

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

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# VETERAN TORQUE

FEBRUARY 2024

## 2023 IN REVIEW





## VCCA(Q) – 2024-25

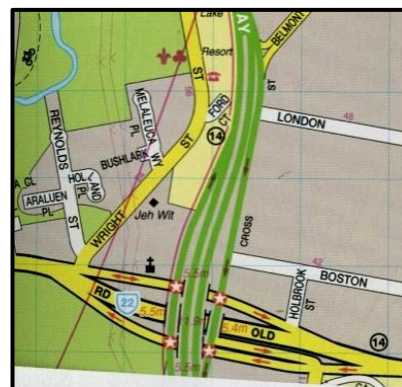
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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).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

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"Well, last year I kicked gambling ...  
the odds are 3 to 1 the New Year will be a good one."



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



I can't start this report without first congratulating Jean and her merry band of helpers for treating us to a sumptuous Christmas feast with all the trimmings. What a pleasurable way it was to end the year.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and have started the New Year with an appetite for more Veteran adventures. Certainly our calendar for 2024 has so many options for loads of fun.

One might expect that over the Christmas/New Year break nothing much would have happened. Not so, though not all positive. Unfortunately one of the nasty storms came through and knocked down quite a number of trees on our property. By the time you read this the grounds will have been cleared showing little effect of the damage. Also a leak in our clubhouse was detected and is scheduled for repair.

On the upsidel - after the January committee meeting we transferred much of our "gear" that has been blocking up our library, since forever, to its new home on the new shelving in our newly built storage on the back deck. Special thanks to Albert and Peter for the arranging and constructing.

The pic. here is B2 at its original home so it shouldn't take too much to get acclimatised for the upcoming Frostbite Tour!

Bring on 2024.

Graham Donges



## SOME COMING EVENTS - 2024

**February 11 Club Breakfast** at the Clubrooms **Sunday** 8am. \$5 per person, to be paid at the February General Meeting. BYO crockery and cutlery

**March 9 International Women's Day Social. Saturday Afternoon Tea.** –Folks please supply a plate of food towards the Afternoon Tea. Details elsewhere this issue.

**March 17-23 National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Albany, WA.**  
EOI/Info. Bob Henley, [bjos89@westnet.com.au](mailto:bjos89@westnet.com.au)

**March 29- April 1. EASTER**

**April 10 -14 VCCA – NSW 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Premier Rally in Inverell**  
Qld Club members are invited. Fossickers Rest Tourist Park Cabins are 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: [rodutholmes@gmail.com](mailto:rodutholmes@gmail.com)

**May 26 – 1 June 8<sup>th</sup> International Tour –**  
Tweed Valley, Northern NSW Newsletters  
This is the perfect time to explore the Tweed Valley.  
The event is open to pre -1916 vehicles.  
For more information contact Rhonda Guthrie 0427 175 099

**June 16 RACQ Motorfest.** To register your details to receive information, email [events@racq.com.au](mailto:events@racq.com.au)

**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..

**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.**



.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 is to be Jenny Sorensen who is going to talk on her experience as a woman driving a Veteran car from Brisbane to Broome.

We will start at 2pm 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. Ph. 0409031011 or [lilajeanmarrett@bigpond.com](mailto:lilajeanmarrett@bigpond.com).



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It seems appropriate here to recognise some of the important Inventions made by Women.

### MARY ANDERSON – THE WINDSCREEN WIPER

Mary Elizabeth Anderson (1866-1953) was an American real estate developer, rancher, viticulturist, and inventor of the windshield wiper. On November 10, 1903 she was granted her first patent (number 743,801) by the US Patent Office for her automatic car window cleaning device controlled from inside the car, called the windshield wiper.



