

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

Joint Patrons: Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland  
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# VETERAN TORQUE

**OCTOBER 2023**



Queenslanders heading for the National Veteran Rally in Griffith



# VCCA(Q) - 2023 –24

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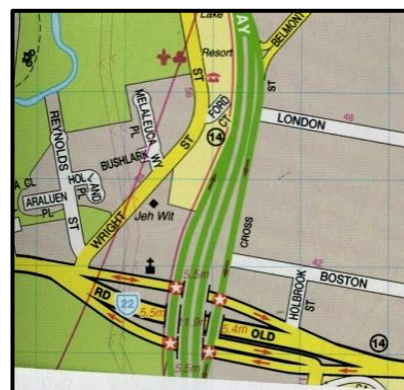
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

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)

**Membership Application Forms are available from the Secretary at the address below.**

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## *President's Report September*

Following the Frostbite Rally we opened our home to a southern visitor in preparation for a unique workshop with my father, Graham Crittenden. As most veteran car enthusiasts would know, being a motor trimmer by trade, he has spent countless years working on hoods and seats of Veteran cars throughout Australia. He was insightful as a young apprentice and took it upon himself to learn diamond tufting from a senior trimmer in the United States many, many years ago. This skill has been perfected during that time and as luck may have it, Dad offered to teach my visitor and myself some of the tricks of the trade. We spent days measuring, cutting, sewing, tacking, stuffing and laughing until these unique skills transitioned from teacher to student. There's so much information flowing around in my head now only time will tell how much of it actually stuck when my first solo project is completed. At least it is a skill that will continue into the future. I'm sure my fellow student has already put this knowledge into practice.

Our Swap Meet was busy this year with bargains happening and many treasures finding new homes. Good time to catch up with members not seen for a while too. Ladies and gents were spoiled for choice with Irene again offering her wares to fill any costume gaps before the National Rally at Griffith. It proved quite fruitful for my eldest daughter as she went home with another car for her collection. This one will likely be a daily drive not too soon into the future. I'm impressed with her acquisition talents.

Next up a quick trip to Kingaroy to celebrate my Mum's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a little party and cake. The AGM went smoothly with nominations for our vacant positions all accepted and enthused to start work. I have to personally thank each member of the current committee for all of the effort they have provided especially Steve for the five years he has spent as Treasurer ( I hear Lauren has some work to keep him busy) and welcome to Graham Donges who is our new President and Malcolm Wegener our new Treasurer.

Lucky to have a couple of days to spend with our newest family member before loading up for the drive south for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Willys Whippet Overland Knight Register rally in Cowra. Whitey enjoyed the run while still presenting some issues we've never had to deal with before. Nothing unusual there really. Missed out on the hard luck award as Ken lost a wheel on the last day. Must feel for him as the restoration was only completed two days before the rally start. Bit of garden envy at the Japanese gardens though. Great to see Les with his 8-88 Overland racer still a work in progress with the sleeve valve v8 that spent a brief time in Whitey. We flew home to attend the Handover Dinner and as you'd expect nothing went to plan but we make the best of each situation and although late we were still fed. The presentations of 60 and 50 year membership badges, and the President's badge all happened. I'm grateful that Ashley is resourceful, and we still managed to run zoom for both the Grahams that could not be there, albeit on her phone.

I sign off for the final time genuinely happy I've had this opportunity and hopeful that the wheels we have put in motion for the future of the Club continue to turn. I've been on two planes this morning and currently writing in the car to get this finished before we get to Griffith for the rally, where the Queensland members will do us proud yet again. Safe travels.

Happy Motoring

Sally York

Proud President

*THE CLUB HANDOVER-LUNCH AND PRESENTATION OF 60 AND 50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP BADGES - 24/9/23*



The assembled group



Malcom Sypher and Ross Guthrie display their 60-year membership badges.



Grand-daughters Rhiann and Ashley receive Graham Crittenden's 60-year badge in his absence.

(Newly-elected President Graham Donges was with us in spirit and joined via Zoom).



