

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

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Len and Fiona Kelly's 1917 Fiat



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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.

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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)

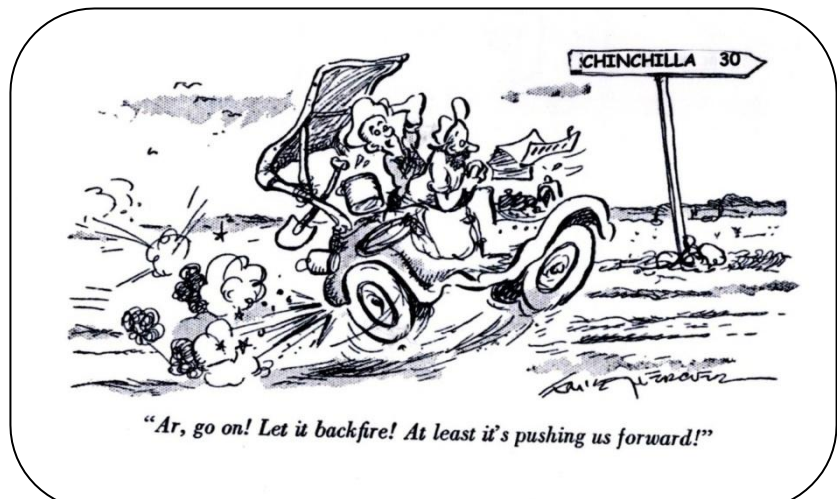
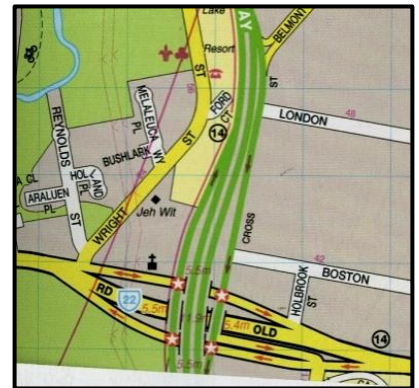
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Our first event of the year, The Club Breakfast, was great fun and I had the added pleasure of presenting 100 year badges for Len and Fiona Kelly's Fiat and Cadillac plus Ashley York and Adam Lyon's Buick. Must admit we found it very amusing that the dating on the Buick was actually completed a decade before I was born. It is wonderful to have these badges displayed on your cars, and good to remember they belong to the vehicle not the owner.

Every year we have members stand up to help at functions like the Breakfast and get all the 'behind the scenes' work done so the rest of the members have an enjoyable day. I wish to **thank** these members very much for their continued effort. They don't get enough praise for what they do and we would certainly notice if they weren't there.

Last Thursday, for the northside run, we ventured over to Samford to have morning tea and lunch with Jody and Michael. Lucky they have a superb entertaining area, as there was an enormous attendance. There was food, drink, and much mingling. Michael had to give a guided tour of his many wonderful vehicles and some of us left well after lunch. Looks like Samford is the place to be as the next run is being planned in that neck of the woods as well.

Some of you may have noticed the framing has now been completed on our new bathroom and Albert has the project well in hand as it continues in progression. Thanks to Gary for his expert assistance with the electrical, and thanks to the members helping move the cladding to site. We owe Albert a pat on the back for not giving up in the face of adversity, in this case – lack of available tradies. Building is not for the faint hearted but the result is worth all the work.

We will be celebrating International Women's Day at the next meeting Monday 6th March so feel free to wear purple in support and come and join us for supper.

That's about it for this month.

Happy Motoring, Sally

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE JARICK

Who has recently been awarded the De Dion Bouton Ding Dong Trophy

Email received from: Michael Edwards <mre01@live.co.uk> **Date:** 25 February 2023 at 19:27:41 AEST

To: Joe Jarick <jjarick@bigpond.com> **Subject:** The DDB Ding Dong Trophy

Good morning Joe

At a recent meeting of the DDB Committee, it was decided to award the Club trophy (we only have the one) to you. The Club awards the trophy to someone who has made a significant contribution during the year.

There were several reasons why you were chosen:

- The articles to the DDB Newsletter that enabled us to get it off the ground during lockdown.*
- Your recently completed restoration of your Type V.*
- Your willingness to support the research and publication of material on the DDB marque.*
- Your general enthusiasm for the Club over many years.*

Personally, I am delighted that you are being recognised - you may be many thousands of miles away from most of the membership, but your contribution far exceeds most others.

