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

Joint Patrons: Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD



# **SEPTEMBER 2023**



The Hackshall Family took their EMF and T Ford to the recent Northern Rivers Rally in Lismore

[Photo : G. Hill]

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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.

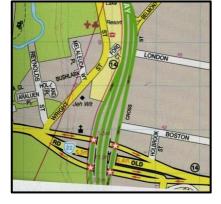
#### The Club website is:

www.vccaq.com

#### Membership fees for year commencing 1 July 2023 are:.

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

Joint Membership \$ 59 Joint Membership: \$ 45



#### There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

## <u>Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$15 FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING A</u> <u>MAILED OUT COPY.</u>

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**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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"The trouble is he started restoring it before he finished growing" [From Practical Classics, May 1983]



# Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club Rally 2023.

Finally, only four years late, after plans for the 60 years' celebrations of the club's formation were postponed due to Covid19 and the Lismore floods.

Most participants from afar rolled into the Lismore showgrounds on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, a perfect venue for unloading cars and setting up camp, prior to Registration and afternoon tea.

The same evening some partook of a "Meet and Greet" at Lismore Bowls Club... 66 entries in all. On Thursday, a 110K run to Coraki and Evans Head and back saw no mishaps, not even a flat tyre! We sailed through lush countryside, for refreshment at morning tea time in Coraki. When further on in Evans Head for lunch, some enjoyed fish and chips from the Fishermens' Co-op.

Friday's fine car display was received enthusiastically by the locals in Lismore town til 11am when we proceeded to Summerland House Farm in Alstonville, where some "green thumbs " purchased lavender plants from their plant nursery. Others couldn't resist the avocados and macadamia nuts along with produce from the farm shop.

We restrained our urges to buy for lack of space, the freshest and healthiest fruit and veges at the Farmers' Market staged every Saturday in the Lismore Showgrounds. They even sold our favourite citrus fruit, lemonade fruit, which we just had to squeeze (pardon the pun) in the car.

Saturday's run of 105k to Ballina and back was thoughtfully organised and we availed ourselves of a shorter flatter run (for Veterans and slower vehicles) while the other cars took a longer hilly trek taking in coastal views.

With dressing for dinner in mind, and with the theme for the evening being: dress in the era of your vehicle, we opted for an early return.

Ladies and gents dressed to the nines and some innovative costumes were seen – costumes ranging to take in the Edwardian era to the late 70s, which would have made choices for the judges extremely difficult.

And it wasn't over yet!!! Sunday's run of 60k topped it all off most appropriately with surely the most picturesque setting for morning tea, set up to greet us at the end of a country-idyllic drive to Rocky Creek Dam. Some keen ramblers who had had the foresight to wear sensible shoes made the short hike over the dam wall to the spillway.

A leisurely ( or not ) lunch back at the showgrounds provided an opportunity for farewells before some scrambled to start their trek homewards.

Thank you to all on this event's committee, particularly from your Veteran friends, who feel we have been a little spoiled with your kind regard.

In the weeks leading up to the rally, more than a few were overheard to say, " Let's do Lismore – they always do a good one!" - and they did!!!

Irene and Greg Hill



Irene couldn't decide which vehicle to take home.





Members visit Bob Trevan







# Northside Rally Hosted by Adventurers, Lang and Bev Kidby.

Lang Kidby, aviator, off roader, heritage vehicle enthusiast and all round adventurer, all of these adjectives describe our host for the recent Northside Rally. Lang with his wife Bev, the General Manager and the one who keeps the outfit on track, gave us a wonderful morning tea at the open shed tour of their property at Dohles Rocks at Griffin last Thursday.

Back in 1990, Lang organised and led an air race from England to Australia for pre 1950's aircraft. With 24 entries, the event was a great success and set the scene for his next adventure.

This necessitated the construction of a replica WWI Vickers Vimy bomber biplane to reenact the 1919 flight by the Smith Brothers, Ross and Keith in a similar aircraft from England to Australia. They set out on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1994 and successfully completed the 14,000 kilometre route to finish in Melbourne.

Lang undertook a similar flight again in 1998 to re-enact the success of Bert Hinkler's historic flight in his Avro Avian. This time he had to first restore an Avro Avian they found languishing under a house in Brisbane.

