

A LIFETIME OF SPORTING MOTORING



Stephen Knox
March 2024 General Meeting



LEARNING ON THE JOB



- Manly Boys High
 - Failed Leaving Certificate
 - (lack of interest)
 - Went to Tech to get it
- Epstein's Hardware
 - Learnt the business from Harry Epstein
- Cadetship with Masonite
 - Part of Hardboards Australia
 - Became Industrial Rep servicing the furniture manufacturers





THE UK & EUROPE



- Married Jill in 1968
- Went to the UK in June
 - Worked at Henley's
 - Jill worked at Great Universal Stores





OUR FAMILY



- Returned from the UK in July 1970
- Bought 12 Bushlands Rd, Hornsby Heights for \$8,500
- Matthew Stephen Knox born on 4th October 1972
- Bought land in Roseville & built a house in 1974
- Katie Jane Knox born on 21st March 1975





GETTING DOWN TO WORK



- Joined Hooker Home Units in 1973 as a Project Executive
 - MacArthur – 3 walk-up units
 - Macquarie Green
 - 8 storey blocks and 2 storey town houses
- 1978 started own project and construction company
 - 9 storey units in Naremburn
 - Coles Grafton
 - House for Lady Hooker





HARDWARE – SELLING THE STUFF



- 1979 established Neutral Bay Home & Handyman Centre
 - Smaller operators could open all weekend ... business boomed!
- Second store in North Sydney
 - Northlock
 - Living & Giving – Jill ran
 - Met Darryl Pike – opening hardware store in Dural
- Old mansion development killed by 17% interest rates

