

# THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QLD). INC.

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## VETERAN TORQUE

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Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Club website is: [www.vccaq.com](http://www.vccaq.com)

Membership fees for year commencing 1 July 2023 are:

Full Membership (single):	\$ 53	Joint Membership	\$ 59
Country Membership (single):	\$ 40	Joint Membership:	\$ 45
Associate Membership	\$ 40		

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

**Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$15 FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING A MAILED OUT COPY.**

Membership fees may be paid by **direct deposit** into the Club's Account:

Bank of Queensland A/C BSB 124026, A/C 21577447; giving details of your name.

Or By Cheque, made payable to Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc.  
(Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.)

(Note: The Social Fund account is: BSB 124 026 A/C 21823868)

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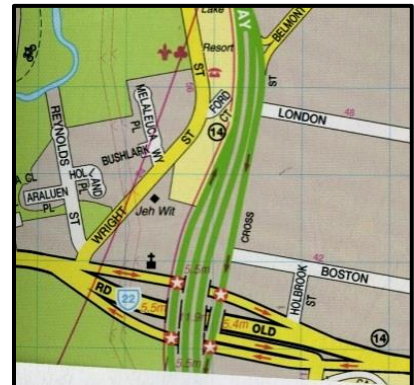
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## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.*



Where to start. It's awfully hard to get my mind across all that has happened over the last month.

- There's the National Rally happening in Tasmania as I write.
- Yesterday was the TAVCCA meeting which Peter Arnold and I attended by zoom.
- There have been more bereavements than anybody wants which have been affecting many of our members.
- I have pursued Personal Development by visiting Beaulieu Museum down Southampton way on our visit to the UK and Ireland.
- And to top it all off, participated in the London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally.

Many of you know Jill Hawkins, our fellow Tasmanian Veteran Club member and presently the National Rally Director. Just before the TAVCCA meeting she learned that her sister suffered a heart attack and passed away. Our thoughts are with Jill and Peter at this time.

Then we share the sadness of the passing of Ross Guthrie Junior with Ross and Rhonda and their family. Our thoughts are with Nola Herse and family on the death of Ian and Syd Norman and family too as they mourn the death of Syd's older brother.

And then we remember Brian Waters who, although not a member of our Club, was nevertheless instrumental in the establishment of our club house way back then.

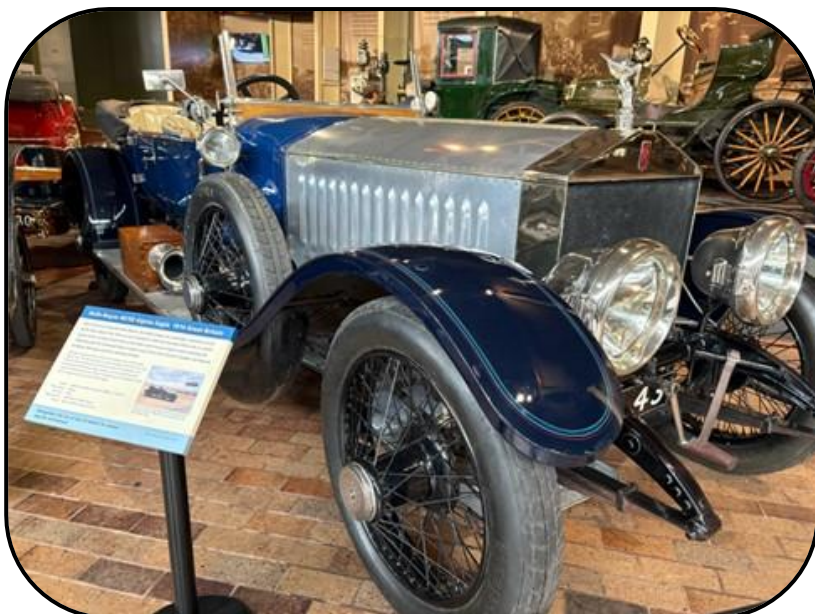
Now, just a few short news items from our 4 weeks abroad. The Beaulieu Museum delivered upon all the promises made to me by members who have already been there. The Montagu Family through the museum continues to have an amazing impact on the crowds that flock to see motoring history exhibited so well. I was amazed that the crowd was composed substantially of young families. It may well be that this is responsible for the interest in the London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally.

