

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

FEBRUARY 2020

National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

*Outback Adventure Charleville Western Queensland
1 – 7 April*

Rally Headquarters: Charleville Racecourse

Cosmos Centre and Observatory

Bilby Experience

Flying Doctor Visitors Centre

WWII US Airbase History,

And much more to see and do.....



VCCA(Q) - 2019 - 2020



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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).

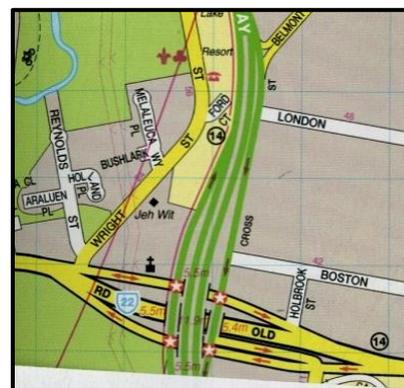
Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Clubrooms phone number is (07) 3843 0010
The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees 2019 – 20 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.



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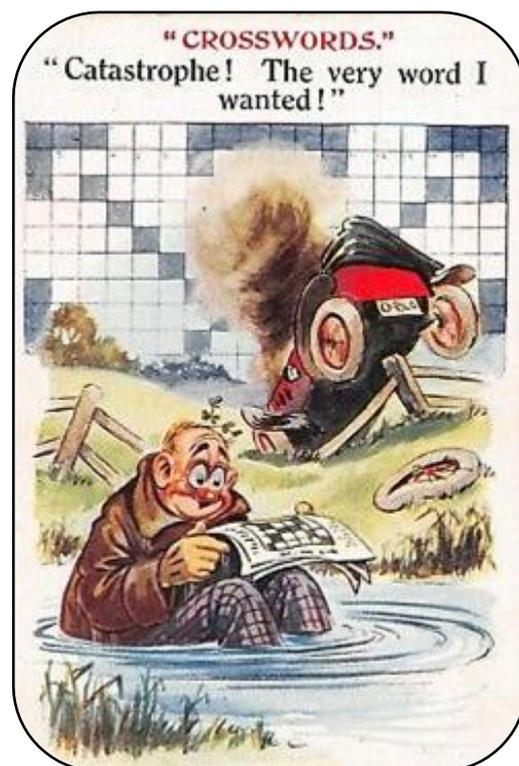
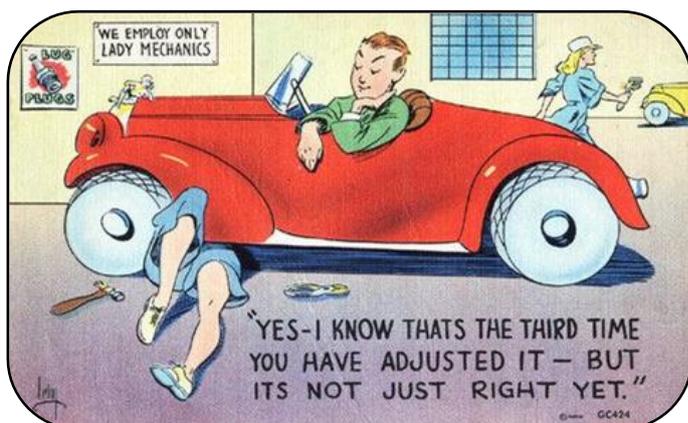
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President's Report

Happy New Year and welcome to the Roaring Twenties. I can remember when I wondered if I would ever see the new century and now, we are 20 years into it.

For some of us the first run of the year has been and gone. The Northside Rally this month saw us visiting our newest members, Michael and Jody Ferguson. They have a collection of vintage and post vintage Chevrolets with one very important addition. In pride of place is their newly acquired 1914 Baby Grand, Chevrolet of course. Michael and Jodi are no strangers to many of us as they have been around the vintage movement for many years, but it is great to welcome them to our band.

I have been preparing the Buick for the 1 2 Cylinder Rally in Charleville so decided to take it for a shake down run, also because it has a roof and some showers have been predicted. When we arrived in Samford, our scheduled meeting point, Russell and Susan being frequent participants on the northside run were waiting. Kevin and Joyce were next to arrive in the rebirthed Buick followed by the Burleys in modern. In the meantime, Michael had arrived in a Chev of course to escort us the 2.5 kilometres to their house.



