

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

JULY 2024



Veterans on display at the recent RACQ Motorfest.
Paul Blake's winning DeDion Bouton Type AN in foreground.



VCCA(Q) – 2024-25

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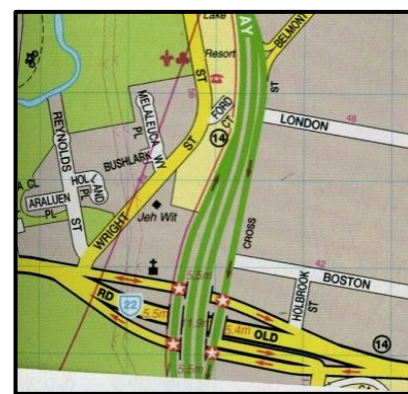
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

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 20th of each month.**

email: red-bubble@outlook.com

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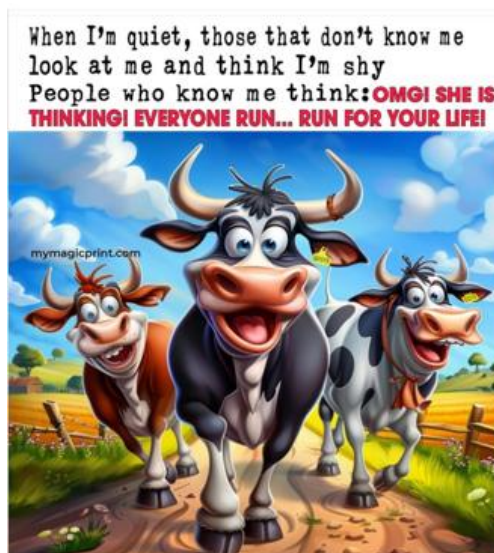
The Secretary, VCCA (Q) Inc.

1376 Old Cleveland Rd,

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email secretary.vccaq@gmail.com

Could this apply to somebody we all know?





PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR JUNE.

Congratulations to Rhonda (and Ross) for being instrumental in pulling off a very successful International Rally in their backyard, so to speak, in association with Russell Holden and his team. No doubt you will read multiple reports from various writers, some now and some later.

Personally as Backup/Recovery (and I speak for Irene too) we really enjoyed the job although we didn't have to do much work, which was great.

It is pleasing to see the Club property being maintained efficiently. A big thanks to Albert and other members working quietly on the seemingly endless number of repairs and general upkeep.

And now the huge job of re-establishing the massive collection of books, magazines and other junk in the "Library" into a working Reference Library and a working office has started. Although not much is visible at the moment, something like 40 man hours has gone into uncluttering and getting a vision of the best way forward. Many thanks to Wendy for getting us motivated and keeping a team of us moving.

September is looming and that means that nominations for the Club's committee are open. It looks like many of the present committee members are happy to continue. For myself, I am happy to do so also but don't let that stop you putting forward somebody else who may do a better job. Here, I would like to thank fellow committee members and club members for supporting me thus far.

The BIG position that needs filling is the position of Rally Director. Our extraordinary Rhonda has been guiding us with her legendary enthusiasm and has expressed her desire to slow down some and relinquish the position. Big shoes to fill, I know, but be assured that a new RD, (sorry for the acronym Rhonda), will receive the best of assistance from members.

Stay warm - especially on the Frostbite Rally mid July!

I did a little work assisting this Maxwell to the top of the hill whereupon Syd replaced an errant plug wire and the happy couple proceeded on their way.



Club and Invitation Rallies for your Diary

- July 16th - 19th **Club Tour "Frostbite"** – starts in Dalby **Len Kelly**
- July 27th - 28th **Invitation Event Ipswich Club 50th Anniversary**, closing date 14th June
- August 17th **Swap Meet 8am Saturday** bring all your unwanted parts – someone will want them
- August 21st (23rd – 25th) 27th **Club Sanctioned Roma "The Last Run" Cobb & Co Celebration 100 year Anniversary.**
Camping Accommodation Roma Gun Club-155 Geoghegan Rd Roma
Ph 0476 674 514 – bookings@romagunclub.com.au Motels in town
- Sept 5th-11th **Club Tour "Burnett Heads"** which will include the Annual Handover Dinner –Luncheon - **Terry Lewis**
Burnett Heads Caravan Park - 2 sites available
- Sept 20th- 23rd **Invitation Event CENTENARIANS RALLY**
Vehicles over 100 years old Gympie to Maryborough and back to Gympie – organized by the Gympie Historic Auto Club – Gympie & District Historical Soc.
- October 10th – 13th **Club Tour "Creepy Crawly"** Tour for the slower veterans, though everyone is invited. Assemble at the Laidley Showgrounds on the Thursday 10th – **Paul Blake**
- Nov 8th - 10th **Invitation Rally** Bendigo Victoria – prior to the National in Tassie
- Nov 18th - 23rd *National Rally in Tasmania*
- Dec 21st Veteran Christmas Luncheon