Next was a Postie bike Challenge from Brisbane to Darwin with 80 other intrepid would be posties riding their bikes to raise funds for local community groups. The event has been run annually since to different destinations and raised over \$2,000,000 for the benefit of community groups and charities.

Then there were the humanitarian efforts working for the United Nations World Food Program to get convoys of trucks with food into post-gulf war Iraq, then later working in Bhutan.

In 2005 it was time for another overland adventure with the re-enactment of the 1907 great race from Peking to Paris, with similar cars to the original race. Two de Dions, a Dutch Spyker, an Itala and a French 3 wheeled Contal cycle car. This event was made into a TV series by cartoonist Warren Brown who travelled in the Itala with Lang.

We then met Bev and Lang in 2010 in a 1915 Willys Overland they restored to complete an expedition through outback Queensland to raise awareness of prostate cancer and men's health.

And so the list of their adventures goes on, some 21 in all listed on their website and all with a humanitarian theme.

So where to now? Since childhood, Lang has had a fascination with the exploits of the infamous early Australian adventurer and explorer, Francis Birtles. When Lang heard earlier this year that a replica of Birtles 1924 Bean, which he called the Overlander, was coming up for sale, he immediately started planning his next adventure. Lang knew of the car which had been faithfully restored by David Ragless in South Australia as an exact replica of the "Overlander" so he had to buy it.

The car arrived in Brisbane a couple of months ago and then the planning started in earnest. The car, which is still being prepared with a hood still to be manufactured, will leave for England later in the year then Lang and Bev will set out from London in April next year. They will follow the route taken by Birtles as much as possible, although there are a couple of borders which will be closed to them. Our international body, FIVA, had taken them onboard and local members in most countries have offered to assist with passage and support through their country.

Last Thursday, 17 members in 9 vehicles, including 4 veterans and one post vintage, arrived for morning tea and a tour of the shed with the replica "Overlander" taking pride of place. Lang outlined the history of the Birtles record breaking trip and told us of some of the obstacles that they anticipate on the re-enactment.

Malcolm Wegener arrived in his 1915 T Ford which Lang immediately recognised as he and Bev were previous owners then Bev produced a photograph of the car when it was used to transport their daughter to her wedding.

At midday we all travelled a few kilometres up the road to the Murrumba Tavern for lunch. Lang and Bev joined us which finished off a great day.

Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thanks to Lang and Bev for their hospitality.

Peter Arnold



Rob and Kevin inspect the Bean while Bev looks on



Kevin prepares to take the car for a test drive



Some sobering thoughts

# South Side Rally Report August 2023.

Well, the sun was shining, promising a good outing to the Scenic Rim on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of August. The first stop on our way to lunch was morning tea at Syd and Pauline's place at Tamborine Village. Syd and Pauline had been polishing the Brass on the Veteran vehicles, and polishing the paint on the vintage and classic vehicles, all crammed into their small shed "Ha Ha ".







[Above Photos : Syd Norman]

Morning tea was a bring-and-share affair with Pauline making sure the hot water was on the boil and delicious pikelets and Jam, sufficient seating for all who attended.

Several attempts to have all the men and some of the ladies retire from the shed to the morning tea table were made as it was a feast supplied by Pauline and the rest of the ladlies were laid out for us to enjoy.

We had a total of 12.5 members attending. The .5 was Steve and Lauren's young grandson "Henry". This little fellow will be a Veteran Car Club member in the not-too-distant future.

A big thank you to Syd and Pauline for showing us around their place and shed.

Morning tea over, we were off again on our way to Canungra for lunch at the Out Back café.

The lunch spread put on at the Out Back Café was very enjoyable.

Canungra has always been a pretty place to visit at the base of Tamborine Mountain, but it is a busy village with many day trippers taking the opportunity to relax for a while and soak up the atmosphere. Canungra is in the midst of significant land development as urban sprawl moves further out from the more densely populated places. Like all these out-of-the-way places.

For the September rally, Syd and Pauline have suggested that we venture a little further into the Scenic Rim and visit a cafe / Restaurant at a little place called Christmas Creek. Some of us will know this area as it is better known for the part it played in the rescue of survivors of the Stinson Plane wreckage many years ago.

If you are keen to know more about this heroic rescue and how the wreckage was located, join us for a social day out on September 20<sup>th,</sup> 2023.

