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Club Information: Meetings are to be held on the Second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm. Venue is the IAMC Inc. Club Room "Gaukrogers Memorial Hall" (Homes for the Aged Community Hall), Macintyre Street Inverell. [PDF Map and photos of where to find us.](#) You can also search Google for Inverell AMC and ask for directions

Magazine Articles: All articles, photos and advertisements are very welcome. Please send them to the Editor's email address: crankcase.iamc@gmail.com or The Editor, PO box 96, Inverell 2360 NSW

Club Property for Sale:

Maroon Caps with embroidered badge.	\$12.00 each
Bucket Hat with embroidered badge	\$12.00 each
Cloth Badges, embroidered.	\$ 4.00 each
Windscreen Sticker	\$2.00
Enamel Lapel/Hat Pins (make great cuff links)	\$10.00 each
IAMC Car Badges (see for sale items at back of magazine)	\$10.00 each
Stubby Holders	\$10.00 each

Don't forget to carry the required paperwork e.g. Membership receipt, license(s), Rego. Certificates, RTA Certificate of Approved Operation, the Log Book (if on the 60-day option) and a copy of the latest issue of the Club magazine/Events whenever you drive your Historic registered vehicle on a public road.

Please note that the deadline for stories/articles is seven days before the General Meeting.

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

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The time given for outings is departure time and not arrival at the clubhouse.

Changes can happen, so when going on a run, if unable to meet at the clubhouse prior to departure, phone Pam 67232912, or Lyn and Laurie 0427230017.

This applies especially to out of town members.

Please check that Suzanne has your correct email address so you will be notified of changes.

2024

APRIL

SUNDAY 7TH DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

- Sunday 7th Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning, The Bridge Coffee Shop, corner of Otho and Byron Streets, 9am to 11am
- Tuesday 9th Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm
- Tuesday 9th General Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm
- Thursday 11th Lunch at the Country Kitchen Otho Street, Inverell 12 for 12.30
- Sunday 14th Shakedown run to visit Harry and Ann McNaughtons collections, **BYO afternoon tea and chairs. Departing the clubhouse at 2.00pm**
- Wednesday 24th Wednesday Wanderers Run to Pally and lunch at the Hotel.
DEPARTING THE CLUBHOUSE AT 10.30am
- Thursday 25th ANZAC Day 2024 commemorations
Form up will be at Gaukrogers at 10.15am with the march commencing at 10.30am.

MAY

- Sunday 5th Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning, Freckles Cafe, 9am to 11am
- Sunday 12th Mother's Day
- Tuesday 14th Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm
- Tuesday 14th General Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm
- Thursday 16th Lunch at the **AUSTRALIA HOTEL**, Byron Street, Inverell 12 for 12.30
- Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th and Monday 20th North West Rally to be held in Tamworth.
- Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th Coolatai Tractor Pull
- Wednesday 29th Wednesday Wanderers Run to Delungra, lunch at the Hotel, departing the clubhouse at 11.00am

Due to the North West Rally and the Coolatai Tractor Pull being events for members, there will not be the usual Sunday Shakedown run in May.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

2024

- **April** 10th to 14th Veteran Car Club Australia (NSW) 70th Anniversary Rally to be held in Inverell
- **April** 13th & 14th Tenterfield Transport Museum Show and Shine Francis Street, Tenterfield, NSW. Enquiries and bookings phone: 0428 669 111 OR 0428 669 409
<https://www.visittenterfield.com.au/event/tenterfield-transport-museums-annual-show-shine-2024>
<https://tinyurl.com/tentshowshine>
Show & Shine is on the Sunday 9am-1pm
- **May** 11th, Inverell Transport Museum Motor Show Rifle Range Road Inverell
- **MAY** – Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th and Monday 20th NORTH WEST RALLY TO BE HELD IN TAMWORTH - Different format in 2024. Entry form available in back of Crankcase. Entries close FRIDAY 3RD May 2024

EDITOR'S RUMBLINGS APRIL 2024

This month Inverell is the location for the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) chapter Annual Rally which is also their 70th Year Anniversary. With 70 veteran entries and approximately 140 passengers, it promises to be quite a spectacle. The veterans entered range in years from 1904 to 1918 and we can expect to see an amazing standard of restoration. Although quite a bit younger than their cars many participants will be dressed in Edwardian clothing of the era, some even original outfits.

