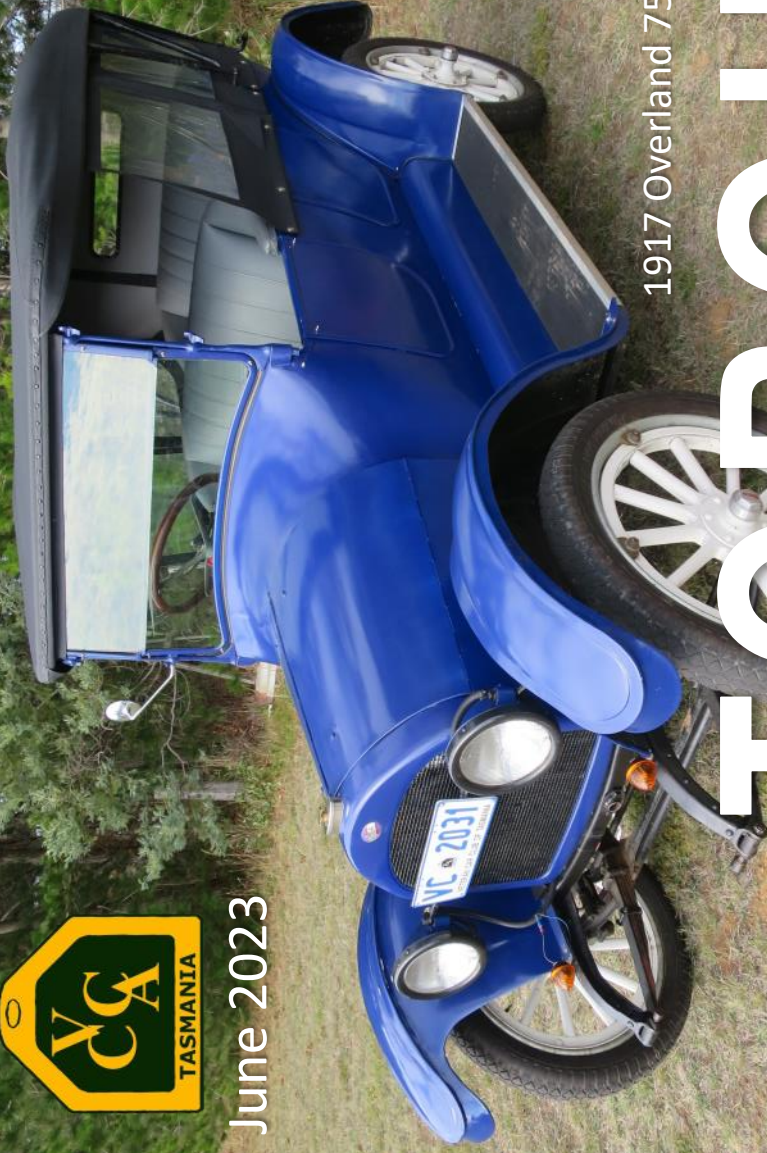




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STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Note: To participate in any event, eligibility criteria and entry requirements put in place by organisers must be satisfied.

2nd to 8th October 2023 - 2023 National Veteran Vehicle Tour – Griffith NSW -

Tour Director - Rob Woolley - robwoolley275@gmail.com Phone: 0409 549 485

17th - 23rd March 2024 - 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally - Albany, Western Australia

Please email your Expression of Interest to Bob Henley bobjos89@westnet.com.au

26th May to 1st June 2024 - Horseless Carriage Club of America 8th International Tour - Tweed Valley NSW - More information here: www.hccasea.org

Calendar of Events to be run under the auspices of the Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia

Veteran Tours

1 and 2 Cylinder Tours

2023 ACT

2024 TAS

2025 SA

2026 NSW

2027 QLD

2024

WA

2027

ACT

Front Page Photograph

This month's front cover photo is the
1917 Overland 75 Tourer of Joe and Julie Clippingdale



Back Page Photograph

This month's back cover photo is the
1984 Mercedes Benz 280CE Coupe of Peter Leonard



President's Prattle

June 2023

Hello Fellow Club Members.

