

**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**

**FEBRUARY 2025**



The 2025 Frostbite Tour will run from  
29 July - 1 August  
[Information and Entry Form this issue]

# 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 2024 are:.**

Full Membership (single):	\$ 55	Joint Membership	\$ 61
Country Membership (single):	\$ 41	Joint Membership:	\$ 47
Associate Membership	\$ 41		

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

**Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$20 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.**

**All articles for publication in "Veteran Torque" must be with the Editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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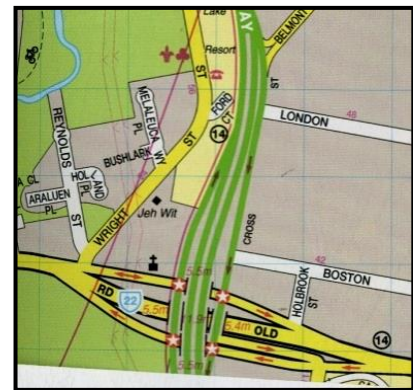
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1376 Old Cleveland Rd,

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



Happy New Year to you all. I trust you all enjoyed 2024 to the maximum that life allowed and by the same token, I wish you all a fulfilling 2025.

For me, I hope it is very fulfilling and I manage to get my shed full of Model T bits put together in proper fashion and add it to the list of Veteran Ts in our Club. I have a little way to go. (See pic.)

The highlight of December was undoubtedly the Christmas Party which Jean and her team managed in house, and I have heard many, many positive comments about the feast. So if we are all kind to Jean, we may get another go at it this year.

I would be happy with that because the following year is our Club's 70th anniversary and that should be a special celebratory dinner somewhere exotic? We might have to save up for that.

So that brings us to an invitational 70th Anniversary Rally in 2026 and that can be a very special event also. If you have any ideas, whisper it to committee and it could become a gala event.

2027 is Queensland's turn for the National Rally. We are calling for ideas as these major events are best initiated with 2 years lead time. If you feel it is your time to be a National Rally Director, whisper that to committee and we can help you down that road.



## Club and Invitation Rallies for your Diary

### 2025

### as at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- February 9<sup>th</sup>** Annual Breakfast \$5.00 per person at Club Rooms. 8am
- March 8<sup>th</sup>** International Women's Day, Afternoon Tea Ladies please supply a plate of food ??
- March 13<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>** **Victoria 1 & 2 cyl Rally** Koondrook - is on the mighty Murray River Rally HQ - Comfort Inn 45 Murray Street Barham Koondrook (Vic) & Barham (NSW) connected by a bridge. Big 4 Caravan Park 138 East Barham Road Barham [\(03\) 5453 2009](tel:0354532009) Online entries will open as from January 2025 - Rally convener David Provan
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** **Brush National Rally** now to be held in Flinders Ranges SA  
Hamish McDonald *Brush Owners Register* [brushownersregister@gmail.com](mailto:brushownersregister@gmail.com)
- May 19<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>** **Club Tour "Northern Qld Rally"** same/similar concept as last year (2023) rally. Some new venues, so please put it on your calendar. Assemble - Mackay - Ayr - Atherton - Maybe extended, these will be optional extra days. **Grant Vormister**
- June** **RACQ** display
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Aug** **Frostbite Rally** – Bundaberg, Gin Gin, Gayndah, Childers, Bundaberg  
**August Accommodation Brymaroo** Showgrounds 152 Brymaroo - Irvingdale Road, , Brymaroo, QLD. Travel to **Jondaryan Woolshed** each day or as desired. No amenities in Brymaroo.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>** Max & Jane have offered to arrange **3 days of veteran motoring**
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** **National Historical Machinery Assoc – Jondaryan Woolshed then**
- August 26<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>** **Steaming Under the Southern Cross – Jondaryan Woolshed**
- October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>** **National Veteran Rally in SA Murray Bridge** -Marina Caravan Park  
**Address:** 100 Roper Rd, Murray Bridge, SA 5253 - [\(08\) 8532 6900](tel:0885326900)
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** Victoria **"Swan Hill"** Civic Function 15<sup>th</sup> October, **Celebrating Vic 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - 3 days of Rallying, Final Dinner, Saturday Evening 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 -Big 4 Riverside Caravan Park - Michael & Claudia Holding Ph 0407 008 895
- October 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** **National Motorcycle Rally Ballarat** – [antiquemcca@gmail.com](mailto:antiquemcca@gmail.com)