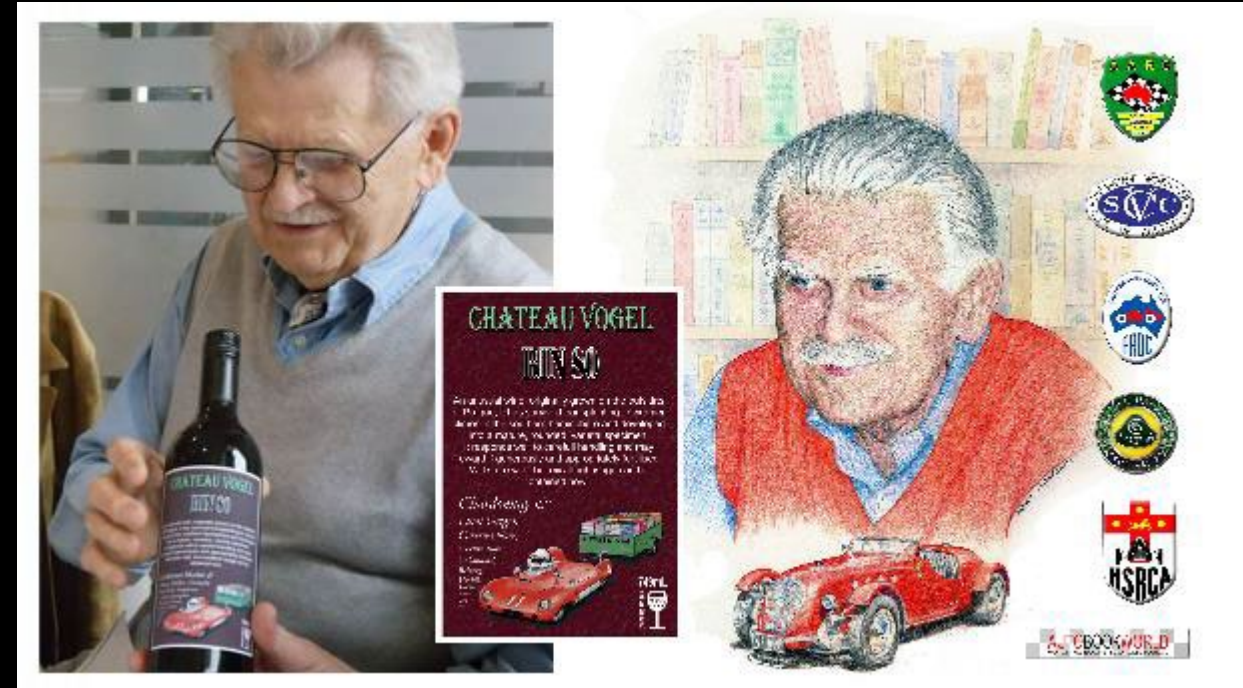




MOTORING BOOKSHOPS

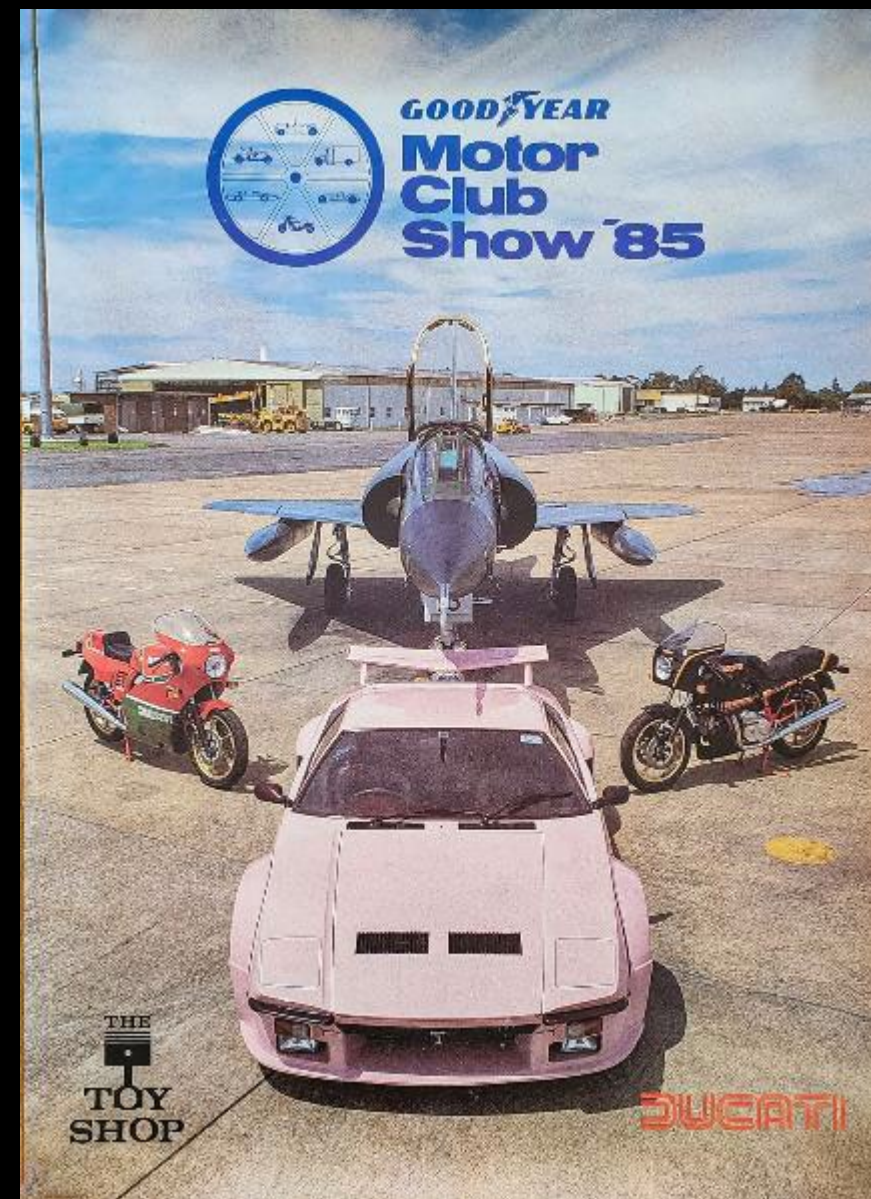


- Motor Books Australia
 - Fred Vogel & John Robinson
- Brooklands Books
 - Wholesaler
 - Sold BB to Fred and bought MBA
- Roberts Auto Books
 - Bought from Clem Roberts – a Jehovah's Witness
 - Merv Etter was salesman ... another Witness ... and he recruited others in church



