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# **VETERAN TORQUE**

**OCTOBER 2014**



*The Donges' Brush in front of "The Wedding Cake"  
after the Adelaide – Darwin Rally*



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



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

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm and VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

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Full Membership (single):	\$50;	Joint Membership:	\$55,
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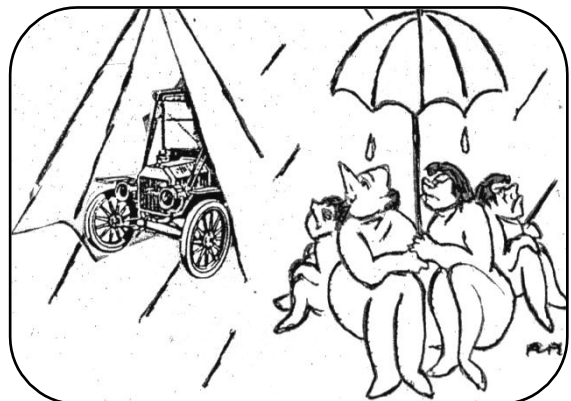
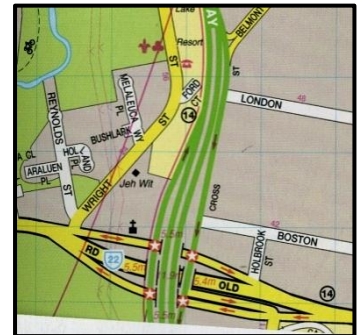
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*The pleasures of Veteran Ownership*

**MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND NINTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB  
OF AUSTRALIA QLD INC. HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS AT 1376 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD,  
CARINDALE  
MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Opening: President Bruce Wright opened at 8.05pm.

Attendance: 38 members were present as per attendance book.

Apologies: Andrew Wright, Joyce and Kevin Brooks, Pam and Rob Guthrie, Ross and Rhonda Guthrie, Peter and Linda Arnold, Neil and Jan Sims, Frank and Kathy Muggerridge. Iris Anderson and Dulcie Wilkinson.

Visitors: Joe and Vishna Timkiv restoring a CX25 Buick.

Adoption of previous General Meeting Minutes: 1. Peter Ransom 2 John Day. Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 4 August be confirmed as read. Carried

Business Arising from previous minutes:

1. Glynn Hackshall 2. Syd Norman that Graham Donges to be Club delegate at the Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia's Annual Meeting at Kalgoorlie in October. Carried.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Frank Corbett Secretary Vintage Car Club of Qld re two maintenance issues at Clubrooms, the hot water tap and the quality of sound from PA system  
Rally Director Model T 2016 National /International Sea Mountains and Valleys Tour Update  
Maryborough District Antique Motor Club inc Closing date for entries to their 2014 Custodian Rally over October Long Weekend 3-6 Oct is now 23 September.  
Cairns & District Historic Vehicle Club Inc Invitation to attend Nor'Easter Hub Meet over Easter next year. 3 - 6 April  
Patrick Witter advising sale of a Vinot Deguingand.  
Kathy Clayton forwarded email from Grandchester Community Steamfest invitation to attend 150 Year Celebration of first railway line in Queensland from Ipswich to Grandchester on 26 July 2015.  
Christine Stevens, President QHMC, requesting replacement key.

Outwards:

Thank you to RACQ for Display Day organisation.  
Get well Cards to Ken Wells, Trevor Brosnan, Pat Kimlin  
Sympathy card to Shirley Hack

Business arising from correspondence:

1. David Hackshall 2. Glynn Hackshall that we levy \$50.00 for replacement key .  
Maintenance issues will be addressed. Noisy microphone will be looked at.

The Secretary moved that Inwards be accepted and Outwards adopted.  
Seconded Glynn Hackshall . Carried.

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

Events: Russell Massey thanked all who attended Nanango Kingaroy rally. The rally group attended Kumbia School and Endeavour Foundation. Good cover was provided at Showgrounds. \$50.00 donated to Murgon Dairy Farmers Museum. The President raised the issue of the use of the Rally Reserve Account - Russell reported that there is a need to develop a policy for the event directors to help with expenses and rally procedures . Decided to leave procedures for how to run a rally for discussion at SAG Committee and Committee. Trish Hanley pointed out that in the past there was a charge for rally entrants.

