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Front Page Photograph

This months front cover photo is the 1928 Ford A Roadster of Martin and Pam Hingston



STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

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

30th June - Annual General Meeting 11.00am North section club rooms

20th October 2024 Gordon Fysh Memorial Day at Miena.

More information on Page 24

18th - 23rd November 2024 - The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally

Launceston, Tasmania. Expressions of interest are now open.

Please head to our website and click on the link to complete your EOI.

Thanks,

Rally Directors - P - 0404 917 366 (Ben) - P - 0448 678 291 (Jill)

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

Presidents Prattle July 2024

For my last prattle I would like to start out by thanking all those members of section and state executive committees who have helped make my position as president a relatively easy task over the last seven years. It was a bit of a shock at the time to be asked if I would consider taking on the job as I had been a very inactive member for nearly fifty years and had never considered myself to be the kind of person who would be seen as president. It has been an interesting few years for me, as I have always been a bit on the casual side and don't tend to take life too seriously, but it seems to have worked out and not too many members have got upset with me, or at least if they did they didn't tell me.

The Club, when I joined it as an eighteen year old who was also interested in stock cars and hot rods was at the time run by older people, who looking back must have been about half the age of the current office holders, but when you are that age anyone over forty looks ancient and over thirty just looks old. I remember with gratitude the help and support of the likes of Mick Bartels and Geoff Paine who lined up the Falcon Knight for me. I hope the current crop of seniors continue to support the young and not so young new members who need a helping hand or a bit of advice just like those early members did for us.

The Dodge four project is progressing at a better than expected rate but no doubt we will strike a problem or two to hold us back as even so called easy restorations manage to hide a few gremlins to test our patience and skill levels.

Finally I wish all the best to the incoming committees, who will no doubt act in the best interests of the Club as our predecessors have done now since 1956.

Happy and safe motoring, Joe

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Please Take Note

This year Membership renewal notices will be posted out to members direct because the new format of Small Torque doesn't allow it to be used as the address page.

This form must be returned, filled in with any changes, along with the annual subscription and forwarded to your section treasurer as per the constitution. Failure to send both to the section treasurer on time will result in the lapse of your membership. Payment can be by direct deposit to the Section account, cheque or cash. The completed form can be posted, delivered to the Clubrooms when they are open or emailed to the treasurer if you prefer.

Please remember to save your membership card as this is now needed to prove your right to concessional rego with Transport Tasmania. Replacement cards have been handed out free this last year because of Transport's new requirement but from now on the Executive has decided that a fee of \$5 will be charged for them and you will have to pick your card up from your section clubrooms.

Joe Clippingdale (President)

STATE AGM UPDATE

Please Take Note.

The Northern Clubrooms will be open at 10:00am on Sunday 30th June for a cuppa prior to the meeting which starts at 11:00am.

There will be no lunch provided but if you want to bring your own you are welcome to boil the billy again and have lunch after the meeting.

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North West would like to welcome the following new members.

Julie Coldicutt from Devonport with a 1958 Peugeot 403

Maria and Dean Coleman from Mt Hicks with a 1954 Morris Minor Sedan

Fiona and Paul Hardaker from West Ulverstone with a 1977 Toyota Celica RA28 Coupe Liftback

Pamela Dodd

Ian Viney

JUNE

Saturday 22 June - Bingo Night - *Bring supper to share. Eyes down at 7pm*

Sunday 30 June - State AGM in Launceston – It is expected that the bus will pick up passengers at Maskell's Road at 9:am on the day. If every seat on the bus is filled the cost will be approximately \$20.00 pp. If there are less people, the price per person will rise proportionately to the number of empty seats. Those people wanting to book a seat on the bus should contact **Toni Bishop** on *bisho26@bigpond.com* **03 6424, 1718** or **0448 022 616** before the 20th June.

JULY

Wednesday 3rd 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.

Sunday 7th General meeting starting 11:00 am. Followed by run to Spreyton Cider Co.

Wednesday 10th Committee Meeting – *Commencing at 6:00pm*

Saturday 13th July -Ken Silver will again entertain club members with a variety of short films. NOTE date change. Bring a plate of supper to share. "Information for newer members, or those who haven't attended a film evening before". Ken shows his films on the old reel to reel projectors, good to see someone is keeping these old projectors working. Programme for the evening is as follows. 6:pm: - Clubrooms open, bring tea if you wish to have a chat. before the films start. 7:pm: - Films start, run for fifty minutes, ten-minute break, Rocco will run a couple of chook spins, then another set of films followed by supper. Hope to see you there.