MOTOR SHOWS

- 1981 to 1990 Goodyear Motor Club shows
 - Yennora, Macquarie Shopping Centre, Parklea Markets
- Street Machine Shows
 - Miranda
 - Blacktown
 - Brisbane





TSCC WAS AN EARLY EXHIBITOR



- Chris Johnson displayed his lovely newly imported DB4 Volante on our stand together with an AMV8 engine from Frank Gretch
 - The display was close to the AMOC display and the then secretary came over and asked Chris who owned this lovely car. Chris replied “I do, I am the one you told on the phone that the AMOC would not be a suitable club for me as I lived in Hurstville. That is why it is now here.”





NRMA MOTORFEST



1989 Motorfest – Police estimated the crowd at 500,000 – 600,000



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2005 Motorfest



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES



- Jack Brabham's 30th Anniversary of 3rd World Title
- Geoghegan brothers in 1997
- Spencer Martin
- Frank Gardner in 1999 – see the [video](#) on our FB page
- Ron Tauranac in 2003 and 2015
- HSRCA's 40th Anniversary luncheon
 - TSCC Members were amongst the founders





ABC, RCN & PAUL TERRY



- 1994 & 1995 conducted a half-hour talk back segment with Lisa Forrest every third Thursday night on ABC radio
- Purchased the moribund magazine Racing Car News in 1982
 - On sold it as a more modern format, appropriate for the times, with increased circulation and advertising revenue.
- Had a dream job during the 1990s buying cars for Paul Terry's Museum in WA
 - Highlights included buying 'Genevieve' for a record-breaking £285,302
 - Frank Match's AGP-winning McLaren M10B
 - In conjunction with an employee of Paul's, we bought some 50 to 60 cars.



*Top left:
Lisa Forrest*

*Top Right:
Paul Terry*



*Left:
Jack Brabham and the
bunny were part of a
promotion for Racing Car
News taken at the Motor
Club Show*



DAWES INSURANCE RALLIES



- Ran a series of daytime rallies for classic and Historic cars, most frequently sponsored by Dawes Insurance





MS SOCIETY RAFFLES



- Provided 7 vintage cars from 1983 to 1989 for a series of raffles to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Australia in conjunction with Motor Club Shows and Motorfest, netting the charity just over \$¼M
- This Bullnose Morris was one of the prizes





1988 BICENTENNIAL HISTORIC RACING FESTIVAL



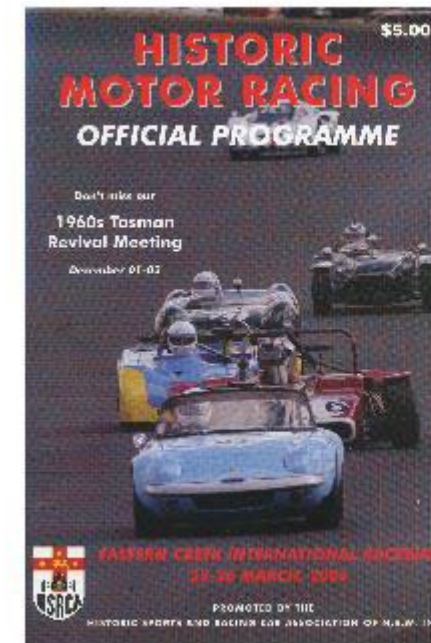
- Largest historic race meeting in the Southern Hemisphere
 - On Youtube:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsSAhPdhDDo>



- Served a term on the Board of the Australian Motor Sport Commission (AMSC), the commercial arm of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports Ltd in March 2000
 - During that term, the AMSC negotiated the sale of AVESCO. The funds generated established the Australian Motor Sports Foundation whose charter was to foster the careers of promising young Australian racing and rally car drivers including Mark Webber and Daniel Ricciardo and probably Oscar Piastri