*The 50-year members.*



Bob Collett



Peter Arnold



Rob Guthrie



Lunch has arrived  
{Photos are largely those of Rhonda and Rob Guthrie}



*Wine & Cheese Evening on the*

*18<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

*Commencing at 5.30pm*

*Your entry fee of \$20.00 per person will cover*

*A variety of **wines** & **cheeses**  
extra odds and ends*

*-  
Chicken & Vegetables as mains*

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*Desserts of course*

*I'll get some disposable plates  
cutlery is available at club rooms*

*Come and make this a relaxing social evening*

*If you are planning on staying overnight, don't forget your  
Breakfast for Sunday*

*(bacon, eggs, tomatoes, mushrooms ??? your decision)*

*Or just good – toast and jam*

*Sounds like an enjoyable evening*

*Bank Details : 124 026*

*Social Account: 218 238 68*

*Name .....*

*RSVP. 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

*Rhonda 0427 175 099*

# 2023 - 2024 COMING EVENTS

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Wine & Cheese Social Evening** at Clubrooms 5.30pm  
RSVP 10<sup>th</sup> November Rhonda

**December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon** at the Clubrooms 11.30am  
Details in next month's magazine.



## 2024

**February 11<sup>th</sup> Club Breakfast** at the Clubrooms 8am BYO crockery & cutlery

**March Club Event** - still planning

**April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> VCCA – NSW** organizing a 4 day event in Inverell  
Qld Club members are invited. Fossickers Rest Tourist Park 02 6722 2261  
The park has 5 acres of tranquil rural country side.  
EOI now on the club website.

**May 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 8<sup>th</sup> International Tour –**  
Tweed Valley, Northern NSW Newsletters  
This is the perfect time to explore the Tweed Valley.  
The event is open to pre - 1916 vehicles.  
If you don't have a veteran eligible, you are welcome to come along and join in  
the camaraderie and help where necessary.  
Newsletters 1, 2, 3, available on club web site – giving accommodation listing.  
Entry Form now available [www.hccasea.org/entry-form](http://www.hccasea.org/entry-form), (you may have to type it  
in)  
The payment process is separate, and is not required for you to fill in the entry  
form  
For more information contact Rhonda Guthrie 0427 175 099

**June** RACQ Display Day

**July** Club Tour – still planning

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** Swap Meet

**September** Club Tour which will include the Handover Dinner

**October**

**November** National Rally in Tasmania

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** Club Christmas Luncheon

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## *Midweek run To Christmas Creek, 20<sup>th</sup> September.*

Today we ventured into the foot hills of the Lamington Plateau for a run to Christmas Creek .

In February 1937 VH-UHH, a Stinson aircraft disappeared whilst enroute from Brisbane to Sydney with two Pilots and five passengers on board and crashed in the Christmas Creek mountains.

What became one of Queensland's most dramatic rescues saw only two of the survivors recovered from dense rainforest a few miles from our destination today.

We all met at the Jubilee Park in Beaudesert for a BYO morning tea before travelling in a leisurely convoy to the Café at Christmas Creek to order our lunches. No mobile phone range there.

That done we travelled a short distance to Peter Bryman's workshop for a very interesting visit. Peter is currently working on Chris Sorensen's Grout Steam car and showed us the steam engine under repair and photos of the rebuilding of the rear axle and boiler. A very interesting workshop brimming with interesting equipment and projects. The ladies sat under a tree and watched the variety of farm animals and pets while the men visited the big sheds and Peter ran a steam engine on air for us.





Back to the Café all 15 of us enjoyed a very nice lunch on the verandah in lovely weather.



The area has dried out with little rain of late, but the cattle seem to have plenty on forage at present.

A lovely day for a drive and a good run thanks Trevor and Janette.

Pauline Norman.