### 2026

### Qld Veteran Car Club – yes that's us – we will be "Celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"

- April 19-24<sup>th</sup>** **National Veteran 1 & 2 Rally** Temora NSW.  
The Temora Airport Caravan Park's, computer not set up to take bookings this early.
- April / May** **Invitation Rally** Wilsons Promontory (Vic) to Cooktown (Nth Qld)  
.....ks driving approx. 150ks per day Andrew Winter 0447 534 078
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** **National Veteran Rally NSW** - Cowra Caravan Park 02 6342 1627  
2a Lachlan Street Cowra – [stay@cowravanpark.com.au](mailto:stay@cowravanpark.com.au)

### 2027

- ..... **National Veteran Rally Qld** **Need a committee to arrange this National Event**

## Peggy Allan had a Kangaroo

It was 1968. Alison and I had bought our first vintage car, a 1928 Model A Ford. Early Veteran Car Club member Ray Allan noticed the sawn-off horn trumpet on our car and said he had a spare we were welcome to.

On our visit to collect the trumpet, Ray introduced us to his wife, Peggy. Peggy was English and quite ladylike. She said to Alison, "you are new to this old car business. You need to get a cape to wear. One that comes down below your knees," and proceeded to explain her reasoning.

She and Ray had just returned from the 1968 Apex Queen's Birthday Rally at Hervey Bay. Trailing cars to rallies back then was largely unheard of. Ray and Peggy set off from Hendra at daybreak in their 1906 Reo twin cylinder roadster, driving for Hervey Bay. All went well for the first couple of hours, when Peggy said "Ray, I need a pee." Ray urged her to hang on until he had to stop for fuel. Twenty minutes later, after bouncing along the rough old Bruce Highway, "Ray, I really DO need a pee." Ray showed little feel for Peggy's situation and said he didn't want to lose time, and it wouldn't be long until he had to stop for fuel anyway.

Then, the muffler fell off the Reo and Ray was forced to pull over to fix it. Peggy told Alison that "I walked to the footpath, spread my cape around me and had a welcome kangaroo, while waving to passing traffic." Alison never did get a cape.

John Day

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## THE CLUB BREAKFAST

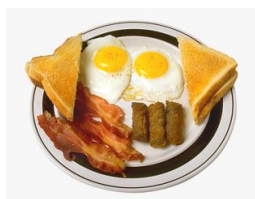
**SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY - FROM 8AM.**

Beat the cost of living rise! Still only \$5 per head

Either pay into Social Fund A/C  
or by Cash at February meeting. - BYO Cutlery and plates

The gourmet breakfast will include bacon, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, mushrooms, toast and juice.

For catering purposes, numbers to Jean by the February 3rd Meeting



## AUSTRALIA DAY -- 26 JANUARY

As we mark Australia Day on 26 January it is an appropriate time to celebrate all things Australian.



I wonder how many folk know the rules for flying the Australian Flag. It should be raised at first light, and lowered at dusk, unless it is illuminated.

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### AUSTRALIAN VEHICLES

#### THE SHEARER STEAM MOTOR CAR 1898 – 1900

Ten years before Henry Ford in America had built his automobile, David Shearer, at Mannum, had built a steam car with the world's first differential. The restored car is now on permanent display at the National Motor Museum in Birdwood, SA.



[Photo: State Library of S.A.]



[Photo: National Motor Museum]

*Extract from 'The Mail' Saturday 10 July 1926*

#### **Australia's First Motor Car – Mannum Manufacturer's Invention**

*"Well known in South Australia as a manufacturer of farm implements, Mr David Shearer, of Mannum, River Murray, can claim to be Australia's first inventor of a motor car.*

*In the early nineties he designed and built a power-propelled vehicle, which, a few years later astonished all Adelaide as it chugged its way through the streets at 15 miles an hour. Special permission from the Mayor had to be obtained before the car could be driven through the streets... "but" says Mr Shearer, "the horses were not used to it and much profanity was directed at my head by the drivers of horse drawn vehicles".*

## 1904 OHLMEYER

**C.H.P. OHLMEYER** (Tanunda, S.A. The Ohlmeyer "Jigger" has a single-cylinder water cooled engine, two forward speeds but no reverse and is chain driven to each back wheel. There are no springs and the seat was 'borrowed' from a horse-drawn buggy. It was used in the Tanunda district for a number of years and was restored in the 60's. The photo (from State Library of SA) shows Albert's two sons, Julien and Ernst in the vehicle.