QHMC Report: Albert Budworth has not been available to attend a meeting. All office bearers at QHMC have changed.

Dating Report: Dating Officer absent.

Facilities Report: Grey water pit lid has been damaged and needs replacing. Will be covered by insurance.

Historian Report: Historian absent.

Webmaster Report: Nothing to report.

Librarian Report: Wayne Aberdeen asks all who may have a Horseless Carriage Gazette to please return.

Magazine Report: Nothing to report.

Dating Report: Nothing to report.

SAG Report Nothing report.

Rental House Report. Thanks to Bob and Hazel Burley and Rob Guthrie for helping to lay turf. One last working bee required on Friday 5 September. Some painting tidying and outside cleaning to be done. Final costing will be available next meeting. Budget has not been exceeded. Thanks to all who volunteered their time at working bees.

#### General Business

Happy Birthday to Jacob Hackshall.

Prospective new member. Sid Johnson???

Congratulations to those who have returned from Adelaide to Darwin run.

Meeting Close: The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Next Meeting: 6 October.

#### **I. Donges**

Secretary

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## President's Report



Thank-you members for your vote of confidence. Be assured that the Veteran Car Club will continue in its time honoured way of good management, plenty of social activities, and best of all a good Rally Program.

The house renovations have now been completed and rental contract has been signed and is in process. A very BIG thank-you to all who assisted with such a mammoth project. Especially to the Entire Hackshall Family and including Jacob!...

Next will be getting back to working bees on our ageing clubhouse. The grass will be in want of mowing more and more as the warmer longer days are nearly upon us and of course our club rooms are needing maintenance. Further club rooms refresh and maybe extensions will be a topic of discussion at the meeting. I am looking forward to this first meeting as I want to know what you, as members, want to do with the club and the grounds - club rooms and sheds. There is no 'I' in team and team VCCAQ needs to decide how far do we want to progress.

This next meeting I would like to get some of your thoughts on reviving things like Technical talks about veteran car workings, a lot of knowledge has been lost with the passing of our older members. Perhaps before or after the meeting we could organize a basic talk on how to deal with your magneto and how to set them up etc. Veteran clutches would be another talk; getting a smooth clutch can make your vet a joy to drive. I'm sure you know what I mean.

See you at the meeting . Looking forward is always a happy thought!

**Bob Burley**

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**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> 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
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

## MARKET PLACE -

### GIVE AWAY

- \* **ASSORTED 'LEFT OVERS' from Geoff Bernhagen's collection.** - Please come and take.  
*Contact:* Donna Davis, Ph. 3283 3990, 29 Ellen Street, Woody Point, prior to your visit.

### FOR SALE

- \* **BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.**  
A Complete Illustrated Automotive Apprenticeship by Correspondence, in 12 beautifully bound books (1925) In mint condition. *Found in a barn on a station near Bororen in 1970.* \$300  
  
25 *Horseless Carriage* Gazettes (American) from the 1990's (\$3:00 each)  
*The Automobile* (British) - 30 copies. (\$3:00 each)  
*Beaded Wheels* (New Zealand) 50 copies (\$1:00 each)

- \* **1907 ALLDAYS & ONIONS 'KIT'.**  
A tail light, bulb horn and two hubcaps. [I was trying to buy the remains of an Alldays in New Zealand and collected as many hard to find parts as I could in the meantime, but the sale fell through and I was left with the unwanted bits]. \$250  
*Contact:* [Alex.Gow@era.riotinto.com](mailto:Alex.Gow@era.riotinto.com)>

# EXHAUST GAS

Coincidence is a big word and I think I have spelt it correctly.

Now I have recently been involved in one. I somewhat sorrowfully sold my little M-type MG "Midge" to my friend Tony who has been chasing it for five years. I was sorry to see the efforts of 3+ years converting it from a very dilapidated "Kit Form" to a usable car go. We had it on a few runs and it was an enjoyable little fellow but of late due to the progress of anno domini I wasn't comfortable driving it especially in heavy traffic so it just sat in the garage.

Tony is an enthusiastic MG owner with a penchant for knowing the history of his cars, so he started delving into Midge's history. During the restoration I had acquired from the late Bernie Keating a genuine handbook for the M-type and the title page gave an owner's name as A.B. Gillespie of Albion plus an engine number for the car. Tony tracked A.B.G. and finally found a son who remembered his father's MG and even had photographs of him in the car, which he brought to the recent MG concours to show us, and also have the opportunity to meet us.

