

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

*Club Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
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VETERAN TORQUE

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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 during the winter, 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.
Country Membership (single):	\$50;	Joint Membership:	\$55.
Associate Membership	\$50		
There is an additional joining fee of \$30.			

Note: As from 1/7/2015 there is an **ADDITIONAL CHARGE** of \$5 for those members requiring a mailed copy.

Membership fees may be paid by direct credit into the Club's Account:

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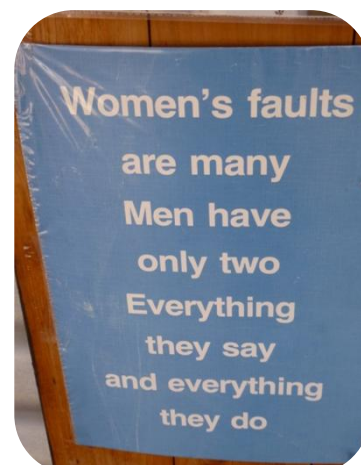
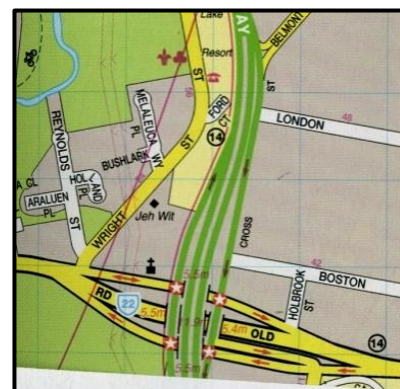
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**MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE
VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA QLD INC. HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS
AT 1376 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, CARINDALE, MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2015**

Opening: President Bob Burley opened at 7.40pm.

Attendance: Forty-five members were present as per attendance book. A special welcome to Tom and Jan Callow from Home Hill

Apologies: Alan and Carolyn Robinson, Janette Farnell, Merv and Margaret Thompson, Neal and Jan Sims, Frola Gilltrap, Trish Hanley, Andrew Wright.

Adoption of previous General Meeting Minutes: 1. Bob Burley. 2. John Day Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 6 July be confirmed as read.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Hamish McDonald advising that the Inaugural Brush tour will be held at Wedderburn, Victoria, 10 - 15 April 2016.
John Biggelaar, Secretary of Tasmanian National Rally 2016 sent Information and expression of interest forms for Tasmania National Rally at Ulverstone 30 - 4 Nov, 2016.

Kevin Quigley, Tour Director, sent 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally newsletter and registration form.

QHMC advised that AHMC is organising a tour taking in both Carlisle and Hershey Swap Meets and New York 24 Sept - 9 October, with Latitude Group Travel. Cost Approx \$8000.00

Michael Holding advised the status of the responses to request for digital addresses. Vic, ACT, NSW, WA SCCSA decided to send all information to nominated person who will distribute information. Qld and VCCSA have sent digital addresses.

Christine Stevens from QHMC requesting that, if possible, QHMC share rental costs with another club as they only meet every second month. Committee has agreed to the request, if another club can be found.

Request for membership application form from Ken Melville

Membership application form from Ken Melville who was at RACQ display day in 1913 AX Renault

Various Newsletters

Email newsletters. CDHVC and VCCQ.

Correspondence

Outward:

Hazel wrote thank you letters to all next year's celebration rally organisers.

Membership Application form sent to Ron Melville

Thank you letters to Gatton Historical Village for exclusive use of their facilities, Willie and Chris Bromage for use of their property for Grandchester Steamfest and Greg and Irene Hill for organising Gatton Rally.

Business arising from correspondence

The Secretary moved that Inwards be accepted and Outwards adopted.

Seconded Alan Carpenter. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Hazel Burley moved that her report be accepted and that accounts be passed for payment.

Seconded. Russell Massey Carried.

Events: Russell Massey reported on the success of the Gatton Rally and Grandchester Steamfest, Thanks to Hazel and helpers for the organising of table settings at Presentation Dinner and those who helped clean up.

12 - 16 August. Lismore Northern Rivers 60th Anniversary Rally. About seven members indicated they will attend.

22 August. Swap Meet. Sausage sizzle and tea and coffee is available. Peter Arnold moved that we invite other clubs to our swap meet for pre 1931 parts only. 2. Syd Norman. Carried.

Russell suggested that we hold a rally 8 - 12 September in Kenilworth area.

Members are advised to book their accommodation for next year's anniversary rallies.

Kevin Brooks suggested that we have a rally at Mon Repos on the way to Mackay.

Bob Burley presented information about Veteran Touring Group's Pre '30 Porter Run Rally 3 - 5 October starting at Plainland. It is an overland rally with one night at Warwick and one night Glenfield near Toowoomba.

QHMC Report: Nil.

Facilities Report. David Hackshall reported that the Tenant is happy in the rental house. David thanked the persons who mowed the grounds prior to the Presentation Dinner.

Historian Report: Denis Martin reported that Graham Wilkinson has old Vintage Car Club photos which show some of our members.

Webmaster Report: Peter Ransom reported that members have sent helpful information on available services to be put on the web page. Index of Horseless Carriage is now on website. List of items for sale to be available on website.

Librarian Report: Nothing to report. Copy of specifications for the Argyle are now in the library.

Dating Report: A 100 year badge was presented to Tom and Jan Callow for their 1915 Model T.

General Business

Glynn reported that the church is going to build a new church with a bitumen car park at the back of the church. The club has to agreed to their request to use our top car park for church car parking on Sundays. We will have use of their back access when it becomes available. The secretary will advise other tenant clubs that the church will be using the car park on Sundays. There will be a sewerage connection available for us to use, if required, in the future. The church workers will also pull out the trees on their side of the fence.

