

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

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# VETERAN TORQUE

**OCTOBER 2022**



*The Bike Brigade on arrival in Broome*

*[Photo: Courtesy of Heritage Motorcycle Club of WA]*



## VCCA(Q) - 2022 – 2023

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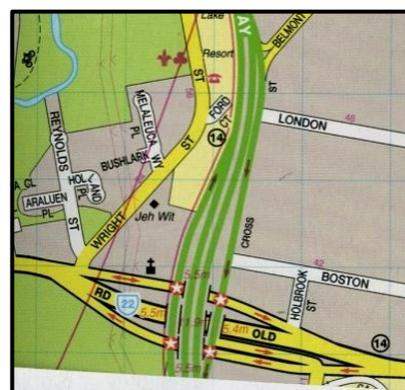
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

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

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Full Membership (single):	\$ 52	Joint Membership	\$ 59
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Associate Membership	\$ 40		



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*'My new car is electric.  
It has nearly enough range  
to drive to the nearest  
charging point'*

## President's Report for September

September brings our annual AGM and for me the sudden realisation of all the projects we have completed and those awaiting completion. When I sit to pen the annual report the resultant list is staggering and with so many working parts this business is complicated at best but we wouldn't have it any other way. I am honoured to have been returned as President for my third and final year and very happy with our new committee. Congratulations to Syd our Vice President, Steve our Treasurer, Irene our Secretary, Rhonda our Rally Director, Albert our Property Manager, Carol our Magazine Editor, Jean our Social Event Director, Brett our Document Director and Past President Peter. We have lots of work ahead but I'm confident this team will power through any challenge presented.

Rob and I arrived home after the AGM to pack our luggage ready for the progressive rally due to begin in Bundaberg in two days time. Dad has told me of these rallies from the past and I was very keen to go. The Dodge is still undergoing repair so we had to take Whitey, which presents some interesting challenges for luggage. Luckily Len and Fiona had a brilliant tail end Charlie (thanks Ian and Jackie) with not only storage space but full catering equipment on board.



We travelled from Bundaberg to Biggenden, then on to Goomeri where Whitey decided she'd had enough. While boarding Whitey on the tow truck of shame we took photos and just like that became swaggies with Kevin and Joyce. Talk about saving the day! Les's Renault agreed with Whitey and decided not to continue past Goomeri and then Les and Dennis were swaggies too.

Not to be deterred, the rally continued back to Biggenden through just remarkable countryside and back to Bundaberg where we were met by the Fergusson family's latest addition the 'Mors' which you cannot miss, parked on the side of the road. Another great car successfully migrated to Queensland.

We had a wonderful time and it's just what was needed. I have to say a very special 'Thank You' to Kevin and Joyce for having us!

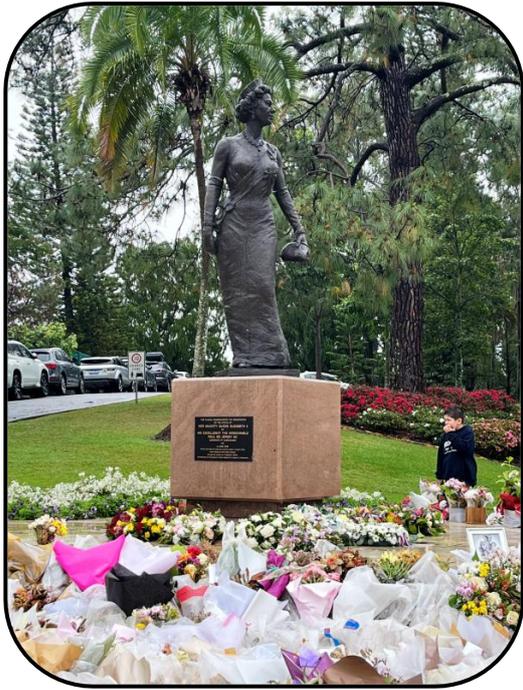
Travelling  
in Wee 15



[Photos : Kevin Brooks]

Sadly the eighth of September was marked by the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the world media spent the next two weeks reporting on every associated event right up to the day of the funeral. Turns out the Queen herself had a hand in the design of the hearse used for the funeral, made by Jaguar Land Rover.

I was invited to Government House to sign the condolence book that was to be bound and forwarded to the King. I chose to venture in on Thursday 22nd, the official day of mourning and public holiday. It was a surreal experience and the sombre mood was heightened by the drizzly rain. Her Majesty's statue was surrounded by hundreds of bunches of flowers and there was a big screen displaying the official ceremony happening in Canberra. I wrote a brief page offering our condolences to the Royal Family and spoke of how much Queen Elizabeth II will be missed before welcoming King Charles III as her successor.

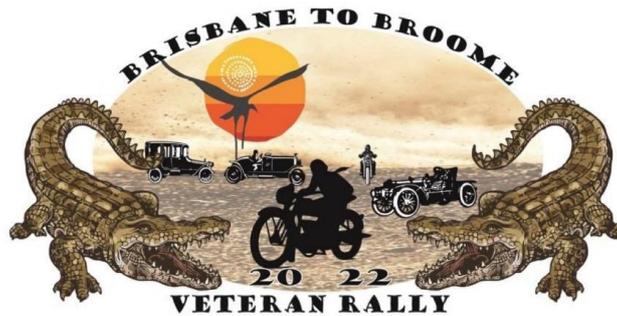


Our Handover Dinner was well attended considering we had members away in NSW for the Model T Ford rally and Western Australia attending Perkolilli. Jean had organised a new caterer and he presented an alternate drop dinner for us. The steak got rave reviews and the desserts were well complimented also. Fortunately when his staff failed to turn up we had eager helpers step up to complete service. Thanks to Jean, Bill, Rhonda, Ross, Lauren, Steve, Albert, Syd and Pauline for everything you did to make the night a success.

