

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

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VETERAN TORQUE

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Sunset – Hivesville Rally

[Photo: K. Brooks]



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

The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees for 2021-22 only are:.

Full Membership (single):	\$ 50	Joint Membership	\$ 55
Country Membership (single):	\$ 38	Joint Membership:	\$ 41
Associate Membership	\$ 38		

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

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(Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.)

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

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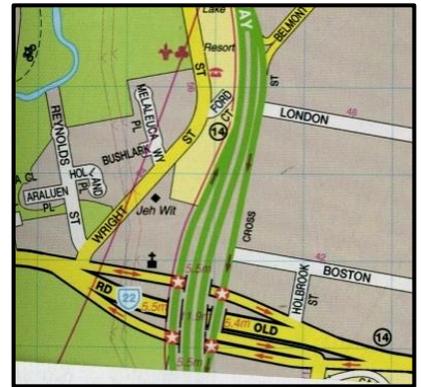
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“Here we go again.....”

President's Report March

Well, this jam packed month began with the Hivesville rally, and I must say we absolutely enjoyed ourselves despite the rainfall and subsequent flooding. We attended lunch in Wooroolin, visited the Bjelke Petersen dam and explored the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum in Murgon. Wonderful country runs and mostly good weather. Was a credit to Len Kelly and crew and I must also thank them for the instructions being so easy to read. Fiona showed some true club spirit by hemming her newly constructed skirt **by hand** one night. I know how much work that is and take my hat off to her for getting it done also proving she has the patience to stab something many, many times.

Unfortunately, we had to leave after breakfast in Proston and miss the Monday morning run to return to Brisbane in time for the general meeting as we had guest speaker Nerida from Blue Care coming to tell us all about Dementia. Very interesting talk explaining how it progresses and the effects on the brain plus resultant behaviour to be aware of. Lucky, we had subtitles so our zoom attendees could follow along when the sound disappeared. It seems each time we solve a zoom problem there is another to replace it. I'm sure soon we will get it running smoothly, fingers crossed.

March 12, 2022, marked the inaugural International Women's Day Event for the VCCAQ and we had almost forty members attend. This event was specifically to thank the women of our club for all the work that they do in supporting the club. The High Tea was catered by The Hideout in Narangba and with everything made specifically for us, I must thank chef Jane for making all the food and then coordinating from the kitchen to ensure everything was served correctly. John Day captivated us with his wonderful presentation all based around women in motoring history. We will have this up on the website soon for everyone to view. Many thanks to all of the helpers in the kitchen prepping and plating food and the helpers organising crockery, centre pieces and place cards and all those who helped clean up. Good news for those enduring the house saga, we have found a new tenant. Look forward to an uneventful future with her.

More good news is the demolition of the back patio slab of the club rooms has been completed and we are in anticipation of works preparing for the footings and plumbing in the not to distant future. Now we have made a start, we must maintain the momentum and get this disabled toilet and shower project moving along. Congruently the club library is slowly coming together. Irene has been busy and is not daunted by how many more books there are to sort now. Brave lady!



We have a new event recently added to our program and that is the South side run which will be held the third Wednesday of every month following their initial success. Brilliant to see how many showed up and high hopes for a good regular attendance, everyone is invited. Thanks to Trevor and Janette for launching the latest monthly event.

Not long to wait now for the much-anticipated Chinchilla rally boasting 42 entrants. After spending some time in Dalby and speaking with Keith, Anne, Wally and Bev it would seem they have everything well in hand. Quite a bit to look forward to and no doubt will be fun!

It's been a big month!

Happy Motoring, Sally

CHINCHILLA "CHILL OUT" RALLY 8TH TO 11TH APRIL

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again on your arrival at the Chinchilla Tourist Park on your arrival on 7th April – all wound up and ready to rally. Wal and Bev Lanagan and Keith and Anne Bartley have organised a first-rate rally and one that's somewhat different from most of our recent local rallies.

It is organised around an Australian 'Country' theme – 'the real Aussie Bush' - as Bev assures me. So it adds some variety to our rallying experience. Couldn't find a hill anywhere when I went out to look at it – shades of Charleville I suspect – and certainly will answer the requests of the one and two cylinder group for a rally to suit their vehicles.