Priorities dictated that morning tea be taken first, then finally we got to enter the sheds to see the collection, joined at first by the ladies just to give their approval. Before we knew it, the predicted showers arrived, then it turned into rain then storms. Half an hour and 17 mm later the sun decided to re-appear and all was good. By this time the hunger pains were starting to develop and Michael was cooking up a treat on the BBQ. Our brought offerings were quickly discarded and we enjoyed the wonderful meal prepared by Jodi. More convivial chatter and it was time to think about heading home.

We were the last to leave but only a few K's up the road the Brooks Buick was parked up with Kevin tinkering under the bonnet. It's running too lean was his retort, so we adjusted the mixture and it finally started with much choking. After playing with the mixture I finally said it must be out of fuel. *It can't, I filled it yesterday* Kevin responded, but just to placate me he dipped the tank to prove it. Empty, Crikey we have used some fuel he says and I think he is losing it. You can't use that much fuel in that short distance. A quick run back to Samford for 10 litres of fuel and they are on their way.

Only a few kilometres up the road we hear a dreadful clatter under the rear of our Buick. We stop to find no tyre on the rear passenger wheel. Two utes stop to tell us that we parted company with the tyre a couple of hundred yards back. And do we need help. No, this is a job for RACQ we'll be fine thanks. One goes back to retrieve the tyre which is in good condition with the tube neatly tucked inside minus the stem. After 55 minutes later the tilt tray arrives and we are quickly transported back home.



Where do you want it, he asks? Can you back down the drive to the shed? Yes, but we can drive down and turn in the yard. Nice thought but after nearly 200 mm in the last wee3k we now have the tilt tray bogged. Lyn suggests we may have to call RACQ to get us out!!

Thank goodness I had a winch fitted to the Landcruiser when I ordered it 16 years ago. I have used the winch once to get us out of trouble but numerous times to help others. Today it was RACQ's turn. Back on terra firma he then backed down to the shed and the Buick was sent home to bed. The end of a very interesting day for a Northside Rally, or so I thought. A quick call from Kevin to report that he had to refuel the Buick twice more on the way home and finally found a crack in the fuel line near the tank. We both have some work to do.

Our house tenants gave notice after Christmas that they were leaving on the 20th and we now have a young couple with a 10 month old baby in the house. Russell and Albert have completed a few repairs in readiness for them to move in.

Our monthly working bees are just keeping up with the general mowing and tidying up on the yard now that the rain has come. We will have a Saturday working bee this month to try and do some much needed other maintenance of the property.

For most, the Club year will start with "Breakfast at the Club" next weekend and we look forward to seeing as many as possible to enjoy a relaxed morning.

All the best for the year and happy motoring.

Peter Arnold

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COMING CLUB EVENTS

- 26 February (Wednesday). Adventist Retirement Village Visit, 571-585 Cleveland/Redland Bay Road, Victoria Point. 10.30am; morning tea will be supplied. Contact Albert 0429 780 980
- 12-15 March Possible visit to Caboolture Vickers Vimy Flight anniversary celebrations. Further details to follow.
- 1 - 7 April National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally at Charleville.
- 23-25 May Crows Nest. Organised by Phil Fletcher.
- 6 June No Emissions Day, visiting the Bay Islands.
- 13 June Annual Boules Challenge [against the Vintage Club], followed by lunch on the veranda of the Dayboro Pub.
- 28 June To mark the 65th year of the Vintage Club, along with some other Clubs, we have been invited to their Annual Concours, to be held at Ormiston House.
- 28 July-1 August. Burdekin Rally, based at the Ayr Showgrounds, Edwards Street. Further information contact Tom Callow, email tom.callow@bigpond.com; 4782 6258; 0419 826 258.
Members attending the Ayr Rally may like to attend:
- 23-26 July The 9th Biennial Qld Heritage Rally held at the same venue. Step back in time and experience a weekend of vintage machinery in action, including for the first time on display the only functioning 1910 Marshall Tractor in the world. The rally is also aiming to bring together the largest collection of vintage motorcycles ever seen in Australia.

