

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

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# VETERAN TORQUE

## MARCH 2024



Our New Zealand Club Member Laurie Cocker at work.

Laurie is a silage cutting contractor and is checking progress of his plant  
in his single cylinder 1906 Cadillac Van.

He has covered a staggering 96,000 miles in 32 years.

## VCCA(Q) – 2024-25



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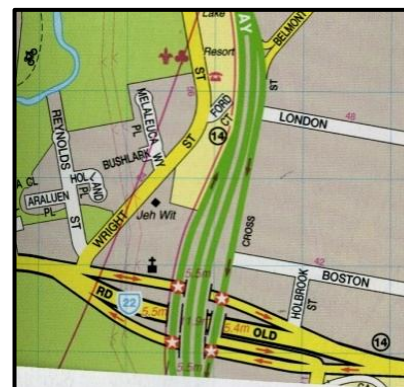
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

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)

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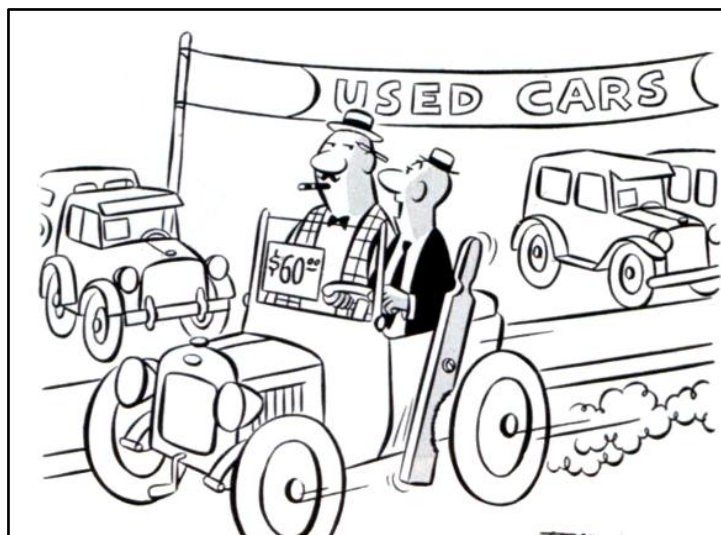
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*"By the way, does it have  
brakes?"*





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.



Probably the biggest event for the month was also a very sad event - the passing of long time and very active member and lover of all things old, the late Tom Callow. So many of us were treated to admiring his vast and very well presented collection of objects of bygone days. Our thoughts are with Jan and all the family as Tom was a dear friend to so many.

But, as Tom would say, "Don't stop just because I'm gone. Get on with it." So we will do our best.

A number of our members tracked up to Picton for the funeral of Kay Sypher. It was a large gathering of the community showing support for long time member, Malcolm, at the loss of his beloved wife.

Our Breakfast on February 11th was well attended and enjoyed by somewhere 'round 40 of us. Many hands helped Jean and Bill fill our tummies with good tucker, with onions replaced by potato cakes on the menu this year.

And so we look forward to another year of rallying with quite a number of new cars to make their debut.

Many of us are looking forward to the Inverell Invitation Rally. See you there!

PS. Thinking of installing an OEM radio for the Frostbite Tour. Could come in handy over the vast distances we will be travelling.

Anyone know the brand or where I can pick up the technology?

Graham Donges



## *Vale Tom Callow*

Adrienne and I became introduced to Tom and Jan Callow sometime after we participated in the VCCA(Q) rally in the Burdekin in 2010. Tom and Jan, from Home Hill, live in the area which the local regional club, Townsville Veteran, Vintage and Historic Motor Club attracted members for local old car motoring. We became acquainted through that Club too.

Tom was a stalwart for not only historic motoring pursuits but also historic mechanical and farming interests, and was involved with the North Queensland Machinery Preservationists. In fact, Tom was a leader in preserving and displaying historic machinery of all types. Being a cane farmer, this suited him perfectly and gave him the opportunity to collect and display his passion.

Tom and Jan were also avid amateur prospectors. This, together with their love of travelling, were complementary while travelling to remote areas in their beloved motor home.