Our (yes, Irene was with me) L to B experience started with a visit to the Bonhams Auction House. Next time we go there, I reckon I could pay for a return ticket if I took a suitcase of car bits and offered them at the auction. There was a lady's small diamond encrusted veteran car brooch that sold for over \$4000! We bumped into Tracy?? from America who covered the HCCA International Rally down the Tweed for the Horseless Carriage magazine. We joined the throng in Pall Mall for St James' Motoring Spectacle where a large selection of L to B cars were on show along with some more modern sports cars.

Russell Holden's Thomas was on show and Andrea was the winner of the Ladies' Automobile Club Award. We spent some time in the hallowed halls of the Royal Automobile Club but skipped the lunch there.

And then the day, the day of the 2024 London to Brighton dawned fine and cool. The experience was sensational and surprises just kept happening. We were so fortunate being able to actually participate in the Run, me in Pete Woods 1903 Cadillac and Irene in Erin Siedermann's 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile. Yes, we went to dinner at the Grand in Brighton and stayed the night next door at the Double Tree Hotel. Special thanks to our Kiwi friend Laurie Cocker for lighting the fuse on this blast from London to Brighton. The bucket overflowed on this one.

Oh, I should mention that we also enjoyed eight days of driving in Ireland and another 8 days in Wales.



Spotted this Alpine Eagle at Beaulieu. It is the Roller that Edward, 3rd Baron Montagu and Prince Michael of Kent drove Canberra to Sydney during the Bi-centenary celebrations in 1988.

We have just learned of the death of long-time Club Member Raema Carpenter. Our sympathy goes to Alan and family.



*[Photo provided by Pam Guthrie].*

## Congratulations **Rhonda Guthrie** on being awarded the Montagu Trophy for 2024 for services to the veteran car community.

Rhonda has been a member of the Queensland club all her adult life after her courtship and marriage to husband, Ross Guthrie. The Guthrie family were well known in the Veteran Car Club almost since its inception, having owned and restored numerous vehicles in their panel beating business.

It wasn't until the late 1990's that Rhonda started to take a more active role in the Club when she took on the role of Member Liaison, a position she holds to this very day. In her own words she says, "I love this Club and I just want to make sure our members can make the most of their association with it".

### **Member Liaison Role**

**New Members** - Once we have contact with a prospective member, Rhonda makes contact to help them with their application. Once received she organises the printing of the name badge and sends out the Welcome Pack with all the relevant information. At their first meeting or event she will meet them and introduce them to various members and make sure they feel included.

**Sourcing vehicles** - They don't currently have a veteran, no problem, Rhonda will find out what sort of vehicle they are looking for and then use her national network to find suitable candidates. Most new Associate Members are Full Members before the end of their first year of membership.

**Merchandise** - Rhonda also makes sure that members are kitted out appropriately with club merchandise by managing stock levels, pricing and promotion of sales.

**Attendance at events** – Rhonda is always on the lookout for local and interstate events which may be of interest to our members. She will contact the organisers for more information and if appropriate will send out information to local and country members. She is very diligent in ensuring that our country members are not forgotten when it comes to information. It is largely through her efforts that our Queensland events have had excellent attendance in recent years and that our Queensland contingent at National Events has been so strong.

### **Registrar**

**Membership Records** - Along with Liaison, Rhonda has been keeper of the Membership records for Queensland. It is from these records that the information for the National Directory is derived. As this is only printed every 5 years, she also distributes Queensland membership listings on a more regular basis.

**Dating Records** - When her husband took on the Dating Committee chairmanship, Rhonda took on the role of Secretary to the committee. This involved the compiling of historic dating records as well as maintaining an up-to-date listing. From that she was also able to manage the issuing of **100 year badges** for Queensland with the keeping of appropriate records.

### **Anniversary Books**

At the end of each decade for the last two, Rhonda has produced an Anniversary Book to review the events of the previous 10 years and showcase the vehicles owned by our members. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book in 2006 was a 57 page publication followed in 2016 with a 100 page publication to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Clubrooms**

**Consumables supply** – Each time Rhonda attends the club rooms, usually 3 times per month, she checks the cleanliness, replenishes paper towel and toilet roll dispensers, collects tea towels for washing and checks reorder levels of cleaning materials.

**Locking up** – Even though they have further to travel to meetings than most members, Ross and Rhonda are usually the last to leave after vacuuming the auditorium and sweeping and cleaning duties in the kitchen and final checks before locking up.

## **Rally Organising**

Rhonda has been responsible for organising in part or in full, many events over the years.

### **National Rallies –**

2005, Toowoomba, member of the rally committee. Who could forget Rhonda's Random Draws each morning at briefing.