2025

- May 19th -31st **Club Tour "Northern Qld Rally"**
same/similar concept to last year (2023) rally. Some new venues, so please put it on your calendar. **Grant Vormister**
- October 5th - 10th **National Veteran Rally in SA Murray Bridge –**
Marina Caravan Park recommended
- October 19th - 24th **National Motorcycle Rally Ballarat** –antiquemcca@gmail.com

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- National Veteran 1 & 2 Rally* Not sure where or when as yet
- April / May **Invitation Rally** Wilsons Promontory (Vic) to Cooktown (Nth Qld)
driving approx. 150ks per day Andrew Winter 0447 534 078
- Sept 6th – 12th **National Veteran Rally in NSW** Cowra Caravan Park 02 63421627
2a Lachlan Street Cowra – stay@cowravanpark.com.au

RACQ MOTORFEST 2024

Over 600 cars attended the Showgrounds on a lovely (cool start) day and there were plenty of crowds viewing the vehicles. The Mustang celebrated 60 years and the RACQ 1904 Rambler is now 120 years old. In the John Reid Pavilion there were 26 Vintage and classic vehicles, 5 Austin 7s, and 9 motor cycles on display. Under our feather were only 3 veteran cars and 1 motorbike. We had our 1910 Maxwell AA, Ken Melville his 1913 Renault AX, Paul Blake his 1906 De Dion Type AN plus former member Gavin Mutton his 1914 Sunbeam motor bike.

Paul won the Best Veteran 2024 prize and proudly displayed his sash on the car.



We answered lots of questions from the public (many on lighting of Veterans) and there were plenty of photographs taken.

Pauline and I entered the Best Costume and were runners up to a couple of youngsters who did a clown performance on stage.

Plenty of good food and the great weather contributed to a fun day.

Syd Norman





1906-De-Dion-Bouton-Double-Phaeton--Type-AN-

The-remains-of-this-two-cylinder-De-Dion-Bouton-was-believed-to-have-been-found-in-South-Australia--only-the-chassis,axles-and-transaxle-and-some-other-mechanical-components-had-been-saved.--It-found-its-way-to-Queensland-along-with-some-single-cylinder-De-Dion-Bouton-projects-but-languished-against-a-garage-wall-for-many-years.¶

Helen-and-Paul-Blake-acquired-the-car-in-2011-and-spent-a-number-of-years-searching-for-parts-for-the-car-in-Australia,New-Zealand,Europe,-and-the-UK-and-began-restoring-the-car-about-10years-ago.¶

The-gearbox-was-in-a-very-damaged-state-and-all-the-gears-needed-to-be-remade.--Making-gears-is-a-dying-art-so-Paul-taught-himself-to-cut-gears-and-made-all-the-shafts-and-bushes-to-rebuild-the-transaxle-(gearbox-and-differential).-Paul-built-the-body-to-a-set-of-plans-a-good-friend-found-on-a-trip-to-France...¶

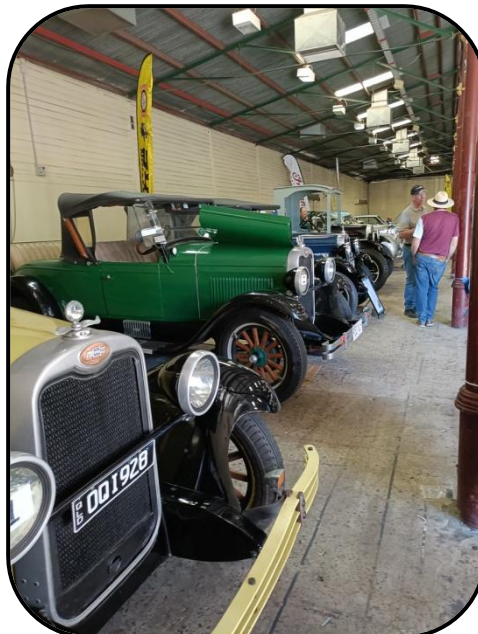
The-Paintwork-was-done-by-JH-Classics-at-Yatala-and-the-leather-trim-by-Parry-and-Williams,-Sandgate...¶

