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This months front cover photo is the 1953 FJ Holden Standard Sedan of Rod Gelston and Debbie Bailey



STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

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

20th October 2024 Gordon Fysh Memorial Day at Miena.

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.



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**Saturday 26th
October 2024**

**Parliament House
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9am to 2.30pm

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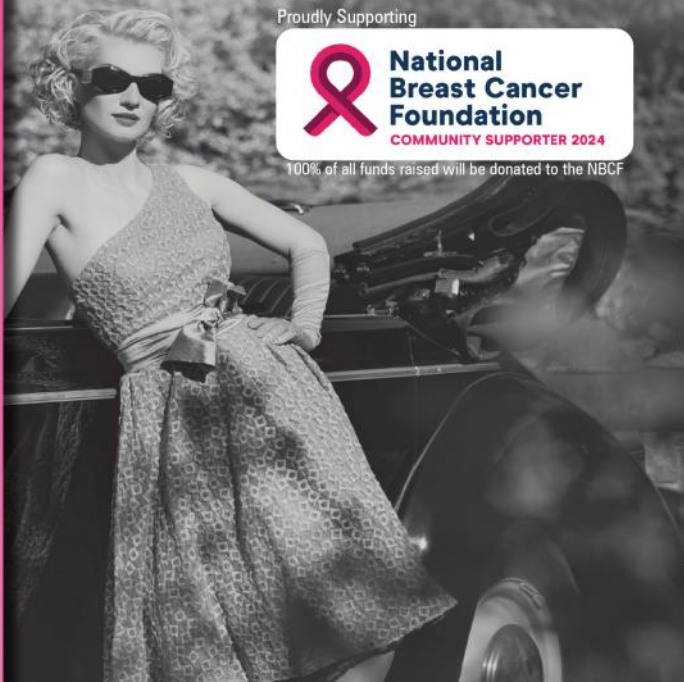
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Southern Section Events

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.

WE ALSO NEED IDEAS FOR OUTINGS and RUNS –

Feel free to contact a committee member with any suggestions of a run ,a pub meal etc

Our OCTOBER Meeting resumes to the 1st Tuesday of the month 7pm for a 730pm start.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 15th September - “Coffee and Cars 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 18th September – 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

Wednesday 25th September – 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

OCTOBER

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

Tuesday 1st Oct - Committee/General Meeting Clubrooms 7pm for 730pm start

Wednesday 2nd October – Club rooms open from 12 noon – All welcome

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Sunday 6th Oct – Classics on the Beach

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

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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

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

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NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd November – Classics on the Beach

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

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Sunday 10th November - Executive Committee Meeting Launceston Club Rooms

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

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A group of mainland veteran and vintage Morris owners and enthusiasts will be touring the Beautiful Apple Isle from **10 to 21 March 2025**.

We would love to see and welcome all Tasmanian Morris enthusiasts to:

Join the convoy, spur us on, clap, cheer, push, laugh, cry and do anything to get us all safely back to Devonport!

Here's our itinerary :

- Mon 10 Arriving on the *Spirit of Tasmania*. Overnight in Devonport.
- Tue 11 Devonport to Burnie via Penguin. Afternoon optional trip to Stanley. Overnight in Burnie.
- Wed 12 Burnie to Queenstown. Take the adventurous C252 over the Pieman or the A10 via Zeehan. Overnight in Queenstown.
- Thu 13 Explore Queenstown and Strahan. Overnight in Queenstown.
- Fri 14 Queenstown to Hobart. Lunch at the Tarraleah hydro power station. Overnight in Hobart.
- Sat 15 Free day in Hobart. Overnight in Hobart.
- Sun 16 In the hands of local Morris men Cedric Reid & Don Jeffrey. A run around the Hobart area is planned. Overnight in Hobart.
- Mon 17 Hobart to Swansea via Richmond for morning tea. Lunch at Orford for overnight stay in Swansea.
- Tue 18 Swansea to Launceston via Campbell Town for morning tea, lunch at Evandale. Overnight in Launceston.
- Wed 19 Explore Launceston. Overnight in Launceston.

