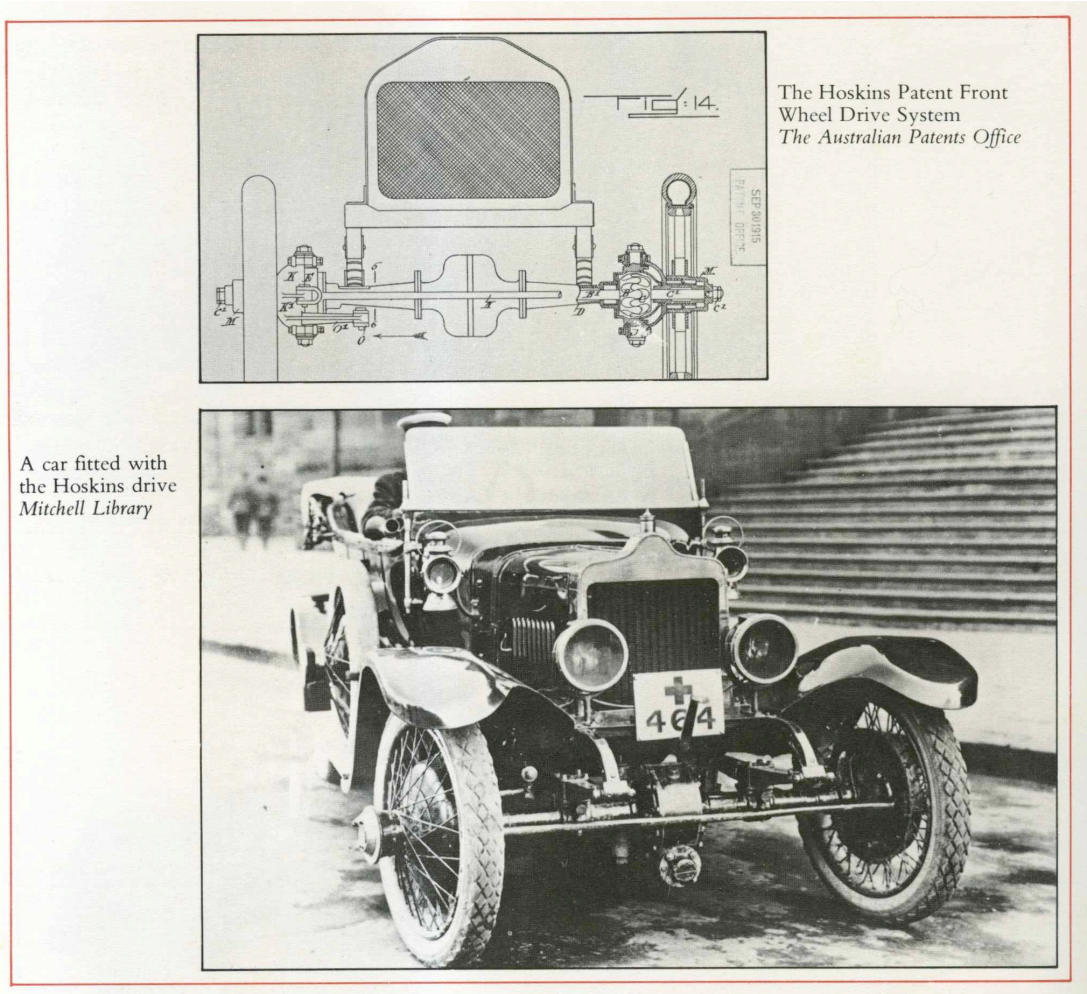




The Hoskins Patent Front Wheel Drive System

George Hoskins, who developed the Appian Way opposite his mansion 'St. Cloud' in Burwood Road, was an engineer and prominent member of the Sydney motoring industry. He invented a 'spherical radial gear' for a front-wheel drive system and was granted a patent for it in 1915. The system could be used on various makes of cars. The car used to demonstrate the Hoskins invention illustrated below was possibly an English Standard.



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