Tom did his High School education at an Agricultural College at Gatton and came home from there to participate in various administrative boards organising cane growers, users of water for irrigation and sugar millers. Tom brought a wealth of practical experience to these organisations.

Tom and Jan travelled extensively overseas and he was able to benefit individuals and groups in Australia from those experiences.

Tom was always generous with his time and was often consulted by many who knew him who wanted advice and for those merely wanting to chat. Tom accommodated everyone who approached him.

Tom was laid to rest at the Home Hill cemetery on Monday February 19 in a moving ceremony before family, friends and acquaintances. It is time to say farewell to Tom and to say thanks for how we have all benefited from knowing him and enjoying his company.

### Frank Cerutti



{Photos supplied by Beth & Richard Payne and Rhonda Guthrie}

## *Vale Kay Sypher*

10<sup>th</sup> January 1950 - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

A large congregation gathered at the Pilton Soldiers Memorial Hall on the Darling Downs on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February to farewell Kay Sypher. Malcom and Kay are long time members of the Club who were particularly active in the 1970's and 80's. Malcom's father, Alan was a Foundation Member of the Club and Malcom joined for his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1963. Three years later he acquired a 1914 Rover roadster which he still owns today.

Mal and Kay met at Cloudland Ballroom in 1970 and were married on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1971. I was pleased and proud to be their Best Man. During their courtship, Kay got a taste for veteran motoring and enjoyed the many rallies and social events, some of which she helped Malcom organise.

With Malcom holding a number of committee roles over the years, Kay was always a willing and helpful assistant, until the roles were reversed when she volunteered to take on the editorship of Veteran Torque. Kay was one of the pioneers of promoting the role of women in the Veteran Car Club.

Eventually they bought a farm at Hirstglen on the Darling Downs, high on the range overlooking Boonah and the Scenic Rim. The pressures of starting a family and establishing a wholesale nursery saw them taking a back seat role in the club, but not life in general.

Kay was always an active person with leadership potential. At school she was a keen sportswoman competing in the State Schools netball competition from 63 to 67 as player then vice-Captain and then Captain.

She was also tireless in her community work, volunteering in the tuckshop and P&C, the local Pilton Hall Committee and Nursery Association. In 2015 she was recognised for this service by receiving an Australia Day, Clifton Cultural Award.

Kay loved the farm, spending many hours on the tractor and tending the plants but most of all looking after the numerous animals she kept.

Most precious to her though was the family she now leaves behind. Our thoughts are with Malcom, their son Damonn and daughter Carissa with her husband Jason and their 3 children, Brendan, Ryan and Katelyn. They all have lovely memories to cherish of a wonderful lady.

Rest in Peace Kay.

Peter Arnold



## Clubrooms 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Our March General Meeting falls on the eve of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of our Clubrooms by the then Governor of Queensland, Leneen Forde AC.

*Come and join us for supper and celebrate this great occasion.*

The opening on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1994 was the culmination of the efforts of many of our members and those of a number of our resident clubs, but there are a few who need special mention.

It was one of our Foundation Members, Don Roberts, who was responsible for sowing the seeds of this project. Back in the 1970's, not long after moving into our clubrooms on leased ground on Railway Terrace Milton, Don realised that our tenure there would not be long lived. He was offered a sum of money as a donation to the Club in return for our members relocating an historic building in Ipswich. Don insisted that that money be deposited in a separate account to be opened and called the Building Fund. Don was a good fundraiser and kept dribbling money into the fund.

It wasn't until Phil Fletcher came along with a proposal from the Kern Corporation, owners of many of the shopping centres in SE Qld, to run a series of 5 annual rallies to promote their shopping centres. The Kern Classic was borne and the Building Fund was significantly increased to the point where we could really start thinking of building a clubhouse.

Another large donation from the estate of Don Roberts then sealed it and after looking at numerous prospects, we settled on the purchase of the land at Carindale. Now the work really started, and a Building Committee was formed to manage the project.