Happy Motoring

Sally





I am starting to write this as we sail up the coast from Broome on a Kimberley cruise, reflecting on the events of the last 6 weeks. It seems to be so long ago that we all assembled in Caboolture at the Historical Village preparing to leave on our great adventure. Despite many setbacks and delays, the B2B is about to become a reality.

By Sunday morning 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022, most of the entrants have arrived in time to drive to Beachmere to dip the wheels in the waters of the Pacific Ocean before setting off for Broome. It is less than a 25 kilometre drive or ride to test the vehicles and afterwards most enjoy the complimentary coffee at the Beachmere coffee shop before returning to the village for a final preparation for the official start in the morning.

There are still a few who have not arrived, in all cases due to problems with the backup vehicles, but they will catch us up over the next couple of days. The final roll call will be 21 cars with 10 being Queensland members and 19 motorcycles

#### Queensland Members on the Rally

John and Pam Handley	with Peter for part	1909 Darracq
Graham and Irene Donges		1911 Brush
Malcolm Roy with Steve Driver from NZ		1913 Hupmobile / 1910 Hupmobile
Will and Margaret Kirkby		1021 Rolls Royce
Geoff and Barbara Clegg		1917 Saxon
Peter and Lyn Arnold		1911 Hupmobile
Merv and Margaret Thompson		1915 T Ford
Chris and Jenny Sorensen		1915 Saxon
Alan and Rondah Rodda		1917 Overland
Ron and Anne Marie Sorensen		1915 Saxon

#### Interstate Entries

Cars	Victoria	5	motorcycles	Victoria	8
	NSW	4		West Australia	7
	Tasmania	2		Queensland	2
	USA	1		NSW	1
				UK	1

The weather gods looked after us for the start on Monday with the Mayor of the Moreton Bay Regional Council, Councillor Peter Flannery, performing the honours with the unveiling of the blue tree at 9.00am followed by the official start at 9.30. While we all started over a 40 to 50 minute period, it didn't take long for the field to spread out. While we were on the main road for a good part of the day, the traffic wasn't really a problem. A number of the back-up vehicles had signs warning motorists of slow vehicles ahead and most vehicles had good flashing amber lights.

Day 2 and 3 were on quiet back roads across to Dalby where we met the Warrego Highway and from there for the next four and a half thousand kilometres we were on highways.

On a rally such as this you tend to set a daily routine, there was a group of half a dozen cars which left each morning at first light to avoid the traffic, the next group, including most of the motorcycles left by about 8.30, to avoid the traffic and then there were those who left before 9.30 each morning to avoid the traffic. Traffic is always the concern on these runs, but the

reality is that there is no traffic. Once we were west of Roma the traffic was very manageable. There were a lot of motorhomes and caravans passing us each day, but by day 3 when the rally stickers and signs started to appear on them, we realised these were our own support vehicles which would pass us 3 or 4 times a day.

We were 40 veteran bikes and cars with over 50 support vehicles and because of the staggered start each morning we were spread out over about 100 kilometres, the roads for most part were good, wide and straight which means that all vehicles, including road trains, have a good view of you and mostly could time their speed to easily get around. The day coming into Mt Isa was a bit hilly and I recall holding up 2 road trains that day but otherwise we were no bother to them.

It is hard to pick out what to tell when we travelled almost 5,000 kilometres over nearly 4 weeks and there are just so many stories, so I will just give a general view.

## **Fundraising**

While fundraising is not the main focus of the event we have decided to help 2 of the organisations which play a big role in regional and rural Australia, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and Beyond Blue. I mentioned that before the start on Monday, the Mayor unveiled our blue painted tree as part of the Blue Tree Project. The aim of the project is to focus awareness on mental health, particularly in rural areas and remind folk to ask R U OK when they see somebody not travelling too well and help them to seek help. One of the organisations they ask people to assist financially is Beyond Blue, thus our association with them and of course RFDS needs no introduction.

Our main fundraising activities were offering the public 10 kilometre rides for \$50 and asking for a donation when people asked if they could take a photo of our vehicles. There was a lot of rivalry between some of the tourers, the Kirkbys and the Cleggs in particular. John Handley phoned me after lunch on our free day in Mount Isa asking if a lady could get her 3 kids a ride after school, so I suggested she phone Geoff Clegg as he was taking rides. The word must have got around because when I passed their cabin at about 3.30 Barbara was acting as cashier and hostess with a line up of school children and their parents waiting for a ride. It all paid off as we raised over \$9,000 to split between them.

## **Breakdowns**

Most entrants experienced some issues with their vehicles with most able to resolve these on the run. While most of the veterans were well prepared, the support vehicles were often the ones that gave most problems and more difficult to resolve. We really feel for Malcolm Roy who had problems with his model 32 Hupmobile on the first couple of days so made the decision to hightail it for home in Narrabri from Miles to do a swap. He and his co-driver, Steve arrived back with us in Mitchell the following night with his Model 20 Hupmobile feeling very confident. After a few minor issues with the Hup, they were travelling very well only to have the motorhome (support vehicle limp into Kununurra with gearbox problems. Unable to have it fixed in Kununurra it was then trucked to Darwin at great expense for repairs where it stayed for the rest of the rally. Unable to finish the event, a neighbour came to the rescue to transport them and the Hup back to Narrabri. Graham Donges and John Brumby also had problems with support vehicles and at one stage we had access to 3 workshops over the weekend.

