

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

MARCH 2016



*Grahame and Joan Bridge brought their 1914 AC Sociable
to the Clubrooms - 2016 Australia Day Weekend*



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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 has a new Website: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees for 2015 (Due July 1) are:
 Full Membership (single): \$60; Joint Membership \$65.
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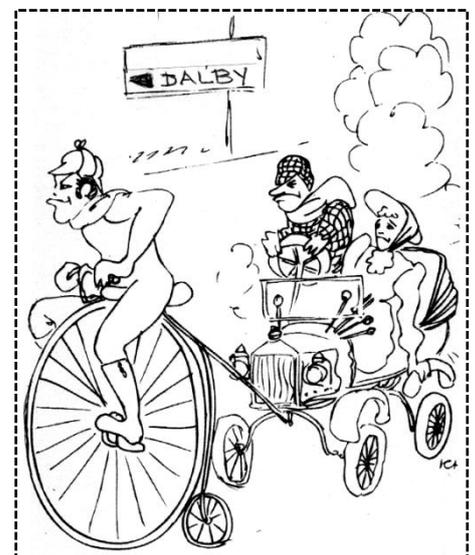
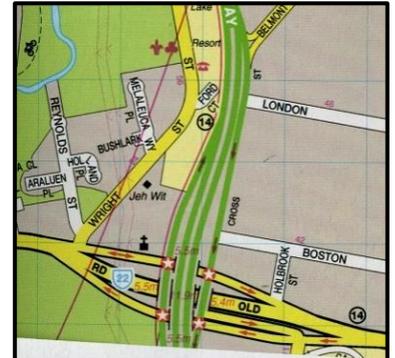
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Membership fees may be paid by direct credit into the Club's Account:
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**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Twenty Third General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club
of Australia Qld Inc. held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale
Monday 1st February 2016**

Welcome: President Bob Burley, opened the meeting at 7.35pm and thanked everyone for attending on this very hot night.

Apologies: Trevor Brosnan, Barry Downton & Vicki Forsyth, Andrew Wright, Frank & Kathy Muggerridge, Kevin & Joyce Brooks, Allan & Dianne Lyons, Syd Norman, Trish Hanley, Frola Gilltrap, Geoff & Barbara Clegg, Graham & Irene Donges.

Supper: Hazel asked if the club members wanted supper after the club meetings each month, as unfortunately not many members have placed their names on the supper list. Or would members be happy with a biscuit purchased from the shops with their cuppa each month. A show of hands was taken and it was all agreed that we only have bought biscuits with our cuppa in the future. Though members would still need to wash and clean up after the meeting, not leaving it to a few.

Minutes: The Minutes from the December Meeting were taken as read, Rhonda Moved they be accepted and Peter Arnold seconded the motion.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Peter Arnold suggested that as the proposal affected more than just the Victorian Club, he asked the Secretary not to write the letter. He also re-evaluated the proposal and has come up with a much fairer rally cycle that should be put to the next AGM of the Association of Veteran Car Clubs. He then moved that the motion to write to the Victorian Club be rescinded.

Peter Arnold moved that the motion put forward at the December 2015 meeting be rescinded. Trevor Farnell seconded the motion all agreed. Carried. [Motion put forward at the Dec. Meeting: *"Peter Arnold, moved that the club contact the Victorian club and request we swap the 1 & 2 cylinder rallies in 2034/2035..... Wayne suggested we contact the Victoria President Ian Berg. Seconded Trevor Farnell, All agreed."*]

Phil Fletcher, spoke that over the years there are a lot of new club members who do not know the early history of the club. John Day is writing a record of the early history and if anyone has information he would really appreciate being given a record preferably in writing.

Correspondence

Inward:

Email from Greg Hill, explaining he was unable to do the electrical tags that are required by law.

Subaru Club, requesting storage

Entries still coming in for the 60th Anniversary Celebration.

To date we now have, 26 Dalby, 31 Yamba, 28 Mackay/Ayr and 19 for Stanthorpe. The club feels this is an excellent response.

