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## **MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP**

## HELD EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30PM.

The club has commenced regular meetings at an alternate venue (Unit 7, 12 Quilpie Street, Fyshwick) until the Shannon's rooms are reopened for club use. Meetings are usually followed by a talk on some interesting theme, a film or other entertainment and supper. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Standard membership fees are \$50 per year.

Life Members – Ian Irwin O.A.M, Alan Higgisson (D'csd), Garth Fisher (D'csd), Alan Pickup (D'csd)

## **WEBSITE**

Visit our website to find out about club news, upcoming events, and digital copies of The Edwardian. You will many previous editions of The Edwardian here, with more to come in the future as we digitise printed copies of the magazine dating back much further.

http://vvccaact.org.au/

Like our Front Cover? The radiator badges and scripts shown have been specifically chosen as each depicts a marque of which a veteran and/or vintage example has been represented in our Club over the years. At last count there were 116.

## **OUR CLUB**

The Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia ACT (Inc) was formed in 1963. Its Objectives are;

- To sponsor and encourage the preservation, restoration and use of Veteran and Vintage vehicles
- To engage in rallies, exhibitions and other events suitable for Veteran and Vintage vehicles
- To encourage the retention of Veteran and Vintage vehicles in Australia
- To collect and disseminate technical and historical information as shall be of interest to the members
- To offer the services of the Club, its members and vehicles to such charitable organisations as may be decided upon from time to time
- To engage in such other activities associated or allied with all or any of these Objectives which are intended to promote a better and wider knowledge and understanding of Veteran and Vintage vehicles among club members and the public generally

## SAVE THE DATE

## (DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Sunday 12th December	Christmas Pancake Breakfast and Club Presentation at Fyshwick Builders Suppliers, 2 Whyalla St, Fyshwick from 8:30am. Please use the Wyalla St (rear) entrance. The Hogan and Robinson families to cook. BYO plates, cutlery and cups. Club trophies for the previous year will be presented at this event. Chris and Simone Hogan <a href="mailto:simandchris@optusnet.com.au">simandchris@optusnet.com.au</a> or 0402745587
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas dinner in the Bistro at the Woden Hellenic Club. John Cadona has booked tables for 7:30pm for 50 members.
Thursday 13th January	Ice-cream evening at the Gelato Ice Cream Shop in Flinders Way, Manuka (over the road from McDonalds)— Meet at 6:30pm to 7pm. This will be the third year and has been a popular event in the previous two years.
Sunday 16th January (morning)	Old car/bike run to Sutton Bakery. Arrive at 10am for morning tea/coffee. Rob will let the Bakery know that we are coming.
Sunday 16th January (afternoon)	Club BBQ at Rob and Beth Woolley's home commencing 5:30pm. BYO (food, drink, plates etc). Directions address etc. to be sent out nearer the time.
Wednesday 19th January	Club meeting at Unit 7, 12 Quilpie Street, Fyshwick from 7:30pm

**RETREADS**—'Re-tyred' members of many ACT Car Clubs meet informally for lunch at the Southern Cross Club Woden, 12 noon, on the 1st Friday of each month. Also at 12 noon on the 3rd Friday of each month a lunch is held where members, partners, and friends of all car clubs are also welcome to attend. If you plan on attending either, please contact Graham on 0407 199 019 by phone or text to confirm details / attendance so bookings can be increased if necessary. The group is known as "The Retreads". Outings in their old cars are often arranged. The VVCCA (ACT) recognises these outings as legitimate events for any of its members who wish to participate.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the December edition of the Edwardian and special thanks to Darrell and the Executive for their leadership during the past year.

Thanks to Peter and Darrell Leemhuis for making their Office available for Club meetings during Shannon's being lock downed due to Covid.

Thanks to John Cadona for hosting our registration inspection day for members on NSW concessional registration. John not only provided a host for vehicles inspection but also provided a BBQ, sausages rolls, bread and cakes for the members to enjoy along with the FJ Holden and Ferrari Club members. The Club has 16 vehicles on NSW concessional registration.

