

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

APRIL 2021



*The Ausburn's Phoenix heads the line-up of
Veterans on the Scenic Rim Rally*

[Photo supplied by Greg Hill]

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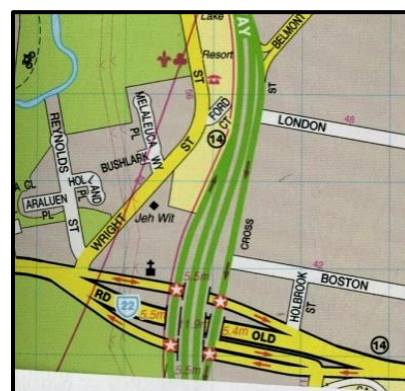
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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5). Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Clubrooms phone number is (07) 3843 0010
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Current Membership fees are:

Full Membership (single):	\$ 70	Joint Membership	\$ 77
Country Membership (single):	\$ 53	Joint Membership:	\$ 58
Associate Membership	\$ 53		



There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$10 FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING A MAILED OUT COPY.

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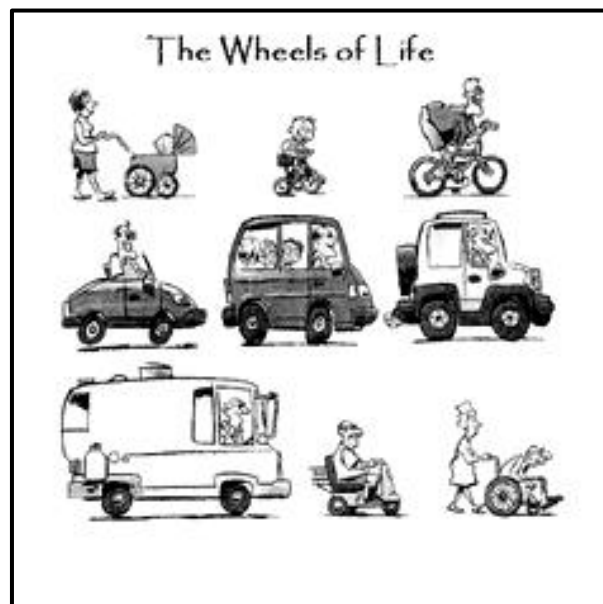
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President's Report for April

March heralds the first rally of the year to the Scenic Rim. Phil has spent many hours planning our visit to the sights around Boonah and with over thirty entries we were going to have a good time.

Day 2 led to the "informal commemoration of the 1954 Run from Kalbar to Boonah that preceded the formation of the Veteran Car Club of Queensland" While it wasn't quite the Grand Prix the 1912 Waverley formerly belonging to Tim Osbourne currently owned and operated by Terry and Régie Lewis came in first! Congratulations on re enacting such a significant historical event for our club and I for one am grateful that our history as a club has led us to this point. We are still enjoying these fantastic vehicles some 67 years later.



The wonderful food served for the Rally dinner was overshadowed by the exciting performance that followed. To those involved in the secret production you are to be congratulated on your entertaining abilities. A night to remember. Stuart Cornford's grand daughter/navigator Kaite deserves a mention for celebrating her 12th birthday with the club and sharing her birthday cake with us all.

Rob and I were thankful to attend with our 1916 Dodge Brothers making her debut and with a new hood to honour the occasion. Many thanks to Noel Adams for getting the hood completed under considerable time constraints (being less than a week) and not without complication (the fabric taking longer to arrive). He did a remarkable job. It was worth the effort and has given the Dodge a new lease on life, and I must say was delightful during the rally to have that hood!

Our March club meeting saw the return of Zoom with two attendees via computer being John Handley and Graham Crittenden. We are getting the hang of things now and hope to have more participation next meeting. John Day gave us some early history on the Ford Motor Company and showed off his new timber steering wheel along with his Dodge Brothers brass spider. Janette Farnell displayed the incredible workmanship of the quilt she made to raffle for the Charleville Rally. Rob was happy to report the registration of the Dodge earlier that day and Zac Charlton is preparing his Grandmother's 1904 Clement Bayard for the Charleville rally. I'm sure Iris will be very proud of his efforts.