Kindest regards, Michael



100- YEAR BADGE PRESENTATIONS

[Photos : Rhonda Guthrie]s



Sally presents Len and Fiona Kelly with the badges and certificates for their 1908 Fiat Tipo and 1915 Cadillac.



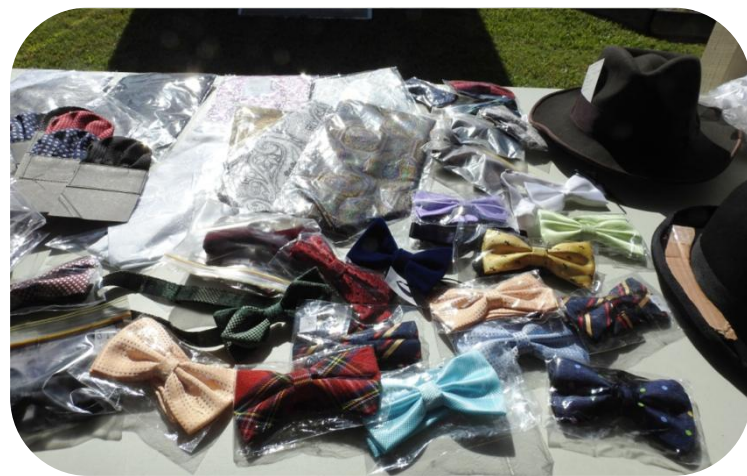
Adam Lyons and Ashley York with the badge and certificate for their 1916 Buick

AT THE CLUB BREAKFAST





IRENE BROUGHT HER FASHIONS ALONG.



[The above photos are largely those of Rhonda Guthrie]

SOUTHSIDE RALLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

Our rally for February was compliments of Gary and Kathy Day. Our run this month was back in the Redlands with morning tea at the Capalaba Sports Club. This newly renovated Club has seen major upgrading with new undercover rinks and café facilities. Very impressive.

10am arrived, and our Club members started to arrive. Considering this was our first outing for 2023 we had the majority of our usual participants settled in for a quiet and social morning tea overlooking the new bowling greens. All the new greens at Capalaba Sports Club are covered with a very impressive steel structure that enables the bowlers to play in all weather and out of direct sunlight. In all, we had 14 members plus one junior potential new member hopefully in several years to come.

After about 1 and a half hours of feasting on tasty morsels and enjoying our coffee and tea, it was time to depart the Sports Club and move on to our lunchtime venue a short distance away.

The Redlands Council has developed a facility also at Capalaba to showcase the natural flora and fauna of the area in a bushland setting. This facility is known as Indigiscapes. As you approach this facility you could see the smiles come over the faces of the gardeners among us as there was quite a large range of native plants available for purchase. Most of these plants were tube stock grown from seed that was collected from the surrounding bush. We were also able to view many exhibits of the local fauna and learn about them. All of this excitement was before we even arrived at the restaurant at the rear of the facility.

Finally, it was time to round up the troops and get them into the restaurant to get the lunchtime orders placed. Again, another sumptuous and filling lunch was had by all. It was now time to discuss whether we were going to hold a March Southside Rally as many of the regulars who attend these monthly social events will be attending the Club's Chinchilla rally and would only have just returned home. It was decided to cancel the March Southside Rally.

Thanks again to Gary and Kathy for their suggestion of venues for us to explore in the Redlands.

Looking forward to catching up at Chinchilla.

Trevor and Janette Farnell



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY!

Kevin Brooks

*In USA, Merv Kroll bought it In Brisbane, Peter Arnold collected it
In Merv's shed I marvelled at it..... And then - Merv sold it!*

THE 1917 RAUCH & LANG ELECTRIC

At the Busselton Rally, I was approached by a gentleman "of mature years" and the conversation went like this:

HIM: You're from Brisbane aren't you?

ME: More or less.

HIM: You might know Merv Kroll.

ME: Yeah, he lives not far from me.

HIM: I bought my car off him.

ME, in absolute excitement: Not the Rauch and Lang?

And so I met Bill Dixon, found that the car is restored and received an invitation to visit him in Albany on the way home and view the completed project. I relayed my invitation to Peter Arnold who was equally interested so approached Bill and had our invitation "expanded".