- The hub style rally begins on Thursday 11th of this month and there will be a Mayoral welcome at 8.30am at the Transport Museum
- Assembly before departing will be at the RSM carpark on Friday and Saturday leaving at 9am.
- Vehicles will be departing from the Transport Museum at 9am on Sunday heading to Tingha and on public display on Sunday afternoon on return to the Transport Museum.

This month is turning out to be very busy preparing cars for the veteran rally, trying to fit a trip to the powerhouse museum in Sydney and putting the "Crankcase Magazine" together, and attending the North West Rally next month. That is not to mention all the private business. Any contributions to the Crankcase will be very welcome.

The Anzac Day parade will require some club cars to carry infirm veterans. Details in events.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

G'day Bob,

I liked the photo of the AA Patrolman saluting presumably, an AA member. In Queensland at a similar time, the salute had a particular relevance. Perhaps it was relevant in the photo too.

Alison's father, Wal Henderson, was RACQ Patrolman number three, starting in 1925. The Patrols initially conducted Sunday breakdown service on five of the most popular roads around Brisbane. Wal would have to call at places such as corner stores and wayside fruit stalls to see if there were any messages from RACQ Members in trouble. Remember, of course, there were no mobile phones then.

Member cars had a member badge fixed to the front of the car. If the road ahead was clear of obstacles, particularly police conducting speed checks, the Patrol would salute the driver. No salute.....proceed with care.

See you at the Inverell Veteran Rally in April.

Regards

John and Alison Day

Why are these bloomers in here?



Not these



Maybe these

ALL will be revealed at the end.



April Birthdays

Warwick Gardner
Maurie Prior

Carolyn McMullin



Sue Grant
Col Gardner

Hope everyone enjoys their day and have many more. Lyn

DON'T FORGET IF I DON'T HAVE YOUR NAME YOU WON'T GET A BIRTHDAY WISH. so please send it to me on landlcampbell@bigpond.com

Thank you Lyn

Let me get this straight: If Australians use our coal or gas to provide cheap, reliable power for our own families and businesses, it will bring about the end of the planet. If other countries use the same coal and gas to provide cheap, reliable power for themselves, there's not a problem. Aussies are being conned and lied to by BS artists of the first order!

SHAKE DOWN RUN TO WILLS PARK ELSMORE Sunday 17th March

It was very nice day for the run to Wills Park at Elsmore. We had a pretty good roll up for this run with nine cars. When it was time to head off Laurie and I had to pick up Shirley for the run, because she loves to come on these trips. We all arrived at the park in good time although the dirt road was a bit rough. When it was time to put on the nose bag as they say, I put the cream on the scones. They never last long but that is great and it means that I don't have to take any home. It was a time to catch up for a chat and the three dogs had a great time as well chasing each other all over the park. I bet they slept well on the way home. Everyone made it home safely because there was no one on the side of the road along the way. Thank you to the people that came on the run.

Laurie, Lyn, Freckles & Shirley

Laser

Harry & Ann

Marina

John & Ann Irwin

Range Rover

McNaughton

Ron Thorp

Triumph

Bob & Suzanne Ausburn

Jowett Javelin

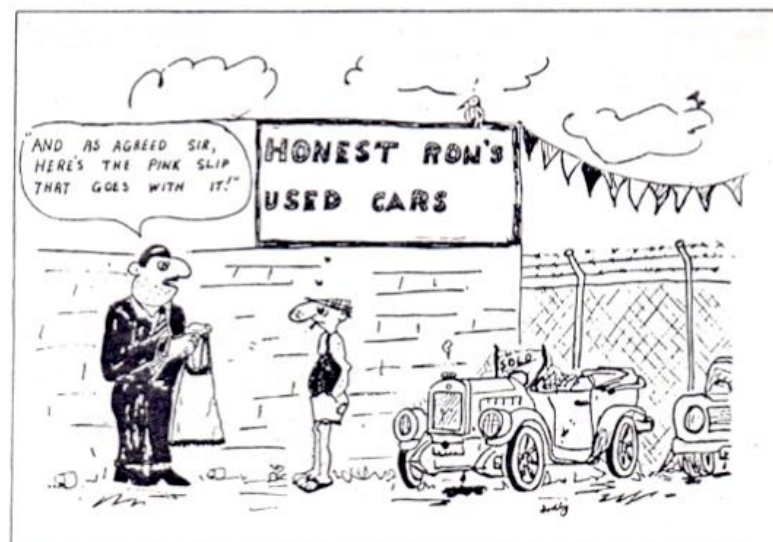
Tim & Judy Salmon, Margaret & Pam, Richard, Greg & Sue - Moderns