Prior to this Tony had found reports that A.B.G. had twice been fined for speeding in a Morris Minor in the late twenties and that he had entered an MG in a hillclimb in 1931.

Now for the coincidence – Tony checked with the Triple M people in England and found that the engine number quoted in my handbook was the one of the engine fitted to car number 1524 which happened to be Midge's car number. So apparently the book originally belonged to him. Tony is continuing the research. The car appears to be the first MG entered in competition in Queensland.

Midge's departure created some spare space in the garage so I have set up a hobbies area. At present I am "restoring" various model cars to create more dust collecting objects to put on shelves!

I bought a pair of steel shelves to clear some of the confusion in the workshop. I didn't realise until I undid the box containing the two of them that these were only 1270mm high. This turned out to be great as they don't stop the light coming through the back wall.

I did first what is usually done last, and read the instructions, which I carefully followed. But putting these things together was like trying to handle a deceased drunken octopus just before rigor mortis set in. A whole morning for one, and the whole afternoon for the other. However, they've turned out to be very satisfactory.

This next one is not so much of a coincidence. My good friend Russell loaned me a copy of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain Members' Handbook and list of Veteran and Edwardian Motor Cars, and lo and behold on page 192 under 'Renault' is the following entry: *1909 Two-seater 2 cyl. 8hp. Car number 14654, Engine number 4306. Last known owner L.W.S. Vigar.* This happens to be "Reggie" as I bought him – with Carolyn's cheque – from Len Vigar in 1985. Only thing is the engine number is quoted wrongly, as it is 4036. Len – a founder of the Birdwood Museum – must have at some time been a member of that august body.

## And now for Some Anagrams:

[with acknowledgement to our neighbour Chris Cavanagh]

When you rearrange the letters in:	PRESBYTERIAN, you get	BEST IN PRAYER
	ASTRONOMER " "	MOON STARER
	DESPERATION " "	A ROPE ENDS IT
	THE EYES " "	THEY SEE
	GEORGE BUSH " "	HE BUGS GORE
	THE MORSE CODE " "	HERE COME DOTS
	DORMITORY " "	DIRTY ROOM
	SLOT MACHINES " "	CASH LOST IN ME
	ANIMOSITY " "	IS NO ANIMITY
	ELECTION RESULT " "	LIES – LET'S RECOUNT
	A DECIMAL POINT " "	I'M A DOT IN PLACE
	THE EARTHQUAKE " "	THAT QUEER SHAKE
	ELEVEN PLUS TWO " "	TWELVE PLUS ONE
And for the grand finale	MOTHER IN LAW " "	WOMAN HITLER

## Russell's Rustic Ramblings Round Rural Routes - or how did a Man go at Nanango

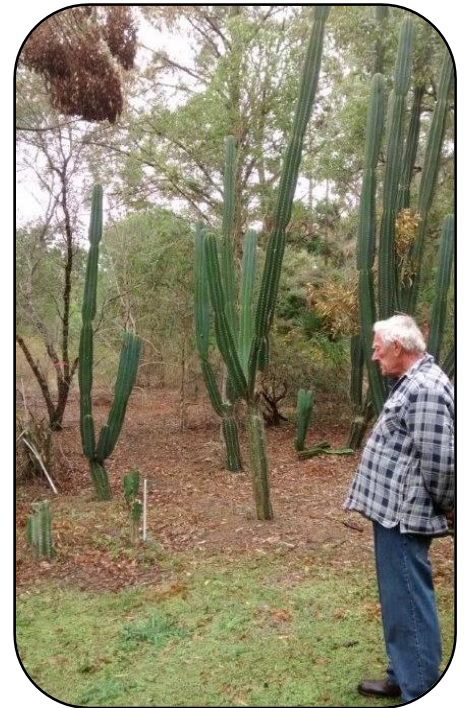
*In old age I must be mellowing towards my fellow man but I want to say at the outset, what a fine fellow is our Russell. Admittedly one could say he's a little verbose but what a good-natured, helpful bloke he is! We keep heaping sh\*t on the poor fellow and he just keeps bouncing back and going out of his way to help others. His beloved Vauxhall keeps needing bugs ironed out but does he commit harakiri? No he keeps on smiling and persevering. Ya gotta like the fella! (And Sue, don't take it so hard. As I said to Russ the other day, cruel as it is, all humour is at another's expense.)*

Anyway Russ has again excelled in finding "new" connecting back roads that took us through the most scenic routes and had us visiting interesting places - the Timber Museum, the Dairy Museum, The Dragon Fruit Farm, the pub, the school, etc. Why he even thought to provide some much-needed rain for the farmers - and some four-wheel drive roads for us. He also provided a hose at the end of the day to bring our prides and joy back from looking like they'd been to Landcruiser Park at Jimna!