## 1898 THOMSON

Herbert Thomson was the first successful manufacturer of motor vehicles in Australia. His first car, a steamer built in 1898, made the first interstate trip in Australia by motor car when it was driven from Bathurst to Melbourne during April-May 1900. The first Thomson Steamer is displayed in the Science Museum Melbourne.



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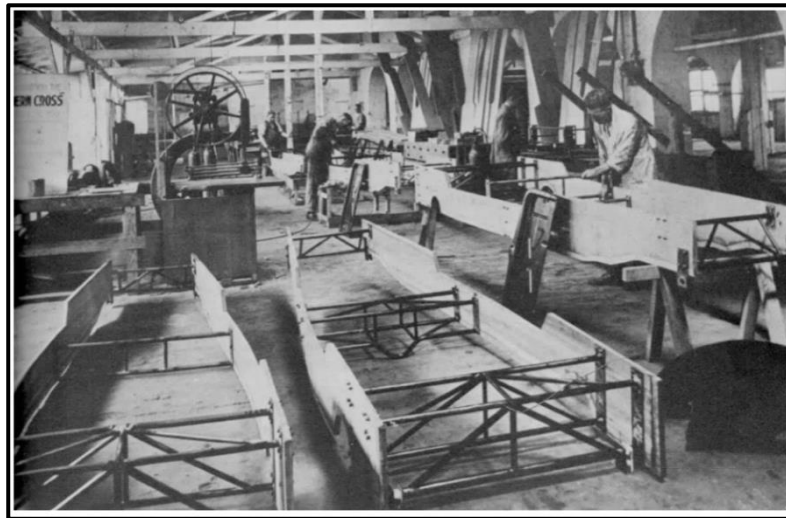
Thomson advertisement of 1904.

## THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Built in the early 1930's by Marks Motors Construction Ltd Newtown. This was a development of the Marks Moir Car (early 20's), of stressed plywood construction. The engine was Australian-built. The Tourer was christened by Lady Kingsford-Smith on 2 June 1933.

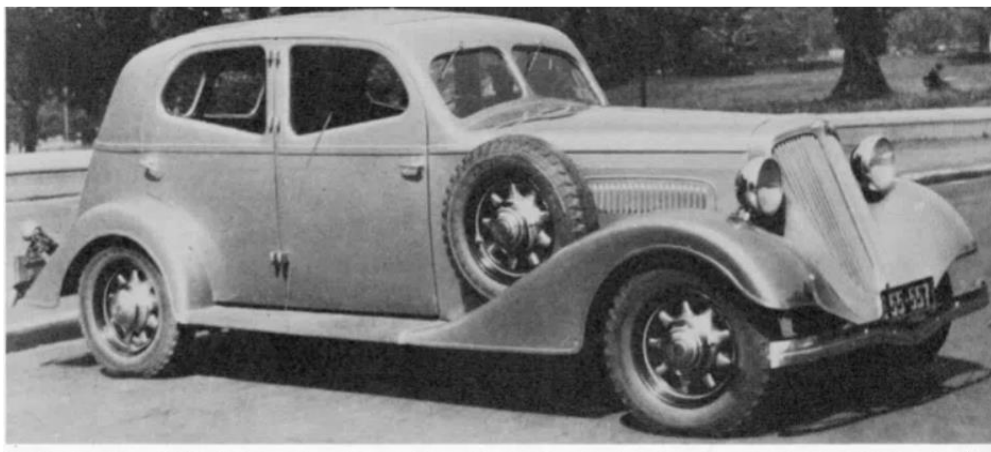


Kingsford-Smith with his fellow Directors, the Fokker monoplane of the same name in the background.



The factory in which the car was produced.

Modifications were made to the next car, the Airline Sedan, released early in 1934. The car was driven to Melbourne by Smithy, Marks and Nielsen and performed well but due to the high cost did not continue in production.





## HOLDEN – ‘AUSTRALIA’S OWN CAR’

### Background

In 1917 the Holden and Frost partnership began building bodies for Dodge chassis, when Government regulations prohibited importation of fully assembled cars. In that year around 25 hand-tailored bodies were produced. By 1912 the company, now known as Holden's Motor Body Builders Ltd was turning out 6,000 bodies a year and fitting them to a variety of makes of cars. They continued to expand and became the leading body-builders in Australia.

In 1930 a new company, General Motors – Holden's was formed and took over assembling GM products in Australia.

Following the Second World War the Federal Government called for submission from companies interested in building an Australian car and in 1946 General Motors – Holden's proposal was accepted. In 1948 the first Holden rolled off the assembly line.