OTHER CLUBS / INVITATION EVENTS

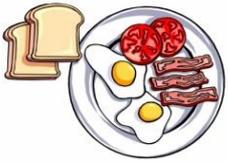
- 1 - 2 Feb. Toowoomba Swap
- 10-13 April Easter in the Country, Roma. **Email: info@easterinthecountryroma.com.au**
Post: PO Box 971, Roma QLD 4455 Phone: 0459 521 196
- May 2 - 3 QHMC Rally, Toowoomba
May 20 8.30am - 2.30pm. David Hack Classic (Rotary charity event). Toowoomba Airport, Rotary Aerotec Hangar, Spitfire Street, Wilsonton QLD 4350.

2020 BREAKFAST

AT THE CLUB ROOMS

Join us for a delicious breakfast

When : 9th February; 8am.



The Gourmet Breakfast will include:
Sausages, Bacon, Eggs, Tomatoes,
Mushrooms,
Juice, Tea and Coffee.



The cost for this Banquet is only \$5 per person.

Please pay at the February meeting or by direct deposit
into the Social Account BSB 124026 Acc No 21823868.

I need to know if you are coming by Monday 3rd February

Hazel Burley 38860059 0439 673 086

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It will be like this



Not like this

The Wheel Turns. 1905 De Dion - Charleville's First Vehicle.

This 1905 De Dion was one of the very first cars to come to Queensland new in 1905. It was purchased new by a business owner in Charleville. Not much is known about its early days, but we understand it was imported to Australia by one of the Calcino Family, who owned a business called Bishop & Calcino - it was a pushbike business.

Many years later when it was owned by a travelling bore driller, it broke down outside Quilpie. It lay dormant in a paddock for more than 50 years until discovered by Dave Trail in the early 1960's when restoration was commenced. Dave was an engineer and owner of Trail Ice Pty. Ltd. in Fortitude Valley (Brisbane). The car was in a very sad condition but

at least it was a complete vehicle.

Sadly not long after the car was restored, Dave passed away. The car re-surfaced again in 2007 and Rhonda & I bought it and once again it lives in Queensland.

It was re-painted in two toned green stripes with yellow pin striping and black guards. Two toned green stripe paint work, was an extra 5 pounds from the factory when new. One of its unusual features is a swing front passenger seat which allows passengers to enter the rear from the front. It's a single cylinder, 8hp engine and gives lively performance on the road. Yes, it is coming to Charleville.

Ross Guthrie



above article appeared in the 2020 National Veteran 1&2 Cylinder Rally Newsletter No 4.

The Guthries have since been in touch with the Calcino family and Gordon the grandson, of the original owner writes:

"I will definitely be visiting Charleville in the period 1 to 7 April. My brother Charles from Brisbane will also be there. My father who lives on a property about 40 km on the Brisbane side of Charleville may be able to meet you and tell you some of the stories that his father (the original owner) told him. He is in good health for a 99 year old so hopefully it will all work out."

We certainly hope it all works out too. Ross is planning to take Mr Calcino for a run around his property in the very same car that ran those roads some 110 years ago!

We have 6 first timers at our rally and we wish that everything stays nicely connected for the duration.

The oldest car is a 1903 Oldsmobile and the oldest motorbike is a 1913 Triumph.

VEHICLES ATTENDING 2020 NATIONAL VETERAN 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY 1-7 APRIL IN CHARLEVILLE

Albion A3	x 1	Maxwell	x 1
Ariel Motor Bike	x 1	Minervette	x 1
Brush	x 7	Oldsmobile Model R	x 1
BSA H Motorcycle	x 1	Rambler	x 1
Buick	x 3	Renault	x 12
Cadillac	x 3	Reo	x 7
Clement Bayard	x 2	Rover	x 1
Darracq	x 4	Schacht	x 1
De Dion Bouton	x 4	Sizaire Naudin	x 1
GCS Motorcycle	x 1	Star	x 1
Humberette	x 1	Swift Cyclecar	x 1
IHC Auto Buggy D	x 1	Triumph Motorbike	x 4
Indian Motorbike	x 1	Wolseley Siddeley	x 1
James Motorcycle	x 1		





2021 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY BUSSELTON WA

Early Notice – Save the Date

WHAT

The VCCWA presents on behalf of TAVCCA, the 2021 National Veteran Vehicle Rally for all roadgoing vehicles built before 31 December 1918.

