

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

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*Bob Burley presents Wayne Aberdeen with the
Lord Montagu Trophy*

[photo courtesy Pam Guthrie]



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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 7.30pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

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

The Club website is: : www.vccaq.com

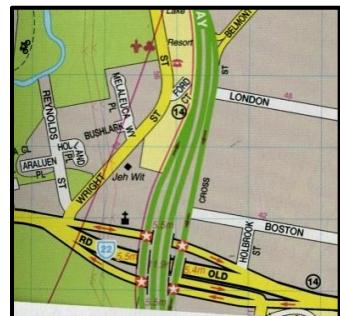
Membership fees for 2016/17 (Due July 1) are:

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.)

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

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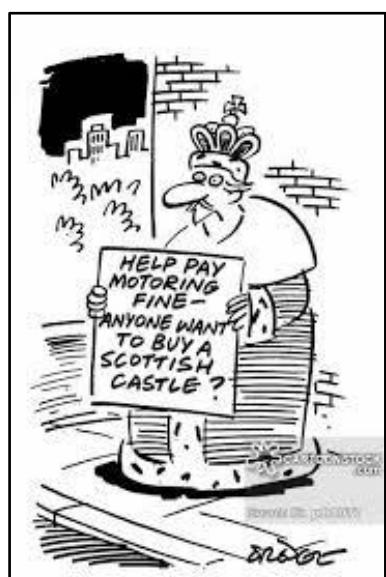
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President's Report

At our last Committee meeting the first thing we saw was the shed open and the mowing crew were already on the job so I presented them with the "new Mower" (pictures in the magazine). It's red so it will mow faster.

While I had time before the meeting I fitted a new hand throttle to one of the old mowers and a new oil seal on one of the ride on mowers. Glynn fitted the new blades on the other Greenfield. Ross and Glynn kept mowing while I attended the Committee meeting. We will purchase two new batteries for the ride on mowers, now I have the dimensions.

Just to let you know the new large fans have been fitted in the clubrooms, thanks to Ron Johnman, and also a wall fan in the kitchen to keep the workers cool. The cupboards are starting to disappear from the community storage room, we need this room completely empty ready for the painting and new cabinets.

I'm very pleased with the progress with regard to the club rooms. The roof has been fixed so no more leaks, next will be the painting, thanks to all involved.

This year has a rather full rally programme, home and away so we all need to polish and service our veterans (cars that is) and trailers and tow vehicles.

The attendance at the Memorial Breakfast at Suttons Beach was down due to the very hot weather. Those who attended enjoyed the cool early morning sea breeze, along with a cooked breakfast and coffee. There were five couples from each the Veteran and the Vintage Clubs. We all set off home before the temperature rose.



[left] The Donges' "new" Brush
[right] Wolf Grodd's Stoewer



Other clubs will hopefully notice the improvements around the club rooms, and enjoy the cooler room due to the new fans.....Bob Burley

Property Director's Report

Hi All,

Well it has been a very hot start to the year and I know that I will be looking forward to the cooler months ahead. The grass has been growing at a steady rate and we have been lucky that we have been able to mow without any hindrance.

A big thank you to all those members who go to the club rooms during the week to tackle the chore of keeping the grass short. Also, a thank you to Glynn Hackshall and Ron Johnman for putting in the new fans and light bulbs. It sure has made a big difference in the auditorium. We also had a member look at some of the mowers and do some maintenance on the Greenfield mower and also on the push mower which is just about to give up the ghost. I will be having working bees in the cooler months ahead so stay tuned for details on dates and times.

David Hackshall

Stop Press: A new mower has now been purchased.



A Request for Help

At the next meeting, I intend to put out a roster for cleaning up after each General Meeting. This would require the persons to clean up after the supper eg.

- Washing up,
- wiping down all kitchen surfaces,
- sweeping the floors, emptying all rubbish bins,
- vacuuming the carpet
- and making sure the tables outside are put away and the chairs stacked.

Taking the responsibility to make sure all these tasks are completed.

