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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.

9th, 10th, 11th March, 2024 - 67th VCCA Tasmania State Annual Tour

Hosted by the Northern section - registration form was included with the December edition of Small Torque.

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

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

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.

President's Prattle March 2024

For once I have realised that it is nearly time for me to send my latest ramblings to the editor before the cut off date for the next newsletter. We have just had this year's Peter Waddle run and it was really good to see so many non veteran owners come to see the oldies in action. Thanks to all those who organised such an enjoyable event.

The Annual State Tour is our next major event and a few entries at the last minute have brought numbers up to about 30, which is a nice number for a pleasant easy going run. Mike and Marion have been running round checking routes and organising interesting things to see on the way, and as usual we need to be grateful for the work that members put in to make these events as much fun as they always seem to become.

It is that time of year that all members have to think about the election of office bearers and committee members for the coming year. It is absolutely vital that we have an active and motivated group in each section to see the Club continue to be a welcoming and progressive organisation. If we leave it to the same people for too long the whole Club will stagnate and become less enjoyable for all members and much less appealing for prospective members. So if you feel you can help us to progress as a Club , or if you believe another member can do so PLEASE put yours and their names forward when the nomination forms come out in Small Torque.

Today Ashley Monks and I went to look at a 1928 Chev 4 roadster which has just been donated to the Northern section for our next restoration project. That is, after we finish the Dodge. The owners wanted to see the car restored, and after seeing what we had done with the ambulance they asked if we would like to do up the Chev, which had been dismantled for restoration about fifty years ago, and dry stored ever since. It never ceases to amaze me how generous people can be, and how over the years the Club has been held in such high regard that people are prepared to do so much to help us preserve the motoring history of Tasmania.

Drive courteously , Joe

Front Page Photograph

This months front cover photo is the 1925 Oakland Tourer of Arie Vandenberg



North West Section Events and Activities

MARCH

Saturday 2nd - General Meeting Commencing at 7.30 pm, bring a plate of 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

Friday 15th Spreyton Primary School Apple Festival

Further details to follow.

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.

Sunday 24th 2024 SeaRoad Devonport Motor Show

9:00am – 3:00pm - Aikenhead Point, at the northern end of Victoria Parade. Pre-entries are now open, simply head to website - devonportmotorshow.com.au

APRIL

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.

Saturday 6th April General Meeting Commencing at 7.30 pm, bring a plate of supper to share.

Wednesday 10th Committee Meeting - Commencing at 6:00pm

Sunday 14th Top Gear Car Show Stanley

Gates open at 8:30am and close 2:30pm

MAY

Wednesday 1st 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 5th General meeting starting 11:00 am. (note change of day and time due to daylight savings)

Followed by a run if the weather permits.

Wednesday 8th Committee Meeting - Commencing at 6:00pm

North West Clubroom Security.

Following the recent unfortunate NW Section Clubroom break ins and thefts most members will be aware that a state of the art security system has been installed with the aim of stopping any recurrence.

Sadly these actions have facilitated a different method for NW members to gain access to our clubrooms.

This includes contacting any of the following committee members who have the appropriate security system disarming protocols:

Paul Walters

Rocco Mazzone

Sue and John Turner

Doug Eastley

Laurie Bellchambers

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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.

March

Fri 1st - 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 3rd - 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)

9th, 10th & 11th - State Annual Tour - commencing at Longford Village Green from 10.00 a.m.

Tues 26th - Visit Friends of Hadspen Group for a car display and short rides. Hadspen Recreation Centre, Clare Street at 10.30 a.m. to 12.00. Morning tea provided, please ring Pam Hingston mobile 0407 826 459 if you are able to attend.

April

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 – Shannons & Northern VCCA Autumn Swap Meet at Mowbray Race Course Vermont Rd. Mowbray. Gates Open 7.30am. Entry \$2 per. adult, Trade stands \$10. Traders can enter from 6.30am onwards. If you can help out please contact Joe Clippingdale on 63961144.

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Sat 13th - Rosevale Woodchopping Carnival from 10.00 a.m. make own way there via Bridgenorth Road or Ecclestone Road.