While we had the cash to purchase the land, we still needed the funds for construction. It was John Day and Trevor Farnell, who went with a proposal to many of the local historic vehicle clubs with an offer to join us in meeting in the proposed clubrooms. They were offered free rent for 5 or 10 years in return for the funds up front as well as the privilege of some hard work in helping with the construction. There were sufficient takers to allow us to start work in earnest.

There were also donations from many of our members, but we were still quite a few thousand dollars short of completing the project. It was member Bill Ferris who loaned us the final sum to complete the project in time for the official opening,

While I have only mentioned a few people by name, but there were many others who supported the project both financially and with blood, sweat and tears, and they were absolutely critical to the project. For some of us the blisters have only just healed.

As we look back now after 30 years, we can be thankful to those who had the foresight to think that we could consider such a daunting project and to all of those who had the courage to join the fray and see the project to completion.

To stand back and look at the property today, it looks just as good if not better than it did back in 1994 thanks to all those who have given of their time and effort in developing and maintaining the property over the last 30 years and will continue into the future.

Peter Arnold

The full story of the construction of the Clubrooms, written by John Day is on the website.

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Editor's Note.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to watch the above YouTube video on the Construction and Opening of the Clubrooms - it takes around 45 minutes and you'll find it on the Club Website under the 'Archives' Section. Apologies that this is the best image I could obtain, due to the recording quality 30 years ago.

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And Now to July 2023.

A Commemorative Tree was planted by Alan Robinson to mark his reaching 100 years on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. Photos are those of Peter Arnold and Carol Robinson.



## SOME COMING EVENTS - 2024

- March 9** **Saturday International Women's Day Social. Afternoon Tea. and Guest Speaker** –Members are asked to bring a plate of food towards the Afternoon Tea. Jean Jarrett, [lilajeanjarrett@bigpond.com](mailto:lilajeanjarrett@bigpond.com) 0409 031 011.
- March 17-23 National 1 & 2 Cyl. Albany, WA.** . Bob Henley, [bobjos89@westnet.com.au](mailto:bobjos89@westnet.com.au)
- March 29- April 1. EASTER**
- April 10 -14 VCCA – NSW 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Premier Rally in Inverell**  
Qld members invited. Fossickers Rest Tourist Park Cabins all booked, some sites still available 02 6722 2261; Inverell Caravan Park 02 6722 3036 has a few cabins plus vacant sites. Secure Trailer parking at Transport Museum.  
Newsletter No. 1 has been circulated to members.  
Rally Directors Rod Holmes 0455 266 890; Laurie McGrath 0403 030 998;  
Email: [rodruitholmes@gmail.com](mailto:rodruitholmes@gmail.com)
- May 11-12. Invitation Event.** “Anything Goes” Annual weekend Dalby. Contact [walnbev@bigpond.net.au](mailto:walnbev@bigpond.net.au) / 0428 622 736.
- May 26 – 1 June 8<sup>th</sup> International Tour –**  
Tweed Valley, Northern NSW Newsletters  
The event is open to pre -1916 vehicles.  
For more information contact Rhonda Guthrie 0427 175 099
- June 16 RACQ Motorfest (Showgrounds).** Display vehicle registrations open March 4.
- July 14 Invitation Event.** Macleans Bridge Classic Sports Car & Aero Festival, Caboolture Aero Club.
- July 16-19 Frostbite Club Tour –** (Millmerran, Warwick, Oakey). Starts in Dalby.  
Further information [lenkelly40@gmail.com](mailto:lenkelly40@gmail.com) or 0418 734 268..
- July 27-28. Invitation Event.** Ipswich Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Closing Date 14 June.
- August 4. Invitation Event.** Caboolture Historical Village. 9am – 3pm. 280 Beerburum Rd.
- August 17 Saturday Veteran/Vintage Swap Meet** At the Clubgrounds. From 8am.
- September 5 - 11 Burnett Heads Caravan Park.** (Only powered sites now available).  
**Burnett Heads Lighthouse Holiday Park -** 2. Paul Mittelheuser St, Bundaberg 4870 (07) 4159 4313. Club Tour will include Handover Dinner/Luncheon.  
Extra Accommodation: The Lighthouse Hotel 66 Zunker St, Burnett Heads 5670 (07) 4159 4202. South Burnett Vineyard B & B. Accommodation.  
Rally Co-ordinators Terry Lewis 0404 647 359; Chris Sorensen 0427 244 847.
- September 22. Invitation Event.** Logan Butter Factory Heritage Display Day. Vehicles are required to be on site 8.30am – 3on,
- November 18-23 National Rally in Launceston, Tasmania.** EOI Now open.  
Email: [2024nationalrally@gmail.com](mailto:2024nationalrally@gmail.com); Ph. Ben 0404 917 366; Jill 0448 678 291  
NEED TO BOOK VEHICLE FERRY NOW.
- December 21 Club Christmas Luncheon**
- 2025.**
- October 5-10. National Rally, Murray Bridge, South Aust.**
- October 19-24, National Motorcycle Rally, Ballarat.** [antiquemcca@gmail.com](mailto:antiquemcca@gmail.com)





## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is celebrated world-wide annually on **March 8.**

To mark this occasion the Veteran Club will be holding an Afternoon Tea at the Clubrooms on Saturday March 9. Our Guest Speaker will be Jenny Sorensen who will talk on her experiences as a woman driving a Veteran car from Brisbane to Broome.

We will start at 2 pm and afterwards a High Tea will be served. Ladies, please bring a plate. Men are welcome to come along.

RSVP to Jean by March 4, letting her know what you will contribute towards the High Tea. . either by phoning her on 0409031011 or [lilajeanmarrett@bigpond.com](mailto:lilajeanmarrett@bigpond.com).

At our recent Committee Meeting it was decided that in lieu of charging a set amount to come along, we would support a charity. Our chosen charity is FORGOTTEN WOMEN, and there will be a collection box provided for your contributions.

There are more than **40,000 Queensland women** over the age of 55 who are doing it tough - suffering financial hardship driven by rising living costs, lack of employment, limited or no superannuation and a lack of affordable housing options. Alarming, recent forecasts predict that **this figure is set to double by 2036.**

Women experiencing homelessness are significantly **less visible** and identifiable than their male counterparts, often being described as the '**hidden homeless**'. Vulnerable older women are more likely to be staying with friends, living in a car or physically 'hiding'.

The **Forgotten Women** is a unique, grassroots housing initiative for homeless women over 55. The project's mission is to put a roof over the heads of as many of these vulnerable women as possible. Through the acquisition of suitable properties, The Forgotten Women project will ensure these women have access to secure, safe and affordable housing options that enable them to age in place.

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## BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU !



Cars are changing. Almost every new car released today has some form of tracking. The car companies say it increases driver safety, but in a surveillance world of data hacks, data broking and sharing, it's yet another way for companies to gain valuable insights on you, whether you want it or not.

A leading Vehicle Manufacturer's privacy policy says the Connected Services features will collect data such as fuel levels, odometer reading, vehicle location and driving data, as well as personal information like phone numbers and email addresses. It appears that if you request that these features be disabled your warranty will be voided.

# VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUST (QLD) INC

The following items are currently available:



CAR WINDOW STICKER \$3.00 each



CLOTH BADGE \$10 each



CLUB CAR RADIATOR BADGE \$40 each  
These are numbered



CLUB CAPS \$20 each

There is also a Lapel Badge the same as the car badge that sells for \$5.00 and is the size of a 10 cent piece.



50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY \$10



CLUB PENS \$4 each.

# SOUTHSIDE RALLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

Wednesday 21 of February saw the South Side Rally group assemble at the Gold Coast Motor Museum at Upper Coomera for Morning tea. Numbers were down a little with a few of our regulars having family and other commitments.

One couple had a more pressing engagement like being away on holidays!!!! However, we still had a reasonable number of 13 who braved the traffic jams on the M1 to make it as far as Coomera, then held up with storm damage recovery (fallen trees across the road) as they travelled to Upper Coomera.

On arrival at the Gold Coast Motor Museum we were welcomed by staff and sat down to morning tea of coffee and freshly baked scones, real cream, and strawberry jam, in the spectacular surrounds of Stanley's Barn attached to the museum.