More info ring Laurie Bellchambers , 0438 282 443

Saturday 20th July, Xmas in Winter at “Miena Community Centre” The North West Section is organising a Xmas in Winter dinner Function, combining with the Miena Community Centre members, located at 55 Cider Gum Rd., Miena. Meal cost is \$35, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start, bar will be operating.

Accommodation: - All 13 rooms at the Central Highlands Lodge have been reserved for the VCCA, 4 of these rooms are family rooms for those members who may wish to share.

Phone 03 6259 8179 and mention you are from the VCCA, otherwise they will not accept your reservation. Cost per room \$145, includes continental breakfast.

Other accommodation in the Miena area includes the **Great Lake Hotel 03 6236 4000**, rooms from \$140 and many BnB's. Use Google. (Airbnb Miena Tasmania)

Sunday 21st July, Waddamana visit: - Collect packed lunch, at a cost of \$12, prepared by the Community Centre, depart Lodge no later than 9.45 am, travel 29kms to Waddamana Power Station Museum, this includes 16kms of gravel road, so your choice of vehicle, classic or modern. Coffee van not in attendance for our visit, hence the need for packed lunch. Please bring a thermos and cups for your drinks at Waddamana.

Catering: - Laurie Bellchambers needs to know who is going for Xmas dinner in winter and if you intend to go to Waddamana, no later than 12th July. Phone 0438 282 443 or email lbell.chambers@bigpond.com

Getting there: - NW members to meet at the **VAN DIEMENS LAND CREAMERY CAFÉ**, 10 Christmas Hills Rd., Elizabeth Town, at 11.45am for a light lunch. Depart at 1.00 pm, travel to Golden Valley where a visit has been arranged to view an assortment of cars, bikes and machinery. Depart here at 3.00pm, travel 55kms to Miena. Northern members discuss travel options with Mike Cassidy. Southern members see you at the Lodge for a beer later in the day.

Sunday 21st July – Monthly Sheffield classics and coffee. 3rd Sunday of each month from 10am and 3pm. 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.

AUGUST

Sunday 4th General meeting starting 11:00 am. Followed by lunch and run if weather permits.

Wednesday 7th 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.

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Wednesday 7th Committee Meeting – *Commencing at 6:00pm*

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st General meeting starting 11:00 am. Followed by lunch and run if weather permits.

Wednesday 4th 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.

Wednesday 4th Committee Meeting – *Commencing at 6:00pm*

Sunday 15th – Monthly Sheffield classics and coffee. 3rd Sunday of each month from 10am and 3pm. 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.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd 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.

Sunday 6th October – Catering welcome breakfast at clubrooms for Dodge Brothers Club of Australasia National Rally at clubrooms. Helpers required, more details to follow.

Saturday 5th General meeting starting 7.30pm. Please bring Supper to Share.

Wednesday 9th Committee Meeting – *Commencing at 6:00pm*

Sunday 20th - 2024 Gordon Fysh Memorial Day more info page 24

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Wednesday 23rd, Visit to Don River Railway. Join with the Devonport Men's Probus Club at the Dell Luck Reserve on Forth Rd., Don, at 10 am for coffee and socialising. Visit includes an inspection of the workshop, model train, train ride and a sausage sizzle. Invitation open to all members of the VCCA and their friends. Enquiries to Laurie 0438 282 443.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 2nd General meeting starting 7.30pm. Please bring Supper to Share.

Wednesday 6th 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.

Wednesday 6th Committee Meeting – Commencing at 6:00pm

Saturday 16th Working Bee – Club rooms and grounds clean up and working bee.

Sunday 17th – Monthly Sheffield classics and coffee. 3rd Sunday of each month from 10am and 3pm. 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 23rd Christmas Dinner at club rooms – further details to come.

DECEMBER

Saturday 5th General meeting starting 7.30pm. Please bring Supper to Share.

Wednesday 4th 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.

Wednesday 4th Committee Meeting – Commencing at 6:00pm

Sunday 15th Christmas BBQ – more details to come.

FEBRUARY 2025

14th /15th /16th Don River Railway 50th Birthday – More details to follow.

