

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

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

# VETERAN TORQUE

**APRIL 2019**



*Graham and Irene Donges' 1907 Brush Model B Runabout,  
which had its first outing at the Clubrooms 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch*

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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 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

**The Clubrooms phone number is** (07) 3843 0010

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**Membership fees as from 1 July 2018 are:**

**Full Membership (single): \$ 67**

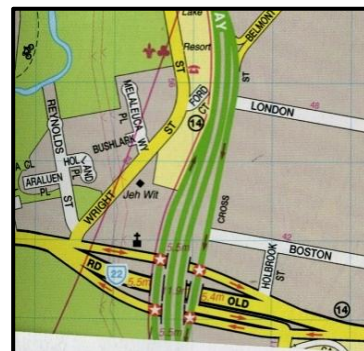
**Joint Membership \$ 74**

**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 \$10 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**

**(Hazel Burley) at the address below.**

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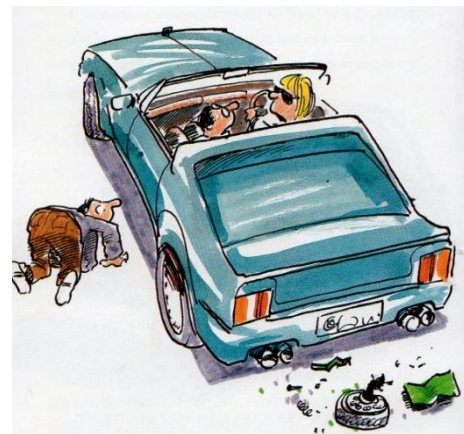
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*"I thought I heard a bump when we pulled up –  
you've run over the wretched chap's Beetle!"*

## *President's Report*

I am writing this from Victoria on the 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally part 2 (Tawonga) and what great rallies they have been. Queensland was well represented along with entrants from all eastern states. Bright again has proved to be a wonderful venue for this type of event and John Stanley has excelled in the presentation. Over the hill at Tawonga has also been a great rallying area with today's 200+ kilometre run over the high country in 4WD's a highlight.

Rhonda also gave us a great few days around her birth place of Temora with her family, the local club members and the aviation fraternity adding to the experience. Thanks to all for your contribution.

Back tracking a couple of weeks to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, All I can say is that it was a fantastic day. Everybody I spoke to on the day from all Clubs had nothing but positive comments and many suggested that we should do it more often. Thanks to Russell and his helpers at the working bees in the lead up to the event to get the grounds in tip top shape. Thanks also to Albert and his parking team for keeping order on the grounds with in excess of 100 vehicles on display and there was something for everyone to see no matter their taste in motors.

Hazel really carried the day with hours on the phone checking with Clubs and our members for numbers then ordering the food and consumables and preparing it on the day. The final thank you goes to you, our members who answered the call to attend and then all pitched in to serve the lunch to everybody on the grounds to make sure that all were fed. The best estimate of numbers, given the number of display cars and moderns parked in the church yard is around 300 people. Probably the most common comment from visiting club members was amazement at the number and variety of our Veteran cars. Great effort from everybody. Thank you.

At the last General Meeting the new Articles of Association were voted in so we now have to register them with the Department before they can take effect. Once that is done we need to update the Members' Manual and distribute to all members. Your Committee will also review the current By-Laws and have them printed in the manual as well. This process will take a bit of time, but I would hope to have them ready for distribution early in the second half of the year.

I am told that the changes to SIVS (Special Interest Vehicle Scheme) covering Impromptu Events has been approved by TMR and are up on their website. It is now up to the Committee to decide on the process we will introduce to comply.

The Annual Events Programme has been approved and will appear elsewhere in the newsletter. I think there is something there for everyone and those who want to be kept and on the road, you should also be satisfied.

The Entry Forms for Bargara are out this month and I'm told that we already have 26 paid up entries. That is a good start and I had better get mine in soon. Terry and Co are doing a great job and are certainly keeping us well informed with newsletters. I am told that Entry Forms for Charleville will also be hitting the ground soon. Watch out for them.