The motorcycle boys and girls take a different approach to the car folk, we usually carry a few spares like a magneto perhaps or even a carby and a jar of nuts and bolts. The Victorian bikers bring Daniel Sergeant with an 8 tonne service vehicle towing a well equipped trailer with lathe, mill, drill press etc, and most of the riders have a spare bike in their trailer or van. They are very generous with their time and expertise as many of us in cars had them do work on our vehicles, thanks boys.

## **Support Crews**

A special thank you must be handed to the support crews, the hurry up and wait group as Lyn calls them. They are the ones who have to help get ready in the morning to load up and see

the veteran off then wait for up to an hour before heading off to meet up with the veteran for morning tea, then do it all again for the next leg.

The rule is that the support vehicles can't follow their veterans otherwise we have a long procession at veteran speed as other slightly faster veterans find it difficult to pass the longer support vehicles.

The support vehicles wait to start allowing them to reach the next agreed stop about the same time as the veteran while travelling at around 80 kph, they will pass the slower veterans and if they catch their own veteran before the agreed stop they can either find a place to stop and wait a bit longer or keep going to the agreed stop and wait there. This keeps the traffic flowing while the support vehicle is never more than 20 minutes behind the veteran should they need support.

## **Weather**

As we left Caboolture in mid-winter, the mornings were cold but usually warmed up as the day progressed. This worked for the first couple of days but day 4 out of Mitchell looked very ominous and before morning tea the clouds opened dumping heavy rain on an already drenched countryside. With no roof I pressed on but managed to remain relatively dry but quite cold. Forgoing morning tea and lunch I kept on driving to get to our overnight stop, Augathella, as soon as possible. By the time we arrived the rain clouds had eased but not before making an absolute quagmire of our camping area. Most of the trailers and motorhomes had to park along the roads in town to avoid bogging.

Next morning, we woke to a heavy fog which lasted almost to the morning tea stop and that was colder than the previous morning in the rain. By lunch the bright sun was shining on us and we eventually started to leave the cold mornings behind. By the time we got to Katherine and headed across the top it was very summery.

## **Touring and sight seeing**

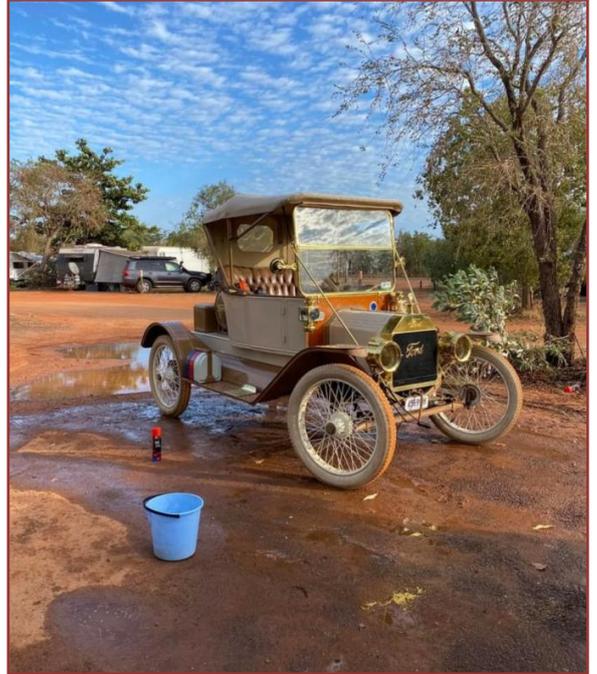
There were 4 lay days planned, Longreach, Mount Isa, Katherine and Kununurra. This allowed for some sightseeing as well as washing and repairs. Most entrants booked tours in advance at these places from the pre-rally promotion. There was also an opportunity to have a look around each of the towns we visited as most people were off the road by 3.00 in the afternoon with the early starters in by lunch.

## **Reflection**

We have crossed the top end on 4 previous occasions, always in the Landcruiser at 90 to 100 kph. The trip at 50 kph in an open car or bike gives you a whole new perspective to the countryside. For more than half of the participants this was not the first time on an epic across Australia adventure in or on a veteran, for them I suspect it won't be their last. For the first timers, I heard some say that they were happy to have done it but would not need to do another, but I suspect that for most there will probably be a next time. There were already plans being discussed before we reached Broome. This was the longest of the 3 events so far and I would suggest that future events should be kept at around 4,000 Kilometres, but we are a big country and that is not always possible.

Finally, thanks to the Western Australian team from the Heritage Motorcycle Club who teamed up with Graham and Irene Donges and ourselves to bring the event to a reality, and thank you to all of our fellow entrants for their support and friendship throughout the event.

