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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.

### **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 - 67th VCCA Tasmania State Annual Tour**

Hosted by the Northern section

Mike and Marion Cassidy, State Tour directors. Contact: phone 0458 944 001

### **17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 - 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally - Albany, Western Australia**

Please email your Expression of Interest to Bob Henley [bobjos89@westnet.com.au](mailto:bobjos89@westnet.com.au)

### **26<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 - Horseless Carriage Club of America 8th International Tour -**

Tweed Valley NSW - More information here: [www.hccasea.org](http://www.hccasea.org)

### **18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 - The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally**

Launceston, Tasmania

Contact - 0404 917 366 (Ben) 0448 678 291 (Jill)

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

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# PRESIDENTS PRATTLE November 2023

I am sorry to report this month that I have not had any member express an interest in the job of Executive Secretary, and I am sorely disappointed. To think that a club with as many members as we have has so few people prepared to help with the running of the VCCA (Tas) makes me wonder if we are just going to sit round and wait for the whole thing to fail.

It is a rule of the Club, and a small thing to ask of members, to return their renewal form each year when we pay our subs. This helps us keep up to date with addresses, email addresses and phone numbers as well as cars owned, in case we need to contact members directly. It seems we are all prepared to pay our subs but a significant number of members don't return their renewal forms. This makes a lot of extra work for your section treasurers and in as of now the Department of State Growth and Service Tas are going to demand to see your membership card to register a car on VC rego. So if you want your card for the coming year you had better send your renewal form. If the form has been lost please call or email your section treasurer for a blank form to replace the one that came with the July Small Torque.

That's probably enough grumbling from me for this month so now to the better bits.

As the weather warms up and the days stretch out a bit it is pleasing to see more cars coming out on our one day runs both at the weekends and weekdays. If you have an idea for a run which is not one of our regular events please contact you section events organiser or better still come to the monthly general meeting and suggest it there. We all have our favourite spots that are not well known and other members will probably enjoy them as much as you do.

I recently advertised a part for sale for a family member on our website and was astounded to sell it in two days to a member of another club who told me he checks out our for sale and wanted ads every few days. It just goes to show how the website and electronic copies of magazines have changed the way we collect the bits and pieces we need for our cars.

Happy motoring, Joe

The next Executive meeting will be held at the Northern section clubrooms.

11:00am

Sunday 26th November, 2023



# 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.

## November

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Northern Section Committee Meeting** – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by **General meeting** at 7.30 p.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> – Gordon Fysh Memorial Tour** at Ross. Bring your cricket skills! 10am to 3pm at Recreation Ground/Sports Hall. Registration form in October Small Torque. BYO lunch or buy locally. Tea and coffee provided .

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> – Westbury Show** – entry off Lyttleton Street, on ground by 9am

## Front Page Photograph

This months front cover photo is the 1915 Ford T Roadster of Kevin and Marie Ritson



## Back Page Photograph

This months back cover photo is the 1960 Hillman Minx Series 3A Sedan of Andrew and Margaret Smith



**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> - Wheels to Westbury** - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m.  
Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Beaconsfield House**, Grubb Street, Beaconsfield, have invited us to display our vehicles and join them for a BBQ lunch (provided) at 12 noon. Meet at Legana supermarket for morning tea at Banjo's and leave at 11 am.

## **December**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Northern Section Committee Meeting** – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by **General meeting** at 7.30 p.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Dinner** at the Northern Section Clubrooms.

Time 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.

Cost \$20 per head and also please bring a salad or dessert to share and advise Julie or Joe Clippingdale which you will bring. Meat and Christmas pudding and Tea and Coffee supplied. BYO drinks.

Contact Julie or Joe Clippingdale Phone 63961144 or email [jaclipp@bigpond.com](mailto:jaclipp@bigpond.com) to confirm your attendance. Monies to be paid on or before 25<sup>th</sup> November to the Treasurer – direct bank BSB 067 601 A/C 2801 8164 (Surname as reference). Book early as numbers will be limited.

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shannon's Classic Car Charity Run** at Campbell Town Memorial Oval between 10.00am and 2.30pm **NON PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS IN LIEU OF TOYS PLEASE.** See advert on page 25 for more details.

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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).

## Southern Section Events

***The Club rooms are open every Wednesday from 12noon, why not join your fellow enthusiasts for a chat and a cuppa.***

*If you have any items for Small Torque – car related For Sales or 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, can you organise a treasure hunt, a quiz or even a mystery run – in fact anything you think will be of interest – contact any Committee member.***

### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Gordon Fysh Memorial Tour, Ross – bring your cricketing skills!**

10am to 3pm at Recreation Ground/Sports Hall. Registration form in October's Small Torque.



