Diesel and Petrol vehicles. There is a growing awareness to preserve vehicles rather than restore them but world wide there are concerns over the use and preservation of our Historic Fleet. You and I can play our part in this by keeping our VCC Eligible vehicles up to scratch and in good condition. Apparently Caltex is one of the few Companies that do not have Ethanol in fuel currently. Fuel Companies can have up to 5% Ethanol content without any disclosure and many of our older vehicles cannot handle this mix, or a greater %."

COMING EVENTS

May

- 3-11 "COUNTRY TO THE COAST" Biggenden/Howard. Terry Lewis, 0404 647 359 / Ken Wells.
Some Club members will already be enjoying this rally.
- 18 **BOULES** (by invitation from the Vintage Club) – (French pronunciation:[bul]) is a collective name for a wide range of games similar to bowls and bocce (In French: jeu or jeux, in Italian: gioco or giochi) in which the objective is to throw or roll heavy balls (called boules in France, and bocce in Italy)
10.30am. Tullamore Park, Lacey's Creek Rd, Dayboro, followed by lunch on the veranda at the Dayboro Pub. *Vote before you come!*



June

- 1 NO EMISSIONS DAY (Destination: Gold Coast). Train scheduled to leave Roma St Station at 8.32am. Organized by Albert Budworth and Steve Forster. Details see separate sheet.

July

- 6-7 PETRIE STEAMFEST. Organized by Bob Burley
14 RACQ MOTORFEST. Eagle Farm Racecourse, with funds raised supporting RACQ Rescue Helicopters.
19-21 ESK WEEKEND Kevin Brooks
28 FISH & CHIPS BY THE SEA Albert

August

- 11 GREAZFEST (Cleveland Showground) Organized by James Brennan
17 VETERAN SWAP At the Clubrooms

September

- 30 Aug-6 Sept BATHURST
7 HANDOVER DINNER
7-14. BATHURST TO BARGARA Organised by John Handley (john-handley@hotmail.com)
17- 23 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY BARGARA

October

- 29 Sept – 5 Oct. NATIONAL MODEL T FORD RALLY Maryborough
24-27 GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS RE-RUN Organised by John Day

November

- 3 "LONDON TO BRIGHTON"
26-17 FUNKHANA AND PARTY NIGHT Albert & Co.

December

- CHRISTMAS PARTY

Other Clubs / Invitation Events

- 11-12 May RVAD Dalby "Cecil & Planes". Entries close 5 May Contact walnbev@bigpond.net.au
19 May National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Ipswich UBD 213 Q15
12-14 Sept. Laidley Spring Festival. Info: www.luvyalockyer.com.au

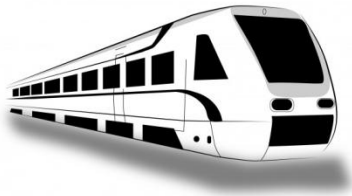
National / International Rallies

2019 –

- 18-20 Oct. NZ National Veteran Rally, Timaru. Register interest with Alistair and Nola Day: (nola.day@xtra.co.nz) Entry forms out June.

2020.

- 28 March-3 April. AHMF. National Motoring Festival. Albury-Wodonga. Open to all historic vehicles. Based at Albury Sailors Soldiers & Airmen's Club.
1-7 April National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally. Charleville. Newsletter #3 now available on the Club website.
2-6 May In May 2020 the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Club will celebrate 50 years with 5 days of rallying, at which a book of the history of the Club will be launched. The first 3 days will incorporate the QHMC 2020 Southern Rally.
11-17 Oct. National Veteran Rally, Swan Hill. Theme: Rural Edwardian Australiana.
email mholding@netspace.net.au for the spiel, Claudia_holding@hotmail.com for the facts.



Environmental Day



(No Emissions)

When: Saturday 1st June 2019

Destination: Broadbeach – by Train and Tram

Meet: At Roma Street Station Platform 4 at 8.15am
(double check platform on destination board)
Gold Coast Train Departs to Helensvale at 8.32am

Arrives at Helensvale Station 9.37am

Walk to Tram at Platform 5 and catch tram at 9.44am
(Trams run every 9 – 12 minutes if you miss the one listed)

Arrives at Broadbeach 10.30 am

To Do: Casino
Beach
Pacific Fair Shopping Centre



Regroup: For Lunch at 12.30pm at the Kurrawa Surf Club Beachside,
(a 10-15 minute walk away from the Casino east towards the
beach from the tram stop)
Old Burleigh Road, Broadbeach.