Back here in Victoria, we are all preparing to start the journey home after most of the cars have performed well. Steve and Lauren's Maxwell has had issues with the transmission bands but overall they have been happy with it for its first outing. David and Helen Revell had problems with ignition on the Alldays but it finished the rally and our Buick after repairing the points ran beautifully but then decided to stop oiling the rear main so we have had a couple of days in moderns.

We will be back for the next meeting so in the meantime Happy Motoring

Peter Arnold

### On the Bright Rally

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*Two notices from Peter in the south.*

#### APRIL RALLY TO CROWS NEST

**The rally proposed for Crows Nest from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April will have to be postponed. I spoke to Phil Fletcher who is organising the event and unfortunately he is in hospital at the moment and likely to be having surgery during the next week which will put him out of action for a while. Although the planning is well advanced it will be better to postpone it till later in the year, The Rally Committee can look at reprogramming it at their next meeting.**

**Thank you and we wish Phil a speedy recovery.  
Peter Arnold**

#### GLASS BEVELLING

The following email has been passed on from QVVA regarding glass bevelling. I don't believe anyone has tested this supplier as yet so we can't vouch for the quality of work but it could be a handy contact.

*"To whom it may concern,  
I have spoken to Barry Shipway, concerning Glass bevelling of wind deflectors, and any other glass that requires a bevel, including rear view mirrors and the glass inserts for tourers.*

*I am a hand glass beveller, who can do the smaller pieces that can't be done by machine. I live in Regents Park, and work from home. Contact:- Ewen McIntosh - 0447 140 995 - please leave a message, and I will call you.  
Regards, Ewen"*

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*Roland and Dorothy Clark*

On March 12<sup>th</sup> we, along with Syd and Pauline, represented the Veteran Club at the service celebrating Roly's life. Roly and Dorothy were long-time members of the Veteran Club and were frequently seen motoring in "Hercule", their 1911 FN. Our thoughts go to Murray, Peter and Diana and their families.

Dorothy has recently had a spell in hospital, but is now recovering well, and back at home.

Alan and Carolyn.

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#### *The Donges' 1907 Model B Brush Runabout*

BEFORE, as it came in 6 or so years ago as a running unit



AFTER



Graham says:

*"My Brush is one of two running on the road, worldwide. There is one restored and on show in the Fountainhead Automobile Museum in Reno, Nevada. Two more are currently under restoration, one of which is in New Zealand. (Taken from Bob Lamond's International Catalogue of Brush Owners' Vehicles, 2016.) It is a 1907 Brush Model B Runabout. It was preceded by a very short production run of Model As that had a friction drive. My Brush is the early version of a B with the lighter transmission and differential. These were upgraded in the later version later in the same year"*

**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Fifty Eighth Meeting of the  
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.  
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**President** Peter Arnold welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance, Meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

We observed one minute of silence for Roland Clark who passed away a few days ago.

Gary & Kathy Day were presented with their club badges and books.

**Apologies:** Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, Kevin & Joyce Brooks, Neal & Jan Sims, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Bev Lollback, Trish Hanley, Lyn Jarick & Alan & Carolyn Robinson.

**Visitors:** Bob O'Connor

**Attendance:** 44

**Minutes of the February Meeting:** Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Hazel Burley moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Albert Budworth. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**Inward:**

Ross Vasta acceptance of our invitation to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Luncheon.  
Steve Minikin unfortunately not available, donated a hamper.  
Adrian Schrinner not available.  
Thankyou emails from Triumph Sports Owners and Vintage Car Club.  
Letter from Rosemount Vehicle Management.  
Email from Frank Cerutti.  
Various magazines.  
Accounts from CleanZone.  
Chq from Triumph club.  
Ormiston Swap flyer.

**Outward:**

Reply to Triumph Sports Owners Club

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

Hazel moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Paul Blake. Carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

Steve reported on the club accounts. Steve moved that the report be accepted, and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Syd Norman. Carried.