Committee discussed extending electricity down to back area for campers and for working in the shed. There will be an opportunity when sewerage is put in to the house and trench is open put in power. Phil Fletcher noted that there will be head work charges for water and would need to check the legal situation re access rights. Phil Fletcher has volunteered to check with the Council about these issues. It was noted that if the house gets air conditioning, the power will have to be upgraded. Kevin Brooks showed the meeting his re-grooved tyre from Big Tyre, North Street, Toowoomba.

Next meeting is the AGM. The President reminded the meeting that nomination forms are due in before the meeting.

John Day reported the history of the Hack family's Minerva. In 1904, the owner dismantled the car and stored it in crates in the loft for fear of a Russian invasion. A plumber who was working on the house in the 1950's subsequently acquired it. He then sold it to John Alderton who restored it and from whom Frank bought it. When Shirley and daughter Susan were on a Danube cruise, they met a lady who was the daughter of the plumber and in subsequent Facebook conversations was able to confirm the story.

Syd Norman has dress shirts and waistcoats from Toowoomba Town Crier that he will bring to Swap Meet.

Meeting Close: The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Next Meeting: 7 September.

I Donges

Hon. Secretary

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld Inc. held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale. Monday 02 Sept 2014

President Bruce Wright opened the meeting at 9.10 pm

Attendance as per General Meeting.

Apologies as per General Meeting.

Minutes of previous AGM

Moved to accept by 1. Glynn Hackshall 2. Hugh Kimlin . Carried

Business arising: Nil

President's Report:

Moved to accept by Bruce Wright and seconded . Carried. The diverse range of activities include the original club purpose of a hobby club for those interested in veteran motoring and property rental and consequent management. Thanks to Hazel Burley and Rhonda Guthrie for their administrative expertise. The President would like to suggest that there be a property management committee and that there be more members on the Club Management Committee. There is a need to look out to activities of other clubs and areas of motoring including Government policies. The social aspect of the club is very important. The functions of the sub committees were summarised. Special thanks to Val for her support.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the audited report is available for the meeting to peruse and copies are available upon request. The accounting method has changed to an accrual basis. Hazel moved that the Treasurer's report be adopted 2. Trevor Brosnan. Carried. Moved 1. Hazel Burley 2. Barry Downton that Carwardine and Associates be appointed as auditors for the club for 2014 - 2015. Carried.

Moved Hazel Burley 2. Hugh Kimlin that subscriptions and joining fee remain the same for 2015. Carried.

Events Report: Thanks to all. All help is much appreciated. The year has been a long learning curve. The President noted that there is no record of who participated in events over the year.

Magazine Report: Thanks to all who have provided articles. Thanks to Pam Guthrie and Rhonda Guthrie for their photos. For interstate rallies it would be desirable to designate reporters for each day prior to the rally. The magazine will be moving to email for those members who would prefer to receive an electronic version, in conjunction with the webmaster. Reminder to send all reports to Editor.

Library Report: Librarian was absent.

Webmaster Report: Old website has been retired and new website is now up and running well and is simple to transfer to another operator if the need arises.

Dating Officer Report: This year has been a very busy one with 10 vehicles dated. There were 25 badges presented by Life Members, the late Frank Hack, Hugh Kimlin and Grahame Wilkinson at the 100 Year Badge Presentation in April.

Facilities Report. This year the main focus has been on the rental house makeover. Maintenance issues have been minimal.

SAG Committee Report SAG Committee has worked methodically through the three issues, the tenants, the club and the rental house. There are now tenant agreements in place and some policies and procedures are completed. All will be available to tenants on the website in a password protected area. The Clubs issues of security, bylaws and insurance have all been addressed and the tenant house has had a makeover.

Historian's Report. Historian was absent.

Election of Office Bearers:

Nominations for positions:

President:	Bob Burley: nominated by Alison Day and seconded by John Day.
Vice-President:	Glynn Hackshall nominated by Hazel Burley Seconded by Graham Donges
Treasurer:	Hazel Burley: nominated by John Day and seconded by Alison Day
Secretary:	Irene Donges. Nominated by Bob Burley. Seconded by Hazel Burley

Committee Members:

Event Director:	Russell Massy Nominated by Bruce Wright, Seconded by Bob Collett
Registrar:	Rhonda Guthrie Nominated by Bruce Wright. Seconded by Bob Collett
Facilities Manager:	David Hackshall Nominated by Hazel Burley Seconded by Bob Burley
Magazine Editor	Carolyn Robinson Nominated by Hazel Burley Seconded by David Hackshall

Before accepting the position of President, Bob Burley made the meeting aware that by accepting the position, both he and Hazel, his wife, would be signatories to the club accounts. The meeting agreed to the situation that both Bob and Hazel Burley are signatories to the club accounts.

There being only one nomination in each of the respective positions, all nominees accepted their positions and were all duly elected.

It was moved that additional committee members be held over to next committee meeting. 1. Paul Blake 2. Syd Norman. Carried.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

I. Donges
Secretary

President's Report for the 2013-2014 Year

It has become something of a tradition in the Club that there be an Annual Report, prepared and presented by the President, at the Annual General Meeting each year and in this case 2014. As I see it, the report is to summarise the happenings of the Club in its various facets, to comment on the progress of the Club generally, to inform all members on the performance of their elected executive, and to recommend various measures which, if taken, will enhance Club operations in the future. In meeting these objectives within limited space I need to be candid, and honest. So, here goes, from a random beginning.....

