

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

JUNE 2018



*Veteran Vehicles being admired at the
Goomeri Pumpkin Festival.*

[photo : courtesy Greg Hill]

Watch for a bumper coverage of this Tour in the July issue.



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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 8.00 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

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

The Club website is: : www.vccaq.com

Membership fees for 2017/18 are:

Full Membership (single):	\$ 62	Joint Membership	\$.68
Country Membership (single):	\$ 50	Joint Membership:	\$ 55
Associate Membership	\$ 50		

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$7 FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING A MAILED COPY.

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

Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001, giving details of your name.

Or By Cheque, made payable to Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc.
(Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.)

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

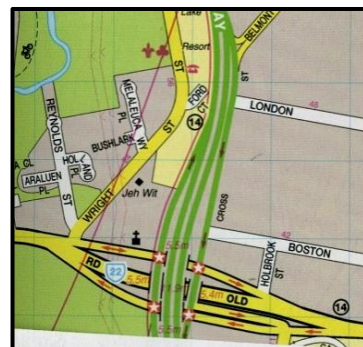
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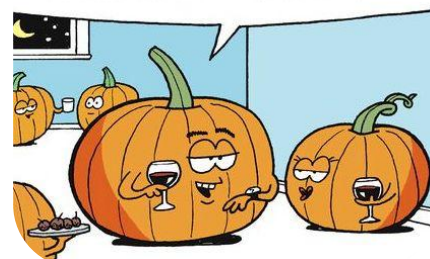
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I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET A KID IN
A PUMPKIN PATCH BUT I'LL STAY
HERE WITH YOU INSTEAD...



President's Report

As I write this we are on the North Burnett rally with 7 other veterans in the town of Monto. The others are sitting around an open fire enjoying happy hour as the temperature is dropping rapidly here. Tomorrow we will drive to Cania Gorge for a walk around a couple of the natural features then up to the lookout for some spectacular views. We have already explored what Mt Perry has to offer with some lovely veteran roads leading to a disused railway tunnel now inhabited with Bentwing bats. They didn't appreciate our driving through their home. We will meet up with the South Burnett group on Friday which will end with the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival on Sunday.

On the home front I am very pleased to announce that we have a Rally Committee which will have its first meeting after the General Meeting on Monday. Volunteering for the positions are Syd Norman, Irene Donges, Phil Fletcher and James Brennan. This will add a new dimension to the management team and bring a good breadth of experience and some youthful enthusiasm. to the team.

The Finance sub-Committee met during the month to review the finances leading up to the end of financial year. We will report a small surplus in both business entities but as was predicted last year, the Club has continued to trade at a loss and will finish the year needing an injection from accumulated funds. When the subs were increased last year the prediction was that we would need an increase of around \$5.00 this year which is being proposed. This should put us in a reasonable position for next year.

My final thought for this month is along the lines of a weekly, fortnightly or monthly mid-week gathering at the clubrooms as a social / working activity. I am not talking full on working bee but more of a social activity where members, both male and female, can meet to discuss all manner of craft, restoration or other topics and may be fix the odd breakage or do a bit of pruning in the gardens etc. If this meeting was planned for a regular day and time, people can just drop in and do a bit of work, discussion etc., come together for morning tea then continue until heading off before lunch. Let's have a discussion at the meeting and see what comes of the idea.

Happy motoring

Peter Arnold

It is very sad to hear that our member and good friend, Karen Pocock passed away in the early hours yesterday (Thursday). Karen has struggled with ill health for some time but this has still come as a shock to all. Karen and Gavin have rallied their Model T's extensively with the Veterans and Model T Club for many years and Karen always looked the lady, in the back seat of her town car. Our thoughts are with Gavin and her family on this very sad occasion

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Due to the shortage of time between our Tours and the General Meeting, Members who usually receive a hard copy of the magazine will not do so this month – Even an Editor deserves a holiday / Rally from time to time!

I want to thank all those members who have already sent me photos from both the Northern and Southern Tours, many of which will appear in next month's magazine [with due acknowledgement.]