The Charleville rally is less than a month away and preparations are in overdrive. Our rally committee have the finish line in their sights and there's no stopping them now. We are looking forward to a sensational rally.

Happy Motoring

Sally



*Welcome to your
Outback Adventure
Charleville Western Queensland*

**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Seventy Fifth Meeting
Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road,
Carindale
Monday 1st March 2021**

President - Sally York, welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies: Alan & Carol Robinson, Lauren Forster, Diane Hackshall, David Hackshall, Graham & Dulcie Wilkinson, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Syd & Pauline Norman, Bill & Karen Ryan, David Straughan, Frank & Kathy Muggerridge, Graham & Irene Donges, Alan & Raema Carpenter

Visitors: New Club Members Louisa Massey & Timothy Becker

Attendance: 37 As per the Attendance Book

Zoom Attendance: John Handley & Graham Crittenden

Minutes of the March Meeting: Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Rhonda moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded by Albert Budworth. All agreed

Business Arising: National Rally to be held in Busselton WA dates are 23-28th October 2022

Correspondence:

Inward: Letter from the Governor regarding Charleville – unfortunately he is unable to attend.
Various newsletters

Emails: Inward Austin Healey Club booking for November
Request for registration Richard Payne, Steve Hunt, Rob York

Outward: Letter re registration Richard Payne, Steve Hunt, Rob York
Welcome letters to Steve & Marcelien Hunt & Louisa Massey & Timothy Becker
Letter of congratulations to Hamish Mc Donald regarding his award from the Governor General, shown in the March Veteran Torque.

Sympathy card to Graham & Irene Donges on the death of Graham's Mum aged 100

Emails outward: Austin Healey confirming the club booking for November

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Trevor Farnell carried. All Agreed

Treasurer Report: Steve reported on the club accounts. Steve moved that the report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Peter Arnold All Agreed

Events: Phil Fletcher spoke about the Scenic Rim Rally he is organising 5 – 7th March
Phil reported that there are 34 families attending. Saturday night dinner at the Kalbar Hotel – there will be a period Costume parade after dinner for entertainment.

Property: Glynn Hackshall reported that there are no tenants in the house at the moment. Quite a few interested but as yet no one has signed on the dotted line.

Dating: Ross, said that the committee had received the dating forms for a 1916 Buick owned by Bob & Diane Carruthers, all the committee requires now are photos of the engine number, we have photos of the car in general.

Editor: Unfortunately Carol was not able to attend the meeting but wished to remind the members that all relevant reports necessary to go into the April Veteran Torque she will require the information by Tuesday 16th March.

Website/Security: Russell reported that the events section is back on the club website. Russell is happy to make all necessary changes to the web site. The security system is working as it should and access is now available remotely.

Q.H.M.C. Albert reported that the QHMC committee is working smoothly, there are now 97 clubs in Queensland associated with the QHMC

Albert reminded us that the 16th May is the Australian Motoring Heritage Day. In the past the QHMC have organised an Open Display day in Ipswich but unfortunately this can no longer happen due covid 19 and the numbers of people who would attend.

For those who wish to use their veterans the David Hack Open Display Day at the Toowoomba Airport is on the 16th May if anyone would like to attend.

Social: Albert reported we had 70 folks for breakfast. This is a great way to start the year.

General Business: Albert mentioned that the Bayside Club had visited an Automotive Craftman aluminium day at Archerfield recently. They open their workshop for visitors on a Saturday only taking 30 people at a time. The folks who attended found it very interesting. President Sally asked for a show of hands if anyone would be interested in attending one of these mornings. There were quite a few club members interested in visiting this business so a suitable day will be looked into.

John Day spoke on his Model T that had been on the road for over 30 years, the past 12 months he has been doing some maintenance on the Ford. John brought along his steering wheel wooden rim that was made from the one piece of timber.

In his possession he also had a wooden steering wheel brass spider, John has had a new timber rim made for this spider. But he noticed that on the inner section of the brass spider was the manufacturers name - "Dodge Bros". Apparently Dodge Bros, made a lot of various items for a great many motoring companies in the early days.