It is getting close to that time of year when we hold our Annual General Meeting, and it would be nice to see a good turnout of members to show your support for the Club. The year has not been without its controversies, but we have been able to overcome these issues and move on, by the good will of members.

I would hope that members have given some thought to filling the Sectional positions that have become vacant. **PLEASE!**, make this a priority, as the Club cannot function without members filling these positions. Don't leave it up to the willing (and sometimes not so willing) few to keep stepping up so that the Sections are able to function and hence, the Club to survive. If members have problems with anyone who holds a position, then vote them out, don't just walk away and not attend meetings or whine about it! (We do live in a democratic society). You have a vote - use it!

We have had a very successful Veteran Tour ran by Jill Hawkins and Kelvin Callahan, there were fellow enthusiasts from other States, and all had only good things to say about the rally and its organisation. We had the State Rally organised and ran by Paul Walters of the Northwest Section which had a very good turn out and once again, all participants enjoyed the event and the good weather did help. It was great to see members from various Sections win some of the prizes.

Thank God, Covid has eased and we are able to get out and enjoy our cars and comradery with fellow members without having to wear masks and keep 1.5 meters away from each other, because I, for one, enjoy a good handshake with fellow members.

Your State President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. H. H.', is written over a light blue grid background.

To all Members:

A reminder that the **Annual General Meeting of VCCA (Tas) Inc.** will be held on **SUNDAY, 25TH. JUNE, 2023, commencing at 11.00pm.** at the Northern Sections' Clubrooms, Launceston. All members are invited to attend. For catering purposes, members are requested to advise their Sectional Secretary if they are attending. Numbers are required by the Northern Section no later than the 9th. June, 2023.

The current Executive Committee look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the AGM.

All positions on the Executive Committee will become vacant and are open to nominations for the 2023/24 year. Please consider how you can help our Club move forward, and if you would like to nominate for a position on the Executive, please speak with your Sectional Secretary.

Regards,
Mavis Calvert
Executive Secretary – VCCA (Tas) Inc.

If you go on a club run, please take the time to send a couple of photos and a few words about it. Some details about the cars in your photos is always helpful to members who may not be so familiar with the rarer breeds.

You can send them to your Section Editor who will forward them onto me.

This edition of Small Torque has the order of things changed around a little. I think it's always good to keep things fresh. I wonder if anyone will notice.

Bob Wickham
State Editor

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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (TASMANIA) INC.
HELD ON SUNDAY JUNE, 25TH, 2023
AT THE NORTHERN SECTION CLUBROOMS 67 LAWRENCE VALE ROAD,
LAUNCESTON, COMMENCING AT 11.00AM.**

A G E N D A

All mobile phones to be turned off prior to commencement of meeting.

- 1. Welcome and Opening:** Doug Eastley
- 2. Attendance** - all present to sign the Attendance Register
- 3. Apologies:-**
- 4. Minutes Silence:** for Club Members who have passed during 2022/23.
- 5. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.**
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2022 AGM:**
 - 6.1 Proposed Abolition of North West Section.
- 7. Correspondence** – as directed to this AGM
- 8. Reports**

8.1	State President	Mr. Doug Eastley
8.2	Executive Secretary	Mrs. Mavis Calvert
8.3	President – Southern Section	Mr. Joe Young
8.4	President – Northern Section	Mr. Joe Clippingdale
8.5	President – North West Section	Mr. Doug Eastley
8.6	State Dating Committee	Mr. Kelvin Callahan
8.7	The A.V.C.C.A	Mr. Andrew McDougall
8.8	2023 State Annual Tour	Mr. Paul Walters
- 9. Financial Statements –**
 - 9.1 Executive Committee
 - 9.2 Southern Section
 - 9.3 Northern Section
 - 9.4 North West Section
- 10 Announcements –**
 - 10.1 Life Membership - No appointments for 2023.
 - 10.2 Clubman of the Year – Nil nominations for 2023.
- 11 Election of Office Bearers for 2023/2024 –**
 - 11.1 Club Life Patron - Judy McDougall
 - 11.2 President
 - 11.3 Executive Secretary
 - 11.4 Executive Treasurer
 - 11.5 Club Auditor