Janette and Trevor Farnell





# AT THE CLUB SWAP





Sustenance

At the end of the Swap



Remember when?



# THE FIRST MOTOR CAR TO CLIMB TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

In 2017, the Tamborine Show Society celebrated their Centenary. While there with our 1903 Oldsmobile we were approached by local historian, 93 year old Raymond Curtis. From 1887 to the late 1890s, his father and uncles built and operated a sawmill at Curtis Falls on Tamborine Mountain, powered by a 24 foot diameter water wheel.

Mr Curtis presented us a copy of a letter written by his uncle in 1965. It details how in January 1907, he and Barnie Geissmann helped the first motor car to ascend the Tamborine Mountain. The letter is printed below.

On the day of the centenary celebrations, Mr Curtis proudly and competently drove our Oldsmobile into the show ring before addressing the crowd on Tamborine history.



The Brisbane Courier of 22 January 1907 confirms his uncle's memory of the event.

# (Extract from the Brisbane Courier 22 January 1907)

#### Mountain Climbing by Motor Car.

Messrs J Kniep and T Macmillan of Brisbane made a trip up to the top of the Tamborine Mountain last week end in Mr Kniep's 5 h.p. Oldsmobile motor car. Brisbane was left about 3.30 pm and the top of the mountain was reached about 8 pm. The feat is somewhat remarkable as in many places, the gradient is 1 in 6, and the steepest gradient about 1 in 3. The downward journey, which was perhaps even more risky than the hill climbing owing to the slippery nature of the ground on account of the rain, was safely accomplished by means of brakes consisting of two stout saplings tied to the rear axle. This is the first time that Tamborine Mountain has been ascended by a motor car.

"Capo Di Monte" referred to in the letter printed below was the Geissmann's guest house, popular at the time for parties arriving on horseback. It burned down in 1933 and is remembered today by Capo Di Monte retirement village.

As an aside, renowned Australian motoring explorer Francis Birtles is reputed to have been the first to ascend Mt Tamborine from the eastern side, in a Model T Ford around 1914. It is known that in 1914, Birtles and acclaimed Australian film maker Frank Hurley circumnavigated Australia in a Model T Ford. The result of this trip was the film, Into Australia's Unknown. Sadly, this movie epic no longer exists.

Perhaps a reader can confirm or refute Birtles' ascent of Mt Tamborine during this trip.

John and Alison Day

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

"ASMOORL" NORTH TANBORINE. QUEENSLAND. 14-Th Decem., 1965

Dear Raymond, Some time ago you asked me about the first car to arrive up on Tamborine Mountain. Here are more particulars. I had arrived on top of the "Sandy Pinch" on The old road with our geninan wagon when I heard the car caring. Barnie & issuana was also there. The driver of The Car was Mr. Heape and his passenger Mr. 16 th illan. I saw the driver try to climb up the next" sinch above the damay Pinch " but the car stopped in the entrance to the Cutting. He Then backed down to the flat place on top of the sandy Pinch". I wentually, with The help of Barnied more and my horse we helped him to clims up the "Stony Princh" and The arrived safely at baps Di Monte. to her smaking to Barnie yesterday the gove me the following description of the car, - " A single cylinder Oldsmotile, ratedat 5 H. P., tiller steered. The year uncertain, could be 1903, 1904 or 1905." There can be no question that This was the first car up here because no car could have arrives here in Those days without us knowing about it. I would go further and say that no can cauld have , climbed up The grades of approx. one in three without help from some of the handful of people who lived dere at that time.

u.g. burtis



# I REMEMBER

I have reached the age when the past becomes the present.

I remember arriving at the Clubrooms in April 1994 – just after we came here – we were met with open arms.

I remember discovering that Howard Kenward was a fellow Surveyor and so began a great friendship.

I remember the working bees on Saturday mornings. The first I went to we collected our big shed – in pieces. Peter Arnold and I loaded the roller doors onto the truck.

I remember having to be at the Clubrooms at 6am one morning while the concrete was poured for the inspection ramp.

I remember the fun I had on the ride-on mower around the grounds.

I remember the morning teas with their wealth of humour and chatter.

I remember the great week we had with Howard and Alison (Kenward) planning the 5-day tour prior to the Combined Council 30<sup>th</sup> Rally.

I remember being part of the group that renovated the house the first time.