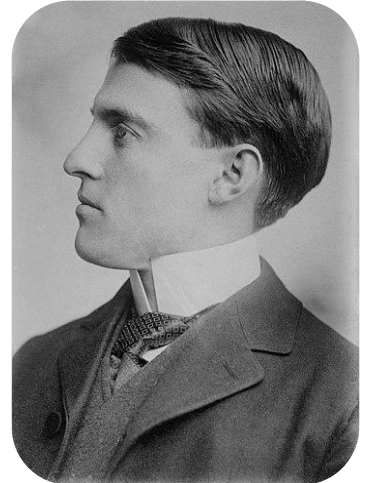
Sculpture entitled "Mountain Rescue" erected on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the crash commemorates the rescue of the survivors of the Stinson by Bernard O'Reilly.



Photo from Monument Australia

## The Klaxon Horn

The Klaxon horn was developed and patented by Miller Reese Hutchison, an inventor of the early 20th century. Hutch, as he was known, patented the mechanism in 1908. It later became standard equipment on motor cars. The name klaxon came from the Ancient Greek verb klazō, meaning shriek. Klaxon horns produce an easily identifiable sound, often described in English as "ahooguh". Like most mechanical horns, the klaxon has largely been replaced by solid-state electronic devices, though the memorable tone has persisted on in classic cars of the era. Klaxon later became a brand name. The Klaxon horn was used on U.S. submarines during WWII. The Klaxon horn's characteristic sound is produced by a spring steel diaphragm with a rivet in the centre that is repeatedly struck by the teeth of a rotating cogwheel. The diaphragm is attached to a horn that acts as an acoustic transformer and controls the direction of the sound. In the first Klaxons, the wheel was driven either by hand or by an electric motor. Hutchison went to work for Thomas Edison in 1909 and was the chief engineer for Edison from 1912 to 1918. The Klaxon warning device became standard equipment on all United States Navy ships.



Thanks to John Day for the above.

{Hutchison himself had a limousine custom-built in May 1908 to showcase the latest in automotive electrical technology. The Witherbee Igniter Company installed storage batteries that could be re-charged from an on-board generator, or by plugging into a light socket. The car was equipped with three Klaxon horns and an external speaker to warn other traffic. An intercom similar to the dictograph allowed passengers to talk with the chauffeur. Many of the novel innovations in his vehicle are standard equipment to-day. Besides headlights with a dashboard switch, interior lamps lit automatically when doors were opened. The dashboard included alarms and lighted gauges, to indicate dangerous conditions. The car featured audible and visual back-up warning mechanisms.}

Other inventions Hutchison was responsible for include the "Acusticon", a battery powered hearing aid that he invented in 1902 for one of his friends who was deaf. . He formed the Akouphone Company in Alabama to market the device, but the original bulky tabletop form was not practical.

A common quip, sometimes attributed to Mark Twain was that Miller had invented the Klaxon to deafen people so they would have to wear his Acousticon.



As well Hutchison developed related devices known as the Akou-Massage (renamed the Massacon), and Akoulalion, which converted audio into vibrations, to help those with more profound hearing loss. They were widely adopted by schools for the deaf in the US and Europe.

Hutchison also developed an electrical tachometer that would give an accurate reading of the speed of steam ship engines in 1908.

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KEVIN BROOKS - WANTED AND FOR SALE

**WANTED FOR 1915 BUICK CX25:** One serviceable external brake band.  
Kevin Brooks [brooks@goanna.tv](mailto:brooks@goanna.tv). Ph. 0412 720 035

FOR SALE

**PAIR HOOD IRONS AND ATTACHMENTS, suitable for High-Wheeler, Curved-Dash Olds or similar.** Very good condition - sand, paint and fit. Approx. 34" / 880mm Price: \$300



**HOOD REST RUBBERS - (4)** Good soft, as new condition.  
3 3/4" / 94mm long. square internal hole approx, 9/16 x 1/2", 14 x 13mm. Price: \$25 Kevin Brooks.  
[brooks@goanna.tv](mailto:brooks@goanna.tv). Ph. 0412 720 035



**DRIP-FEED OILER,** Beautiful little example of engineering. 6 1/2" / 165mm tall, approx. 3/4" diameter thread.  
Price: ``\$25

**GIVE-AWAY: Steering column/box etc,** believed TRUMBLE. Shaft rusted away, but perhaps good internal? Usable column, steering box housing, bracket, throttle, steering spider. Needs a home. \$0.00 !!!!