The-motor-was-donated-to-the-project-by-the-late-David-Revell-of-Wee-Waa-NSW-in-exchange-for-some-other-engine-parts.¶

Interesting-aspects-of-the-car-include-of-course-a-De-Dion-type-rear-axle,the-so-called-“Coal-Scuttle”-bonnet-and-a-pressure-fed-lubrication-system.¶

Manufactured-in-Paris,-France.¶

The-engine-is-a-2-cyl-of-1728cc-and-produces-12-HP.-The-car-has-a-conventional-clutch-and-drives-thru-a-3-speed-plus-reverse-transaxle-mounted-at-the-back-of-the-car.¶



All photographs are those of Paul Blake and Syd Norman

SOUTHSIDE RALLY REPORT JUNE 2024

Well another bright cool day loomed as we travelled to our morning tea destination at Alexandra Hills to visit Tracey and Wayne's museum. Our group consisting of 17 adults and two children attended today's outing. This collection of steam engines motor cycles, vintage automobiles, and all things one would collect over a lifetime of interest in history was on display for us to look over.



The collection has an interesting history, it transpires that Tracey's parents lived in South Australia and had been collecting material for a museum from a long time back. This collection had Tracey's mother's, grandmothers' and her wedding dresses as well as a collection of wedding shoes also worn by the brides in the family going back generations, making the display interesting to the ladies in our group.

For the men an amazing collection of very old hand tools and farm



equipment was on display not to mention a full wall of cast iron tractor seats, approximately 50 in total.

Tracey's mother and father passed away a few years ago and the decision was made to pack up the collection in South Australia and transport it to Alexandra Hills where it has been housed in a spotless display. Not a speck of dust to be seen anywhere.



Towards the end of our time at the museum Wayne had decided to run the steam engine for us using compressed air rather than steam. Even the ladies enjoyed this. We all found something in the collection that took our interest.



We could have spent many more hours there but it was time to move onto our lunch time venue at the Alexandra Hills hotel a few kilometres away. A great feast was had by all and a good deal of social interaction took place as well. It was good to see Russell Massey out with us today.

After another good social day out it was time for us to go our separate ways and head for home.

Today's outing was suggested by John and Alison Day. Thanks to all who attended .

Janette and Trevor Farnell

[Museum photos supplied by Syd Norman].



8th HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR





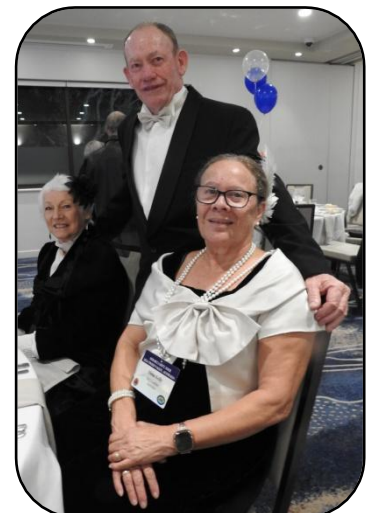


THE WELCOME

Lord Sydney Norman
wearing his Robes
and Lady Norman



THE FAREWELL DINNER



Links.

One of the things we really like about veteran car rallies is that you tend to end up in funny little places that you would never know about, and certainly never get around to visiting.

The recent Tweed HCCA International Tour is a case in point. After a beautiful country ramble, we stopped in a little piece of nowhere, a quaint hamlet out near Mount Warning named Burringbar.

Burringbar is notable for, amongst other things, a store called Burringbar Collectibles. Inside you can choose from around fifty well-worn wooden mallets, lots of old fashioned household bits and pieces ("Mum used one of those when we were kids!") and numerous pieces of rusty rural mechanical stuff.

But one person's junk is another person's treasure and this is most evident in your typical veteranista.