A special thank-you to Phil who gave us a wonderful "Goomeri Pumpkin Festival" Tour, and we all had a lot of laughs along the way. His directions were spot-on; the only occasions where we missed a road were because we were talking and not paying attention.

Carol R.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE RACQ

On May 31 1905, 12 of Brisbane's pioneer drivers met to discuss forming a group to champion the rights of motorists. This marked the beginning of the Automobile Club of Queensland, 113 years ago.

Consisting of doctors, engineers and merchants, the pioneer drivers gradually increased in number to form the 18 founding members of The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland.

The Club's first President, Dr George Hopkins, was a world renowned surgeon, and Treasurer and Secretary Dr Archibald Brockway was an accomplished author and poet.

At a time when few women drove and the Automobile Club of Victoria did not accept female members, Dr Lillian Cooper, Queensland's first registered female doctor, was also a prominent foundation figure.

The founders were:

William G. Billington; Dr Archibald B Brockway; Archibald Carmichael; P Clarke; Dr Lillian V Cooper; Thomas Coupland Alexander B Elmslie; Dr Henry C Garde; Nils P Gustavson; Dr David Hardie; Dr Claude S Hawkes; Dr G. Herbert Hopkins; Dr Aeneas J MacDonnell; Hon. Dr Charles F Marks MLC; Dr Victor R Ratten; William J Tarrant; Walter M Trevethan; James Wilson.

Why the club was formed

It took Australians a while to accept cars as a mainstream form of transport because they were seen as a danger to more conventional horse-drawn vehicles when introduced in the early 1900s. With less than 50 cars in Queensland and few quality roads to drive on, motorists were a minority.

Much of the RACQ's early activity was devoted to influencing legislation aimed at restricting speed limits and travel around Brisbane. One of the first letters drafted by the club involved a request to police to stop gangs of youths throwing stones at passing cars.

The youths enjoyed a degree of public support, as increasing numbers of 'horseless carriages' threatened traditional transport businesses and damaged Brisbane's already sub-par road network.

1905 -1920.

The early years of the Club were notable for helping the motor vehicle become an accepted part of day-to-day life in Queensland. Of the 18 foundation members, 10 were medical practitioners of some kind. The use of vehicles to transport patients helped shine a more positive light on cars.

Day trips to nearby towns proved a popular club activity, and the lack of road signs resulted in the members producing and erecting 100 directional signs to help motorists on their journeys. This important initiative gave birth to drive tourism in Queensland, which today is a multi-billion dollar industry, and the club's first travel service was created in 1918.



An early veteran gathering.

[The above information largely obtained from the [RACQ Website](#)]

Webmaster's Report

The Vauxhall A – D Register has a web site that deserves your attention. It's a pleasure to visit, combining interesting articles and stories, excellent photographs and more, all relating to the A, D and OD (23-60) Vauxhalls. You'll find the link on the lower left side of our Links page. Go direct – click [HERE](#). You'll see some familiar cars.

The value of our Services page (go to the [Good Stuff](#) page to find it) is being gradually enhanced. We've had it for several years and now you can also directories maintained by the [QVVA](#) and the [RROC \(NSW\)](#).

Recently I visited the York Motor Museum in Western Australia and bumped into Ross Ainsworth, now a York resident. Not many years ago it had the pall of death about it but nowadays it's been completely revitalised courtesy of a new curator, a group of local enthusiasts and a nice government grant to kick things along. If you're in WA it's well worth a trip out to this very historic town.

Peter Ransom

**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Forty Ninth General Meeting of the
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale
Monday 7th May 2018**

Welcome: President Peter Arnold opened the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for attending. Peter welcomed John Handley from Bundaberg. Very nice to see John & son Peter.

Attendance: 39 Members as per attendance book

Apologies: Neal & Jan Sims, Peter & Jennie Ransom, David Hackshall, Michael Hackshall, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Kevin & Joyce Brooks, Trevor & Janette Farnell, Wayne Aberdeen, Margaret Thompson, John & Alison Day, Len & Rosemary Kennedy, Graham & Dulcie Wilkinson, Iris Anderson.