- Thu 20 Launceston run to explore the Tamar valley. Overnight in Launceston.
- Fri 21 Launceston to Devonport. Overnight in Devonport.
- Sat 22 Day sail on the *Spirit of Tasmania* to Geelong in Victoria.

In particular, we hope to see as many Morris cars and enthusiasts as possible join us in Hobart

on Sunday 16 March. Let's give Cedric and Don a big day to plan. Likewise with our Tamar Valley run from Launceston on Thursday 20 March.

Let's fly the flag for the Mighty Morris in Tasmania next March.

For contact

VCCA Tas Cedric Reid 0458 000 687

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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

October 2024

Friday 4th - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by General meeting at 7.30 at Northern Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston

Sunday 6th- The Dodge Brothers Club of Australasia National Rally consisting of about 23 vehicles is passing through Westbury about 1.30pm. They are all stopping at Rustville in Westbury for an hour or so. Make your own way there to support their event.

Sunday 6th - 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.

Friday 11th - Aldersgate Aged Care, Kingsmeadows - Display and short rides for residents. 11.00 a.m. - 12.30. If you can help out phone Mike on 0458 944 001.

Sunday 13th - 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 19th - Springfield Plantfest at St. Pauls Church - A great Spring outing, lots of plant and food stalls or bring a picnic. Meet at 9.30 a.m. at the rear entrance to the VCCA Northern Clubrooms or make your own way. We will be

travelling via. The Sideling with a rest stop at the Sideling lookout about 10.15 a.m. Then onwards to St. Pauls at 35727 Tasman Hwy Springfield arriving about 11.00 a.m. There will be 10 car parks set aside for us. Cars must be in place by 11.00 a.m. as any vacant car spots will be filled by others. Organised by Peter Riggall Ph. 0427 358 289.

Saturday 19th - Franklin House Car Show & Swap Meet - 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.- free entry and also free entry to House. Some veterans and vintage would be good.

Sunday 20th - Gordon Fysh Memorial day to Miena - Entry forms on VCCA website - see North West Events for details.

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th - Motorama - We have been invited to display our cars at Motorama Symmons Plains, you can attend on either day or both days. To access our site we would need to be there around 9.30 a.m. and stay till 3.30 p.m. and drivers of these vehicles would be admitted free with all over 16 year old passengers charged \$20. Apart from food stalls everything on site is covered by the entry fee.

Sunday 27th - Rotary Club of Westbury Classics on the Green Car Show - Westbury Village Green from 9.00 a.m.

November 2024

Friday 1st - 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 -

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

Sunday 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.

Monday 4th - Ulverstone Car & Bike Show - see more info this edition of Small

Torque

Saturday 9th - Mystery run and lunch destination - Meet at clubrooms at 10.00 a.m. for morning tea leaving at 10.45 a.m. Numbers to Mike 0458 944 001 by Monday 4th.

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

November 16th - 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.

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

Sunday 24th - Holden GM Car Show - at Windsor Park, Riverside from 10.00 a.m.- 3.00 p.m. This year celebrating LH Torana 50th Anniversary year with lots of entertainment on the day.

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

New Members

We welcome Mark Butcher of Lebrina with a 1939 Morris 8 Sedan to our Club and Northern Section

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& GM CAR
SHOW 2024**



Windsor Park 10AM - 3PM
November 24 *See ya there!*

North West Section Events

October

Wednesday 2nd October 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 a welcome breakfast at the clubrooms, for “Dodge Brothers Club of Australasia National Rally”.

7.00am for breakfast. \$18.00 p/p.

Numbers to Marie Ritson 0438 097 604 by 28th September.

Club members are welcome to come and look at the cars if you don't want breakfast.

Sunday 6th October General meeting starting 10.30am. Followed by a small run (weather permitting) and picnic lunch along the way (please BYO lunch)

Wednesday 9th October Committee meeting, Commencing at 6pm.

