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This months front cover photo is the 1913 Siddeley - Deasy 18/24 Tourer of Andrew and Frances McDougall



STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

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

10th November 2024 State Executive Meeting of VCCA (Tas.) Inc.- commencing at 11am at the Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston

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

No Prattle last month as I am not one to be verbose; so will only put pen to paper when I feel it's needed. At the last Executive Meeting there was a lot of discussion on the future direction of Small Torque, and Sections were asked to make enquiries in their geographical areas.

Due to the resignation/retirement of our Club Auditor, there was discussion on finding a new one and the associated costs this could incur. The Federal Government's requirement for "Not for Profit" organisations to file a tax return for the year 2023/24 was also discussed and needed further clarification.

If any Club member would like more information on the above, please consult with your Section Committee members who attend Executive Meetings.

Roger Sly

State President

VALE

The Southern Section members mourn the passing of long-time member Harry Burton and send condolences to his wife Cecilia and the family.

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Southern section events

XMAS LUNCH 8th DECEMBER SEE BELOW IN CALENDAR

SOUTH ARM RSL 12NOON for 1230 sitting

\$40 per head You must book your seats prior / Pay on the day

Contact ROGER SLY 6249 3344

OUR CLUBROOMS ARE OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY 12 NOON - CALL IN FOR A CUPPA AND CHAT

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.

GOT AN IDEA FOR OUTING or RUN – WE CAN ASSIST TO GET IT HAPPENING

BOB - 0431 896 172

TONY- 0458 731 615

MONTHLY RUN EVENTS - VP Bob n Tony will be organising something of interest TBA in newsletter *** THIS MONTH SEE BELOW 27th OCTOBER MORNING TEA RUN

FRIDAY CLUBROOM NIGHTS RESUMING 6th DECEMBER see calendar below

1st Friday after the meeting - FROM 5:30 PM

Come grab a snag off the BBQ - a chin wag - check out some good o'l film footage or a tech session will be the plan on going

Contact JOE 0407 431 643 - BOB 0431 896 172 - TONY 0458 731 615

OCTOBER WHAT'S ON

Committee /General Meetings Return to 1st Tuesdays Monthly as per below

SUNDAY 20th October "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 23rd October – Club rooms open from 12 noon – 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 26th October - SHANNONS -TAKE YOUR TOPS OFF

Convertibles car show for National Breast Cancer Foundation

Parliament House Lawns Hobart -. Flyer in September Small Torque

Entry via Lower Murray St.

9am-2.30pm - No late entry accepted- and entrants must remain until 2.30pm

Contact Rod Belbin on 0408 314 309

MORNING TEA RUN

SUNDAY 27th October - MORNING TEA RUN - THE KINGS OWN INN New Norfolk

Meet clubrooms 9:30 am Depart 10:00 - Morning Tea provided \$10 per person hosted by the Inn owner Allison at her gorgeous 1826 BnB “The Kings Own Inn” 1 Hill St New Norfolk.

Dining on the verandah - come peek into yesteryear - a step back in time -plenty street parking in and around the INN or St Peter's Catholic Church opposite

NUMBERS PLEASE prior to the day PREFER ASAP

BOB 0431 896 172 - TONY 0458 731 615

WEDNESDAYS 30th October – Club rooms open from 12 noon – All welcome

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NOVEMBER WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY 3rd November – Classics on the Beach

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

TUESDAY 5th November - Committee/General Meeting Clubrooms 7pm for 730pm start

WEDNESDAY 6th November – Club rooms open from 12 noon – All welcome

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SUNDAY 10th November - Executive Committee Meeting Launceston Club Rooms

WEDNESDAY 13th November – Club rooms open from 12 noon – All welcome

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WEDNESDAYS 20th & 27th November – Club rooms from 12 noon – All welcome

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

Clubrooms in the shed

FROM 5:30PM

Snags on the bbq

Fingers crossed the english wheel should be up n running for a session with Dr Bob Waddilove

