



# Transport

**THROUGHOUT MY LIFE AND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF DAILY LIFE, WITNESSING ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF OUR ACTIVITIES BE IT ON LAND, WATER OR IN THE AIR.**

We know intrinsically what it is like to drive vehicles, or be passengers in them. We have grown up alongside our cars, and looking back to when we were young, we often remember with fondness the family's first car. They have ferried us on our summer holidays, rescued us in emergencies and moved our homes, they have helped to build our roads and our cities, and we have fought our mechanized wars with them. We have explored the globe in aircraft, seen sights that were previously unavailable.

We worked to earn money to purchase our vehicles, or borrowed to own them, and paid interest which gave them a disproportionate value. In farming communities, or small towns and villages off the beaten track, vehicles were often just left as and when they were no longer of use. Over the years foliage and the elements transformed them into organic tart forms.

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*Wrecked Cessna floatplane, Alaska.*





**OPPOSITE:** This abandoned car has subsequently been crushed by a falling branch, New Norcia, Western Australia.

**ABOVE:** Bullet riddled car, Kalbarri, Western Australia.

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**OPPOSITE:** *Resting school bus at New Zealand's 'Smash Palace' wreckers and car museum, Horopito Motors, New Zealand.*

**LEFT:** *The rusted remains of a radial aircraft engine, one of many scattered around the northern coastal town of Broome, Western Australia. Twenty two allied aircraft were destroyed in an early morning raid by Japanese fighter aircraft in May 1942. An assortment of US, British, Dutch and Australian transport and bomber aircraft were on Broome airstrip, as well as fifteen naval and civilian seaplanes at anchor in Roebuck Bay. All the aircraft on the airstrip and at anchor were destroyed by canon and machine gun fire in a deadly raid that lasted one hour, with great loss of civilian life. All the aircraft were transporting military and civilian personnel from the island of Java following the Japanese invasion.*



**OPPOSITE:** Abandoned car at the 1800's gold mining town of Hill End, New South Wales, Australia. **ABOVE:** Rusting truck at the abandoned gold mining town of Gwalia, Western Australia.

*If left to the elements long enough, an abandoned vehicle may start taking on the appearance of its surroundings.*



**OPPOSITE:** Discarded vehicle on Point Campbell beach, Marlborough, New Zealand.  
**ABOVE:** Burnt out tanks from 'Operation Desert Storm', Iraq 1991.



**ABOVE:** 1940's Douglas DC3 Dakota, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. Given its condition and location, this graceful old lady of the skies will probably slowly decompose where it is.

**LEFT:** This Douglas DC-3, serves as a McDonald's restaurant, Lake Taupo, New Zealand.

**RIGHT:** This DC3 has been converted into a cafe in Mangaweka, New Zealand



*I was 12 years old when I had my first ever flight. It was in an National Airways Corporation DC-3 Dakota. I vividly remember feeling like I was flying over Normandy on D Day, only 18 years earlier.*



*My childhood was populated with historic aircraft that to me were in places they did not belong.*