WHEN

Starts - Sunday 24 October 2021 (registration)

Ends - Friday 29 October 2021

WHERE

The rally will be based in Busselton in the SW of Western Australia, about 2 hours south of Perth. Rally HQ will be the VCCWA Busselton Branch Clubrooms on Causeway Rd Busselton.

CONTACT

Rally Directors - Peter & Pauline Hume

Postal Address - PO Box 117 Dardanup WA 6236

Phone 08 9728 0219 Mobile 0484 700 086

Email busso2021@gmail.com

The following are some accommodation suggestions near the Rally HQ, contact direct for best prices. Not all venues will be able to process bookings yet but are available for general enquiries.

Comfort Inn	70 Causeway Rd Bsn 08 9752 3000	Town 0.9km	Rally HQ 0.2km
Ringtail Motel	6 Pries Ave Bsn 08 9752 1200	Town 0.2km	Rally HQ 1.0 km
Busselton Motel	25/31 Bussell Hwy Bsn 08 9752 1544	Town 0.7km	Rally HQ 1.9km
Bsn Jetty Tourist Park	2 Brown St Bsn 08 9752 1516	Town 1km	Rally HQ 2.5km
Mandalay Holiday Resort	652 Geographe Bay Rd Bsn 1800 248 231	Town 4.7	HQ 6.5
Big4 Beachlands	10 Earnshaw Rd Bsn 08 9752 2107	Town 4km	Rally HQ 5km

Note The 2021 National Veteran Motorcycle Rally is the week before this event and based in Manjimup, about 100km from Busselton. We are endeavouring to cater for veteran motorcycles at Busselton in case any Manjimup entrants wish to stay on.



The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA)

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PICTURES

Thank-you to Hazel and her helpers for organizing the annual Christmas party with the theme being "BEACH". Many members dressed appropriately for the occasion.



[Photo: Pam Guthrie]



Graham and Irene shopped at the same store!

Where did Alan find his hat?



**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Sixty Sixth Meeting of the
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road,
Carindale. Monday 2nd December 2019**

President Peter Arnold welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance, Meeting commenced at 7.33pm

Apologies: Alan & Raema Carpenter, Lauren Forster, Alan & Carolyn Robinson, Frank & Kathy Muggerridge, Grahame and Dulcie Wilkinson, Paul Blake, Iris Anderson, Bev Lollback.

Visitors: Michael & Jodie Ferguson. Michael gave a short talk about his vintage Chevs and now is the proud owner of a 1914 Baby Grand.

Attendance: 41

Minutes of the November 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: 3 email replies to the event survey.
Budget submission from the Charleville Rally committee.
Three months booking for Telstra.
Triumph Sports Owners club requested a change of committee meeting for January.

Outward: Email to Telstra confirming meeting dates.
Response to the Triumph club.

Business Arising from the Correspondence: Nil

Hazel moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed. Seconded by Glynn Hackshall. Carried.

Treasurer Report:

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

Events:

21st December Club Christmas Party – “Beach Theme”

2020:

9th February Club Breakfast

12-15 March Caboolture - On December 10, 1919, brothers, Ross and Keith Smith touched down at Darwin in their Vickers Vimy to become the first aviators to fly England to Australia. There is a centenary commemoration of the Australian legs of the flight south to Adelaide. A group of aircraft is expected to be arriving at Caboolture Airfield from Charleville on 12th of March 2020 and be on display on Friday and then head to Bourke on Saturday. There is every likelihood that we will be invited to join in the celebrations and display our veterans there. Albert has pencilled in those days through to the Sunday as a possible club rally. It could make a good Club rally and warm up run for Charleville bound 1s and 2s. Internet site <https://epicflightcentenary.com.au>

May Crow’s Nest Rally

28th July – 1st August – Burdekin Rally based at the Ayr Showgrounds

Property Report:

Russell thanked all those who attended the mid-week working bee, a lot of tidying up was achieved. Need to get an electrician to fix the two lights in the hall. Next mid-week working bee is Wednesday 18th December.

Dating Report:

Ross presented Geoff Clegg with a dating certificate for his 1917 Saxon.

QHMC: Nil

SAG Report:

The Dept of Transport is going to fix the drainage from the freeway, this will be completed before 30/6/2020. We will wait till this is completed before we start the carpark repairs.

