

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

*Club Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC  
Governor of Queensland*

# VETERAN TORQUE

AUGUST 2016



*Wayne Aberdeen's Mercedes takes pride of place  
at the recent RACQ Motorfest  
[photo courtesy Albert Budworth]*



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**The telephone number** for the Clubrooms is (07) 3843 0010

**The Club has a new Website:** [www.vccaq.com](http://www.vccaq.com)

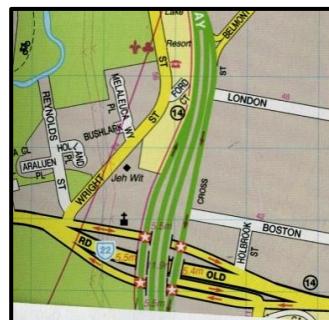
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Full Membership (single): \$60; Joint Membership \$65.

Country Membership (single): \$50; Joint Membership: \$55.

Associate Membership \$50

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.



**Note:** There is an **ADDITIONAL CHARGE** of \$5 for those members requiring a mailed 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.)

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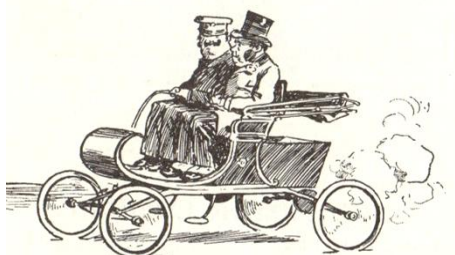
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"How quickly can you stop if necessary?"



"About like that"

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month I'm happy to report that a large contingent of our members enjoyed the company of our northern members, twice. First being Mackay then further north to Ayr.

Both rallies were well organised and very social, each with its band of willing workers who clearly had put in a lot of time and effort. Rally reports will be elsewhere in the magazine.

This being the furthest Hazel and I have travelled to attend these events, I now realise how much effort some people have to put in just to drive our cars. old bangers).

I personally thanked a few people on this point, they all said it's what you have to do and we can't miss a good rally. These people are what make these events special, - they have already had a hurdle just to start.

I do hope that the members who stayed home enjoyed a social night at the club rooms as was offered.

I look forward to seeing everybody together at the next meeting.

**Bob B.**

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### **A REMINDER**

*The following Notice of Motion will be put to Members at the August General Meeting*

A motion to amend article 12(3) to extend the time a Treasurer can hold office from 3 to 5 years.

Motion That article 12(3) be deleted and the following be inserted.

*The new clause 12(3) to read; A member can hold the position of President, Vice President or Secretary for up to but no more than 3 years consecutively or the position of Treasurer for up to but no more than 5 years consecutively. Where a member fills one of these positions part way through a year because of a casual vacancy, that part year does not count towards the time served in the position for the purposes of this rule.*

Argument:

The position of Treasurer has grown into a more technical role through the introduction of our computerised book keeping and financial analysis program. This necessitates some time to learn the system to ensure accurate data inputting and to learn to interrogate the programme to produce financial reports as required by both the Management Committee and SAGS to assist in the management decision making process.

The second part of the motion clarifies the starting point of the clock measuring the time in office.

Moved by Peter Arnold, Chairman SAGS.

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## WEBMASTER'S REPORT

At the time of writing I've put up a few images of the Mackay and Ayr rallies but I'm hopeful some of the various participants will bless me with more pictures (please, please, if you can, ATTACH up to four hi-resolution pics per email). I was full of great intentions prior to the Northern Expedition. The plan was to get lots of video and heaps of pictures to illuminate the website, but we were so busy driving, getting lost, fiddling with the car and having a good time that it hardly happened. Life's full of shattered dreams...

**Peter Ransom**

***As there was no formal July General Meeting, the following Minutes from the June Meeting are to be approved at the August 1 Meeting.***

**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Twenty Eighth General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld Inc. held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Welcome:** President Bob Burley opened the meeting at 7.35pm and thanked everyone for attending.

**Apologies:** Andrew Wright, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, John & Alison Day, Trevor & Janette Farnell, Frola Gilltrap. Geoff & Barbara Clegg, Neal & Jan Sims, Peter Ransom, Russell Massey. Iris Anderson.