# **Minutes of the Seven Hundred and Second Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc**

**Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.**

**Monday 4 September 2023**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.35pm

**Welcome.** Sally York welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

**Apologies:** Allan and Dianne Lyons, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge, Joe Jarick, Peter Ashby, Carol Robinson.

**Visitors:** Wendy Muddell.

**Attendance:** 40 as per attendance book

**Attendance on Zoom:** Wayne Aberdeen, Bill and Karen Ryan, Keith Bartley, Max Scholefield, Paul Blake.

**Minutes of the August Meeting:** Minutes of the August meeting as published in the Club Newsletter . The Secretary moved that minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Seconded by Rhiann York . Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**Inward**

**Email:** Flyer for Bay to Birdwood on 22 October

BVAC invitation to Vintage and Classic Display Day at Clontarf, 24 September.

Invitation from The Governor to participate in a community walk at Government House on November 7<sup>th</sup> in support of Child Protection Week.

Letter from Brisbane City Council Complaint about long grass and weeds.

**Newsletters:**

HCCA Newsletter

Gympie Historic Auto Club. The Talk Tube.

Veteran Car Club NSW. Spit and Polish

**Outward:**

Welcome letters to new members, Robert and Glenda Soanes from Broadbeach and Len and Anita Oliveri from Innisfail

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Syd Norman . Carried.

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:** It was agreed to send a response to Brisbane City Council with photos attached.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Steve Forster reported on the club accounts. Steve moved that the report be accepted, and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Bill Jarrett. Carried.

**Events Report:**

Events Officer, Rhonda Guthrie reported that the National Rally is next followed by South Australian Rally. Handover Dinner is in September. Wine and Cheese is in November. Christmas Dinner is in December and February is the Club Breakfast.

**Property Report:** Property Officer, Albert Budworth absent.

**Security Report.** Security Officer, Peter Arnold, reported that the issue for this month is that the door wouldn't unlock. The reason was a loose screw. Security man advised we will need a new lock in due course.

**Archives Report:** John Day reported on the progress. Peter has been speaking with Rex Hessler who restored a 1912 Chalmers. We now have oral records from Malcolm Sypher. The material on the website will be in four categories: Videos, Club Publications. Members' Collections and Recollections and Veterans of Historical Note.

There are two publications ready for posting, our 1969 "Veteran Cars of Queensland" and 1994 "Souvenir Programme of the opening of our Clubrooms" . 1950's member Des Lange's collection of photos is ready to post in Member Collections. Frank Muggeridge has approached Robyn Gilltrap for a story on the Gilltrap Auto Museum at Kirra. Stories on Denis Martin's 1907 Darracq and Chris and Jenny Sorensen's 1905 DeDion are ready to post in Veterans of Historical Note and Dr Marks' RACQ 1904 Rambler is under way. Doug Partington is to supply pre-RACQ information. John Page has provided a fascinating update to the story of the first car up Mt Tamborine. He has located newspaper articles and previously unpublished family album photos of Francis Birtles '1915 ascent by Model T. This article and photos will be a companion story to that of the 1907 ascent by Oldsmobile in our last newsletter. climbing Mr Tamborine.

**Dating Report.** Dating Officer, Ross Guthrie reported that nothing is happening at the moment. If you want a 100 year badge for your car, you first need to have your car dated.

**General Business:**

Kevin Brooks reported that he had watch troubles caused by putting his watch near a battery. Peter Arnold added that he had a hotel key card that wouldn't work because he put it in his pocket near his heart monitor. John Day asked for the condition of the Newell Highway . Rob York reported that it is okay as far as Moree. Syd reported that he takes his Veteran Car to car shows. His car won People's Choice at the Mt Tamborine Car Show. The Prize was \$1000. Max Scholefield reported that Chris Sorensen has the Thompson steam car going forwards and backwards. It should make London to Brighton next year. The Southside Run is going to Christmas Creek. Peter at Christmas Creek has done a lot of work on Chris's car. Peter Arnold reported on the issues he is having with a broken stud. John Day said there are broken stud specialists that service stations use.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.11pm

Irene Donges.....  
Secretary  
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc.