TASMAN REVIVAL 2006





TASMAN REVIVAL 2008





TASMAN REVIVAL 2012



Tasman Drivers Parade

*John Pymble Formula Ford
A hot McLaren*

*Mark Shagen & the Geoghegans
TSCC in attendance*

OUTBACK CAR TREKS

- 1985 competed in the Dick Smith Variety Club Bash
 - Volunteer official 1988 & 1989
- 1990 to 2009 organised the Outback Car Treks
 - Raised \$15.8 million for the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- A Special Edition of Top Gear Magazine is covering all 20 years





MOTOR SPORT – THE PRAD





MOTOR SPORT – THE ELFIN MALLALA





CLUB MEMBERSHIP

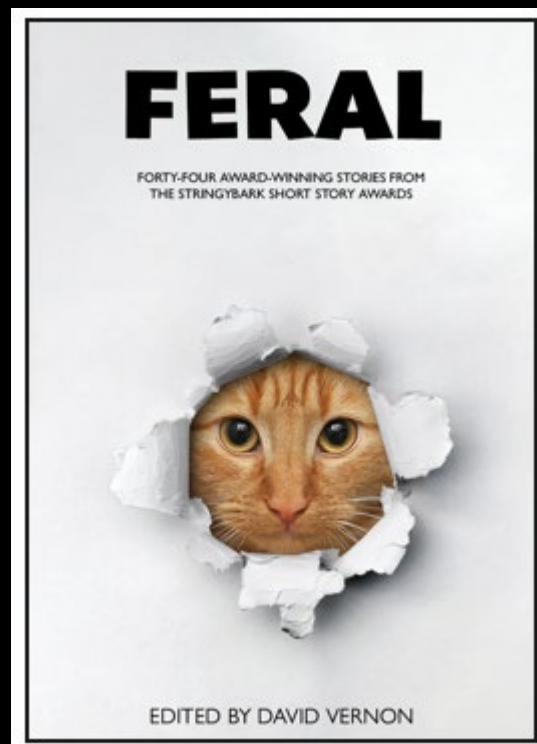
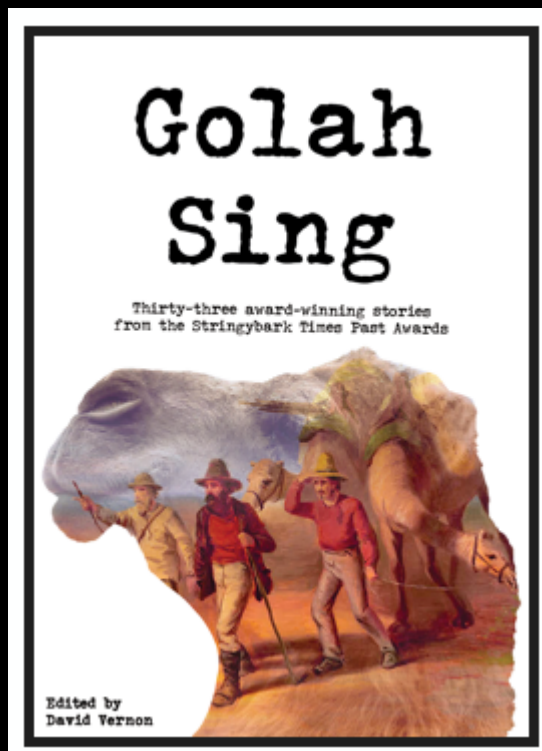


- Have been a member of several car clubs over the years, most notably TSCC where I was the magazine editor and more recently, President (2018 – 2023)
- Served as President of the Historic Sports and Racing Car Association 1985-1988 and again in 1991. Was made an Honorary Life Member in 2003
- Was Clubman of the Year in the Elfin Owners and Drivers Club in 1997
- Won the Frank Matich Trophy in 1994 for Group M Sports Racing Cars, 1961 to 1965





AUTHOR



*Many of Stephen's stories have been published in compilations
by the Stringybark Times*