Editor Report: Nil

General Business:

Peter thanked Phil Fletcher for his brass display in our shop window for the last few months, and thankyou to Janette Farnell for the beautiful Christmas display.

Peter presented a "Submission to the Inquiry into Motor Recreational Activities" This needs to be put in by 16/12/2019. QHMC are putting in a submission and have mentioned veteran motoring, Roma club are also putting in a submission. There was some discussion about the submission, mostly about the cost of registration for veteran cars. The point was made that in Great Britain registration is free for all veteran cars, it was suggested that the submission be re-worded to say a nominal cost for veteran cars.

Kevin Brooks moved that we approve the submission. Seconded Syd Norman. Carried.

Syd mentioned his neighbour has two towing mirrors for a Toyota Cruiser to sell, also free camping books.

Graham Donges mentioned that David Straughan now owns a 1908 Brush.

A 1912 Reo from WA is now in Bundaberg, new owner is Len Kelly.

Noel Adams has a Landaulette body for 1910-1912 if anyone is interested.

There are a great couple of reports in the Horseless Carriage about the Bathurst Rally.

Peter wished everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.

Meeting Closed 8.28 pm.

Hazel Burley.....
Secretary
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc.

Peter Arnold.....
President
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc.

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We have recently learned of the death in early December of John Holt, known to many members as "Holty". John was a familiar figure over the years at many car and motorbike events, including our veteran rallies, often lying on the road to get that special angle of the vehicles. Holty's Photos have been enjoyed by many.
He had been planning to record the upcoming Charleville Rally.
We extend our sympathy to his sisters Vicki and Penny.



From the Editor



MEMBERS:

- Do you have any useful tips, restoration or otherwise, to pass on?
- Have you recently acquired another vehicle?
- Have you completed a restoration or are you actively working on one?
- Country and Interstate members – what's happening in your neck of the woods?

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The following article is reproduced with permission of Adrian Grant, President of The Early Ford V8 Club.

"How many of us have been asked the question in reference to pollution 'Why are you driving this old car, you should buy a new one?' The information available is that for each car built there are 25 tonnes of waste, 422 million cubic metres of polluted air in raw material extraction plus a further 25 million cubic metres of polluted air for its production. If you run your old say 4litre car for 15,000km a year, it will take around 1.7 million years before giving off the same amount of pollution as making a new car! These sorts of figures should encourage us to nurture and use our old and older cars and not buy new ones. The number of electric cars in the world passed the 2 million mark last year and the International Energy Agency estimates there will be 140 million electric cars globally by 2030 if countries meet Paris Climate Agreement targets. This electric vehicle boom could leave 11 million tonnes of spent lithium-ion batteries in need of recycling between now and 2030. In the EU at present as far as 5% of lithium-ion batteries are recycled! The cost of fully recycling the batteries at present outweighs the value of the materials recovered. Until this is reversed there is no incentive to recycle. It certainly is thought provoking and not quite as simple as some would have us believe."

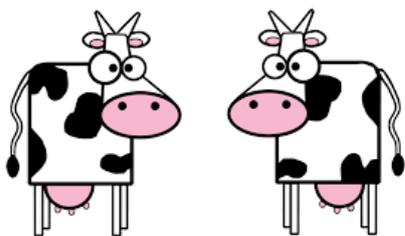
Members are invited to send in their best/worst Dad Jokes, the most outstanding of which will appear next month.

Here's one to start the ball rolling.

Two cows were grazing in a paddock.

One said to the other "*What do you think about this Mad Cow Disease?*".

The other one said:
"*Why are you asking me, I'm a helicopter.*"



Rauch and Lang Electric

Members may be interested to know that Merv Kroll's former 1917 Rauch and Lang Electric now resides in Western Australia.

These photos show it as it is today, now having been restored.



PICTURES FROM THE PAST

Greg Hill has been digging through some old slides, several of which appear below. The picture below is of some Queensland cars heading for the start of the 1970 International Rally from Sydney to Melbourne. The car at the front is Don Roberts in his Datsun Bluebird followed by Dave Fiechtner in his 1936 Cadillac towing his 1913 Cadillac, then Grahame Wilkinson towing the Alan Dunshea 1905 Spyker and Greg towing Don Roberts' 1915 Model T.