Our Rally Organisers have plotted routes that take us south-west of Chinchilla to Condamine on Friday and south to the area around Kogan on Saturday. They are well chosen for historic significance and an association with one of Australia's most highly-regarded artists – well-known for his depiction of Australian bush life and people. I'll tell you no more. I leave that to our organisers. For Sunday they've arranged some short runs around the Chinchilla township, followed by an afternoon rest before the Rally Dinner at the Caravan Park.

A number of people have drawn attention to a fourth day of rallying to justify the distances travelled so yours truly has proposed an extra rally day on Monday 11th that will take in a different type of country landscape to the north-east of Chinchilla to Jandowae based on large rural holdings and expansive views of vast fields of sorghum. But the reason for the choice of Jandowae also includes the opportunity to see and perhaps understand what causes the decline of a rural town. More of that on the day. I must say I expected only a small number to participate on the extra day – but wrong again! More than half our number wanted the extra day's rallying. Lunch will be at one of the remaining pubs in Jandowae and I shall contact those attending about the meal choices etc.

Meals have been organised, however some of you may not be aware that the Kogan School P & C decided they (that is, the two of them) couldn't cope with preparing 'salad boxes' for our numbers for Saturday's lunch - so salad rolls are being supplied by the Chinchilla Bakery and brought from Chinchilla . For those with relevant food allergies Keith and Anne have organised for the baker to prepare some salad boxes for them. A few more for those who can't deal with salad rolls may be possible – contact me (Phil F.) asap to arrange that . Otherwise you might need to self-cater. REMEMBER TO TAKE FOLDING CHAIRS AND TINY TABLE IF POSSIBLE ON SATURDAY AND MAYBE TWO THERMOS FLASKS.

On the way home on Tuesday some of you who may be interested in historic farm machinery might like to take a detour to Jimbour to see an early 1900s enormous ten ton farm tractor. I found it interesting.

See you soon, Cheers

Phil F.



FUTURE RALLIES

PITTSWORTH – 2ND TO 5TH JUNE (Arrive 1st, depart 6th)

The Pittsworth Rally is to be based at the Pittsworth Showgrounds which has accommodation (powered sites) for trailers, vans and motor homes but NO CABINS. The only equivalent to cabins that can provide some space for trailers and is not booked out for at least part of our rally is the Pittsworth Motor Inn. It's the 'newest' and most expensive – normally \$145/night but I've got them down to \$135. The others are booked out for a bowls tournament and for scheduled maintenance at the Millmerran Power Station. So those needing a motel room will need to book as soon as possible. I have secured reservations of 15 rooms but I'm not certain how reliable the management will be if a definite bulk booking comes in for the maintenance contractors for the Power Station.

This motel is also one of the increasing number of motels which do not provide a kitchen in the unit – not even a sink. It provides a bar fridge, an electric jug, a toaster, two cups, saucers and tea-spoons (no other crockery or cutlery) and a few sachets of coffee, tea and sugar. It does have a dining room and bar and they seem to rely on these for income. I will provide details in future for places to obtain breakfast and evening meals, pizzas at the Pizza Hut, lunches in country pubs and dinners at the kitchen at the pavilion at the showgrounds which I have booked for our use. As for the Showgrounds accommodation – you cannot book individually at the Showgrounds. I have booked the necessary parts of the Showgrounds (for which we will have exclusive use), the Club will meet the total cost and each entrant staying at the Showground will have to pay the total cost divided by the number of entrants. Based on our average numbers, the costs per entrant should be less than normal for a caravan park.

Entry Forms will be available soon – possibly at the Chinchilla Rally.

Routes have been sorted out (with help from local member Stuart Cornford). I am confident that you will find the arrangements up to our usual standards.

MILLMERRAN – 27th TO 30th JULY (Arrive 26th, depart 31st)

The Millmerran Rally is to be based at the Millmerran Village Caravan Park at 59 Bruce Road, Millmerran which has accommodation (powered sites - \$40/night) (19 reserved) for trailers, vans & motor homes and a variety of different types of Cabins (Family Cabins (2 reserved) - \$130, De Luxe Cabins (4 reserved) - \$120, and Studio Cabins (5 reserved) - (\$110) – in total 30 reservations). The tavern, suitable for Rally Dinner, is next door.

Two of the runs are likely to be 'out and back on the one road' and two on looped routes. Self catering for lunches is most likely on perhaps three days.

See you at a Rally soon.