Sally York.....  
President  
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc.

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# **Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld. Inc.**

**Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale.  
Monday 4th September 2023**

President Sally York opened the meeting at 8.11 pm

**Attendance:** 40 as per attendance book at September meeting.

**On Zoom:** Wayne Aberdeen, Bill and Karen Ryan, Keith Bartley, Max Scholefield, Paul Blake.

**Apologies:** Allan and Dianne Lyons, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge, Joe Jarick, Peter Ashby, Carol Robinson.

## **Minutes of previous AGM.**

Minutes of the 2022 AGM as published in the club magazine were taken as read. Irene Donges moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded. Pam Guthrie. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**President's Report:** Sally read her report.

## President's Annual Report 2023

Reflection. Each year I sit here and arrange my thoughts on the events of the past year and end up lost in memories of fun, laughter and enjoyment with the wonderful friends we have made in the Club, and the exciting destinations of our rallies, and the unique events we are lucky to attend.

We began the year with a few new faces on the committee, with expressions not unlike deer in headlights. Lots of work ahead of us but a conviction of success driving the ideas and enthusiasm galore. A hint to what was in my future when returning home from the AGM suddenly realizing I had to start packing for the next rally ready to leave in two days. During this rally Queen Elizabeth passed away and amidst the ensuing public holiday I went to pay my respects at Government House and signed the Condolence book on behalf of the Club. Jean organised a new caterer for the Handover Dinner and that went well. Plumbing works began on the bathroom project.

We lost long time member and former President Hugh Kimlin just prior to leaving for Western Australia for the National Rally in Busselton. Peter Hume and his merry band of helpers put on quite an event with the backdrop of the longest jetty in the Southern Hemisphere (1.8 km) and a live theatre performance to entertain at the final dinner. The 22 Queensland members showed up, dressed up and walked away with a few awards, not to mention had a sneaky surprise birthday party for Keith with cake.

Home just in time to make the Emancipation Rally at Evans Head with 26 veteran car and bike entrants. The club has a new designated sport – dodging potholes. Each one representing the sheer devastation caused by the floods in this area earlier in the year. Quite humbling to be able to bring some economic help to the surrounding communities.

Christmas idling up meant attendance at the Governor's Christmas reception. Our own Christmas party was well attended and the slab for the bathroom was completed. On a sadder note, we lost Bernie Forster and washed the funeral in a sea of beige. Sounds like he would have been happy with the service, his Maxwell, and other cars on display and the attendance of so many car club members.

2023 arrived and the club Breakfast proved a hit plus presentation of the 100-year badges for the Cadillac and the Buick. February thankfully brought the removal of our wayward tenant and precipitated the massive clean-up yet again. I'm not sure of everyone else but personally I never want to deal with rentals

ever again! This time round we have club members in the house, and we've put a stop to the delinquent, filthy excuse for tenants of the past. Relieved to have totally removed that headache for our next President and committee. March brings International Women's Day and this time our guest speaker was Wendy Muddell, President of the Vintage Car Club Queensland. Fascinating story of her life thus far. Spectacular accomplishments and quite an inspiration. Another inspiration is our bathroom project, gaining momentum with the framing now complete.

Chinchilla Chill Out rally, finally comes to fruition, listen carefully and you'll hear the sighs of relief from our Dalby crew, and it was worth the wait from the entertaining helper at Charley's dinner to the fish farm tour. Quick run home and time to change clothes before leaving for the Biloela rally – big as the Titanic. Each day emerging with a public display, with interesting runs each day culminating in the final Titanic dinner including the hour-by-hour update of the ship's status 111 years ago. The decorations, Irene's display and the elaborate costumes all added to the atmosphere and fun.