2012, Ipswich, member of the rally committee

2020, National 1&2 rally Charleville, member of the rally committee

2024, International HCCA rally Tweed Valley, member of the rally committee.

### **From early2000's organising club rallies in both Queensland and NSW.**

Brunswick Heads x2,  
Temora x2,

Evans Heads,  
Tweed Valley,

Stanthorpe,  
Yamba x2.

## **Committee Positions.**

Most of this work being carried out as an ordinary member of the Club. It wasn't until 2007 that she succumbed to pressure and nominated for committee, being duly elected that year.

**Secretary** – 2015 to 2018 Rhonda accepted the position of Secretary as well as fulfilling the non/committee roles listed above.

**Committee Member** - Being forced to stand down after 3 years in accordance with the club rules, in 2019 to 2021 Rhonda returned as a committee member still performing those previous duties.

**Secretary** – Again in 2021 Rhonda accepted the Secretary's position for 12 months.

**Events Director** – In 2022 she returned as Rally Director until retiring at the AGM in 2024.

## **Participation in events**

Ross and Rhonda are regular participants in both local and interstate events.

**National Rallies** – ACT, Canberra, Goulburn, Griffith.  
Victoria, Shepparton, Morwell 1&2.  
South Australia, Robe 1&2, Naracoorte, Clare.  
NSW, Cowra, Forbes1&2, Mittagong, Forbes National, Narrandera 1&2.  
WA, Kalgoorlie.  
Qld, Bargara, Charleville 1&2

**Interstate Invitation Rallies** – Victoria, Bright, Colac, Mansfield, Mt Beauty.  
NSW, Lismore, Narrabri, Orange x2, Inverell.  
SA, Mannum.

**Local Events** – Far too many to list from far north Queensland, central and west as well as the southeast corner.

As many years have rolled by unceasingly and south coast traffic getting almost impossible, Rhonda has made the decision to retire from being on committee and will attend general meetings by zoom in future, saving several hours each way on travel.

Certainly, the VCCAQ has benefited enormously from Rhonda's involvement over the years with her husband Ross. Her mission was to always promote the Veteran Car Club in Queensland and the veteran car Movement as a whole wherever she went.

If you are in the veteran car Movement and have not come across Rhonda, you are spending too much time under your car.

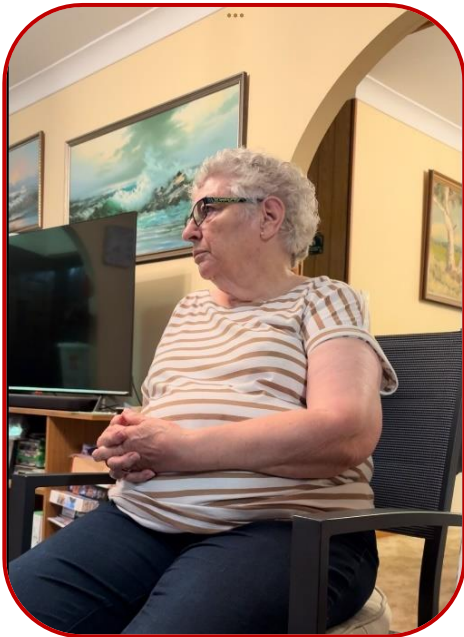
While Ross and Rhonda are not retiring from veteran motoring and Rhonda will continue to be a communication conduit, we feel it is an appropriate time to recognise her tireless work to date by awarding her the Montagu Trophy in 2024..

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*Blah Blah Blah....*

*This year this prestigious trophy is awarded to Rhonda Guthrie.*

*Would you like to tell those at the Tassie Final Dinner that you accept?*



*“I do – thank-you, thank-you”*







*President Graham Donges presents Rhonda with a surrogate Montagu Trophy at a Surprise function to hear the announcement during the Final Dinner in Tasmania*



By now, you will have read or heard the news. I'm just so honoured to have been awarded the Montagu Trophy for 2024.

The Qld Veteran Car Club is part of our (Ross and My) lives, and we wouldn't have it any other way, we love it. But, you know, it's you, the Club Members who have made the Qld Veteran Car Club such a great club that others want to be part of. If you folks didn't participate in rallies, or get dressed up in costumes, or make the effort to travel long distances to attend National Rallies, the Club would not be as strong as it is.

But also the credit goes to Ross, with his support and willingness to attend rallies, drive to Brisbane so often. He is my biggest supporter [Though, he does tell me when I've got it all wrong].