After spending time having a look around and taking in the quiet country atmosphere, it was time to move back to Coomera to the Boathouse Hotel on Dreamworld Parade for lunch. This hotel was a little different from most hotels in that the main bar had a life-size fibreglass boat with a flybridge and the works set up as a fully-functional hotel bar.

Lunch was served and after lunch, we all took time to sing Happy Birthday to Pauline Norman. The French Forest birthday cake was cut into many pieces and consumed by us all. As with all the Southside rallies, this one was no different in that the social atmosphere was enjoyed by all.

Time to move on to going home but not without the mandatory group photo. Janette and I would like to thank Gary Day for taking and supplying the photo of the group.

We are looking at trying a destination closer to Brisbane next month and this time we may indulge in a historical site/landmark.

Thanks again to those who support these events and we trust you enjoy your social days out. Looking forward to catching up again.

Best wishes, Janette and Trevor Farnell



## A moment in History for three VCCAQ cars at the Mid-Way Rally

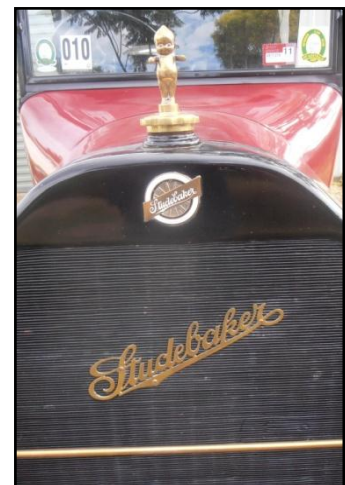
We have all heard the story of E.M.F., Flanders and Studebaker. History came together at the Midway Rally in Dalby last September. These three vehicles travelled the district for several days with Michael and Sandra Hackshall in the E.M.F. Max and Joan Scholefield in the Flanders and Wally and Bev Lanagan in the Studebaker.

E.M.F launched in 1908 - The founders were:

Barney **E**verett,  
William **M**etzger  
Walter **F**landers

After an alliance with Studebaker by 1909 Everett and Metzger sold their shares in E.M.F. to Studebaker. Walter Flanders, with Studebaker, built the Flanders 20 to compete with Model T Ford. By 1912 Studebaker and E.M.F. were combined and in 1913 E.M.F. and Flanders became Studebaker.

Studebaker replaced the E.M.F. 30 and Flanders 20 with re-designed cars and released them as Studebaker models 35 and 25 in 1913. This brought to an end the E.M.F. and Flanders models and names.