Phil Fletcher

AT THE HIGH TEA TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (8 March).

[Photos : Rhonda and Pam Guthrie and Sally York]



What does purple have to do with International Women's Day?

The Women's Social and Political Union in the UK started using purple, green and white to symbolise women's equality as far back as 1908. Historically, purple was a colour that denoted justice and dignity, and now it is used to represent women. Green is a symbol of hope. Today, purple is the colour of International Women's Day, and combined with green represents the feminist movement.



This day honoured the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions. Years later, in 1917 women in Russia chose to protest and strike for "bread and peace" on the last Sunday of February, which was 23 February; this date was March 8 as per the Gregorian calendar



The Men were also invited.....



**MEMBER RESCUED IN UNDERPANTS
HUSBAND BREAKS WIFE'S CAR
FUTURE BRISSY – BROOME ENTRANT RUNS OUT OF FUEL AT START
MODERN HAS TO BE PUSH STARTED. WIFE SENT SPRAWLING
MEMBER LOSES TRAILER WHEEL - LATER DESTROYS CAR**

Kevin Brooks

What a fine weekend at Hivesville (***Fine** – Adj. – Meaning: great, wonderful – Can mean "clear skies" -not intended in this case!!*) but summarising the happenings briefly will be difficult.

Even on Thursday, a storm threatened but passed around.

By Friday, despite S.E. Queensland's flooding, most of the expected thirty entrants arrived. The usual Happy-Hour merriment followed. Even a koala was above us at our gathering (and next day we found a second)...



During the evening, I presented John and Pam Handley with a surprise painting I'd done, of them and their Darracq, in appreciation of the engineering work he's doing for me.



On Saturday, the day went well, though we had to be directed around flooded roads. Most partook of lunch at Wooroolin's Grand Hotel and the Cleggs provided a much-appreciated, ample dinner that night.



There was considerable ribbing of Terry Lewis whose Morgan sports-car (being used as a steward's vehicle) had to be push-started daily; the second day resulting in Régie Lewis sent sprawling and in need of band aids as the Morgan suddenly started.



Jenny Sorensen was feeling a little unwell but trusted Chris with her cute little Saxon. He's now in disgrace – and probably banned for the future – as he had to report home that, owing to a dislodged oil line, the Saxon's bigends are knocking.

Come Sunday, the sky again became threatening but Graham Donges, intrepid traveller-by-Brush across Australia, was undaunted! He plunged off with gusto in his trusty Brush on the day's run, only to run out of fuel before leaving town!! *(That considered, we are a little concerned for him on his next traversing- Australia adventure. I mean Burke and Wills....Leichhardt....."By the sun and sands devoured".....etc)*Anyway local flooding forced a change of lunch plans and Murgon's RSL provided excellent meals. However, when we exited the RSL, we found the skies varying shades of purple – and even green.

Joyce and I, with the Fergusons on board, decided to head for home, while most opted to follow the route and visit Murgon's Dairy and Heritage Museum.

Mid-way home, we were signalled from behind by a local farmer who suggested that the sky was indeed turning green and hail was likely. He suggested we take shelter in his neighbour's machinery shed. Thanks to him, we spent a "dry hour" watching buckets of rain pelt down, all the while proud of ourselves and wondering how all others were faring. Eventually, I declared us safe and we set out, only to be claimed by a second storm, leaving Michael and Jodie drenched in the back seat.



Later we were to find that the kindly Museum volunteers had folded tables aside and allowed members' cars to shelter there. Some adventure followed as a few cars, I believe, had to be helped through a few of the higher resultant puddles. All-in-all, an exciting day!



Come Monday, most went off to a catered breakfast. I refused since there were no eggs and bacon but later, copped lots of teasing, because I'd missed out on a tub of ice cream (for me a daily medicinal necessity) that could have accompanied pancakes and maple syrup.

For all but one, the afternoon run that followed was uneventful. However, on return there was the question posed, "Where's Erik?" Apparently Erik Larsen had gone off alone- as he is wont to do - on some wild goose chase with a perfect stranger. (*Is it the Viking blood that courses through his veins? Or did his mother not tell him not to talk to strangers?*) Whatever the case, unsure where to find him and unable to phone him (*Erik can only "hear" signs*), we abandoned him to the wilderness. Just before dark, as we rushed off in the Buick to the pub backyard where the Cleggs were again preparing dinner, a four-wheel driver frantically waved us down, and out stepped Erik the Viking, clad not in his studded helmet, but in his underpants! From his "depth- indicator" it was obvious he'd waded through water just above, (*...how should I put it?... ah, a nautical term will suit*), just above his Plimsoll line!! He'd come partly home via a different route and his Alldays and Onions now sat, lonely and abandoned, in the middle of the road, on the other side of some flooded stream.