The rally started in early April 1970 and will be 50 years to the day during the Charleville Rally. Hopefully there will still be a couple of people there who were participants from back then.



A picture of Ray Whyte's Orient with a young Ross and Brad and Muriel in the background. Pictured with Bobby Limb from TV. Dawn Lake was there also somewhere. Probably taken in Canberra in 1970 on the Sydney to Melbourne Rally.



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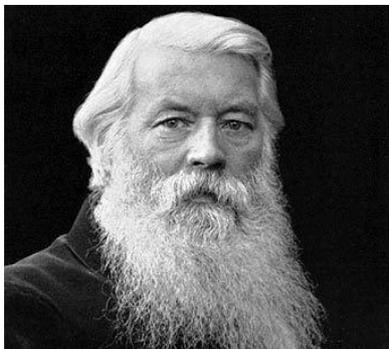
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On this Day - 3 February.

1879

Mosley Street in Newcastle upon Tyne, England became the first street in the world to be lit by electric light - Joseph Swan's invention.



1903

The first 10 hp Royce engine was tested by designer F H Royce.

1911

Rolls Royce appalled by mascots on owners cars, commissioned the 'Spirit of Ecstasy' statuette. The Spirit of Ecstasy, also called "Emily", "Silver Lady" or "Flying Lady", was designed by English sculptor Charles Robinson Sykes and carries with it a story about secret passion between John Walter Edward Douglas-Scott-Montagu, (second Baron Montagu of Beaulieu after 1905, a pioneer of the automobile movement, and editor of *The Car Illustrated* magazine from 1902) and the model for the emblem, Eleanor Velasco Thornton. Eleanor (also known as Thorn) was the secretary of John Walter, who fell in love with her in 1902 when she worked for him on the aforesaid motoring magazine. Their secret love was to remain hidden, limited to their circle of friends, for more than a decade. The reason for the secrecy was Eleanor's impoverished social and economic status, which was an obstacle to their love. On the other hand, Montagu was married to Lady Cecil Victoria Constance Kerr since 1889.



Eleanor died on 30 December 1915 when the SS Persia was torpedoed by a U-boat south of Crete. She had been accompanying Lord Montagu who had been directed to assume a command in India. He was thought to have been killed too, but survived and was saved after several days adrift in a life raft.

1924

Petrol in Britain rose fourpence-halfpenny to two shillings a gallon. The Secretary of the AA stated that this would deter many from buying the new popularly-priced generation of small cars. This was not the first time the AA complained about the rising cost of petrol – four years earlier 1,250,000 motorists signed a petition calling for a law to control its price.

1920s British Petrol Station



MARKET PLACE - All States please copy

FOR SALE

* **11ftx6ft COVERED CAR TRAILER**

Tandem box trailer with part fibreglass/part vinyl cover.
Includes:

- Electric winch & good battery
- Ramps & tie downs
- ATM 2000kg
- Over ride brakes
- RWC on sale
Price: \$3900.

Contact: John Farrier on 0400759256



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* **I am putting on the market my cars listed below. Any reasonable offer considered.**

- 1906 Cadillac** burned but with spare motor
- 1911 Star**
- 1927 Dodge**
- 1924 Palladium**
- 1980 Cadillac Eldorado**
- 1981 Cadillac evolution** 1 no 2 of 300 Pierre Cardin (rare)
- 1983 Datsun 280ZX** (full rego)

Contact: Penny Stanbridge, email: p.stanbridge@hotmail.com

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** **COMPLETE SET OF AUTOMOBILE QUARTERLY BOOKS.**

There are 206 books in total starting with Volume 1. No.1 published and purchased in 1962. All subsequent editions were obtained by the continuing subscription until it ended with Vol. 52 No.1 when the books ceased being published in 2012. There are also 6 indexes and a suede brim logo cap. The set is in excellent condition. There are a few of the earlier editions with age damage (photos can be provided or inspection is welcome) Price is \$3800 but negotiable.

Enquiries by email to frolagilltrap@gmail.com or phone 0418342580.



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** **THE SECOND JAMES FLOOD BOOK OF EARLY MOTORING.**

Pristine Condition Price: \$100 .

