

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

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VETERAN TORQUE

MAY 2023



The Fergusson Family on the Biloela Rally

[Photo : Rhonda Guthrie]

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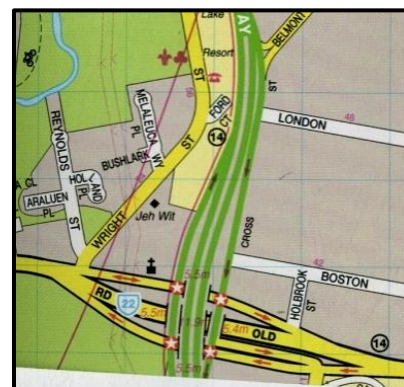


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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5). Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.



The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees from 1 July 2022:are:.

Full Membership (single):	\$ 52	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 21577447; BSB 124001, 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: A/C 21823868 BSB 124 026)

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

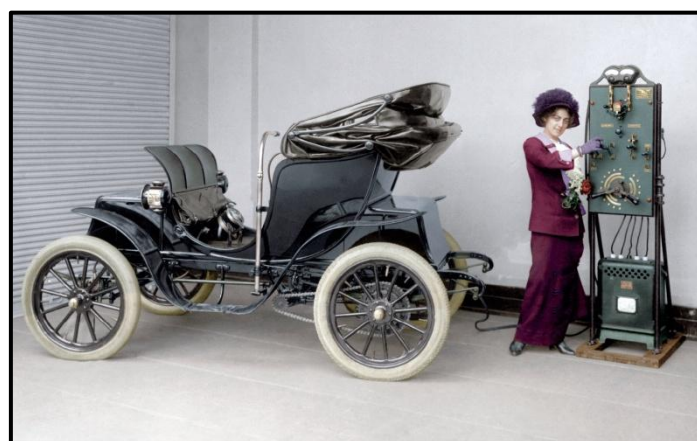
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Charging an electric car in 1912



2023 -- Queensland Touring Rallies

May Starting in **Mackay**, Monday 15th May 2023.

A three day hub rally around the Mackay region.

15th – 17th Tour **Mackay**

18th & 19th are free to pack up camp and travel to Ayr. Approx 300km

20th - 22nd Tour **Ayr**

23rd & 24th Free days to travel to Innisfail. Approx 350km

25th - 27th Tour **Innisfail** region.

Rally finishes after the day's activities Saturday 27th May 2023.

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

We would like to keep the rally simple, ie, bring your own everything. At this stage there are no organised meals. Everyone is welcome to do the whole rally or just part of it.

The Northern Tour Update

It's not long to go now until we all meet up in Mackay for the first leg of this great adventure.

Rally registration will be at the Andergrove Van Park on Sunday 14th in the afternoon, around a 4 o'clock Happy Hour.

At registration we shall collect money for the End Of Tour Dinner. Cost is \$40 per person for a choice of three mains, two sides and two desserts. Please bring cash.

There is a Courtesy Bus to ferry us to the venue and home again.

The start of each day will be the Andergrove Van Park where most of us are staying. We shall all assemble at 8.30am for an 8.45 briefing before a 9 o'clock start.

For the first day in Mackay, we need numbers of who would like to go through Greenmount Homestead. Cost is \$5 per person, payable at registration.

On day two, we are stopping at Melba House before lunch. There is a small coffee shop there. Those who need a caffeine fix, please let us know at registration so they can cater for us. After lunch we can visit a private museum, with a gold coin donation for entry.

In Ayr each day we will start from Plantation Park. This park is on the southern side of town, so you all shall drive past it, on your right hand side, as you arrive in Ayr.

Meet at 8.30 for a 8.45 briefing before a 9 o'clock start.

In Innisfail each day we will start at Brothers Leagues Club car park on the corner of Campbell & Ernest Streets. This is the venue for the last dinner too.

Again, arrive at 8.30 for an 8.45 briefing before a 9 o'clock start.

At each town/city there will be a dress up day, as well as the Final Dinner.

A number of the ladies love to dress up each day, so feel free to dress in period costume whenever you wish.

The tour starts with 52 entries in Mackay and finishes in Innisfail with 43 vehicles.

Thanks everyone for your support.