Firstly, your Club has gone beyond being a minor recreational or hobby club whose principal function was to provide facilities for those who wish to participate in motoring in ancient motor cars. Rest assured, that desire is still there but we have moved on from there to become a Club with diverse activities including the ownership of property, the successful letting of same to other organisations and the consequent obligations that property demands.

There are now over 200 members whose needs require management and, fortunately, the administration and financial management functions have evolved into a capable pair of our lady members, Hazel Burley and Rhonda Guthrie, who can answer most of the questions most of the time. In this respect also our ability to access expert and seasoned financial advice from Robert Lovell has been of considerable help in developing a sound financial management system. An investment in a new computer and other necessary equipment have been acquired.

While this has been happening the members of the Club's "Strategic Advisory Group", (using the acronym SAG for obvious reasons) has been beaver away addressing a list of factors and perceived needs which have led to recommendations to the Club's committee for consideration and, if worthy, entry into the Club's register of By-Laws which lists, for the first time, an identifiable set of policy matters directing the Club's efforts in the right direction. The pursuit of directions like the long range future of the Club's investment property, the house on our frontage to Old Cleveland Rd, need a little bit of sophisticated touch before we take the plunge to either scrap it, or totally rebuild what was really a hovel which should have been condemned. Having done the work we reckon the investment rental return should make it a good thing.

Having reached this point, where we have an ongoing need for financial expertise as well as the physical parts of an association with expanded property management, it seems clear to me that the whole could be joined to one responsibility of property management, run by a sub-committee of members with a responsibility for all aspects of all property matters: maintenance, repairs and renewals, tenancies, other rentals and enquiries. Such a structure, with adequate personnel, would ease the pressure on existing people and develop a wider set of skills.

Generally, I believe your elected Committee have performed well although some longer absences have made some things a little difficult at times. I feel your committee is too numerically small and I would urge this meeting to increase the number so as some existing positions may function better in the things they/he/she do. Additionally there are sub-committees not operating as well as we should expect, particularly those relating to the gathering of information about what is happening in other areas of recreational motoring.

We in VCCAQ are probably the oldest club, probably the most harmonious club, and probably the most social and congenial club in Queensland, but we fall short in our knowledge of what goes on in other sectors. We don't seek information about what others are doing, we have no structure to acquire information or intelligence about our environment or Government sensitivities. As dull as these items may seem, they are real, they are here to stay, and it may reward us well to keep in mind that having rich and powerful friends may be amongst our most valuable assets.

The social activity in the Club is excellent, seems to be well structured with a lot of contact on a very cordial base, many members belonging to separate groups because of some common bond. The "Diners" group, who grace the fine dining area of the veranda during the couple of hours prior to our regular monthly meetings, have become something of an institution where all manner of things can be learned, or displayed. Observers tell me that this function, with its capacity for mildly lubricated tonsils, can make or break a Chairman's determination into fragments.

Reference to the inside cover of the monthly newsletter (VT for short) will show a good number of sub-committees, listing a particular area of interest and consist of:

"Dating Committee" which fills an important part of what we need to have our cars authenticated and comprising experienced members.

"VT editor" Carolyn Robinson, who would rather be a publisher so long as she does not have to be a reporter, or is it the reverse of that? Carolyn is always looking for publishable material for inclusion in VT and would appreciate your help.

"Club Historian" Denis Martin, is Club Historian with a passionate interest in small French cars, as well as giving his expertise as an ordained Clergyman, from time to time. Denis's vocation has been called upon more than once this year, he officiating at the funeral service of a number of our members.

"Property Director" David Hackshall has control and direction of the grounds maintenance and fixed assets of the Club and who, with brother Michael, led the transformation of our rental house from hovel to haven.

"Webmaster", Peter Ransom, a former IT professional in another life, this year completed an updated revision of the Club's web site to what you see today.

"Events". those places and times when we get to drive the cars, in places and times as far apart as Shepparton and Toogoolawah. Russell Massey has a sub-committee comprised of whoever else he can get to help him. This is Russell's first year, with a workload said to be a balance. In relation to all the factors which should be taken into account, Russell has done very well.

There are more sub-committees, particularly the SAG group which warrant our activities. People here are experienced, with wide knowledge in the workings of private business, amongst other things. The formation of SAG, with its single purpose, has given direction to the Club executive on a long term basis.

Finally, I feel that I should comment briefly about my position as President for the last year. As you may already know I have never aspired to hold the office for any period at all. It was only the circumstances prevailing at the time, in the last hours before the AGM that I decided to accept nomination for the job. The last year has been a busy one for me and I confess I have enjoyed working in the position, with the people who want to make a difference. I believe we have done just that and I thank them all for their assistance. At this particular time I am enjoying better health than any other for quite some time and that certainly helps. I am most grateful.

I especially want to thank my wife, Val, for her patience, understanding and assistance to me during the year. She also has learned to place a high value on the friendship made and retained, a giant leap forward for now and beyond. We look forward to many more years of happy membership.

Bruce Wright.
19 August 2014.

Treasurer's Report 2013/2014

I take pleasure in announcing that all the books have been audited and approved and that all balances are true and correct.

A copy of the audited accounts of the Club are available tonight for perusal.

There has been a change of accounting this year, it was calculated on a cash basis but now is calculated on an accrual basis. So now all income paid prior to the end of the financial year is put down as income received in advance. Next year's figures will be comparable as the accounting system will be the same.

The accounts show the Club's working accounts, petty cash and investment accounts had a decrease of approx. 15%

The Club has paid out a considerable sum for the restoration of the rental house, approximately equal to the rental income received for the six months of the financial year.