**Visitors:** From the RACQ Chris Hocker. Stuart Donnelly, Trang Jerkic. & Jane Luxhon

**Attendance:** As per attendance book - 40

**Minutes:** The Minutes from the May Meeting were taken as read. Rhonda Guthrie Moved they be accepted and Ross Guthrie seconded the motion.

**Correspondence**

Inward: Newsletters from various clubs

Outward: Nil Rhonda Guthrie moved that the correspondence be accepted Peter Arnold seconded the motion.

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer Report:** Hazel reported the financial records to the club members and moved that they be accepted. Seconded Syd. Norman.

**Historian Report:** Denis Martin is working on another history report for the Club newsletter.

Web Site: Nil

QHMC: Nil

Editor: Carol requested all information for the next club newsletter be given to her after 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Dating:** Ross Guthrie mentioned that he was in the process of dating Ian Herse's, Ford T.

**RACQ** President Bob Burley presented Albert Budworth with a cheque for \$250.00 a donation to RACQ for the Motorfest Charity display day. Not sure how many club members are able to attend as most of the active club members will be in Mackay on the Club's third 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally.

**Events Co-Ordinator** – Nil as Russell is away on holidays.

**RACQ** Chris Hocking, & Stuart Donnelly took the floor, whilst Trang Jerkic took notes. They stated that the RACQ Insurance covers - motoring insurance, enthusiast - classic vehicles, motor bikes, veteran vehicles.

Statements made by club members to the gentlemen are as follows:

1. Premiums too high.
2. RACQ Insurance process not customer friendly.
3. RACQ club membership process needs looking into.
4. RACQ Roadside Assistance – not always helpful in the country areas.
5. Australian cars not covered whilst in New Zealand.
6. RACQ was not interested in roadside assistance for limousines.
7. RACQ more interested in everyday vehicles.
8. RACQ does not give salvage rights back to the owner of the special interest vehicles – veterans.
9. RACQ not interested in insuring trailers used to transport our veteran vehicles.
10. RACQ does not cover special interest vehicles whilst in the process of restoration or storage.



11. RACQ does not cover our special interest vehicles whilst in transit in our trailers.
12. RACQ does not cover parts whilst in transit eg: purchase of parts from out of town/ interstate.
13. RACQ will not assist with a break down whilst the member is on a rally unless that driver is an Ultra or a Plus RACQ member.
14. RACQ not interested in insuring trailers over 30 years old.
15. RACQ not interested in insuring new trailers.
16. RACQ donation of \$500.00 to club sponsorship is insufficient.
17. One of our club members requested a quote from RACQ to insure a Veteran – they then contacted another business for a quote and found they knew all about the RACQ quote how is that possible?

1. Club members find Shannons interested in Enthusiast Vehicle Policy
2. Shannons gives insurance whilst vehicle is being restored and or stored.
3. Shannons gives bulk insurance discount
4. Shannons gives owners choice of repairer
5. Shannons gives salvage rights to the owner
6. Shannons gives insurance for car trailers.

The club members have suggested to the RACQ representatives that they go and compare their policy with Shannons. If Shannons can give better customer service to the clients why can't RACQ.

Bob Burley thanked the RACQ representatives for coming and invited them to stay for a cuppa after the club meeting.

**2019 Queensland National Rally proposal** – John Handley spoke about the visit to the Bundaberg Council. He and Terry Lewis visited a few days ago and found the Council very enthusiastic about the idea of holding a National Rally in the area.

No decision has been made on the date possibly May or August. August is a better time as there is less likely to be rain. Also most of the southern visitors have returned home.

The area lends itself for entrants to explore the towns in the surrounding countryside and maybe visit Lady Musgrave Island whilst they are in the area.

John Handley moved that we hold the 2019 National Rally in the Bundaberg area. Seconded Terry Lewis all agreed.

**July Club Meeting** Unfortunately a lot of the club members will be in Mackay participating in the next 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally. Bob asked if anyone would be available to open the club rooms to enable club members to participate in a casual gathering. Alan & Carol Robinson & John Que have offered to be in attendance.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon** - this is to be held at the Carina Football Club in Creek Road Carindale on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 assemble at approximately 11.30am, dress is smart casual. More information in the next club newsletter.