*.....But his pluck was still undaunted, and his courage fiery hot....*so again he plunged off - alone - into the wilderness with his truck and trailer, intent on spending the night beside the stream. When all were told the news, a rescue mission was mounted and somehow, Len Kelly and Michael Ferguson located the wayward Eric and returned with him, his car, his truck and trailer, safely to the pub! A resounding cheer followed, as Erik was thrust into our presence, this time wearing trousers !

And so ended, I thought, a great weekend and thanks are due to the Kellys and the Cleggs



But for us, more was to follow. Between Kilcoy and Woodford, as we passed through roadwork, the Stop-go man signalled us to stop, saying we had a flat tyre on our trailer. We pulled over, looked and said, "What tyre?" For some unaccounted reason, every stud had sheared off at the hub and our nice Volvo mag wheel had departed into the wilderness. That mini-disaster aside, all went well – temporarily . We unloaded the Buick to lighten the jacking process. I phoned both PROBAR, a Caboolture trailer firm who stock hubs, and Rob York who was willing to bring me back a hub. However the Fergusons who were passing, took me to D’Aguilar where we located a mechanic who knocked out the old studs, pressed in the new \$15.95 set I’d been sent to purchase and refused to charge me anything. Back to the trailer, wheel on, and everything wonderful, I decided, instead of loading the Buick, to drive the last fifty-odd kms – on, as it turned out, a very busy road. About ten kms from home, all went wrong and the Buick started to miss and gradually dropped power. Stupidly, I thought I could nurse it home but about two kms from home, it died – in fact seized. Lifting the bonnet, I found water leaking from an errant water manifold that I thought I’d mended forever. (I’d seen no steam, since all was squirting elsewhere). We towed it home and I thought I was, ha ha, as despondent as I could get! I contemplated selling both cars and going into the old people’s home.(Worse was to come! Wait for it.). I phoned Yorks and said I didn’t need help, just company. After sampling Japanese, New Zealand, and Scottish whisky, and Sally’s Apricot chicken, I was sent home (with Joyce driving) with the farewell that all will be well in the morning.

Next morning I tried to start the Buick and after a couple of encouraging sounds came a large bang! I lifted the bonnet: one pair of cylinders has departed the sump, leaving their flange behind, one conrod bent, parts of rings evident, water manifold twisted, exhaust manifold destroyed and one stud sheared off. Whether initially the cylinders cracked and caused the manifold to leak or v.v., I have no way of knowing but I am inclined to think the cylinders came first. I had detected occasional knocking for some kms and fiddled with the timing trying to cure it. (And in hindsight, during the rally, my block became excessively oily.)

Eventually I sat inside for a while, totally depressed, again fighting to convince myself the old people’s home wasn’t for me. Then I found Terry Lewis’s message that he hoped we’d arrived home safely (fat chance) and would I write a report on the rally. I was inclined to tell him to sod off but, having overcome the urge to sell the bloody lot, I’m writing this now. (The Yorks, good friends and people that they are, have been and gone today, leaving me with a new Sidchrome 9/16- 5/8 ring spanner as a cheer-up present to replace the sought-after missing one.). I am convinced that most reports don’t get read and that I’m wasting my time writing this, so here’s your reward. I’m going to bring chocolates to the next meeting and any who read this, report to me for your choccy! (And re the car, I’ve calmed a little now and there’s no point in pointing out I’m bloody stupid. I know – and your confirmation won’t help.)

Bye!



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Footnote: Thanks to my bringing so many spares from Canada, I have another cylinder and a phone call to friend and fellow-Buick owner, Peter Nicholson in Western Australia, means water and exhaust manifolds are on their way.....so, if I can lift my energy, WEE 15 will live again.)



South Side Rally 16/03/2022



After a meeting of the social committee a few weeks ago a proposal was put forward to hold a mid-month, weekday rally on the south side of Brisbane.