Because of all the expenses during the financial year we will be getting a tax refund.

I move that Carwardine & Associates be appointed for the 2014 -2015 audit.

I also move that the subscription fees stay the same for the 2015 financial year.

My thanks to everyone who has helped me during the year, and a special thanks to Robert Lovell for all his valuable advice.

Hazel Burley

Rally Director's Annual Report

The **Shepparton National Veteran Rally** was mid-September, and a number of our members travelled south. Several took the opportunity of combining this with the Victorian Club's Mansfield Rally at the start of October.

From 17-20 October we had a most enjoyable few days in the **Boonah-Kalbar** area, capably organised by Rhonda and co. and well supported by club members.

We started the 2014 year with a weekend of activities based at own Club rooms. Many members took the opportunity to camp at the grounds. On the 26th. January some members went down to Ormiston House for a free Breakfast and then a run around the Bayside. The next day we had the gymkhana at the club grounds.

The next event was The **Past Members' Memorial Breakfast** at Suttons Beach, Redcliffe and in the words of Peter Ransom *A nice way to take a moment to remember friends who are no longer with us.* It was a touch breezy on the foreshore and we had to resort to creative ways of enjoying the BBQ.

Ipswich Veteran & Vintage Rally, March 2014. Notionally restricted to pre-1931 vehicles, this event was organised by Greg Hill as a pipe-opener for the Ipswich Club's 40th Anniversary Rally.

National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Robe, South Australia. May 2014. A wonderful diversity of "smaller" veteran cars turned out from all over Australia.

Bundaberg 1 & 2 cylinder Highwheeler rally Organised by Barry Dowton and Vicki Forsyth.

Toogoolawah Rally, May 2014. Lots of driving, excellent scenery, visiting an old folks' home and a great movie at the local picture house (Queensland style) made this the sort of event that typifies the way we enjoy our cars and bring pleasure to others.

Russell Massey

Editor's Report - 2013-2014

Thank-you once again to all those members who have provided material for *Veteran Torque* – without your contributions there wouldn't be a monthly magazine. Special thanks go to Pam and Rhonda Guthrie and Greg Hill for regularly sending me photographs, and to those of you who forward jokes, articles etc from time to time (even though some months space doesn't allow their inclusion).

I'd like to once more stress that it makes the job of the Editor– whoever he/she may be in the coming year – easier if those of you attending Interstate/local events designate prior to the event someone amongst you to write a daily bulletin.

In the coming year we foreshadow using email for those members who would prefer to receive *Veteran Torque* via that means rather than a hard copy by "snail mail". The actual method for doing this will need to be organised by the Editor in conjunction with the Webmaster.

Carolyn Robinson, September 2014

Webmaster's Annual Report 2013-14 - vccaq.com

This has been a year of change for our web site. Our old web site was a fairly comprehensive proposition, developed over five or six years using very inexpensive software. Unfortunately it reached a point where maintenance became technically difficult and very time consuming. In addition, all the software, images and associated data files resided on my computer and could not be transferred in the event of my being unable to continue as the web wallah.

I'm pleased to report that our new site - www.vccaq.com - has been operational for some time now and the feedback has been gratifying. The "look" is cleaner and more upmarket, there are better image viewing capabilities and in the future we hope to incorporate further facilities, not only for our members but for site visitors and our tenant clubs. Costs are being held to a minimum and should it become necessary, anybody with reasonable IT skills can take over from me with a minimum of fuss.

Photos of our events tend to be the main point of interest and I'm deeply indebted to the people who make their pictures available to me, particularly as Jennie and I have not been attending rallies recently. We expect the Sunbeam to be back on the road very soon, but nevertheless I entreat everybody to send nice sharp high resolution pictures that would look good on our web site!

I would also encourage suggestions as to how the site could be used to our advantage and to benefit the veteran car movement in general. We've tended to be ahead of the curve, and while that's not a key objective it's good to keep everybody on their toes.

Peter Ransom

Dating Committee Report 2013/14

This Club year has been a very busy one, we the Committee have dated 10 veteran vehicles.

On the 12th April 2014 we held a 100 Year Badge presentation where 25 badges were engraved. 18 were presented to the relevant Club members by our current Life Members, Frank Hack, Hugh Kimlin and Grahame Wilkinson. The remainder have been posted to country club members.

Those who received their badges are as stated below.

Club Member's Name		Year/Veteran		Dating Number	Centenary Number
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Anderson	Iris & Cindy	1914	Overland	Q109	1009
Bernhagen	Geoff	1913	Humberette	Q78	1011
Brennan Ron & James		1914	Standard Rhyl	18	128
Brooks	Kevin & Joyce	1914	Humberette	Q62	1014
Burley	Bob & Hazel	1914	Singer	Q52	1012
Carpenter	Alan & Raema	1913	Little	Q53	135
Casos	Paul & Pauline	1913	Ford	10	1010
Cerutti	Frank	1909	Maxwell	Q95	1015
Clegg	Geoff & Barbara	1913	De Dion	Q97	127
Cox	Neil	1914	Overland	Q101	1001
Kimlin	Hugh & Pat	1914	Hupmobile	Q24	196
Kroll	Merv & Margaret	1914	Twombly	Q37	1016
Long	Kevin & Denise	1914	Talbot	Q04	1017
Norman	Syd	1910	Maxwell	Q105	1005
		1910	Standard	Q106	1006
Page	David	1910	Sears	Q103	1003
Partington	Doug & Elizabeth	1912	Ford	Q100	1007
Ransom Peter & Jennie		1914	Sunbeam	54	251
Stanbridge	Penny	1913	Belsize	NSW116	1020
Stanley	John & Roselli	1913	Stoewer	Q74	1018
Thompson	Merv & Margaret	1910	Renault	Q102	1002
		1914	Standard Coventry Rhy	Q104	1004
Martin	Dave & Fay	1908	Reo	Q108	1008
Wilkinson	Graham & Dulcie	1913	Rolls Royce	Q01	1013
Wojtasik	Ted & Val	1913	Overland	Q107	1019

The Club Members who are on the Dating Committee are:

Paul Blake, Bob Collett, Sydney Norman, and Ross Guthrie acting as Chairman.