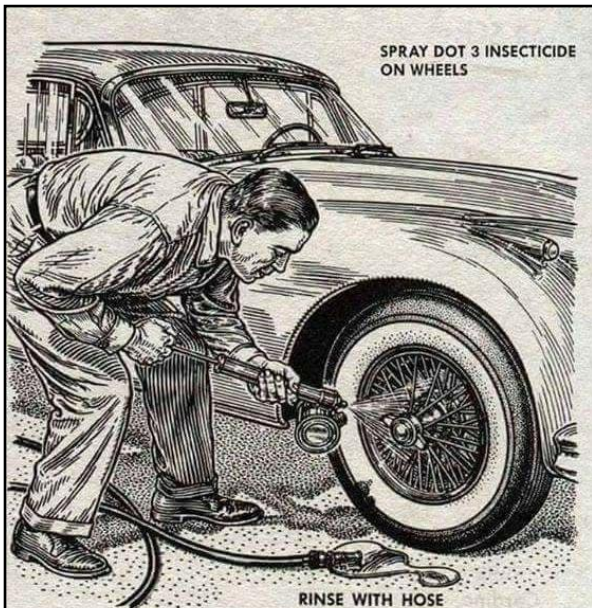


Hackshall

Scholefield

Lanagan

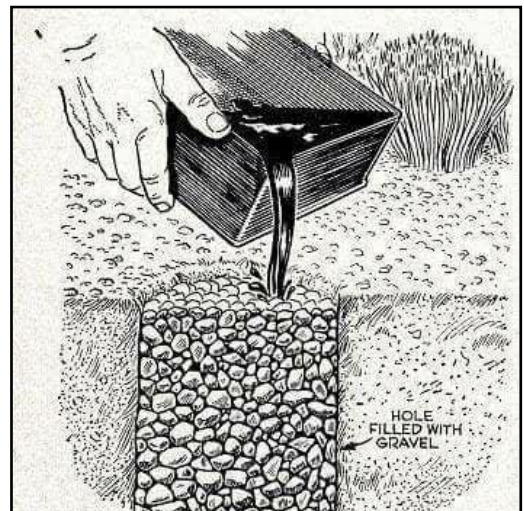
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Disposing of used engine oil can be a problem. Solution: Dig a hole in the ground with a posthole digger and fill it with fine gravel. Then pour in the oil. It will be absorbed into the ground before your next change. Cover the spot with soil.

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**USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS**



Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

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## An Interesting Repair

Our 1909 Brush Runabout has always vibrated a bit too much for my liking. I suppose it can be expected - with a change from iron piston to alloy and removal of the balance wheel everything was out of whack.

By the end of the Northern Tour I decided that the time had come to re-balance the motor.

As part of the process I made a dummy shaft for the flywheel so that it could be dynamically balanced.

When I presented it for balancing at Jacobsen Engineering Bundaberg, Alan, the technician, with sharper more experienced eyes than mine noticed a ripple in the paint near the root of one flywheel spoke. Underneath was a crack which became more evident after magnetic testing.



What to do about it? At Maryborough I showed it to Robert Olds of Olds Engineering.

Robert said it may have been there from production, or may be more recent. Either way it needed to be dealt with. He cautioned against welding, as even with proper pre heating and slow cooling there was no getting away from possible stressing, especially as the weld would be near the centre of the part. Also, we did not know the composition of the parent metal, so finding a suitable welding rod would be a bit of a gamble.

The suggestion was to metal-stitch the part which was a cold mechanical repair strategy and would avoid the stresses inherent in welding.

After shopping around and finding a Brisbane firm too busy to assist, I settled on Metalock Australia, in South Dandenong Victoria.

Here are some pictures and a description of the process.

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The repair involves drilling precisely spaced holes across the crack, slotting between them and driving a specially shaped piece of metal into the machined space.

The picture shows the holes drilled across the crack after two bolts are threaded into the ends of the crack. The inserts are about to be driven in.



Next, a series of overlapping screws is inserted along the crack from the front and back.

It looks like some sealant or locking agent is used. It is all thoroughly peened.



Finally, the repair is ground flush. Hopefully, with a coat of paint it will be near invisible.

Time will tell but the process is well proven and will hopefully result in a durable repair.



My 1909 Brush

Richard Payne.

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

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale  
Monday 5 February 2024

**Commenced:** 7.34 pm

**Attendance:** 34. As per the attendance book.

**Attendance on Zoom:** Graham Crittenden, Max Scholefield, Bill and Karen Ryan, Bev and Wally Lanagan, Grant Vormister, Glenn Adams, Keith Bartley,

**Visitors:** Dave and Jan Dryden.

**Apologies:** Steve and Lauren Forster, Steve and Marcelien Hunt, Michael and Jodi Ferguson, Ashley York and Adam Lyons, Les Allen, John Farrier, Carol and Alan Robinson, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge.

**Minutes of the December Meeting.** The Secretary moved that the minutes of the December 2023 meeting be adopted. 2. Peter Arnold. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence :**

**Inwards.**

Tom Wheelwright Editor AHMF Economic Report requesting logo and website from sponsors for the report  
Qld Mini Club Booking Requests for 17 February and 13 July  
Lyle Cooper. VCCQ RACQ Display plans.  
Pens. Sample biro  
Stroke Foundation. Appeal for funds.