Table: booked for Veteran Car Club of Qld

Return: Catch Tram from Broadbeach at 3.04pm
Arrive Helensvale Station at 3.49pm



Train departs Helensvale Station at 3.54pm Platform 2
Next Train departs 4.24 pm

Train Arrives Roma Street Station at 4.57pm
Next Train arrives 5.27pm

RSVP: Albert Budworth by 24 / 5 / 2019
Phone: 0429 780 980
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Temora Event en-route to the Bright 1 & 2 cylinder Run March 2019, by Gary Day

This story begins with Kathy and I being asked if we would like to attend our first ever one and two cylinder car event. This one was being held in Bright, Victoria and we would be accompanying my brother John and his wife Alison who entered their 1903 curved dash Oldsmobile.

As we have attended quite a few veteran car events in the last few years since retiring, we naturally accepted the invitation. On our way to Bright, the Queensland contingent stopped over in the town of Temora for a separate run organised by Rhonda Guthrie. Rhonda spent much of her childhood in this area and on our arrival, provided us with a comprehensive rally booklet with all the necessary information on each town we were to visit on this stop-over on our way to Bright.

Approximately ten families arrived at our chosen caravan park in Temora to enjoy six days of fine weather and great scenery around this town in the north east Riverina area of New South Wales approximately 420 kilometres south west of Sydney. Never having visited Temora before, we were so surprised to learn that we were going to stay at a caravan park situated right beside the town airfield. This wasn't just any ordinary airfield.

Temora was reported as being the friendliest town in New South Wales, following a series of mentions in the Sydney Morning Herald's Column 8 which organised a bus trip to the town for Sydney readers in 2005 (info from Wikipedia) It has a rather unique airfield or rather a housing estate called an airpark. Here, 50+ housing blocks of between 1000 and 2024 square metres have room for a domestic residence facing a normal street frontage but with room for an aircraft hangar behind the house with access for the aircraft to a runway leading to the main air strips. The town also seemed to have a reliable supply of water as the lawns around the park were lush and green, a noticeable difference to the country we had travelled through on our way down there. Temora also boasts an air museum which houses many warbirds including two of Australia's only operating Spitfires.



Whilst we may remember the movie "The Castle" where the house situated right beside the airfield was bombarded with aircraft noise, it was a novelty to be able to sit and enjoy 5 o'clock drinks and nibbles whilst watching some very interesting aircraft take off and land including some formation flying. We also just happened to enjoy one of the most spectacular sunsets to top it off.



Our first night at this van park, we were greeted by the local vintage car club members at a BBQ in the camp kitchen. Some of the group also attended our runs in their vehicles. This group also provided some of that legendary country hospitality with morning and afternoon teas which was most welcomed after travelling in the old cars along the country roads. The word soon spread around town that the old cars were at the airfield and we were visited by friendly locals who kindly assisted us when we needed a bit of mechanical workshop help in the form of some welding gear and a bench inside one of the hangars. This hangar was big enough to drive a car and caravan around inside it, let alone the fact that it also had a mezzanine floor for storage of more equipment. Just a restorer's dream!



Another couple, Sam and Carol, invited us all to their hangar to see what it is that attracts folks to this airpark. We were shown the aircraft that Sam had built (an RV6 kit plane) and Carol's plane.

Some of our members commented that they had visited the factory where this plane was built. Carol had flown this small single seat plane all over Australia including the remote Kimberley area.

Sam also showed us an old photo of his grandfather's car in the USA and challenged us to identify it. John was spot on with his identification of a 1908 Rambler, much to Sam's surprise!

Another surprise at Temora was when we visited the world renowned Warbird museum. Whilst the Brooks' and I were viewing the big Canberra bomber from a high level viewing platform, we were greeted by a young fellow down on the work floor. It was Alex Allum, a third generation vintage



car club member who is now working his dream job as an aviation mechanic on the warbirds. Alex's grandfather Fred (deceased) was a well known member of the BVAC in Brisbane years ago. Alex took Kevin Brooks and me for a drive in his modern car, a 70's Ford Cougar. He also joined the group for the final night's dinner at the local RSL. Temora has an excellent information centre and museum where the veteran cars assembled for a display whilst we all viewed the very well presented history of the Temora area. Displays included a fire station, ambulance collection, Sir Donald Bradman's first slab cottage, school and church buildings, printing and flour mill buildings along with the huge working diesel engine which powered the mill. The early settler's horse drawn and motorised transport vehicles and clothing, a comprehensive mineral display and much more. We could have spent days there as with most collections of this calibre. My personal interest was in the American LaFrance fire engine circa 1940's which was powered by a V12 engine with twin ignition, 24 spark plugs, two distributors and four ignition coils, I believe it also has two starter motors, all for absolute reliability.