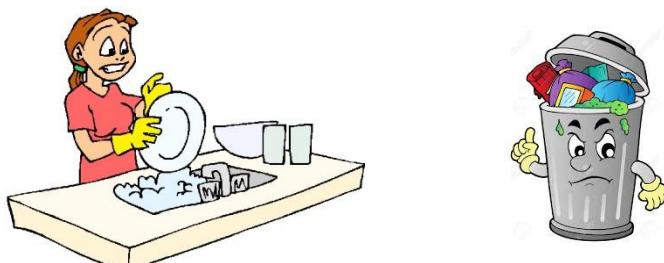
This is what we require ALL Clubs who are using our hall facilities to do.

The fairest way is to have a roster of people to complete these tasks. **IF** we get enough volunteers it would mean you would only have to do it **ONCE** per year.

The members of this Club cannot expect the same people to do all the cleaning every time.

These are our club rooms and it would be nice to share the work with **ALL** members.

Hazel



**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Thirty Third General Meeting of the
Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale
Monday 6th February 2017**

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

Attendance: 36 Members as per attendance book

Visitors: Glenn Adams – 1915 Napier – Applied to join the Veteran Car Club of Qld.

Apologies: Albert Budworth, Peter Arnold, Michael Hackshall, Peter & Jennie Ransom, Bruce Wright, Trevor Brosnan, Diane Hackshall, Vicki Forsyth, Raema Carpenter, Erik Larsen, Kevin & Joyce Brooks.

Minutes of the Meeting 10 December 2016: Minutes as published in the Club newsletter, so will be taken as read. Rhonda Guthrie moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded Syd Norman

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence: Inward:

Magazines from various Clubs

Rent from various clubs

Auction of various items from the Reg Schuster collection

Outward:

Dalby Shire Council regarding Grant for the Brush National Rally

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed seconded by Trevor Farnell. All agreed

Treasurer Report: Hazel reported on the club accounts, she moved that the report be accepted. seconded by Carol Robinson

Events:

12th February The Vintage Car Club will join the Veteran Car Members at Suttons Beach, all club members and friends are invited to gather at 6am BYO breakfast.

25th March Club social evening “P” night –It has been suggested we come dressed as something that starts with a “P” and we will enjoy dinner that also commences with a “P” this sounds like a fun evening. Cost will be \$10.00 per person.

28th – 30th April 2017 Allora Autumn Festival – details are on the club web site or contact Doug Partington.

19 – 21st May Kevin & Joyce Brooks have arranged a club weekend away in the country – destination will be Neurum Creek Bush Campgrounds ph 1300 733 901 www.ncbr.com.au Plenty of powered sites.

21st May – QHMC Queens Park Ipswich Open display.

28th June – 2nd July Maryborough “Mary Poppins Festival” organized by Terry & Regie Lewis.

9th July RACQ Motorfest.

8th August Club Annual Presentation Dinner

19th August Swap to be held at the Club rooms veteran & vintage parts only.

24th – 30th Sept SA National Rally to be held in Clare

1st October SA holds a “Down Under London to Brighton” one day rally, this event is held every year, for 2017 it will be held on the Sunday after the National Rally, organized by the Vintage Sports Car Club of SA

Dating Report: Nil

Library: The club has purchased the Genevieve book. This is now in the club library. Bob Burley mentioned that there is now a book on “Singer” vehicles, Trish Hanley moved that the club purchase a copy for the club Library seconded Hugh Kimlin.

QHMC: nil

Editor’s Report: Carol is looking for interesting items for the newsletter. Carol requires all items on or before the 20th of each month

Web Master: Nil

Historian Report Nil

SAG: Nil

General Business:

3rd July is a Club meeting, unfortunately there will be a lot of club members in Maryborough attending the club rally there, it was moved by Alan Carpenter that we cancel the July meeting seconded Phil Fletcher.

Bob Burley reported that he is investigating the purchase of a new push lawn mower to replace the 2 we now have as they are getting beyond repair. Trish Hanley moved the club purchase a new push lawn mower Ross Guthrie seconded the motion all agreed.