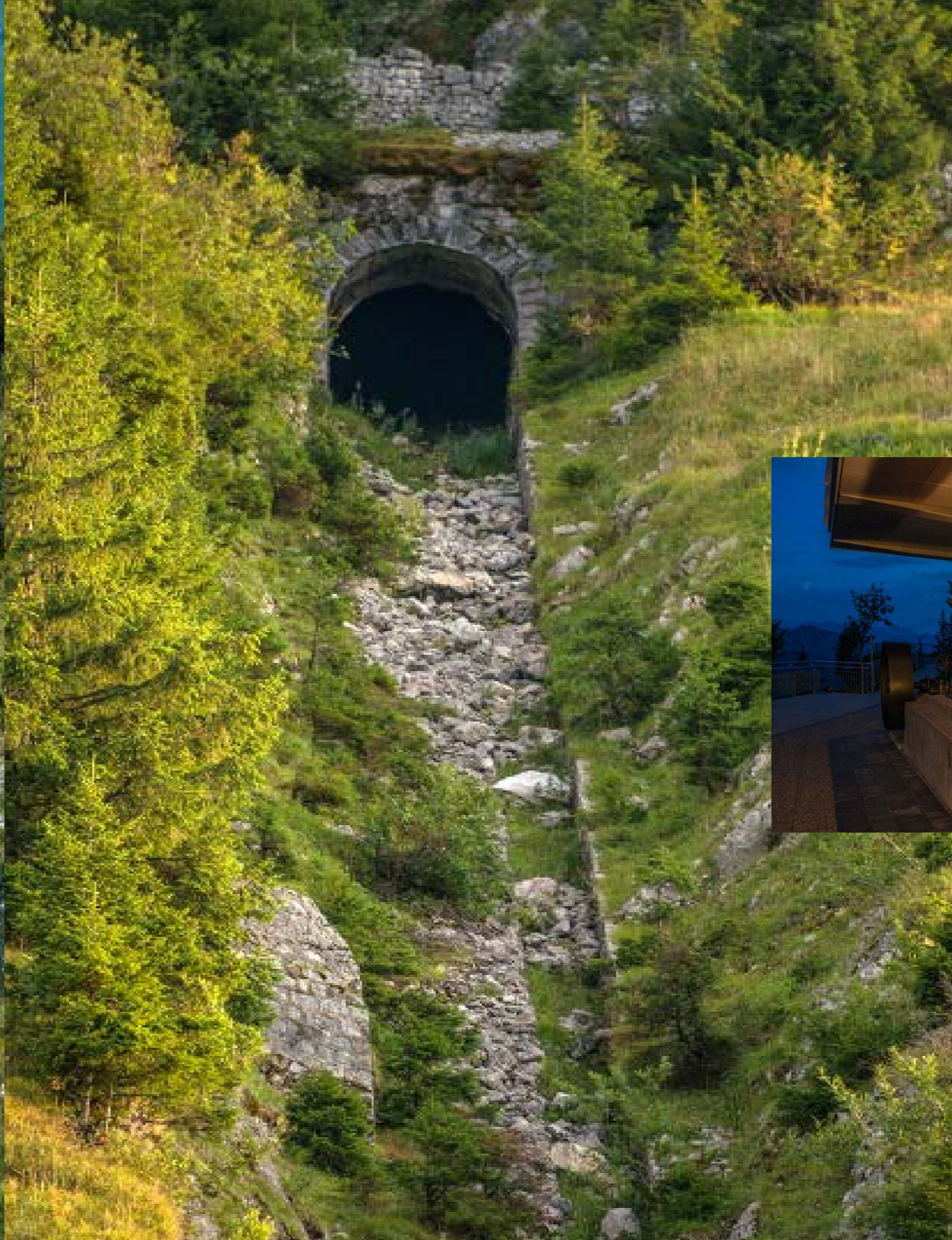
*This Second World War North American T6 Harvard/Texan trainer aircraft has adorned a children's playground in Pahiataua (opposite), New Zealand since 1963. The aircraft has become associated New Zealand wide as an icon for this small east coast town. But in 2003, for safety and historic reasons the historical aircraft was removed and replaced with a replica. The original aircraft now sits atop a pole (left) for a commercial business only a few kilometers from Pahiataua, in Mangatianoka.*

**OPPOSITE:** The original T6 before it was replaced with the replica. **LEFT:** The same aircraft now restored atop a plinth at Mangatianoka.



**OPPOSITE TOP & ABOVE:** Abandoned 1950s era RAF English Electric Canberra jet bombers on an airfield fire training ground. Abingdon UK. The Canberra opposite has been 'torched' a few times and is almost burnt through. The Canberra above, minus the weight of its engines, appears to be reaching for the sky, trying to escape the waiting hungry flames.





**OPPOSITE, BELOW & LEFT:** *The 'Cabrio' on Mt Stanserhorn, Switzerland, is the world's first open-air funicular railway and cable car. Its course passes over the remnants of the original 1893 tunnels and trackways, the world's longest funicular of the time. It never recovered from a lightning based fire in 1970.*



*Its original winding mechanism is still in place on Mt Stanserhorn.*



**OPPOSITE:** Rusting hulks of cars keep a crumbling early 1900's Western Australian homestead company, as they both slowly return to their component parts. **ABOVE:** The barely recognisable remains of a horse drawn wagon lies discarded in the abandoned town of Greenhills, Western Australia. In the foreground is the steering yoke and front axle.



*Like the carcass of an animal, an abandoned vehicle, independent of what caused its demise, will more often than not be thoroughly picked over for parts, burnt or vandalised, then just left.*

**OPPOSITE:** Abandoned car stripped of parts, sits in a equally abandoned coal processing plant in Carmaux, France. **ABOVE:** Abandoned car in the sand dunes near Geraldton, Western Australia,