When I first saw the Rauch and Lang in Merv's shed, I was amazed at its condition, its completeness – a genuine American "barn find". Even its rear-view mirror which extended, above the windscreen across the entire car, was complete. Admiring its quaint body style, I was reminded of Joyce having had a ride in a similar Detroit Electric at Gilltrap's Auto Museum on the Gold Coast many, many moon's ago. Very likely her host at the time was either our dearly departed member, George Gilltrap or member, Frank Muggeridge (who was "imported" from New Zealand, along with the Gilltrap collection).

Rauch and Lang began building electric cars in 1905. In 1916 they merged with the Baker Electric company and production declined. From 1919 onwards, they were sometimes listed as Raulangs and from 1922, that became their official name. They apparently petered out around 1928.

Back to our car: We arrived at Bill and Shirley Dixon's Albany residence on a wet W.A. afternoon. I parked the D-Max, gazed down the driveway and fell in love! There sat the Rauch and Lang in all its glory. In its shiny blue paint that seemed so appropriate, it brought to mind all those little English words – perky, cheeky, jaunty – a real Noddy car. It was wonderful to see what it had become; how it had been transformed from the dusty model in Merv's shed.

The Arnolds joined us in Bill's back yard and after a quick inspection, Bill asked would we like a ride. Would we ever! (For Pete and Linda it was a double thrill as only the day before they'd had their first ride in a modern electric vehicle.). Joyce and I went off first, I sitting beside Bill in the full length "lounge" back seat and Joyce in one of the two front seat single "lounge" chairs. Bill took his tiller steering, pushed down on a floor pedal to reverse the polarity and we were off, gliding backwards up the driveway. Another push of the pedal and we were off around the block, with only a slight whirring of the motor. Bill confessed that the local constabulary aren't fussed about his driving from the back seat! Wonder why?

We climbed a steady grade without effort and Bill described that it just seemed to take on more grunt when faced with a climb. It was absolute fun. I don't know about its top speed but it would be great for nicking down to the shops. Mind you, there wouldn't be much room for groceries when both the bonnet and boot spaces were full of deep-cycle batteries!

When we returned, as I stepped down, I noticed the perfect "Rauch and Lang" moulding in the running board and asked Bill where he scored the reproduction mats. His reply was, "They're the originals." Wow! It's sure an indication of the originality of the car. Bill had earlier pointed out it still had the internal locking door "buttons" à la our 50's and 60's cars. We were safe from any hijackers were we stopped at the lights!

The Arnolds were treated next to whizz around the block. I stood impatiently with my phone, waiting to record their return around the corner at the bottom of the street. I say "impatiently" because I had to keep watching. There was no use waiting for the sound of the motor!

Thank you, Bill, for a 1917 thrill. I have my doubts about the near future of electric cars in our country but the ride with you was terrific.

Footnotes:

Our grand-daughter-in-law has a Tesla and last week, we were taken for a ride in our daughter and son-in-law's new electric "E-something-something" so they don't share my misgivings about the future.

If you look closely in one of the photos, you'll see Bill's and my reflection in the full-width mirror.





CAMILLE JENATZY

Our friendly neighbour Chris often comes across the road to have afternoon-tea with us. We then "talk of many things". Recently the subject was electric cars. We agreed that they were a no-no at present but perhaps a hybrid later.

I recalled that many years ago there was an electric car driven by the Belgian Camille Jenatzy and it achieved a record speed of 100 kph. It was named "*La Jamais Contente*" (The Never Contented).

La Jamais Contente was the first road vehicle to go over 100 kilometres per hour (62 mph). It was a Belgian electric vehicle with a light-alloy torpedo-shaped bodywork and batteries. The high position of the driver and the exposed chassis underneath spoiled much of the aerodynamics. The light alloy, called partinium, is a mixture of aluminium, tungsten and magnesium.



The land speed record was established on 29 April or 1 May 1899 at Achères, Yvelines near Paris. The vehicle had two Postel-Vinay 25 kW motors, each driving the rear axle via a chain, running at 200 V and drawing 124 A each, for about 68 hp total, and was equipped with Michelin tyres. The chassis was number 25.