Peter and Linda Arnold



*Broome at Last !*

# 2022/2023 - Events

<b><u>2022</u></b>	November	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	Evans Head NSW
	December	17 <sup>th</sup>	Club Christmas Luncheon Clubrooms
<b><u>2023</u></b>	February	12 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast
	March	16 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chinchilla
	April	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Biloela
	May	15 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Touring North Qld
	May	20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	QHMC National Motoring Heritage Weekend Ormiston State School entry \$5.00 per car cash
	June	....	RACQ Display Day
	July	20 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer London to Brighton...need suggestions
	August		.....
	September		.....
	September		Handover Dinner
	October	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran National Rally Griffith NSW Information on the Club website.
	November		..... maybe a social evening
	December	16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Christmas Luncheon

R. Guthrie  
Rally Coordinator



**QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL  
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NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE WEEKEND  
PARTNERED WITH BAYSIDE VEHICLE**



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2023**



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## **CHILL OUT IN CHINCHILLA 16th to 19th MARCH 2023**

SOME CABINS AND CARAVAN SITES  
WILL BE HELD FOR US UNTIL MID FEBRUARY

WE WILL BE PLANNING A LOW-KEY AND ENJOYABLE      FOUR DAY RALLY

FEATURING LOCAL INDUSTRY, HISTORY, AND CULTURE

WITH DOWNS DRIVING ON MAINLY QUIET ROADS.

SOME MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE

FULL DETAILS AND ENTRY FORMS COMING IN EARLY JANUARY

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Headquarters will be Chinchilla Tourist Park  
264 Zeller Street,  
Chinchilla  
4669 1465



## *Veteran Car Tour September 2022 Jacqui Mutton*

Memories are made of this – they say!!!! And they were!! The first time we joined the VCCAQ was as visitors, driving our '29 Hudson, on Len Kelly's Hivesville Rally, back in April this year. We had such a hoot and discovered kindred spirits with all the participants. That started the think tank going - gotta get a vet!!!!With mentioning that out loud, John Handley & Terry Lewis advised us of a club member who was thinking of selling his Talbot. To cut a long story short, we purchased Kev Long's 1914 Talbot, and you can't wipe the smiles off our faces!!

Her first run was at the beginning of September, on Len Kelly's 4 day progressive rally going from Bundaberg to Biggenden then to Goomeri then back to Biggenden and back to Bundaberg. A grand total of 510km!!

Commencing the rally we congregated at Len & Fiona's place, catching up over a cuppa and after our rally briefing our intrepid and gorgeous poet, Régie, 'Blessed the Fleet'

'May the divine forces in the heavens above.

Bless this illustrious and motley fleet

And all the ones on this rally we'll meet

There are the organisers, aka the Kelly gang

Who will do their very best to keep our yin in the yang

We also have Joyce and Kevin in their Wee fifteen

Running on new spark plugs now ever so keen

Driven by Rob and our president re-elect Sal there is good ol' Old Whitey

Who is trying to break another record...or might he??

Les and Denis join us in the Renault in cream

The pair of them thinking they'll be living the dream!!

The model T of Peter and Shell

Is super excited and looking all swell!

Ray & Jacqui will add to us their Talbot, Grace

Who does her 1000 revs now at a nice steady pace

Finally there are Terry and Régie in their Waverley

By joining this 'mad mob' showing absolute bravery

Ian and Jackie will bring up the rear...and the all-important smoko AND lunch gear!

Let's all have a good time with only one rule to comply:

Make sure not to drive faster than your guardian angels can fly!'

Day 1 turned out to be a super day's drive, stopping at the sleepy village of Wallaville at lunch time for a counterie and a coldie before hitting the tarmac with yet again super scenery and a gentle road. Arriving at our first destination of Biggenden, 120km away. After tucking ourselves into our respective accommodation, we did a pub crawl - sort of!!!! We met at 1 of

the 2 pubs for a beer and nibblies and a debrief and finished at the other for dinner!!!! Early to bed cos we had to - early to rise!!

Day 2 and our destination, this day, was Goomeri and we were all salivating just thinking about the Goomeri Bakery!!!! Stopping at the sleepy locality of Gooroolba, Ian & Jackie set up the morning tea shop and boiled the billy. Shelley had been madly baking and served up some absolutely delicious slices. Yum Yum!!

After checking out the historic Chowey Bridge we forwarded on to Ban Ban Springs. Fueled up and forged ahead towards Murgon. Stopping at a little graveled pull off, under a couple of gum trees for a yummy lunch and a coldie, catered by our beautiful catering officer Fiona!!!! And she thought of EVERYTHING!!

Through the lively little township of Murgon where the locals were madly waving and taking photos. This is where having Whitey going ahead alerts the locals - and the police LOL!!!

159 km and we arrived at Goomeri. What an unbelievable days drive. We never stopped saying how good is Lenny - he finds roads that our cars can comfortably handle matched only by the stunning scenery that we pass through!!!! And Ray and our little Talbot are nearly synchronized - more smiles than huffing!!

Motel crew had drinks and nibblies and laughs on their front porch and the pub lot did the same before we all congregated at the pub for a delicious dinner. Though there was a question mark over the meatballs dish some had. Brooksie questioned whether the bull or the matador won!!!! You have to ask Brooksie to tell **that** tale!

Day 3 didn't start too flash. Whitey did a clutch plate and was going to be out of action. It looked like Ian was finally going to have a body in the back of the trailer!! But alas, Sally arranged for the bro' to come out from Kingaroy, just down the road, with the tilt tray to pick Whitey up.

Timing, they say, is everything, and so while waiting for the truck, Len & Fiona had arranged the day before, for the Goomeri Bakery to bake a special cake for a surprise birthday. So it was 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY SALLY' !!!

Then blow me down if Les's Renault was off the road, due to overnight rain and water encroaching a cylinder!!!! Ian was rubbing his hands again, but the lovely gentleman, who led us through his unbelievable, car & parts museum that morning, said he would house it for Les, till he came through on his way home.