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of the April Meeting Minutes as published in the club newsletter, so will be taken as read. Rhonda Guthrie moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded Albert Budworth Carried

Business Arising. Nil

Correspondence: Inward:
Magazines from various Clubs

Outward: Nil

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Glynn Hackshall Carried

Treasurer Report: Hazel reported on the club accounts. Hazel reported that the committee had requested she request a discount from our electricity carrier, she has done this and for the next 12 months Hazel has arranged a 17% discount off our usage account. Hazel moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Irene Donges Carried

Events: 2018

17th - 25th May **North Burnett Rally** This event organized by Terry Lewis commences with 3 nights at Mt Perry then on to Monto, finally either Mundubbera/Eidsvold or Gayndah before heading to Yallakool Caravan Park to continue with the Goomeri rally - 12 days of glorious country rallying.

25th - 28th May **South Burnett Rally** This tour is being organized by Phil Fletcher, with assistance from Steve Forster and Glynn Hackshall. Entry forms are on the club web site Remember you need to book your accommodation. website is www.yallakoolpark.com.au email yallakool@southburnett.qld.gov.au Phone (07) 4168 4746. Address: Barambah Road, Moffatdale Q Contacts are Nicky or Ken Between both events there will be approx. 20 vehicles. These will be interesting events.

2nd - 3rd June **Old Petrie Town** On Saturday 4th June, and Sunday 5th June, Old Petrie Town, is hosting a Steam Fair, featuring traction engines, steam rollers, toys powered by steam, and vintage petrol engines, along with vintage tractors, cars, trucks, buses, markets and lots more. I'm sure some of the club members who live out that way will attend this fun day. **Plenty of area for the car trailers if members wish to trail their veteran to the Steam Fair.**

24th June Albert is organizing another **non car day**. Assemble Roma St Railway Station time TBA travelling by rail to Kippa-ring, bus to Redcliffe and enjoy lunch at the Redcliffe RSL.

5th July This will be the **100th Anniversary of when a 1912 Overland** was driven from Brisbane Town Hall to the Toowoomba Town Hall. This was accomplished in 2 hours 7 ½ minutes back in 1918 it was a distance of 85.5 miles the Driver being Mr. P.Z. Eager Mechanic Mr. W. G. Webb. I wonder how long it will take today. This vehicle is now owned by Graham Crittenden (a club member), he is planning on driving the same vehicle to Toowoomba on the 5th July 2018 departing from the Brisbane Treasury Building to the Toowoomba Post Office. If you would like to join him in

your veteran please contact Graham directly, his phone number is in the club register or contact Rhonda and she will give you his number. Denis Martin has a contact through the local Historical Society that may be able to assist Graham Crittenden with the organizing of this event.

15th July **RACQ** - As we have another rally in July we need YOU to attend this special public display day. By attending the RACQ day we are able to show off the history of the early motoring industry and show the public what cars were really like when first designed and built. The committee is hoping to have some "feather" flags to be displayed. To date we only have 4 club members attending.

11-22 July - **Sir James Blair - Re-Enactment Tour** through Central Queensland. This is planned to be a partial re-enactment of the first epic motor vehicle journey undertaken by a politician in Queensland. James (Jimmy) Blair, the Attorney General and Minister for Mines, undertook the journey in a 1905 20Hp Panhard Tourer in 1908, 110 years ago. Accompanying him were his Private Secretary, Mr. J D O'Hagan, Mr. A.D. Murphy, owner of Northampton Downs Station near Blackall, Mr. Leach a reporter for the Queenslander newspaper and the Canadian chauffeur mechanic, Charles Hall.

It is proposed on this trip to start in Cloncurry and back track their journey to Blackall then follow their path on to Brisbane. This journey will take us 12 days, including a lay day in Longreach, over comparatively very good roads.

4th August **Presentation Dinner** at the club rooms

18th August **Veteran & Vintage Swap Meet.** Saturday – club rooms – gentleman's hours 8am start.