On a visit to [New York City](#) in the winter of 1902, Mary sat in a [trolley car](#) on a frosty day. She observed that the driver struggled to see past the windows because of the falling [sleet](#). The trolley car's front window was designed for bad-weather visibility, but its multi-pane windshield system worked very poorly. Therefore, to clear the sights, the driver needed to open the window, lean out of the vehicle, or stop the car to go outside in order to wipe the windscreen with his or her hands. Anderson, who was not an engineer but an entrepreneur, identified the problem and its opportunity. She envisaged a windshield wiper blade that the trolley driver could operate from the inside. At that time, it rarely occurred to anyone else to eliminate the problem. It was something drivers simply accepted and dealt with.

On her return to [Alabama](#) Mary hired a designer for a hand-operated device to keep a windshield clear and had a local Company produce a working model. She applied for, and in 1903 was granted, a 17-year patent for a windshield wiper. The patent application was filed on June 18, 1903.

Her device consisted of a lever inside the vehicle that controlled a rubber blade on the outside of the windshield. The lever could be operated to cause the spring-loaded arm to move back and forth across the windshield. A counterweight was used to ensure contact between the wiper and the window. The device could be easily removed if desired after the winter was over. Similar devices had been made earlier, but Mary's was the first windshield clearing device to be effective. Her simple mechanism and basic design have remained much the same, but unlike today's windscreen wipers, could be removed when not needed.

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### MARGARET WILCOX – AUTOMOTIVE HEATING SYSTEM

Margaret Wilcox was born in 1838 in New York. Little is known about her early life, common for many women of her era, whose personal histories were often overshadowed by their male counterparts. Wilcox showed an early interest in mechanical engineering despite the society conventions of her era, which often restricted women's roles to domestic domains.



Throughout her career, Margaret showed a creative spirit and adeptness at navigating the traditionally male-dominated field of mechanical engineering. During her lifetime, she made the most notable contribution to transportation comfort when she invented the car heater. By using the heat produced by cars' internal combustion engines, this device directed warm air into the passenger compartment. Although her invention, which was patented in 1893, was innovative in that it made use of the engine's residual heat, it was originally designed without a temperature control system, which resulted in overheating.

Mary faced many of the same difficulties that other female inventors of her era had during her career. Women filing patents under their own names was still uncommon and frequently challenging in the late 19th century. Despite these challenges she persisted and was able to patent her creations, which is evidence of her drive and aptitude as an engineer and inventor. Her contributions—the car heating system in particular - have subsequently been acknowledged as key innovations in the automotive sector.

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### ANNA CONNELLY – 1868 – 1969. THE FIRE ESCAPE

In 1860, a fire occurred in New York City due to a fire in a bakery that was able to reach the homes above it, with families inside. To prevent similar events, in 1870 a law about fire safety was made; stating that "fireproof balconies have to be connected by fireproof stairs", thereby increasing costs for landowners. Connelly was aware of fire safety issues and the legislation, so she decided to invent a different solution,<sup>1</sup> a fire escape design that could be adopted by more landowners to increase building safety in cities. Connelly's device, which was made of iron, was patented in August 1877 (No. 386,816A). At first her invention was planned for an upward escape, since most of the fires causing concerns started at the lower floors of buildings. She invented a platform in which people could escape from a building on fire to a safe one by going down the stairs before fire could reach them. She stated, "*My invention relates to improvements in fire-escapes; and it consists of a bridge surrounded by a railing and having openings in the ends of the floor thereof, as herein described, the said bridge being adapted to be placed on the roofs of adjoining or adjacent buildings, thereby permitting the ready and safe passage from one roof to the other.*" Her design changed, causing it to consist of a series of metal platforms attached to the side of a building; the platforms were connected by a series of ladders and incorporated handrails.

OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACQUIRING NEW VETERANS.

Régie has acquired a Veteran. Early in the year she and Terry had heard rumours that a 1918 American built Essex, one of the first imported into Australia, was stored under a house for the last 40 years. The car found in a dump in the mid 1960s, was fully restored, then the owner died and she was parked in the shed. So Régie is now her custodian and affectionately calls her "Essie". Completely by coincidence they were able to find the person who found the car at the dump and reunite them!



Ron Sorensen has purchased this 2-cylinder 3 wheeler from WA.