With Covid restrictions beginning to ease we have been able to restart the monthly Club run and the Thursday Coffee Run which have been well attended. We have many events organised for December and January which include the Pancake Breakfast, Christmas dinner at Hellenic Club, Coffee and Ice Cream run in January and an evening BBQ at the Woolley's.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and may 2022 bring good health and happy veteran and vintage motoring.

Rob

## **EDITORIAL**

Another December edition, and other festive season cover to create! Thank you to all the members who have sent me things to include in this edition. It is these contributions that continues to see positive feedback being received about our magazine, not only from our own members, but the many other clubs that receive it.

My work on the website has slowed a bit, particularly with my side project of scanning the old Edwardian magazines. While I have scanned quite a few now, the time consuming part continues with some tidying up of the images and straightening of the pages.

I spent a week and a bit recently visiting my parents, and starting the long process of cleaning out and packing of their garage in preparation of a move. It is amazing how much stuff can be collected over the years, and how well you can continue packing it in so you can make space for more. I tell myself I will never let mine get that way, but I am sure it is something we all tell ourselves yet never works out that way.

Some Highlights of This Issue
Automotive Notes
Upcoming Presentations
Coffee Run—Gold Creek Cafe
Outback Model T Club Parkes Rally
Coffee Run—Silks Café Fyshwick
Some Early Cars of NSW—Part 1
For Sale/Wanted
Did you Know?
Minutes of November Meeting

Recently my Model T has also left the garage, but still not yet on its own power. It is taking a short trip to someone who is a little more experienced than me for some mechanical maintenance, and in return I have taken their Model T to strip out the electrical system and replace it. I recently did my own car, and was amazed at the quantity of wires that did nothing, and the poor quality of others. How did I ever not have an issue before? With some luck it will be on the road again later in the new year for a few local runs before the National T Ford Rally.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on the road in 2022.

Mathew

## **AUTOMOTIVE NOTES**

## THE NATIONAL CALENDAR

1-4 April, 2022

Council of Historic Motor Clubs (Bush Council) National Rally to be held in the lower Hunter region of NSW at Singleton utilising the facilities of the Singleton Show ground and Singleton Diggers Bowling Club. Hosted by the Newcastle District Vintage & Classic Car Club Inc. Entries will be capped at 140 registrations due to the limited space available at the convention venues. Whilst in Singleton we are looking to keep you all occupied with some in house rallies that may include visits to the Singleton Military and Historical Society Museums, Hunter Vineyards and Gardens, and possibly tours of local Water resources and/or tours through the lower Hunter rural landscapes.

28 April-1 May, 2022

Orange District Antique Motor Club Autumn Tour, sponsored by the National Trust of Australia (NSW). For Veteran and Vintage Cars (pre 1931) only. For more information contact Euan and Wilga Coutts on 02 63651274 or email euanwil@bigpond.com

8-14 May, 2022

1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally—Narrandera, NSW. Hosted by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW). Sunday 8th May 2022 will be a registration day and Saturday 14th May 2022 will be a farewell breakfast. Any enquiries to narrandera2022@gmail.com or visit the website https:// www.vccansw.com/narrandera2022

18 July—11 August, 2022

The Heritage Motorcycle Club of Western Australia is partnering with the Veteran Car Club of Queensland to host the 2022 Brisbane to Broome Rally for a total of 4680km.

25 September-1 October, 2022 Model T Ford National Rally 2022 (20T2)Rally in Dubbo, sponsored by the Model T Ford Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. For more information look under the tab "National Rally" on the Model T Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. website http://www.modeltfordclubnsw.org.au/national-rally-2022.html or email rally20t2@gmail.com

23—28 October, 2022 2022 National Veteran Vehicle Rally, held in Busselton of south-west of WA (2 hours south of Perth), for all roadgoing vehicles build before 31 December, 1918. For more information visit the website https://veterancarclubofwesternaustralia.wildapricot.org/2021-National-Veteran-Rally or email busso2021@gmail.com

Is the calendar missing any major events?

Please email me at mathew.spackman@outlook.com with the details for inclusion in the next issue.

## VIDEO OF THE ISSUE

2021 Vintage Car Trials by the Vintage Sports Car Club in the UK.

I recently received a video attached to an email, so went looking to find some similar ones I could link into this edition. I watch these and think 'the poor cars', and wonder how much damage is done to some of them.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-bRZvbqiRw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3m7\_KTDCiE

## **UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS**

Our monthly meetings are usually followed by a talk on some interesting theme, a film, or some other entertainment over supper.