- 11.6 Sectional Office Bearers
 - 11.6.1 Northern Section
 - 11.6.2 Southern Section
 - 11.6.3 North West Section
- 11.7 Honorary Membership

12 GENERAL BUSINESS –

12.1 Subscriptions 2023-2024

12.1.1. Recommendation from Executive Committee:

“All Club Subscriptions for 2023/24 to remain as currently set for Past year :

Full membership (individual) - \$80

Full Membership (two members residing at the same address) - \$80

Associate Membership - \$10

Nomination Fee for New Membership - \$20.”

12.1.2 Contribution to State Executive from Sectional Subscriptions:

Recommendation from Executive Committee:

“To cover additional expenses incurred by the Executive, the amount contributed to the Executive by Sections from Subscriptions they receive, be increased by \$5 to \$45 per member”.

13.1 Register of Members Booklet

13.1.1. Recommendation from Executive Committee:

The Executive seek approval from Members to have a new Edition of the Register of Members updated and printed, and all Printing costs be met by each Section, depending on the number of copies required per Section”.

- 14. **2023 Gordon Fysh Memorial Tour** – Southern Section to organise
- 15. **2024 State Annual Tour** – Northern Section to organise
- 16. **2024 Peter Waddle Memorial Veteran Tour** – To be discussed by Incoming Executive.
- 17. **2024 National Veteran Tour** -
- 18. **Past President Doug Eastley to hand over to Incoming State President.**
- 19. **Close of Meeting.**

Next Executive Meeting - To be set by incoming Executive Committee.

Southern Section Events

IF YOU ARE UNWELL DO NOT COME TO CLUB ROOMS OR ANY OUTINGS.

The Club rooms are open every Wednesday from 12noon.

If you have any items for Small Torque – car related for sales/wanted or stories of your first car, your first restoration etc. or anything you think would be of interest to other enthusiasts - please submit to Section Editor before the 12th of each month.

A reminder also that ALL ITEMS should be submitted through your Section Editor.

WE ALSO NEED IDEAS FOR OUTINGS and RUNS – Have you got a favourite pub for a meal, a picnic spot or just a scenic drive – contact any Committee member.

Sunday 21st May – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

9am onwards till noon at The Richmond Arms Pub car park. Open to all-comers. Just turn up and show off your vehicle and enjoy a coffee and chat. Ladies can wander the many artisan shops and galleries. This event is the 3rd Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

Wednesday 31st May – Club rooms open from 12noon

Maintenance day – come out and help maintain your club rooms – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library, lots of old photos etc. Meet fellow members and check the spares shed, you may find a part you need.

Sunday 4th June – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there – 1st Sunday of each month.

Tuesday 6th June – Southern Section AGM 7.30pm followed by usual Meeting

Our Section AGM will be held at 7.30pm followed by the usual Monthly Meeting.

Treasurer returns late on 4th June so a couple of days late unfortunately.

Friday 9th June – “Show and Tell/Meet other car enthusiasts” Night

This event has been temporarily suspended. It will be re-started as soon as possible – WATCH THIS SPACE.

Wednesday 14th June – Club rooms open from 12noon

Maintenance day – come out and help maintain your club rooms – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library, lots of old photos etc. Meet fellow members and check the spares shed, you may find a part you need.

Sunday 18th June – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

9am onwards till noon at The Richmond Arms Pub car park. Open to all-comers. Just turn up and show off your vehicle and enjoy a coffee and chat. Ladies can wander the many artisan shops and galleries. This event is the 3rd Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

Sunday 25th June – VCCA (Tas) AGM - Northern Club Rooms

Commencing at 11am – please let your Secretary know before 9th June if you are attending.