Prime Minister Ben Chifley launches the first Holden  
[from National Archives of Australia]



With acknowledgement to Gilltrap, T. & M. *Australian Cars from 1879*, Golden Press, the National Archives of Australia, the State Libraries of Victoria and NSW, and P. Zyczynski.

## SOME AUSTRALIAN INVENTIONS

### Black box flight recorder



A Flight Data Recorder (FDR). *Image credit: Australian Transport Safety Bureau*  
The black box flight recorder has helped make commercial air travel the world's safest form of travel. It was invented by Australian scientist Dr David Warren, who lost his own father to an aircraft tragedy in 1934 when the *Miss Hobart* crashed into the Bass Strait. This remarkable device is virtually indestructible and records the final moments of a crashed plane's last flight. While it is a box, it's not black – it's bright orange colour is called 'international orange', making it easier to find in crash-site rubble.

David Warren first had the black box idea in the 1950s when he was part of a Melbourne research team exploring why the commercial jet aircraft known as the Comet had suffered a series of deadly crashes. He thought it would help investigators fix what was wrong if they had a recording of the last conversations between crew and other sounds inside the plane before it crashed. A black box is now installed on every commercial plane around the world, but it was in Australia that they were first made compulsory for all commercial flights.

### Electronic pacemaker



A modern pacemaker. *Image credit: shutterstock*

Australian doctor **Mark Lidwill** and physicist **Edgar Booth** developed the first artificial pacemaker in the 1920s. Now, more than three million people worldwide rely on pacemakers to keep their hearts beating properly.

Artificial pacemakers send small electric charges into the heart to help it maintain a regular beat. Since the late 1960s, these have been implanted inside the body; Lidwill used the invention in 1928 to revive a stillborn baby – small pulses of electricity were sent through a needle directly into the child's heart. After 10 minutes, the equipment was switched off, the heart continued to beat and the infant made a full recovery.

# THE VETERAN CLUB OF AUSTRALIA QLD INC NOMINATION FORM



This event is open to all vehicles manufactured before 1919 and is suitable for 1 & 2 cylinder vehicles.  
This event is BYO Everything. There are no organised meals but in some places food will be available at pubs/cafes. We will let you know at the beginning of the tour.

## MACKAY

**Starting** Monday 19th May, for a 3 day hub rally around the region  
**Finishing** Wednesday 21st in the afternoon  
22nd & 23rd are free to pack up and travel to Ayr. Approx 300km

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## HERBERTON

Sunday 1st June. Optional day to Herberton Historical Village. Entry fee applies  
This road is NOT suitable for 1 & 2 cylinder cars  
Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd June are free to travel to Ravenswood. Approx 480km

**RAVENSWOOD** Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th are optional days in Ravenswood

Entrant Name \_\_\_\_\_

2 Passenger Name \_\_\_\_\_

3 Passenger Name \_\_\_\_\_

4 Passenger Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Cyl \_\_\_\_\_ Rego \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency please Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Tick the box, or boxes for which rally/rallies you are entering.

Tick If you are attending

The **Whole Tour**  OR  **Mackay**  **Ayr**  **Atherton**

**Herberton**  **Ravenswood**

Entry Fee \$75 for the whole tour OR \$25 for each location not including Herberton and Ravenswood

**INCLUDED in the Entry Fee is \$5 for insurance with the VCCA(Qld)**

**Please make payment to VCCA(Qld) Inc**

Bank Of Queensland BSB 124 185 Account number 2212 6679

**INCLUDING your Surname, Initial & Northern Tour AS REFERENCE**

**Declaration:** I hereby declare that I/we are entering this event in the knowledge that the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc. and the organisers of the rally will in no way be held responsible for the loss or damage of my vehicle/s parts or accessories, personal effects or monies. I/we, the entrant(s), on behalf of all those persons listed on this entry form, waive the right of action at law against the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc. and the organisers of the event while on the organised event and travelling to and from the event.