1911 Renault – Glenn Smith is selling his veteran

President Bob Burley presented Wayne Aberdeen with the Montagu Trophy which he was awarded at the National Rally in Tasmania last year. This award is presented to a member from the veteran car movement for services rendered to the organization.

The Montagu trophy has been around since early 1970’s and it was originally presented to a concours owner up until 1988. Since then it is now presented to a person who has been very active in the veteran movement for many years.

Meeting closed 8.22pm

Rhonda Guthrie

Hon Secretary, Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

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The Montagu Trophy

At the February General Meeting the Montagu Trophy, awarded by The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia, was presented to Wayne Aberdeen for services to the veteran car movement. He was on the committee of the AVCCA for many years.

The Club presented Wayne with an engraved hip flask (was well received) as well as the very large trophy. Being a man of action and of few words, it was short, but we did get some photos [as depicted on front cover.]

The Lord Montagu Trophy now resides in our Library window.

[Editor’s Note]:

The Montagu Trophy was named after Edward Douglas-Scott, Lord Montagu (20 Oct. 1926 -31 August 2015) Founder of the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Hampshire. (1952).

CLUB EVENTS

March 25



NIGHT. Come dressed in the 'P' theme. All food will begin with the letter 'P'. \$10/head, to be paid to Hazel, [along with any special dietary requirements], by the next General Meeting (6th).

April 28-30

Autumn in Allora – Further details on Club website or from the Partingtons, (classic@halenet.com.au)

May 19-21

Based at Neurum Creek Bush Retreat, organised by Kevin and Joyce Brooks.

28 June -2 July

Maryborough, "Mary Poppins Festival" To be based at Wallace Motel & Caravan Park, (07) 4121 3970; Contact Gavin. Details on Club website, or contact Terry & Regie, 0404 647 359/ 4159 0662.

July 9

RACQ Motorfest. Club supported event.

5 August

Club Presentation Dinner

19 August

Club Swap Veteran & Vintage pre-1931 cars, parts, books etc. only. NO Bric-a-brac.

26-27 August

Bribie Island – an exciting “Brisbane to Bribieton” event is being planned

24-30 Sept.

National Veteran Rally at Clare, SA

4 November

Social Event.

INVITATION / OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS

April 14-17

Townsville VV & HMC. 2017 Hub Rally. Information: email tvvhmc@gmail.com

May 7

David Hack Classic Toowoomba Airport, Spitfire St, Wilsonton. 8.30am -2.30pm. In aid of Leukaemia Foundation Historic cars, bikes, planes....Contact Chris Seydel / Robyn Jeffery, 0407 372 908, 0404 965 870.

May 13-14

RVAD.. "Something Different". Contact: Wal./Bev Lanagan walnbev@bigpond.net.au

The rally is not set for Veterans as there are vintage and later entries however members' participation would be welcome. The roads, though some narrow, would be suitable. Saturday distance about 140 km. Sunday run to Jimbour House gardens, Russell Price's motorbikes.

May 21

QHMC Motoring Heritage Day, Queens Park Ipswich

May 21-22

SCACC Motorkana, Nambour. Contact: David Buckton, 0411 402 533

June 3-4

Old Petrie Town Steam Fair. Info. Bob Burley or livesteam002@yahoo.com.au

June 9-11

RACQ/ Southern Qld Rally, organised by Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiasts' Club. Info. Secretary.bmec@yahoo.com.au

FUTURE EVENTS

2018

19 - 24 March National 1 & 2 Cylinder, Deloraine, Tasmania.

23 – 28 Sept. National Veteran Tour, Forbes, NSW (organised by Newcastle Branch)

2019

30 Aug.-6 Sept. HCCAA S-E Australia Region International Tour, See Club Website.

National Veteran Tour, Bargara/Bundaberg (provisionally mid-September)

2020

National Veteran Rally, Victoria

National 1 & 2 Cylinder, Queensland

RALLY, NEURUM CREEK BUSH RETREAT, MAY 19,20,21

The above "Bush Retreat" is mid-way between Woodford and Kilcoy and is reached from either end by taking Neurum Rd (bottom of main street, Woodford, near Abattoir, Kilcoy) and turning into Stanton Rd, then Rasmussen Rd.