## Ever wondered......

What it takes to build a main transmission natural gas pipeline? Several years ago Rick spent 6 months with a survey team on just such a project. Hear about the processes and considerations involved. The **January and February** meetings have both been pencilled in as the presentation may need to be held over two evenings.





## Ever wondered......

Where and what you need to build one of these?

For the **March** meeting, club member Roger Gottlob will talk about his current role in the Department of Defence involved in building shipyards to support the Australian Continuous Naval Shipbuilding program.



## **Upcoming Swap Meets and Shows**

5th December 2021—Terribly British Day—Brad Haddin Oval / Town Park in Queanbeyan starting from 10am.
6th March 2022—Shannons Wheels—Queanbeyan Showground. Hosted by the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club. 2021 saw 671 vehicles on display, the most for quite a few years.

# COFFEE RUN – GOLD CREEK CAFE 4 NOVEMBER 2021

For the first time in quite a long while we managed to meet for a mid-week coffee. I had arranged with "Gold Creek Café" for an outdoor table. With our string of wet days I thought booking outdoors had to be ok but once again it rained. Before we arrived, however, the Café staff had put together several tables for us inside which was perfect. Ian & Ida, Rob & Beth, Angelo & Jennifer, Greg and Wayne Young and Nick & Carol joined in and we very easily used up a couple of hours chatting and catching up. It's a very nice café.



**Cheers Nick** 



## OUTBACK MODEL T CLUB PARKES RALLY – 5-8 NOVEMBER 2021

## **Entrants**

Brian and Alicia Day – 1912 T Ford tourer
Richard and Gwen Day – 1915 T Ford Camper
Richard, Melissa, Matilda and Byron Wheatley – 1915 T Ford tourer
Rob and Beth Woolley – 1915 T Ford tourer
Murray and Robyn Alcock – 1922 T Ford centre door
Col and Bobbie Macaulay – 1926 T Ford van
John Preston – 1927 T Ford tourer

Passengers - Helen and Ducky Clemens, David and Deidre Robinson, Glenn and Alex Robinson

The Parkes rally was organised by Brian and Alicia Day, the weather forecast for the weekend indicated a 90% chance of rain but Brian managed to pick routes that would keep us dry for the weekend.

Saturdays route was from Parkes to Forbes where we visited Ducky and Helen Clemens home/museum for morning tea and inspection of their unique collections of Carnival glass, shearing hand pieces and shearing equipment, bottles, model cars, 20,000 eggs, auto memorabilia, spark plugs, aboriginal artefacts and much more. Ducky recently sold a 1910 T Ford and a 1923 T Ford shearer utility.

From Forbes we travelled onto Eugowra and then to a roadside stop near where Ben Hall the bushranger had been active. Following lunch, we travelled along a great road stopping in Manildra for coffee and ice creams before returning to Parkes covering about 200kms.

Saturday night the Club held their AGM followed by a BBQ dinner at Brian and Alicia home.

Sundays run was to Forbes via Nelungaloo along quiet country roads. From Forbes we travelled to Jemalong Weir for morning tea and a look at the Weir and irrigation canal. The road from Forbes to Condobolin featured a number of amazing pieces of roadside art.

- The first piece of art was titled "Road Kill" highlighting kangaroos taking revenge on motorist for killing them.
- The second piece is called "Amazing"
- The third piece is a water tower representing change and advancement in technology
- The fourth piece is a "Bird in the hand". The bird and hand was made from 16kms of 10mm stainless steel chain with every link welded to at least one other link.
- The fifth piece an aboriginal man titled the "Heart of the Country".

We stopped in Condobolin at the park for lunch. The rain started so it was decided to refuel and head back to Parkes for another BBQ at Brian and Alicia's. Today's run was approximately 250kms. All Model T's enjoyed a trouble free weekend.

A great weekend thanks to Brian and Alicia for their hospitality and organising great runs through scenic country.