May was a little time out for Rob after his wrist surgery, with no hard feelings towards Whitey at all, well almost none. We chose to attend the Northern Tour albeit late, but as swaggies in The Kelly's Cadillac. So appreciative of our wonderful hosts and their impressive car! This rally was a new format with many moving parts that came together like a well-built motor. With teams of local help at each destination the load was shared. Lots of good times! We even managed to turn happy hour into learning workshops to enhance our costume knowledge. Thanks to our teacher who when presented with the idea took it and ran. We are very grateful. Kevin also managed to reignite his artist flair with the human form and many masterpieces were penned. Back home to the bathroom project and the cladding and internal sheeting are complete.

We made a quick trip home to help Rhonda iron out any wrinkles in the rally routes for the International Rally next year at Tweed Heads. Next on the agenda was our Motorfest display held in collaboration with the Vintage Car Club of Queensland and the Historic Motor Cycle Club of Queensland. Great day out and lots of interaction with the public. Wonderful to see our members allowing children to get into their cars for photos. Those children may well remember that experience for the rest of their lives. From a recruitment point of view, it was time well spent. Well done to Graham on taking home the blue ribbon for best Veteran. The fixtures were installed in the bathroom and the painting was finalized just in the nick of time for the end of financial year. Well done, Albert!

The party of the century was held for our first centenarian Alan Robinson and gratefully attended by our Patrons, Her Excellency the Governor the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM and Professor Nimmo RFD, was a tremendous success. It has been quite some time since our last official visit, so we pulled out all the stops and polished our brass in anticipation. The magnificent Rolls Royce was the star of the carpark. Alan was truly surprised by all the attention and has his very own reminder of his 100-year anniversary by way of a dating certificate and badge. We also planted a tree to mark the occasion. Thankfully Murray and Fiona photographed the entire day's proceedings, so nothing went unrecorded. The following weekend, we took Whitey up to Noosa for the inaugural Noosa Concours. Spoiled for choice with quality vehicles and a bit of fun.

Frostbite rally, the name says it all really. Although not as cold as expected we did have ice on the tonneau one morning. A few hundred kilometres from Kingaroy to Dalby, Chinchilla, Wondai and back to Kingaroy. Absolutely fantastic time even though our car had a catastrophic failure. We unfortunately didn't make it to Lismore due to Rob having eye surgery. That brings us up to date and I am very proud of what we have achieved this year. I've had a great team beside me and I'm truly thankful for their help. I have enjoyed being your President and I feel I have given as much as I could to this job. I have learned a lot and mostly had fun. Thank you.

Happy Motoring,  
Sally.

**Treasurer's Report:** An unqualified report was received from the Auditor. A copy of the audit is available to peruse.

Steve Forster thanked all members who have supported him and complimented the Committee on their work. Steve moved that Carwardine and Associates be appointed as auditors for 2023-24. Seconded Rob York Carried.

**Property Report:** Albert was absent so Sally reported that two major projects for the year have been the construction of the bathroom and the tenancy of the rental house. The tenancy issue has been resolved and the bathroom completed. Working bees have completed maintenance and a big thank you to those who attend the working bees.

**Dating Report:** Dating Chairman Ross Guthrie read out his report:

#### Dating Report.

2022/2023 has been a good year for dating club members interesting veterans. Vehicles dated this past term are 1908 Fiat Tipo and 1915 Cadillac both owned by Len and Fiona Kelly, 1912 Flanders owned by Max Scholefield, 1912 Buick owned by Jodie and Michael Ferguson.

If you would like to receive a 100 year badge for your veteran vehicle please contact the dating committee, we are looking forward to receiving your request.

I'd like to thank Rob Guthrie for painting the 100 year badges as required.

I'd also like to thank Bob Collett, Syd Norman and Paul Blake for their assistance during the past 12 months.

Ross Guthrie  
Dating Chairman.  
September 2023.

**Editor's Report:** Sally read out Carolyn's report.

#### Editor's Report – 2022-23.

Well another year has passed and somehow I've managed to produce a magazine every month on time.

Thank-you to those of you who regularly contribute articles, photographs, etc. – I'd prefer to have the problem of what to leave out, rather than wonder if I'm going to have enough to make what I hope is an interesting magazine.