The rally will be a three-day event radiating east, north and south from the Retreat. Routes will be suitable for all Veteran vehicles. THERE WILL BE SOME SHORT SECTIONS OF UNSEALED ROAD. Plans for lunches currently as follows: Friday: BYO, Saturday: I will BBQ sausages for you. (You supply salad, rolls, etc.) Sunday: Given sufficient numbers, a school will cater a BBQ lunch.

NB If I am to organise a catered lunch, I will need fairly accurate numbers. **PLEASE, PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY EITHER PERSONALLY, ON 0412 720 035 OR BY EMAIL brooks@goanna.tv to advise you are coming. (This means YOU even if you've indicated earlier. The list starts now!!)**

The owners have agreed to allow anyone staying in motels to leave their cars and trailers at the park. (There are motels in both Woodford and D'Aguilar. Accommodation there is your concern.) I note that the Retreat will also supply tent accommodation already erected etc, so if you have never experienced the joys of mosquitoes, goannas, and black snakes, here's your chance. (The good news is black snake bite USUALLY isn't fatal and brown snakes are rare in the area! Although I must say, a black snake killed my foxie dog!)



Although check-in is usually not until 11am, the owners see no problem with any arriving early Friday. **I HOPE TO RALLY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING TEA 10.30 -11.00???**

Camp fires are allowed in designated areas. Wood may be purchased or brought with you but foraging in the local scrub is a no no! In answer to someone's query, yes there are hot showers but some are located quite a distance from your camp. If you have a spare bicycle, bring it!

Bookings can be made at the Retreat by phoning 1300 733 901 or check out information on www.ncbr.com.au The Retreat area is vast and I can see no problem with big rigs – including getting through the gateway.

I hope this satisfies all normal initial questions.

Thank you,

Kevin Brooks

You might spot the following wildlife around the Retreat



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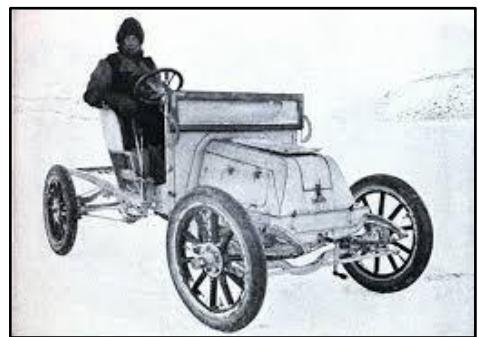
At an upcoming meeting Albert B. will entertain us with some experiences from his recent Trip to Antarctica



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The First Car in Antarctica

Ernest Shackleton (1874-1922) was given a car specially built for the expedition by the Arrol-Johnston company of Paisley, Scotland. The 4 cylinder, 15 horsepower air cooled car came from the intervention of William Beardmore a major sponsor of the expedition, he had recently taken over Arrol-Johnston to save them from bankruptcy and wanted Scotland to have its own motor industry. The car was donated free, though was expected to be used as an advertisement. Great things were expected of it:



Unfortunately it would transpire otherwise, the petrol engine had not been tested in extreme cold and a suitable system for providing traction in snow had not been devised. The car was taken South without being properly tested in conditions that it was likely to encounter. One thing was abundantly clear to anyone with even a passing acquaintance with such conditions as might be encountered in Antarctica was that ordinary wheels didn't fare well in snow.