Camille was the son of Constant Jenatzy, a manufacturer of rubber products (rubber was still a novelty at the time). Camille had studied as an engineer, with an interest in electric-traction automobiles. He became known for his record-breaking speed runs and was nicknamed *Le Diable Rouge* ("The Red Devil") for the colour of his beard.

Jenatzy died in 1913 in a hunting accident. He went behind a bush and made animal noises as a prank on his friends who were hunting with him. Alfred Madoux, director of the journal *L'Etoile Belge*, fired, believing it was a wild animal. When they realised it was Jenatzy, they rushed him to hospital by car; he bled to death en route, fulfilling his own prophecy he would die in a Mercedes. He is buried at the Laeken Cemetery in Brussels.

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I have a model of this car which I saw on a bric-a-brac stall at a Toowoomba Swap many years ago. I snapped it up for \$10 as I had neither seen nor heard of the model. It is branded Rio, was made in Italy and is number 1/49. It is a perfect copy, in the correct colour scheme of silver and red and even has movable tiller steering.



Alan Robinson

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUST (QLD) INC

Merchandise as at 2023



Car Window Sticker \$3.00 each



Cloth Badge \$10 each



Club Car Radiator Badge \$40 each
These are numbered.



Club Metal 50th Anniversary Badges
\$10.00 each



Club Caps \$20 each

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

THE BROOKS PAGE

WANTED

SMITHS 4-JET CARBURETTOR for Humberette. (Must be the special "fit between the barrels" model. Other SMITHS carbies not suitable.)

Kevin Brooks 0412 720 035. brooks@goanna.tv



Can anyone identify this cute little gearbox?
And does anyone have the car for it? Kevin
Brooks 0412 720 035 brooks@goanna.tv

(Calthorpe is one suggestion.).

WHAT ARE THEY?

The "hammer" is a spring leaf oiler. It has a twist hole full of grease which feeds to a hole in the "V". Obviously you drive it in between the leaves and turn the handle!!!

Other one is a piston ring spreader



ON THIS DAY IN MOTORING HISTORY – 6 MARCH

1896

Charles Brady King, an American engineer and entrepreneur test-drove his first car along Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, in front of hundreds of spectators at speeds up to 7 mph, becoming the first man to drive a car in the Motor City.

In 1893 King had a display at the Chicago World's Fair for his pneumatic hammer and brake beam for railroad cars. While there he saw the self-propelled carriage designed and built by Gottlieb Daimler, inspiring him to begin designing his own car in Detroit. The car was powered by a Sintz engine. While driving up and down Woodward Avenue his Horseless Carriage broke down, spectators responded by telling him to "get a horse". The following report appeared in the Detroit Journal the next day: *"The first horseless carriage seen in this city was out on the streets last night. The apparatus seemed to work all right and it went at the rate of five or six miles an hour at an even rate of speed."* Following the car intently on a bicycle through the cold, snowy Detroit streets was a lanky, 32-year-old mechanical engineer who worked for the Edison Illuminating Co. His name was Henry Ford'

King's horseless carriage was on the streets and sold before Henry Ford's Quadricycle, which King helped Ford build.



1898

MARSEILLE TO NICE 2-DAY RACE.BEGAN The race which was over a distance of 140 miles (236 km) was won the following day by Fernand Charron driving an 8hp Panhard et Levassor through a rain soaked, rut filled course. Gilles Hourgières, René De Knyff came in second and third, both also driving Panhards. Finishing 27th overall and 4th in her class was a driver of a De Dion motorized tricycle, who went by the name of Madame Laumaille – the earliest recorded woman racing driver.



Fernand Charron

Madame Laumaille



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

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

Monday 6 February 2023

Welcome

President Sally York welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance, Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

Apologies: Glenn Adams, Bev Lollback, Trish Hanley, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge

Visitors: Nil

Attendance: 39 as per the attendance book

Attendance on Zoom: Ross and Rhonda Guthrie, Graham Crittenden, Wally and Bev Lanagan, Keith Bartley, Bill and Karen Ryan, Grant Vormister, Max Scholefield

Minutes of the December Meeting: Minutes as published in the Club newsletter were taken as read. Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Albert Seconded by Syd Norman. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward:

Web inquiry from Deb Wenzell requesting information about selling her Dad's 1901 single Cylinder Humberette and what would be its value

Grant Vormister: Rally entry form for Northern Tour

Jacqui Mutton: Trying to track down information on Des Lange who owned a Sunbeam and location of car so she can return some Golden Fleece Rally medals to car.