Wednesday 28th June – Club rooms open from 12noon

Maintenance day – come out and help maintain your club rooms – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library, lots of old photos etc. Meet fellow members and check the spares shed, you may find a part you need.

Sunday 2nd July – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there – 1st Sunday of each month.

Tuesday 4th July – Club Monthly Committee/General Meeting

At the Club Rooms 7pm for 7.30 meeting. All welcome – refreshment following meeting.

Wednesday 5th July – Club rooms open from 12noon

Maintenance day – come out and help maintain your club rooms – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library, lots of old photos etc. Meet fellow members and check the spares shed, you may find a part you need.

Sunday 16th July – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

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Wednesday 19th July – Club rooms open from 12noon

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AUGUST 2023

Weekend away

Saturday 5th, & Sunday 6th August: ‘Bingo’ & ‘Christmas in Winter luncheon’ in the Highlands at the Miena Community Centre. See details on page 13

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AUGUST

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th

Weekend Away in the Central Highlands.

Saturday 5th BINGO: Bar opens at 6:30pm and eyes down at 7pm. The cost is \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members, this includes entry and supper. Bar prices are quite reasonable.

Sunday 6th XMAS Luncheon: Meal will be roast lamb, roast pork, turkey, and ham. Potato bake, pumpkin, peas, carrots, corn, gravy, apple sauce and mint sauce. Dessert will be Pavlova, cream and fruit, apple crumble, Christmas pudding, all served with custard and cream. Price will be \$35 p/p. EFTPOS available.

Accommodation: The *Central Highlands Lodge*, located within easy walking distance to the Community Centre, has a variety of accommodation available starting at \$145 for a Double room, Family room \$165, Penthouse, Spa unit & Spa cabin. Book directly with Helen, on 03 6259 8179. Rooms have been reserved for the VCCA so mention this when booking.

Getting there: N.W. members to meet at ETC bakery, Elizabeth Town at 12 noon for luncheon of your choice. I will reserve tables when numbers are known. Departing at 1.30pm.

Northern members could join us at ETC or in Deloraine near Red Brick Road Cider shop Lake Highway. Southern Members join us at the Central Highlands Lodge, 7795 Highlands Lake Road, Miena.

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Members attending for the weekend, or Sunday only, please let me know either via email at lbell.chambers@bigpond.com or Mob 0438 282 443.

Laurie Bellchambers

North West Section Events

Magazine Reports and Photograph submissions: Thanks to Paul Walters, Kate and Paul Mitchell, Sue and John Turner

Old Time Dance

Weekly learn and practice of Old Time Dance at the clubrooms each Thursday Evening at 7:30pm. Phone Rocco or Elaine on 6424 4718.

JUNE

Sunday 4th Notice of Annual General Meeting, NW

Commencing at 11:00 am.

Next General Meeting

Commencing at 11:30am.

Lunch at the Lighthouse

Mavis has kindly arranged a booking at the Lighthouse Hotel, 1.00pm. Members must confirm if they will be attending this event which will take place immediately after the Section's AGM and General meeting. Numbers are required by Thursday 1st. June. Please call or text 0418 140 610 if you are attending.

Wednesday 7th NW Cuppa & Chat

These gatherings will be held at the NW Clubrooms starting at 1.30pm. Come along for a cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare Parts and the library are generally open, have a look, you may find a spare part or book to read. To protect fellow members' health, **please do not attend if you have a cough or flu like symptoms.**

Wednesday 7th Committee Meeting

Commencing at 6:00pm

Saturday 17th Bingo and Chook Wheel

Bring a plate of supper to share. Eyes down at 7:30PM

Sunday 25th State AGM at Launceston clubrooms

(Refer elsewhere in Small Torque for times)

Sunday 2nd General meeting starting 11:00 am. (Note new time)

Followed by lunch and run for coffee.

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Laurie Bellchambers

OCTOBER

Friday 20th &

Saturday 21st Return to Crayfish Creek - Camping Weekend

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Could you also phone Sue or John on 0438 642550 so they know how many are going please.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 18th Christmas Function

More details to follow.