David Hack Classic Meet Toowoomba Airport Sunday 1st May 8am – 2.30pm – also Warbirds & Classic Planes.

Newsletters from various clubs

Outward:

Letter to Greg Hill thanking him for his services over the years, and letting him know that the electrical tagging had been completed.

Letter to the Subaru Club notifying them that unfortunately at this stage we don't have any plans to install more storage sheds at the rear of the club property.

Rhonda Guthrie moved that the correspondence be accepted Russell Massey seconded the motion

Business Arising from the Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer Report: Hazel Burley gave her report, also mentioning that this September when the AGM is held she will have completed 3½ years as club Treasurer and therefore cannot stand again in that position. She has the club records all up to date and easy to be continued, someone needs to continue as Treasurer. It would be an excellent idea if that person came forward early, so he/she can go through the accounts with Hazel, this will make it an easy transition.

Hazel Burley moved that her report be accepted and accounts for payment be approved.

Seconded Trevor Farnell.

Events Co-Ordinator: Russell thanked everyone for their attendance during the social weekend held at the end of January 2016.

He made a special thank you to Alan & Carol Robinson for arranging 2 separate inside competitions; one was lots of small tied bags with unusual goodies inside, which had to be guessed by feel, and the other comprised various items on a tray and we had to remember them all. John Day won for the men with a combined score of 16, and Alison for the ladies, with a combined score of 12. Well done to the Day Family.

21st February 2016 is the Annual Memorial Day --we enjoy this day with the Vintage Car Club of Qld. It is their turn to arrange the day. As we are going to visit a member of that club who has a wide variety of exclusive vehicles, who lives in Ashgrove, it was decided that we would attend in our modern cars. If you are interested in attending you will need to contact Russell for the necessary address.

Russell then introduced his friend from England Ian Parsons, Ian has various veteran and classic cars in England and had come over to attend the Vero Rally in New Zealand, a few weeks prior to the club meeting.

Russell moved that his report be accepted, seconded by Ross Guthrie.

Dating Report: Ross Guthrie, reported that he had travelled to Toorbul, to inspect the 1914 AC Sociable owned by Grahame & Joan Bridge. This is a beautiful vehicle. Grahame & Joan had brought it over to the club rooms on the Social Weekend for us all to view.

Library Report: Nil Report

Q.H.M.C. Report: Albert Budworth reported that the QHMC has once again booked Queens Park in Ipswich for the Heritage Day 15/5/2016. There were about 6 club families who attended this function last year. It would be great if we can get a few more to attend this year.

Editor Report: Carol apologised for the confusion regarding the password this month. Unfortunately all the computers took it as a person's name or maybe a town somewhere, and placed a capital as the first letter. Anyway all's well, we all received a copy of our excellent club newsletter as per usual.

Webmaster Report: Nil Report

Historian Report: Nil Report

General Business: President Bob reported that he is trying to get quotes to replace some of the guttering on the club rooms, but unfortunately the weather is far too hot to work on this type of job. Especially as today the temperature in Brisbane nearly got to 40 degrees, (I think that was in the shade).

Bob also mentioned that the club still has the Klaxon horn donated to the club by Bill Ferris before his death, in 2014.

The committee is unsure of what the club members want to do with this horn. Bruce Wright suggested we use it as an Annual Trophy. Trevor Farnell also suggested we use it as an Annual Trophy to be given to the younger club members as a form of encouragement.

Peter Arnold felt it shouldn't be used as a trophy as it deserves to be on a veteran car where it belongs.

Grahame Wilkinson agrees it should be on a high quality veteran.

The committee is not sure how to arrange a valuation on such an item. It was suggested that Shannons could organize a valuation.

Albert Budworth mentioned that Motorfest is on 10th July 2016. This year BMW's will have been manufacturing vehicles for 100 years. The BMW is planning on having 100 vehicles on display. The Veteran Car Club will be placed back on the area we had for the 2014 Motorfest. Those who are interested in attending can take their veterans to the grounds on the Saturday, as per last year.

Grahame Wilkinson, was able to show the club members his concessional registration form for his Rolls Royce as at 24/4/1964 the cost then was £27, a weekend pass was £1.60.