So now with both cars tucked up safe & sound and the occupants distributed between Kev & Joyce's Buick & Len & Fiona's Fiat, we hit the road and pointed nor'east. Passing through the busy little town of Kilkivan we headed off the highway towards Woolooga, where we pulled up for lunch. The drizzly rain didn't hamper our scrumptious lunch nor our laughter. As if on cue, the rain stopped and we were back on the road heading for tonight's destination of Biggenden. But not before we pulled over and checked out the Memorial Bridge, erected by the locals for their men who served in the Great War. The last 40 km, before we reconnected with the bright lights of Biggenden for our night's camp, we meandered down some truly stunning countryside today!!!

Day 4 was our last day together and I am not sure how others felt, but we were so enjoying the whole drive, the camaraderie and our little Talbot, that getting home was not high on our agenda! Stopping at Mollydookers for lunch at Apple Tree Creek was to be our last get together - this time!!!! We wound our way back into the thriving metropolis of Bundaberg.

For a first time Vet, to say we had a fantastic time is an understatement and can't thank Len & Fiona enough for such a rewarding and momentous 4 days. And also thankyou to the rest of the crew who helped create such fabulous memories!! GOTTA DO IT AGAIN!!!!



## *South Side Rally Report for September 22*

Given the way the dates fell this month, the third Wednesday just happened to fall in the later part of the month. Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> was the date and thanks to Gary and Kathy Day we visited the Redlands area to see some new venues we had not visited before.

The day started a little overcast and a threat of rain later in the day, however this did not deter some of our intrepid car owners who ventured out in their vintage and post vintage cars to add to the day out.

First stop of the day was a visit to the Wellington Point Farmhouse, the only remaining working vegetable farm still operating in an area known as the "salad bowl" of Brisbane. With 12 expected and the 10am seating time for morning tea approaching, our numbers started to grow and finally we had **twenty-six**, with some intrepid travellers from the North Side and our regular Northern NSW Rallyists arriving.

As it was Queensland school holidays, grand children from two families were able to join us to experience travelling in old cars. A new generation of Veteran Car drivers in the making. Five children in total.

Our expanded numbers taxed the staff at the Homestead, however as professionals they took it in their stride and accommodated us.

After a great morning tea, it was time to round up the group and move onto the Grand View Hotel overlooking the Southern Moreton Bay at Cleveland. Again, a quick shuffle of the tables and chairs and we were ready to seat our expanded numbers for lunch. At the Grand View two of our North Siders dropped off and two others from the North Side joined us along with one extra member. The chatter amongst those present continued for some time and 3 pm was upon us before long. Time to leave for home.

Next month, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge have suggested that we move a little further South to Coomera for Morning Tea and then onto Southport for Lunch.

As with all previous South Side Rallies all VCCAQ club member and families are most welcome to attend these social days and given the traffic and some distances, if you do not wish to drive your older vehicles, come modern. These days are intended as a social day out. We ask that you advise us by e-mail if you intend to come as it helps with seating and staffing at the venues we are attending.

Thanks again to all who attended and to Gary and Kathy Day for pointing us in the direction of these two venues.

Trevor and Janette Farnell 0428 740 199 [trevorfarnell@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorfarnell@bigpond.com)



## Andrew and Angela Fergusson with their recently acquired 1911 Mors Type NX.



### **MORS**                      **MADE IN FRANCE**                      **TYPE NX** With original body by the Melbourne Mors agents - Jas A. Munro & Co

This car was originally owned by Mr. Cuthbert Howard at 'Fairfield' Balldale NSW and was later used by the Shippard Family of Corowa as farm transport until being taken to Melbourne by Dr. A. Goble. It was purchased and restored during the 1960's by Mr Keith Buchholz.

The former owners have known of this car since it was with Keith and Dorothy Buchholz and after pursuing it for many years, were able to purchase during 2016. It has recently undergone some 'sympathetic' refurbishment whilst maintaining its patina and originality.

- ENGINE:** 4 cylinders – 12/15 H.P. bore and stroke 75 mm x 120 mm fixed head
- IGNITION:** High tension magneto with fixed timing.
- OIL SYSTEM:** Full pressure force to crankshaft and gudgeons.
- TRANSMISSION:** Gate change. 3 forward gears and reverse.
- CLUTCH:** Mors type – contracting band on flywheel.
- REAR AXLE:** Floating rear axle with triangular torque rod bolted to housing.
- BRAKES:** Foot pedal operates steel to steel band and drum unit at rear of gear box. Handbrake operates on rear wheels.
- SUSPENSION:** Semi elliptic leaf springs on front.  $\frac{3}{4}$  elliptic leaf springs on rear.

MORS enjoyed considerable success early in the 1900's.  
Manufacturing ceased in 1927 (taken over by Citroen)

Andrew Ferguson

# Minutes of the Six Hundred and Ninety First Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Commenced 7.30pm

**Apologies:** Alan & Carol Robinson, Allan & Dianne Lyons, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Barbara Clegg, Bob & Hazel Burley, Lauren Forster, Glynn & David Hackshall, Diane Farrier, Peter Arnold, Trish Hanley, Gary & Kathy Day.

**Attendance on Zoom:** Wayne Aberdeen, Wally & Bev Lanagan, Keith Bartley, Graham Crittenden, Andrew Fergusson & Joe Jarick.