Sun 14th - Wheels to Westbury Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sun 21st - Eurosport Tas - Coffee & Torque at NAMT 10.00 a.m. -12 noon.

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

New Members

We welcome Colby Spencer of Prospect with a 1967 Vauxhall Viscount Sedan, and Matthew Ozols of Ringarooma with a 1929 Hupmobile A series Sedan to our Club and Northern Section.



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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.

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.

MARCH

Sunday 3rd March – Classics on the Beach

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

Tuesday 5th March – Committee/General Meeting

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

Wednesday 6th March – 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.

Saturday 9th, 10th & 11th March – State Annual Tour

Hosted by Northern Section. Registration Form in December's Small Torque.

Tour Directors Mike & Marion Cassidy can be contacted on 0458 944001.

Saturday 16th March – Bream Creek Show

A great country show. Plenty of entertainment, food stalls or BYO.

Limited to 10 cars. Numbers attending required for two (2) free entry tickets per car. Please phone **Geoff Williams on 0417 312 377** by Wednesday 6th March. Assemble adjacent to Copping Roadhouse on Marion Bay Road by 8.30am where tickets will be distributed. Additional passengers will be required to purchase tickets online **www.breamcreekshow.com.au** prior.

We are required to remain at the show grounds until 4.00pm for the safety of the public attending.

Sunday 17th March – “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 20th March – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

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Sunday 24th March – BYO Picnic/BBQ run to Gleeson Park, Lachlan

Meet Old Granton Train Park 11am, leave in convoy via Lyell Highway to Lachlan. Hut 1 at Gleeson Park is booked for us from 11am to 3pm. Many thanks to Tony L. for booking this for us.

If you anticipate joining this run, please **let Roger know on 6249 3344**, then if anything unforeseen happens – such as cancellation - you can be contacted. Apologies to those members who turned up for previous outings which unfortunately had to be cancelled.

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd April – Committee/General Meeting

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Sunday 28th April – Garage Visit with Sausage Sizzle

We have been invited to visit Bob Waddilove’s extensive garage at his home in Dromedary. 11am to 3pm. 19 Pegasus Drive, Dromedary. Tea/Coffee and sausage sizzle supplied.

As usual, if you anticipate turning up then please contact Bob on 0431 896172 or Roger on 62493344. A meeting place will be decided and announced in next Small Torque.

AGM/General Meeting for June prior notice

Sunday 2nd June - AGM and General Meeting at Club Rooms

11am General Meeting, 12noon to 1pm Lunch (sausage sizzle or BYO) followed at 1pm by AGM.

Nomination forms will be in Small Torque so start to think about what position you would like to nominate for. We need different people to take on some of the roles.

Southern Section Charity Car Show and Swap Meet – Sunday 11th February

Another successful day, good weather and about 300 cars on display. Swap sites seem to increase each year which is good for those doing the fossicking for parts. Our charity for 2024 was Hobart City Mission, who are always grateful for the support. Rotary Club of Brighton supplied the BBQ/ food which supports their organisation. Ice cream and coffee vans together with country and medieval music all contributed to a great day. Many thanks to our members who worked so very hard all day (and it was a bit warm), without you it would not happen.



Workshop Notes – The Vacuum Advance Unit (VAU) Chevrolet 6

An interesting day in the garage the other day, with a nicely restored vehicle fitted with a Chevrolet 6 engine. All seemed well, except maybe a lack of full power on hills and the vehicle somewhat reluctant to maintain its pulling power.

The owner made the comment that the timing on the engine was correct as per the instructions in the Chevrolet Workshop Manual. Timing set at 5 Deg BTDC, in line with the steel ball pressed into the flywheel. All other items Rotor, Cap etc were in good condition. As the Carburetor had been previously fully rebuilt by an experienced and respected operator, all efforts turned to the distributor.

As this Vacuum Advance Unit works externally on the Distributor Base Plate turning the distributor in the engine block, it was noted that the vacuum advance was not turning as it should.