Sunday 20th - 2024 October Gordon Fysh Memorial Day. More info on page 24

Wednesday 23rd October, Visit to the Don River Railway. Join with the Devonport Men's Probus Club and wives at the Dell Luck Reserve on Forth Rd., Don, 9.30 - 10 am for coffee and socialising. Cost \$20.00 p/p 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. Please let me know by October 19th if you are intending to attend. Enquiries to Laurie on 0438 282 443.

Saturday 26th October, Visit Devonport Country Club for Bowls Day. Lunch at 12 Midday, followed by Lawn bowls. Lunch will be at your cost. Lawn bowls will be \$15 per person for up to 2 hours. RSVP to Karina on 0450 706 519 by Friday 4th October (text message is ok), as we need to know exact numbers prior.

Sunday 27th October, Rotary Club of Westbury Car Show. Cars to be on Village Green by 9.00am Meet at The United Service Station on the Highway at Elizabeth Town, to leave by 8.15am.

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.

Gary Overton Spraypainting

0487 454 566

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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.

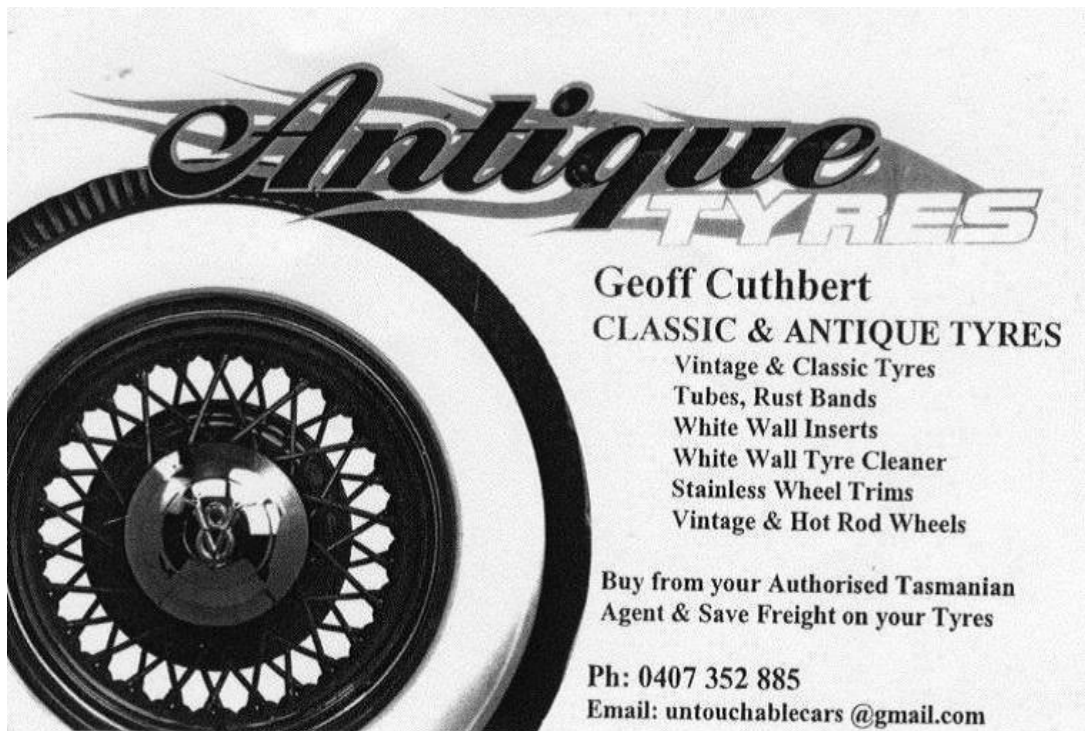
Sunday 15th December Christmas BBQ at Clubrooms-more details to come.