Entrant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed form to Grant Vormister [grantski002@hotmail.com](mailto:grantski002@hotmail.com) Phone: 0405 505 955

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# VCCAQ Frostbite Tour July 2025

## Entry Form and Accommodation Sheet



### Entry Form and Disclaimer

**Frostbite Tour – 29<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025 - Entries Close 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

Entrants Name – \_\_\_\_\_

Navigators Name/s – \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts – Mobiles – \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail - \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact –First Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle – Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Rego \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Requirements - Name and Allergy -** \_\_\_\_\_

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**VCCAQ Entry Fee - \$5 per car - Pay to: Acc Name - VCCAQ – Bsb - 124185 –  
Acc No – 22126679 - Reference – Your Name and Frostbite**

**Tour Fee - \$30/person collected at start of Tour.**

**Email Completed Entry Form To: Len and Fiona Kelly – [lenkelly40@gmail.com](mailto:lenkelly40@gmail.com)**

**Accommodation Options-: Closest available to dinner venues.**

**Bundaberg** – Kalua Motel 41513049, Sun City Motel 41512214 and others

**Gin Gin** – Gin Gin Village Motor Inn 41572599, Wild Scotsman 41572522

**Gayndah** – Country Roads 0484772415, Gayndah Colonial 41611999

**Childers** – Avocado Motel 41261608, Gateway Motor Inn 41261288

**If you require any further information please contact -:**

**Len and Fiona Kelly – [lenkelly40@gmail.com](mailto:lenkelly40@gmail.com) – Len 0418734268**

**Geoff and Barbara Clegg – [ebonylake104@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ebonylake104@yahoo.com.au) – Geoff 0439788031**



## VCCAQ FROSTBITE TOUR 2025

Join us for the 3rd Annual VCCAQ Frostbite Tour!

Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Open to all Veteran Cars



### EVENT OVERVIEW

Departure Location: Bundaberg

Route & Stops:

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> July: Bundaberg to Gin Gin

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July: Gin Gin to Gayndah

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July: Gayndah to Childers

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August: Childers to Bundaberg

Total Distance: Approx. 500 km

Two backup vehicles for extra baggage  
and support



### SCHEDULE

Travel to Bundaberg:

Arrive on 28<sup>th</sup> July or early on 29<sup>th</sup>

Leave cars and trailers at secure  
location in Bundaberg before starting  
the tour at 10am.

Return to Bundaberg on 1<sup>st</sup> August for  
packing up and a Farewell lunch

### ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry fee - \$30/person

**Entry form will be out late February**

Tour morning teas and lunches  
included in Entry Fee



### ACCOMMODATION & OTHER

#### MEALS

*\*At entrant's expense\**

Preferred Accommodation  
**Options will be on Entry Form  
due out late February.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

☎ Phone: 0418 734 268

✉ Email: lenkelly40@gmail.com

## FOR SALE

As I didn't sell all the items I've been given to sell, my plan is to take them all back to the **Club Breakfast** morning on 9<sup>th</sup> February (8am – still only \$5/head!) .

If anyone wishes to sell the dress up clothes that no longer fit them, or is interested in having a new wardrobe, bring them along to the club breakfast morning on the 9th February.

Remember it is cash payment only.

Rhonda G.

SOMEONE NEEDS THIS: The larger wheel, in good condition, appears 24", resembles an Ash wheel, \$80, Mt Hunter antique store, NSW

Kevin Brooks 0412 720 035 [brooks@goanna.tv](mailto:brooks@goanna.tv)



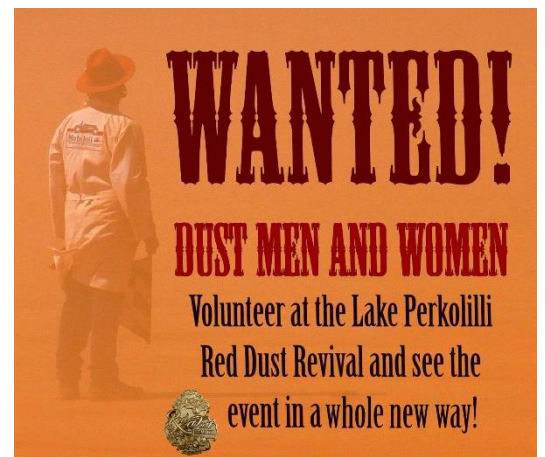
## WANTED

WANTED: Original plate as in photo. Actual size about business card.

Kevin Brooks 0412 720 035 [brooks@goanna.tv](mailto:brooks@goanna.tv)



There have been a number of people asking about volunteering at the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival from 29 September to 5 October 2025. We value our volunteers! If you'd like to help out, then send an email to [paul.burgess@burgessbla.com.au](mailto:paul.burgess@burgessbla.com.au) with VOLUNTEERING AT THE RED DUST REVIVAL in the subject line, provide your details, and you will be added to the list for volunteering updates



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

**Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale**

**Monday 2 December 2024**

**Commenced:** 7.44pm

A Minute Silence was held in remembrance of those who have passed away this year.