Firstly a quick check with a timing light and with the vacuum advance disconnected, showed that the mechanical centrifugal advance weights were working correctly inside the distributor, as they activate above the 600 RPM level, therefore doing their job.

A vacuum gauge fitted to the steel tube running from the VAU to the Carburetor showed around 19 inches, which is easily on the mark.

A low pressure blast air pressure into the vacuum advance showed a steady stream of air passing through the diaphragm of the VA Unit; indicating it was in need of repair, or a new unit.

With the VAU removed from the engine, sunlight could be seen looking through the unit, indicating a large hole or tear. A VAU is a factory sealed unit, with one side of the housing having a steel rim, pressed around the opposing housing, holding and squeezing them firmly together.

As it was an original "full steel construction" Delco Remy unit, 78 years old, externally excellent, but definitely not normally a serviceable part, the decision was made to open this unit up, as what was there to lose, it was already toast.

The Disassembly Process.

Firstly undo the Brass Nut holding the Internal Return Spring inside the VAU, and remove the spring which is quite long.

Initially using a not too sharp edged screwdriver (we all have them) we carefully prise apart one area of the pressed steel rim, just a very small amount, starting the process.

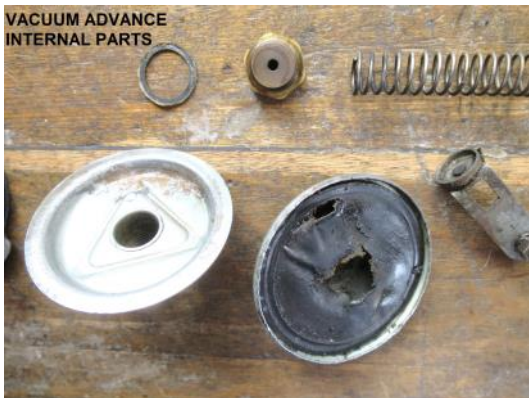
A special tool is required and built from 1/4" diameter steel bar around 6" long with a saw cut just in from one end, the cut the same width as the thickness of the steel housing of the VAU at around 45 degrees is required. (Photo 1)

SPECIAL TOOL FOR OPENING STEEL HOUSING - 1/4" BAR



The rear of the special tool requires a radius on the back edge to suit the shape of the vacuum advance housing to allow you to work carefully around the steel rim, easing it apart slowly, taking care not to tear the steel rim. After about four rotations around the rim it will be close to fully open. It is to be noted that you only have to open these units enough to allow the two housing to come apart, not fully opened to 90 degrees.

VACUUM ADVANCE INTERNAL PARTS



DIAPHRAGM IN NEED OF REPAIR



Inspection reveals two holes big enough (Photo 2 and 3) to put your finger through and certainly the problem. The diaphragm is firmly squashed and sitting between the two sides of the housing so easily pulled out. Lots of dirt and rubbish were present on the open side of the diaphragm housing but easily cleaned up with a wire brush. This unit was originally zinc plated, so next to no rust, other than two small spots which were attended to, making the two housings then ready for reassembly.

The Steel Control Arm joining the Diaphragm and the Steel Distributor Base Bracket now requires de-riveting from the remnants of the original diaphragm. This will require drilling out, but you need to keep what is left of the rivet to remake a new one. It is to be noted the Steel Control Arm and the Spring Base Cup have differing size holes so when re-riveting too much pressure is not applied to the diaphragm causing it to weaken at the joining area.

At this stage close inspection of the steel control arm where it attaches to the diaphragm is quite sharp, possibly causing premature failure of the diaphragm. A quick file to remove the sharp edge, wire brush of the arm and spring base cup locator, and these parts are also ready for reassembly.

New Parts

The only part to be remade is the rivet, and using a four inch nail head end is perfect, as it is soft for riveting, and only a few thousands of an inch larger than the original rivet, therefore requiring minimal machining. Care must be taken to get all rivet shoulders and diameters correct to minimize pressure on the diaphragm upon assembly.

The original diaphragm was .014" so replacement is required.