Our Temora stay also included a visit to Rhonda's family where we were able to view a collection of early Holdens, Fords and Chryslers many of which are now very valuable collectors' items.

Each day of our Temora experience included a drive to one of the nearby towns of Coolamon and Arianah Park, Junee and Cootamundra along outback country roads just perfect for the Oldsmobile. It was on the run to Junee that we experienced a race with a rabbit and a wallaby at around 30 kph, each animal racing alongside us in the bush between the road and a property fence line. For around a kilometre or so, they exhibited amazing stamina before they found their way off in to the surrounding countryside. Rhonda's comprehensive instruction booklet made sure we could see many of each town's main attractions. Some of these we visited were the Coolamon cheese factory, creating hand crafted cheeses and attracting much needed tourism to this town.

We also saw the Coolamon Up-To-Date Store/Museum, a turn of the century department store where anything from a plough to a piano could be purchased. The store still has the world's only known Ball Style Cash Railway System which is still in its original location and is listed on the State Heritage Register. This system allowed shoppers' cash to be carried from the service counter to the central office and return with receipts and change. This system pre dated the Lamson vacuum systems which I can remember in stores in Brisbane.



In Ariaiah Park (population 268 and National Trust Listed) we were treated to afternoon tea provided by some local car club members whilst we enjoyed a stroll along the wide street of this beautiful old town where you could imagine that our cars were just parked there by locals doing their shopping. Even the vintage glass cylinder type petrol bowsers which the town is known for (Wowsers Bowsers and Peppercorn Trees) were still in their original position on the footpath. I think that this town was one of the highlights of my Temora area experience.



In June, the main attraction was the Licorice and Chocolate Factory at a restored flour mill once again attracting tourism to this area. A local car collection was also an attraction for us in a building beside the factory. Our visit to June, wouldn't have been complete without visiting the town's Roundhouse Railway Museum. When built, the 100 foot turntable was the largest in the southern hemisphere. During the 48 years of Government railway operation, virtually every class of steam and diesel locomotive, self propelled rail cars, modern XPT power cars and some interstate locomotives received attention at this June Roundhouse enclosed in a large circular brick building. Another interesting railcar was the 1912-1914 mail sorting van with provision for four or five postal workers to work at a long bench with sorting racks and pigeon holes fixed above the bench to enable mail sorting en route. It was in service until the 1980's when NSW railways lost the contract to carry mail. The railway station is still in operation



and our tour organiser Rhonda remembers travelling as a child to Sydney for holidays in trains just like those on display in the museum.

Our last day of visiting the country around Temora was to the town of Cootamundra, the birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman AC regarded as the greatest cricketing batsman of all time, and home of the Cootamundra Wattle. Our morning tea was enjoyed at Jubilee Park where the "Captain's Walk" is located. Here the main attraction is an impressive collection of 42 plinth mounted busts of all the Australian cricket captains. Once again, these towns attract tourism and Cootamundra was no exception. We also visited the small cottage where Sir Donald was born on 27th August 1908 in what was then a private hospital.

All the towns we visited seemed most proud of their heritage and exhibited the wealth of what must have been very prosperous times in the early 1900's when

gold, wool and wheat supported businesses to create these buildings with their elaborate brickwork, fancy metal pan ceilings and beautiful leadlight shop fronts. The roads we travelled on in the Oldsmobile were just perfect for the old vehicles with undulating countryside without worrying about holding up traffic and at 30 odd kilometres an hour, we were certainly able to absorb the fresh air and enjoy the scenery whilst our wives travelled in the modern and were able to take in the op shops and quilting supply shops while they waited for us to arrive in each town, a win win situation for us all

Rhonda is to be congratulated for organising this visit and sharing some of her early childhood memories in this beautiful part of our "lucky country". It was an excellent start to weeks of total enjoyment of the old cars in the company of like minded folks before we moved on to the main event at Bright and the Alpine region of Victoria

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John sent these 2 photos that refer to an incident in Bright, where he and Gary gradually overtook these 2 cyclists on a long uphill run. They immediately tucked into their slipstream and stayed there for 15-20 minutes, getting a free tow up the long gentle climb.