Jason Ridings has acquired the ex Bob Trevan 1906 Model N Ford



## *SOUTHSIDE RALLY REPORT JANUARY 2024*

Well the Christmas and New Year festive seasons are over for another year and the Southside Rally group is back into the monthly social outings again.

This month a group of twenty adults and two grand-children, visited the Redlands Museum at Smith Street Cleveland for a Devonshire Tea and a guided tour throughout the facility.

The Redlands Museum is supported by a huge group of volunteers who do a marvellous job of maintaining and preserving the Redlands history.

All of our members attending today's outing commented that the Museum was one of the best set out, displaying historical items from the past related to the Redlands area. As the guides took us through the many displays, they were able to provide the history of each exhibit.

For the ladies, a display of the fashions and household items as well as a display highlighting the support the women of the Redlands Land Army provided during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. For the men, there were exhibits relating to the farming activities that the Redlands have a long history of, machinery used to farm the Redlands area as well as transport such as early motorcycles, early Vintage, and Veteran automobiles.

Many of these exhibits have been faithfully restored by the Volunteers and others are in the process of being restored.

When speaking to some of the volunteers some of the skills some of our group have will be of great assistance at the Museum. Assistance was offered and that assistance will be accepted shortly.

All in all, a great historical display, well worth the visit, and congratulations to the Redlands Museum on a job well done.

Lunchtime was looming at this stage so we were off to the Historical Grand View Hotel on the Bayside for lunch where the socializing continued for some time into the afternoon.

A great day out and as the storm clouds were gathering on the horizon it was off home. Thanks to those who attended and we trust you had as an enjoyable and informative day as we did.

Trevor and Janette Farnell





As January 26 is a Public Holiday, it seems appropriate this month to feature Australian-built vehicles.

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**THE SHEARER** was a mallee wood-fired steam car that David Shearer (1850-1936), a blacksmith and farm machinery maker, designed and built, together with his brother John for his own use. By 1897 he was driving the “steam carriage” around Mannum, with the world’s first differential, much to the consternation of the local horses.



Shearer’s vehicle travelled at 15 miles an hour, faster than England’s first car two years later that reached 10-12 mph. In 1900 he was granted special permission for his “automobile” to be driven in Adelaide city streets. at the Adelaide Chamber of Manufacturers Exhibition.

Shearer wasn’t interested in making cars. He just wanted to prove the horseless carriage was workable. After his success, he returned to making agricultural machinery.

The vehicle was restored prior to being taken to England for the 1999 London to Brighton Run and is now on display at the National Motor Museum in Birdwood, South Australia.

[Alan Robinson says that he drove the Shearer for one lap of the Test Track at Birdwood and it was the most frightening experience that he has had at the wheel of a vehicle].



Jon Chittleborough, the then Curator driving, and Colin Newton Coachbuilder as Fireman, testing the vehicle following its complete restoration



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### THE AUSTRALIS

The **Australis** was an Australian [automobile](#) manufactured at the Austral Gas Engine Works in [Leichhardt, New South Wales](#), from 1896 to 1906 by **G.W. & G. Wood**. The Company began production with a motor driven bicycle in 1895. Only three Australis vehicles were produced: a second motor driven bicycle in 1896, a [single-cylinder 3hp](#) two-seat light [buggy](#) in 1900 and a [7hp](#) (5 kW) [twin-cylinder](#) light [buggy](#) in 1906.

The original engine from the 1900 Australis buggy is now part of the [Powerhouse Museum](#) collection and is thought to be the oldest surviving Australian built engine.

Photo taken from the Museum collection

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## ARCHIVE REPORT

The year 1959 was a “big” one.

- Statewide celebrations marked 100 years since Queensland became a State, separated from New South Wales.
- Our Club held the Golden Fleece Centenary Veteran Car Rally. Ninety Veterans from all over Australia started at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds and finished at the new Lennons Hotel, in the sandhills of Broadbeach.
- The Queensland Government hosted “The Centenary Cavalcade of Transport” a four mile long procession of 300 units representing land and air transport over the years.
- It was the year that George Gilltrap brought his family and antique car collection from Rotorua New Zealand and opened Gilltraps Auto Museum at Kirra on the Gold Coast.