**Events:**

**2019**

9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> April	Crows Nest rally organized by Phil Fletcher.
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Ice Cream Night. BYO dinner.
3 <sup>rd</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> May	"Country to Coast", Biggenden/Howard. Terry & Regie Lewis.
1 <sup>st</sup> June	No Emission day to the Gold Coast. Meet Roma Street Station.
14 <sup>th</sup> July	RACQ Motorfest.
19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> July	Esk rally organized by Kevin Brooks.
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Fish & Chip lunch on the bay.
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Veteran Swap.

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Handover dinner at clubrooms.
17 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> September	National Veteran Rally, Bargara
24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	Landsborough Rally.
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> November	London to Brighton.
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Funkana at club rooms.
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party.

Peter thanked everyone who attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch, the aim was to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thank our tenants for their support during that time. Many emails have been received with glowing comments on the day, thanks to everyone for helping to make it such a success.

**Property Report:** Russell thanked all the club members that came to the many working bees, so much was achieved, and the results show. Cheryl Nott from QHMC commented on how good the grounds and gardens look. Russell and Ron Johnman have fixed the light in the front carpark and a new solar, motion sensor light has been installed at the front of the building.

**Dating Report:** Nil

**Library:** Nil

**QHMC:** Nil

**SAG Report:** Nothing to report.

**Web Master:** Nil

**Editor Report:** Nil

**General Business:** The Articles of Association was tabled last meeting and the changes were discussed. There was no further discussion about the changes.

**Motion: Steve Forster moved that the club adopt the Articles of Association as proposed. Seconded Trevor Farnell. In favour 42. Carried.**

Albert is going to Kingaroy and Wondai, with the RACQ foundation to work on farm vehicles for a week. There is 6 days work to be done in 5. All the supplies are bought locally to support the local shops. A photo book of their trip to Morvan on the table to peruse.

Bob Collett found a floorboard for an old car on the road outside on Saturday, will leave it in club rooms, hopefully it will find the owner.

The two Ford V8 heads that had been left at the front door have finally found a home with the Ford V8 club.

Syd mentioned that the Fiat 501 is 100 years old this year.

Joe Jarick is looking for a leather worker to make dust excluders for his De Dion.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm pm.

Hazel Burley.....

Secretary  
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

Peter Arnold.....

President  
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

## *Events Programme*

April: The Rally to Crows Nest that was organised by Phil Fletcher for early April has been postponed until later in the year due to his ill-health.

May  
3-11      **"Country to the Coast"** Biggenden/Howard. Terry Lewis, 0404 647 359 / Ken Wells  
18      **Boules** (by invitation from the Vintage Club) – 10.30am. Tullamore Park, followed by lunch on the veranda at the Dayboro Pub.

June  
1      **No Emissions Day** (Gold Coast). Leave from Roma St. Organized by Albert Budworth & Steve Forster

July  
6-7      **Petrie Steamfest.** Organized by Bob Burley  
14      **Motorfest.** Albert  
19-21      **Esk Weekend** Kevin Brooks  
28      **Fish & Chips by the Sea** Albert

August  
11      **GreazFest** (Cleveland Showground) Organized by James Brennan  
17      **Veteran Swap** At the Clubrooms

September  
30 Aug-6 Sept      **Bathurst**  
7      **Handover Dinner**  
7-14.      **Bathurst to Bargara** Organised by John Handley ([john-handley@hotmail.com](mailto:john-handley@hotmail.com))  
17- 23      **National Veteran Rally Bargara**

October  
29 Sept – 5 Oct.      **National Model T Ford Rally** Maryborough  
24-27      **Glasshouse Mountains re-run** Organised by John Day

November  
3      **"London to Brighton"**  
26-17      **Funkhana and Party Night** Albert & Co.

December      **Christmas Party**

## *Other Clubs / Invitation Events*

19-21 April      QMC North Queensland Rally, Mackay ([mackayvmc@gmail.com](mailto:mackayvmc@gmail.com))  
28 April      VVCAA Qld Static Car Display, Qld Transport Museum Lake Apex Drive, Gatton.  
Display cars from 10am. Contact Michael Ferguson Ph. 0407 759 634  
11-12 May      RVAD Dalby "Cecil & Planes". Entries close 5 May Contact [walnbev@bigpond.net.au](mailto:walnbev@bigpond.net.au)  
19 May      National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Ipswich UBD 213 Q15  
22 September      All British Day - Tennyson

## *National / International Rallies*

2019 –  
22-26 April. National Brush Rally, Goolwa, SA

18-20 Oct.      NZ National Veteran Rally, Timaru. Register interest with Alistair and Nola Day:  
([nola.day@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nola.day@xtra.co.nz)) Entry forms out June.