Rob and Beth Woolley

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## COFFEE RUN – SILKS CAFÉ FYSHWICK 2 DECEMBER 2021

The Coffee run was well attended with 19 people and 4 Club cars. It was great to see Roy Bendall in his Model T Ford after the differential rebuild. It was also great that Robert Aernout from Braidwood was able to join us for coffee.

Photos of those who attended are below.

Rob.



## SOME EARLY CARS OF NEW SOUTH WALES PART 1- BY IAN IRWIN

I have been collecting historical information on early cars in New South Wales since I was about 10 years old. (that's 70 years ago.) Some of our members will know that I intended to put a lot of this into a book, but little did I know just how time consuming and all-absorbing this task might be. There seems to be no end to the number and the fascinating variety of vehicles that came into New South Wales in the first decade of the 20th Century.

All over the country there are keen enthusiasts who love these old motoring photographs and their associated anecdotes. It would be a great pity if my collection were to remain unseen. Age is no longer on my side, for I have too many projects on my plate to continue to contemplate the compilation of a book covering this subject. So that the nature of what has been gathered will not be lost in the passage of time, I propose to submit four or five pages to the Edwardian as time permits, which I hope members will enjoy.

I would really welcome feedback, and happy to be corrected if I have erred in the identification of a motor vehicle. Let's begin. Information which came to me relating to the first two photos tells us that this was the first car on the Monaro. Frank Rodwell of Cooma, a long-time ago member of our Veteran Car Club (as it was then), sent me these photos.





The owner was Ted O'Hare of Coorowong Station, via Dalgety. This station of 100 square miles was founded in the 1850s in something of a squatter settlement, by James O'Hare (1822-1900) an ex-patriot from County Down, Northern Ireland. Unfortunately, the first list of NSW registrations, published in 1911, reveals plate No 211 was registered to Boyd Edkins of Vauxhall fame, on a Humber, but that's not this car. It's most unusual to have a plate painted on the radiator of a NSW car. Anyone keen to identify it?

This little gem is an 1899-1900 Clement-Panhard. Sold under licence in Scotland, irt was known at the Stanhope. The Sydney owner was a photographer who had snaps taken of it in a number of locations. These included approaching the punt at the Spit, and several in from of his home. It is known that he travelled to his native Scotland in 1900 (many photos to evidence this), so this is probably a car he brought to Sydney from there in c 1901 or 1902. Notice the central pivot

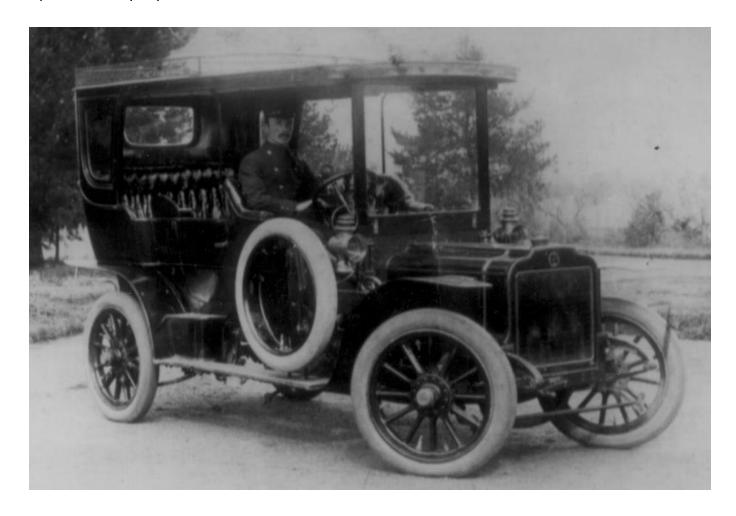


steering system on the front axle. That would have been a handful in its halcyon days!



If you were on the waterfront at Manly in c 1903/4 you will surely recall seeing this vehicle. There is some debate as to it identity. In any event it was a hire vehicle, as it has its identity number, 58, painted on the bodywork just behind where the dress of the young lady is protruding from the car.

This Brasier is reputedly a 1904 model, with interesting coachwork. It has the hallmarks of being a car on delivery. Doubtless the car had side curtains that either were on rollers, or stud-mountings. The hood is exceptionally high for such an early car, and the fixed roof rack suggests it was intended for touring. An impressive car by any standards.