The Video section of Archives in our website <https://www.vccaq.com/archive> includes a home movie of the 1959 Rally. We have now obtained the official programme and entrants’ list to accompany the video.

Many thanks to Malcolm Wegener who has provided us with the official programme of the Centenary Cavalcade of Transport, listing 14 veteran cars from our Club. These documents are with our Webmaster for inclusion. Watch this space!

We have been working with Robyn Lake (nee Gilltrap) to put together a record of the Gilltrap dynasty and its impact on the veteran scene in Queensland. Most will agree that it was *Genevieve*, the movie, and Gilltraps Auto Museum that popularised Veteran vehicles in Queensland. Robyn has generously opened the family albums to provide some great photos of the Museum in its heyday. We now need to assemble text to accompany the photos. Member Frank Muggerridge accompanied the Gilltrap family when they migrated here and worked in the Museum for many years. His recollections will be invaluable.

If you have any memories or photos that you can share of those Centenary events or of Gilltraps Auto Museum, please contact one of the Archive Committee.

John Day  
0427 734350

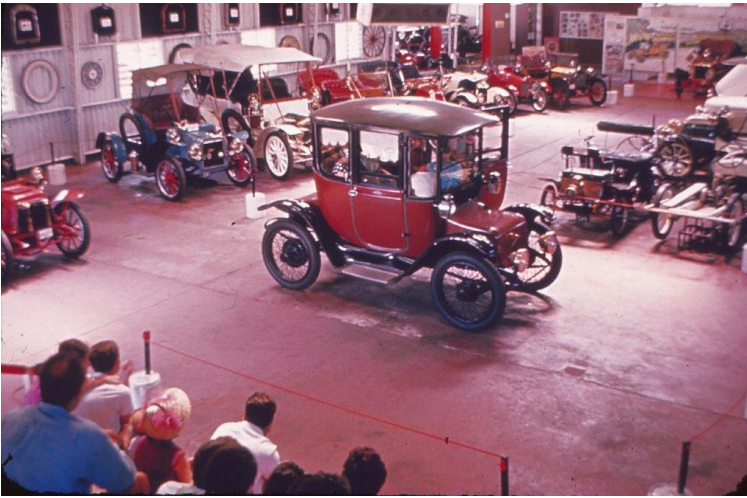


Official Opening of Gilltraps Auto Museum 1959.

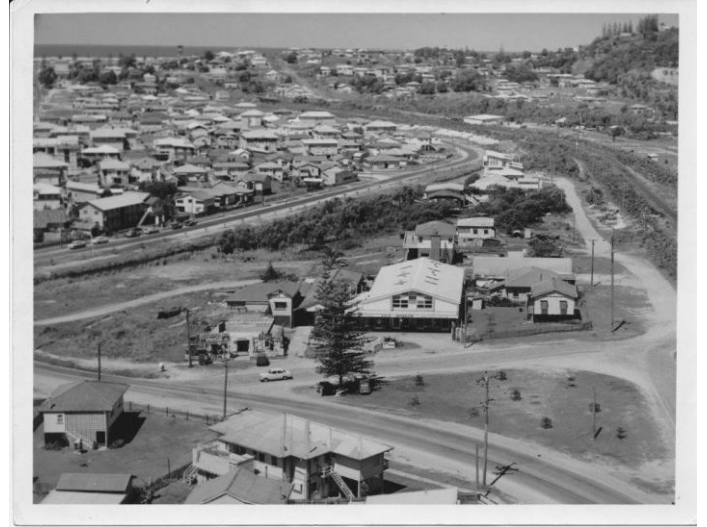
## George Gilltrap's home movies 1950/60s

Our thanks to Robyn Lake (nee Gilltrap) for the link to her father's 16mm home movies from the 1950/60s, now available from the New Zealand Sound and Vision website <https://www.ngataonga.org.nz/search-use-collection/search/F83047/>

See 28 minutes of fascinating footage of the veteran scene in the era. Watch as George finds and drives away in a 1914 Model T Ford.