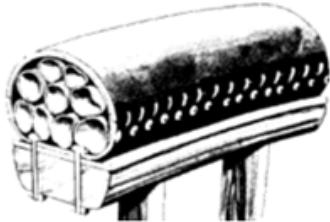
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Editor's Note: I have a particular interest in the Antarctic as my late Great Uncle and Godfather, Sir (George) Hubert Wilkins, (1888-1958) was a pioneer of early Antarctic aviation and photographer, and was the Expedition Leader for Lincoln Ellsworth's Expeditions. Wilkins Island, Sound and Ice Shelf are named in his honour as is the currently used Aerodrome.



The History of the Tyre

The very first tyres were bands of iron placed on the wooden wheels of carts and wagons. Luckily, with the discovery of rubber things changed. It was in the mid 1800's that the first tyres made using rubber appeared. They were simple tyres; the rubber carried the load entirely.

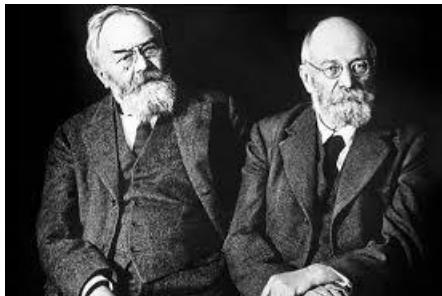


It was in 1845 that the pneumatic or air-filled tyre - which works by air within the tyre absorbing the shocks of the road – was invented and patented by RW Thomson.(1822-1873) His design used a number of thin inflated tubes inside a leather cover (see illustrated). This meant that it would take more than one puncture before the tyre deflated. However, despite this new breakthrough in tyres, the old solid rubber variety was still favoured by the public, leaving the pneumatic tyre out in the wilderness.



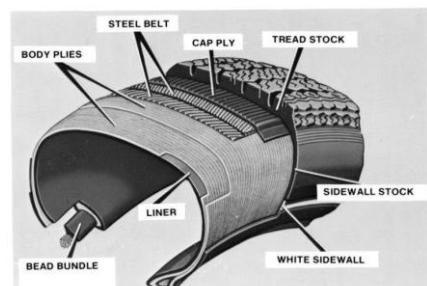
It wasn't until 1888 that John Boyd Dunlop, unbeknownst to him, reinvented the pneumatic tyre whilst trying to improve his son's bike. Dunlop's tyre, like Thomson's, didn't seem to sell at first - until a bike race in Belfast was won by a rider using his tyres. With that victory, people began to take notice of the pneumatic tyre.

In 1895 the pneumatic tyre was first used on automobiles, by Andre and Edouard Michelin. It was also around this time that legislation was put into effect that discouraged the use of solid rubber tyres. All over the world companies sprang up to meet the new demand for the new tyres. The age of the pneumatic tyre has begun!



Tyres remained fundamentally unchanged throughout the 20's and 30's until [Michelin](#) introduced steel-belted radial tyres in 1948. This new type of pneumatic tyre meant that they would have a longer life thanks to ply cords that radiate from a 90 degree angle from the wheel rim. It also meant that the tyre had less rolling resistance – increasing the mileage of a vehicle. One drawback was that these tyres required a different suspension system on the vehicle. This new radial tyre was very successful outside of the US, with companies in Italy, France, Japan and Germany producing them in large numbers. In the US however, a battle commenced. American car manufacturers were afraid that the cost to redesign their cars in order to use these radial tyres was too much and so stuck to the older bias ply tyres.

It wasn't until the 70's – when there was a fuel crisis – that the American public, because of the rising cost of petrol, demanded more economical cars. This led to the introduction of cars that could easily fit the high mileage radial tyres. By 1983 all new American cars came fitted with radial tyres.



Centennial Re-Enactment of the Parliamentary Tour at Northlands, NZ.

Background

A century ago New Zealand was in the grip of World War I, in which 18,500 members of the country's 1.16 million population were killed and 50,000 were wounded. Despite the gravity of the national situation, Kaitaia businessman Colonel Allen Bell managed to persuade Parliamentarians to participate in a car tour to show them the need for road improvements in the "winterless" North.

MPs, Roads Board members, business managers and a handful of reporters were among the 100 people in 33 cars who set out on the tour in January 1917.