Arthur Allen was the founder of the celebrated Allen's Music Stores in Sydney. He we see him being driven by his chauffeur in his FIAT on the road from Sackville Reach on the Hawkesbury River to Wisemans Ferry. The road to the left is from Parramatta. (Photo: The Allen Albums. State Library of NSW). An evocative image that could have been taken anywhere. The road may be dry today but wait until the rains come!

This little Renault is parading at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney during the first weekend in April 1901.





One of two Winton cars brought on a promotional tour of NSW in 1901. It is seen here at the opening of the cycle path from Many to Pittwater. (The Sydney Mail. 14 September 1901.)



Sydney department store proprietor Mark Foy owned many early cars. Here we have his Firefly car. (Made only 1902-1904) The caption stated it to be a 9 HP single-cylinder example, but it is more likely the twin cylinder model. Few were made, and none are known to have survived. Rick featured a photo of this car in Braidwood some time ago. (Photo: The Referee. 24 April 1907.)



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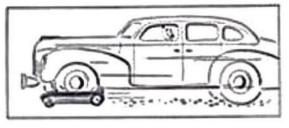
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## Did you know?

Is that a fish?

Yes, but it's no joke! Exhibited at the Kyoto 2018 Concours d'Elegance, this Fiat 509 A Delfino was a huge success among visitors to the event, rivalling a magnificent Miura for the People's Choice award.

So, when and how was it built? This car dates back almost a century, to 1925. It was constructed at the Martelleria Italiana Riva Panzeri shop in Milan. Its aluminum body was entirely handcrafted, and the fish skin effect was created on the newly finished bodywork by means of a manual process that consisted of rotating bottle corks, covered in abrasive paper, over its entire surface. On completion of this painstaking work, the body was finished with glossy transparent paint to make the whole vehicle, complete with mouth and eyes, look even more fishlike. This whimsical masterpiece survived WWII and subsequently — we are not kidding you —was even restored by one of those involved in its original construction. Indeed, a certain Alfredo Acquati, who had been a young panel beater at the time the car was built, came across it in the 1970s and restored it to its former glory. Magnificent! Far from a joke, this is a real gift to the "unusual" car collecting world.

Credit: The Classis Car Trust website: https://tcct.com/news/2020/04/is-that-a-fish/

Thank you to Bill Atkinson for sending this in. Bill would also like to make it known he may or may not endorse the body styling, will leave it up the members to decide!



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) 17 NOVEMBER, 2021

Location: Meeting held at Darrell Leemhuis' office in Fyshwick

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm by President Rob Wooley

Attendance: Members: 18. Apologies: 5. Guests: Nil.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Accepted – Moved: Rick McDonough. Seconded: Darrell Leemhuis.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

## Correspondence In:

- Various magazines.
- Several emails from St George Bank
- Confirmation that "The Automobile" is cancelled.

## Correspondence Out:

- Get well card for Silvia re her recent motor bike accident.
- Letters to St George Bank re the change of Club signatories.
- Several emails to members re Club matters.
- Payment of \$26 to Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW Inc. annual Affiliation fees.
- Letter to "The Automobile" magazine cancelling the Club subscription.

Secretary's report accepted – Moved: Nick Nowak. Seconded: Peter Leemhuis.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Balance: Bank details tabled.

Any claims: \$100 refund to John Cadona who paid Don Doering at the October meeting for costs for the Club "Soup Lunch" at Don & Beverley Doering's home.

Nick Nowak advised that both accounts with St George can now be operated, electronicly, with one signature.

Nick also advised that on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the new Investment Account to be set up with St George Bank for the sum of \$29000-00. The four Account signatories will meet at the Bank to sign the papers.

Treasurers Report accepted – Moved: John Cadona, Seconded: Carol Nowak.

## **EDITOR'S REPORT**

Mathew Spackman advised he has commenced the next Edwardian magazine and would gratefully accept any articles and reports.

#### **WEBMASTER**

Rob Woolley said that the Club web-page looks great. He also said that we hadn't been receiving electronically the Victorian Club magazine. Mathew said that there had been several problems with the Vic. Magazine but it should be ok from now on.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Carol Nowak reported that membership remains un-changed at 60 members.