One of our loved old vehicles is a 1913 IHC high wheeler, and I have been searching for twisted link tailgate chains for around 20 years. It slowly dawned on me that this shop may be the place to find them.

I mentioned as much to Rob Duffy and his keen eyes soon discovered a cache of old chains. Amongst the lengths was some of the chain I was seeking. In keeping with the store, it was a little rusty but quite usable. I was over the moon.

On this particular tour, we all had the option of carrying some US or Canadian visitors. This was heaps of fun for all parties.

Two of our swaggies were Ross and his daughter Caitlin from Canada. I showed him the chain and told him what it was for.

Just prior to coming to Australia, Ross and Caitlin had visited a transport museum in the South Island of NZ. He just happened to take some close up photos of the tailgate chains on an IHC like ours!

Ross does not even own an IHC, but was able to give me pics of the whole chain arrangement, hooks etc. What are the chances??

This all goes to show that apart from being enjoyable and sometimes challenging, participating in your Club's events can have unexpected advantages.



Richard Payne

We send our very best wishes
to Russell Massey
who will shortly celebrate his 70th Birthday.



A NOTE FROM RHONDA:

I recently lost one of my
Email lists.

If you are no longer
receiving them from me,
please let me know so I can
check that you're on my list.

GOOD MORNING VETERANEERS!

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Burnett Heads September Rally.

Our beautiful region will take you travelling on back roads from coast to country.
The runs will include visits to our traditional and new industries, schools, public displays and a
gaslight parade including steam vehicles.

There is ample opportunity for those who wish to period dress, even Edwardian bathing wear for a
beach frolic and breakfast! The handover luncheon theme is "Roaring into the 20s".

We will have a great time together, enjoying the cars and our famous Queensland camaraderie!

Attached is the entry form and in your excitement don't forget to pay our Treasurer the fee.

Also please pack an oil blanket to save your precious liquid gold (and the display pavements).

The Burnett Heads Caravan Park has just made available 2 additional sites.

Safe enjoyable motoring, see you all here.

The Bundy Crew

ENTRY FORM



2024 VEHICLE & STEAM RALLY

Burnett Heads Thurs. 5th – Wed 11th September 2024



The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

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Entry Form and Disclaimer - closing Date 9th August 2024

Driver's Name: _____ Navigator's Name: _____

Mobile phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency contact name and mobile number: _____

Dietary requirements/allergies: _____

Vehicle 1: Make: _____ Cylinders: _____ Year: _____ Rego: _____

Vehicle 2: Make: _____ Cylinders: _____ Year: _____ Rego: _____

Please bring a drip blanket to recycle your precious oil.

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 or 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. or the organisers of the event.

Entrant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Entry fee: \$85 pp. Entry includes rally entry, souvenir programme and three catered events:

- Brewed Pekoe Refreshments (morning tea)
- Edwardian Beach Breakfast
- Roaring into the 1920s, farewell and VCCAQ handover luncheon

Pay entry fee to:

Account name: VCCAQ, BSB: 124185, Acc n°: 22126679, Reference: Your name and BH

Have you paid the entry fee to the above account? Yes No

Send completed form to Terry Lewis healthmattersqld@skymesh.com.au

For additional information

Chris and Jenny Sorensen ph. 0427 244 847 chrissorro@gmail.com

Terry and Regie Lewis ph. 0404 647 359 healthmattersqld@skymesh.com.au

CENTENARIANS RALLY

FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OVER 100 YEARS OLD

SEPTEMBER 20TH TO 23RD



FROM GYMPIE TO MARYBOROUGH
BY APPROPRIATE OLD ROADS



Friday 20th: Arrive Gympie, afternoon and evening activities
Saturday 21st; Travel to Maryborough
Sunday 22nd: local activities.
Monday 23rd: return to Gympie with stops at selected schools

Expressions of interest sought

Contact: Ralph 0408616709 or [ralphrichardson 5@bigpond.com](mailto:ralphrichardson5@bigpond.com)

**SUPPORTED BY GYMPIE HISTORIC AUTO CLUB INC
AND
GYMPIE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC**

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

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale

Monday 3 June 2024

Commenced: 7.39pm

Attendance: . As per the attendance book.