I'd like to stress that the 20th of each month is my deadline and I'd really prefer not to have to hound folk for their reports at the last minute. It is most helpful to me if wherever possible members send me their photographs as JPEG attachments. I also suggest that prior to the commencement of a rally the member(s) responsible organise somebody to do a write-up. I'm happy if more than one person volunteers.

Carol Robinson.  
September 4, 2023

Moved Peter Arnold that the reports be adopted 2. Trevor Farnell. Carried.



### Election of Office Bearers:

President Sally York declared all positions vacant and asked Peter Arnold to chair the election of President.

**President:** Peter Arnold, nominated by Chris Sorensen, seconded Jenny Sorensen . Peter declined nomination.

Graham Donges. Nominated by Sally York, seconded by Kevin Brooks. Nomination accepted. Elected.

Graham Donges chaired the meeting for the election of Committee members.

**Immediate Past President/Committee:** Sally York. Nominated for Committee by Irene Donges, seconded Peter Arnold. Nomination accepted. Elected

**Vice President:** Syd Norman. Nominated Sally York, seconded Irene Donges. Nomination accepted. Elected.

**Treasurer:** Malcolm Wegener , nominated by Sally York , seconded Irene Donges. Nomination accepted . Malcolm elected.

**Secretary:** Irene Donges. Nominated by Peter Arnold, seconded Steve Forster. Nomination accepted. Elected.

**Rally Director:** Rhonda Guthrie nominated by Sally York , seconded Jean Jarrett. Nomination accepted. Elected. Rhonda noted that this will her last year as Rally Director.

**Property Officer:** No nomination received.

**Security Officer:** Peter Arnold . Nominated by Steve Forster, seconded by Brett Hollingum. Nomination accepted. Elected

**Committee Member (Editor):** Carolyn Robinson, nominated by Ross Guthrie, seconded Rhonda Guthrie. Nomination accepted. Carolyn elected.

**Committee Member (Social Events):** Jean Jarrett , nominated by Sally York, seconded by Peter Arnold . Nomination accepted. Elected.

**Committee Member.** Brett Hollingum, nominated by Sally York, seconded by Steve Forster. Nomination accepted. Elected.

**Committee Member:** Albert Budworth. nominated Peter Arnold. Seconded Sally York. Subject to nomination being accepted.

Graham opened the meeting for General Business.

Moved Peter Arnold that Steve Forster, Hazel Burley and Rhonda Guthrie be removed as signatories with internet access from all accounts of the Veteran Car Club of Australia(Queensland ) and that Malcolm Wegener and Irene Donges be added as signatories with internet access to all accounts of the Veteran Car Club of Australia [Queensland]. Sally York and Peter Arnold to remain as signatories with internet access. 2. Rhonda Guthrie. Carried.

#### **Accounts**

Working Account	21577447
Social Account	21823868
Rally Account	22126679
Term Deposit	<a href="#">22380598</a>
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Peter Arnold moved that the Committee number be 11 for 2023/24. 2. Rob York. Carried.

As there was no further general business the meeting was closed at 8.53 pm.

Meeting closed 8.53pm.

Irene Donges.  
Hon Secretary VCCAQ

Sally York  
President VCCAQ

## GRIFFITH IN THE EARLY DAYS



Hispano Suiza in the mud, just outside Griffith.



### **A LITTLE BIT OF .....HUMOUR**

On a Brisbane – Perth flight, the plane passed through a severe storm. The turbulence was dreadful and things went from bad to worse when a wing was struck by lightning. One woman in particular loses it. Screaming, she stands up in the front of the plane, "I'm *too young to die*" she wails. Then she yells "Well, *if I'm going to die, I want my last moments on earth to be memorable! Is there anyone on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN?*" For a moment there's silence, everyone has forgotten their own peril. They all stare at the desperate woman at the front of the plane.

Then a miner from Emerald stands up at the rear – he's handsome, well-built, fair hair, blue eyes.

He starts to walk slowly up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt, one button at a time. Nobody moves as he removes his shirt, muscles rippling. She gasps.

Holding the shirt forward, he shouts "***Iron this – and then get me a beer***".