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Time 10.00 a.m.

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Picnic at Ross – Sunday 07.05.2023

It felt like General Motors Day as we travelled the quiet back roads via Longford, Cressy and Campbelltown to the Picnic at Ross venue.

As always at this event, there were many vehicles and plenty of lookers. Bob and Julies 1946 Chevrolet Coupe Utility ran faultlessly on its maiden run, had plenty of admirers, and like most commercial vehicles, they are very rare on the road.



Picnic at Ross is a “come and go as you please” event, and I’m told that over the day there were well over 200 cars attending.

Beautiful autumn day although a bit chilly.

Alan Smith

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Northern Section Events and Meetings

The Northern Section Clubrooms at 67 Lawrence Vale Road are open on Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Come in for a cuppa and a chat and visit the spare parts shed. All members state wide are welcome.

NOTE: - VC vehicle inspections please contact the Northern Section Technical Officer, Ashley Monks, on 6344 3134 or 0409 703 440 for an appointment that is mutually convenient.

Veteran Car Sheet Metal Work - every Friday 9.00am until early afternoon. Build your own vehicle body or just a bonnet or mudguard. Other projects also catered for. Just come along to the downstairs workshop at the Clubrooms to become involved. You will be made most welcome.

JUNE

Fri 2nd - Northern Section 'Annual General Meeting' commencing at 7.30pm at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston. All invited. Please bring a plate for supper. Immediately following the AGM there will be a short **Section General Meeting** to take care of any necessary formalities.

Sun 4th - Classic cars and coffee Georgetown – Hosted by Don Mario's restaurant. Park in council car park in the Main St. 9.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. but come and go as you please. Ph. 63821821 to book for breakfast or lunch. (Event is first Sunday of every month).

Sun 11th - Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Enquiries to Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Mon 12th - Lunch at Mole Creek Hotel at 12.30. NB. Change of meeting place. Grab a coffee to go and meet at 10.30 a.m. at Rustville, (200 mts along Birralelee Road from Hotel), to check out display of garden art. Leaving there at 11.00 a.m. for Mole Creek. Bookings for lunch to Mike on 0458 944 001 by 5th June.

Mon 12th - All British Day at NAMT 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. All British cars and bikes welcome.

Sun 25th – VCCA (Tas.) Inc. Annual General Meeting commencing at 11am at Northern Section Clubrooms. For catering purposes please advise Northern Section Secretary prior to the 9th June if you are attending the meeting .

JULY

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Fri 7th - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by **General meeting** at 7.30 p.m. at which Guest Speaker Sarah Boylen from the RACT will speak to us for 45 minutes – 1 hour on the subject of “Misunderstood Road Rules” This will be very interesting and of benefit to us all. Please come along and we are all bound to learn something.

Sun 9th - Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Enquiries to Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sun 16th - Eurosport Tas - Coffee & Torque at NAMT 10.00 a.m. -12 noon.

Sat 22nd - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - 10.00 a.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms. All sections invited to attend to help us raise funds for the Cancer Council. \$10.00 per person. R.S.V.P. to Mike 0458 944 001 by 16th July.

AUGUST

Weekend away

Saturday 5th, & Sunday 6th August: ‘Bingo’ & ‘Christmas in Winter luncheon’ in the Highlands at the Miena Community Centre. See details on page 13

N.B. – Please be aware of all current COVID19 restrictions when attending events.

New Members

We welcome Ian Green and Leanne Styles of 109 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine to our Club and Northern Section with a 1942 Ford Blitz Truck.

The Cancelled Rosevale Chopping Carnival - Saturday 22.04.2023

Still using the Rosevale Sports ground as a start venue, northern members did a tour through the back of Hagley and Whitmore in a roundabout way, taking in the best of the scenery on the day to the Bracknell Hotel for an impromptu lunch. This turned out to be an excellent lunch stop with very good meals, so happy members all round. Plenty of discussion and a leisurely trip home made for another great day.