I remember the Gymkhana days when I demonstrated one event by riding the mower with a witches' hat underneath.

I remember being Vice-President. I didn't mind the Vice but wasn't sure of the President.

I remember a houseboat holiday with Howard and Alison and Gloria and Bill French and Bill and I cooked steaks on the top deck BBQ in pouring rain, and on Day 2 Gloria fell overboard and nearly upset the tinnie. I remember Day 5 when Howard took Alison and Carolyn cruising in the tinnie and ran out of petrol then couldn't row back against the tide. Fortunately a good bloke in his powerboat towed them back.

I remember the pleasure of rallying with Rob and Pam, enjoying their company and the luxury of travelling in the magnificent Wolseley.

I remember as I look at "Reggie" the pleasure we have had in his restoration and everywhere rallying in the little fellow. He really is a great veteran car, and as I look again I remember the general friendliness of a great Club.

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I was interested to read in the Northside Rally Report that the replica Bean is in Queensland.

It so happens that we had the original Bean on display at the National Motor Museum (Birdwood) while David was building his. I know David well so he asked me to check several things. The one I remember most was to count the number of holes in the chassis and their sizes. I then became the "Bean Consultant".

Incidentally the name "Overland" is on the 1909 Talbot that first crossed Australia.

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Alan Robinson

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

## Held at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

# Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Commenced 8.15pm

**Apologies:** As per the Attendance book

**Attendance on Zoom:** Wayne Aberdeen, Wally & Bev Lanagan, Keith Bartley, Graham Crittenden, Andrew Fergusson, Joe Jarick

Attendance as per the sign on book

**President:** Sally York welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance.

**Minutes of the 2020 AGM Meeting**: Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Rhonda moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Irene Donges All agreed

**Treasurer Report:** Steve Forster gave his report and was pleased to report that the Club will not be required to pay tax last financial year. Steve moved that the club appoint the same accounting firm to review the books as of the end of the current financial year. Seconded Albert Budworth All Agreed

President: Sally York read her report

Dating Officer: Ross Guthrie read his report on behalf of all the dating committee.

Editor's Report: President Sally read Carol Robinson's Editor's report as Carol was not able to attend.

Sally moved that all reports be accepted, seconded Peter Arnold all Agreed

Sally requested that John Day come forward and commence the election of officers.

John read out the list of nominations:

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Rally Director Editor Web Master Property Committee member Committee member Committee member Sally York Syd Norman Irene Donges Steve Forster Rhonda Guthrie Carol Robinson Adam Lyons Albert Budworth Peter Arnold Jean Jarrett Brett Hollingum Nominated Grant Vormister Sally York Pauline Norman Rob York Grant Vormister Steve Forster Rhonda Guthrie Sally York Albert Budworth Sally York Steve Forster Seconded Pam Guthrie Rhonda Guthrie Sally York Albert Budworth Sally York Alan Robinson Pam Guthrie Rhonda Guthrie Carol Robinson Rhonda Guthrie Ross Guthrie

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Rhonda Guthrie ..... Hon Secretary Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc Sally York Hon. President Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc

# President's Annual report

Many things occur during a year in this Club, and you don't realize how many until you sit down to write about them. It really doesn't feel like it has only been a year since the President's rally in Kingaroy. I presented Keith and Anne Bartley and Glenn Adams with their 100-year badges and dating certificates.

Thankfully the stifling rules imposed due to covid have become a bad memory and fingers crossed that masks may be the only remnant of this disruption of our lives.

The news of cancellation of the National 'Rally to the Mallee' was met with disappointment and condolences to the hardworking organizers. The only silver lining to this was Rhonda Guthrie and Russell Massey launched into action, reviving old rally routes and a plethora of phone calls and emails later we had a replacement rally in Stanthorpe. This proved a delightful time away and provided the backdrop for the presentation of Graeme and Ellen Allen's 100-year badge and dating certificate.

Shortly after this I was invited to represent the Club at Government House to farewell former Governor Paul de Jersey and his wife Kay.

November brought the Mon Repos rally that was organized by Terry Lewis and John Handley. An event to celebrate emancipation and made headlines overseas (according to Facebook). Wonderful for Chris Sorensen and 'fellow motorists' to be congratulated by the chairman of the Royal Automobile club UK after footage of the event travelled on social media. They certainly looked like they had a great time! I was disappointed to have missed this particular event, but Whitey had a previous engagement at the launch of 'Car Wars Down Under' by Murray Hubbard depicting the history of Australia's first land speed record and the rivalry that initiated it. Whitey hadn't been on that beach in Southport for 105 years.