A replacement diaphragm was found in the Holden FE to EK vacuum windscreen wiper kit, and as it is .015" thick, even better and larger in diameter. This kit contains 5 diaphragms, so effectively you end up with 5 lifetimes!! Also the remaining offcut has pieces that can be used as strengtheners. (Photo 4)



After trimming the donor Diaphragm neatly to its new size, the decision was made to add an extra washer sized piece, made again from the donor diaphragm material, to reinforce the area where the Control Arm and Spring Cup Locator are riveted together.

Assembly

After a total clean, rust preventative of all parts we are ready for reassembly.

It was decided that the diaphragm and support washer would be glued using a Selleys urethane glue (as I had it here – Photo 5) and was suitable for shock, flexibility and movement.



The Diaphragm Support Washer is glued and allowed to dry for 2 hours; Control Arm glued and also 2 hours drying time. (Photo 6)



These above were glued first to ensure no movement occurred during the riveting process, as it is critical for your control arm to be central in the VAC upon completion.

Carefully turn the diaphragm over and assemble the rivet, spring locator cup, adding a small amount of glue to these items and diaphragm to ensure no leaks, as a good seal is critical. (Photo 7)

Support the entire assembly on the solid Jaw Side of your Vice and peen down with a Hammer and Punch. We require a nice swelling on the rivet only, to maintain this now assembled diaphragm, arm, spring locator cup etc. together.

When refitting the diaphragm assembly into the housing, the decision was made to use the smallest amount of urethane glue around the perimeter of the diaphragm, even though this was not done during original manufacture, to ensure there was no vacuum leaks, and to assist the holding of the diaphragm centrally in the housing, whilst the other housing was refitted.

After a check that the diaphragm is lying flat in the housing, again use the smallest amount of glue around the perimeter and the other side of the housing can be refitted.

Before peening the steel rim together, check that the control arm remains central in the housing opening.

Again in the vice on the solid jaw side, start to peen down the steel rim that joins the two housings together. A small hammer is most suited to this job, remembering to do it slowly, a small amount at a time, whilst paying attention not to crack the steel. After four rotations, the housing should be together, and another round listening to the hard ring of the hammer on the vice jaw, to tell you it is firmly together.

After allowing a 4 hour drying period we assemble the Internal Return Spring and Brass Nut.

Job done!!!, a push of the control arm should allow you to feel air against your skin.

(Photo 8 – Photo 9)

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Refit to the Engine

We now have a Delco Remy Vacuum Advance Unit that looks as new.

Distributor rotates in the engine block as it should, as soon as the engine starts.

More useable power on hills.

Fuel economy should increase with no extra unwanted extra air to the Carburettor.

Octane Setting is now set to suit our nominated fuel.

Engine idle more stable.

A good and satisfying result.

Alan Smith

Information for veteran motorcycle enthusiasts

At the 2023 National Veteran Motorcycle Rally held in Bundaberg, the Antique Motorcycle Club of Australia Inc. volunteered to host the next biennial event in 2025 in Victoria. The AMCCA is now pleased to advise that NVMR2025 is to be held in Ballarat, Victoria from Sunday 19th to Friday 24th October 2025 based at the Big 4 Ballarat Windmill Caravan Park, 56 Remembrance Drive, Alfredton. The rally will be open to all motorcycles manufactured up to and including 31 December, 1918

Thanks,

Murray Wright, President, Antique Motorcycle Club of Australia

Eurosports Cars and Coffee Sunday January 21st

A sunny but not too hot day saw a good turnout of cars for the quarterly Eurosports Cars and Coffee at the National Auto Museum of Tas in Launceston.



Australia Day long weekend

saw the Aussie Big 3 - Holden, Ford and Chrysler- Car Show at the Motor Museum in Launceston. A lovely fine day and a good range of cars on display although numbers were down a little on last years event possibly because many people went away for the weekend.

Ken Watts



Australia Day – Bridport 2024

About 20 members took up the annual invitation to the home of Andrew and Margaret Smith at Bridport. We enjoyed our BYO lunch with a BBQ available. After lunch we had sweets prepared by Andrew which was his 'Patriotic' red, white and blue jelly with cream and ice-cream. After chatting we moved inside for tea and coffee and beautiful slices prepared by Margaret. Thanks very much to Andrew and Margaret for once again opening their home to us.