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Rhonda Guthrie

## Club and Invitation Rallies for your Diary

- December 21<sup>st</sup>** Veteran Christmas Luncheon - \$10.00pp The Club will supply the meat (Ham - Chicken), members are asked to provide a plate of ?? eg: salad to go with the meat. - Check with Jean
- 2025**
- February 9<sup>th</sup>** Annual Breakfast \$5.00 per person at Club Rooms
- March 8<sup>th</sup>** International Women's Day Afternoon Tea Ladies please supply a plate of food ??
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** **National Brush Rally** Albany WA
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>** **Club Tour "Northern Qld Rally"** same/similar concept to last year's rally. Some new venues, so please put it on your calendar.  
Assemble - Mackay - Ayr - Atherton - Maybe extended, these will be optional extra days. **Grant Vormister**
- June** RACQ display
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** **Frostbite Rally** - Bundaberg, Gin Gin, Gayndah, Childers, Bundaberg
- August 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Max & Jane** have offered to arrange **3 days of Veteran driving** around the district of **Jondaryan** - camp at the Woolshed camping area
- Then**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** National **Historical Machinery Assoc** - Jondaryan Woolshed  
**whilst all this is happening - thought we might arrange a ladies Millinery workshop. - Anyone interested ???**
- Then**
- August 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>** **Steaming Under the Southern Cross** - Jondaryan Woolshed  
Camping now available at the Woolshed camping section.  
Dogs allowed on a lead.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>** **National Veteran Rally in SA** Murray Bridge - Marina Caravan Park  
Address: 100 Roper Rd, Murray Bridge, SA 5253 - (08) 8532 6900
- October 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** Victoria **"Swan Hill"** Civic Function 15<sup>th</sup> October, **Celebrating Vic 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - 3 days of Rallying, Final Dinner, Saturday Evening 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Big4 Riverside Caravan Park - Michael & Claudia Holding Ph 0407 008 895
- October 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** **National Motorcycle Rally Ballarat** - [antiquemcca@gmail.com](mailto:antiquemcca@gmail.com)
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** VMCC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally - Bathurst NSW
- 2026**
- .....
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** **National Veteran 1 & 2 Rally** Temora NSW. For those with own sleeping accommodation, I suggest Council Caravan Park at the Temora Airport 1-5 Tenefts Street Temora. - Computer will not take bookings yet - I've checked. Rh
- April / May** **Invitation Rally** Wilsons Promontory (Vic) to Cooktown (Nth Qld) .....ks driving approx. 150ks per day Andrew Winter 0447 534 078
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** **National Veteran Rally NSW** - Cowra Caravan Park 02 6342 1627  
2a Lachlan Street Cowra - [stay@cowrapark.com.au](mailto:stay@cowrapark.com.au)
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## Veteran Car Club Australia (Q)

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or phone 0405 505 955

Hello everyone

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Due to an anticipated larger interest in The Northern Tour, we have decided to release an Expression Of Interest form as we need a more accurate idea of numbers.

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1919**

**Registration in Mackay Sunday 18th May**

**Starting in Mackay, Monday 19th May 2025.**

A three day hub rally around the Mackay region.

Finish on Wednesday 21st.

The 22nd & 23rd are free to pack up camp and travel to Ayr. Approx 300km

Starting **Saturday 24th, three day hub rally around the Ayr region.**

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th are free days to travel to Atherton. Approx 450km

Starting on **Thursday 29th, three day hub rally around the Atherton region.**

Rally finishes after the day's activities Saturday 31st May 2025.

Sunday 1st June is an optional day to the **Herberton** Historical Village.

**The Atherton to Herberton road is NOT suitable for 1 & 2 cylinder cars.**

Travel days Monday 2nd & 3rd. Atherton to **Ravenswood** approx 480km

Another optional few days are at Ravenswood. Wednesday 4th & 5th.

All rally routes are suitable for 1 & 2 cylinder vehicles, as the people mapping the area all have a single cylinder car.

We would like to keep the rally simple, ie, bring your own everything.

Everyone is welcome to do the whole rally or just part of it.

Feel free to pass on this info to anyone with a veteran vehicle you feel would be interested.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Passengers \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Number of cylinders \_\_\_\_\_ Cruising speed \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tick the box, boxes, of which rally you intend to participate in.