Ross Guthrie, Dating Committee Chairman, September 2014

President's Report.

Where did this year go? There was so much happening the only thing left is the dust. Speaking of dust, that's the only thing left of the church grounds next door with their building project. Our swap meet went off well with the sound of chainsaws and tree shredders going all day. The swap was well attended by our members and a sprinkle of people from other clubs, the period clothing was a great draw it seemed to have more of a crowd than the car bits. Coffee and cake etc. was available throughout giving everybody time out for a sit down and a natter. Thanks to the sausage **sizzle gang**.

The **Annual Presentation Dinner** was well attended and a great time was had by all. Phil Fletcher was presented with his Life Member badge, Phil gave a short speech about the history of the Club. He requested that Bob pin the Life Member badge on his wife Lyn, because she was the one who carried the load at home whilst Phil spent so much time (years in fact) on Club matters and events.



Hugh Kimlin gave a talk on the early days of the Club and how the rental property became a reality. He also told of the time and effort that other club members put in as well. Our special guest presenter was Lynda Schekoske, Editor of *"The Road Ahead"*.

The trophy recipients for the 2014/2015 year are:

President's Trophy
George Gilltrap Memorial Trophy
Wally Cox Memorial Trophy
W J Sanderson Memorial Trophy
Neil & Dorothy Johnston Trophy
Ipswich Members Trophy
Golden Fleece Trophy
Peg & Ray Allen Trophy
Dave Fiechtner Trophy
Susan Hack Trophy
Top Tourer Trophy
Hard Luck Trophy

Hackshall Family
Les Allen
Ross Guthrie
James Brennan
Ross Guthrie
Greg & Irene Hill
Alan Robinson
John Farrier
Syd Norman
Alan Carpenter
Graham Donges
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Please remember this next meeting is our Annual General Meeting after the normal monthly meeting. Glynn Hackshall will be chairing this meeting. Thanks Glynn.

Joe Timkiv is in sick bay after having a stroke recently, on behalf of all of us we hope you recover quickly Joe.

The next Rally will be Boreen Point. Our enthusiastic Russell assures me it's going to be perfect.

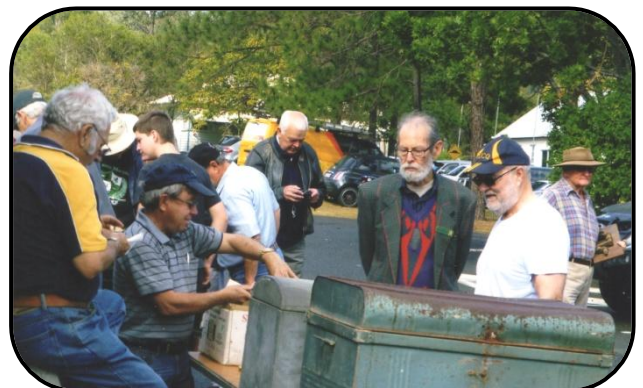
During this next year's programme we will try to have a few social nights at the Club - could be anything - trivia, dance ,talent night, dress theme night and the one I would like to do is a Host a Murder Party - everybody has a role in the evening and you have to work out Who! did it and why. You will be given Phony Bribe money, a role, you have to dress up. I'm sure you get the picture. It would be sleep over night as there might be alcohol involved. Getting secrets out of people can be easier when they are socially excited!



Bob Burley ..

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At the Club Swap



Librarian's Report

I have catalogued into the Library the copies of *The Car Illustrated* that we have.

We have about 40 copies covering most of 1904.

There are many interesting anecdotal type articles there about issues being faced by the motoring groups in 1904.

Space permitting we will include a few short articles each month which are extracts during this period, the first of which are reproduced below.

Wayne.

Motoring in 1904 (*The Car Illustrated*)

Use of the Horn

An appeal appeared in a letter to one of the Automobile journals recently for the invention of some less offensive instrument in lieu of the present grunting horn. The horn came to us in this country along with a number of other objectionable things such as foreign names, foreign scorchers, and foreign styles. It was used on Paris public conveyancing long before the advent of the motor car.

The grievance is a real one, so much so that the public are rebelling against the discordant noise which disturbs the nerves of the citizen. Experience shows that the toot of the horn no longer causes any foot passenger to look round or hasten his steps. [*The writer*] finds that if it is desired to attract attention, the only effective mode is the time honoured *Geeh-hup* of the horse driver; and only the other day he saw record of a resolution calling for legislation to put a stop to the frequent and unnecessary use of the horn. This is an amusing change of front. Formerly, the motorist who could not prove he had sounded his horn was always found in the wrong if anything happened.

Would it not be possible to use some pleasant toned instrument, such as an organ pipe? It would be a favour if this matter were considered by readers who are skilled in acoustics. A simple and sweet-sounding instrument might thus be produced which would replace the raucous horn.



Council Road Works (Not much has changed?)