**SAG** Peter Arnold spoke about the previous SAG meeting, reminding everyone that the term of the leases will expire as at March 2017. The SAG committee is planning a meeting with all the Club tenants in the near future.

If the maintenance on the building and the grounds were completed by commercial businesses the bank account would be in the RED.

18/6/2016 The Church next door is holding its official Opening at 6pm we are invited to attend if we would like to. If attending please wear club shirts.

### **Vehicles for sale**

Gary Warfield from Toowoomba is selling his Studebaker 15 Series approx. 1914/15 price on application. Phone 0437 340 966

Joe & Vishnja Timkiv Unfortunately need to sell their 1915 Buick due to ill health. \$10,000.00

Meeting closed 9.05pm

I wish to thank those members who enquired about my welfare whilst I was in "The Workshop" having a "Kick Start Unit installed.

It will probably not fully restore my aged horsepower but should at least give me a Shetland Pony.

I ask you to pardon our Editor for the current magazine being late, but she has been rather occupied doing my home chores, as well as her own and travelling between Karana Downs and Greenslopes Private Hospital daily.

She managed it.

Cheers, Alan R.

## FOR SALE

### **1914 OVERLAND 79 T TOURING.**

Fully restored ground-up restoration. Good condition throughout. Comfortable touring car. Including spare engine, radiator and electrics.  
2008 Restoration Award, Overland Club of Victoria, Australia.

Asking Price \$60,000 NZ.

Neil Cox, 22 Nelson Street, Waipukurau CHB, New Zealand; Phone (NZ) 02102333948



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## Savouring Stanthorpe Second Series - September 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will be staying at the TOP OF TOWN CARAVAN PARK, High Street, Stanthorpe

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

10am Registration and Rally Sheets.

Pick-up Information from the Tourist Information Centre 28 Leslie Parade .

Leave 12.00 noon.

Lunch at Storm King Dam Picnic Area.

Short Drive Approx.30 km.



### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Leave 9.00am. Drive to Dalveen for BYO smoko. Seconds Clothing Factory. Picnic Area.

Granite Belt Brewery for Lunch.

Approx. 70 km

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Leave 9.00am. Smoko BYO at Lavender Fields, Liston NSW

Lunch in Main Streets of Stanthorpe.

Approx. 40 km.

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Leave 9.00am. Modern Transport to Girraween National Park Information Centre.

We have to drive on the New England Highway.

Wallangarra Railway Museum for Smoko BYO or buy.



Lunch at Hidden Creek Winery. BYO or buy.

Approx.90 km.

### Thursday 22nd September

Leave 9.00am. Smoko at the BIG APPLE Vincenzo BYO

Lunch under the trees at Amiens State School BYO everything chairs etc.

Approx. 50 km.

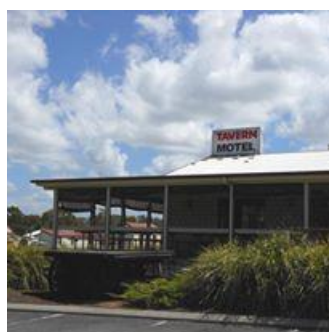
### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Leave 9.00am. Smoko at JAMWORKS BYO or buy

Lunch Ballandean Tavern or BYO

Approx. 65 km.

Russell and Susan.





## MACKAY MOTORING - Syd Norman

My very emotional return to Mackay after four years started with my Maxwell spitting a transmission band and having to take my 1910 Standard "Edward", restored in Mackay, back again.

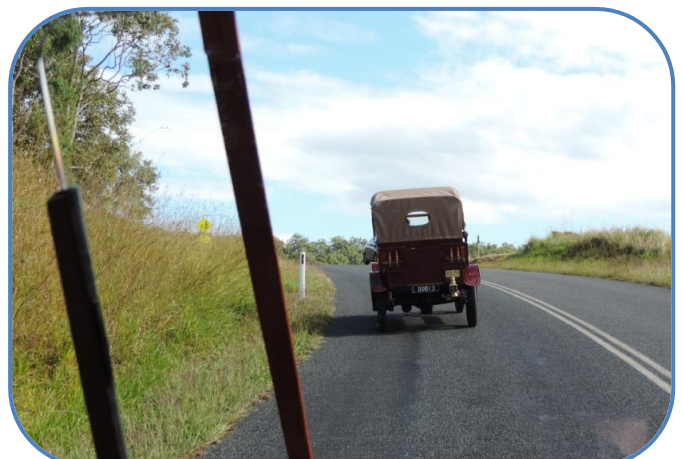
Easy travelling up and settling into the caravan park had nearly 40 starters ready for a great week of touring around a cool tropical Mackay.

