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PRESIDENT'S PONTIFICATION

I am well and truly in the middle of the busy season, having participated in the National Historic Machinery Rally at Kingsthorpe, where the Sentinel Steam tip truck which I have been trying to visit in Glenwood was being driven around by the new owner and is heading south to its new home, so an opportunity has been lost forever.



Preparations for the CENTENARIANS RALLY did not start well with water evident in the sump of the selected vehicle, but a quick decapitation and refit the night before proved successful and enabled a very enjoyable 4 days.

The swap is done and dusted thanks to the contribution of many members, but Yvonne, Carol and Steve deserve special recognition for making it seem drama free. In amongst all the above we farewell the Morgans, who have chosen a more extreme climate in Kingaroy. The loss of Annette and Noel will be very much felt as their contribution to the club over decades has been tremendous. I am pleased to be able welcome Mel White to the committee and thank her for accepting the appointment to the role of Treasurer.

Happy Safe Heritage Motoring ,
Ralph

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General Meeting Dates

Saturday 27th September 9.00 am

Thursday 30th October 7.00pm

2024 GHAC Elected Office Bearers

<i>Club position</i>	<i>Elected officer</i>	<i>Phone contact</i>	<i>Email</i>
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CLUB MERCHANDISE

GHAC club polo



The polo shirt is the Aussie Pacific Morris (army green and white)
It is short sleeve only in men's or ladies.
Mens (1317) - sizes S to 5XL
Ladies (2317) – sizes 6 to 26

GHAC club dress shirt



Regular Monthly events by other s

1st Saturday—Cars and coffee Sunshine Coast. 7am to 10am German Bakehouse Café, 54 Junction Drive Coolum Beach.

1st Saturday of every month, Cars ,Bikes, Coffee at Tramcars, 11 Hall Rd Glanmire. 8am to 11 am

2nd Sunday—Cooloola Cove Cars and Coffee. 8am to 10am Shopping Centre Cooloola Cove

3rd Saturday– Moonlight at Matildas Traveston. 4pm to sunset (depending on season)

3rd Sunday—Cooroy Cruise—in. Maple St (opposite library and at rear of the shops). Hosted by Roadrunner Car Club

RALLIES

2025

Month	Time/Place	Event
September		
Thursday 18th	Cooloolo Christian College	Event at school
Thursday 25th	10am to 2 pm Cooinda Aged care	Cooinda Spring Fair
Sunday 28th	Old Butter Factory	Centenary celebrations. 1920's vehicles invited
October		
Saturday 11th	9am clubrooms	Glenwood discovery tour
November		
Saturday 18th	VCCAQ Carindale	Swap (English & European vehicles) Rally opportunity
December		
Sunday 7th	10 am Clubrooms	Christmas Lunch at Wooloolga Hotel



Frames and wicker for 2
DIY veteran car seats.

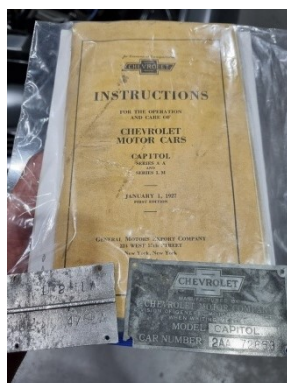
And for a different car,
two tail light assemblies.

And a cylinder head for
Hudson Terraplane.
All items cheap.
Ralph 0408616709.





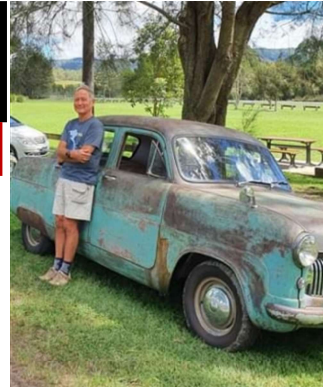
1927 Capitol Chevrolet
tourer. Unfinished project.
\$6000. Mick Lawson
0417843227



1963 Morris Ox-
ford. \$6000
Noel 0408708321

Book of the Month

BY: Paul van Horck - GHAC Librarian



THE HISTORY OF HOLDEN SINCE 1917.

BY NORM DARWIN.