Sometimes the British working man forgets that careful note may be taken of his dilatory ways, or, on the other hand, perhaps does not mind anyone seeing his desire not to do too much work. In the neighbourhood of Piccadilly Circus lately some sections of wood paving have been re-laid and although the gangs of the City of Westminster are, I believe, supposed to be working overtime and by night as well, the progress of these repairs has been excessively slow, and the want of energy manifested has been simply phenomenal. I do not know that whether in this case there is a trades' union which orders that men employed in laying wood pavements shall not handle more than a certain number of blocks per day, but it almost seems as if something of this kind was the case. My readers will also remember a piece of roadway which was re-laid in the months of February and March in Whitehall. No attempt was made in this case to accelerate the work, which was delaying the whole of the traffic between Trafalgar Square and Westminster Bridge and Victoria. Some city councils seem curiously apathetic as to the need for removing causes of congestion in traffic. On the other hand, when repairs are made in the permanent way on any of our great railway systems, gangs of men work – and really work – night and day, and every gang takes a pride in doing its work as quickly as possible. But in street repairs there seems to be no desire on the part of either the authorities or those employed by them to hurry themselves in any way. The effect of this dilatoriness is seen in the continual blocking of traffic and serious loss of time to the public. The Royal Commission on London Traffic should take note of this point and consider it in connection with their report.

Webmaster's Report

Time marches on! *Veteran Torque* has been available in digital form for a little while now and the dedicated VT page on our web site is taking on the look of an archive – you can access all issues back to October 2014. During the coming Club year I'll be asking our Committee to consider making back issues of VT available to all visitors to our site. These would be issues that are, for example, 6 months or more older. What do you think?

Here's a message for all rally organisers. I have the impression that our members are now looking increasingly to the web site for information about upcoming events. Where I can I keep it as up to date as possible but I can only publish what I'm given, plus the odd link to your local tourist information site or perhaps a map. It helps us all if I can provide dates, places, contact and accommodation details and an indication of the general format of the event, i.e., what day do we arrive, what days does actual driving commence and finish. More info on specific activities is always good, too. So please help me to help you.

New photos from recent events are appearing on the Galleries page. Why not have a sticky?

Peter R.

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From The Editor

- I would like to give a special 'thank-you' to Pam Guthrie and Greg Hill who have provided all the photographs that accompany the articles in this month's issue. Unfortunately due to space constraints with the hard copy version of *Veteran Torque* I am unable to include as many as I would like.
- Similarly, the following Annual Reports for the 2013-14 year are not reproduced here. They will be available next Monday evening:
Treasurer: Rally Director: Editor: Webmaster: Dating Committee.
- An (abridged) report of the QHMC July General Meeting is included on the website version only.

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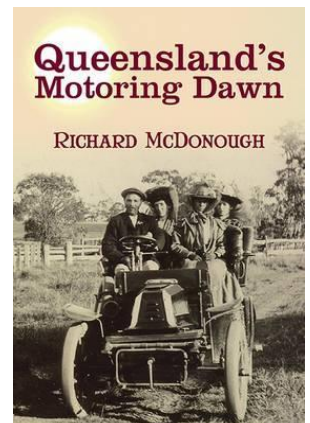
As the Club continues to attract new members, perhaps this is a good time to remind you all of the two methods by which you can obtain the monthly magazine.

- ❖ All financial members with an email address receive a notification, (usually in the last week of the preceding month), together with a new monthly password, that the new issue is available on the Club Website (www.vccaq.com). This can be found under "Veteran Torque" on the r.h. side of the home page.
- ❖ Those folk who have elected to pay an additional \$5 will continue to receive a copy in the mail.

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BOOK LAUNCH

Come one come all to a book launch to be held at our Clubrooms on Sunday 18th October. Rick McDonough has just had published "*Queensland's Motoring Dawn*", a comprehensive book on the very early years of motoring in Queensland. Many of our members would know Rick and his involvement in the Veteran Car Movement. He was the Rally Director of the National 1 & 2 held in Canberra in 2013 and some may remember him in his dark blue Maxwell at our 1&2 in Bundaberg a few years back. Rick grew up in Hervey Bay and first became involved in the old car movement there. He was made a life-member of the Fraser Coast Historic Vehicle Club and his continued interest in Queensland motoring has been demonstrated by this new publication. Fifteen years in the making, this book covers the very beginnings of petrol powered vehicles in our State up to the end of 1909. There are over three hundred and fifty photographs and illustrations, some of which have never been published before. As this book is so indelibly linked with our Club's interests we are delighted that the launch of this important volume will take place at our Clubrooms. We would encourage as many members as possible to come along and bring their vehicles. This will be a perfect opportunity to pick up a signed copy. Exact times for the day will be forwarded closer to the date.



Gatton Rally. July 2015

Well, all we can say is WELL. DONE. Greg and Irene.

The venue was great especially for those who camped, and for those who didn't, it was only just up the road.

Gatton Historical Village is very well established and is an excellent record of country living many years ago. The unfortunate thing is that some of us still remember using some of the museum pieces, such as the telephone system, butter churner, lots of household items, and possibly items in the shed (I didn't go there) not my scene.

Some of us have driven over most of those roads before, but one visiting couple from Ipswich mentioned to me that they had explored the Gatton area extensively but Greg and Irene had taken us over roads they had not used before.

We didn't stop for morning tea as it was a late start each morning, so we enjoyed our cuppa before leaving, the lunch venues were good.

We didn't have too many break down on this rally. But as we know our cars are of an age and sometimes things become unscrewed, or vibrate loose.

But we all managed to finish the rally each day. Then each evening we would sit around and discuss how great the day had been, plus enjoy the odd glass or two, and finish the day with a BBQ evening meal.