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The Northerners

July 18th – 21st Frost Bite Rally

The Tour will be a progressive run covering 550K over the 4 days, with regular regroupings and is open to all Veteran Cars. Travel to Kingaroy the day before or early on the 18th July and leave your car and trailer at Kingaroy (Secure Location), before setting off to, and overnighing 18th July at Dalby, 19th Chinchilla and 20th Wondai, and then returning to Kingaroy on the 21st July for a farewell lunch. Two vehicles and trailers will be following for any "Fail to Proceeds" and to carry extra baggage, morning teas, lunches etc. Costs will be kept to a minimum and accommodation/meals will be at entrants' expense.

Other Club Events

August 26th **Swap Meet** at the Clubrooms **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

September 23rd **Handover** Dinner at the Clubrooms

November 18th **Social Evening** at Clubrooms - maybe with a sleepover - BYO - BBQ
Breakfast

December 16th Social **Christmas Luncheon**

Invitation Events

June 11th **Vintage Car Club Concours – Sherwood** Arboretum Car Display Day

June 18th **R.A.C.Q. Display** at the RNA showgrounds

August 16th – 20th **Lismore – Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club Celebrating 60th**
Anniversary

October 2nd – 10th **Griffith National Veteran Rally** *Information on club web site.*

Griffith was designed by noted architect Walter Burley Griffin in the early 20th century as part of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, European migrants settled in the region after World War I and II and helped build a distinctive food and wine culture. The first vineyard was established in 1912 just outside Griffith, and the area has developed into a successful wine making region. Some of the best-known wineries with cellar doors are De Bortoli Wines, home of the internationally acclaimed Noble One Botrytis Semillon, and Calabria Family Wines. In town, browse providores such as Riverina Grove and Bertoldo's Pasticceria for locally made delicacies and great coffee. Bertoldo's is an institution, a family bakery since 1952. From the irrigation scheme to wine making, explore the heritage of Griffith at two museums on the same picturesque grounds. The Griffith Italian Museum is in the Pioneer Park Museum, which spans over 30 historic buildings. For art lovers, the Griffith Regional Art Gallery has impressive collections.

October 13th -15th South Australia - Annual Rally at Mannum "Road to River"

2024 May 26th - 1st June 2024 8th International Tour – Tweed Valley Northern NSW This is the perfect time to explore the Tweed Valley. The event is open to pre-1916 vehicles. However anyone can come along and join in the camaraderie and fun.

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BILOELA - Max and Jane Scholefield

A great time was had by everyone who attended the 1 & 2 cylinder (others welcome) rally. We travelled approximately 270 kilometres of lovely quiet country roads. Each day there was an exhibition gathering at 9.00 to 10.00AM (morning tea) at the front of the Heritage Centre where members of the public could come and wander around the cars

On the first day we travelled 77k mostly back roads to Jambin for lunch and return via a different road. This being our first veteran rally in a veteran car (we have been on veteran rallies in a vintage car) we did not wish to push our little Flanders too hard and we were pleasantly surprised that the speed most cars travelled was within our comfort zone. We saw a number of cars taking wrong turns, although Len and Fiona's directions were (almost) impeccable.

Each evening happy hour was filled with fun and frivolity thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of Régie and Terry Lewis, who on the first night doled out hats to those gentlemen whose heads were follically challenged as well as a prize for their lucky partners. Unfortunately one such head, submerged under the anonymity of a bucket hat, was glaringly overlooked. A pleasant surprise for Jane and me was that we, along with Geoff Clegg for the 1917 Saxon, were presented with the 100 year badge for our Flanders car.



There were many frivolous gifts presented to various people during these happy hours, such as huge bear feet for Terry and Régie, and we now all know that young Rossy 'never let a chance go by'.

Day 2 (Thursday 13th) was a shorter run with a roundabout run to Lake Callide and back to Base for lunch.

After lunch drivers and passengers went to great lengths to dress in Edwardian garb and the cars completed a popular three circuit parade through the Main Street of Biloela. From

the street parade we all made our way to Greycliffe House. The people at Greycliffe produced a wonderful afternoon tea with a great talk on the history and a walk through this iconic house and its surrounds. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.