**Attendance:** 40. As per the attendance book.

**Attendance on Zoom:** Karen and Bill Ryan, Joe Jarick, Max Scholefield, Graham Crittenden, Peter Arnold, Bev and Wally Lanagan, Wayne Aberdeen, Glenn Adams, Keith Bartley.

**Apologies:** Frank and Kathy Muggeridge. Ashley York and Adam Lyons, Carol and Alan Robinson.

**Visitors:** The Guthrie family.

**Minutes of the November Meeting.** 1. **John Que** moved the minutes of the November meeting be adopted with the correction that the Acting President opened the meeting. 2. Rob Guthrie. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence :**

**Inwards.**

Request for weekend bookings for 2025 from Triumph Sports Owners Club

Flick Account

Thank you note from Herse family.

**Newsletters**

Ipswich Veteran and Vintage vehicle Club

**Outwards.**

Flowers and card to Alan Carpenter and family

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

**Business Arising from the Correspondence: Nil**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Malcolm Wegener, reported on the club accounts. Malcolm recommended that we renew our insurance policies. Also need to reimburse John Que for the battery for the mower.

Malcolm moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. 2. Trevor Farnell. Carried. The final payment to the plumber to fix the leaking pipe has been paid. Club Breakfast is 9 February. The Cost is \$5.00 per person.

**Social Director.** Jean reminded everyone that the Christmas lunch is 21 December and payment is required by 14 December.

**Rally Report.** Northern Tour. Grant Vormister is calling for expressions of interest for the Northern Tour. The form is in the newsletter. . The National Heritage Machinery Association rally is at Jondaryan Woolshed from 23 - 31 August. They require payment up front when you book accommodation. Also have to register on their website as an exhibitor. Max Scholefield has offered



to organise a three day rally prior to the National Heritage Machinery Rally staying at Brymaroo Rodeo Grounds. His proposal was accepted with thanks.

**Property:** Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported ruts from the church gate into the grounds need filling in. It was reported that there are people using the club grounds as a rat run. The decision was made to ask the church to shut the gate. It was decided that a curtain is needed for the disabled shower. A fence is needed near the ramps for safety as it is now a bank instead of a slope. The grass needs mowing. The two smaller mowers are now going but the ride-on needs a new battery. A drain is still needed down the fence line behind the clubhouse. Also need to write a letter to Transurban about the drainage near the freeway. There were no mounts included to install the defibrillator.

**Library.** Work has slowed over summer but it is slowly coming into order.

**Security.** Peter will organise with computer man to come in the New Year and organise remote locking.

**Monthly Runs .** Southside run was on 20th November. It rained but 19 attended the Wynnum Ambulance Museum followed by lunch at the RSL. There will be no Southside Run in December and January but the plan is to revisit the Rum Distillery in the New Year. The Northside Run was held in perfect weather It was a trip to the Cruising Yacht Club for lunch.

**Web Site:** Nil.

**Dating:** Nothing to report.

**QHMC:** Delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that National Motoring Heritage Day is 17th May at Ormiston School. QHMC has published a newsletter about TMR regulation for school formals and impromptu events which has been distributed to members.

**Archive Group.** John Day reported that the Archives on the club website now have the accounts of the first Rolls Royce in Queensland, the Taabinga tricar, the Gilltrap Dynasty and Pioneer Ascents of Mt Tamborine. Also Geoge Whatmore's Model T trips through outback Qld pre WW1 including his never before published photos of the trips. Victor Bloxsome, the Great Grandson of the builder of Cotton cars 1909-1911 has opened family albums and we now have the Cotton Car story ready. We have found an Ipswich Libraries interview with George Roberts on early motoring and aeroplane history in Ipswich. A link to the transcript will be in our Archives.

**General Business:**

Mower needs a new battery before it is listed for sale by tender.

The Club Handbook is ready to be printed. 1. Rob York, 2. Trevor Farnell that we use Albert's quote for the printing of the Club Handbook. Carried.

Rhonda was presented with the Montagu Trophy. A replay was shown of the presentation on the night of the National Rally Final Dinner.

Gary Day has a board of Kern Rally badges and the documentation from the rallies.

Brian Waters' wake was held at the Clubrooms. Brian's swear jar was used for a donation to the club.

Raema's funeral is on Friday. Albert suggested we could use Zoom at the Clubrooms for funeral services if there was someone to operate it.

**Meeting Closed. 9.12pm.**

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

**Graham Donges  
President  
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.**



Matthew Zanow owned the first motor car in Caboolture. It is a well-made, robust looking thing, but what is it? [from the Alex Gow collection]

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