Life is most enjoyable on these club country rallies, good destinations and great companionship.

Rhonda Guthrie



Touring around Gatton and the salad bowl of Queensland

We had a lovely drive to Gatton towing the Buick with Kevin and Joyce Brooks (Humberette) arriving at our home for the next 5 days at the Historical Village by the APEX Lake. The weather was being very kind to us as opposed to the week before when it was extremely cold. As we were the first to arrive we had first choice of a good camp site. Russell and Susan (Vauxhall) arrived not long after us and we were all set up in no time. The rest of the crews arrived during the course of the day. Bob and Hazel (without vehicle) followed by Bob and Trish (Renault), John Farrier (de Dion) and Graham and Irene (Brush) to make up the campers. Rob and Pam (Wolseley) with Ross and Rhonda (de Dion) were located further afield in the local motel and of course rally directors Greg and Irene (T Model) were able to go home to their own beds each evening. Chris Sorensen with son Kevin arrived on Saturday with the Grout steamer for the Grandchester run. We were also joined by members of the local club at various times over the week.

The drives on all the days were very pleasant and as it is still cool in the mornings Russell made our starting times around 9.30 to 10.00, which was quite a blessing as we were able to enjoy a cuppa and cake before we left on the daily runs. The Lockyer Valley is a delightful area to tour in. The word Valley gives some clue to the terrain and on only one day did we venture into the hills around us. I must say that it was nice to hear the roaring of both cylinders on that occasion. Peter usually bypasses the muffler on hills to gain a little extra power.

We visited many towns around the area and enjoyed some very good meals in the local pubs. Lunch at the Mulgowie pub would have been a first for most and what a grand lunch it was. We had a lovely visit to The Barn and Scotty's Garage in the hills out of Gatton. This was the hilly day and the roads to the Barn were very picturesque moving along the hills and dales and finally getting to the Barn in time for another quick cuppa and lunch. After lunch we were shown the antique garage and then through another door which opened into a very fifties entertainment area where we all reminisced about the memorabilia of another era. Big lunches were a feature of the event with another at the Criterion hotel, Helidon on Saturday.

Each afternoon the motoring finished around 3.00 allowing a bit of time to tend the cars before settling into a happy hour or few before dinner. The historical site as a venue was excellent with nice grassed areas to sprawl out in while the weather was warm and a restored "Old Queenslander" house to retreat to as the afternoon cooled down. This was also a good area to enjoy a communal dinner which ranged from a scratch meals brought with us, to leftovers from lunch or a BBQ on the veranda to pizza not delivered because Dominos couldn't find the address. (Come on, Gatton is not that big). Best of all was the final dinner on Saturday night, a BBQ catered by the local Club followed by a campfire to sit around and swap a few lies.

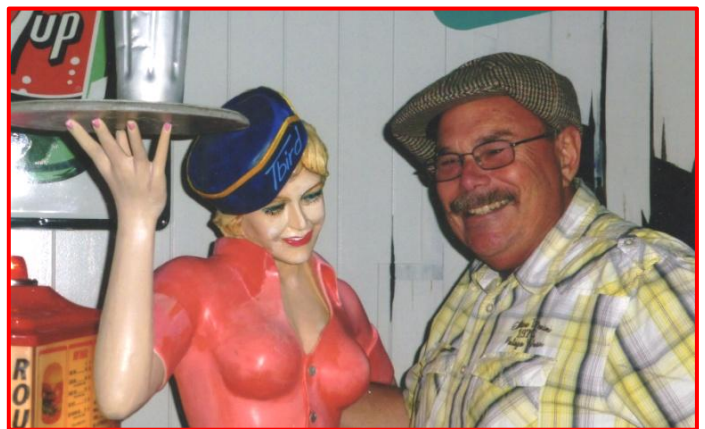
Of course the main event for the week was the celebration of 150 years of the opening of the first railway line in Queensland from Ipswich to Bigges Camp, now Grandchester. The weather was threatening rain as we headed to Grandchester but we only had a light shower which didn't spoil the day too much. There were hundreds of people there and all enjoyed the day's events. The steam train arrived from Brisbane in time for the official opening and there were a number of other car clubs, historical exhibits and live entertainment on the grounds to keep everyone occupied.

This signalled the end of the week and while Kevin, Russell and Peter with navigators drove back for another night in Gatton, the rest loaded up the trailers and headed for home. Greg and Irene must be congratulated on finding an area we had not really visited before, the routes were excellent with very clear instructions. I won't say that nobody managed to get lost but it wasn't the fault of the instructions, some of us just can't be helped. As for the venue, the historical village proved to be a great venue with very helpful volunteers.

Thanks Greg and Irene and to everyone for making it a great five days.

Linda Arnold.





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Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 55th Birthday Rally. 12th - 16th August 2015

This 5 day rally was based in Lismore with around 85 cars participating.

The Queensland Veteran Club was well represented with 5 veterans in attendance and a few others of our members in vintage or modern cars. Graham Donges was a late starter with his 1911 Brush, but surprised many with the daily performance of this little vehicle on the winding and hilly terrain around Lismore. A minor coil problem saw it going home on the Guthries' trailer on Friday, but it was repaired and ready to go again on Saturday morning.

The Lismore Club had arranged an interesting and varied few days of rallying with morning tea and lunch stops at very scenic locations. On Thursday, the pre 1930 vehicles travelled 85k through lush green rolling hills and sections of dense rain forest to enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the Richmond River at Coraki.