An underlying situation ran through the whole event, was caused by the burglary of Terry and Régie's tent, although the burglars did not steal anything, quite the opposite, a large lifelike crab was placed in their bed, causing some late night consternation, and somewhat desperate efforts to uncover the culprit (or find closure) - at the time of writing I am sad to say I still do not know who perpetrator/s are/were.

Day 3 was a 79 kilometre run to Kilburnie Homestead where we were entertained with great food and music in a big marquee on the old tennis court. The granddaughter of the original owner - Fiona, went to a great deal of effort to put on a fantastic event for us. Even if a few intrepid drivers departed in the wrong direction!

Day 4. We drove a 57 kilometre journey to the town of Thangool for lunch in the pub or the park, during lunch a message was passed around that when heading home we should turn right into Meissners road (not left as the sheet stated) However some drivers did not get the message and yes, they completed extra miles in their veteran cars.

When we finally arrived home we all prepared, with many perfectly wonderful costumes, for the Captain's Ball on the Titanic. And so it was that on this evening of the 14/15 April 1912 we gathered in the grand ballroom of the Titanic, the ship's Engineer (Chris Sorensen) gave us details of the ship and its instruments. During the evening a series of bumps and shakes were felt, and Captain Smith had to order "Abandon Ship" those of us there that night were so very fortunate to be allotted a life boat.

All good things eventually must end, thanks to fabulous organisation (we know who you are) it was an absolutely wonderful week of friendship and frivolity with veteran cars nothing could be better.

Max [and Jane] Scholefield.

(All photos in the above article were provided by Rhonda Guthrie)



A TITANIC EVENING



Fashions of the '20s

Biloela Beaus and Belles



Geoff Clegg presenting Glenn Ridolfi with The Paddle for the longest distance travelled to the Rally



Happy Hour



Len Kelly with Grand-daughter







Why some of some of us were not at Biloela.

Australian and world records to be broken at the Dalby Show.

Len and Rosemary Kennedy as well as Wally and Bev Lanagan, with their vintage stationary engines, had an appointment to help other engines break the Australian and World records for vintage stationery engines running simultaneously for 10 minutes on Saturday afternoon. The first record was set at the Dalby Show in 2021 and broken this year with 471 engines running together. What a throbbing noise.

As well as this Len and Rosemary won a special prize for lighting up the night with Party lights, powered by one of his engines, in the gum tree near the site and he helped with the Southern Cross Engine record number on display.



WHY A SHIP IS CALLED 'SHE' - Thanks to Rhonda G.

A ship is called a she because there is always a great deal of bustle around her.

There is usually a gang of men around her.

She has a waist and stays.

It takes a lot of paint to keep her good looking.

It's not the initial expense that breaks you, it's the upkeep.

She can be all decked out.

It takes an experienced man to handle her correctly and without a man at the helm,
she is absolutely uncontrollable.

She shows her topsides, hides her bottom and, when coming into port,
she always heads for the buoys.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Thanks to Pam Guthrie for passing on the following:

From an anonymous Wisconsin State Trooper

"I'm not a fan of all-electric vehicles. Too many variables affect battery consumption. Not suited for cold climates. The following experience cements my distaste for EVs, especially Tesla'.

I got sent to a motorist assistant the other day at the start of our snowstorm. Tesla on the side of the interstate, dead battery. So, I arrive on the scene, and the occupants have the right-front door open. They tell me they can't open any other entries because the battery is dead. Sure enough. You can't open the doors from the inside or outside. The driver also can't get her license from the glove box where she put it during their trip. Because the glovebox opens electronically... and the battery is dead. You have to use the computer in the centre of the dash to open the glove box. They said they had 10% battery left, should've been plenty to get from that location to the charging station nearby. Then all of a sudden, the whole car shut off, and they coasted to the shoulder. So now I have to find them a tow. No one wants to tow EVs. Finally found one company to do it an 8-mile trip to the charging station in Tomah, \$1,000! Normal vehicle on the flatbed would've been \$150. So now we're at the Tesla superchargers. Guess what. Can't open the f***ing charging port because the battery is dead!!! The ports open, you guessed it, electronically!!! And we also can't open the doors now (had to close the one open door when it was loaded onto the wrecker). The owner's manual is in the onboard computer, but the battery is dead. I got the occupants to a store where they'd be warm while calling the rental company to figure out how to charge this POS, so I'm not sure of the outcome. I had to leave for a crash report.