FOR INFO PHONE JOE YOUNG BOB WADDILOVE TONY LANGLOIS

CONTACT NUMBERS IN COMMITTEE LIST OR BEGINNING OF CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8th December

XMAS LUNCH RUN - SOUTH ARM RSL

12 NOON FOR 12:30 Sit down - NAMES TO ROGER BY 1ST DECEMBER

\$40 per head - PLEASE NOTE if you don't book- APOLOGIES No seat No meal

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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

Sunday 27th October – CANCELLED - Rotary Club of Westbury Classics on the Green Car Show . CANCELLED

November 2024

Friday 1st November - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by General meeting at 7.30 at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

Things to keep you motoring over the long weekend -

November 2nd , 3rd & 4th - Pearn's Steamworld - there is an invitation to attend any day.

Sunday 3rd November - 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.

Monday 4th November - Ulverstone Car & Bike Show - see more info this edition of Small Torque in NW Section

Saturday 9th November - Westbury Show - entry off Lyttleton Street, on ground by 9.30 a.m. \$15.00 entry per head.

Saturday 9th November - Ringarooma School & District Show have extended an invitation to VCCA members to display their cars at the show, to be held at the Primary School Grounds with funds going to the school. Vehicle pass at gate and cars to be on the ground preferably by 9.00 a.m. If you can attend please phone Mike on 0458 944 001

Sunday 10th November - State Executive Meeting of VCCA (Tas.) Inc.- commencing at 11am at the Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston

Sunday 10th November - Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near Village Green. Enquiries Joe on 6396 1144.

Sunday 10th November - Inaugural Car, Bike & Boat Show & Swap Meet at Sidmouth Hall 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR MYSTERY RUN

Thursday 14th November - Mystery run and lunch destination - Meet at clubrooms at 10.00 a.m. for morning tea leaving at 10.45a.m. Numbers to Mike 0458 944 001 by

Monday 4th.

Saturday 16th November - Longford Rotary Save the Date, Timeless Beauties & Tunes Car Show at Longford Showgrounds from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Funds to aid Speak Up & Stay Chatty.

November 18th -23rd - National Veteran Rally - If you can help out during the rally please contact Joe Clippingdale.

December 2024

Sunday 1st December - 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.

Tuesday 3rd December - Hadspen Friends Day Centre at Memorial Park, Clare Street, Hadspen - 10.45 a.m. display and rides. Enquiries phone Pam on 0407 826 459

Friday 6th December - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by General meeting at 7.30 at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

Saturday 7th December – Christmas Dinner at the Northern Section Clubrooms.

Time 6.00pm for 6.30pm start. Cost \$20 per head payment by Direct Deposit BSB 067-601 Account No. 28018164 Account name: VCCA (Tas) Northern Section (Surname as reference) or cash to Julie Clippingdale. 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 to confirm your attendance.

Sunday 8th December - Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near Village Green. Enquiries Joe on 6396 1144

Saturday 14th December - Hillwood Berry Farm Cafe - meet at at Lilydale Road Rocherlea, leaving at 11.00 a.m. RSVP to Mike by Sunday 8th on 0458 944 001

Sunday 15th December - Shannon's Classic Car Charity Run at King Street Oval, Campbell Town 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Donations of non perishable foods. Please note: a change in venue this year whilst the football ground is being upgraded. Donations to the Salvation Army. Come along and enjoy a free barbeque supplied by Shannons Insurance and celebrate Christmas with your club members and other car enthusiasts

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Lunch at Blue Berry Barn

Fine weather saw 9 cars and 14 people gather at Legana before making a run to Frankford via Bridgenorth, Rosevale and Selbourne. As we travelled we witnessed the result of the extreme weather we had experienced, many trees were uprooted, roofs off sheds and flattened barns. Along the way we were joined by Joe & Julie in the Falcon Knight and Rod & Debbie in the Merc. Roly & Margaret met us at the lunch stop so we were now 22 and with the rain coming we retired inside for shelter and warmth.