Wendy Phillips from Tamborine Mountain Show Society Invitation to Club to attend the Car Show and Shine on Saturday 18 March.

Max Scholefield sent a video of Chris Sorensen in his de Dion Bouton taking the granddaughter of the original owner for a drive for her 102nd birthday

Request for membership application form from Ian and Sandra Creelman from Coral Bay who have just bought a 1910 Model T.

Membership Application James and Antoinette Cameron from Ballina

Red Hat Club Rent

Buick Car Club Rental

QHMC Public Liability Insurance

Newsletters:

Beaded Wheels

Small Torque

Early V8 Ford Club Newsletter

IVVCA Newsletter

HCCA National News

Now able to HCCA Gazette to access on line if you are a club member.

Outward: Thank you letter to Russell Massey for his service to the Club

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Des Lange and Sunbeam. The collaborative efforts of Peter Arnold, John Day, Greg Hill and Rhonda Guthrie produced a photo of Des Lange in a Sunbeam and his location. No information was found about the whereabouts of the Sunbeam.

Information found about the 1901 Single Cylinder Humberette. It was Max Krough's car from Gympie. It was used as a display car at the final dinner of the Gympie Rally.

Response to Mt Tamborine Show Society. Decided to write a letter to let them know that we have our own Club Rally that weekend.

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Rob York. 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 Peter Arnold. Carried.

Events: Rhonda suggested that it is a good idea to book accommodation for all rallies early.

Bev Lanagan reported that there are 25 entries for the Chinchilla Rally. The closing date is 3 March so there is still an opportunity to enter.

Biloela Entry form will soon be on the webpage

Frostbite Rally. Advised to book accommodation early

Rhonda reported that the planning for the International Rally is well advanced.

Property Report: Albert Budworth reported that the timber has arrived for new bathroom and construction will be starting tomorrow. The carpets have been cleaned and thanks to the working bee members who helped shift the furniture.

House Rental. The current tenants lease expires in March and they have been given notice that it will not be renewed.

Dating Report:

The dating committee has received and processed the paperwork for two cars to be dated. They are Len and Fiona Kelly's 1908 Fiat Tipo 1 and the 1915 Cadillac. The 1916 Buick belonging to Ashley York has been dated in 1961. All Certificates and badges will be handed out at the Club Breakfast. Dating Officer, Ross Guthrie thanked his team, Syd Norman, Paul Blake, and Bob Collett.

QHMC: Albert Budworth reported that Tom Wheelwright who is associated with AHMF is assisting in compiling a National Heritage Australian On line Survey about cost of car restorations, petrol and registration to take to the Government. Queensland is the only State that does not have Heritage Listing for vehicles. There is an information Powerpoint Presentation available for clubs.

Web Master: Webmaster Adam reported that the Members' Section now has a Password. He appealed for material for Digital archives. the Biloela entry form is still to be added to the website.

Editor's Report: Nil

General Business:

Club Shirts and T Shirts. Trevor Farnell has located a supplier of stone coloured shirts and green polo shirts.

Rhonda will send out order forms. Merchandise available is Caps, Cloth Badges, Vinyl car stickers and metal car badges. There was a query from the meeting whether they would embroider the badge on member supplied shirts Trevor reported that he would ask the supplier if they would embroider a badge on a supplied shirt. Peter Arnold asked if there are sports jackets available.

Trevor Farnell Requested if you are attending the Southside Rally to notify Trevor in advance for catering purposes. Numbers are also needed for the Northside Rally for this month.

The Treasurer, Steve, is collecting money for three rallies. He has requested if you could please pay for each rally separately and make sure you put your surname and the name of the rally in the reference box. Jean needs numbers for breakfast by tonight. Steve reminded the meeting that he is retiring as Treasurer at the end of this year and now is the time to start looking for a volunteer so they have time to start learning what duties are required. Sally reminded the meeting that she is also retiring as President and this position will also need to be filled.

Geoff Clegg has another Saxon, 1917 Saxon Roadster.

Albert read an article on the benefits of exercise.

Max Scholefield reported on the difficulties of posting on the Facebook page and asked if all members could access the Facebook page. He would like to see the Facebook page more interactive with members. He also requested information about how to date his Flanders.