Live demonstration of the Detroit Electric.



1959 Aerial view of Museum & surrounds



1960's Unic Bus, Gilltraps Auto Museum

## The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Renault and the appearance of the de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis

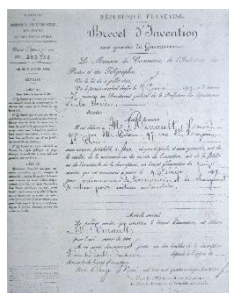
'A Real Christmas Tale' – Rue Lepic Montmartre 1898 [Early Auto December 2021p.14 &15 [www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2021DecEA.pdf](http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2021DecEA.pdf)] described 'A wonderful story set in Montmartre Christmas Eve 1898 that was expanded in 1955 by St Loup in Renault de Billancourt and occasionally regurgitated' that began by claiming '... Louis Renault going up and down one of the steepest and highest hills in Paris on 24 December 1898 in an automobile is one of the best-known Renault stories, being mentioned in nearly every reference to the marque.'

The story ended '... Whatever happened that Christmas Eve in 1898 the fact is that the Louis Renault '... became the foundation stone for a huge industrial empire...' [Renault *Regie Nationale*] – an empire that is described by Charles de Gaulle in his *mémoires* as the 'first and finest factory in France'.

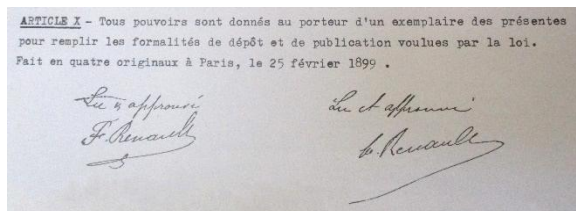
'The Automobile constructed by Louis Renault in 1898 – the *Louis Renault*' Early Auto January 2022 pp. 14 & 15 [[www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2022FebEA.pdf](http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2022FebEA.pdf)] describes the automobile Saint Loup simply refers to as the *Louis Renault*.

Most stories covering the period September 1898 to March 1899 published since 1956 seem to be based on the story as told by Saint Loup that was 'carefully translated' into English that 'is in the main accurate.' [The Veteran and Vintage Magazine Volume 2 No. 6 February 1958 p. 513.]

In A Sequel to 'A Real Christmas Tale' – Rue Lepic Montmartre 1898 [Early Auto January 2022 pp. 15 & 16 [www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2022JanEA.pdf](http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2022JanEA.pdf)] mention is made of two significant documents – the application to patent an invention dated 9 February 1899



and the registration of a company - Renault Frères – dated 25 February 1899.

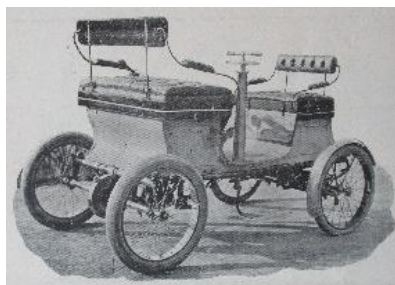


More recently, I was made aware of nuances in the terminology used in production. As a consequence, I am satisfied that on 14 March 1899, at 139 *rue du Point du Jour*, Billancourt, the prototype with revolutionary direct-drive transmission, *Michelin* tyres and 1 cv.  $\frac{3}{4}$  *de Dion Bouton* air-cooled motor appeared.



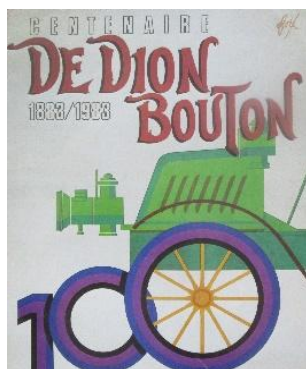
1898 Prototype Artists Impression  
© Renault

Soon after, at 36 *Quai National, Puteaux*, another prototype with a rigid rear axle and a reported 3 ch.¼ *de Dion Bouton* water-cooled motor appeared.