14th -15th Oct **Bankfoot 150 Anniversary** John Day to Assist with the organization of this event

3rd - 4th Nov **London to Brighton** - short local run on the Sunday commencing from the club rooms, lunch has been arranged at the "Brighton Room" at the Redland Sporting Ground complex. Let's celebrate this event together.

15th December **Veteran Christmas Party**

2019 17 - 23 September National Veteran Tour. (Qld) Headquarters will be Bargara Caravan Park. Expressions of Interest and Bulletin No. 1 now out. Check club website – Have you booked your accommodation ?????

2020 1st – 7th April National Veteran Rally, 1 & 2 Cylinder, Charleville Queensland. The committee for this event have recently visited the area and found the local people very excited about the prospect of a National Event out their way.

Other Club Invitation Events 2018

25-27 May VCCA NSW. Invitation Rally for 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Cars and Bikes, Yamba.: Entry forms on the club website, or (E:) rodruthholmes@gmail.com (P) 02 6657 2765 (M) 0427 572 765

23 – 29 Sept. National Veteran Tour, Forbes, NSW (organised by Newcastle Branch)

2019 2nd March Tenants 25th Anniversary Lunch. (Clubrooms)

2019 30 Aug - 6 Sept. Horseless Carriage Car Club of America (HCCA) S-E Australia Region International Tour in Bathurst, See Club Website.

After this event and for those who are planning on attending the Bargara National Event, Russell Holden is planning a tour travelling to Bargara Qld. Russell is organizing the run from Bathurst to Goondiwindi, and John Hanley is planning the tour from Goondiwindi to Bargara. This will be for Overseas visitors and fellow country members who wish to travel to Queensland for the National Rally and possibly the Model T National Rally as well.

2019 29 Sept. – 5 Oct. National Model T Ford Rally, Maryborough. Info pack: email MTOQ2019rally@hotmail.com

Library: Nil
QHMC: Nil
Web Master: Nil
Historian: Nil
SAG Report Nil

Dating: Ross Guthrie Reported that he has emailed out dating paperwork to club members but is **waiting** for them to be returned.

Editor Report: Carol mentioned that she may not be able to produce a printed version of Veteran Torque by the deadline next month as she and Alan are participating in the South Burnett Rally.

General Business:

Phil Fletcher reported on the Rally Plans for the South Burnett event. The members who have not booked their camping site need to do so ASAP.

Peter mentioned the club has been contacted by Motorway Transport Dept regarding the fence between the club property and the M1 Freeway. Apparently the Motorway Dept is planning on installing a Koala Fence. Peter and Glynn have requested a meeting with the engineer to check out a few things eg: the water that comes off the Motorway onto the club land making it very boggy in wet weather.

Peter reported that the Committee is planning to purchase 4 Feather Banners to be used whilst the club is on rallies as well as on display eg: RACQ Motorfest day in July.

Last month Dirk & Trudy Regter from the Netherland gave the club members a talk and showed videos of their journeys to date after the meeting (which we all found most interesting). They are driving their Model T around Australia fundraising for the charity "SOS Villages" around the world. They are due back in Brisbane at the end of July. The social committee would like to arrange an evening at the club rooms on the 22nd July before they depart for home. The committee has asked the Model T Register if they too would like to join with us on this social night. The plan is to charge a nominal fee for the dinner and after expenses the money will be given to Dirk & Trudy to put towards their charity. This will be a fun night, hopefully they will tell us some of the stories and happenings they experienced during their travels around Australia.

Peter also suggested next month we pass a container around during the meeting so club members have the opportunity to donate towards the SOS Village Charity, this too can be handed to Dirk & Trudy on 22nd July.

Alan Lyons reported that whenever he visited a certain store there is a 4x4 vehicle on "S" Plates with all the bells and whistles on it suitable to go bush. He / we understand this type of registration is not meant to be used every day. Yes he may be in a club and entitled to only pay for the concessional registration but used only on club events, that is our understanding.

Paul Blake suggested if he was concerned he should contact the police and report the offender. It is up to the police to fine the driver. Paul stated that the Transport Department monitors all classes of vehicles. At this stage there are not too many accidents with vehicles using "S" plates.