John went on to tell us some very interesting early history between the two companies Ford and the Dodge Bros.

Rob York skited that they now have the 1916 Dodge Bros car they recently acquired registered today. The Veteran had been in a shed for the past 18 years. Originally restored in about 197??

Zac Charlton, also mentioned that he is preparing his grandmother's 1904 Clement Bayard ready to be taken to Charleville for the 1 & 2 National Rally. The veteran is owned by (Henry now deceased) & Iris Anderson this will be its maiden adventure since being restored by Henry many years ago.

Janette Farnell brought along the Quilt she had made to be raffled at the Charleville National Rally next month. Thank you to Janette & Trevor for making the quilt, and bringing it along tonight for everyone to inspect. Tickets will be available to buy at the next club meeting.

Rhonda presented Louisa Massey with name badges for both her and Timothy, they also collected the current National Register and the club history book to enjoy.

We would also like to congratulate Louisa & Timothy on their wedding which they will enjoy Friday next week. We look forward to viewing photos in the next veteran torque.

As the next club meeting will be Easter Monday and the majority of the club members will be in Charleville the Committee has made the decision to hold the meeting one week earlier.

April Club Meeting will be held on the 29th March 2021 at the usual time.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Rhonda Guthrie
Hon Secretary
Veteran Car club of Australia (Qld) Inc

Sally York
Hon. President
Veteran Car club of Australia (Qld) Inc

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This month's riddle is from Kevin Brooks.

HERE IS THE SITUATION.

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.

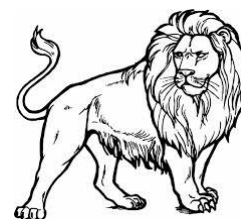
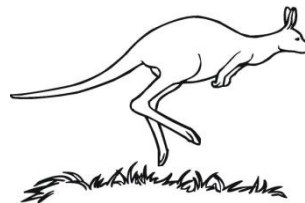
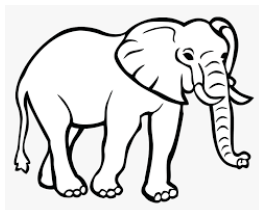
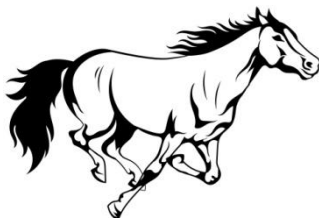
On your right side is a sharp drop-off.

On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you.

Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.

Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo.

What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?



[The answer will be in the next magazine]

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RALLY PROGRAMME

FOR THOSE NOT YET AWARE OF IT – THE PROPOSED RALLY AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY HAS DEFINITELY BEEN CANCELLED. After your Rally Director's recent experiences in organising a succession of rallies, particularly in planning the Scenic Rim Rally, it has been realised that the limited spacing proposed was too ambitious, too close to the Charleville Rally, (and too little to get a certain Hupmobile back on the road.)

SO THE NEXT SIGNIFICANT RALLY AFTER CHARLEVILLE IS AT MARYBOROUGH ON 11 – 13 JUNE AND IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY RE-RUN OF THE MARYBOROUGH RALLY OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND ON 12-13 JUNE 1971. Many early members were amongst the 28 or so veterans attending that run and three are still with us and two are expected to attend. So are a couple of the cars. It seems like a significant milestone in the life of the Club and worthy of support.

THIS IS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A RALLY IN THE NORTH BURNETT ORGANISED BY OUR BUNDABERG MEMBERS. We move on from Maryborough and settle into our North Burnett base on 14-15 June and explore the North Burnett on 16th, 17th and 18th June

It is anticipated that, once again, PERIOD COSTUME WILL FEATURE in these rallies and it is proposed to introduce "AUSSIE CULTCHA and LITRITCHA" in the form of Bush Poetry, Yarns and Short Story Readings. All are invited to become involved in the readings and recitals.

Any members wishing to extend the dates of these rallies (either before or after) may do so by advising the Secretary or the Rally Director so an 'Impromptu Rally' can be recorded on the Club Website.