LFA 1899 p.176

Incidentally, to celebrate the centenary of *de Dion Bouton Quai National* was re-named *Quai de Dion Bouton*.



To celebrate these anniversaries, devotees of *Renault, de Dion Bouton, Michelin*, and other French motoring enthusiasts will be gathering at various places to pay tribute to the contributions made by *de Dion, Bouton & Trepardoux* to the science of mechanical and aeronautical engineering and Louis Renault - the person Lord Montagu of Beaulieu described as '*epitomizing the age of the motor-car in France during the first half of* ' last century.

Furthermore, the arrival in Australia of the Renault 4cv. – the last '*Louis Renault*' model – with sales in the week beginning 21 February 1949 provides a wonderful opportunity for the impressive number of 4 cv. enthusiasts, some of whom own other models attributable to Louis Renault, to hold extraordinary musters to celebrate this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a model that reached 500,000 sales worldwide on 8 April 1954!



Indeed, everyone interested in the history of the automobile is encouraged to acknowledge with a celebration of sorts any or all of these significant occasions.



Renault's 1898 Type A and the contributor's *de Dion Bouton vis-à-vis*

*Meilleurs voeux pour la nouvelle année*

Rodney C Anderson. December 2023

## FOR SALE

### “MINI” HOOD IRONS, New, Probably Amish-built,

How exactly you can use these small hood irons I don't know - perhaps on a light sulky/buggy or cyclecar. Their 'bracket' is normal, as are the tapers as far as they go. Being only 38,42 and 49cm long, their end tubing-holes are only approx.19, 20mm, making for very light hood bows. Could they be extended? Messy? Leave it up to you.

**Price: \$120**

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



### : “FOLDING KEEPING-LOCKED-IN-PLACE THINGEES” FOR HOOD BOWS 2 PAIR \$50

Unfortunately the two pairs are different. Both, built in imperial days, are 12” long but one pair folds 4” and 8”, the other 5 and 7. (One pair actually has 12 cast in them.)

**Price: \$50**

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



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

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

**Monday 4 December 2023**

**Commenced: 7.31pm**

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

**Attendance on Zoom:** Bill and Karen Ryan.

**Apologies:** Alan and Carol Robinson, Rob and Pam Guthrie, Bev Lollback. John and Alison Day.

**Minutes of the November Meeting.** With the correction of "Seven Hundred and First" being changed to "Seven Hundred and Fourth" and "Cobram" changed to "Echuca", the Secretary moved the minutes of the November meeting be adopted. 2. Albert Budworth. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence :**

**Inwards.**

Ian Rennie. Historic Motorcycle Club. Request to display the Spencer lathe in the Clubrooms

Cairns Historic Vehicle Club. Invitation to Nor'easter Hub Rally in Cairns over Easter

Flick Invoice

**Newsletters**

HCCA Newsletter

Country Motor.

QHMC Newsletter

Veteran Car Club of NSW. Spit and Polish

**Outwards.**

Dulcie Wilkinson advising of the donation to the Stroke Foundation

Mrs Jenny Liversidge. Reply to request to trim trees along the back fence.

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed.

2. Syd Norman. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:** Spencer Lathe. It was decided not to display the lathe at the Clubrooms and suggest to the Historic Motor Cycle Club that they offer it on loan to the Transport Museum at Wollongong where there is another Spencer motorcycle on display, or to the Brisbane Motor Museum at Banyo.

**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. Rob York. Carried.

**Social Director.** Decided to use crockery and cutlery and do the washing up rather than use disposable plates and cutlery and use leftovers from Wine and Cheese.

**Rally Director.** Rhonda Guthrie reported Wine and Cheese was a successful night. All information is in the newsletter. The first event for next year is the Club Breakfast on 11 February followed by International Women's Day on 9 March.