Graham Donges reported that the 1 & 2 Cyl Rally Committee have visited the Charleville area and have found lots to see and do. The various businesses we have approached are very happy to assist us with our planning. Graham asked if any club member would like to volunteer to assist with the marshalling and other odd jobs at the time of the rally you are very welcome. Please travel in your modern or vintage car NOT veteran unless it is a 1 & 2 Cyl we want as many as possible from the club members on this special rally.

Peter reminded us that he would like some members to volunteer to be part of the Events Committee. Peter envisages that the committee would only meet quarterly to assist with the planning of club rallies. Not necessarily to organize events but to make sure we don't have rallies that clash, and that we can participate in other club events if we so wish. Albert Budworth, Syd Norman, Irene Donges, Phil Fletcher, & Peter was going to ask Michael Hackshall if he would like to be part of this committee. Peter thanked these club members for donating their time to be part of this committee.

Peter also thanked all the club members who brought their clothes in to be swapped/sold it made for an interesting time. Not sure how much was sold but it certainly created a lot of interest.

Peter has a copy of the "Charter of Turin" this book has suggestions on restoration and dating of veteran vehicles. Peter will do a presentation on the book next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Rhonda Guthrie
Hon Secretary
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Peter Arnold
President
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc

Final Report on the Humberette's Demise in Tassie

Kevin Brooks

You may have read that the Humberette's ceasing to proceed in Tassie was due to the shearing off of crown wheel bolts as a result of strange jerking in the clutch. As I passed from one gear to another, the diff. would attempt to lock up but once in gear, all was well again. This strange behaviour in the clutch began during the Cobram rally and despite inspection, adjustment, etc, I could find no cause for it all. Subsequent driving in Tassie lead to the diff's demise.

I repaired the diff for \$9 and fitted new lining to the clutch but could find no reason for the initial jerking. Thank heavens I didn't get the Humberette off the hoist and start driving – and thank heavens for a hoist! While casting an eye, end to end, under the Humberette, I made a discovery!! When I tell you what I found, there are probably wise ones of you out there who are going to say it should have been obvious! Raspberries to you. Hind sight is marvellous.

The twin exhaust pipes join by one passing above the tail shaft, just behind the gearbox. What did I see – an exhaust pipe sitting on the tail shaft! The centre bracket bolt had disappeared, leaving the exhaust pipe sitting right on the rough welded front join section of the tail shaft. (Had it been a few centimetres back, sitting on the smooth shaft, all would have been temporarily well.) All was suddenly obvious. Under power, the shaft was able to bounce the rough weld past the tailpipe. In temporary neutral, it was attempting to "brake" the back wheels!

So there you have it. Given misery on one rally and put off the road in a National for another, all for the want of a bolt! You might say, "Didn't you hear anything?" No! Not even she who hears noises that aren't there – not there for me anyway – heard nothing. The machine-gun beat of a Humberette twin doesn't allow for small noises anyway!

Perhaps there's a lesson here. **Should your car have concurrent clutch and diff problems, look in the middle!**

Coming Events

You will find most of these listed in the Minutes of the meeting of 7th May, earlier in this issue.

Special Mention:

This week-end 2-3 June, **Old Petrie Town Steam Fair**. You may wish to join some club members on the Sunday –contact Bob B. for details.

24 June **VCCQ Concours**. Ormiston House, to which we are invited.

5th July. 100th **Anniversary of the occasion when a 1912 Overland was driven from Brisbane Town Hall to Toowoomba Town Hall**, lowering the record to 2hrs7½.mins. This vehicle had previously held the record up Mt Coot-tha in 1916-18. Graham Crittenden will re-create the trip in the same vehicle – "Old Whitey" departing Brisbane Treasury Building – Toowoomba PO, route yet to be finalised. [At this stage some Vintage Club Members are hoping to meet with him along the way, possibly at the Royal Mail Hotel, Goodna.]

4th August. **Presentation Dinner**. At Clubrooms. THEME: BLACK AND WHITE.