**The whole tour**  **OR** **Mackay**  **Ayr**  **Atherton**

Please email completed forms to [grantski002@hotmail.com](mailto:grantski002@hotmail.com)

## Creepy Crawly Rally

The Queensland Veteran Car Club organised a Creepy Crawly Rally designed for the more feeble cars in the veteran car community. As other commitments had meant we were unable to attend the Pre-05 Rally in South Australia, we decided to take the 1904 Minervette back to its previous home state of Queensland. Fellow club members Glenn and Jenny also joined in the fun with their 1910 Brush. After figuring out where we were going (Laidley? Where's that? Turns out it is between and south of Ipswich and Toowoomba), we packed up the car and the tent and headed north. Turning up at the Laidley Showground, we were greeted by many lovely veteran cars and their entourages – custom built transport and housing, highly attentive caretakers and impressive period costumes. Pizzas, a local entertainer and fine weather after a storm made for a lovely evening catching up with fellow ~~mad folk~~ slow veteran enthusiasts.

The first driving day of the rally dawned early and bright. The Minervette was rolled out of the trailer and was cranked into life. The gear problem that has been plaguing the car since we had it was still there, so once again we had to be pushed to get going in top gear (there are only 2...) and off we chuffed, wheeling around corners and managing to time it through the intersections so as not to stop the car. On heading south, we encountered a bit of the hill. The Minervette slowed, and slowed, Alison jumped out of the car to see if weight reduction would help (it didn't) and Andrew tried valiantly to get the car back into first gear but it was having none of it and stalled. It's a light little car so we decided to push it to the top of the hill and hope that there was a decent downhill so we could jump start it on the other side. Even with a slight downhill and additional help pushing, we were unable to get it going again and so it was onto the breakdown trailer and back to the showground and into old car jail for the Minervette.



*Old car jail!*



*The Coffs Crew at the Creepy Crawly*

We jumped in the modern and headed to the lunch stop and got to see that there were some really lovely and interesting cars.

After lunch, Andrew jumped into the Brush with Glenn and Jenny came modern with Alison as we headed on a scenic drive back to Laidley. Well, we thought we were going to Laidley. Following the Brush in the modern, we saw it turn south, which wasn't where we thought it should be going. But we dutifully followed in case of any problems. Andrew was navigating and finally realised he was following the directions for the next day's run as he had assumed the booklet was on the right page... so a u-turn and back on track to end an eventful day of motoring. The next day dawned bright and clear and, after deciding that the Minervette needed more attention than we could give it in a paddock, we trailered it into central Laidley for a display next to the historic Das Neumann Haus. A wonderful display of around 20 early cars much enjoyed by the locals.



*Glenn and Alison set off on Sunday in the Brush*



*Unusual 1907 Cyklonette 3 wheeler*

After a lovely cream tea with the mayor, we were flagged off for a run to the lunch stop in nearby Forest Hill. Alison got a ride in the Brush this time and loved it. Sitting outside a café, a member of the public handed in a brass fitting they had seen falling off another old car. Glenn recognised that it was an oil cap, probably from another Brush. Thinking that our fellow participant would be OK without it and not being entirely sure whose car it had come from, we wrapped this oily item in some napkins to return it later in the day. Andrew hopped in with Glenn, with Jenny and Alison following modern for the rally route. Just as well, as on leaving Forest Hill, Andrew called to say the lost part was needed as the owner and his wife were covered in oil. She was not happy with this turn of events, particularly as it turned out the driver had forgotten to put the cap back on!

The events of the day were not quite over though. In our comings and goings from the showground, Andrew had spotted an old car at the back of a carport that he wanted to investigate. So, ignoring the storm clouds in the distance, we set off for a gentle stroll to look for this car. As we walked, the hill in front of us disappeared in the rain and after a bit of discussion, we decided to turn back. The wind started to blow and then we heard a noise. We turned to see the rain advancing up the road towards us sounding like a freight train. We started to run but weren't fast enough to beat the storm. Sheltering against a shed, we moved from the front to the side to the back as the wind shifted until, already wringing wet and with the wind dropped, we walked the last couple of hundred metres to the showground. There we discovered our tent, pitched next to the stables, was under a waterfall and our fellow rally participants, nicely set up with their caravans, had lost their awnings. Amazingly it was dry inside our tent, so no emergency accommodation needed for the night.



*A silly time to go for a walk!*

The final day of the rally and after a short run around town, we gathered at the Laidley Pioneer Village. Having no working old car, we walked so Andrew got to check out the carport find (a 1925 Rugby he thinks). The Pioneer Village was a good display of old building and equipment, including a really neat washing machine agitator and a display of antique medical equipment that made us glad to live in modern times!