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

Sun 30th – VCCA (Tas.) Inc. State Annual General Meeting commencing at 11am at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

July

Fri 5th - 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 7th - 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)

Sat 13th – Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Council - see poster in this edition of Small Torque for more information.

Sun 14th – Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near Village Green. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sat 20th – Christmas in Winter at Miena Community Centre & visit to Waddamana. For more information see North West Section events.

Sun 21st - Eurosport Tas - Coffee & Torque at National Automobile Museum of Tasmania 84 Lindsay St, Invermay - 10.00 a.m. -12 noon.

August

Fri 2nd - 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 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.

Sun 11th – Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near Village Green. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sunday 11th - Lunch at Carrick Hotel at 12.30. You can make your own way there or you can join Wheels to Westbury in the morning and make your way to Carrick **BUT** you must book for lunch. Numbers to Mike 0458 944 001 by Wednesday 7th August.

Northern Section Club Persons of the Year - 2024

At the Northern Section AGM, Mike and Marion Cassidy were the worthy winners for their efforts in events coordination and organization, and the running of a great 2024 Annual Tour. This is so important to keep our members out and about. Alan Smith



Sunday June 9th - Wheels to Westbury

The numbers were down but the quality was up this time. Service was as always, excellent from the RSL volunteers.



1925 Austin 7 Chummy - John Temple - 1951 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn Sedan - Kim Booth
1962 Vauxhall Cresta Sedan - Arie Vandenberg

Saturday June 15th – Bracknell Hotel Lunch Run.

A very popular and well attended event this time. As always, the mountains were resplendent with their stunning views as we used various backroads to Bracknell for a great lunch. The meals were true country style, and it was probably best to have not had morning tea. Well attended, and well worth the trip, to this country destination. No one left hungry!!



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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 12th of each month.

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.

During the colder months of July, August and September our meetings will be on the 1st Sunday at 1.30pm.

JULY

Tuesday 2nd July – NO MEETING – See Sunday 7th July

Wednesday 3rd July – 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 now complete - you may find a part you need.

Sunday 7th July – Committee/General Meeting

Committee/General Meeting at the Club Rooms – 1.30pm. Refreshments follow. All welcome.

Sunday 7th July – Classics on the Beach

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

Wednesday 17th July – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

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Sunday 21st July – “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 July – 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 now complete - you may find a part you need.

AUGUST

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Tuesday 6th August – NO MEETING – See Sunday 4th August above.

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Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August – Heritage and Bullock Festival at Oatlands

Main street and various buildings – a two-day celebration that showcases the best of Oatlands' unique culture and history. See website for more information.

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SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st September – Monthly meeting at 1.30pm.

October Meeting onwards – back to 1st Tuesday of the month.

NEW MEMBER

Southern Section welcome Mike Watanabe of Sandford to the Club. Mike also lives part of the year in NSW, and has a 1969 Ferrari 206 SP Coupe Racing.





As is often said “cars are meant to be driven”. For some though, “driven” means 14000 kilometres from Peking to Paris, travelling through China, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, Greece, Italy and France.

The Peking to Paris Motor Challenge is unique in the motoring world – a true endurance motor rally following in the wheel-tracks of the original pioneers of 1907.

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At the time of writing the leading cars were a 1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Coupe, a 1928 Bentley 4 1/2 Le Mans, and a 1933 Dodge 6 Roadster

And the leader in the Classic category was a 1976 Leyland P76.

I suspect a rally like that would be enormously expensive but it’d sure be fun.

For more info go to

<https://www.hero-era.com/rallies/2024/05/peking-to-paris-2024>



Technical Tips (from a very old edition of Early Auto magazine)

VACUUM TANKS by Ron Powell

I've probably told you about some of my disasters during the restoration of the Velie; there was the great clutch disaster; the great radiator shell disaster; the great rocker shaft disaster; and the differential disaster but I don't think I have ever told you about the vacuum tank disaster.

Kevin Cochrane will remember the day when he kindly came to our place in Wembley Downs to accompany me on the Velie's first real outing, our first rally. We headed off, the Velie following the Flint until we reached the corner of Hay and Jersey Streets where the Velie stopped, and 'wouldn't go no more' vacuum tank empty.