The only information currently available is that the NOMINATED BASE for the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY IN MARYBOROUGH WILL BE AT WALLACE'S CARAVAN PARK [07 4121 3970 / e:wallacecaravanpark.co.au] (which provides sites, cabins and motel and offers the full range of expected facilities --so I am advised and cabins are pet friendly). Further details will be provided in subsequent issues of Veteran Torque and by email to those who have recently attended rallies and those who notify me of their desire to be added to the email list.

None of this prevents any member from staging an 'Impromptu Rally' at any time by notifying the Secretary or the Rally Director so an 'Impromptu Rally' can be recorded on the Club Website, giving relevant information and inviting other club members to attend (subject to so advising the proposer).

AFTER THESE EVENTS, we have a SHED RAID/RESTORATION RUN on Exhibition Wednesday Public Holiday IN BRISBANE (11 August) . MEMBERS PREPARED TO HOST A VISIT ON THAT DAY PLEASE CONTACT THE RALLY DIRECTOR. PREFERABLY, THREE ARE REQUIRED AND IT WOULD BE BEST IF THEY ARE NOT UNDULY FAR APART.

After that there is a 3 day rally (3-5 September) and the EMANCIPATION RUN ((5-8 November) will follow hot on the heels of the Swan Hill National (10-16 October).

AS FOR OUR MOST RECENT RALLY, I shall leave it to others to comment on their assessment of it overall, other than to say that we found some of the most attractive country (but maybe not the best for some veteran cars). Also, we were delighted to help Stuart Cornford's grand-daughter Kaite celebrate her 12th Birthday on the Saturday and to be entertained by and participate in the serious good fun associated with the Ladies' Guild Presentation of Period Costume and Dance – not to mention also the Kevin Brooks Presentation of OZ Poetry – an Event which I trust we will continue to develop.

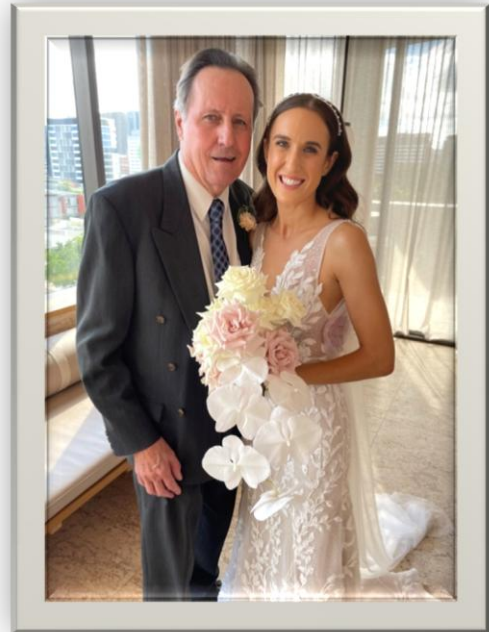
To those who felt challenged by part of the terrain I can but acknowledge my sins and apologize sincerely.

Hope to see you at a Rally soon -

Phil Fletcher

Members' Matters

Proud Father Russell Massey with
Daughter Louisa, who recently
married Tim Bekkers.



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Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to members

RAEMA CARPENTER

and

LES ALLEN

and more recently

ALISON DAY

Who have now joined the Pacemaker Brigade

TWO REMINDERS

The April General Meeting

will be held on Monday 29 March

Please let Rhonda know if you wish to join via Zoom
and she will send you the link

The ONLY correct website for the QHMC is:

www.qhmc.net.au

*Northside Run to Bullocky Rest
Or "How Linda celebrated her Birthday."*

(Named as this was once a resting point for bullock teams travelling the Old North Road).

[Photos: Jodie Ferguson]



"Wheel Rims around the Crater Rims"
VCCAQ Scenic Rim Rally 5th- 7th March 2021

Regie & Terry Lewis

[All photos provided by Greg Hill]

What a goer! Based at the Boonah Showground Fletcher filled our rally days flat chat. With a great turnout, the place was full with the chitter chatter of so many club members catching up. It was interesting to note the number of members staying in local churches, perhaps awaiting something divine!