After an enjoyable lunch and the rain still falling some made their way home and the rest elected to continue on to Beaconsfield. After a very wet trip over Holwell and the Kelly we made it to Beacy and the sunshine. From here some elected to take the opportunity to visit friends and relatives so then there were 4 who made it to the Exeter Bakery and a coffee stop before leaving for home.

Mike Cassidy

Visit to Tyler Village Aged Care

2 cars, 3 people, 1 dog and fine weather - what else do you need to make a successful visit to Tyler Village where many residents came out to view our vehicles. After giving a talk on our cars, many stories and memories were shared. Quite a few opted for a short lap around the Complex with one old guy finding the back seat of the Willys so comfortable he had to be coaxed by the Staff to get out. Georgie our dog was equally as popular as our cars.

What a great way to spend a couple of hours to bring enjoyment to our seniors. Thanks for the memories and thanks Paul for helping out.

Mike Cassidy



North West Section Events

NOVEMBER

November 2nd, 3rd and 4th - Steam Up at Pearn's Steam World. 65 Meander Valley Road Westbury.

Are you looking for an excuse to get your pride and joy out onto the road? Then why not take a day trip to Steam Up! The Westbury Preservation Society would like to invite you and your members to Steam Up 2024. Entry to Steam Up is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 to 15 years. A group discount is available on enquiry. Save the Date! for Steam Up at Pearn's Steam World Westbury.

Sunday 3rd November General meeting starting 10.30 am.

Followed by a small run (weather permitting) and lunch at 1pm at Windows on Westella.

Monday 4th November, Ulverstone Car & Bike Show – Entrants: gold coin donation and display vehicles required to be parked by 9.30am. Public entry \$5.00 per adult over 15 years. All proceeds donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Tuesday 5th November Melbourne Cup Day-We will be holding our annual Melbourne Cup Ladies Day event on Tuesday 5th November 2024 and we will be introducing a cover charge of \$5 per person. Bring your sisters, mothers, neighbours and friends. There will be games, sweeps and raffles with lunch and refreshments provided. In order that we can cater sufficiently please advise Toni Bishop on 0448 022 616 or Alana Ayton on 0417 703 841 if you are intending to attend, by October 30th.If anyone has any prize donations also let us know as these will be gratefully appreciated. We always have so much fun, hope to see you there!

Wednesday 6th November 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 November Committee meeting- Commencing at 6pm.

Saturday 16th November- Working Bee, Shed/parts clean up, clean and decorate the clubrooms for the Christmas dinner function, plus mow the lawns. Contact Rocco 03 6424 4718.

Sunday 17th November – 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 17th November – International MENS DAY at Bells Parade, Latrobe.

12 Noon – 2.30pm – Free fun day BBQ, Live Music, Sporting Activities, Car display. More details to follow re: where to park your vintage vehicle and time required to be there by.

Saturday 23rd November Christmas Dinner at Clubrooms' – It's that festive time of the year again. N.W section invites all members and their friends to come and enjoy each other's company at our Christmas Dinner. All sections welcome to attend. Lucky door prizes to be won.

Venue: - North West Clubrooms, 40 Maskell's Rd.,

Time: - 5.30 pm for nibbles.

Time: - 6.30 pm sit down for three (3) course Christmas dinner.

Cost: - \$35.00 p/p

Tea and coffee provided, BYO wines etc. (when booking please advise of any special dietary requirements). Bookings and payments to Toni Bishop, on 0448 022 616 by the 9th November.

Entertainment: This year we will be playing the 'swap and steal' game. Anyone wishing to participate will need to bring a gift to the value of \$10 wrapped in Christmas paper. Gifts can be anything, even Joke presents (these make the game fun). These gifts will need to be handed to Karina at the door and you will be given a number. Other games will be played on the night, depending on time.

Saturday 30th November, Circular Head Show (Stanley). Meet at the truck stop approx. 400 meters west of the first entrance to Wynyard on HWY 1. Depart at 8.45am, assemble at Trethewies Lookout, approx. 3kms from Stanley. This allows us to proceed to the show as one group. We need to be at the show ground by 10am. Laurie 0438 282 443

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st December General Meeting starting at 10.30am. Followed by a small run organised by Andrew (weather permitting) followed by lunch at 12.30pm at the Forth Pub.

Wednesday 4th December 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 December Committee meeting- Commencing at 6pm.

Saturday 7th December Run to Wilmot Summer Market-9.30am at the clubrooms for 10am departure. Arrive Wilmot and enjoy market. Bring chairs, BYO or buy lunch at the market. If weather is favourable lunch will be at Lake Gairdner. Four kilometres of good gravel road to the lake. Even good enough for a Vauxhall. Clubrooms to Lake Gairdner 60 kilometres. Laurie 0438 282 443.

Sunday 15th December Christmas BBQ at Clubrooms-more details to come.

JANUARY 2025

Sunday 12th January New Year's run to somewhere.

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Rally itinerary/Where you can see us:

Tuesday 19th November:

- Selbourne Hall – 10:30am
- Sea Horse Centre, Platypus House and Beauty Point Hotel from midday

Wednesday 20th November:

- Bracknell Football Ground lunch - 1:00pm

Thursday 21st November:

- Display at National Automobile Museum of Tasmania – from 10am until late afternoon

Friday 22nd November:

- Evandale - 10am
- Clarendon House – 12pm

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Contact us:

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**Wheels To
Westbury -
Sunday
13.10.2024**

Another nice day
for a country drive
to Westbury. As
always a couple of
different vehicles,
with the English
cars
outnumbering the
Aussie Classic's.



Photo - Neil Graham's 1935 Riley Imp



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OVER A BREW DOWN SOUTH
“WHO’S HEAD’S ON THE BLOCK”

Hi again all

Hope the sunshine is treating you all well??????

And a trip inside this month to visit a lifer.

Yes Brian Cullen apparently having been sentenced to life for Membership -

What a gentleman and a character in a guy.

A welcome at the front entrance was a chuckle as we read the signage greeting for your choice of front or back doors.

“LORDS N LADIES” to veer left TRADES N OTHERS veer right.

And gladly there were NO “VCCA MEMBERS GO HOME” so we proceeded to trades and others to the right and were greeted as expected by Lord Brian himself and Lady Judy.

Cuppa first up perfect hosts - then to the garage.

VP Bob in tow this trip as life member Brian - leader of club knowledge hopefully would sign off our course on club history.

Well plan was to ask a lot of questions and get his time of near 60yrs of VCCA Southern Section.

Back to the task at hand.

On initially becoming a member of the VCCA southern section I’d always admired the Cullens 53 TD MG.

White / cream in duco striking in every way.

I'd thought many a time that I’d definitely be asking to be taken for a spin at some stage though.

Now in the garage today is a stunning mint example of a mobile loungeroom on wheels. Yes their current club car is a Red 1976 Triumph 2500 PI ato 6cyl.

White cream interior, so plush and as I’ve owned one of these I can vouch as to the design in the UK and absolute comfort plus - Lizzie certainly ensured her local car manufacturers definitely emphasised a lush ride factor.

Sadly Brian n Judy had recently traded care of the beloved 53 TD MG most would be familiar with to within family member custody to get the comfort in the Triumph lounge room style limo.

Must have had a tear or too surely after acquiring the '53 TD in the 90s and only just recently having your son take supervision of her only this year.

I'm hoping though our secretary Mandie gets me a ride in the MG when I talk her into repossessing it from her brother- and if that needs to be after dark Mandie - I'm still up for it?

So Brian tells me on joining the VCCA - and I'll add that was way back when I was a toddler- his wheels were a '29 MORRIS MINOR ROADSTER.

Remember Brian joined the club in the mid 60s - I think 65 to be preciser.

Today still holding in high regard this roadster and also those that came after it.

An early BULLNOSE MORRIS ROADSTER for one example

Austin and Morris were plentiful thru Brian's fleet over the years-

Although I must add, with a French background in my blood from my dad, I was in awe when Brian divulged he also owned a AVIONS VOISIN 1926 town car.

Bought from Launceston in the day but after 40 years he let her go and now resides in the UK close to her place of design origin.

Now these for those unaware were famous for being PreWWII luxury French automobiles manufactured 1919 to 1939.

Gabriel Voisin and brother Charles were established well recognised pioneer aviators.

Around 1907 building biplanes and 1912 military aircraft supply.

Jealous I am yes of the Avions and a photo to prove its existence hangs proudly on Brian's garage wall.

Photos of a few of his fine modes of past transport adorn the walls in the garage along with a board full of commemorative badges and emblems.

On that garage wall also a 20s STUDEBAKER 6 tourer photo was also in the lineup of owned vehicles.

The ever popular 1936 FORD COUPE (no photo available though) also got to reside in the Cullen driveway but here I understand we call daughter Mandie to the witness box.

“Mandie Cullen how do you plead” Guilty or Not Guilty to the accessory that had the coupe sold as no room for a baby Mandie in the coupe cab.

Mandie in a way you've saved us drooling over a 36 Ford Coupe if dad Brian still owned today.

And so yes the Coupe was replaced by a VW beetle.

But all was not lost as Brian states it was of 50s period manufacture sporting the fabulous split rear window.

A true collectible these days when you can find one - with the price to match too.

And I'd have to agree with that as a choice of Beetle if one had to pick.

I'm thinking a return to Brian in the near future for the purpose of getting some VCCA club history and memories.

Meetings at the fellow member Roger Selfs Empire Hotel in North Hobart.

As an Ex publican myself I can fully appreciate the antics of cars n beers n blokes on meeting nights.

Thankyou Sir Brian for you time and chat





UPCOMING 68TH STATE TOUR 8th,9th,10th March 2025

Short update to let you know the State Annual Tour in March 2025 is being run by the Southern Section. It will leave the Southern club rooms each day.

Accommodation suggestions Brighton Hotel motel, Riverfront Motel Rosetta plus B/B etc

We will have a short run on the Saturday to give plenty of time for our Northern and Northwest members to arrive finishing with a meal at the club rooms.

Sunday run will be heading to Dunalley via some very scenic roads. Evening meal that night more details to come.

Mondays will be another short run with trophy presentations allowing plenty of time for everyone to travel home.

Scott Carter State Tour director 0400 059 886

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East Coast Tour.

September 2024 saw a group of 22 VCCA members, from the North West and Northern sections heading east, with the first night at Bridport, then St. Helens and finally Poatina.

Highlights included visits to the woodchipping operation at Bell Bay, where the rain bucketed down. At Musselroe Bay Windfarm, the wind nearly blew us off the face of the earth, followed by lunch in the lee of one of the old keepers cottages at Eddystone Point Lighthouse. Here we discovered our treasurer Diane's great-grandfather was one of the original lighthouse keepers back in the 1890s. Wild life encounters included wallabies, wombats, eagles and deer.

After our night at St Helens, we followed the Fingal Valley taking a side trip through Rossarden with a look at the old tin mine area. Lunch at Campbell Town was followed by scones with jam and cream on arrival at Poatina Village then a roast meal and fireside chat. The journey home turned into a garage crawl to view Andrew's beautiful collection at Westbury, then the best chips and ice-cream at Elizabeth Town's Van Demon Creamery.

We covered nearly 800 kms in 4 days. It was a great social gathering, with lots of new and interesting roads to travel, some great meals and a very enjoyable few days away.

Doug and Barbara, and Malcolm and Mavis put so much effort into finding roads less travelled and interesting places to see. Thank you so much for your efforts. It was very much appreciated.

We can't wait for the next trip.

Sue Turner.



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