I sent the reluctant Kevin on his way and tried to persuade some petrol into the vacuum tank and eventually got home again. (On the following Monday I commented to my boss that I only got 5 km. before stopping and he quipped "Five kilometers for five years work". I didn't feel like correcting him and saying it was actually eight years.)

What hurt me so much was that I'd spent weeks rebuilding the vacuum tank. The mechanism of the original tank was terribly sloppy and 'worn out' so I drilled out most of the pivot holes and made new pins out of brass rod 1/32" and 1/16" diameter larger and was very proud of my efforts.

The crowning glory was the paint, wet and dry paint, wet and dry paint etc. until the outside looked like black glass. But it wouldn't work.

During the next few weeks the Velie could be seen driving around the back streets of Wembley Downs with son or daughter holding an emergency tank and tube of petrol above the bonnet, and no matter what I did, I couldn't get the vacuum tank to work consistently. It would go O.K. some days and on others would empty in no time. Nothing I did seemed to make any difference.

In desperation I obtained another old rusty vacuum tank from some-one (sorry I've forgotten who, may have been you) and simply transferred the top and worn out 'innards' from the old rusty one to my shiny black one. To this day it has worked perfectly (touch wood) and I have not been game to touch it ever since. There must be a moral to this story.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED ABOUT VACUUM TANKS?

1. If they work O.K. don't touch them.
2. I think a lot of clearance between pins and pivot holes is necessary.
3. An easy way to fill the vacuum tank from the tank at the rear is to fit a piece of plastic tube tightly into a hole in a block of rubber that will fit over the filler, and blow like hell into the tube. I can generate sufficient pressure to lift petrol into the vacuum tank.

4. Don't forget to turn off the petrol tap under the vacuum tank otherwise you will often need to blow like hell if you do not use your car frequently.

5. I am told that one should clean out one's vacuum tank at least every 12 months. As I mentioned earlier, I haven't touched mine since 1982.*

WHAT SORT OF THINGS CAN GO WRONG?

1. The float can leak and partly fill with petrol and lose it's buoyancy and will cause flooding of the engine.

REMEDY Remove the 'innards' and immerse the float in hot water, the leak will be obvious as the source of a stream of bubbles of air and petrol vapour. Using the hot water and dexterity, manipulate the float until all the petrol is blown out of the float. Solder the leak with 'less than no solder' as any significant increase in the weight of the float from an excess of solder will put you back where you started. Yorkshire flux is excellent for soldering clean brass.)

2. The flapper valve will not seat properly - and the vacuum tank will suck' air rather than petrol.
REMEDY Remove the innards, take out the flapper valve and clean both surfaces of the flapper valve and the seat with a fine flat file.

3. The air and petrol toggle valves leak - they are usually prevented from sealing by dirt.

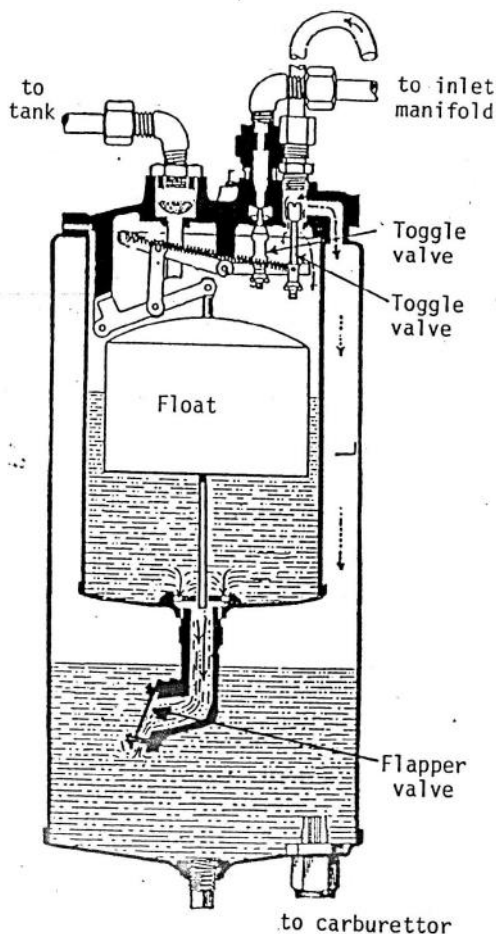
REMEDY Flush the valves out with petrol and blow out with compressed air, all the time jiggling the valves by hand. Install a fine gauze filter in the petrol supply line.