**Day 1** saw us out to the lovely Cape Hillsborough National Park and its pristine beaches with lots of the entrants in fine nautical costumes and period attire, quite a sight for the locals to admire.



Lunch at Seaforth was cut a little short when Mother Nature gave us a shower to shine our brass. Scones for morning tea were delicious and the 4th of July dinner was an American affair, well done by our hosts Russell and Susan, as were all the meals they supplied during the rally.

**Day 2** was a run out to Kinchant Dam through delightful cane growing areas with the harvest in full swing, followed by a nice BBQ lunch under the trees in very peaceful surroundings. Again we had a slightly damp trip back to Mackay followed by plenty of Pizza in the Camp Kitchen for dinner and socialising.





**Day 3** saw us out to the historic 1915 Greenmount Homestead with most entrants in fine costumes and the cars parked under the big trees on the lawns. More scones were available and tours were conducted through the house by the friends of Greenmount.



The bevy of lovely costumed ladies certainly caught the local newspaper photographer and we did well in the local paper with a two page spread of the cars and the event. Roy Dalton brought his little 1901 Crestmobile out for a run, much to the thrill of our President who rode in style with a smile. There are some lovely photos of the day on Facebook.

**Day 4** had us touring the Northern Beaches of Eimeo, Bucasia and Slade Point with a little challenge up the lookout hill before stopping at Mackay Harbour for lunch beside the lighthouse. Many sampled the delicious fish and chips too. We counted 42 ships at anchor waiting to load coal at Hay Point or Dalrymple Bay. The drive out along the breakwater gives a good view of the ships, the harbour and the Marina, even if it was breezy out there.



The final Dinner was well catered at the Northern Beaches Bowls Club and I am sure no one went hungry (or thirsty). We were even offered a courtesy bus so that we could really enjoy ourselves



**Day 5**, our final day, started with the customary 8.30am gathering on the caravan park lawns before we toured out to The Leap to visit the Doll Hospital and Museum, certainly a popular visit for the ladies, followed by a nice sausage sizzle. A lovely fine Mackay day to end our rally.

A good rally where occasionally left meant right and we had to guess distances, but the scenery was great. Even if we went different ways at times, everyone seemed to reach the meal stops on time and the traffic was light and very courteous, the socialising was frequent and noisy and the company great. Local fuel seemed to cause a few headaches, but most vehicles generally proceeded well.

Well done Russell and Susan, you may be sure we would like to come back.

Syd Norman

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## AYR TRAVELLERS' TALES

From Peter and Linda Arnold.

"After an interesting night back at Andergrove we are in Bundaberg for a couple of nights and plan to arrive home on Saturday. Back at Andergrove on Sunday night with Burleys and Cockers, they could only give us an unpowered site on the front paddock, much of which was under water. The mound should be OK the girls suggested so we inspected and decided it would be OK, OK that is for the 4WD, trailers and campers but, and here's the BUT, not for the 7 tonne motorhome. We came to a grinding halt and one dual wheel sank in the through the crust and into the mud. Now on a list and 5.30 in the evening we decided to have a drink and deal with it in the morning. By morning all 4 wheels had sunk into the grass to the axles and still on a list to starboard with little sleep we had to wait for the office to open to get approval to bring a recovery vehicle on site. The Roger and mate from the grounds staff arrived at 8.30 with a Patrol and snath strap (about 1.5 inches wide) to get us out. I suggested that it might not be enough and was proved right after the first feeble attempt, then rang my 24 hour roadside assist who despatched a vehicle which arrived a little over an hour later. With a large audience gathering from the usually quiet caravans, we had the vehicle back on hard ground in about 15 minutes. Shows what the right equipment can achieve."