And that was the end of the rally. Our thanks to the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) for organising this event and once again welcoming us to their group.

We headed home via Allora as we needed to visit a wooden wheel specialist – you get to go to all sorts of places that you'd never otherwise know about with this hobby.

Alison King.

The following article on Denis Martin's Darracq written by reporter Jesse appeared in "The Lockyer and Somerset Independent" of 21 November last, during the Creepy Crawly Rally.

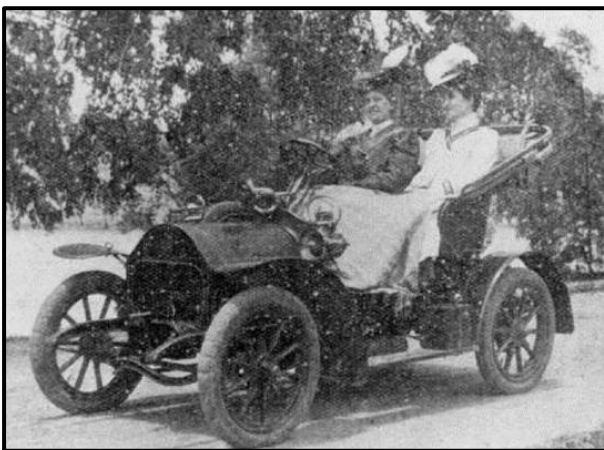
## French Cars Rich Ties to Laidley and Ipswich

In late 1907, two French Darracq automobiles arrived off a boat in Brisbane and would soon be owned by some of Laidley and Ipswich's most influential figures.

The identical two-seater Darracq models had arrived from Antwerp, Belgium, and would find themselves in the hands of Laidley's first motorist and Queensland's first female graduate to study medicine.

In November 1907, Dr Valentine Mc Dowell from Laidley would purchase the Darracq and become the town's first registered motorist. Dr Mc Dowell had a practice in Laidley and was recognised by locals to drive the Darracq and later an English Talbot. The doctor was also an amateur inventor who built a successful X-ray machine in the shed at the back of Spiker Street, Laidley.

It is unknown what happened to Dr McDowell's Darracq, but its sister car, which was previously owned by Ipswich Doctor Eleanor Greenham, is now owned by Veteran Car Club of Australia Queensland member Denis Martin.



Mr Martin said he had owned Doctor Greenham's Darracq since 2012 and had a fascinating history before arriving in his hands. "Dr Greenham was the first pupil to be enrolled at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School and went on to become the first Queensland-born woman to graduate in medicine," he said. "She used the car all around Brisbane for a couple of years, but being a lady, it was a bit difficult for her to crank it. "In 1912, when a car called the Hupmobile came on the market, it had an electric self-starter, so she was able to manage that a lot better and purchased it."

Mr Martin said a Warwick man then owned the Darracq for half a century before being sought out by the Veteran Car Club of Queensland. "When this veteran car club movement started in the 1950's, a man living in Toowoomba found the Darracq outside this property outside Warwick," he said. "He dragged it back to Toowoomba and did it up. "That was the story of most of these old cars; nobody wanted them when they were 50 plus years old; most of them went to the wreckers for scrap merchants, and they scrapped them for brass to use for bullets for both World Wars. "The man in Toowoomba owned it for 50 years, and when he got old and couldn't look after it, I was lucky to come across it in the year 2012."

## FOR SALE

### 1913 FN (Fabrique Nationals de Herstal ). Shaft Drive Motor Cycle.

I found these parts in outback Queensland of a dismantled FN and proceeded to collect more parts for it over the last 50 years. Included are two extra motors and the Owner's Handbook and Instruction Manual.

*Price* \$12,500.

Phone Frank Muggeridge 0409 362 773.



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**1908 ALLDAYS & ONIONS,** Twin cylinder, Spare motor and gearbox  
\$65, 000 or offer

*Contact:* Les Allen 0415613888 [veterancar@outlook.com](mailto:veterancar@outlook.com)

**1915 T FORD SPEEDSTER**

\$35,000 or offer

*Contact:* Les Allen 0415613888 [veterancar@outlook.com](mailto:veterancar@outlook.com)

## FOR SALE

A Country Club Member has given Rhonda a large number of items of old-fashioned clothing etc. to be sold [eg Hat boxes, Tall men's suits, old style braces, ladies' gloves, some hats that need re-decorating, an umbrella frame in need of covering.....].