Peter Arnold whilst going through an old computer data, has found a copy of the history of the club from the days when Doug Partington's dad was very involved with our club, (many years ago). Peter will pass on the information to John Day who is writing up the early history of the club as an up to date record of the club.

Ian Parsons reported on the Vero Rally in New Zealand, the rally there caters for all makes and years, this year it was based in Dunedin. On the display day there were approximately 50 veteran vehicles. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to the car enthusiasts as it was cold and rained most of the time. There were a lot of classic cars on the rally.

Ian attends many rallies where he lives, but they are usually a lot smaller and very sociable.

Dulcie Wilkinson, thanked the club members who arrived early for the Social Weekend and prepared the grounds for the members.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Rhonda Guthrie
Hon. Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello again, Hazel and I have just had a week with Ross and Rhonda, and Russell and Susan in Yamba and the surrounding district checking on rally instructions.

I can personally assure you that this event in Yamba will be a stunner. Mostly flat and lots of water beside the very pretty winding roads, lots to see - I do not want to spoil too many surprises. Just don't miss this rally. We live in northside Brisbane and it took three and a half hours, three hundred and twenty kilometres each way, the trip itself is pretty. Recommend lunch at Woodburn en route.



Now on to the more mundane items.

The clubrooms leaking roof has been fixed, new sheets fitted etc. Thanks to the Hackshall clan. Hazel has organized quotes for the decaying guttering, this is not cheap however the same crew said wait, we will look into it.

There are a few members researching the Club's true history, I believe this is important as so many of our older members are now gone. So now is the time before it's too late. The troops are still in the research and interview stage so be patient.

I am only a new member since 2006 or thereabouts. I was on the 2006 Bundaberg rally in the Rambler belonging to Merv Kroll. I should say thanks to Merv, it was the greatest thing to be involved in this Club and its members. Geoff Bernhagen had been trying to sway me towards Veteran cars for years, I still miss him.

Look forward to seeing you at Dalby. Glynn Hackshall will hold the meeting in March while we are at the Dalby rally. Thanks Glynn, what would the Club do without the Hackshall family?

Bob Burley.

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MEMBERS' MATTERS

Thank you from Linda and Peter Arnold

We would like to thank all of our good friends in the Club for the wonderful support you gave Lyn and I with the passing of Lyn's mother, Irene. Since moving to Brisbane 10 years ago she has attended many rallies and functions with us and always enjoyed the company of members. While we knew her passing was imminent, it is still never easy so your actions and words came as great comfort to us. Thank you one and all.

A REMINDER

Under the SIVS Scheme it is recommended that you carry in your vehicle at all times:

TMR issued registration certificate
Current Club Newsletter
Club Calendar of Events

SHIRLEY HACK
has now moved:
[contact Secretary
for details].

GRAHAME & DULCIE WILKINSON
no longer have a landline phone,

Grahame: 0408 712 347
Dulcie: 0438 432 388

THE AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND AT THE CLUBROOMS.



COMING EVENTS

{Italics denotes Invitation Event}

- 6-11 March Dalby 60th Anniversary Rally. See you there next week.
- 20 March BVRC Ormiston Swap, Ormiston State School, 6am-2pm. Sites \$10; Adults \$2; For details contact Steve, 0411 516 122; www.baysideclub.org.au
- 22-27 May. Yamba. 60th Anniversary Rally.
- 4-5 June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair. Traction Engines, steamrollers, steam toys, engines, cars tractors, , trucks, buses and more. Fire Brigade Museum, Potters, Blacksmith, Mens' Shed, will all be open.Plus the Markets. Gold Coin donation to Museum.
Enquiries: livestem001@yahoo.com.au
- 3-8 July Mackay 60th Anniversary Rally, followed by Ayr.
- 10 July RACQ Motorfest If you are not going to the Mackay Rally, please support this event.
- 24 July Henry Ford's Birthday Rally, (he would have been 153 years old). The Model T and Model A Clubs of Queensland invite all T and A owners to join them on a run from our Clubrooms to Fort Lytton on Sunday 24 July 2016. Phone Ron Johnman on 0419 932 136 for details. You will be made most welcome.
- 6 August Annual Presentation Dinner
- 20 August.[Sat.] Club Swap From 8.30am. At the Clubrooms. Queensland's ONLY Veteran/Vintage Swap. Gold Coin Admission. Tea, Coffee and Sausage Sizzle available.
- 18-23 September. Stanthorpe 60th Anniversary Rally.
- 28-30 October. 7th Annual Queensland Heritage Rally, (at Oakey Showgrounds) hosted by Toowoomba & District Old Machinery Soc. Enquiries: Allan Boardman, 0428 547 168. [Rhonda has details].