The meeting watched the video of Channel 7 news report of Chris Sorensen's De Dion.

Albert reported that there were 588 vehicles at the Australia Day Breakfast hosted by the Bayside Restorer's Club. The club raised over \$3000 for the charity, Sailability from their raffle.

Meeting Closed: 8.52pm pm.

Irene Donges.....

Sally York.....

Secretary
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President
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

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Correction to Minutes of December General Meeting

"We did notice, reading the minutes of your December club meeting, that the dates for the 2024, 1 & 2 Cylinder National Veteran Vehicle Rally our Veteran Section in WA are hosting in March that year, are not correct.

The dates are **17th to 23rd March** inclusive. (not 17th to 22nd March)

We appreciate you advertising this rally, for the benefit of your Veteran vehicle owners and ask if this date could be corrected in your next *Veteran Torque Magazine*.

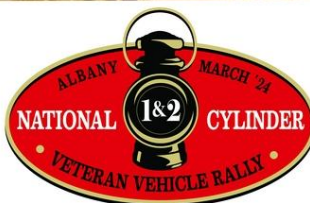
Deidre and Harry Pyle

Veteran Section VCCC of WA"



National Anzac Centre

Newsletter # 3



FEBRUARY 2023

The Veteran Section of VCCC of WA, your hosts for the 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally, asks entrants to consider extending their visit to WA for the week before the March Sun 17th to Sat 23rd Rally begins. If this idea appeals, in that the one week extension makes your long journey to the WA rally more attractive by turning it into a holiday, then please let us know ASAP

Some things we could do together in PERTH BEFORE the Albany Rally: Sat 9th to Sat 16th March 2024

*Take part, with Veteran vehicles on Sunday 10th, in the half day, annual 35km, Perth to Armadale Run which re-enacts and commemorates the FIRST car rally held in Perth in 1905. Traditionally this run culminates with a picnic lunch in a parkland setting. The Mayor of the City of Armadale usually attends this historic re-enactment.

*A hosted BBQ lunch at our amazing VCCC of WA club rooms at Wattle Grove with the chance to see our club's

-huge spare parts collection on sale to members for their historic vehicles

Inspect the car mechanical services areas where members can

- use the hoist to service their club car

- learn to make body panels for their historic club car

- learn car upholstery on the job using industrial sewing machines

See our wood work workshop where club members can order wooden wheels, hood bows or a steering wheel, manufactured to original patterns by our skilled team of volunteers

*Visit the Motor Museum of WA at Whiteman Park displaying over 200 historic vehicles, including Daniel Ricciardo's Monaco F1, winning car. Have a picnic or BBQ lunch in the surrounding parklands

*Take a half/full day ferry cruise (30mins duration) to Rottnest Island, WA's immensely popular, local playground and home of our smiling, free roaming, native animals, the quokkas. 25% discount on fares for RAC members.

*Enjoy a full day wine tasting, with lunch, river cruise into the Swan Valley. 10% discount for RAC members

*Go shopping with your hosts or work on your car

Entrants interested in extending their WA visit to include the week before the Rally:

CONTACT: hdplye@bigpond.net.au

0407 999 290

Harry and Deidre PYLE

Rally UPDATE

*On each of the 4 driving days, you will have the choice of a long run or a shorter run

*Period costume dress-up is encouraged but not mandatory. Some love doing it, others don't.

NEXT Newsletter May 2023

For all previous 2024 Veteran National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Newsletters and details visit

<https://Veterancarclubofwesternaustralia.wildapricot.org/2024-National-1-&-2-Cylinder-Rally>

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ASAP please to: Bob Henley bobjos89@westnet.com.au

1 & 2 Cylinder National VETERAN Vehicle Rally ALBANY WA 2024



Owing to a late inclusion, Sally's photos on progress with the new bathroom framing had to be relegated to the back page



A LITTLE BIT OF IRISH HUMOUR FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY

An Irishman was flustered about not being able to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prayed, *"I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."* Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, *"Never mind, I found one"*.

An Irishman backpacker went into an Australian Post Office to see if there were any letters for him. *"I'll see, sir," said the clerk. "What's your name?" "You're having me on now because I'm Irish," said the Irishman. "Won't you see the name on the envelope?"*