EV's may be the way, someday, but certainly not today!! I'll stick with my dinosaur burner."

Sewing for Uganda

John and Gary Day's sister Noela did the Gorilla Trek in the Bwindi Forest in Uganda in 2011. The abject poverty in the area struck a chord with Noela. Through her Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club and a generous circle of friends, the nearby village of Nkuringo now boasts rebuilt classrooms, fresh water supply and sewing machines to help with village income.

As many VCCA(Q) members will know, a group of lady sewers from our Club and QVVA meet socially in the clubrooms each month for a chat and to work on their individual sewing projects. This month, the ladies decided to make girls' skirts to send with Noela on her next trip to Uganda. Together with what had already been completed or donated, Noela will be taking 73 skirts, 31 headbands, 6 beanies and 3 jumpers to Uganda next month.

Any ladies interested in joining the group in their normal sewing days are invited to contact Alison Day on 0417 734350 or by email at queen2at@bigpond.com.



**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Seventh Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of
Australia (Qld) Inc**

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

Monday 3 April 2023

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Ashley York and Adam Lyons, Trevor and Janette Farnell, Allan and Dianne Lyons, Trish Hanley, Geoff and Barbara Clegg, Peter Ashby, Brett Hollingum.

Visitors: Nil.

Attendance: 29 as per the attendance book.

Attendance on Zoom: Wally and Bev Lanagan, Graham Crittenden, Ross and Rhonda Guthrie, Joe Jarick, Keith Bartley, Bill and Karen Ryan, Les Allen, Andrew Fergusson, John Handley.

Minutes of the March Meeting: Minutes as published in the club newsletter . The Secretary advised that there is a correction to the minutes. Trevor Farnell, not John Day, was talking about nickel, not chrome, on the 1915 Model T. With that modification, the Secretary moved that minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Seconded by Albert Budworth. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence: Inward

Web: Ivan Laycock trying to identify a car.
Ian Turner, Chev Club, requesting to book clubrooms for 16 July.

Email: Notice and flyer from Mt Tamborine Car Show.
QHMC. Notice of March meeting
Neil and Janet Heiner. Change of date for South Burnett Antique Motor Club rally to 10 & 11 June .
John and Alison Day requesting date change for Ladies Sewing Group from 12th to 19th April.
Dept of Resources. Land Valuation Notice
Model A Ford Club. Cheque for Rental

Newsletters:

Ipswich IVVC Good Oil magazine
Gympie HAC. Talk Tube.
VCCA NSW Spit and Polish
VCCA Tasmania . Small Torque

Outward:

Ivan Laycock, request to send a photo.
Ian Turner, agreeing to request to book clubrooms for 16 April
Letter to Paul Blake to register 1906 De Dion Bouton
Letter to Chris Sorensen to register 1911 Talbot formerly owned by the Revells.
Email to John and Alison Day to advise 19th April is available.
Letter to Greg Holbart, Chrysler Owners Club, to rent half of a shed

Business Arising from the Correspondence: Peter Arnold commented that the purchase price of the block was \$95000 and queried how much, if any, capital gain there would be.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Events:

Events Officer, Rhonda Guthrie thanked the organisers, Bev and Wally Lanagan and Keith and Anne Bartley, for the Chinchilla Rally and also thanked Geoff and Barbara Clegg and Len and Fiona Kelly for organising the Biloela Rally to be held in a couple of weeks.

Property Report: Property Officer, Albert Budworth reported that the external walls of the bathroom have been painted. The tiling and plumbing is still to be done. The quote for repairs to the rental house was \$6435. It was decided to get our own plasterer and painter to do it. The grounds are still being mowed on a fortnightly basis.

Security Officer, Peter Arnold, reported that the green light is no longer working on the security system. The controller and the system need an update. With an upgrade of the system, we can get remote arming. If the alarm is triggered, it can also be checked remotely. It was decided to check to see if there is a better system before we go ahead and upgrade the existing system. Rob York offered to research other systems. The doors still need attention.