FROM THE PAST - REMINISCENCES FROM GREG HILL

Greg Hill has been digging out early Club history and came across this picture of himself taken forty years ago. He helped Wal Gibson restore this 1915 Model T in 1968.

Wal was a panel beater and enjoyed restoring the car but only went on a couple of rallies and didn't enjoy driving it.

Greg then became custodian and had the use of it for many years after that.



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On Saturday 5th August 1959, 90 veteran cars left the Brisbane Exhibition grounds and headed for the Gold Coast on the QUEENSLAND CENTENARY GOLDEN FLEECE RALLY.

Entrant 1 was the Toledo steamer owned by Tim Osborne and driven by Ray and Peggy Allan. It is seen in this picture being loaded onto a truck at the Exhibition grounds, and would be unloaded down the road before the next check point. They always did this).



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Report on Vero Rally from our roving New Zealand correspondent.

Hi All from Wintery New Zealand..

We are in Invercargill after attending the Vero International Festival of Motoring in Dunedin --photo of Morrie and Midge outside the Iconic Railway Station. Over 600 vehicles from 1900 to 1985, with lots of rare and unusual ones too. Twenty entrants from all over the world but only three vehicles carrying overseas number plates. I loved the 1906 Reo and its 1/4 scale model-- driven by the 7 year old kids on the public display day. My "rig" was transported in a container with Geoff Clegg's 1930 Chev. and the paperwork didn't hurt too much. No damage, but the fuel here is different enough to need retuning. A good Rally but a bit lacking in Rally directions and food service. Some challenging hills but wonderful scenery when the rain stopped. The weather here in "summer" has been atrocious with severe winds, rain and low temps most days, not too good for veteran motoring, but the hardy souls went most places.

While in Invercargill we have visited Bill Richardson Transport World, reputed to be the largest private collection of its type in the world, and WOW !! it makes the National Transport Museum in Alice Springs look like a poor cousin. 250 trucks, Ford "number" cars "A" to "T" with few gaps. hundreds of petrol bowsters, VW Kombis, pedal cars, all in a full city block. We spent over 5 hours there and could go back again. Almost every truck is restored and running and I have never heard of several makes before - 1911 Kohler and a 1914 Stewart 1 Ton plus lots more. If anyone comes over here it is a must to visit along with the display of the "World's Fastest Indian" at the local hardware store.



On our way into here I lost all the smoke out of the generator in the Morris, but with the support of the local club and their Auto Electrician all is fixed, (can you image anyone having a brand new armature and field coils for a 6 volt generator for \$100 ?).

Now it's off northwards towards Queenstown via Edendale and the annual Vintage Machinery Crank Up Weekend and Tractor Pull. Sounds like a lot of fun. We intend to visit Napier during the Art Deco Festival and tour both Islands before loading the cars back into the box early in March. Hopefully the weather will improve somewhat but at least it is cosy with 2 in the little caravan when it is cold. Fuel here is around \$1.80 to \$1.90 per litre for 91 so we cruise at 70 kmh to be economical.

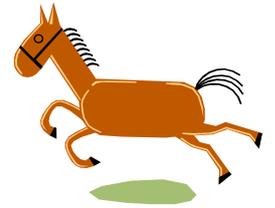
So, I will try to report again later once we have put a few more miles on the clock.

