

# “Vintage Torque”

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

***Vintage Vehicle Club of Australia 1919-1930 Inc***

DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF VINTAGE VEHICLES



### NOTICE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010, at 8.00pm  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, at 8.00pm

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010, at 3.00pm

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### Coming Events

**26<sup>th</sup> January** (Tuesday) - Motorfest, Sydney.

**7<sup>th</sup> February** (Sunday) — Breakfast Run at Bicentennial Park, Homebush Bay - Arrive from 7.30am to 8.30am. Cost will be \$2.00 a head.

**7<sup>th</sup> March** (Sunday) - Illawarra Motoring Museum, Dapto.

**Hub Rally 2010**, ANZAC weekend, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. 20 units have been booked at Singleton Motel and when they're gone, they're gone! With towns like Scone, Muswellbrook and Denman in the Upper Hunter, it will be hard to decide what to leave out. Horse studs, lakes, museums and mines — I have a fist-full of flyers. If you have any special requests or suggestions of what or who to see, now is the time to let me know. Kim Russell

### Swap Meets

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2010** Mudgee swap meet, Mudgee showground. Gates open at 6.00am. Call 0438 229 774.

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2010** (Sat. only) Bathurst swap meet, from 6.00am. Mick Hope 0408 415 525 or 6337 5694, or Norm Rutherford 6337 1770

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2010** Sydney Super Swap at Hawkesbury Racecourse, Clarendon. NSW. 041044SWAP

**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010** Annual Super Southern Swap Ballarat Airport, Victoria 03 53420702

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2010** Goulburn swap meet, from 6.00am. Goulburn Visitors Information Centre, 1800 353 646, or 4823 4492.

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#### **PUBLISHING DEADLINE**

All contributions to “Vintage Torque” are required by the 15th of the month preceding the publication. All members are invited to contribute. Do you have a story about the restoration of your car?

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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## **THE NEXT RUN — SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

Our annual Saturday afternoon/evening run is upon us and this year we are going to visit Anderson Park on the banks of the Parramatta River beside the Ryde Bridge. This is a relatively new park and includes the site of the old Hoover building so it should reward us with a clean sweep of passing boats.

Plan on getting there about 3.00pm and hopefully the late afternoon will be mild and pleasant. There is one double plate electric BBQ on site but it may be a bit slow. Good idea to come self sufficient - chairs, fold up table, food and any extra sustenance deemed necessary.

No toilets on site but a short car trip next door to Meadowbank Park should render some relief!

Anderson Park is at Rothesay Ave/Parsonage St at Meadowbank. If coming from the south simply cross the Ryde Bridge and veer left into Wells Street. Then left through the first roundabout and right through the second. Follow the road through a third roundabout and you will spot Rothesay Ave on the left. If coming from the north turn left just before the bridge into Loop Road continue under the bridge to Parsonage St, Belmore St and Rothesay Ave.

## **CHRISTMAS RUN TO ROYAL NATIONAL PARK 2009**

Fred suggested that we go to the Royal National Park. "Turn left at the bottom of the hill just before the causeway but make certain everybody gets there early because the park gets packed". It sounded very nice. We turned off just before the causeway and along a gravel track. Surely this was not right as there were no signs. However, the road opened up to a car park and we saw the most ideal setting. The calm still river had reflections of the opposite bank, the sun shining gently through the clouds, a group of Club members had already taken up their position under a huge gum tree. Couples paddled their canoe to add to the colourful scene. A beautiful spot for a picnic.

Late comers had a little more difficulty with parking but we all fitted in. A lot of interest was shown in our cars in the car park. Everybody was in a holiday mood. Much talk about the many things we have on at this time of the year, the children and the grand children. It was a nice relaxing place to be. As the sun moved so did we.

The local ferry glided down the river turned around and glided ever so quietly back again.

Alan and Anne's son and daughter in-law as well as two grand daughters came in with their own boat and were greeted by all.

Thank you to Kim and Jan who arranged a beautiful salad lunch for all. Rockmelon, watermelon added to the delight.

Thank you to Shirley who had been cooking again and supplied everybody with a delicious puffed pastry sweet.

Thank you to the Government of the 1880's who had enough forethought to put aside such a vast amount of land for us to visit more than a century later. It is one of our first visits to a National Park and judging by the scenery and the people around, it will not be our last visit. We do have to pay for the privilege but it was very well worth it.

Prizewinners were Fred and Marian (bottle of wine) and Carole and Les (leg of ham)

Andy



Line up of cars at the Christmas run to Royal National Park