The foothills of the Great Divide proved an enjoyable area to explore, lots of up up and even more speedy down downs. The Waverley took the opportunity, purely for promotional and photographic purposes to demonstrate the strength of a Chinese tow rope! The Brooks' WEE 15 was in fine fettle, 4 people aboard and best of all ...Joyce wasn't left walking, though Barbara Clegg and Regie were!



Stuart Cornford employed child labour to crank and navigate his Model T, granddaughter Kaite turned 12 and shared her birthday cake with all.



Many of the ladies and gents took the opportunity to period dress.



Erik in the Alldays and Onions was on a Viking saga as they were seen always coming in the opposite direction. Alan 'pedal to the metal' and the spiffy Little must have been trying to turn him around! Bob and the Saxon were off the rails but some quick directions got it sorted. Peter Arnold with his new freedom was molesting old ladies in the CBD, who then came back for more!

The Showground happy hour allowed us to relive the day's events, share mechanic misdemeanors and have quality time together. John Handley presented Brooksie with an eye seeing dog ... to help with his 80th birthday wake recovery... but nothing wrong with his sight as the bottle of red was quickly grabbed!

Willie and Margaret brought along their chauffeur Phil and maid Donna; together with the Bundaberg crowd they travelled the furthest. Two new cars made their Australian veteran debut: Bob and Diane with their Dodge, Len and Rosemary hot from long workshop hours their Maxwell, which (on crutches) Len prepared for this rally and Charleville.



Who will ever forget the rally instructions telling us to listen out for a collection of tractors quietly rusting away and on leaving the Pub follow the continuous white lines in the middle of road! The weather and scenery were excellent and we were even treated to buffalos, Emus and a 10am Mt Alford brewery tour which posed no AA problems.

We were beginning to think Phil was the Mayor of Kalbar as we got to know it so well!

The Rally dinner was greatly enjoyed at the Kalbar Hotel, the evening's entertainment highlight was a feast for the eyes "Edwardians in Colour", Irene Hill worked her magic as costume designer and choreographer.



On the Saturday we re-enacted the 4th December 1954 veteran "Grand Prix" from Kalbar to Boonah. Won again by the Waverley... perhaps helped a little by the instructions "Do NOT overtake the green car in front" and the long downhill home!

Club members joining us at Moogerah Dam for a Sunday visit was a nice surprise.

A very sad finish to the rally was on the way home the serious fire to the Napier and trailer, fortunately Bev and Glenn were unharmed but understandably shaken ... a big hug to them from us all

We eagerly await our next rally, no pressure Phil ! Big thanks.

The Farrier DeDion



Overview of PHIL'S SCENIC RIM RALLY at BOONAH **5th to 7th March 2021**

By Irene Hill

[All photos provided by Greg Hill]

Most of the participants arrived on Thursday, eager for a few days' camaraderie and rallying. Satiated by pizza on Thursday night, early retirement was necessary in prospects of a 'big day'

Friday. Total distance for Friday was 106kms.

About 1.5 kms of 'reasonable' gravel road was necessary to avoid a steep hill with challenging traffic.

We viewed a memorial cairn to Robert Dixon on the Warrill View-Peak Crossing Road. In 1839 Robert Dixon was tasked with surveying the Moreton Bay area. He established a baseline of 3 miles in length through the area now known as Harrisville. This baseline was used to accurately map the region.

Another noteworthy feature of the district is the water pump known as "The Peak Crossing Well", part of a series of wells along the Old Warwick Road used by teamsters and is still working although the water is not drinkable.

A trip up a blind alley was a ploy by Phil to goad us into appreciating the vista in front of us when we turned around.

Later, the whole vista of the Scenic Rim could be viewed from the crest of a rise – a soothing panacea for our myopic city eyes!!

Lunch was located at Roadvale Hotel where some of us self-catered in the shade behind the hotel. A barbecue that night back at the caravan park at Boonah sent most to bed early in anticipation of Saturday's run.

Saturday (Day 2) dawned sunny again in spite of rain overnight.