### *At the Wondai Timber Museum*



The weather certainly wasn't kind to us but we were fortunate to have a huge undercover area to congregate for happy hour, fellowship, meals, etc. It had a dirt floor but a few windbreaks strung up and a few heat bead fires going made it quite comfy. The weather did finally win one day and we all went modern. Those of us who found the coffee lounge in the wilderness certainly enjoyed a relaxing hour or so - warm heaters, good coffee, great scones, lots of cream (of course I had to eat others' too - hate waste), and a congenial host.



### *Some Happy-Hour-ers*

On one other day, as I fought my way from puddle to puddle and performed hole-missing miracles, I couldn't help but think was Howard UP THERE shaking his head in dismay. He'd have piggybacked the Crossley rather than attempt some of our routes. The Lyons and we did get badly lost in our modern but it was our own fault. However, honestly, we struck the greasiest patch of road since St Lawrence forty years ago and very nearly put the Lyons' new Ford Territory sideways into the bank. The ABS was chattering like a monkey trying to keep us straight. Fortunately we were only doing about ten K's an hour or we could easily have plunged over the opposite edge. So much for not following the instructions! Mind you I did hear that Russell while navigating his own rally wasn't sure he wasn't lost!!

Russell's instructions certainly are improving. However we do still have to work on him a little. While we now have him knowing that he must specify a left or right at a "T", he hasn't yet realised that even poor blind Freddie can't get lost getting to a "T" ten K's down the road! He still wants to advise of each ants' nest, goanna and black stump we pass along the way. Even on paper we can't stop the b\*\*\*\*\*r talking. But hey, there I go ribbing him again. I think he did a great job. His rally was well-attended and we all had a great time. Well done, Russ. Keep it up! You'll be a polished Rally Director yet - and I look forward to our next adventure with you.

**Kevin Brooks.**

## Some Coming Events

*[Invitation Events are shown with an asterisk]*

**\*3-6 October [long week-end].** The Maryborough District Antique Motor Club Inc. is hosting their 2014 "**Custodian Rally**" over the October Long Weekend with an optional extra run on the Friday. **The closing date has been extended until 23 September.** For further information or assistance with accommodation contact Ken Ashford ([kenashford@hotmail.com](mailto:kenashford@hotmail.com)) ph 41 222 111 or 0419 75 4492

**\*QVVA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations during November 2014.** Rally Headquarters, VCCA(Q) Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale.

**2 November: Kankanya, Reunion and High Tea.**

**22 November President's G20 Get-away day.**

Evening: Catered Evening Meal.

**23 November Spit and Polish.** Travelling north; display & lunch at Woodford Golf Course.

**29 November Fish & Chip Fantasy.** Manly

**30 November Farewell Morning Tea, local rally and lunch.**

Further information, Registration Form etc available from QHMC Website, [www.qhmc.org.au](http://www.qhmc.org.au); or queries to Clint/Linda Frater, 0433 414 233

**3-7 December Bundaberg / Mon Repos Rally.** See separate detailed information this issue.

**20 December. Club Christmas Party - At the Clubrooms.**



## National Veteran Tours

**2015 Organized by VVCCA (ACT) will be held in Goulburn, NSW from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** Entry Form included in this issue.

**2016 October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 4<sup>th</sup>.** A Hub Rally, centred on Hobart. Rally Director is Ken Hall; Ph. 62 659 017; 0409 973 112.

**2017 South Australia**

**2018 N.S.W.**

**2019 Queensland**

# Mon Repos

Well, we have had fun over the last few days...with the help of John and Pam Handley, Chris Sorensen and Kevin and Joyce Brooke planning and discussing the Bundaberg Rally!