While not entirely original, as this concept had been in practice on the north side of Brisbane for several years. These mid-month, mid-week rallies provided club members with an opportunity to get together for a social outing where they were able to drive their veteran vehicles and get together for a social outing with the sanction of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld. as an official Club rally. The North side runs have proven very successful for club members living on the north side.

While all club members are invited to attend these rallies and in some instances members from the south have attended the north side rallies, the distances across Brisbane in heavy city traffic inhibited members on the south side from frequenting many north side events.

Hence the concept of holding a south side event similar to the north side events was conceived. The first of these events was held on Wednesday 16th of March with a morning tea at a café and then moving on to a hotel a small distance away for lunch.

Morning tea was arranged to be at the Green Frog Hollow Café Logan Village and lunch was held at the Bearded Dragon Hotel at Tamborine Village.

Numbers of members attending the Green Frog Hollow Café were 16 including two from the North Side (Lyn and Peter Arnold). The balance was made up of members from Tweed Heads to Capalaba. There were two veteran cars, one vintage, and one classic car. Other members attended in their moderns. Russell Massey joined us for lunch at the Bearded Dragon. Peter and Lyn left us at the Café after morning tea.

The morning proved to be successful with great fellowship and a commitment that we should do this on a regular basis. Establishing a day to have these monthly get togethers proved a bit divisive leading to further consideration by the club committee to enable the South Side Rallies to be conducted on the third Wednesday each month.

A further commitment made by the group was that we should establish a default location to meet in future. A few members agreed to investigate several parks with suitable facilities for this purpose. Further information will be provided once this location is established.

We would like to take this opportunity thank those who were able to attend this social day out and hope future days out are equally enjoyable with additional participants.

Trevor and Janette Farnell



OUR VINTAGE FIAT'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Yesterday, Monday 14 March 2022, Meryl and I found something to celebrate amongst the doom and gloom of the recent all time record floods which devastated our home city of Lismore.

On the 14 March 2022 our Fiat Tipo 501 Roadster turned 100 years old ---- the engine block is date stamped 14-3-1922. Accordingly we opened a bottle of champagne to celebrate.

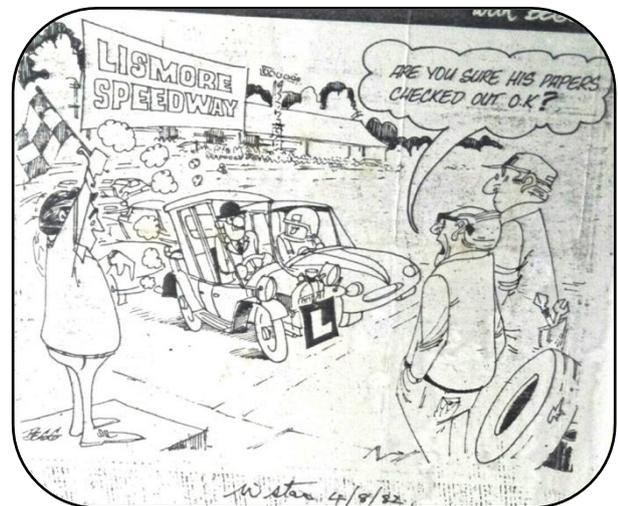
In three months time, about June this year it will be 40 years since I finished a five year restoration project and the Fiat was returned to the road once again. During the last 40 years it has given very little trouble and we have rallied it in South Aust, Victoria, NSW and Queensland and covered thousands of kilometres. Our three boys who were babies when it was restored, have learnt to service it, drive it and of course polish it! I guess it will remain a family heirloom in the future.



Its first outing was in August 1982 on the annual rally of the Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club. Shortly afterwards the Fiat participated in the 25 year Silver Jubilee Rally of the Veteran Car Club of Aust. (Qld) which ran Brisbane, Toowoomba, Kingaroy, Maryborough, Brisbane. In 1988 we drove it in the National Bicentenary Rally which travelled Lismore, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and return to Lismore. Coincidentally, in a couple of weeks time, the Fiat is entered in another rally organized by the Veteran Car Club of Queensland to be held at Chinchilla Qld.

After an article in the local Northern Star newspaper on the return to the road of the Fiat, it must have prompted the resident cartoonist to create and print a cartoon in the "Northern Star" issue on 4 August 1982. The cartoon featured a vintage car in the front row grid of a race at Lismore Speedway. The driver complete with bowler hat, obviously depicted a Chartered Accountant in his vintage car at a recent race meeting!!