The following pictures from Bright (reproduced with permission from John Holt- holtys@gmail.com) feature some of the Queensland folk enjoying the rally). A comprehensive 7-page report may be found in the April issue of *Brass Notes*.



After Bright -Mt Beauty/Tawonga Rally

Monday

After the conclusion of the Bright rally most of us travelled over to John Stanley's place at Mt Beauty and spent the afternoon looking at his collection of Veteran and Vintage cars, some very rare Stoeper cars.

Three other couples from NSW and Victoria joined us on this leg of the trip. That night we all met at the Tawonga caravan park, where the Queensland contingent was staying, for a BBQ on the beautiful Kiewa Valley river.



Tuesday

A leisurely country drive through the valley along the river to Dederang for lunch at the hotel. Seven veterans made the trip. We met up with some friends from the area with their vintage cars who joined us for lunch. That night, back at the caravan park we had pizzas on the river bank.



Wednesday

This was an adventurous day in modern cars over the mountains (not for the veterans). We formed a convoy and stopped at Bogong village, which is where the two rivers join, for morning tea. Beautiful countryside and very peaceful. We then travelled up some very windy and bendy roads to Fainter Falls. Most of the crew trekked the 700 metres of track to view the falls. This was a bit of a challenge given the

warm conditions on the day. From here we proceeded on through Falls Creek ski resort over the top of the mountain for lunch at a lookout on top, followed by a short walk to Wallace's Hut. A slab hut that remains from when they brought cattle up to the area to feed. Certainly was "Man from Snowy River" country, really felt like you were on the top of the world.

After this we continued on down into the town of Omeo on some more windy and curly roads. After filling the tanks (ours) with afternoon tea here we carried on through the ski resort at Mt Hotham. Part of the convoy stopped off at Danny's lookout, some 1705m high to take some spectacular photos.

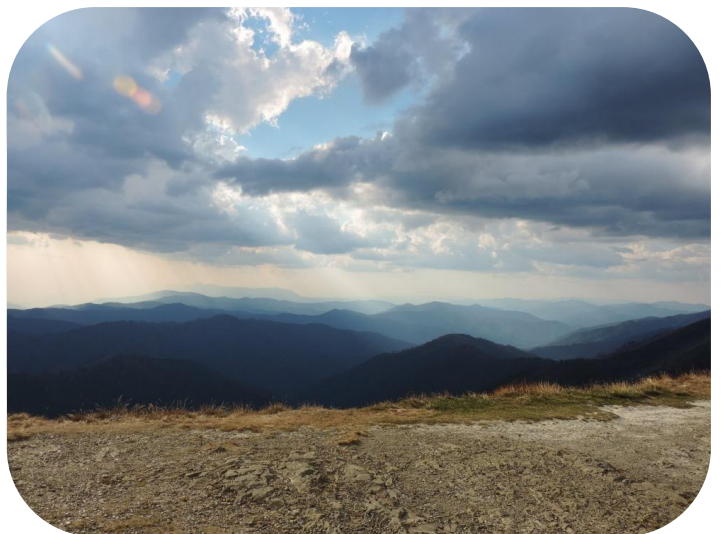


We continued on down the mountain heading for home which took us back towards Bright through Harrietville, then back over the mountain to Mt Beauty for dinner in the Settlers hotel in town. It was a full day of driving with spectacular scenery on some interesting mountain roads.

We are sure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the rally and their stay at Mt Beauty/Tawonga. It was a very beautiful and picturesque valley.

Steve and Lauren

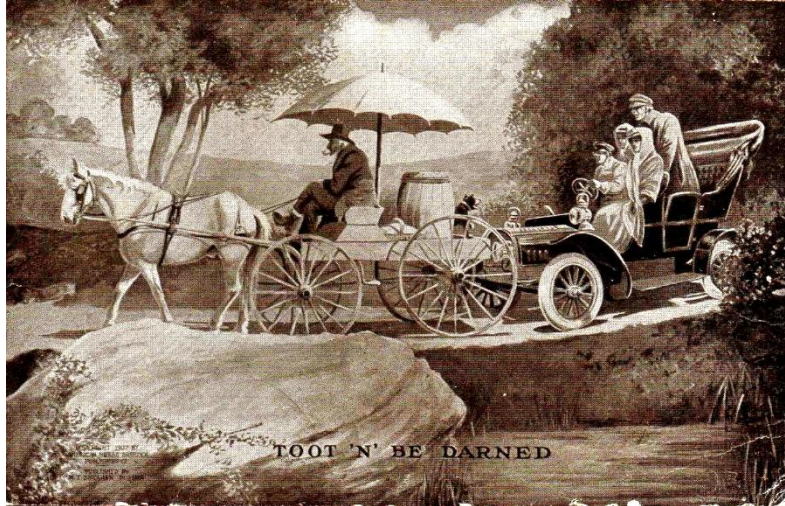
[Photos : Rhonda Guthrie]



Pictures from the Past - Kevin and Joyce Brooks.