So we can all be comfortably together, have ample amenities and the Pacific Ocean as a back drop, we are going to base the rally from the private Turtle Sands Caravan Park, Mon Repos beach. The start and finish each day will be from the beach car park at the caravan park entrance. If you would prefer cabin/motel/hotel/apartment accommodation - Bargara is nearby and has a good selection. Some people are already planning to come earlier and stay a day or so longer.

The draft itinerary looks like this:

## Wednesday 3rd December 2014

Arrive  
Oil & Polish cars!  
Meet and greet  
1600 (optional) local drive to Bargara area, familiarisation fuel/bakery/supplies etc (10km return)

## Thursday 4th December 2014

0900 Departure (70 km return)  
Mystery encounter smoko (Byo mugs/chair)  
Bundaberg Rum Distillery (tour optional)  
Byo lunch in the Park  
1400 back Mon Repos  
1630 Depart for Bundaberg CBD (32km return)  
"Pageant of the Lights" annual city parade through CBD. Cars will need some form of lighting for the parade and return to Mon Repos.  
Return by quiet back roads via Riverside Fish & Chips cafe.

## Friday 5th December 2014

0900 Departure (maximum 100km return)  
Byo morning tea  
Byo lunch or kiosk  
1600 back to Mon Repos  
Veteran Car outdoor Drive-in Cinema (Terry and Regie's place at Mon Repos..1km return!)  
1830 meal provided (Byo cutlery/plate/chair)  
1930 film begins

## Saturday 6th December 2014

0900 Departure (maximum 100km return) John Handley's magical yesteryear tour "something old ..something bold"  
1000 depart Quay St, joined by Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club  
Byo morning tea  
Lunch provided by John and Pam at Oakwood  
1600 Back Mon Repos

## Sunday 7th December 2014

0900 Departure (maximum 70km return)  
0915 "Steam the Steamer" - Chris and Jenny Sorensen  
A steaming we all will go! Vehicles on public display Byo smoko or kiosk  
1400 BBQ lunch provided by Chris and Jenny, Burnett Heads (Byo cutlery/plate/chair)  
1530 Back Mon Repos  
Farewell Sundowner at Turtle Sands

**Accommodation:** The event will be based from the Turtle Sands Caravan park at Mon Repos, ([www.turtlesands.com.au](http://www.turtlesands.com.au)). The caravan park also has 5 self contained cabins. For a caravan site, we have reserved 15, so let me know by 5th Nov if you need one. The owner is doing us a special deal: Cost per powered site: \$35 per night for under 4 nights, \$30 per night for 4 nights and over, \$185 per week.

**Cabins:** For a cabin definitely book it as early as possible with Tracy [bookings@turtlesands.com.au](mailto:bookings@turtlesands.com.au) \$75 per night for 2 people and \$8 per night for an additional Person, units currently accommodate 3 people with a double bed and a single bed. They are self contained with their own ensuite, mini fridge, TV, cooking equipment etc. They do not supply linen so we ask that you bring your own towels, sheets etc.

Both Bargara (5km) and Bundaberg (14km) offer other possibilities, <http://www.bundabergregion.org/destinations/bargara/accommodation/>

If required, veteran cars and trailers can be safely left on our property.  
Until 25 October, contact Kevin/Joyce Brooks for further information. In early November we will start collecting names of those coming.

The following contribution was received from Alex Gow via Terry Lewis.



"Yesterday I was looking for a picture on the internet and stumbled upon this old sepia shot of the main street of Jacksonville, Florida in 1911. The cars are interesting.

In front on the left is a Buick "White Streak". The model was named after a successful white painted racing car that the company campaigned in 1908. Unfortunately white paint colour had only just been developed and was very unstable. In a remarkably short time the paint ran and the colour blemished so badly that this model Buick soon became known as the "grey streaky". It would be many years before anybody was bold enough to paint motor cars white again.



A restored Buick "White Streak"

Behind the Buick is a brand new Ford. Notice how the owner parked it with the wheels turned into the gutter. This held the car stationary while it was being crank started. The handbrake held the gears in neutral, but if the pawl on the brake handle was worn or not set correctly, the brake could disengage itself, automatically engaging high gear and running over the person doing the cranking.

Behind the Ford is a Northern which would have been at least 8 years old when the picture was taken. The wonky angle of the front left hand wheel suggests that the poor thing is well past its use by date.