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2024 Peter Waddle Tour

This year there were 17 entrants plus support crew which was great knowing that several members had health issues or had passed in 2023. We were blessed with both beautiful weather and lovely scenery as we spent 3 days motoring around the Deloraine area.

The Friday afternoon run was through Golden Valley and Quamby Brook before returning to the motel along Porters Bridge Road and River Road. The stunning drive through the canopy of trees as we came back into Deloraine, was even more special because our open cars allowed us to enjoy the unique smells of nature.

After an enjoyable Happy Hour we had our evening meal in the motel restaurant and first-timers were presented with small auto gifts.

The Saturday run was out through Red Hills, Dunorlan, Needles and Dairy Plains where we enjoyed morning tea and a view of the excellent car collection and gardens at West Park. The house was built in two stages; the first section by convicts in the 1820's and the second in the 1850's. We then continued through Dairy Plains and Caveside into Mole Creek for lunch. Mother Cummings Peak created a fantastic backdrop as we toured the back country roads. After lunch we visited the Stephens' Collection where we were joined by a group of Mustang enthusiasts.

My day was made when our son, Josh met us on the Mole Creek Road and our two grandsons were legally able to hop in the back of the Darracq for the trip back to Deloraine. Our 14 year hiatus of not being able to have the grandchildren ride in the cars without an engineered fitted seat belt is no longer an issue for us as our youngest has now turned 7. Needless to say, both boys were very excited.

After another Happy Hour, tinkering and car talk we adjourned to the British Hotel for an excellent evening meal.

Our Sunday morning run was via Chudleigh, Western Creek and along Cheshunt Road to Meander Road and back to Deloraine. The short section of gravel was through very picturesque countryside. We then went to the truck show where the cars were on display. The MC was asked to select the car he liked the most. It happened to be our Darracq. We then adjourned to the Deloraine RSL where the committee put on an excellent country style lunch. Kelvin Callahan was awarded the Good Luck Trophy (there is no such thing as hard luck in veteran motor lingo).

Joe and Julie Clippingdale were awarded a gift for their ongoing assistance.

As per the MC's choice, Peter and I were awarded the Peter Waddle Trophy.

A big thank you to Elayne Ransley for donating the rally bags and hats.

Jill Hawkins





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Our Tour this year begins at the Longford Village Green on Saturday 9th March between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 for registration. Coffee and food will be on site or you can visit eateries close by.

At approximately 12.00 we will be joined by about 100 Classic cars that will be taking part in 'The Brabham Drive' from the National Auto Museum.

Over the weekend we will be driving from rural countryside to the seaside and back over the mountain on great roads with varying terrain and views.

If you have not entered the Tour but would like to checkout the cars, you can do so at Longford before they leave on the afternoon run.

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The Bundawarra Centre - part one

The Bundawarra Centre in Temora, NSW was a stop on last years Wolseley car club rally.

The Bundawarra Centre was established in 2011 due to the expansion of the original Temora Rural Museum, it is managed by the local Temora shire and has a dedicated group of volunteers, the building from the road looks modern and welcoming.

The centre houses many different collections from around the area that locals collected, to the heritage of the area. In the collection is the Temora Rock and Mineral Museum, a gentleman called Athol Stean collected rocks and fossils, basically his life, love and passion. I was taken back of the size of the room and collection, how many rocks can one person collect. If this doesn't blow you away, the NSW Fire and Rescue exhibition, along with the Temora Ambulance Museum will.

I ask you a question, how many lawn mowers are made, makes, models, within one shed, I can say lots, again, ask, how many TVs have been made, and tractors, stationary engines! List goes on. There are over 40 buildings to go through and easily spend 4-6 hours wandering around. A museum dedicated to yesteryear!