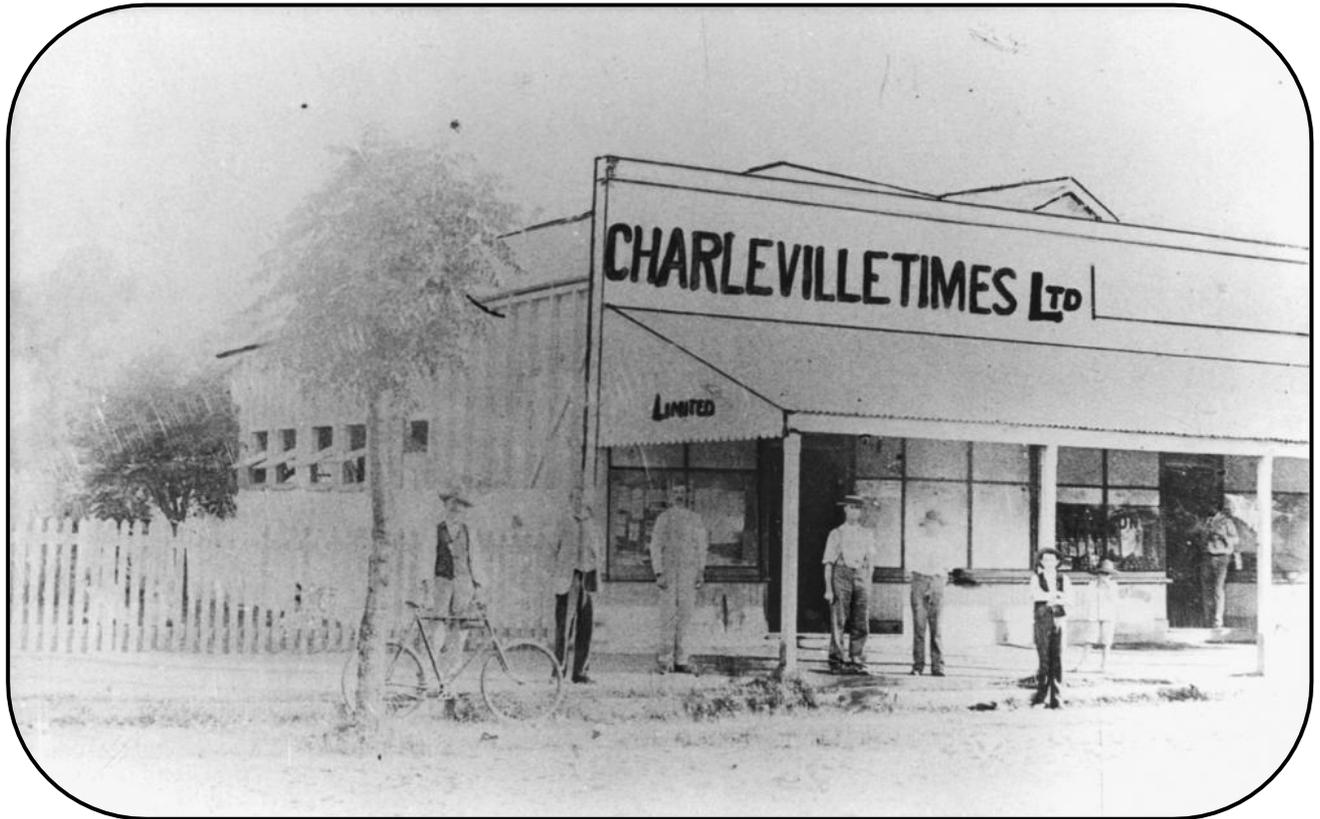
Contact: Alan Carpenter; 0415 684 422; E: aandrcarp@bigpond.com

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GIVE AWAY

* **40 BACK ISSUES OF "THOROUGHbred AND CLASSIC CARS" 2016-2019**

Contact: Alan Robinson; 3201 1986



A little bit of.. HUMOUR

The Reverend woke up one Sunday morning and, after realising it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf, so he told the pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to take the service for him that day. As soon as the pastor left the room, the Reverend headed out of town to a golf course about forty kilometres away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed: "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said: "No, I guess not."

Just then the Reverend hit the ball and it shot straight towards the hole, dropping just short of it, before rolling forwards and falling in. It was a 420 yard hole in one!

St Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked: "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied: "Who's he going to tell?"