The car on the right of the picture is a strange looking thing that I am having difficulty identifying. The only cars I know of that had 36" wheels were the Oldsmobile "Limited" and the American Underslung. This chassis is definitely not underslung so I will go for the Olds, although the back mudguards are slightly different

*My Old Northern*





**Entry Form**  
**2015 Shannons National All Veteran Tour**  
**Sunday 1 – Friday 6 November 2015**  
**Entries close 31 August 2015**

<b>Entrant/driver</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Contact numbers (ph)</b>	<b>(mob)</b>
<b>Email address</b>	

<b>Vehicle make, model and year</b>
<b>Body type</b>
<b>Registration number and expiry date</b>
<b>Name of Club (current membership)</b>

Entry is \$100 per vehicle (including 1 driver) plus \$50 for each passenger/co-driver

Entries received after 31 August 2015 will attract a late fee of \$30.

Meals and Presentation Dinner costs will be notified closer to the Tour date.

**Please sign the indemnity on page 2 of this entry form.**

<b>Entry fee (Vehicle and one driver only):</b>		<b>1 x \$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Passenger/co-driver 1 (name):</b>		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Passenger/co-driver 2 (name):</b>		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Passenger/co-driver 3 (name):</b>		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Total paid:</b>	<b>\$</b>

Payment should be sent with your completed entry form, with cheques payable to: **Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia (ACT)** to the address below.

Direct deposits are also available, please contact the Tour Secretary for details.

An entry form with your details will still be required.

Please send signed (below) and completed entry form and payment to:

**Roger Gottlob, Tour Secretary**  
**GPO Box 2349**  
**CANBERRA ACT 2601**

Should you have any queries about your entry, please contact Roger Gottlob on  
**(ah) 02 6241 3169, (m) 0418 962 312** or **canberrarally2015@gmail.com**

**Indemnity and signature (must be completed by all rally entrants on behalf of themselves and their passengers)**

In consideration of the acceptance of this my/our entry, I/we agree that the organising committee or its associated organisations will in no way be responsible for any damage to a participating vehicle, its parts, accessories or occupants personal effects, or for any damage caused by any such participating vehicle. Any entrant or participant by entering, driving or being driven in this event, shall therefore waive the right of action at law against the committee, its associated organisations, and their responsible agents.

**Registration and Insurance papers must be produced for sighting at the time of check-in at the Tour.**

**Signed (entrant):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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**Tour headquarters:** The Tour will be headquartered at the Goulburn Workers Arena on the Corner of Finlay and Hume Streets Goulburn and daily events will start from this location.

**Schedule of Tour activities:** the Tour will start with a short run on the afternoon of Sunday 1 November 2015 and finish with the Official Presentation Dinner on Friday 6 November 2015. There will be a gaslight parade on one evening during the week. Period dress for this parade would be really appreciated.

**Accommodation:** Entrants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. There is a good selection of accommodation near the Tour headquarters and entrants are encouraged to contact the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre on: **1800 353 646; info@igoulburn.com; or www.igoulburn.com** for advice.

**Withdrawals/refunds:** Tour withdrawals notified by 31 August 2015 will be refunded in full. Withdrawals after this date will be considered by the Tour Committee on a case-by-case basis after the Tour has been finalised.

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*Rally Officials use only*

<i>Received:</i>	<i>Receipt #:</i>	<i>Entrant#:</i>
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## ***A little bit of...HUMOUR*** ☺ ☺ ☺

A Scotsman phones his dentist to inquire about the cost for a tooth extraction.

"£85 for an extraction, Sir" the dentist replied.

"£85!!! Huv ye no' got anythin' cheaper?"

"That's the normal charge," said the Dentist.

"Wit about if ye didnae use any anaesthetic?"

"That's unusual, sir, but I could do it and knock £15 off."

"Whit about if ye used one of your dentist trainees and still without an anaesthetic?"

"I can't guarantee their professionalism and it'll be painful, but the price could drop to £40"

"How about if ye make it a trainin' session, ave yer student do the extraction, with the other students watchin' and learnin'?"

"It'll be good for the students", mull'd the Dentist.

"I'll charge you £5, but it's going to be very traumatic."

"Och, now yer talkin' laddie! It's a deal," said the Scotsman."

"Can ye confirm an appointment for the wife next Tuesday then?"