Recently this Fiat has been joined in our collection of old cars and motorcycles, by the purchase of a 1914 Veteran Fiat, Tipo Zero, Roadster. The Fiat Zero was manufactured 1911-1915 and our Fiat Tipo 501 was the follow-on model. The 1914-1918 World War1 held up release of the new Tipo 501 model until 1919. It was 1921, 1922 before they arrived in Australia so our 501 model is one of the earliest arrivals in Australia. Even though it was designed in the Veteran era (which ends 31 December 1918) it was manufactured during the Vintage era in March 1922 so is described as a Vintage era vehicle. The Vintage era ends 31 December 1930.



After a recent freshen up of the engine and other tidy ups our Fiat Tipo 501 roadster should be good for another 100 years-----providing we can get fuel for it as there is no room for an electric motor!

Robert and Meryl Lovell

Minutes of the Six Hundred and Eighty Fifth Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

Monday 7th March 2022

Commenced 7.30pm

Apologies: , Kevin & Joyce Brooks, Geoff & Barbara Clegg, Graham & Irene Donges, Michael & Jodie Ferguson, David Hackshall, Allan & Dianne Lyons, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Alan & Carol Robinson, Grant Vormister, Ashley York,

Attendance via Zoom: Keith Bartley, Graham Crittenden, John Farrier, John Handley, Joe Jarick, Wally & Bev Lanagan, Russell Massey, Bill & Karen Ryan.

Visitors: Nerida Pankhurst Blue Care Dementia Org, Cheryl Nott.

Attendance: 32 as per the sign on book

President: Sally York, welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance specially those who have joined us on zoom.

Sally invited our guest Nerida Pankhurst, who is a Dementia Awareness & Consultant, to speak on Dementia to us.

Dementiafriendly.org.au if you wish to check any information.

There are over 436,000 people in Australia with Dementia. This is predicted to double by 2050 70% live at home and many live alone.

There are various forms of Dementia. Dementia- is an umbrella term used to describe a range of systems. Alzheimer's Disease – is a progressive disease.

Vascular dementia

Also called multi-infarct dementia

Main results - Brain damage caused by multiple strokes.

Vascular dementia causes memory loss in older adults, particularly in those at higher risk of stroke due to obesity or diabetes. In early stages, the condition causes cognitive difficulty with reasoning and judgment. In later stages, memory is affected. Controlling conditions that affect heart health can slow disease progression. Alzheimer's drugs may help control cognitive symptoms.

Frontotemporal disorders (FTD), sometimes called frontotemporal dementia, are the result of damage to neurons in the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain. Many possible symptoms can result, including unusual behaviour, emotional problems, trouble communicating, difficulty with work, or difficulty with walking.

Lewy body dementia (LBD) is a disease associated with abnormal deposits of a protein called alpha-synuclein in the brain.

What are the first signs of Lewy body dementia?

5 EARLY SIGNS OF LEWY BODY DEMENTIA

Hallucinations or Delusions of Reality. Unlike Alzheimer's disease, individuals in the early stages of Lewy Body Dementia may exhibit cognitive changes such as hallucinations or distortions of reality.

Cognitive Fluctuations. ... Changes in Movement. ... Behavioral Shifts. ... Sleep Problems.

This means you can help reduce your risk of dementia by:

1. eating a healthy, balanced diet.
2. maintaining a healthy weight.
3. exercising regularly.
4. keeping alcohol within recommended limits.
5. stopping smoking
6. keeping your blood pressure at a healthy level.
7. Good clean living like all veteran car owners....

Sally thanked Nerida for a very informative talk and presented her with a pot plant and a letter from the club.

The above information was taken from the Dementia web site.

Meeting continued:

Minutes of the November 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 Hazel Burley All agreed, carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Various Accounts: Cleanzone.

Spit & Polish – February

Small Torque - Tasmania

Horseless Carriage Club – January / February

Rent Tenant

Urban Utilities

Letter for Richard Payne to enable him to get his 1911 Maxwell registered.