2020.  
28 March-3 April. AHMF. National Motoring Festival. Albury-Wodonga. Open to all historic vehicles. Based at Albury Sailors Soldiers & Airmen's Club.  
1-7 April      National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally. Charleville. Newsletter #3 now available on the Club website.

11-17 Oct.      National Veteran Rally, Swan Hill.

2021.      If you want to venture across "The Ditch"

Vero Int. Festival of Historic Motoring (website [www.historicmotoring.co.nz](http://www.historicmotoring.co.nz), where you can register your interest).

# The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tenants' Luncheon at the Clubrooms

## *The Formalities*



*Ross Vasta, the Federal Member for Bonner, speaks*



*Life Member Phil Fletcher, cuts the cake and gives his thoughts*





## *The Food*



## *The Cars*









## *A Poorman's Choice*

[Text and photos : Alan R.]



### Triumph Stag

My dream car – until I bought one,  
which turned out to be a nightmare.



### Austin 7

Cute and cheeky – but !



### Rolls-Royce

British craftsmanship – beautiful car, but not for  
the peasants



### Maxwell

American ingenuity – nice  
example



### MG – Y-Type

I used to drool over these in the Hobart agency in 1948.  
Too dear then. I now own one and really like it.



### Wolseley Siddeley

A very nice Veteran –  
Travels well.

## *Expressions of Interest Sought*

Due to a thing called AGE I am asking for the above – reluctantly – for some of my Toys.

1. 1949 MG Y-TYPE SEDAN. Reg. 321 LUO. Reasonable appearance; good interior. Drives well. Owner's manual. Jackall systems not working. Would benefit from a few twiddles. Selling unregistered – priced accordingly. Current insurance value \$19,696.



2. 1951 MG TD. Ex Brian Darke. Full history, books etc. Good condition, paint, trim and hood etc. Personal plate TMG 51, buyer to arrange transfer if required otherwise will sell unregistered. Current insurance value \$29,547.



3. Very reluctantly:  
1926 HUMBER 9/20 ROADSTER. Left factory 29.10.26. Purchased in 1965 from first owner, needing full restoration. Condition generally good but unused for some time. Spare engine, gearbox, radiator, diff. etc. Club Plate VIN 1551. Current insurance value \$14,971. Asking \$16,500 for the package.



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### From the Editor

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## Poetry Corner

### My Man's Best Friend is his Car. (source and author unknown)

It gives me little pleasure  
To tell this tale of woe  
But what can happen with a hobby  
Unsuspecting wives should know

My husband's ruling passion  
Is undoubtedly his car  
The time he spends with it exceeds  
That spent with me by far

It is washed and polished frequently  
With tender loving care  
And a day it's not inspected  
Is exceptionally rare.

If the bodywork were vandalised  
He would go into a faint.  
I have told him that all that polishing  
Will wear away the paint.

He never drives it in the rain.  
To keep it pristine is a must  
He'd go absolutely manic  
If he found a sign of rust.

His latest car's an Alvis,  
With a top you can remove.  
It's designed for wealthy poseurs.  
Don't know what he's trying to prove.

The body's sleek with gorgeous curves  
And sexy as can be.  
I know it is immodest, but  
The description could be me.

It waits just like an animal  
For the power to be unleashed  
The twin exhaust pipes snarl and growl  
Just like a raging beast.

He always has the hood down,  
If it rains we both get wet  
Which ruins my mascara  
And spoils my rinse and set

This is his status symbol.  
He treats it like it's sacred.  
I'm sure he wouldn't notice me  
If I served his meals stark naked!

Once at a show he went berserk  
When I on the bonnet leant.  
You wouldn't believe the fuss he made,  
It was just a little dent.