**Visitors:** Dylan Higgins, has access to a few veterans that were recently purchased in England. He and friends are planning to attend the 2022 London to Brighton, before having the veteran cars shipped back to Qld.

**Attendance:** 30 as per the sign on book

**President:** Sally York welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance, and those folks on zoom.

**Minutes of the August 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 Rob York All agreed, carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

## Correspondence:

Spit & Polish NSW, Small Torque Tasmania, Chrysler News, Beaded Wheels, HCCA July/August magazine  
Cleanzone Invoices.  
Membership G. Warfield

## Emails Inwards

Membership Application Dylan Higgins 1904 Brennan & 1904 Peugeot  
Declan Sheridan 1902 Warwick & 1900 Decauville

## Correspondence Outward:

### Email outward

Letter inviting Dylan & Declan to a club meeting  
Letter to Ray & Jacqui Mutton to enable them to get their 1914 Talbot registered  
Letter to Andrew & Angela Fergusson to enable them to get their 1911 Mors registered

## Business Arising from Correspondence:

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed.  
Seconded Glenn Adams, all agreed carried

**Treasurer Report:** Steve moved that his report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment.  
Seconded Albert Budworth all agreed, carried

**Events:** are shown below and are on the club website under Events.

**24<sup>th</sup> September Handover Dinner** 5.30 Dinner served 6.30pm BYO Alcoholic drinks, soft drink will be available. Please pay Treasurer by the 5<sup>th</sup> September. \$33.00 pp club member, \$38.50 pp late comers or non members. Or DDeposit BSB 124 026 A/c 21 823 868  
Closing date is the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Any questions please contact Jean 0409 031 011

**29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Grant Vormister has arranged a few days in Ayr / Home Hill district.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October** National Rally Busselton WA email: busso2021@gmail.com

**2023**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Chinchilla Rally** is back on the agenda. You may like to re-book your accommodation. Chinchilla Tourist Park, 264 Zeller St, Chinchilla QLD 4413, [\(07\) 4669 1465](tel:0746691465) organised by Wally & Bev Lanagan & Keith & Anne Bartley

**12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Biloela** few days arranged by Len Kelly – Camping will be at the Qld Heritage Park' 11 Exhibition Ave, Biloela QLD 4715 [\(07\) 4992 2400](tel:0749922400) Those requiring other accommodation there are a number of Motels in the area.

**14<sup>th</sup> May – 2 weeks - Touring Rally** is being organised by Grant Vormister, assemble in Mackay 14<sup>th</sup> May rally Mackay 15/17, also visit Ayr rally 20<sup>th</sup> / 22 May and Innisfail 25<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> May, finishing in Innisfail on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **National & Invitation Events 2023 & 2024**

**2023 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March** Orange EOI forms available from Rhonda

**2023 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October** ACT National Rally – to be held in Griffith NSW EOI on club web site

**2024 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March** 1 & 2 National Rally WA Albany

**2024 26<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June** HCCA (Horseless Car Club of America ) International Rally  
Tweed Valley Northern NSW

**Property:** Albert was able to get a friend to help with one of the sliding doors. Much better thank you  
Flag pole requires painting – unfortunately it's very high, that is still to be done.  
Disabled toilet – Albert has another plumber booked to come next week to give the club a quote.

**Editor:** Nil

**Web site:** Nil

**Dating:** Nil

**QHMC:** Albert mentioned that the QHMC now has 92 Queensland clubs in the organisation.  
When a club member requires to get a car on SIVS registration the TMR requires a letter from the club stating that the folks are a member of a car club and that they are financial, also stating the make of vehicle, year, engine number & chassis number.

You may find Fuel 91 – is not available – but don't panic there will be fuel for our veteran cars for many years to come.

### **General Business:**

1. Graham Donges was first up to say they he (in the Brush) & Irene (modern towing the trailer) have completed The Brisbane to Broome rally that was recently held. The Brush was one of only 6 veteran cars that were driven every day. They used the event to fund raise for charity. One way was to invite folks to pay \$50.00 for a 50 k ride as a passenger in a veteran car, some folks so enjoyed the drive they donated \$100.00. Well done to everyone. Unfortunately one bike rider had an accident and had to be flown to hospital in Mt Isa, but returned to the group to finish the rally but not on his bike.

2. Karen Ryan asked how she would be able to add photos on to the Club Facebook page whilst on a rally. To put it on the club Facebook maybe she would need to send it to Sally and then Sally can add it to the club page.

3. Steve reminded us that the handover dinner is coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup> September if you are planning on attending please contact Jean Jarrett and pay the cost of the dinner to the club social bank account. The information is in the September Veteran Torque

4. John Day mentioned that the club, has been able to sell or handover to a charity, most of the items collected from the Dulcie Wilkinson home. Quite a bit of the items were sold at the recent club swap meet \$1,200.00. Dulcie requested that the money raised be put towards the disabled toilet.

5. John Que reminded us of the Governor's invitation to enjoy a walk in the Government House grounds this Thursday, and was anyone planning on attending. John is going and so was asked if he would write a report on the adventure.

6. Glenn Adams asked if the club had any club stickers that he could purchase. (Rhonda checked the President's cupboard after the meeting and yes found a box of the stickers).

7. Steve & Lauren Forster have purchased the 1914 Renault AX, from Keith & Jill Fowlie. Congratulations

Meeting Closed 8.15 pm

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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### *GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS*

John Day has arranged the following:

At the October Meeting, **PAUL CASOS** will give a talk on the history of the Casos family in Ipswich, from coach builders, through to early members of the Veteran Car Club and then the Willowbank drag racing scene.

