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## MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP

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

The club will soon commence regular meetings again, however at an alternate venue 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 then by supper. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Standard membership fees are \$50 per year. However, for the 2020/21 financial year fees are \$25.

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

*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

Tuesday, 5th November, 2020	Mid-week coffee morning at Daughters at Hall (5 Victoria Street, Hall)
Wednesday, 18th November, 2020	Monthly general meeting at alternate venue. Details to be provided.
Sunday, 22nd November, 2020	Lunch time visit to Peter Leemhuis' property off the Monaro Highway. Further details will be sent out closer to the date.
Sunday, 6th December, 2020	Pancake Breakfast (Club BBQ trailer) at the Canberra Nara Peace Park,
Wednesday, 16th December, 2020	Possible evening Club Christmas dinner. Further information will be
Sunday, 17th January, 2021	Club BBQ at Rob and Beth Woolley's. Rob will provide details nearer
Wednesday, 20th January, 2021	Monthly general meeting. Details to be confirmed closer to the date.

**RETREADS**—'Re-tyred' members of many ACT Car Clubs meet informally for a light lunch at the Southern Cross Club Woden, at 12 noon on the 1st Friday of each month (**starting again from November 6, except January which is New Years Day**). The group is known as "The Retreads". Outings in their old cars are often arranged. The VVCCA (ACT) recognises these

### COVID-19 IMPACTS ON CLUB EVENTS

Government regulations around COVID-19 and the potential risk it poses to members and the Community has continued to affect our regular events and meetings, however events and regular club meetings have now either restarted or are scheduled to restart. Our regular Shannons meeting room still remains closed to clubs however, and it is likely to remain unchanged until the new year, so an alternate venue will be used.

If you were planning on attending other rallies or "old " vehicle events, please check their websites or Facebook to see if they are still going ahead or if they have been rescheduled or cancelled.

The Committee can't wait to see the old cars and bikes back out on the road and have a couple of ideas for events and/or runs.

## EDITORIAL

Firstly a welcome to our new member Simon Hermes.

Some events have now restarted, but I have not been able to make it to one yet. I was out at the Cotter on Sunday morning ready for breakfast, but nobody else turned up. I should clarify though I was actually there setting up for my son's 2nd Birthday Party.

Work continues on my Model T. I have now repainted the chassis and a few of the other parts. I even put the first part back on! (see photo below). I still have a long way to go though. All of the guards are currently undergoing some repairs to remove a few of the minor scrapes and dents from over the years before a respray. The engine rebuild is coming along nicely (not by me) and the engine should be back in the car at Christmas (hopefully)!

I have also been drawing up my old firewall with the aim of cutting out a new one. I will keep everyone posted on the result.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

### Some Highlights of This Issue

Video(s) of the Issue

Automotive Notes

TAVCCA AGM Report

Motoring Feats

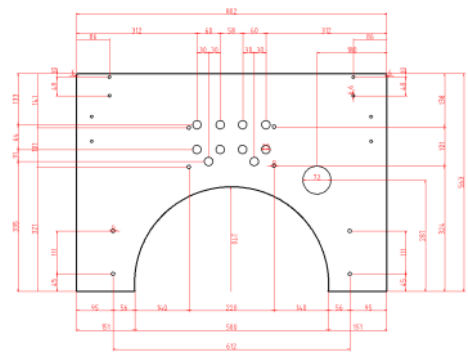
Emergency Services in 1919—Part 2

Breakfast Run to Cotter Reserve

Coffee Run to Sutton Bakery

Mid-Week Coffee Run to Tulip's at Pialligo

Classifieds



### Have anything to share?

Taken the old car out? Been to a swap meet? Done a bit of maintenance? Something to sell? If you have a spare moment, please grab a couple of photos and jot down a couple of notes and send it through. All contributions to The Edwardian are welcome. Just e-mail [matthew.spackman@outlook.com](mailto:matthew.spackman@outlook.com).

## VIDEO(S) OF THE ISSUE

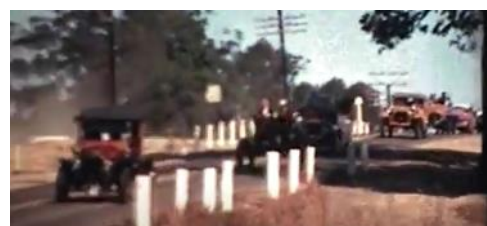
Thank you to all the messages about the last unknown video, which was in fact another from the 1970 International Rally which has now been added to those I already had from that rally. Based on that success, I have added a another two unknown videos from my collection in the hope someone may be able to recognise those. I will add another two in the next issue.

If you can shed some light, please get in contact with me at [matthew.spackman@outlook.com](mailto:matthew.spackman@outlook.com)

You can watch the videos at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bJWb370DHc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9jozw-IDaA>



## AUTOMOTIVE NOTES

### News from the Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc.

#### 60 day usage and club runs for CRS vehicles approved by ACT Government

- The President of the Council ACT Motor Clubs, has received a letter from the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety, Shane Rattenbury, advising that he has approved amendments to the Vintage, Veteran and Historic vehicle scheme to allow for 60 day and club run usage.
- No start date for the amended scheme has been given, as there is some administrative tasks to be worked through such as design of a log book, new number plates and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and the Council to be approved.
- To qualify for the scheme vehicle owners will have to be a member of a vehicle club in ACT which is affiliated to the Council of ACT Motor Clubs (no change), require to have a road worthy vehicle more than 30 years old and keep a log book entry for each journey undertaken.
- The Minister also agreed to allow modified vehicles access to the 60 day arrangement, supported by 'Modified Historic' number plates. Vehicles must be 30 years old, meet full roadworthy requirements and the owner must be a member of a vehicle club affiliated with Council.
- No amendments to registration fees will be needed as part of the new arrangements, apart from the annual review of road transport fees. Premiums for the Motor Accident Insurance will be determined by the relevant Insurance Companies.
- This has been a long drawn out process but the ACT will no align with NSW on this matter. CACTMC's President has asked that clubs be patient for a little longer while the administrative processes are defined and enabled.

## THE NATIONAL CALENDAR

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|---------------------|---|
| 7 – 13 April, 2021  | 1 & 2 Cyl National Rally – Charleville, QLD. Hosted by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (QLD) Inc. For more information contact the 2020 National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Directors Graham Donges 0417 718 617 • Irene Donges 0419 751 324 or <a href="https://www.vccaq.com/2020-1-2-national">https://www.vccaq.com/2020-1-2-national</a>   |
| 9 – 12 April, 2021  | Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW Annual Rally - Temora, NSW. Limited to 100 entries. For entry form and accommodation options visit: <a href="http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/historic-and-heritage-motor-events.php">http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/historic-and-heritage-motor-events.php</a>   |
| 10—16 October, 2021 | RACV National Veteran Car Rally - Based in Swan Hill on the Murray River, the rally will celebrate Rural Edwardian Australiana. Suitable for both large and small veterans, 1&2's will easily cope with the terrain and the runs. The rally starts on Sunday afternoon (October 10th) and finishes on Saturday morning (October 16th). Rally Directors Michael & Claudia Holding 0407 008 895 or email <a href="mailto:mholding@netspace.net.au">mholding@netspace.net.au</a> for the spiel: <a href="mailto:claudia_holding@hotmail.com">claudia_holding@hotmail.com</a> for the facts! Website is <a href="https://veterancarclub.org.au/?page_id=2408">https://veterancarclub.org.au/?page_id=2408</a> |

**Is the calendar missing any major events?**

**Please email me at [mathew.spackman@outlook.com](mailto:mathew.spackman@outlook.com) with the details for inclusion in the next issue.**



## THE ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN CAR CLUBS IN AUSTRALIA (TAVVCA) - ANNUAL REPORT

*Thank you to Peter Arnold, President of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) for writing this report and making it available for us to publish in The Edwardian.*

The AGM of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA), our national association, was held earlier this month. Below are some of the highlights.

### **Dating Group Report:**

- The meeting agreed to the recommendations of the Dating Chairs which met during the year. These included the continuation of the dating group meeting by Zoom which will be known as the Dating Advisory Committee (DAC) and be comprised of the Dating Chairs from each member club, the FIVA Technical Officer, Andrew McDougall and the National Chairman, Paul Daly. I (Peter) will chair the committee initially but would like to hand that role over to one of the Dating members in time.
- The role of the DAC will be to implement the standardisation of the Dating Application form and the development of a universal Dating Certificate which would be available for clubs to download online. The group will also act as a forum between the member clubs on all aspects of dating and make recommendations to the National Committee where appropriate.

### **100 Year Badges:**

- There was a push to allow the issue of 100 Year Badges without the need for formal dating of the vehicle. A number of clubs, including Queensland, raised concerns about having the year of manufacture of a vehicle engraved on the badge without it being verified by formal dating. This was resolved by agreeing to only have the make and model (no date) on such a vehicle's badge.

### **Constitution:**

- At the last AGM, the delegates decided that TAVCCA should become an Incorporated Association and appointed a working party to develop a constitution for consideration. The working party has been meeting by Zoom for the past 6 months to write the proposed draft constitution which was tabled at the meeting. This draft can now go to member clubs for consideration with March 2021 as the deadline for return submissions.

### **FIVA Report :**

- There were 2 points of interest from this report. The first is that FIVA Passports, which are issued by Andrew McDougall to any Australian historic vehicle which is participating in a FIVA event to prove eligibility, and will be issued electronically in future.
- The second is the result of the on-line Socio-Economic Survey which was sent to all club members to complete. This is a worldwide survey with Australia having the 6th largest response with 1,691 returns which is a statistically significant result. France had the highest with over 6,500 and countries like UK and USA had a very low return rate. Congratulations to those who went on-line to complete the survey. When the results are collated, this information will prove invaluable when lobbying governments.

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### National Events :

- Both the Charleville One and Two and the National Rally in Swan Hill are in a wait and see mode at the moment watching COVID trends and planning for various outcomes. Both committees are eager to go ahead with their events and prepared to make modifications where needed but not risk the safety of participants.

### The Brisbane to Broome Rally:

- Has been postponed to 2022 and is now being planned as a joint venture with the Heritage Motorcycle Club of WA. VCCAQ will organise the Eastern section with WA responsible for the western section. It is open to all veteran cars, commercials and motorcycles and will be held from 18th July to 11th August 2022 and entry form are available from either club.

### AHVIG

- As a result of a decision at last year's AGM, The Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group (AHVIG) was approached as a group that we considered to be doing good work in furthering the interests of our members. Through the work of Doug Young and others they have made numerous submissions to all tiers of government on the subject of removing Luxury Vehicle Tax (LVT) on vehicles over 30 years old and the issue of asbestos in imported vehicle. Daryl Meek was asked to represent us on AHVIG and gave a comprehensive report back.
- We initially said we would review our relationship after 2 years but have agreed to extend that by 12 months due to the inactivity during the COVID crisis. Like us, AHVIG has decided to seek incorporation as it plans to expand its advocacy role and its relationship with government. There has been some success on the LVT issue with the submission being listed in Senate papers earlier this year, but the Government priorities changed with COVID 19. Hopefully it will be relisted when discussions restart. There has also been relaxation where a vehicle is exported for restoration and then re-imported without changing ownership. AHVIG is also looking at adopting the FIVA standards as listed in the Charter of Turin, particularly in relation to category descriptors.

### Office Bearers

- Because the National Rally cycle was pushed out one year due to COVID and the rotation for office-bearers is tied to the National Rally cycle, it is Victoria's turn to again nominate the Chairman and W.A. the vice Chairman. Both Paul Daley and John Burke have been appointed to hold those respective roles. Hamish McDonald has had his role of Secretary Treasurer extended for another year. Congratulations to all and we look forward to working with you for another year.



## MOTORING FEATS

Thanks to Ian for sending this in., originally published in *The Referee*, a newspaper published in Sydney from 1886 to 1939.

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### CRACKING EGGS WITH MOTOR CARS. SOME REMARKABLE FEATS.

In order to demonstrate his complete control of a motor-vehicle, and incidentally to show his driving prowess, an enterprising motorist devised a curious feat. It is not everyone that would trust his watch to the tender mercies of a car weighing some fifteen hundredweight for the purpose of closing its case. Yet this driver can carry out the operation with as much ease as the skilful conjurer can bake a cake in your best silk hat. For this curious performance the motorist utilises a small teeter, which is placed on the ground with the watch, one of the ordinary type, with the back case opened. The car is then driven backward on to the teeter, pressing the opened case back into position, which closes with a click as the car comes to a stop, without cracking the watch glass or otherwise damaging the timepiece.

A rival motorist, determined not to be outshone by this performance, utilises a hen's egg in place of the watch. A similar teeter is used, upon which the egg is laid. In this case the motorist drives the car backwards or forwards as desired, and just strikes the egg with the wheel with sufficient force to fracture the shell. The crack can be distinctly heard. The contents of the egg, however, are in no way disturbed, and when opened the yolk is found to be as intact as if the shell had been broken by the housewife in the orthodox method.

Quite a stir was caused at a circus recently by a tight-rope walker carrying out his gyrations upon a wire carried on a motor-car while the vehicle was travelling round the arena at full speed. At each end of the vehicle a pole was raised about 10ft in height, and from the top stretched a wire. Upon this walked the tight-rope exponent, while his companion drove the vehicle below. Considering the inequalities of the ground and the rapidity with which the motorist turned sharp corners, the ability of the man on the rope to retain his balance was remarkable.

Another ambitious and skilful manipulator is at the present time rehearsing a tight-rope performance in which the machine itself is to participate. For this purpose two ropes about 1½ in each in thickness and some 150ft in length are slung between supports at a height from the ground. The distance between the two ropes is equivalent to the track of the wheels.

The car itself has no tyres, but the concave parts of the rims is made to run on the ropes. While the vehicle is itself being driven along this aerial ropeway another performer indulges in gymnastic feats upon an apparatus fixed to the car. This performance calls for considerable nerve and skill on the part of both the performers, since the driver has to study carefully the sagging tendencies of the rope, which when the car reaches the central point are considerable, while at the same time there is a decided side-swinging which necessitates constant consideration. Furthermore, the motorist has to counteract the movements of the acrobat so that the equilibrium of the vehicle may not be disturbed.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES IN 1919 – PART 2

After publishing a couple of photos in the last edition (sent to me by Ian) of Emergency Services in the 1919 Flu Epidemic, I was provided a few more photos from the same series from one of our readers Andrew Benoit in the Veteran Car Club of Australia NSW. Thank you to Andrew for sending them through.





## BREAKFAST RUN TO COTTER RESERVE

### SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2020

Due to rain it was decided to transfer the breakfast run to Rob and Beth Woolley's where eight members had a great time cooking breakfast, drinking cappuccinos and enjoying each other company.

Present were—Nick and Carol Nowak, Gerard Frawley, Wayne Young and Silvia, Roy Bendall, Rob and Beth Woolley.

Rob Woolley



## COFFEE RUN TO SUTTON BAKERY

### SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 2020

After refitting the hogs head to our Model T, I was keen to give it a run to check oil leaks,.Chris was also keen to give the Chevrolet a run, so we decided to arrange a run at short notice to Sutton Bakery. To comply with current restrictions, we agreed to meet at the bakery and members could select their own route to get there and return home.

The coffee was great and the cakes to die for. We had a good roll up with:

Darrell Leemhuis – 1999 HSV Holden  
Wayne and Sandra – 1954 Austin Healey  
John Prentice – Wolsey Hornet  
Greg and Mary Spackman – 1923 Talbot Darracq  
Chris, Simone, Nicholas and Madeline Hogan – 1928 Chevrolet  
Wayne Young and Silvia – 1930 Model A Ford  
Darren and Debbie Beauchamp – 1917 Model T Ford  
Rob and Beth Woolley – 1915 Model T Ford  
Mal Smith – modern

Rob Woolley



## MID-WEEK COFFEE RUN TO TULIP'S AT PIALLIGO

### THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2020

The mid-week “run” was a great success. Twelve Club members met for coffee at Tulip’s Café in Pialligo for a couple of hours and included a lot of talking and the swapping of technical information. Our lady members also went for a stroll around that part of Pialligo. Once again no old cars – it was a wet day and didn’t fine up until late morning.

It was particularly nice to welcome new member, Simon Hermes, to his first Club Event. Simon has recently purchased an unrestored 1917 Model 90 Overland tourer. As you can guess I’m happy to see another Overland in the Club. My car is a Model 59 so 33 different models must have been considered during the six years from 1912 to 1917. I only know of half a dozen model numbers that were actually made into cars.

We agreed that we should hold another mid-week event in several weeks’ time.

Cheers Nick

Attending - Terry & Glenda, Wayne Young, Roy, Rob & Beth, Simon, Greg & Mary and Nick & Carol





**Did you know?**

**What are these?**



These are Traffic light prisms. They were used from the 1920's into the 1950's to view traffic lights that were often mounted on wires high in the centre of the intersections and were obscured by the roof or visor of the car.

**What are all of the pedals on this 1950 Buick?**

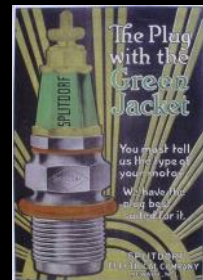


Starting from the left, the parking brake, dimmer switch, clutch pedal, brake pedal, gas pedal, and then the starter pedal. The starter pedal however was more than a foot actuated electrical switch. It also connected to a mechanical linkage that moved the starter pinion into mechanical engagement with the engines flywheel ring gear.

**Why do these spark plugs have green insulators?**



Released by the Splitdorf Company, these insulators were made out of ruby mica rather than porcelain. The mica was more durable than porcelain being less susceptible to cracks or breaking.



**Did you know that some engine oil filters used toilet paper as filter elements?**



These were popular when the Model T was new, but were still being sold into the 50's.

**Upcoming Swap Meets and Shows**

**Sunday 6th December 2020**—Terribly British Day will be held in Queanbeyan Park. Entry by gold coin donation

**Sunday 7th March 2021**—Shannons Wheels is scheduled at Queanbeyan Showground.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <b>VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)</b> <b>21 ST OCTOBER 2020</b></p>
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**Location:** Meeting held at Darren Leemhuis' office in Fyshwick

**Meeting Opened:** 7:34pm by President Darrell Leemhuis

**Attendance:** Whole committee invited to attend, 11 committee members attended

The meeting was arranged to discuss:

1. To consider re-starting monthly meetings
2. Where to hold meetings until such time that Shannons re-open their meeting room
3. Future events
4. To reimburse any members owed money for Club matters, and
5. General business

**Re-starting Club Meetings**

1. The meeting discussed and decided that monthly Club meetings should re-commence as from 18th November 2020.
2. The Shannons meeting room is likely to remain closed to local car clubs for the immediate future. Two temporary venues were considered – the Spanish Club and Darrell's office area. It was agreed that Darrell's office area can comfortably accommodate 20 or so members and the meeting decided to use this area until Shannons re-opens its meeting room. Nick to talk to Steven Farmer (Shannons) to see if Shannons have any plans to re-open and let Steven know of our current plans.

**Club Events**

3. The Committee also decided to re-commence Club activities. The following is proposed:
  - Sunday 25th October 2020 – Club Breakfast BBQ at the Cotter picnic area. Members have been notified. If the BBQ is washed out members are welcome at Rob and Beth Woolley's house and to still have the BBQ.
  - Wednesday 18th November 2020 – Monthly general meeting. Advice will be sent out.
  - Sunday 22nd November 2020 – Lunch time visit to Peter Leemhuis' property off the Monaro Highway. Darrell and Peter to sort out details and confirm with Nick.
  - Sunday 6th December 2020 – Pancake Breakfast (Club BBQ trailer) at the Canberra Nara Peace Park, Flynn Drive at the rear of the Hyatt Hotel. Chris Hogan and Dave Robinson to organise and notify Nick.



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- Sunday 17th January 2021 – Club BBQ at Rob and Beth Woolley’s. Rob will provide details nearer the time.
- Wednesday 20th January – Club meeting at Darrell’s office in Fyshwick.

Darrell mentioned that the recent mid-week coffee get-together seemed like a good idea. Rob and Nick will organise a couple of coffee mornings, most likely early in each month.

**Treasurer**

**4. Monies reimbursed by the Treasurer:**

- \$10.15 – to Mathew Spackman for costs related to the magazine.
- \$167.04 (88 UK Pounds) – to Carol Nowak for a further 12 months subscription to “The Automobile”.
- \$20 to Carol for Affiliation fees to the NSW Car Council.
- The Treasurer also gave Nick a cheque for \$607-20 to go to Arthur J Gallagher & Co (Aus) Limited to cover Club insurance for the next 12 months (it was \$606-20 for the previous 12 months).

**5. General Business**

- Rob Woolley advised that he and Beth would be attending a motor cycle rally on 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November in Mudgee and a Model T rally in Junee on 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. The Club supports members attending interstate rallies. Mathew also informed the meeting that he intended to enter the Car Council of NSW rally in Temora next year (several other Club members may also attend). The Victorian Veteran Club will make a final decision about the Swan Hill National Veteran rally in March/April 2021.
- Rob Woolley recently joined in, as our Club representative, with the The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVVCA) meeting. The following matters were discussed:
  - A new draft Constitution for TAVVCA has been prepared. The draft has been sent to all Australian Veteran club Executive Committee’s for comment.
  - TAVVCA are considering changes to the issuing of the 100 year badges for Veteran vehicles. It is proposed that badges will be issued to all Veteran vehicles without having to go through a formal dating process. Approval maybe allocated to Club Registrars subject to the Registrar(s) believing that the vehicle, to receive the badge, is the year claimed. This is still a proposal and will be further considered in the March/April 2021 AGM when the new Constitution will also be considered.
  - Club Editor, Mathew, will re-print Peter Arnold’s report regarding TAVVCA activities for the past year in the “Edwardian” magazine,
  - The Montagu Trophy, for the Australian club member who has done an exceptional amount of work for the Australian Veteran car movement was not awarded last year due to COVID, and
  - TAVVCA are re-considering Australia’s membership to FIVA.

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- The 60 day Rego scheme is being developed by the ACT Motor Council in conjunction with ACT Government. Clubs will be notified in due course when the Council has further news. It would appear that the existing concessional Rego scheme will also continue in the same format and that clubs affiliated with the Council (and individual members within clubs) will have a choice.
- Ian Irwin informed Nick that the “Club Notices” Section in “Just Cars” magazine contained incorrect information as to our Club. Nick undertook to sort out the problem.
- It was suggested that the Club approach several local businesses (related to vehicle restoration and maintenance) to see if they would be interested in giving members a discount for work carried out. In return our Club will provide an advert in the Edwardian magazine at no cost. Rob and Nick to look into this matter.
- Editor Mathew will look into a formal Club website and email address.

The meeting concluded at 8:43pm.

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