After two weeks in Northland, many on the parliamentary tour must have felt as enthusiastic about adventure as soldiers given a taste of the trenches. The region's roads were appalling and the travellers endured a fortnight of choking dust, torrential rain, deep mud, burst tyres and capsizes as they made their way from Devonport in Auckland to Kaitaia via the east coast and returned through Ahipara, Herekino, Broadwood, the Hokianga, Kaikohe and Dargaville, from where some took a steamer down the Kaipara Harbour to Helensville. Only 10 cars completed the journey, such were the Northland roads and conditions.

42 cars, all at least 100 years old, recently left Auckland for a centennial re-enactment of the parliamentary tour, hopefully finding Northland roads and weather more agreeable than conditions encountered by participants in 1917.

Club Members on the Re-enactment



The Lewis, Handley and Hill Contingent at the Art Deco Festival, Napier

Laurie and Friend at the Wellsford A & P Show

"That sod with me grabs all the grub and gives me nothing – I'm getting hungry!"



WANTED

- * **HUMBER WIRE WHEELS (2)** 820 X 120 or 815 X 105 beaded edge
Contact: David Hackshall phone 3805 2041; email: david@pbiaustralia.com



- *** **WANTED FOR 1913 -1914 HUMBERETTE**, crankshaft and flywheel or more complete motor. Kevin Brooks, 23-25 Canopy Place, Burpengary 4505 Ph: 0412 720 035 or brooks@goanna.tv

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WANTED BY THE EDITOR -- ARTICLES FOR VETERAN TORQUE

Have you acquired a new car?
Have you a restoration completed or under way?
Any restoration hints?
Technical articles?

Remember, this is YOUR magazine

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MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

** Expressions of Interest / Tenders are welcomed on two vehicles from the Estate of Barry W. Dowton, Brisbane Queensland.

Both vehicles are located in Brisbane and can be viewed by arrangement.

**** 1906 CLARK HIGHWHEELER.**

This vehicle was imported from the States a few years ago. The wheels, carriage and hood were restored and it was powered by a small Briggs and Stratton type engine. It has not been started in years. What true engine parts we received in boxes had suffered a major Chernobyl. From these parts Barry had parts cast brand new. Sadly all plans of how it goes together passed away with him

Photo shown is after respray.



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**** 1907 EARLY MODEL B BRUSH.**

This vehicle has been classed as the most original around. It was the proverbial barn find. Again purchased from America it was in its original state. Along with this vehicle go all the records belonging with it. When we received it we had the engine running within 15 minutes of unloading it from the container. As far as we can ascertain it has the only known original Brush carbie on it. We had to replace the firewall and one chassis rail from where the barn strut had rested on it for decades. We then just painted it leaving imperfections / age on the guards and elsewhere. The seat upholstery had to be replaced as it was surrendered to Customs on importation. This is why we have always stated that it was repaired, but not restored painted .



Photo of car as bought in 2005

Now unfortunately it needs more repair work. Two years ago we noticed something wrong and called in the experts. Our vehicle though sprayed and fumigated on export and import had exotic termites. So now the piano body needs replacing. The chassis, seat, axles wheels are all good.

Due to a family health crisis I have not been able to take current photos of the Brush and Clark, however these will be available on request to anybody interested.

Anyone interested can contact me (Vicki Forsyth) via email at sheilabloke47@gmail.com with your questions and purchase offer. Please do not ring. Contact via email only.



*Club Members setting up camp
at Neurum Creek Bush Reserve?*

A little bit of.. HUMOUR

Donald Trump addressed a major gathering of the American Indian Nation. He spoke for almost an hour about his plans for increasing every Native American's present standard of living. Though vague in detail he spoke about his ideas for helping his "red sisters and brothers."

Afterwards, the Tribes presented him with a plaque inscribed with his new Indian name, "Walking Eagle", which he proudly accepted

After Trump left, a news reporter asked the chiefs how they came to select this name. They explained that "Walking Eagle" is the name given to a bird so full of sh.. that it can no longer fly