The Club was successful in applying for vice regal patronage and have great pleasure in announcing her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland as our Patron. We humbly welcomed the Governor and her husband, Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD as joint honorary members of the Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) for the duration of her Excellency's term in office.

2022 was projected to be quite busy and we began with the club breakfast and a spot of shopping thanks to Irene Hill. We introduced a plan to have guest speakers come to our meetings and had an initial visit from our emergency service partners, the Ambulance and the Fire Dept. There was Nerida from Blue Care, and of course our insurance broker Andrew. All these speakers came to explain what they do and to offer some helpful tips for members.

February saw the removal of our wayward tenant...finally, and then the massive clean up and process of choosing a new tenant for the house. The southside monthly runs have been very popular and well attended. Great to see more social outings for our members. We started the latest construction project by demolishing the 'slab' in anticipation of a new one, and then the floods came... The floods impacted many throughout Qld and NSW and trades are still in high demand, but we had no idea how hard it would be to secure them for the few little things we need done to get our new toilet and shower completed.

March saw the Club throw the first International Women's Day event and had 40 members sitting on the edge of their seats listening to John Day's great presentation of Bertha Benz. Chinchilla rally postponed due to flooding.

April and May disappeared due to Narrandera's National 1&2 rally and other assorted southern rallies that members added onto their trips while down there. Pittsworth rally was held and was enjoyed by those who attended.

June, we had the display at Motorfest, and it was delightful watching John Day and Joe Jarick letting small children hop in their cars for photos. Never know those children may be our future members. Congratulations Joe on taking out the best Veteran prize. July the month they have been waiting for, or desperately dreading depending how much work was left to do to their vehicles before embarking on the epic journey from Brisbane to Broome. July 18 marks the date they left, with over three weeks driving before they are due in Western Australia. Rally to Millmerran was a smaller group but sounds like they had a great time.

Jenny Sorensen arrived in Broome, August 11, and becomes the first woman to drive a veteran car across the continent in this rally. Well Done and many congratulations! Great to see one of our many strong women in this Club succeed. Thanks also to the men supporting these strong women. I can see in fifty years' time they could be running this rally again; wouldn't it be wonderful if some of the same cars were to participate.

It has been an interesting year and I anticipate next year won't be much different. Everything seems to be moving at an increased pace lately. I must thank my wonderful committee members for everything they do and there are far too many tasks to mention but I will say they always stand up to help with anything. Nothing is too much trouble, and they are very competent people. You can rest assured the Club is in good hands.

Sally York

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# Dating Committee Report: 2022

2021 was a difficult year due to Covid – thankfully we can now get back to enjoying our veterans.

2021/2022 the Committee has dated

- 1912 Talbot owned by Keith & Anne Bartley President Sally presented them with their certificate and 100 year badge at a club rally.
- 1916 Overland Tourer owned by Phil Power, Phil was able to attend a club meeting where President Sally was able to hand over his certificate and 100 year badge.

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 Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc. September 2022

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#### <u>Editor's Report - 2021-22</u>

Thank-you to those members who have contributed to *Veteran Torque* over the last twelve months, whether it be reports of past events, photos or technical articles, without my having to harass you. I ask that where possible all photographs be sent as JPEG attachments, at the highest resolution so I can do them justice.

There must be a number of you who have recently acquired a Veteran vehicle, or completed a restoration which would be of interest to Members.

I would also like to be able to include more articles of a technical nature, so don't hesitate to fill my "Inbox".

Carol Robinson 5 September 2022

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

# Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale Monday 7 August 2023

#### Commenced: 7.30pm

Attendance: As per the attendance book.

Attendance on Zoom: Bev and Wally Lanagan, Rhonda Guthrie, Graham Crittenden, Max Scholefield.

Apologies: Joyce Brooks, Alison Day, Janette Farnell.