JANUARY 2025

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

FEBRUARY

14th/15th/16th Don River Railway 50th Birthday



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OVER A BREW DOWN SOUTH
“WHOS HEADS ON THE BLOCK”

Well as the months fly by and my 3rd members tale about to go to print.

So I thought we'd grab a new member to the southern section, Ben Reed for the limelight.

Guilty as charged of saving the queen's steel while harboring yanky iron.

Ben had first attended a southern section Friday night show n tell night of Joe Young's as a visitor a year or so back.

On the above event in question- a 1935 Hillman Minx sedan steered in on the VCCA lot that evening - but to the surprise of onlookers - an all of 6ft guy escaped the driver's seat.

Firstly a full head of blonde hair that wasn't a toupee - and a complexion not normal of the expected amount of birthday cake candles one has blown out when owning such a vehicle.

Not stolen / not borrowed from pop but owned by a very likable 25yo.

Now this love for" older fine motors" as Arthur Daley would say - shows when you discover Ben's career is in disability and aged support care.

A chat to introduce, quickly divulges this was not his first oldie in his driveway also.

Ben states his tastes as different- his first car as a young 19yo is his still owned 1949 Morris sidevalve "Low Light".

Sourced and acquired as it was quirky and different.

Now Ben surprisingly admits he'd thought himself to be more likely to go in the direction of a Corvette Stingray or similar- but obviously that desire faded fast.

Green in colour purchased by Ben from the north of Tasmania around March 2018 the 49 Morry is quite a tidy example.

It resides in Ben's driveway under a tarp outside of his family home.

Ben comes across very much a pleasant lad by persona but a dark horse I've learned with his mechanical ability.

“Bert” as Ben has so nicknamed the 49 Morry has had necessary surgery of a full motor rebuilt by Ben himself.



Chuckling as he tells the story of wheeling the engine on a skateboard thru the family home to the sunroom - the “REPCO workshop” of mum’s abode.

A successful revamp to the recovery of those 30 odd horses of the sidevalve. Ben says his sentimental attachment to “Bert” his first car is strong and made no bones that Bert is a stayer for that

very reason.

Now “Ernie” is the title of the second British icon to arrive at Reedshire on avon He’s the Cream 1935 Hillman Minx of Bens collection we mentioned above .

Ernie previously resided in the north also and was purchased by Ben around November 2018.

A barman by night - Ben stashed his notes away to be able to get the Minx.

Now appears Ben’s on a roll here snapping up pommy steel - 2018 seemingly being a buy up year.

Now Ernie too has also experienced the scalpel of Dr Reed with a gearbox rebuild.

I must admit Ernie makes me think of those fabulous pommy tv shows All Creatures Great and Small and Heartbeat - thinking that must be my



East Ender mum in me.

On quizzing Ben - he's reluctant to take the recognition - but should be proud that he'd accomplished this task confidently also in the comfort of mum's sunroom.

At this point one peruses the lounge room for the hiding vehicle lift hoist or the kitchen for signs that it's the mechanical parts wash area.

No, I didn't check the dishwasher for Penrite 30w50 residue- but admittedly the thought went through my mind.

Every Mum should allow a mechanical rebuild in the family living area- You're a "Gem" Mrs Reed.

So with these 2 English gents mechanically fine Ben apparently got the tinkering fingers again.

So off surfing the internet and facebook his desire for difference in motor vehicles is on the hunt yet again.

So back to the Joe Young Friday VCCA night of "Come drive a T truck".

That's our Joe collaring candidates to expand their horizons and hopes of trying new things and different vehicle eras.

Yes Mr Young you've helped another young chap love a veteran.

A T project that is - not an old lady.

Ben splashed out and brought a pile of teen era Model T Ford 1915 parts for a full restoration task.

He'll admit it was a yes no yes no decision with a little can I pull this off thought or two - but in the garage the T is partially assembled already.

Maybe only a jalopy build by appearance but of high quality in the engineering department no doubt.

Probably of a ute type body style but with confidence now at full power I'm sure it will be an exciting path for the ol Henry and Surgeon Ben

This latest project, so named Mr T by Ben at the moment.