**Property:** Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported that code for bathroom is same as lock box. At the last Working Bee the roller door was installed over the outside cupboard. Mowing now done every two weeks. The quote for removing the trees still in progress. Shelving in the outside storeroom needs to be installed. It was decided to keep the tables in the same cupboard and add urns and other items for tenants use to that cupboard and use the outside storeroom for club storage. The Treasurer's chair has been replaced and the chairs have been replaced in the Committee room.

Peter Arnold reported that the five year agreement with the tenants has expired so tenant rents increase and will be in line with the CPI. There will be a yearly increase with a CPI safety net. There is a Tenants meeting on 10th. Tenants will be able to use Zoom for their meetings.

**Security.** Security Officer, Peter Arnold reported he still has no remote locking.

**Monthly Runs** . The next Northside run on 25 January is to Samford to join the Riley Club at their Samford Showgrounds clubrooms for lunch with morning tea at Fergusons on the way.

Last month the Southside run went to the bay and stopped at Wellington Point for lunch. Next month is a visit to Redlands Museum.

**Editor:** Nil

**Web Site:** Webmaster, Adam Lyons reported that he has done an update on the Events page and the Members' page and has added Griffith photos to the Galleries and put more material in Archives.

**Dating:** While in Bundaberg recently, Dating Officer, Ross Guthrie presented Andrew and Angela Fergusson with a 100 year badge and dating certificate for their 1911 Mors. Ross was very impressed with the number present to witness the event. Ron Sorensen has a Cyklonette that he is currently restoring .

**QHMC:** Delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that the results of the AHMF survey will not be out until February. There was a very good response to the survey. The results of the survey conducted by QHMC about moving to a logbook system was negative. Albert said that of the 91 clubs affiliated with QHMC, 52 voted no to a Log book system. The topic is closed.

**Archive Group.** No report. John and Alison are on a cruise

**General Business:**

Syd Norman suggested that the carpet needs replacing. Kevin Brooks said that if the carpet is replaced, the floor near the kitchen should be a hard surface. Decided to wait until after the carpet is cleaned in February to make a decision.



The RACQ Rambler has been displayed in the Brisbane Museum . Albert Budworth said that they are trying to get a copy of "Bulldust to Bitumen" containing the interview with Doug Partington.

Kevin Brooks reported that Laurie Cocker from New Zealand said that there is a new museum in Napier up a very steep hill which Model Ts and electric vehicles have difficulty ascending.

Sydney Norman said there is an invitation from the Logan Historical Society to attend their Heritage Day at the Logan Butter Factory on Sunday 22 September.

**Meeting Closed. 8.29pm.**

**Irene Donges**

Hon Secretary  
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc

**Graham Donges**

President  
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THANKS TO JOHN DAY FOR ALERTING US TO THE FOLLOWING.

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS. -- EBAY SCAM.**

My husband ordered me some expensive jewellery, and Veteran car parts arrived instead. Thankfully, they fit his car.

We suspect other members may also have suffered a similar fate.

And now for some light relief.

**My kids and grandkids  
keep laughing about  
me losing my memory.  
They won't be laughing at  
Christmas when there's no  
eggs under the tree!**

**On our way to  
church, we asked  
our grandchild why  
is it important to be  
quiet in church.  
She said "Because  
there are people  
sleeping!"**

**Always make sure  
SOMEONE in the  
relationship has  
good credit. That's  
why it's called  
SIGNIFICANT other.  
Sign/if/I/can't.  
Follow me for more  
marriage tips**

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In Toowoomba Miss Helen Marjorie Brown reputedly the first woman taxi driver, has just bought a new 1916 Ford. (Photo from Alex Gow collection).

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

A lady took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?" He replied, "*Aha, you'll know tonight!*" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present. Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled *The Meaning of Dreams*.

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

A man who had too much to drink decides to walk home on New Year's Eve. A policeman stopped the man and asked where he was going. "*I'm on my way to a lecture,*" the man replied. The policeman scoffed, "*Who gives lectures on New Year's Eve?*" The man answered: "*My wife.*"

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