Regards, Syd Norman

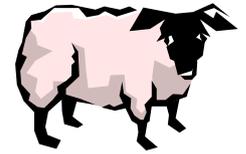


A POEM --- UNTITLED

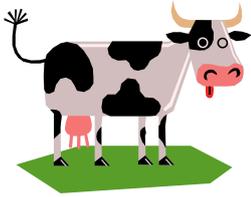
*The horse and mule live thirty years
And nothing know of wines and beers;*



*The goat and sheep at twenty die,
With never a taste of scotch or rye;*

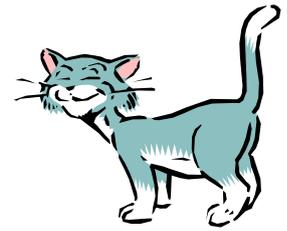


*The cow drinks water by the ton,
And at eighteen is mostly done.*



*Without the aid of rum or gin
The dog at fifteen cashes in;*

*The cat in milk and water soaks,
And then at twelve years old it croaks;*



*The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs and dies at ten;*



*All animals are strictly dry;
They sinless live and swiftly die,*

*While sinful, gleeful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.*



*And some of us - a mighty few -
Stay pickled 'till we're ninety-two.*

Anon. [sometimes attributed to Harlan F. Stone 1872-1946]

{The above is printed by special request of the Assistant Editor,
to whom the final line definitely applies!}

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S CONUNDRUM

No Veteran Club Member was smart enough to even attempt to solve this, the only reply we received being from a friend outside Queensland!

TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORIES:

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop-off. On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo. What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

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A little bit of.. HUMOUR



"THE DUNNY"

They were funny looking buildings, that were once a way of life,
If you couldn't sprint the distance, then you really were in strife
They were nailed, they were wired, but were mostly falling down,
There was one in every back yard, outside every house, in every town
They were given many names, some were even funny,
But to most of us, we knew them as the outhouse, or the dunny
I've seen some of them all gussied up, with painted doors and all
But it really made no difference, they were just a port of call.
Now my old man would take a bet, he'd lay an even pound,
That you wouldn't make the dunny with them turkeys hangin' round
They had so many uses, these buildings out the back,"
You could even hide from mother, so you wouldn't get the strap
That's why we had good cricketers, never mind the bumps,
We used the pathway for the wicket and the dunny door for stumps
Now my old man would sit for hours, the smell would rot your socks,
He read the daily back to front in that good old thunderbox.
And if by chance that nature called sometime through the night,
You always sent the dog in first, for there was no flamin' light.
And the dunny seemed to be the place where crawlies liked to hide,
But never ever showed themselves until you sat inside.
There was no such thing as Sorbent, no tissues there at all
Just squares of well-read newspaper, a hangin' on a nail on the dunny wall.
If you had some friendly neighbours, as neighbours sometimes are,
You could sit and chat to them, if you left the door ajar.
When suddenly you got the urge, and down the track you fled,
Then of course the magpies were there to peck you on your head.
Then the time there was a wet, the rain it never stopped,
If you had an urgent call, you ran between the drops.
The dunny man came once a week, to these buildings out the back,
And he would leave an extra can, if you left for him a Zac.
For those of you who've no idea what I mean by a Zac,
Then you're too young to have ever had, a dunny out the back.



As a butcher is about to shoo a dog from his shop, he sees \$10 and a note in its mouth, reading: "5 lamb chops, please."

Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop. He follows the dog and watches him wait for a green light, look both ways, and trot across the road to a bus stop. The dog checks the timetable and sits on the bench. When a bus arrives, he walks around to the front and looks at the number, then boards the bus. The butcher follows, dumbstruck. As the bus travels out into the suburbs, the dog takes in the scenery. After a while he stands on his back paws to push the "Stop" bell, then the butcher follows him off.

The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag on the step. He goes back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself -Whap!- against the door. He does this again and again. No answer. So he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, beats his head against a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door.

A big guy opens it and starts cursing and shouting at the dog. The butcher runs up and screams at the guy: "What the heck are you doing? This dog's a genius!"

The owner responds, "Genius, my It's the second time this week he's forgotten his key!"