Some examples are shown below. Rhonda will bring them along to the Christmas Party.

Please bring cash with you, as credit facilities will not be available.





## **Minutes of the Seven Hundred and Fifteenth Meeting**

**of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc  
held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale  
on Monday 4 November 2024**

**Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Attendance:** 27 as per the attendance book.

**Attendance on Zoom:** Wal & Bev Lanagan, Paul Blake, Bill & Karen Ryan, Wayne Deering, Steve & Marcelien Hunt, Max Scholefield, Sally & Rob York, Ashley York, Adam Lyons, Rhiann York and Jacob Bailey.

**Apologies:** Graham Donges, Irene Donges, John and Alison Day, Alan & Carol Robinson, Raema Carpenter, Lauren Forster, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge,

**Minutes of the October Meeting.** The Acting Secretary moved the minutes of the October 2024 General Meeting as printed in the November 2024 edition of Veteran Torque be adopted. Seconded by Trevor Farnell. Carried

**Business Arising:**

**Correspondence :**

**Inwards.**

Auction to be held by AuctionPlus at Parkes NSW of veteran and vintage cars and car parts, magazines, farm equipment, household items, furniture and other items

Email from Rhonda Guthrie thanking the club for sending flowers

Email from Jennie Ransom thanking the club for sending flowers

Email from Craig Bartlett asking about membership payment, a replacement name badge and change of address

Email from Len Kelly advising details of the successful 2024 Frostbite rally, 19 entrants, 2 entrants had mechanical problems, 2025 rally will be on 22-25 July, 2025 route will be Bundaberg, Gin Gin, Gayndah and Bundaberg

Email from Rhonda Guthrie enquiring if the February Breakfast and International Womens' Day events are being held

Emails from John Farrier, John Day, Bill Ryan Trevor Farnell, Chris Sorensen, Kevin Brooks, Syd Norman re booking for Jondaryan camping

Email from Paul Blake re non attendance for the Mt Gravatt State School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Halcyon re vehicles being auctioned and results of the auction– no veteran or vintage vehicles or parts

Historical Motor Cycle Club re booking of the committee room

Invoice from Pestlink.for pest control services

Qld Early Ford V8 Car Club re booking of the clubrooms

**Newsletters:**

Beaded Wheels

Cairns and District Historical Vehicle Club - Bearing Chatter - October 2024

Chrysler Club Newsletter

Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club. The Good Oil.

HCCA November newsletter

Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club. Klaxon – October 2024

VCCQ. Well Oiled Rag

**Outwards.**

Email to Craig Bartlett about payment for membership, new name badge and change of address

Email from Acting Secretary to SEQ Qld members about the Mt Gravatt State School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Letter to NHMA asking about accommodation and our participation in the programme next August

Letter for Stephen Arnold and Angela Hope re joint membership approved  
Letter to TMR for Glenn Adams re current membership and transfer of registration  
Letter to Len Kelly re approval to organise the Frostbite rally in July 2025  
Sympathy card to Ross and Rhonda Guthrie  
Sympathy card to Jenni, Campbell and Mia Guthrie  
Sympathy card to Jennie Ransom  
Sympathy card to Nola Herse

The Acting Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed.  
Seconded by Albert Budworth. Carried.

### **Business Arising from the Correspondence:**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Malcolm Wegener reported on the club accounts. The books are still being audited. There were 49 entrants for Burnett Heads and 29 entrants for the Creepy Crawly Rally. Malcolm moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Farnell. Carried.

**Social Director:** Jean Jarrett advised that the cost for the Christmas lunch will be \$10 per head, The club will be supplying meats and members attending are to bring salads, vegetables, or sweets. Members should contact Jean to let her know that you will be attending and what you are bringing. This will help to ensure that all requirements will be supplied.

**Rally Coordinator:** A request for a volunteer to fill the position was unsuccessful.

#### **Property:**

Property Officer, Albert Budworth reported that the area near the ramp had been top dressed, soil added to the pathway edges, the duck pond at the water meters filled, the water meters are operational, mowing done and the frequency of mowing to be increased as required. There is a working bee on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The defibrillator will be installed, chairs taken down to the shed, mowers started and assessed for sale, Singapore Daisy will be sprayed and weeding done.

**Security:** One club has had a problem with their card. There have been complaints about the cleanliness of the oven. Peter has cleaned the oven.

#### **Creepy Crawly Rally**

Joe Jarick thanked the entrants and also the co-contributors to the rally report, Peter Arnold, Marcelien Hunt and Gary and Kathy Day and Peter Janetzki as the tail end Charlie.