At our November meeting, **JOE JARICK** will talk about his Austin Healey experiences, here and overseas. Quite a few Austin Healeys have come and gone since his first in 1968. Joe has owned his 1955 100S, a factory built sports racing car for 46 years this month! His talk will include some background and his involvement with Donald Healey, the Healey Family and as a bystander, the final days of the Donald Healey Motor Company.

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# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Held at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Commenced 8.15pm

**Apologies:** As per the Attendance book

**Attendance on Zoom:** Wayne Aberdeen, Wally & Bev Lanagan, Keith Bartley, Graham Crittenden, Andrew Fergusson, Joe Jarick

**Attendance** as per the sign on book

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

**Minutes of the 2020 AGM 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 Irene Donges All agreed

**Treasurer Report:** Steve Forster gave his report and was pleased to report that the Club will not be required to pay tax last financial year. Steve moved that the club appoint the same accounting firm to review the books as of the end of the current financial year. Seconded Albert Budworth All Agreed

President: Sally York read her report

Dating Officer: Ross Guthrie read his report on behalf of all the dating committee.

Editor's Report: President Sally read Carol Robinson's Editors report as Carol was not able to attend.

Sally moved that all reports be accepted, seconded Peter Arnold all Agreed

Sally requested that John Day come forward and commence the election of officers.

John read out the list of nominations:

		<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Sally York	Grant Vormister	Pam Guthrie
Vice President	Syd Norman	Sally York	Rhonda Guthrie
Secretary	Irene Donges	Pauline Norman	Sally York
Treasurer	Steve Forster	Rob York	Albert Budworth
Rally Director	Rhonda Guthrie	Grant Vormister	Sally York
Editor	Carol Robinson	Steve Forster	Alan Robinson
Web Master	Adam Lyons	Rhonda Guthrie	Pam Guthrie
Property	Albert Budworth	Sally York	Rhonda Guthrie
Committee member	Peter Arnold	Albert Budworth	Carol Robinson
Committee member	Jean Jarrett	Sally York	Rhonda Guthrie
Committee member	Brett Hollingum	Steve Forster	Ross Guthrie

Meeting closed 8.45pm

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

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

## President's Annual Report

Many things occur during a year in this Club, and you don't realize how many until you sit down to write about them. It really doesn't feel like it has only been a year since the President's rally in Kingaroy. I presented Keith and Anne Bartley and Glenn Adams with their 100-year badges and dating certificates.

Thankfully the stifling rules imposed due to covid have become a bad memory and fingers crossed that masks may be the only remnant of this disruption of our lives.

The news of cancellation of the National 'Rally to the Mallee' was met with disappointment and condolences to the hardworking organizers. The only silver lining to this was Rhonda Guthrie and Russell Massey launched into action, reviving old rally routes and a plethora of phone calls and emails later we had a replacement rally in Stanthorpe. This proved a delightful time away and provided the backdrop for the presentation of Graeme and Ellen Allen's 100-year badge and dating certificate.

Shortly after this I was invited to represent the Club at Government House to farewell former Governor Paul de Jersey and his wife Kay.

November brought the Mon Repos rally that was organized by Terry Lewis and John Handley. An event to celebrate emancipation and made headlines overseas (according to Facebook). Wonderful for Chris Sorensen and 'fellow motorists' to be congratulated by the chairman of the Royal Automobile club UK after footage of the event travelled on social media. They certainly looked like they had a great time! I was disappointed to have missed this particular event, but Whitey had a previous engagement at the launch of 'Car Wars Down Under' by Murray Hubbard depicting the history of Australia's first land speed record and the rivalry that initiated it. Whitey hadn't been on that beach in Southport for 105 years.

The Club was successful in applying for vice regal patronage and have great pleasure in announcing her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland as our Patron. We humbly welcomed the Governor and her husband, Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD as joint honorary members of the Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) for the duration of her Excellency's term in office.

2022 was projected to be quite busy and we began with the club breakfast and a spot of shopping thanks to Irene Hill. We introduced a plan to have guest speakers come to our meetings and had an initial visit from our emergency service partners, the Ambulance and the Fire Dept. There was Nerida from Blue Care, and of course our insurance broker Andrew. All these speakers came to explain what they do and to offer some helpful tips for members.

February saw the removal of our wayward tenant...finally, and then the massive clean up and process of choosing a new tenant for the house. The southside monthly runs have been very popular and well attended. Great to see more social outings for our members. We started the latest construction project by demolishing the 'slab' in anticipation of a new one, and then the floods came... The floods impacted many throughout Qld and NSW and trades are still in high demand, but we had no idea how hard it would be to secure them for the few little things we need done to get our new toilet and shower completed.

March saw the Club throw the first International Women's Day event and had 40 members sitting on the edge of their seats listening to John Day's great presentation of Bertha Benz. Chinchilla rally postponed due to flooding.

April and May disappeared due to Narrandera's National 1&2 rally and other assorted southern rallies that members added onto their trips while down there. Pittsworth rally was held and was enjoyed by those who attended.

June, we had the display at Motorfest, and it was delightful watching John Day and Joe Jarick letting small children hop in their cars for photos. Never know those children may be our future members. Congratulations Joe on taking out the best Veteran prize.