Two original postcards showing the attitude of some to early motor cars, collected during our travels in America.

The sepia one, "Toot 'n' be darned", was produced by the AMERICAN HORSE BREEDER in 1907. It bears a one cent stamp but was never posted.



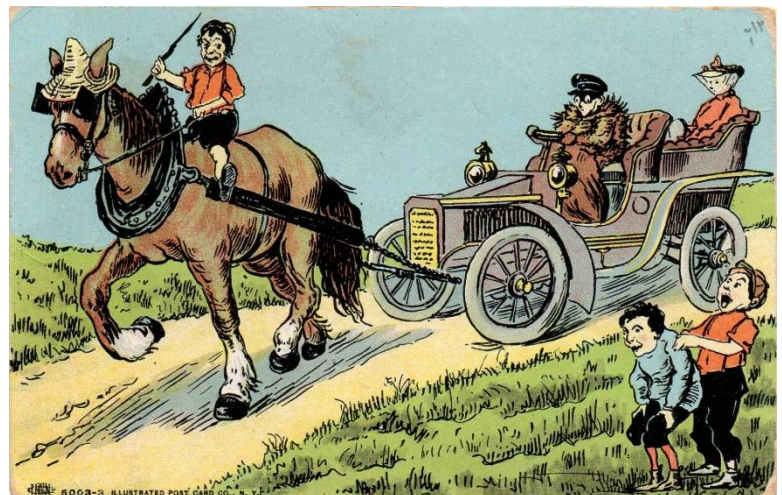
The coloured one was posted in California in 1908 and postage had risen to two cents!!!

Now those motor cars are gone but the horse is still winning in some parts of Pennsylvania and in other Amish or Mennonite settlements. We loved to see their vehicles.

{Picture below taken of a moving Amish vehicle from a moving car}



Another Kevin Brooks souvenir of USA: A risqué postcard, from the one cent stamp, pre-1908. Looks like dallying with those hussies has already cost him a front tyre! What's the vehicle?



Thanks to Bob Burley for the following:

Here's your answer to all the tech questions that have had you puzzled!!!!

Australian Bush Computer Terminology. Getting ready for Broadband

LOGON :	Adding wood to make the barbie hotter
LOG OFF :	Not adding any more wood to the barbie.
MONITOR :	Keeping an eye on the barbie.
DOWNLOAD :	Getting the firewood off the ute.
HARD DRIVE :	Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
KEYBOARD :	Where you hang the ute keys.
WINDOWS :	What you shut when the weather's cold.
SCREEN :	What you shut in the mozzie season.
BYTE :	What mozzies do.
MEGABYTE :	What Townsville mozzies do.
CHIP :	A pub snack.
MICROCHIP :	What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
MODEM :	What you did to the lawns.
LAPTOP :	Where the cat sleeps.
SOFTWARE :	Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.
HARDWARE :	Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.
MOUSE :	The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
MAINFRAME :	What holds the shed up.
WEB :	What spiders make.
WEBSITE :	Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
SEARCH ENGINE :	What you do when the ute won't go.
CURSOR :	What you say when the ute won't go.
YAHOO :	What you say when the ute does go.
UPGRADE :	A steep hill.
SERVER :	The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
MAIL SERVER :	The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
USER :	The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.
NETWORK :	What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
INTERNET :	Where you want the fish to go.
NETSCAPE :	What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.
ONLINE :	Where you hang the washing.
OFFLINE :	Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

A little bit of.. HUMOUR

A man was sitting on the couch flicking through the television channels when he heard a voice from the kitchen. His wife was calling to him: *"Hello sweetie, how are you? What would you like for dinner my love, chicken, beef or lamb?"*

Her husband smiled and yelled back: *"Good dear. I'll have chicken please."*

His wife yelled back: *"No you're having soup, you idiot. I was talking to the cat."*

[This sounds like our household.....Ed.]