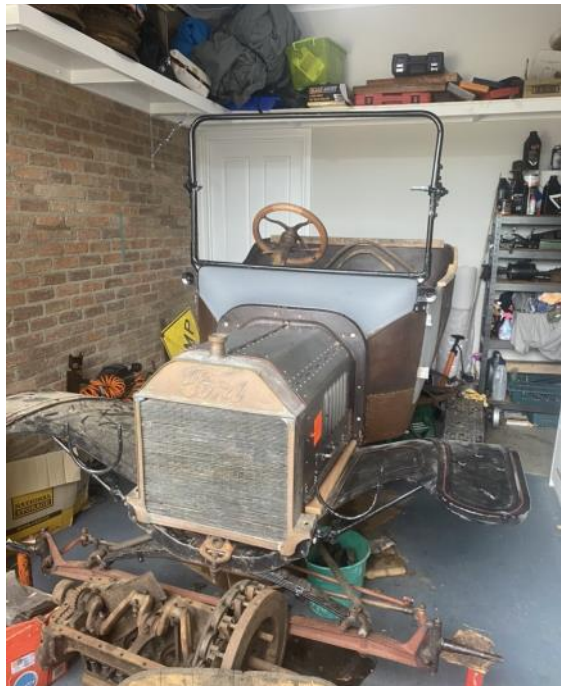
Our VCCA south sector Nigel of FISH engineering is the man behind the machining and white metal pour of the bottom end on this resto.

Then to the sunroom for assembly I guess Dr Reed.

Anyhow thanks Ben for the compassion to save another T back to the bitumen.

As Ben admits he's a Veteran Vintage admirer now thru and thru.

No doubt you'll keep us informed of your progress.



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2024 Gordon Fysh Memorial Day, Sunday October 20th

A recent visit to the Great Lake Lodge has seen that all is in place for this year's event. The Lodge owner has agreed to all our requests which is fantastic and we have now been allocated a private area within the Lodge for registration and setting up of the urn, photo competition board etc. For those lovers of the espresso coffee this can be purchased from the bar and again please consider bringing a photo of your "shiner" and either place it for display or to be judged.

The late Robert Shannon certainly had an interest in this event and supported it. Today Shannon's and Rodney Belbin are continuing with that support, Rodney's support has been as an entrant, beginning some 25 years ago until today with support in the way of a Trophy. To finish off, and if you live in the North of the State can you please refer to September's edition of Small Torque (page 19) for travel arrangements to the event, again should it suit. We look forward to a catch up.

Regards

Greg Bannon

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North West Section Events


Weekend in the highlands. Twenty four members congregated at the Van Diemen's Land Creamery Café for lunch and commencement of the highlands adventure. Northern members joined the group at Golden Valley on a property where the owner has a collection of trucks, tractors, cars, motorbikes and other miscellaneous pieces. Our next stop was at Pine Lake to play in the small amount of snow that was there, then continuing to our accommodation at the Miena Lodge, where a welcoming log fire greeted us. After checking out our rooms, the fire beckoned and a bit of socialising before heading to the Miena Community Centre to share "Christmas in Winter" with the locals. The Community Centre was decked out in the usual Christmas decorations including bon bons. We enjoyed a superb dinner and music supplied by a visiting artist. The music also encouraged dancing later in the evening, as the bar stock diminished so did the quality of the dancing. Sunday morning the weather was a little brisk but fine. We departed the Lodge and arrived at the Waddamana Museum about 10.30am where the guide gave a short history of the Waddamana Power Station. The weather was surprisingly good, no wind or rain, so luncheon was consumed at the BBQ shelter. A decision was made to do the long road back to the Great Lake via Bashan Rd., Victoria Valley Rd., Lake Echo, Dee Lagoon, London Lakes, Bronte Lagoon and the Marlborough Highway a ninety km trip. A good weekend with good company, what more could you ask for. Laurie Bellchambers

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