As mentioned, one of the many sheds located at The Bundawarra Centre is dedicated to the areas local district ambulance service. The vehicles are all in great condition, as if they have just come out of service. The walls are lined with matchbox cars, uniforms, first aid kits and variety of articles regarding history. Of course, the museum has the usual suspects in Ford F100's as they were popular around Australia, but there are Dodges, Valiants, Fairlanes, Falcons, Commodores, Internationals, and a FJ Holden. Each vehicle tells a story, there is plans in the future to build a bigger building as there are plenty of items that cannot be shown on display due to a lack of room, I will have to revisit once done!

The XA Falcon was put into service in 1973 after being bought by the West District Ambulance service from Golden West motors in Parkes, It was stationed in Parkes and Trundle until it was pulled from service in 1981, it sat in storage for 30 years, until the NSW Ambulance service donated it to the museum in 2010.

The FJ Holden was sold new by Suttons Motors, Temora in January 1956, and was in service from February 1956 till 1973.

Carey Richardson



FOR SALE

'LUCY' 1950 Model 'K' Bedford Truck

I purchased this truck as a 1948 and that is what it is registered as, but I have since been told its 1950 from the plate numbers.

This truck would be one of the best around Australia with no expense spared.

Originally from Horsham so there is no rust in the body which has had a total respray.

Currently showing 62477 Miles but the speedo was not working and has since been rebuilt.

This is a list of the work undertaken which should better describe the condition.

New 7"x20 tyres including alignment.

Retrimmed seats in red leather. Retrimmed headlining in cream leather.

New window rubbers. New floor matting.

Quarter vent windows re-chromed. Speedometer rebuilt and new cable.

Door cards replaced in red vinyl. Oil pressure and temperature gauges fitted along with thermo fan.

Engine was re-built at some point by others, currently running .060" OS pistons.

Head rebuilt due to leaking head gasket that wasn't torqued correctly, or never re-torqued.

Valves all done at the same time and pressure tested. Zenith 30 VIG carburetor rebuilt.

Distributor rebuilt. New coil, leads, caps and plugs. Radiator serviced and rodded professionally.

Automatic Flash Lube lubrication added for valves. Rebuilt mechanical fuel pump.

New mini alternator fitted in to the old generator housing.

New wiring harness including fitting of indicators and auxiliary power socket.

Voltage regulator fitted to look in keeping but not required with alternator.

Engine gaskets replaced during the head overhaul. New exhaust and muffler.

Reconditioned brake system. Suspension re-bushed and checked along with steering.

Hayman Reece style tow bar, currently not fitted as there is a new spare tyre carrier in its place.

Your option to which you want. Tow bar comes with it.

4 speed gearbox rebuilt with new bearings. (no synchro) Clutch is good and mechanical.

All fluids clean and wheel bearings done. New custom timber tray with tie down points.

Tail shaft rebuilt, diff not touched but clean and silent. The differential is huge.

Chassis cleaned and painted with no rust. New running boards with grip trim.

Bonnet trim material replaced, and bonnet props fitted to aid servicing.

Fuel tank is rust free, painted and has working gauge. Starter serviced.

Original owner manual and a workshop manual.

Original AC oil filter fitter (was missing) converted to fit an available element.

Also available at extra cost, a spare complete engine that was running and several gearboxes complete for parts.

Currently on Vintage registration that is not transferable.

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New rear springs and shock absorbers. New CAT battery. New tyres.

New nearly straight through exhaust that sounds perfect for the car.

Runs the three speed Borg Warner automatic transmission.

The body is very tidy. It has been resprayed at some point and only shows a few minor marks. No visible rust. Body colour red with a black interior.

Seats showed some wear, so it now sports genuine sheepskin custom made seat covers. Door cards in good condition.

The car comes with a hard top along with the original canvas canopy that folds in behind the rear seat. The canopy has a couple of repairs but is still serviceable.

Interior requires some work, but it shouldn't take much to restore or just leave as is.

A joy to drive and own with plenty of power and style for any car enthusiast.

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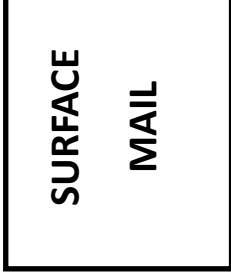
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