#### **DATING OFFICER'S REPORT**

lan Irwin said Dating requests had ceased for the time being and nil to report.

#### **EVENTS REPORT**

- <u>1</u> Nick reported that the recent midweek coffee get-together at Gold Creek Café was successful. Ten members attended on a very wet day.
- <u>2</u> John Cadona said that even though the weather prediction for next Sunday's Club run to his property looked bad that the event would still go ahead. John has also invited members from the FJ Holden and Ferrari Clubs to join our Club for lunch. The event is a BYO BBQ however John will provide Italian bread plus cakes for dessert. Rob Woolley said that he would be inspecting concessional NSW registered Club vehicles for further rego.
- <u>3</u> Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Midweek coffee at Silk Café in Fyshwick. Rob and Nick to organize and notify members. Again Rob and Nick will arrange for another midweek coffee for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Members will be notified re venue and time nearer the time.
- 4 Newly elected "Events Director" Darrell Leemhuis advised the following events for December and January:-
- .....8-30am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December Pancake breakfast in Lennox Gardens, off Flynn Drive, Yarralumla, behind the Hyatt Hotel. The Hogan and Robinson families to cook. BYO plates, cutlery and cups. Club trophies for the previous year will be presented at this event. If wet John Cadona's Fyshwick timber yard is backup. The event will go ahead whatever the weather.
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- ......Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January Club meeting.
- **5** Darrell will arrange a Club event for February.

Members to discuss future events etc. at the January meeting.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Roy Bendall was unable to attend the meeting – no report.

#### **REGISTRAR"S REPORT**

Rob has carried out quite a few rego's. Nick only two.

Rob advised that the proposed new 60 day concessional rego. scheme was still being sorted out by ACT Govt. Clubs should see the new system introduced by mid next year?

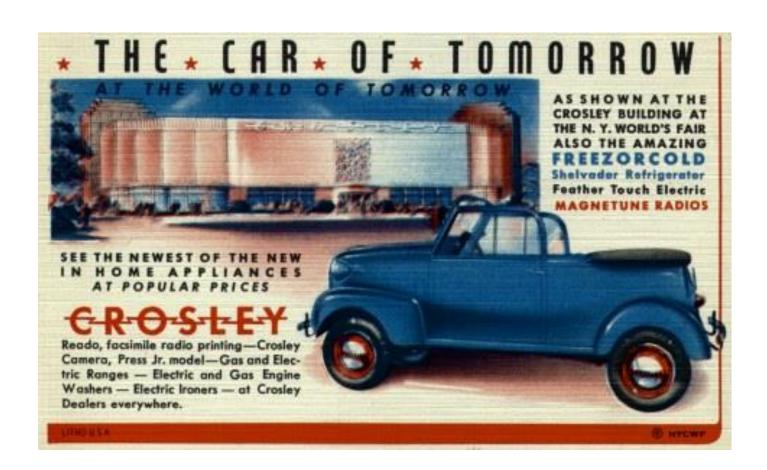
#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- <u>1</u> Nick advised that he had created a new By-law to permit the Club St George Bank accounts to be operated by any one approved signature instead of the two signatures required in the Constitution. The Bank accepted the By -law (No 15). Nick will also see if the Club requires a By-law to extend the maximum term that a President can remain in his/her position from two years to four years "only in the extreme situation that the Club is unable to appoint a new President". Members will be notified of the new additional By-laws in the Edwardian
- <u>2</u> Rob asked members if they would be interested in having a Club cloth patch able to be sown on jackets and overalls. Several members were interested. Darrell said that he would also get a quote to see what a Club T-shirt would cost.
- 3 Mathew had a number of Club vinyl windscreen stickers which he passed out to members.
- <u>4</u> Rob informed members that Dave Robinson had fainted during the recent Outback "T" Ford tour and ended up in the Orange Hospital where he was checked out. Dave has been told to take things easy for the time being.

## Meeting Closed: 8pm.

## **After Meeting Activity:**

Rob showed us some great photos from the recent Outback "T" Ford tour in the Parks/ Forbes district. Thanks Rob.



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