I was determined to attract him,  
Now the thought just makes me boil,  
I put my see-through nightie on  
But he's gone to change the oil.

My advice to all long-suffering wives,  
Don't ask him for to choose  
If he loves his car or you the most  
I'll tell you now.....you'll lose.

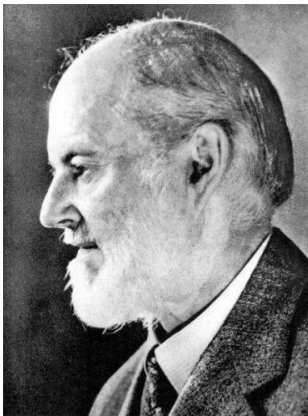
I've decided not to fight it.  
He's just a hopeless case.  
I've given up the battle  
And accepted second place.

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## On This Day - April 1,

**1903.** The Polish Count Eliot Zborowski, father of the creator of the 'Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang' cars, became the first competitor to be killed during a hillclimb, when he crashed his Mercedes at Le Turbie., near Nice, France. The event was abandoned and the course subsequently shortened to less than half its former length.

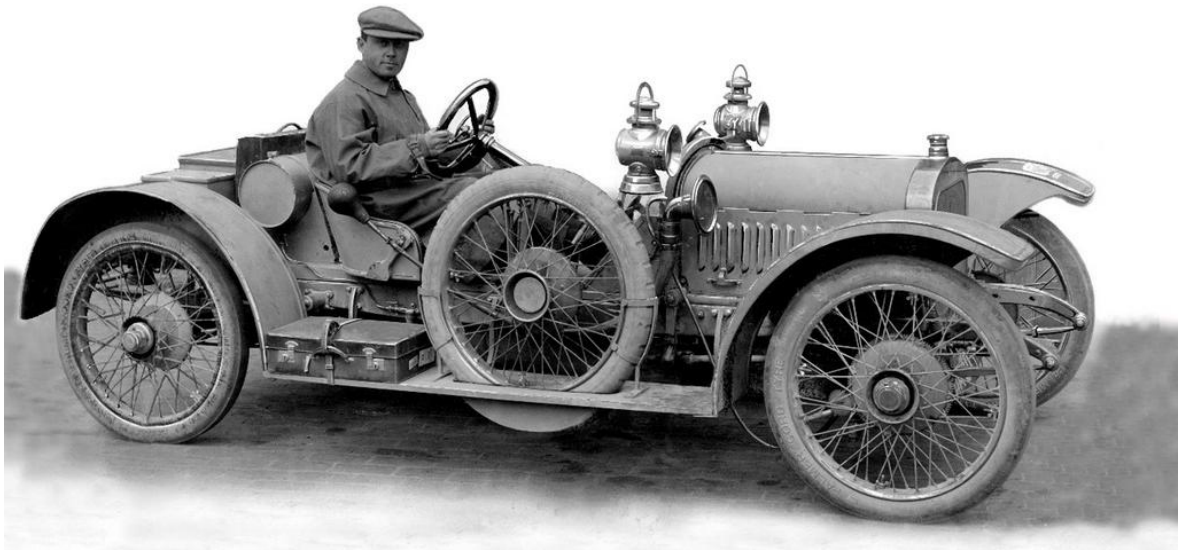
**1904**



Henry Royce's Manchester engineering company produced its first motor car, a 10 hp 2 cylinder model, which was driven from the factory to Royce's home and back, a distance of some 15 miles. Subsequently, all reports relating to this event referred to 31st March as being the date, to prevent any chance of it becoming associated with April Fool's Day.

Henry Royce





## ***A little bit of.. HUMOUR***

{Thanks to Penny Stanbridge for sending the following}

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. *"I'll have the rump steak, rare please"*, I answered. The waiter said: *Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"*. *"Nah, she can order for herself"* was my reply.

AND THAT'S WHEN THE FIGHT STARTED

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at an inebriated man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her *"Do you know him?"* "Yes" she sighed, *"He's my old boyfriend, I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he has hardly been sober since."*

"Gracious", I said, *"Who'd think a person could go on celebrating that long?"*

AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED