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BYO lunch or buy locally - Tea & Coffee provided. Numbers needed for catering purposes only.

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Committee/General Meeting**

Now it is warmer we will revert to our usual Meeting day and time. 7pm for 7.30 at Club Rooms for the November Meeting. Refreshments to follow.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome**

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area complete - you may find a part you need.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Trash to Treasure – Claremont Girl Guides Fund Raiser**

10am to 2pm Claremont Village Green - just turn up – please be onsite by 9.45.

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Shannons All German Car Show – Parliament Lawns**

10am to 2.30pm. Entry via lower Murray Street - please be on site by 9.30 and remain until 2.30. Featuring 75 year anniversary of PORSCHE. More info Rod Belbin 0408 314309.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – “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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome**

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area complete - you may find a part you need.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November - RACT re-creation of first club run 100 years ago.**

The RACT are inviting members to join them on a drive - in convoy - from Hobart to New Norfolk. Participants will receive a gift bag and complimentary afternoon tea in New Norfolk. Anyone who is interested can register their interest at [ract.com.au/100-year-club-run](http://ract.com.au/100-year-club-run) You will need to complete a form found on this link, and they will get back to you with necessary details.

## **DECEMBER**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Classics on the Beach**

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month.

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Committee/General Meeting**

Committee/General Meeting at the Club Rooms - 7pm for 7.30. Refreshments follow. All welcome.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome**

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### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Richmond Bicentennial**

You are invited to bring your club vehicle for a static display on the Richmond Village Green to celebrate the Richmond Bicentenary.

Time for assembly to be advised in December Small Torque

Enquiries to Geoff Williams Ph 0417 312 377

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch booked at South Arm RSL for 12.30.**

\$38 per person for two course traditional Christmas meal. Names to Roger please before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December on 6249 3344. Make your own way there.

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### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome**

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## **A reminder about our Gordon Fysh Event**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Gordon Fysh Memorial Tour, Ross – bring your cricketing skills!**

10am to 3pm at Recreation Ground/Sports Hall. BYO lunch or buy locally - Tea & Coffee provided. Numbers needed for catering purposes.

**Don't forget to submit your Registration Form that was in last month's Small Torque.**

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## NORTH WEST SECTION EVENTS

North West Section wishes to give our Sincere condolences to Greg Bannon for the loss of Margaret. Our thoughts are with Greg and his family during this difficult time.

### Upcoming Events:

#### OCTOBER

##### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Return to Crayfish Creek - Camping Weekend**

Bring your old car, modern, camper, caravan, motorhome, or tent or however you wish to travel and join us at Crayfish Creek. Located in bushland near the beach, just east of Stanley, Crayfish Creek Van and Cabin Park, has a choice of accommodation, from Spa Tree House to various cabins, powered and unpowered sites. We have been offered a 10% group discount on whichever accommodation you wish.

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

##### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>                      80th Anniversary Celebrations at the South Riana Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground**

Display old cars. Variety of activities available on the day including family games, woodchopping, bullocks and draft horses, historical display inside the hall plus several food stalls.

Meet to arrive as a group at the recreation ground at 9:30 am.

##### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>                      Rotary Club of Westbury Car Show – Village Green - Vehicles to arrive from 8:30 am**

#### NOVEMBER

##### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>                      NW Cuppa & Chat**

These gatherings are held at the NW Section clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along for a cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare parts and the library will be open. Have a look you may find a spare part, or a book of interest.

##### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>                      Ulverstone Car Show Ulverstone Car Show**

From 10am to 3pm at the Ulverstone Show Grounds. Proceeds to be donated to RAW – Rural Alive & Well. Entrants by gold coin donation with display vehicles to be parked by 9:30am. Great prizes including Top 5 choice and People's Choice.

##### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>                      Ladies Melbourne Cup Function**

On the day - we will be inviting ladies to come along to celebrate the Melbourne Cup from 1:00pm onwards. There will be raffles, sweeps, games, finger food, wine and lots of laughs. Bring all your lady friends, family and neighbours, the more the merrier – just let me know by email or text how many people will be coming so we can ensure there is enough food. Anyone who can donate

suitable prizes please get in contact – we already have some great donations from Toni Bishop, Judy Taylor Wilson, Amanda McCormack and myself. Also, anyone with some spare time on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to assist with decorations and organising please let me know. Please inform Alana of numbers attending by the 21st October – 0417 703 841 or [aytonfamily@intas.net.au](mailto:aytonfamily@intas.net.au)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Club Rooms and Grounds Spring Clean 9:30 am onwards**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**      **General Meeting** *commencing at 7.30 pm, bring a plate of supper to share.*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**      **Luncheon at “The Epicurean Café” Sheffield.**

Meet at Bells Parade in Latrobe for a bring or buy morning tea. Allow enough time for a stroll around Pig Island or the “Teddy Sheean Memorial Walk”. Depart 11:15 am for Sheffield. Numbers attending required by 7<sup>th</sup> November please. Laurie Bellchambers 0438 282 443

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Committee Meeting** *Commencing at 6:00pm*

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**      **North West Christmas Function at clubrooms.**

Time:- Nibbles at 5:30 pm, be seated by 6:30 pm for three course main meal.

Cost:- \$35.00 p/p BYO beer wine etc.

As Toni Bishop is holidaying until 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, Maree Bellchambers will be taking numbers and monies for the dinner, until Toni returns. Contact Maree on 0438 282 443, or [lbell.chambers@bigpond.com](mailto:lbell.chambers@bigpond.com) Numbers attending by the 11<sup>th</sup> November please.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Inaugural monthly Sheffield classics and coffee.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 10 am and 3 pm. Come and go as you please but don't forget to enjoy Sheffield murals, shops, cafes. Parking beside and behind the Sheffield RSL and Citizens Club, 77 Main Street Sheffield.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Thankyou Show Ulverstone**

Ulverstone Show Grounds. Heaps of activities things to do for the young and more mature. Gold coin donation entry with all profits going to Beyond Blue. Please contact Kate Mitchell before close of business the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 0428 834 482, [katemitchell190@gmail.com](mailto:katemitchell190@gmail.com).

## DECEMBER

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Stanley Show - More details to follow.**

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**Committee Meeting - Commencing at 6:00pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Xmas night market night at Bunnings Devonport**

The event is 6pm to 8pm with the Bunnings yard being open for stall holders to set themselves up from 5pm.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Run to Leven Canyon. It's "Peony time at Kaydale Gardens".**

Morning tea at the Clubroom, departing at 10.45am for the Leven Canyon. BYO morning tea and lunch. Depart Leven Canyon for "Kaydale Gardens" to have afternoon tea and a garden tour if you so desire. Numbers for afternoon tea at Kaydale would be appreciated. Laurie Bellchambers. **Mob**

**0438 282 443**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Run to Meander Dam**

BYO BBQ/Picnic lunch. Meet at ETC Elizabeth town from 10am for morning tea. Leave ETC 11am. Return via Deloraine with a visit to Red Brick Road Gin Shop. Contact Sue Cunningham for numbers and more details on 0417334683.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**End of year Christmas BBQ**

11 am onwards. BBQ available to use, BYO food and drink.

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## **FEBRUARY**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Waratah Chopping Carnival *More information to come***

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Garage Sale and Swap Meet**

Rocco Mazzone is collecting garage sale donations. Phone Rocco on (03) 6424 4718 with any queries.