Web Master:

Sally reported that Adam is hoping to finalise archives on the website. John Day, from the Archive Committee, reported that they have newsletters and minutes in club library and would like to digitise early film. The nominal cost for one film is \$120. The films available are Ned Doherty's home movie of the 1964 rally at Boonah and Toowoomba has a 16mm film of the 1970 rally from Sydney to Gold Coast. Rob York suggested to contact Stuart Cornford about digitising film. Sally reported that she has Hugh Kimlin's 8mm film. Syd Norman has a projector. If anyone has any old photos or film, John Day would like to copy them for the archives. Syd Norman moved that we establish a fund for digitising material for the archives and the initial amount be \$500. 2. Albert Budworth. Carried unanimously.

John passed on greetings from Ron Dalton in Mackay. John Jewell is planning to have his Dash Oldsmobile at Mackay Rally. Rob suggested we send a post to local area Facebook pages when we are holding a rally in that area. Bev Lanagan reported that the photos of ladies in costume at the Chinchilla Rally was in the Chinchilla Visitors' Newsletter.

Dating.

Dating Officer, Ross Guthrie, reported that the Dating Committee has dated a 1912 Flanders, 1912 Buick and a 1917 Saxon. There are a couple of 100 Year badges to hand out at the Biloela Rally. Ross thanked the members of the Dating Committee for their assistance.

QHMC. QHMC delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that the management committee is meeting tomorrow. Albert moved that we donate \$500 to cost of the AHMF survey. 2.John Day. Carried.

Editor . Reminder, articles to be in by 20th of the month.

General Business:

A reminder from President Sally, the Club will need new President and a new Treasurer next year. Kathy Day said Abba Festival is on the weekend after Griffith Rally in Trundle if anyone would like to go on the way home. Festival Day is 14th October. Gary noted that the bar is the longest bar in NSW. Contact Kathy if interested.

Albert is meeting Wendy Muddell and Bailey Row from Historic Bike Rally at RACQ to discuss layout of RACQ Display day. Also raised was the issue of vehicle pick up and the difficulty of getting the trailer and getting out of grounds.

Syd reported that he has picked up the new radiator for the Standard, the cost \$2000. The Governor’s Rolls Royce has been converted to electric, cost \$300,000.

Karen and Bill Ryan have acquired 1918 Buick from Tamworth,

National Heritage Weekend is 20th and 21st May. The Static Day at Ormiston State School is suitable for Veterans. Syd is attending. Many will be at the Northern Rally.

Peter Arnold emphasised the importance of travel insurance. On a recent cruise around New Zealand, there were two evacuations by helicopter, one from Milford Sound and one at sea.

Because of the Lismore rally, the Club Swap is changing to 26th August.

Meeting Closed: 8.39 pm.

Irene Donges.....

Sally York.....

Secretary

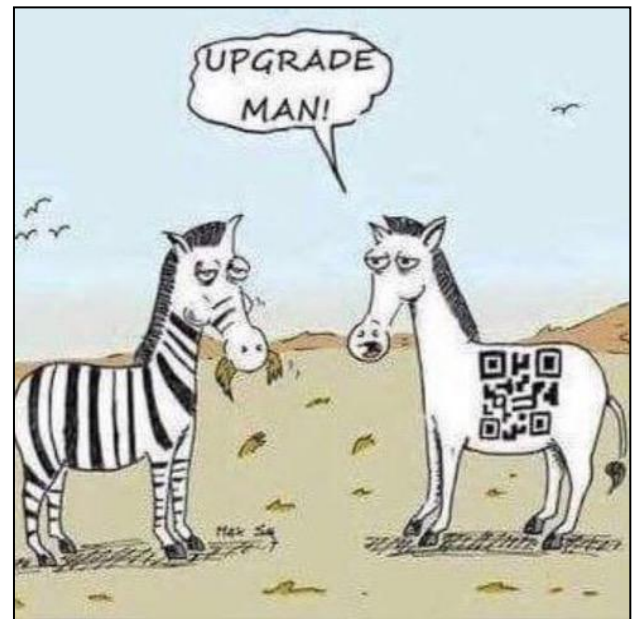
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