4. The gasket between the diecast top and the top of the tank leaks.

REMEDY Replace the old gasket with a carefully cut out cork- neoprene compound as thin as practicable - it will not dry out and leak like pure cork.-

5. It still won't work.

REMEDY Go and get an old rusty vacuum tank from some-one and swap over the 'innards'.



2024 Gordon Fysh Memorial Day Sunday 20th October

With the date for this event having been set, the planning for this event is basically completed. The actual Gordon Fysh will be held on Sunday the 20th at the Great Lake. This allows an opportunity to make a weekend away of it.

For Saturday 19th the Great Lake Lodge has been booked; they offer 13 rooms with 4 of these suitable for families, or share couples and by mentioning the VCCA each room will be discounted to \$100, including a continental breakfast. For bookings the Lodge can be contacted on 6259 8179. If the lodge is fully booked, the options are the Great Lake Hotel and many BnB's around Miena.

Following your evening meal at the Lodge, the Great Lake Community Centre will be holding their regular Bingo Evening should it be of interest to you, always a fun evening. For the day of the Gordon Fysh there is planned a small driving / skills test for the allocation of trophies in the Lodge Car Park followed by a finger food luncheon / presentation at the Community Centre.

Entry forms will be available from the website with instructions in the August edition of Small Torque.

Tour Director:- Greg Bannon 0419 389 105

A group of 40 year old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because the waiters there had tight pants and nice buns.

10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was top rate.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and they even had an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because they had never been there before.

North West Section Outings

Saturday 1st June:- run to Wilmot and Cradle Mountain.

Saturday morning was a complete change from the previous day, which had been very windy and rainy.

Departing Forth we headed to Wilmot and spent some time at their market. A few goodies, plus scones and cream for morning tea was purchased before travelling to the Cradle Wilderness Gallery. Some time was spent in the gallery viewing nature photos and excellent art work, well worth a visit. A light luncheon, then returned to the coast via Cethana and Sheffield.

Whilst travelling down the winding road to Cethana about 3.15pm the sun was shining on Mount Claude and Roland, was absolutely breath taking. All had a good day.

Laurie Bellchambers.

Sunday 9th June:- run to Pioneer Park at Riana.

Members departed Blythe Heads at 11am for a drive through our very green hinterland, beautiful drive on a beautiful sunny winter's day, passing through Stowport, Upper Stowport, Natone, Camena, West Pine, Riana finishing at Pioneer Park where a nice welcoming fire awaited us. BYO lunch was had amongst much conversation covering many topics, mainly cars.

A coffee at Penguin on the way home completed the day.

Thanks to Tony and Judith Wilson, for organising the day.

Laurie Bellchambers

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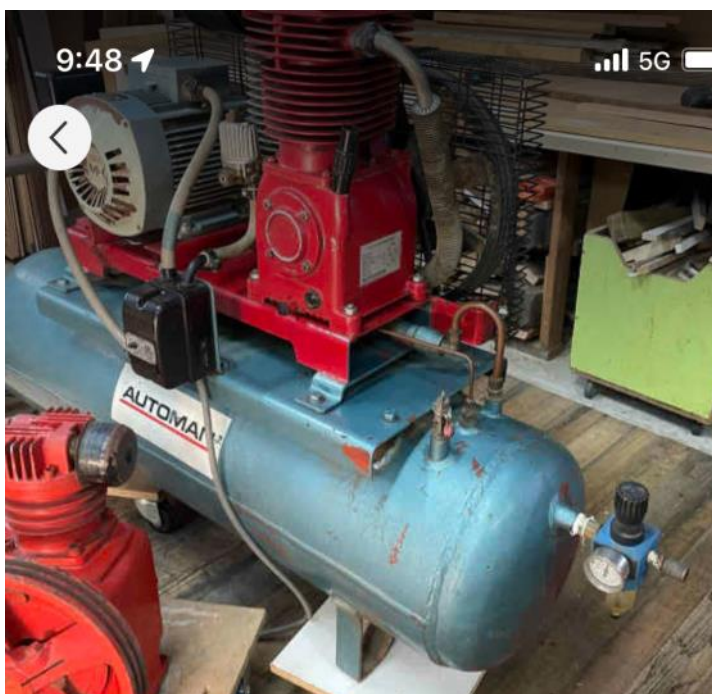
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