Recommended retail price: \$10.00



The Rayner Hof sculpture of the Lion and the stone.



Emblem 1957-71.



Metal plate 1928.



Badge introduced 1972.



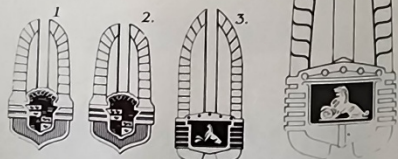
Diecast plate 1939.



Badge used in early 50's.



Diecast 1940.



1. 1941 Cadillac. 2. 1942 Cadillac. 3. 1941 La Salle. 4. 1948 215/48 Holdens. These line drawings show the similarity between all 4. The ill fated 41 La Salle was never built past the prototype. This was the only year Cadillac used these vertical wing motifs.

THE HISTORY OF HOLDEN SINCE 1917.



By Norm Darwin.

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AUSTRALIA

Citroen around Australia Centenary Commemoration



Outside Central Mall—wrong colour right model



Inside Central Mall—right colour

Centenarians Rally



Teddington Weir



Gunalda State School



The Last Watering Hole

Swap



The Buyers arrive

The stragglers arriving

AUSTRALIAN MADE CARS

TARRANT

The Tarrant Motor & Engineering Co, Melbourne Vic was one of the best known maker of early Australian built cars from 1901.

The first car using an imported Benz engine was followed by several cars powered by single, twin, three and 4 cylinder engines on their own manufacture until 1908, by which time they were agents for imported cars, including Argyle, Fiat, Mercedes and Rover and from 1907, Ford. In 1917 they built V8 aircraft engines modeled on the Renault for the war effort. Not more than a total of 20 Tarrants were made.



TAYLOR

F.A. Taylor Woolongong NSW built his own car in 1906 by reading English Mechanic and World of Science. Most castings were imported from England, but the rest was hand made and had a top speed of 25 mph.

THOMSON

The Thomson Motor car Company Ltd in Armadale Vic is claimed to the first successful car maker in Aus-



tralia. His first 5 hp vertical compound 2 cylinder steam car in 1896 was the first to travel interstate in 1900 when it travelled from Bathurst to Melbourne. Although Herbert was a steam engineer, they were also agents for imported petrol and electric cars and motorcycles. Thomson cars were still being made in 1908

TILBROOK

Tilbrooks in Kensington S.A. were well known for producing motorcycles and side cars, and in 1953 made a prototype 3 wheeler with independent front suspension and a 197cc Villiers engine in the rear



TILL

W. H. Till was a motor engineer who built a small car for himself in 1906. He also established an agency which handled several makes including the Armstrong –Whitworth

TILLI

Tilli Motor Co in Moonie Ponds Vic announced a 3 wheeled car in 1957 powered by an aircooled twin 2 stroke Anzani engine developing 15 hp called the Tilli Capton using frames left over from the Edith when Gray and Harper abandoned car production. With a top speed of 60 mph and 60 mpg fuel economy it was priced at around half the cost of the average family car. Sales were expected to be 50 per week, but the introduction of the Morris Mini put paid to the project.



TOY

Mr Toy of Dandenong Vic made his own car in 1905. It had an 8hp twin engine, two speed gearbox, chain drive and a top speed of 20 mph. It only weighed 3.5cwt and all but the carburetor, wheel rims and tyres was made by Mr Toy .

TRACKSON

Trackson Motors Ltd, Brisbane Qld built a small car with a 5 hp petrol engine giving a top speed of 15 mph in 1901 , but did not follow up with intended production. They did import Locomobile steam cars and Yorkshire steam lorries



TRESCOWTHICK

C. H. Trescowthick of Angaston S.A. built small stationary engines and at least 3 cars in the early 1900's. A 3 wheeled prototype still exists although the gearbox is missing. It is understood to be a combination of chains, belts and expanding pulleys.

The production cars were 4 wheeled and were more robust and comfortable than many contemporaries.

TURNBULL

Surrey Engine and Boiler Works, Surrey Hills Vic built a car in 1914 and was reported to have been building a 3.5 ton truck in 1917. H. A. Turnbull was a steam engineer who developed a patented boiler and steam engine with the boiler being successful in supplying steam for industrial purposes.