July the month they have been waiting for, or desperately dreading depending how much work was left to do to their vehicles before embarking on the epic journey from Brisbane to Broome. July 18 marks the date they left, with over three weeks driving before they are due in Western Australia. Rally to Millmerran was a smaller group but sounds like they had a great time.

Jenny Sorensen arrived in Broome, August 11, and becomes the first woman to drive a veteran car across the continent in this rally. Well Done and many congratulations! Great to see one of our many strong women in this Club succeed. Thanks also to the men supporting these strong women. I can see in fifty years' time they could be running this rally again; wouldn't it be wonderful if some of the same cars were to participate.

It has been an interesting year and I anticipate next year won't be much different. Everything seems to be moving at an increased pace lately. I must thank my wonderful committee members for everything they do and there are far too many tasks to mention but I will say they always stand up to help with anything. Nothing is too much trouble, and they are very competent people. You can rest assured the Club is in good hands.

Sally York

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### *Dating Committee Report: 2022*

2021 was a difficult year due to Covid – thankfully we can now get back to enjoying our veterans.

2021/2022 the Committee has dated

1912 Talbot owned by Keith & Anne Bartley President Sally presented them with their certificate and 100 year badge at a club rally.

1916 Overland Tourer owned by Phil Power, Phil was able to attend a club meeting where President Sally was able to hand over his certificate and 100 year badge.

If you would like to receive a 100 year badge for your veteran vehicle please contact the dating committee, we are looking forward to receiving your request.

I'd like to thank Rob Guthrie for painting the 100 year badges as required.

I'd also like to thank Bob Collett, Syd Norman and Paul Blake for their assistance during the past 12 months.

Ross Guthrie.

Dating Chairman

Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

September 2022

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### *Editor's Report - 2021-22*

Thank-you to those members who have contributed to *Veteran Torque* over the last twelve months, whether it be reports of past events, photos or technical articles, without my having to harass you. I ask that where possible all photographs be sent as JPEG attachments, at the highest resolution so I can do them justice.

There must be a number of you who have recently acquired a Veteran vehicle, or completed a restoration which would be of interest to Members.

I would also like to be able to include more articles of a technical nature, so don't hesitate to fill my "Inbox".

Carol Robinson

5 September 2022

## MARKET PLACE

### WANTED

**ORIGINAL SMITHS 4-JET CARBURETTOR FOR MY HUMBERETTE** (or parts, thereof)

Kevin Brooks 0412 720 035 or [brooks@goanna.tv](mailto:brooks@goanna.tv)

I am seeking to purchase a **FULLY ENCLOSED TANDEM AXLE TRAILER** for transporting our De Dion Bouton double phaeton which I expect to complete soon. The trailer needs to have an internal length of at least 4300mm.

Contact Paul Blake 0418741036 [brumby1009@gmail.com](mailto:brumby1009@gmail.com)

### FOR SALE

#### **NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL SALE**

**1910 BRUSH RUNABOUT** D26 2 Cylinder Brush Engine

Sadly due to my age and health issues my Brush is available for conditional purchase at \$50,000 with trailer.

My Brush was prepared for the Brisbane to Broome and the engine balanced with a 2022 Brush counter balance shaft.

The history of Alanson Brush and the Brush Runabout fascinated me - Brush Runabout being the first Automobile to venture to cross Australia from Perth to Sydney achieved in 1912.

Result I, John Simmons and Sandy Munroe drove my 1910 Brush "Across Australia" Perth to Sydney in 1992 - honouring the 80th anniversary of the First Crossing. We, with the help of good friends have driven over 28,436kms. 1996 Darwin to Melbourne, 2005 Sydney to Melbourne, 1992-2012 Perth to Sydney twice, 2001 Around Australia clockwise Sydney to Sydney for the Centenary of Federation.



CONDITIONAL SALE: It will be sold only to an Australian who commits to buy the Brush and to drive it whenever possible in all 1 or 2 Cyl. Rallies of VCCA Vic, NSW, QLD, & Brush Owners. Offers to purchase must contain a commitment email/letter and two references from members of a Veteran Car Club.

Robert (Bob) Lamond [backfirebob@icloud.com](mailto:backfirebob@icloud.com)  
0409 712 101 All mail to PO Box 21 Millthorpe 2798

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**1911 STAR** of former Club-Member Penny Stanbridge.

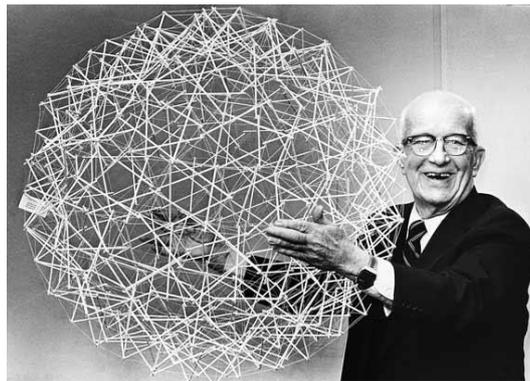
Travelled many miles on many rallies. Needs a new home and some TLC.

Please contact her son Carl on 0419 255 500.

Price \$25,000 ONO



A futuristic-looking 1938 Dymaxion, designed by American inventor Buckminster Fuller



### ***A LITTLE BIT OF .....HUMOUR***

A man was working in his garden when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up on his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said, "*You appear quite elderly to be driving.*"  
"*Well, yes, I am,*" she replied proudly. "*I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's licence anymore !!*" "*The last time I went to my Doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's licence. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore,' so I thanked him and left!*"

