

## Veteran Cars & Motorbikes - 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally in Cobram

As we have two veteran cars that are 1 or 2 cylinders so we decided to attend this rally in Cobram held over 4 days last month. It was wonderful to see such a large number of these early veterans still being enjoyed and driven on the road.

We have a lovely 1913 Humberette which unfortunately needs some work done on it after we drove it in a rally in Queensland so we couldn't take it to Cobram but took our 1 cylinder 1910 Brush car instead. I was hoping to see a couple of Humberettes that had intended to come along to this rally but sadly they failed to appear.

Nevertheless there were some very interesting veteran cars and bikes that did make an appearance and they made a fine sight making their way along the country back roads to the different destinations chosen for that day.

One of the enjoyments of driving or riding in these older vehicles is that you have a chance to appreciate the countryside, feel part of the landscape and take in the smells of the countryside. We also manage to explore and discover some interesting new places. One day we visited the historic Byramine homestead built in 1842 by the famous explorer Hamilton Hume. A fascinating and unique style of home with its octagonal rooms that has retained its originality and is fully furnished as if the family are still living there. It is classified "A" by the National Trust and well worth the visit.



An original Renault

We managed to complete all the day runs in our little car but unfortunately with some trouble on the first day as it failed to proceed a number of times. The problem was lack of fuel getting through to the engine. After managing to clear the line each time we were just able to finish the scheduled runs. Job number 1 when home will be to replace the 100+ year old fuel tank.

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\*Update: On our return home John has begun to make a new fuel tank for our Brush car so this problem will never happen again! perhaps another article for later.



Byramine Homestead