The hilly nature of the countryside caused some challenges to some vehicles. Even the Waverley needed a tow up a particularly steep incline.

An interesting aside was a visit to The Scenic Rim Brewery during the morning tea stop at Mount Alford.

Some of us self-catered again behind the Kalbar Royal Hotel while others partook of a hotel lunch. We then took the opportunity to include a re-enactment of the 1954 run from Kalbar to Boonah which significantly contributed to the formation of the Veteran Car Club of Queensland in 1956. Terry and Régie in their Waverley which starred in that event, took the lead.

Total distance this day was only around 85 kms to afford an early return to base in readiness for our 'gala' dinner at the Royal Hotel Kalbar.

A small group of our VCCAQ members prepared some after-dinner entertainment for the enjoyment of the rest in the form of a fashion and dance extravaganza. Seven couples performed a short comedy skit which led to Ragtime music and dance routine with emphasis on colourful Edwardian era costumes. Most of us benefitted from the aerobic exercise. A very 'good time' was had by all with most attempting a Ragtime shuffle – even our beloved Phil!!! I should add that staff and management at the Kalbar Royal Hotel could not have been more obliging in assisting us to stage our little production. I think they even enjoyed our antics!



Sunday (Day 3) Phil was heard to say, "It's like herding stray cats", of our group which was somewhat slow after the big night out. However, we departed (late) avoiding the 'roller coaster' hills north of Boonah and following a 'reasonable' gravel road to miss a busy thoroughfare. The rewards of the verdant vistas 'far from the madding crowd' made it all worthwhile.

Our morning tea stop seemed very slow arriving this morning and again was most welcome to reminisce upon the previous evening's events. It seems we were all slowing down, reluctantly realising that our rally was coming to an end.

The spectacular scenery of the central western edge of the Scenic Rim revived us enough to continue to Moogerah Dam for the lunch stop. Some arrived a little late due to mechanical issues and the necessity to be trailered. In spite of Moogerah Dam being at 12% capacity at the moment, we had a lovely view of the water with a welcome cool breeze during lunch. Some were very reluctant to leave Moogerah Dam and gathered far later than instructed.

Another barbecue awaited back at base and a surprise dessert of Dutch apple slice with cream was arranged by Phil as a fitting 'end of rally' treat.

Happy Hour at each day's end merged into a barbecue at the camp kitchen on Friday and Sunday. Most man-made features of the district could not be visited due to Covid restrictions. One such was the Templin Historical Village which houses and displays a superb collection of historic, period costumes.

Thank you Phil for all of your trials and tribulations in arranging another of your educational rallies for us plebs. Most of us appreciate what you know, and what you would love us to know, as it gives you such pleasure.

Now: Get that Hupmobile on the road and we'll give you a taste of your own!!!



The Scenic Rim Rally in Pictures - From Kevin Brooks



History of Number Plates in Queensland.

Queensland first introduced registration numbers on 10th September 1906. Early registration plates were not provided by the Government, but generally made by the car owner or the local garage and were made from a variety of materials including tin, wood or leather.

The first Queensland plate A1 was assigned to A. Carmichael of Peel Street, South Brisbane.

Different towns in Queensland were allocated different prefix letters.

A	Brisbane
B	Rockhampton
C	Toowoomba
D	Townsville
E	Ipswich
F	Maryborough
G	Warwick
H	Cairns
J	Bundaberg
K	Mackay
M	Clermont
N	Gympie
P	Hughenden
R	Dalby and Redcliffe

On 1st July 1921, the system changed and the first state-wide Q plate appeared. These first Q plates had both the Q and the numerals painted white on a black background.

From 1st April 1925, the Q was painted black on a black background and the numerals remained white. Most existing Q plates were then repainted so that the Q was painted black to keep the system standard.