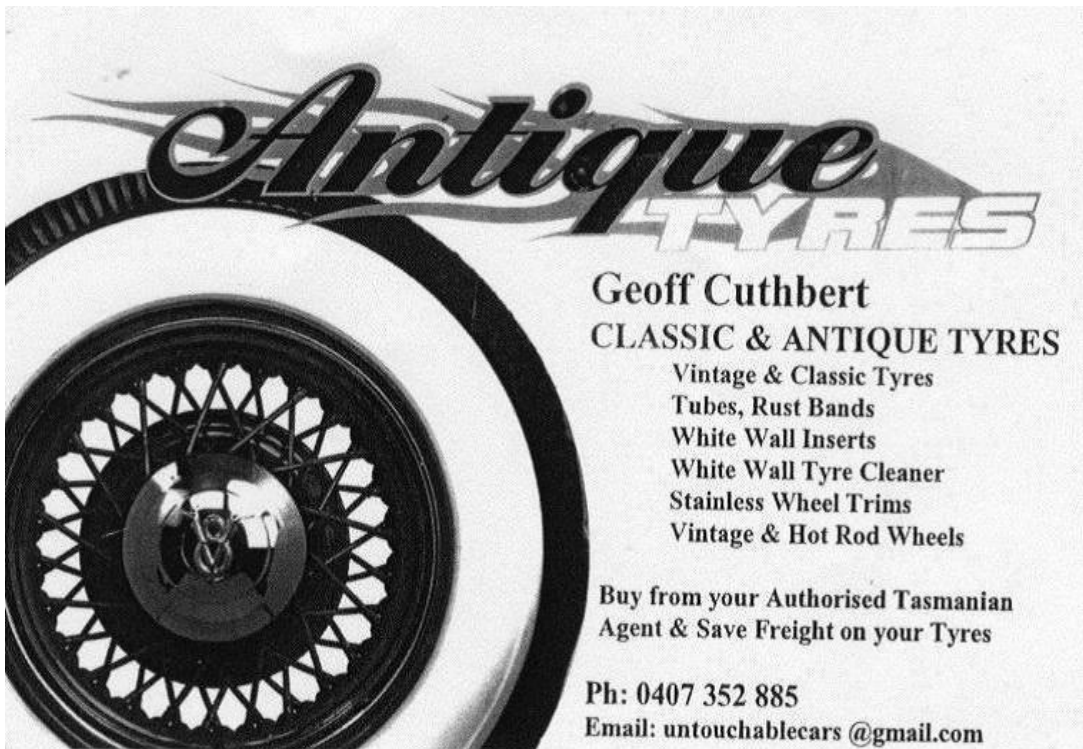
## North-West Outings

**September**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>:- Blythe Heads to Guide Falls.**

Sixteen members braved an unfavourable weather report and assembled at Blythe Heads for morning tea, a little wind but otherwise fine. Still enjoying good weather we meandered through Cuprona, Camena, Natone and Upper Stowport to the Round Hill lookout. This was a first time here for some members, it allows for glorious views over the hinterland, Bass Strait and Burnie. After photos we headed to Ridgley and Guide Falls. The weather here was so nice we all sat outside at the tables enjoying some vitamin "D". The falls had a good flow of clean water, which allowed for some excellent photos. Finished day with the usual coffee at Crusty's Wivenhoe. Check out the photos on the club's Facebook page. The weather gods were kind today. Back country looked very green.

By Laurie Bellchambers



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## October

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> :- Run to Kaydale Gardens.

Twenty one adult and one junior member enjoyed morning tea at the clubrooms' before heading off on one of my meandering short cuts. Touring behind Ulverstone onto Pickett's Road, provided great views looking over Ulverstone and Bass Strait, then through Gawler, Isandula to Gunn's Plains including a comfort stop at Bannon Park. The wind had caused many small twigs and leaves to be on the road. Next came Preston, Nietta then Kaydale gardens, beautiful as usual. Much chatter happened as we enjoyed the usual good cuisine provided by the Crowden ladies. Good company and a great run plus daffodils for all. Photos of this run may be viewed on the club's Facebook Page. The club will be returning on the 7<sup>th</sup> December to view the "peonies" Hope you all enjoyed the day.

By Laurie Bellchambers.



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# Alfa Romeo and Wolseley

I felt I had to put pen to paper regarding the article “The joy of motoring” and the ex-Gordon Fysh RLS Alfa Romeo.

It was rather sad to be reunited with this car about five years ago when I saw it in a neglected state, encased in a humidifier at the QVMAG. This is an essential car in Australia’s motoring history, yet the brakes have seized solid, and the engine needs work, and I seriously believe it will never run again. I think some bits have disappeared, also.



If this car had been sold to the Alfa Romeo Museum in Italy (who were interested in purchasing but so-called “Culture Heritage” dictated otherwise), it would have been rebuilt and used as it was designed. It is one of perhaps three or four left in the world.

As a youngster, I had numerous rides in this car at Vintage Sports Car Club events and Vintage Driver’s Club events, as my parents were good friends of the owner then.

I can understand that many museums rely on government grants and donations to survive, but it is blasphemy to let such an icon as this with a vast history rot away.

While on the subject, the other car that leaves me absolutely speechless is the Wolseley that sits amongst the bird shit at Woolmers Estate. This is an important Tasmanian car, yet no one would think so.

I went there once or twice when Ashley Monks was servicing it. That must have been five or six years ago. We were both saddened by the lack of interest in this car and the others scattered around the property. A car like that should be used or at least given to someone who appreciates it and will look after it. It's part of Tasmanian history, yet you wouldn't think so.

Chester McKaige

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# Temora Aviation Museum

The Temora Aviation Museum was one of the stops whilst I was on the National Wolseley rally.

Temora was once the location for a training school for new pilots, established during World War 2, where over 10000 personnel were involved in the school's operation and pilots were trained on the de Havilland Tiger Moth. The school ran for five years and ceased 6 months after World War two finished. The airstrip was used after this for many activities, such as parachuting, aerobatics, model aircraft etc. Temora was an ideal location due to its great weather, terrain as it was flat, and uncontrolled air space under 20000 feet.

The museum was created in 1999 by David Lowy. He is well known for his part in the Westfield corporation empire. He expressed interest in establishing an aviation museum dedicated to pilots and aircraft who had defended Australia over the years. It has two big sheds, large enough to store many aircraft, engines, pictures, history and memorabilia.

The Royal Australian Air Force, (RAAF) have an allegiance to the site, and currently own many of the aircraft, which makes a partnership between the pair, invaluable and will mean that the site continues for many years to come.

Aircraft in the collection include 2 Supermarine Spitfires, a Lockheed Hudson, Tiger Moth, 3 x Cessna (Dragonfly, O-2A, Birdog) CA13 Boomerang, CA-16 Wirraway, DH115 Vampire T35, English Electric Canberra.

This was a gem to visit, and its amazing what some country towns have hidden away from the big cities. If your net savvy, have a look at [www.avaitionmusuem.com.au](http://www.avaitionmusuem.com.au)

Carey Richardson







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The MG Car Club is celebrating the centenary of the MG marque, and are hoping to get 100 MG cars at their event. Quite a few VCCA (TAS) members are the proud owners of an MG or two, and you are welcome to join in the festivities on the day, in the car park of the Silo Hotel.

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## Oakland Register Tasmanian Run - 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023

Tasmania has just played host to the Oakland Registers Four Day Tasmanian Meeting based in Deloraine. There were 17 members and vehicles from most states touring around the Deloraine area in excellent weather, with the cars ranging from 1923 to the 1930's with a V8 model in attendance.

Pearn's Steam World car park had a great showing of all Oakland body styles and models.



## PETER WADDLE UPDATE

Planning has been completed for the Peter Waddle Rally to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Deloraine.

Ten rooms have been reserved at the Mountain View motel at \$125 per room. Please ensure you book your room as soon as possible.

We have had input from several veteran owners into the runs and it promises to be an interesting 3 days of motoring. The Friday afternoon run is 36 km, the Saturday run is approximately 100km with an interesting visit to two car collections and the Sunday morning run is 48 km with a group lunch and presentations to follow.

We are looking forward to catching up with all the local veteran owners after the illnesses that plagued so many this year.

The entry form is included with this edition (November) of Small Torque.

*Peter Hawkins*

Rally Co-ordinator

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# The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally

18 – 23 November 2024



The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally will be held in **Launceston, Tasmania** between 18 – 23 November 2024. The Rally is proudly hosted by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) and held under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs of Australia (TAVCCA).

## **In this newsletter:**

- Expressions of interest opening 1-Nov-2023
- Itinerary
- Welcome to Launceston
- What to expect
- Accommodation details, book now
- Book your boat trip, for you and your vehicle(s)

We have planned a jam-packed itinerary to ensure you get to fully experience the Launceston region of Tasmania, while enjoying plenty of time to relax, unwind and catch up with new and lasting friends.

The Rally will start on Monday 18 November where will be greeted by locals at the Spirit of Tasmania 's Devonport terminal. We will drive from there to our Rally destination in Launceston taking our time and enjoying the sights and back roads.

After 5 days of rallying around Tasmania the rally will conclude with our drive back to the Devonport terminal of the Spirit of Tasmania on Saturday 23 November 2024 for the night sailing. Once we arrive back in Victoria we will then travel back to the trailer parking location.

We will have tail end Charlie(s) for the duration of the rally to assist with keeping all the cars motoring as well as access to the Launceston club rooms and workshop.

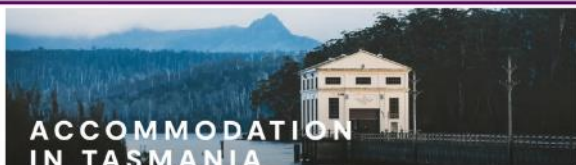
We hope to see you all in Launceston,

Your rally directors



Places to stay in Tasmania are as diverse as the landscape. From lakeside lodges, beach-side camping and eco pods in the forest, to cosy hotels, five-star resorts, or homely shacks where families can settle in for a while, there's something to suit everyone.

Our suggested locations are opposite, and we have secured discounted rates, please call the venues first to book.



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