**Minutes of the July Meeting.** Confirmed as a true and correct record. 1.Secretary 2. Graham Donges. Carried.

#### Business Arising:Nil

# Correspondence :

## Inwards.

Ian Turner Chev Club. Request to book clubrooms 19 August. Malcolm Sypher. Letter offering his car, 1914 Rover Roadster, for sale firstly to club members. Carle Gregory AHMF survey. Tamborine Mountain Car Show reminder. Len Oliveri. Membership application Audit report Membership fee Erik Larsen Membership fee Kevin Long Newsletters: Gympie Historic Auto Club. Talk Tube

Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Club. Good Oil David Vaughan. Country Motor

## Correspondence

#### Outwards:

Ian Turner advising that the clubrooms are booked for 19 August..

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. 2. Albert Budworth. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:** Syd Norman reported that the main Tamborine car show, the Third Tamborine Car Show is 27th August from 9.00am- 1.00-pm

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Steve Forster, reported on the club accounts. Steve moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. 2. Rob Beeston.

**Events**. Rhonda Guthrie reported that it is quiet now for car rallies. The next one is Lismore, 16 - 20 August. The Swap Meet is 26 August. Irene Hill will be at the Swap Meet for those preparing for Griffith. Bev Lanagan reported that there are five attending the Midway Dalby in Spring rally from 22-24 September on their way to Griffith which is 2-10 October. The Handover Lunch is 24 September.

**Property**: Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported that there is a working bee this Wednesday 9 August to clean the outside chairs. The lease has been renewed on the house. Albert noted that

the cabins for the International rally are very expensive. He has booked alternative cheaper accommodation in a motel close by.

**Security**. Security Officer, Peter Arnold reported that all is working well, there are no issues with locking up.

**Monthly Runs**. Southside, there is nothing to report. Northside, Peter Arnold said that this month the plan is to go and see Lang and Bev Kidby and the 1927 Bean 14 before they ship the car to London for their re-enactment journey of the trip that Birtles did from London - Melbourne in 1927.

#### Editor: Nil

**Web Site:** Webmaster, Adam Lyons, reported that the 100th Birthday photos have been vetted by Government House and the Birthday photos and also the photos from the Frostbite Rally are on the website.

**Dating:** Dating Officer, Ross Guthrie, is waiting for paperwork to come in.

**QHMC**: Delegate Albert Budworth reported that AHMF have received 2600 surveys. They are pleased with the numbers but more is better. It was decided to send out a reminder to everyone to please complete the questionnaire. QHMC is investigating further on e-fuels. A plant is being built in Burnie and also in Townsville. The fuel can be used in older cars.

**Archive Group**. John Day reported that Peter is visiting Malcolm Sypher and Graham Crittenden. A 16mm movie projector is still needed. Denis Martin has a full history of his 1907 Darracq. It was first owned by Eleanor Green, the first Queensland trained female doctor. The group is busy assembling the histories of club cars. David Vaughan sent two photos from the "Gold Coast Nostalgia" Facebook site. They have been identified as photos from the 1958 Golden Fleece Rally, Brisbane to Broadbeach. There is material waiting to go on the Website. The information on the website needs to be categorised before it becomes too unwieldy. Bev Lanagan commented on the enjoyment of watching the building of the clubrooms. Thanks to Bev and Wally Lanagan, the club now has a reprint of the 1910 -1911 Rolls Royce catalogue in book form.

**General Business**: Alan Robinson sent a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped celebrate his birthday.

Nominations for Committee positions are needed for the AGM. The need for a new President has been met with Graham Donges accepting, with much encouragement, Kevin Brooks' nomination for President.

Joe Jarick found a cheap source in his local area to digitise and embroider the club logo.

Kevin Brooks reported that he is having difficulties downloading the magazine which now has a double extension.

Malcolm Wegener questioned whether the number plate on his car was the same as Robinsons. Photos showed it was only the first two digits.

Thank you to Jean and the ladies for preparing the supper.

#### Meeting Closed. 8.25pm

Irene Donges Hon. Secretary Veteran Car Club of Australia (QId) Inc Sally York Hon. President Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

# THE LADY DRIVER



Female Veteran Car motorists who are unwilling to loosen their grip on the steering wheel. The Hackshall girls at Lismore in their "Award - Winning EMF"

[Photo : Greg Hill]

# SOME MORE (BLONDE). HUMOUR

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A young lady was visiting her blonde friend who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were.

The blonde responded by saying that one was named "Rolex" and one was named "Timex".

Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"*Hellooooo...!*," answered the blonde. "*They're watchdogs*."