**Newsletters**

Gympie Historic Car Club. *The Talk Tube*  
HCCA Newsletter.  
Ipswich VVVC *The Good Oil*  
VCCQ. *Well Oiled Rag*  
Cairns Historic Vehicle Club. *Bearing Chatter*  
Veteran Car Club of NSW. *Spit and Polish*

**Outwards.**

Ben Dolling, Pastor of Church, agreeing to request to use Club grounds for parking on 11-13 April, with restrictions to areas of use on Thursday and Friday night.  
Letter to Robyn Lake, George Gilltrap's daughter, on behalf of the Archive Committee, thanking her for her donation of material from the family records and agreeing to her request to remove any of her material from the Website at any time, if requested.  
Thank you letter to Riley Club for hosting the Northside run on 25 January.  
Sympathy card to Malcom Sypher. Funeral 8 February at 11.00am at Pilton  
Sympathy card to family of Doug Marshall, from NSW, an FN expert.  
Reply to Mini Club booking the clubrooms for 17 February and 13 July.

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. 2. Syd Norman. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:**

Albert Budworth will be in attendance for all of Motorfest. The plan for the John Reid Pavilion is to have a selection of various models with six from each era.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Malcolm Wegener, reported on the club accounts. Malcolm moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. 2. Trevor. Carried.



62 people attended the Christmas party. 20 people so far have indicated they are attending the Breakfast and 15 the Frostbite Rally.

**Social Director.** Cutoff date for Breakfast is this Thursday. Guest Speaker for the Women's Day High Tea is Jenny Sorensen. For those who are bringing something for afternoon tea, please notify Jean about what you are bringing. We need to send out a reminder for the Breakfast.

**Rally Director.** Rhonda Guthrie reported that all the rally information is in the newsletter. The Ipswich Club is having their 50th Anniversary from 25 - 27 July at Ipswich Showground and Veterans are welcome. . The Closing Date is 14 June.

**Property:** Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported all the trees have been removed from the back fence and the yard has been cleaned up from the storm. Albert is getting a second quote from a plumber for new guttering. The site needs new drainage. Peter noted that the trees near the front entrance need trimming. The Club has surplus chairs to give away . Peter has had a plaque made for the tree Alan Robinson planted to commemorate his 100th birthday.

**Security.** Everything is working well.

**Monthly Runs** . The Northside run was a visit to the Riley Club at Mt Sampson. Morning tea was at Fergusons and from there we rallied out to the Riley club for a car display and barbecue. Southside went to the Redlands Museum and the Bellevue Hotel at Cleveland for lunch. Next month will be a visit to the Gold Coast Museum at Oxenford. As the Southside run is the third Wednesday of the month, there isn't time to get a report for the Newsletter.

**Editor:** Carol has asked for technical articles and to please remember that the deadline is 20th of the month.

**Dating:** Nothing to report.

**QHMC:** Delegate Albert Budworth, reported South Australia is allowing kit cars on concessional registration.

**Archive Group.** John Day reported that the Archive material on the Website is up to date. There is a link to the movie *Genevieve* and the Seekers driving Gilltrap cars. George Whatmore was the Queensland Ford dealer pre WW1. Our Archives contain details of his promotional drives to outback Queensland with photos from his photo albums. At present the Archive Group is working on articles on the RACQ Rambler, on the ex Dave Fiechtner Winton, probably the oldest car ever found in Queensland .and on the Gilltrap Museum. He appealed to members for more material on their recollections.

**General Business:** Albert received an email from Murray Clark about the Macs Bridge Classic & Sports Car and Aero Festival 2024. It is hosted by the Triumph Sports Owners Association together with the Mazda X5 Club and the Caboolture Aero Club. After a couple of years hiatus, the Famous Macs Bridge Car Sports & Classic Car Festival is back in 2024 with a spectacular new addition of "Wings" and will be the first to be hosted at the Caboolture Aero Club, on July 14 2024.

John Que reported that he went to the Toowoomba Swap and John Burns has Rushmore carbide generator and head lights complete, Price \$2700.

Syd Norman thanked the club for good wishes after his recent medical procedure.

**Meeting Closed. 20.41pm.**

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

**Graham Donges**  
**President**  
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*Mrs Walter Thomas in Benz chats with another lady outside The Silk Mill in Tring (from Alex Gow Collection).*

*AND ALSO IN TRING*



*Walter Rothschild in his carriage drawn by a Zebra*

***AND NOW FOR...A LITTLE BIT OF..... HUMOUR***