Attendance on Zoom: Bev and Wally Lanagan, Max Scholefield, Peter Arnold, Steve Forster, Glenn Adams, Karen and Bill Ryan, Keith Bartley

Apologies: Ashley York and Adam Lyons, Alan and Carol Robinson

Minutes of the May Meeting. The Secretary moved the minutes of the May 2024 General Meeting of the VCCAQ be adopted. 2 .Rhiann York. Carried.

Business Arising: Defibrillator . Still in final stages of purchase.

Correspondence :

Inwards.

Darryl Meek from TAVCAA requesting partner details for the National Directory.

Robyn Clark from Austin 7 Club. Request to book 15 December. As this date is already booked will keep their original booking.

QHMC. Changes to Write-off proposal from TMR .

Membership Application from Mineralogy Pty Ltd. Still to go to Committee for approval.

Ben Dolling. Pastor, Favor Church. Requesting use of club grounds for parking 15 December.

Urban Utilities: Water bill.

Newsletters

Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club. The Good Oil

Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club. The Klaxon

Cairns and District Historical Vehicle Club. Bearing Chatter

Brisbane Vintage Auto Club. Vintage Views.

Outwards. Nil

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received. 2 Albert Budworth. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

TMR Proposal. There was a lot of discussion about the proposed changes to the TMR Write off proposals. Everyone is encouraged to send in a submission by 20 June. Suggestions for the submissions were to put reasons to support your position and to include the historic value and rarity of veterans. The history of Queensland motoring is in the hands of individuals and the parts used to restore vehicles are not from accident damaged vehicles.

A permission form will be sent to all members asking to give permission for their details to be included in the National Register and also to continue to be included in the State Directory.

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. Syd Norman . Carried. The Water bill showed a large increase so will need to check for a leak. The Treasurer recommended that the house term deposit be reinvested for another twelve months. All agreed.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that membership subscriptions will soon be sent out and that there is a slight fee increase. Membership Fees are \$55 for an individual, \$61 for Joint Membership, \$41 for Individual Country and Associate Membership and \$47 for Joint Country Membership. The cost of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter will increase to \$20 as postage has increased.

Social Director Report. The venue for the Christmas Party was discussed. Kevin Brooks suggested we book a venue. Jean will endeavour to find a place.

Rally Director Report. The Committee ratified the Creep Crawley Rally and Northern Rally and sent letter of support for WP-C rally. Rhonda Guthrie said that all events are in the Events Calendar in the newsletter and please read your newsletter. June events are the RACQ display day and the Concours at Sherwood. Joe Jarick said that the Creepy Crawley in October is modeled on UK's Creepey Crawley Run.

Property: Albert Budworth reported that the Working Bee cleared the branch off the carpark. Albert has requested a quote from a painter to paint the side of the house. The cistern in the men's toilet is leaking so will need a plumber to fix it. The sink in the Ladies toilet has been replaced. Another working bee is needed to weed the side of the driveway.

Security. Approval has been given to the daytime tenants to use a kitchen cupboard for storage.

Monthly Runs . Trevor Farnell reported that the Southside Run on 19th June will be to a private museum at Alexandra Hills. It will be BYO morning tea and lunch at Alexandra Hills tavern.

Editor: Carol sent out an appeal for more articles.

Web Site: Adam away.

Dating: Nothing to report.

QHMC: Delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that QHMC had received a query about brake testing. Pre 1930 vehicles are exempt from the new digital testing.

Archive Report. John Day reported that there is no change to the website. The Rambler and Gilltrap material are ready to go on. Another car that is part of Queensland Motoring History is the Cotton car which was specially made for Queensland with high clearance and a winch. John is going to speak with Vic Bloxsom, a descendant of Mr Cotton, about the Cotton car. Laurie Kathage has parts and will help write an article for our Archives. John Que has the "Restored Cars" article on the Cotton car.

General Business:

Library Catalogue. The Committee accepted Wendy Muddell's offer to catalogue Library. Wendy will need volunteers to help with shelving the books. A call was also made for a volunteer to be Librarian. Rhiann York and Jacob Bailey have offered to assist with the cataloguing.

The new handbook is ready for publication.

John Day asked for a good leather shop as he needs straps for the hood of his car.

Sally York reported that there is going to be an article on Whitey in "Restored Cars". In 1976, there also was an article on Whitey.

Syd Norman conveyed a thank you message from the overseas visitors who attended the recent HCCA International Rally at Tweed Heads.