Joe said that the “Creepy Crawly” theme of shorter runs, local activities and a social focus resonated with members as he and Paul Blake were expecting a handful to join them but were shocked when they ended up with over 40 at most venues on the program.

#### **Impromptu Rally**

A small number of members went on the Impromptu rally that Greg Hill organised at Laidley immediately after the Creepy Crawly Rally.

#### **Monthly Runs:**

##### **Southside**

Trevor Farnell said that the southside run is to the Queensland Ambulance Museum at Wynnum on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

##### **Northside**

Peter Arnold advised that this month's northside run is to the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club at Shorncliffe for lunch on Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Editor.**

Carol said that the newsletter was produced under difficulties as part way through she had to change programs which was proving quite a challenge.

**Website:** No report.

**Dating of vehicles:** Ross Guthrie reported that there were no requests for dating of vehicles this month.

**QHMC:** Delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that newsletter 22 involving the use of cars for school formals will have a new guide following an approach to TMR after representations from the Roma car club should be out soon.

It also will have updated information about SIVS heavy vehicles with SIVS registration being able to carry SIVS registered vehicles.

**Archive Group:**

John Day absent.

**General Business:**

Bev Lanagan said that in relation to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mt Gravatt State School, there was a favourable report on the attendance of veteran cars, period dress and for Syd Norman acting as Town Crier.

Moved by Peter Arnold that we put the Toro Zero Turn mower up for tender to our members first and then open tender if needed. Seconded by Albert Budworth. Carried. We will also sell one of the push mowers.

NHMA Rally at Jondaryan Woolshed accommodation bookings open 1 November. Rhonda will organise a block booking. – now 1 week later.

Kathy Day asked if the Sewing Ladies could change to a different day. It was decided they do not need to change and that services will be booked. There is a need to have a daytime activities calendar to avoid clashes.

Syd Norman inspected the Buicks at Woolgoolga. He reported that there are a lot of parts and some cars in the shed. He took a lot of photos and passed on information for those interested.

The meeting agreed that we send a thank you note to Tracey, editor of Horseless Carriage for the great coverage of the Tweed International Rally. Whitey is the centre page spread.

John Day noted that the Club's 70th Anniversary is in 2026 and it is the 40th Anniversary of the first born Kern Rally next week. John Day said we need the story for Archives.

Peter Arnold reported that our President Graham Donges travelled in a 1903 Cadillac in the London to Brighton Rally. Our Secretary Irene Donges toured in a 1903 Oldsmobile. Many members are envious of their rides. Vehicles must be of 3 or 4 wheel design and certified that their build took place prior to the 1 January 1905. The website <https://www.veterancarrun.com> has details and photos on this prestigious pre 1905 car run.

At the Creepy Crawly Rally Peter Arnold was presented with a paddle inscribed "Up the Creek". Peter suggested that the paddle should be presented to the entrant who checked the oil level on their car when it was running and as he was running late, proceeded without replacing the item. Luckily a local resident found the lid and handed it in.

**Meeting Closed at 8.24pm**

**John Que**

**Syd Norman**

**Acting Hon Secretary  
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc**

**President  
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc**



*In 1923 British adventurer Michael Terry bought a 10-year-old Ford and drove it cross-country from Winton in Queensland to Broome in Western Australia – over two thousand miles. It was the first of 14 such trips he did in his lifetime. He wrote a book about his adventures in 1981.*

*[From the Alex Gow collection]*

**AND NOW FOR...SOME CHRISTMAS HUMOUR**

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| <b>What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?</b>  | A Christmas quacker.                  |
| <b>How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?</b>             | Nothing. It was on the house!         |
| <b>What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?</b>         | Anything you want. He can't hear you! |
| <b>What nationality is Santa Claus?</b>                   | North Polish.                         |
| <b>What do you call a blind reindeer?</b>                 | I have no eye deer.                   |
| <b>What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke?</b> | This one's gonna sleigh you!          |
| <b>What do you call Santa's little helpers?</b>           | Subordinate clauses.                  |
| <b>What did Adam say to his wife at Christmas?</b>        | It's finally Christmas, Eve!          |
| <b>What's every parent's favourite Christmas Carol?</b>   | Silent Night.                         |
| <b>What do you call Santa when he takes a break?</b>      | Santa Pause.                          |
| <b>Why is Santa scared of chimneys?</b>                   | Because he's so claus-trophobic.      |