As we waited for our members to arrive, Mike used his time at the Rosevale start to befriend the many patrons who arrived at the chops, completely unaware of the event being cancelled.



Northern section, and a few others, enjoyed a run on Thursday May 11th where amongst the attractions to see were treasures such as these.



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The restoration of the Launceston Municipal Council Ambulance



Mick Peart, Terry Jones, Ashley Monks and Paul Herdzik

From The Examiner, September 10, 1921

"New ambulance for city"

"Complete with lights and splints"

"A splendid new motor ambulance has been provided for the ailing in Launceston.

Recently inspected by the Mayor, Ald. A.W. Monds, and the committee appointed by the city council to deal with the question of provision of ambulances, the new ambulance was pronounced very satisfactory.

I see from the pages of The Examiner that the new motor ambulance has been converted from a horse-drawn vehicle by Mr F.Paine, carriage builder. It is to be utilised for infectious cases while there will also be one available for cases of sickness and accident.

The vehicle is equipped in a most up-to-date fashion with the latest and best appliances, including two portable stretchers, and three drawers containing up to date requisites, first aid outfit, splints etc.

The body of the ambulance is of cedar panelling and English ash, and is painted in carmine with

white panels and a red cross.

The two headlights are electric, but acetylene lamps are installed at the sides and inside the ambulance."

The restoration has been a fantastic club activity keeping busy and engaged all who wished to get involved, or even as spectators offering advice.

To construct a vehicle as close as possible to the original is truly remarkable, with only some faded black & white photos from nearly 100 years ago to go on.

Special thanks must be given to Terry Jones, who has owned the vehicle for many years, and has put a lot of time and funds into its restoration, but wasn't sure how to do the timber work. So about 3 years ago he asked "Can anyone help me get started with this?"

And of course to Mick Peart and Paul Herdzik who put their hands up and said "yes, we can do that" and have devoted every Friday morning and more to the effort. And I came along at the last minute and did the upholstery.

Theres still a few small jobs to go like getting the electricals period correct, but it starts, goes, stops and is nearly ready for another patient.

Bob Wickham



NW SECTION REPORTS

Magazine Reports and Photograph submissions: Thanks to Paul Walters, Kate and Paul Mitchell, Sue and John Turner

Run to Duck River Pavilions 29th April

A group of 42 people headed to Smithton to visit the new tourist attraction, The Duck River Meadows Dairy and Cheese Tasting.

Over the course of 2 hours members shared in a guided tour of the Dairy where we learnt about the Cheese making Process, the La Cantara Cheese Factory, Dairy history of the region, and watched the cows being milked by Robotic milking machines.

We also visited the Heritage Centre, enjoyed coffee and cake and catching up, with some Cheese tasting also thrown in.

Then we headed off to the Bridge Hotel where we enjoyed a delicious meal.

Everyone enjoyed the day, with lots of positive feedback.

Thank you to Mavis and Malcom once again, who saved the day, and lead the group to Smithton.

Kate and Paul Mitchell

Follow Up News from the State Tour

On Saturday 15th April, Lachlan Moore, one of our youngest junior members, was presented with an appreciation certificate and some extra items donated by Metro

Devonport, for his help in selecting a winner for the J.

Paine & Son, Best Amateur

Restoration for the 66th

Annual State Tour.

Lachlan loved his certificate and extra items received and the look on his face said it all. It is great to have young people coming into the club as they are the future of our club.

Paul Walters – 2023 State Tour Director



Library Extension

Following years of talking about it and weeks of action the North-West Section Library extension has finally come to fruition. It effectively doubles the shelf space enabling library items to be spread out more, instead of being cramped into a tiny space. Many thanks to all those involved in the work. Each person specialising in their own field - constructing, making shelves, electrical work, and painting. There is always more work to be done but it is getting there. Thank you everyone. Photo attached showing the new section, original part, and lounge area for members.

Sue Turner Librarian - North West Section



Some of the participants enjoying our recent State Tour



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