Lyn



More Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2V814guJn7tkz2vu9>

DOWN MEMORY LANE
with Dudly



WEDNESDAY WANDERS RUN TO COOLATAI HOTEL 27th March 2024

The Wednesday Wanderers had a gourmet lunch run at the Coolatai Hotel. It was a perfect overcast day for a long car run. All the old cars coped without mishap, although Harry managed to collect a nail in his rear passenger side tyre and all hands-on deck made for a quick wheel change, but only after the all-important lunch and drinks with plenty of ~~chatter~~ intellectual talk. It was a friendly atmosphere while dining alfresco on the balcony with 3 stunning King Parrots joining in on numerous occasions. A pity I did not think to snap a photo as they were magnificent birds. The food surpassed many venues in Inverell and would recommend it if you would like a nice country drive and a quiet meal. After Harry's change of wheel it was a smooth trip home.

Suzanne

PS: Glad I am a woman and of the era when I am not expected to muck in and change tyres.

Lyn, Laurie & Freckles	1984 Ford Laser	Bob & Suzanne Ausburn	1980 TR7
Ron Thorp & Christa Masson	Citroen DS	Harry & Ann McNaughton	Morris Marina
Gordon & Coral Latter and family Narelle and Michel			



More Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9dgoaRnTqv1fzRBA7>

Anecdote about Smarts – Micro Motoring Magazine

The comments in the Magazine about Smarts and the three likely reasons for limited success in OZ made me smile from first hand experience.

Having been foolish enough in the early stages of Smart ownership to go to the local Port Macquarie Mercedes Dealership and ask if they were prepared to do any work on my Smart. When the Service Manager stopped laughing, his comments made me understand in no uncertain manner, why regional Mercedes dealers refused any involvement in Smart servicing and / or parts supply.

Apparently, to obtain the right to service Smarts required a \$50,000 "Franchise Fee" from Mercedes, due to their complex nature, and as there had only been three (3) Smarts ever sold in the Port Macquarie region during it's 20 year lifespan, the local dealer blatantly refused to provide service, or warranty, on any of them at all. **Bob Nash**

[NEW BATTERY](#) Video Link

Where can I get them? Ed



I must be living in the dark ages not to know this. Ed.

You tube video <https://tinyurl.com/albosolar>

Brilliant Toyota Advertisement <https://tinyurl.com/toyocorolla>

A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title

'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board..'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt . . . Therefore,

the expression 'losing face.'

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' . . Wore a tightly tied lace.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they were not 'playing with a full deck.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the term minding your 'P's and 'Q's

One more and betting you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

NORTH WEST RALLY 18th 19th 20th May

Rally Entry Form

You can submit your rally entry using the FOLLOWING form by:

- scanning and emailing it to tamworthvintagecarclub@gmail.com; or
- posting it to NW Rally PO Box 3275, West Tamworth NSW 2340; or online at
- <https://form.jotform.com/240737028565056>

Our treasurer would **prefer** payment by Direct Deposit
BSB 298 A/C 100008533 TVCC

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Tamworth Vintage Car Club

Closing date for Rally Entries and Payment is Friday 3rd May, 2024

[LINK TO FURTHER INFORMATION](https://tinyurl.com/nwrally24) <https://tinyurl.com/nwrally24>

[NORTH WEST RALLY STAYING IN OUR REGION](#)



NORTH WEST RALLY 2024

Sat 18th, Sun 19th, Mon 20th May

ENTRY FORM

Enquiries to Paul Boyd 0429 046 468

Entrants Name:..... Passenger 1:.....

Passenger 2:..... Passenger 3:.....

Address:..... P/Code:.....

Phone:..... Email:.....

Club:..... Staying at (if known):.....

Vehicle Make:..... Model:..... Year:.....