Friday saw a longer run travelling on picturesque country back roads to Kyogle for lunch, then returning to Lismore in preparation for an evening at Robert and Meryl Lovell's home, first inspecting their current restoration project of their 23/60 Vauxhall, then enjoying an evening meal. The evening culminated with viewing the lights of Lismore from their front verandah with views extending to Mt Warning and the lighthouse at Byron Bay. Robert believes that their house is located on the highest piece of land in Lismore and after negotiating the near vertical hill leading to their street, nobody was about to argue the point.

Saturday saw a public display in the showgrounds and additional cars had by now joined the rally. We then travelled over some very scenic back roads, finally arriving at Lismore Club members Narelle and Laurie Middleton's macadamia nut farm and processing shed. Some of our intrepid veteran group decided to add some extra hills to the journey but were soon put right by the locals and eventually arrived at the correct destination. Luckily, this scenic diversion went unnoticed by most other rally entrants. Two Queensland cars were seen to do the right thing and back-tracked to where they went wrong and finally arrived from the right direction. Congratulations to Barbara and Irene for spotting the problem.

After watching how macadamia nuts are picked, sorted and processed, we headed off to Alstonville Showgrounds for our lunch stop.

*Club Members Terry and Julie Prodger's
1913 Morris Oxford on display at the
Lismore Showgrounds*



The Saturday night dinner which had a "Happy Days" theme, was held at the Italo Australian Sports Club and saw many varied and interesting outfits. It was discovered that Elvis is still alive and mobile and he was selected as the winner.



Sunday saw many breakfast at the Rous Hotel, then it was off to another drive on country roads in the direction of Nimbin, returning to the South Lismore Bowling Club for lunch and the presentation of prizes. The Veteran Club came home trumps with Rob and Pam's Wolseley and Jason Ridings' Model T being selected by the judges. The Veteran Club scored well and most members were lucky to go home with a raffle or lucky number prize.

Graham Donges very eloquently thanked the organisers of the rally on behalf of the Queensland. Veteran members.



The NRVVCC has a history of organising great and memorable rallies and I am sure that all entrants had a most enjoyable time on this 4 day event.

We appreciated their impeccable rally instructions and thorough attention to detail for which they have become renowned.

Greg and Irene Hill



Lined up at the daily starting place, the Italo Australian Club

BITS AND PIECES

PFILLS FABULOUS FIND

A very happy Phil Fletcher taking delivery of the correct front axle for his 1910 Clement Bayard.

Only just arrived from ParisFrance, it has taken a mere 31 years to find this beastie. Now that is commitment !!!!

In years to come our finds will be referred to as having "The Fletcher Grin."



GIVE AWAY --TWO MAGNETOS. Chris Pike (Vintage Club) has donated two magnetos to the Club. They will be available for the taking at Monday night's meeting.

(1) SLICK MODEL 4001;

(2) WICO SERIES A

FOR SALE.

1911 CADILLAC ENGINE, dismantled, cleaned and mostly complete but absent all the accessories. No apparent cracks in block, crank-case or cylinders. Includes copper jackets

TWO TOOL BOXES for running boards, brass or teens era and in good condition.

Contact Ian Berg, Email; bergathol@gmail.com, or Phone 0419364427 for more information.

INFORMATION WANTED - THORNYCROFT A4 ENGINE

Graham Mackereth in the UK is seeking help in finding a Thornycroft engine. He has a yacht that was built by John Thornycroft in 1903. He powered it with one of his own A-4 car engines. The yacht, Scolopendra, was a famous contender in the Harmsworth Trophy, run in conjunction with the Gordon Bennett Trophy. Restoration is progressing but Graham is missing an engine. A few years ago somebody in Australia sent the attached photographs to the Hampshire Museum saying that he had found an A-4 Thornycroft engine running a saw bench and did they want it. The museum didn't, but somehow the photographs survived. If you can help, please contact Terry Lewis: terrylewis02@skymesh.com.au



WANTED

* ***25" SPLIT RIMS**, reasonable condition, a la veteran Dodge, late teens.

Contact: Kevin Brooks 07 38880943 or brooks@goanna.tv

A little bit of.. HUMOUR



A Heart Warming Scottish Story.

Aahh, makes your heart sing.

A thoughtful Scottish husband was putting his coat and hat on to make his way down to the local pub.

He turned to his wee wife before leaving and said, "*Maggie - put your hat and coat on, lassie.*"

She replied, "*Awe Jock that's nice are you taking me tae the pub with you?*"

'Nay," Jock replied "*I'm turning the heater off while I'm out.*"



A little bit of...AUSSIE HUMOUR



An Aussie truckie walks into an outback cafe with a full-grown emu behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The truckie says, '*A hamburger, chips and a coke,*' and turns to the emu, '*What's yours?*' '*Sounds great, I'll have the same,*' says the emu.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order '*That will be \$9.40 please,*' and he reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change and pays.

The next day, the man and the emu come again and he says, '*A hamburger, chips and a coke.*' The emu says, '*Sounds great, I'll have the same.*' Again the truckie reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. '*The usual?*' asks the waitress. '*No, it's Friday night, so I'll have a steak, baked potato and a salad,*' says the man.. '*Same for me,*' says the emu.. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, '*That will be \$32.60.*' Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. '*Excuse me mate, how do you manage to always pull the exact change from your pocket every time?*' '*Well, love*' says the truckie, '*a few years ago I was cleaning out the back shed, and found an old lamp. When I cleaned it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.*'

'*That's brilliant!*' says the waitress. '*Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want, for as long as you live!*' '*That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there.*' says the man. Still curious the waitress asks, '*What's with the emu?*' The truckie pauses, sighs, and answers, '*My second wish was for a tall bird with long legs, who agrees with everything I say.*'