Meeting Closed. 8.49pm.

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

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

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Kevin enjoyed the Meeting

OFFERS SOUGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SCHEBLER L CARBURETTOR. Appears complete. 30 mm throat. Mounting holes 58mm c/c . No Idea what it's off, probably something small. Looking for offers.

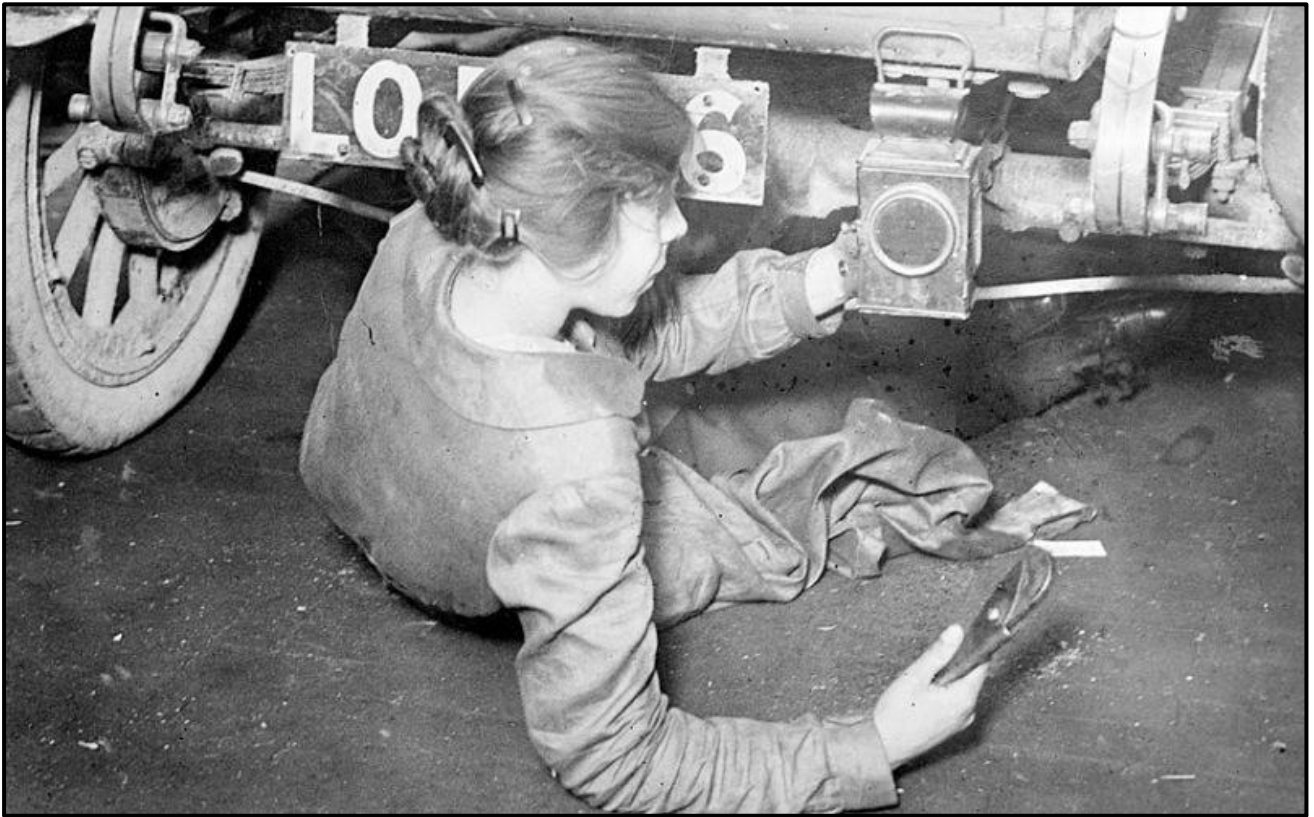
Richard Payne. richard.payne36233@gmail.com



WANTED

COMPLETE SMITHS 5-JET CARBURETTOR, 30 mm choke, as used in Bullnose Morris (or even the loan of one to see if the exercise is worthwhile)

Kevin Brooks, 0412 720 035, brooks@goanna.tv



In London - A young lady at work on her tail light. (From Alex Gow).

AND NOW FOR...SOME HUMOUR