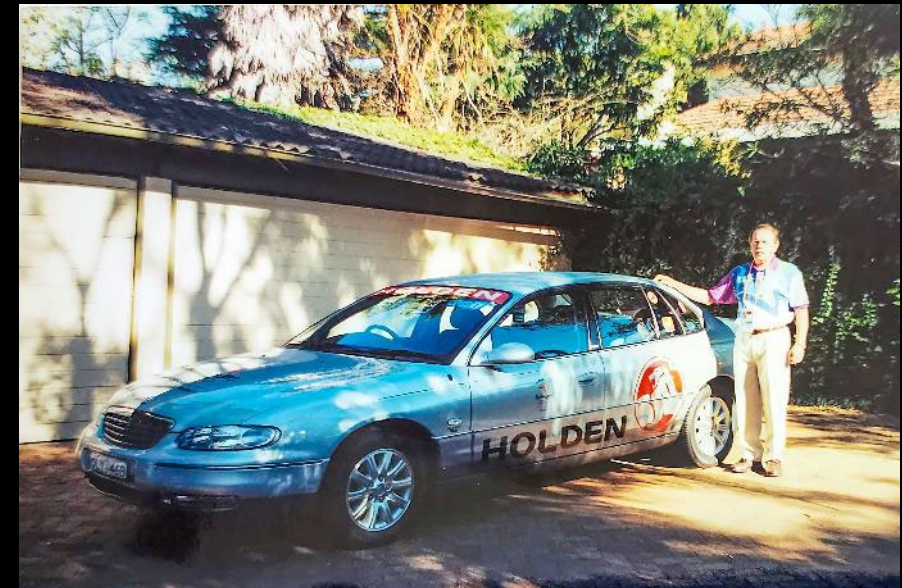
- 1 • **Clarry's Close Call** Stephen Knox , 2023 *short story*
— Appears in: Feral 2023;
- 2 • **Good Mourning** Stephen Knox , 2022 *short story*
— Appears in: Fruitcake Frenzy 2022;
- 3 • **The Ventriloquist** Stephen Knox , 2022 *short story*
— Appears in: Fruitcake Frenzy 2022;
- 4 • **Housemates** Stephen Knox , 2020 *short story*
— Appears in: Just Alice : Thirty-three Award-winning Stories from the Stringybark Tales with a Twist Awards 2020;
- 5 • **Par Avion** Stephen Knox , 2020 *short story*
— Appears in: Golah Sing : Thirty-three Award-winning Stories from the Stringybark Times Past Award 2020;
- 6 • **You Can Call Me Betty** Stephen Knox , 2019 *short story*
— Appears in: The Scientific Method : Twenty-Four Award-winning Stories from the Stringybark Erotic Fiction Awards 2019;
- 7 • **Clutches** Stephen Knox , 2019 *short story*
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- 8 • **A Glimpse of Stocking** Stephen Knox , 2019 *short story*
— Appears in: The Scientific Method : Twenty-Four Award-winning Stories from the Stringybark Erotic Fiction Awards 2019;
- 9 • **Two Nights at the Carrington** Stephen Knox , 2018 *short story*
— Appears in: Timber! : Thirty-seven Award-winning Stories from the Stringybark Short Story Awards 2018;
- 10 • **Cheap Flights** Stephen Knox , 2015 *short story*
— Appears in: No Tea Tomorrow : Twenty-seven Award-winning Stories from the Stringybark Short Story Awards 2015;
- 11 • **Separation** Stephen Knox , 2014 *short story*
— Appears in: Malicious Mysteries : Twenty-Two Short Stories from the Stringybark Malicious Mysteries Short Story Award 2014;
- 12 • **Death Trap** Stephen Knox , 2014 *short story*
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SYDNEY OLYMPICS T1 DRIVER



- SKK - T1 driver
 - Kai Holm
 - President of the Danish Olympics Committee
 - Dick Pound
 - Vice President of the International Olympic Committee





THE RILEY





SOME EARLIER CARS ...





... AND MORE RECENT ONES





ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL



The citation reads:

'For service to the community, particularly as a fund-raiser for the Royal Flying Doctor Service through the Outback Car Trek, and to motorsports.'





THANK YOU JILL!

*I could not have done all these things
without Jill's support and
involvement!*