Year of issue:

1921	Q1
1922	Q8-183
1923	Q13-923
1924	Q21-435
1925	Q32-725
1926	Q47-921
1927	Q67-736
1928	Q86-510
1929	Q104-716

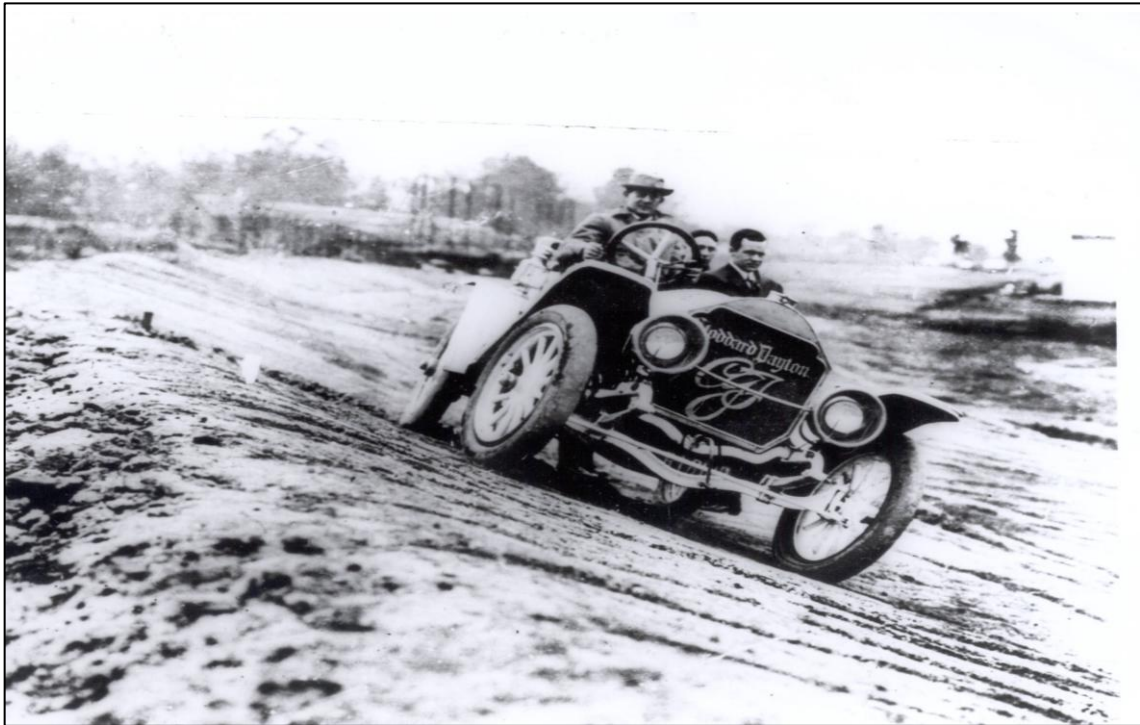
The system continued with 6 numerals after the Q until the last plate Q687-612 was issued on 31st May 1955.

Greg Hill

The A1 – The first numberplate registered in the UK.

The idea of number plates didn't originate in the UK but was an idea adopted from the Dutch. The very first number plate ever registered was the "A1" plate. When the system was first introduced in 1903 thanks to the Motor Car Act of that year, this now famous plate was claimed by the Earl Russell. Or rather, it was claimed by his butler, who was commanded to queue overnight at the London County Council to receive it. The A1 plate still remains an intensely collectable item, currently belonging to the brother of the Sultan of Brunei.

The first plates ever issued in the USA were released by **Massachusetts** in 1903. They gave drivers porcelain plates, as this was before the invention of metal stamped plates. The numbers began with one and this first license plate was issued to Fredrick Tudor.



This is not likely to happen at Charleville !

NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT ---SOME DAD CAR JOKES

What do you call a Ford Fiesta that ran out of gas?

A Ford Siesta.

When is a car not a car?

When it turns into a driveway.

What kind of cars do cooks drive?

Chef-rolets.

What kind of car does a snake drive?

An Ana-Honda.

Where do Volkswagens go when they get old?

The Old Volks home.

What snakes are found on cars?

Windscreen vipers.

A man drove his expensive car into a tree...

And found out how the
Mercedes bends

What kind of car does a dog hate?

CorVETS.

I couldn't work out how to fasten my seatbelt.

Then it clicked