Program Overview and Rally Fees	Cost	Number	Total
Registration Fee	\$20 Per Vehicle	1	\$ 20.00
Saturday Registration M/Tea, Lunch South Tamworth Uniting Church, Goonoo Goonoo Road	Included		
Power Station Museum	\$3 each payable at venue		
Archibald Prize Portrait Exhibition + Gallery Tour	Free		
Astronomy & Science Centre for Spit Roast Dinner, Guided Tour, Star Gazing	\$40 per person		
Sunday Lookout Display & Morning Tea	Free		
Short Local Drive stopping for lunch.	At your expense		
Calala Cottage Historical Museum	\$8 each payable at venue		
Rally Dinner at West Tamworth Leagues Club	\$ 40 per person		
Monday Drive to Werris Creek Breakfast Werris Creek Pharmacy (Indicate numbers for a group booking)	At your expense.		
Visit Australian Railway Monument and Rail Journeys Museum	\$5 each payable at venue		
Farewell Morning Tea	Free		
TOTAL DUE: By Direct Deposit to: BSB: 802 298 A/C: 100008533 Reference: NWR+Surname Cheque posted with Entry Form.			\$
Entries Close Friday 3rd May, 2024			

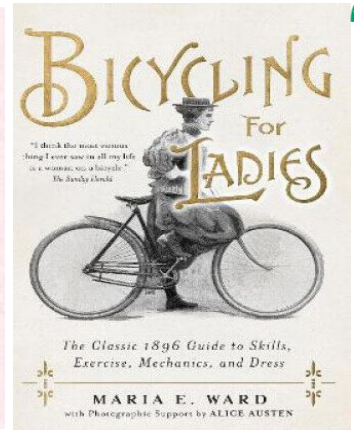
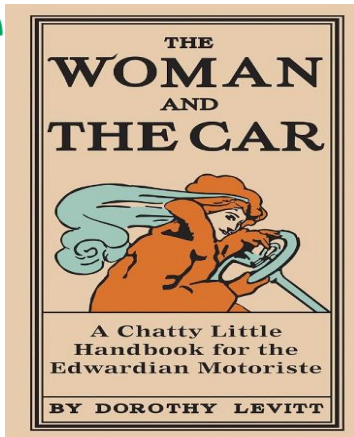
Special Dietary Requirements:.....

Conditions of Entry:

1. Vehicles must have current registration (HVS or Full).
2. Drivers must follow road rules and any directions provided by the organisers.
3. Presentation of cheque or Direct Deposit will signify acceptance of entry.
4. Entrants and passenger(s) waive right to any action at Law against members of TVCC and organising committee for the event.

Signed:..... Date:.....

THE LADY DRIVER



One of the best resources for studying what Edwardian women wore for an adventure on the road is the 1909 book, "The Woman and the Car" by Dorothy Levitt. Written with the same precision as Maria Ward's 1896 book on bicycling, "Bicycling for Ladies", it provides instruction on how to operate a vehicle and manage a solo excursion. And of course, it has an entire chapter dedicated to motoring fashions and how to dress for the road.

Although riding outfits, including **bloomers**, were created and worn by the very passionate among the female cyclists, most women who took to the bicycle wore clothing that was much more socially acceptable, such as full hemmed skirts. Similar to what the early advocates of the bloomers faced, the public ridicule a woman would be subjected to when appearing in public in her riding outfit did prevent them from being widely adopted. And despite what you may hear today, the corset was so ingrained as a part of daily wear that it was *adapted* for use on a bicycle, not abandoned.

The bicycle craze was relatively short lived. The trend subsided by 1900 and was replaced with growing excitement over the automobile, another source of transportation available primarily to upper class white women. And as riding in a car doesn't require the wearing of trousers, the bloomers once again failed to truly catch on.

Women's motoring fashions were drastically different from women's cycling fashions. Here too, function prevailed over fashion, but women's motoring fashions have maintained slightly less infamy than cycling fashions due to the prevalence of long skirts.

While that may be the case, garments and accessories used for motoring were unique for their time.

Many early autos were also open-top, and traveling at unprecedented speeds on dusty unpaved roads required protecting one's hair, complexion, and fine clothing. A lightweight overcoat adapted from the carriage coats of old, aptly called a "duster", became de rigueur for driving. Some dusters had protective hoods or could be worn with a veiled hat; driving masks or goggles and gloves would complete the look.



She Bought a Bicycle and Bloomers Instead of the Furniture.

Irene Hill
VCCA(Q)



She who really must be obeyed

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