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What do you do if you're stuck by the side of the road for five hours waiting for the  
water to go down?

If you're Ross you polish the brass on the Austin!





## AYR RALLY 2016

When asked if I'd do a little report on the Ayr experience I warned that I'm not a travelogue writer. It didn't get me off the hook.

So. Our thinking, like many others, was that since we're going to haul the Sunbeam to Mackay we'd be missing a great opportunity if we didn't press on to Ayr. Our previous experience of the Burdekin consisted of driving through from Townsville about 6 years ago, destination Mackay. We may have stopped at a servo for fuel but that's about it.

Prior to the rally we zipped over to Charters Towers for a look around and later in the week we went to Townsville for a meal and a bit of playing and singing with the local ukulele group. Two more benefits of travelling north!

Under the stars at chez Wassmuth we had the meet 'n' greet, with generous nibbles to start and later an excellent meal cooked by the very impressive two-barbecue team. They could go into the mobile catering business as BARBZ2U. Of course the sheds had been inspected and given the tick!

The daily start was notionally at 8:30am in a local park. This worked well and on Day 1 the Mayor, Councillor Lyn McLaughlin, gave a nice welcoming speech and flagged us away. The Sunbeam had an attack of grabbing brakes so we went modern.

Now there's no avoiding it: we saw a hell of a lot of sugar cane during the week and the old saying that "only the depth varies" could be applied nicely! But seriously, by week's end we'd seen the entire cane growing, harvesting and transport process, understood the functioning of the mills and even experienced a bit of Burdekin Snow (the ash generated by pre-harvest burning). We'd had an education you simply cannot get from a book or Google!





Grabbing brakes overcome, we motored properly for the rest of the week and enjoyed quiet roads with just the odd highway foray. The NQ interpretation of a T junction/ intersection in our rally routes took a little getting used to, but the benefit of this was that some of us travelled to places never envisaged by the organisers.

Little observations: the magnificent '35 Packard that joined us ever so discreetly, the flat and mostly empty roads that enabled faster cars to travel at their own pace and thus avoid processions, the focus on safety, hard yakka in the packing sheds and our NavMan's totally useless mapping of Ayr.



Nobody fancied getting too close to the various waterways as signs and local whisperings suggested that crocodiles are no respecters of folk of our class and breeding. In fact the Vietnam Veterans Retreat – one of our lunch venues – even had a tinny with a camo paint job, clearly intended to deceive the ever-present *crocodylidae*.



Because I'm not acquainted with the full details I can only say that there were some heroic mechanical goings-on before and during the rally that ensured all the cars – bar the Guthrie Austin with irreparable magneto damage – were able to keep on keeping on.

An excellent presentation at the Pioneer Mill explained the milling process (not to be confused with refining) and the resultant products. A little later at the Giru International Hotel (just up the road from the soon-to-be-developed Giru International Airport and DFO mall) we had the opportunity to discuss what we'd learned.

The subject of runoff and reef pollution didn't get much air time, but you could light a fire with the passion expressed regarding backpacker taxes!



Rain stopped play on the penultimate day so we took the moderns out to Tom and Jan Callow's farm to see the mind-boggling Toybox and almost experience a startup of the truly massive Marshall tractor. Of course it ran after we'd all departed.



On the rejigged final day the cars went on display for the public in Ayr – a most successful exercise. Then we made haste to the fashion event of the year – a magnificent display of period swimming costumes (ladies and gents) modelled by our members, followed by a top BBQ in the precinct of the Groper Bay Boat Club. I reckon we've have it sewn up: I can't fathom all this tripe about polo ponies and champagne...

Putting a rally like this together is hard work and our Ayr friends gave us a great week. Dave and Fay Martin and their team did a top job, and the applause at the final dinner was a clear testament to everyone's pleasure at having come to Ayr and their enjoyment of the rally. Thank you again!

**Peter Ransom**





## The Queensland Government's first tip truck in 1920



### ***A little bit of.. HUMOUR*** ☺ ☺ ☺

[With acknowledgement to Laurie Cocker]

I am a Seenager. (Senior Teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own home.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver licence and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into nightclubs.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.

And I don't have acne.

Life is great.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