Letter of welcome to the club for 2 new club members, and a copy of the National Register and a copy of the Anniversary Book

Wayne Bunning 1913-1914 Buicks

Garry & Carol Dubois 1910 Rolls Royce & 1911 Benz

Emails Inwards

Various club newsletters Brass Notes, Inverell

Correspondence Outward:

Thank you Letter to our guest speaker Nerida Pankhurst

Email outward

Various club newsletters, Brass Notes, Inverell

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed. Seconded Trevor Farnell Carried, all agreed .

Treasurer Report: Steve moved that his report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Steve also mentioned that the club was putting in an Insurance claim for the expenses the club has had, due to the previous tenant in the club house. Seconded Syd Norman All Agreed, carried

Events: Sally invited Trevor Farnell to talk about the south side rallies that will be held monthly. The inaugural run is on the 16th March. We will be notified of the dates for future months as the time gets closer. Trevor is keen for club members to make a suggestion and organise a southside run in the months to come.

Phil reported on his rally plans

7th – 11th April, Chinchilla - Wally and Bev Lanagan with the help of Keith and Anne Bartley – Phil is planning a 4th day and it looks as though it will be to Miles. There are about 20 folks keen to have the extra day of rallying.

1st June – 6th June Pittsworth Phil has had to change the dates for the event so please note the change in your rally plans. Thank you to Stuart Cornford for helping Phil with the rallies out in the western downs. The Showground is now owned by the Toowoomba Council, unfortunately there is no caretaker, so it seems someone needs to pay the Toowoomba council for our visit. Once we know the cost it will be divided between the club members staying at the showground, it will probably be cheaper than a caravan park. John Day moved that the club pay what is necessary and the club members who stay at the showgrounds will reimburse the club. Seconded by Glynn Hackshall all agreed.

Lauren Forster, felt all the club members are happy to self-cater on all club rallies if it seems necessary.

26th – 31st July Millmerran more information on this event to come, closer to the time.

Phil also mentioned that he doesn't plan to stand for Events Co-ordinator at the coming AGM in September. If we want to rally our veteran cars, there will need to be an events co-ordinator. We can't expect this person to arrange all club rallies, club members will need to offer their assistance. These events can be anywhere in the state or interstate, let's put our thinking caps on and plan a few days away with our friends and enjoy driving our veteran vehicles.

Hivesville Rally Rob York spoke about the Hivesville few days which finished today. A great few days, very well organised except for the rain. Some of the club members drove from Hivesville direct to the club rooms for the club meeting. Thank you. John Handley organised to have a BURN the face MASKS at 6pm Friday event. This was accomplished with great ceremony.

Though apparently, Graham Donges has ended up with the club paddle, due to his forgetting to put fuel in the Brush. Yes, he ran out of petrol again. There were 18 veterans, 3 vintage and 1 classic, very good for a quick getaway weekend. Dave and Fay Martin from Ayr also Andrew and Christine Gauld from Mackay, travelled some distance, this is dedication – thank you, I'm sure the locals in the area enjoyed the club members visit.

National & Invitation Events 2022

28th April – 1st May Orange District Antique Motor Club – Autumn Tour pre 1931 vehicles.

8th - 14th May 1 & 2 Cylinder Narrandera NSW – www.vccansw.com/narrandera2022

18th July, 11th August, Brisbane – Broome, for more info contact Peter Arnold parnold4@bigpond.com

23rd – 28th October National Veteran Rally Busselton WA email: busso2021@gmail.com

Property: Albert is keen to view the security footage to see who has driven a vehicle across the grass then on to the club veranda. They have left deep gouges in the grass. Albert will ask Russell to check the security cameras hopefully we will be able to view a registration.

To date there is no tenant in the club house, though the real estate agent has bookings to show folks through this coming week.

Peter, spoke about the plan to organise a Disabled Toilet and Shower project. At this stage the plan is to dismantle the existing concrete on the veranda on Saturday 19th March this is our DEMOLITION DAY. If you have any items at home that we will require, and you don't want, please contact Peter Arnold.

Editor: Nil

Dating: Ross Guthrie, Phil Power has returned the dating papers so that the dating committee can date his 1916 Overland. The committee is waiting for the paperwork from Glenn Adams for his 1916 Dodge Bros.

QHMC – Albert reminded us that the QHMC has organised a raffle and the profits to go to Prostate Cancer Council.

Motorfest is Sunday 19th June 2022. Entry forms are now available on line. There is no charge to the club and club members to put their vehicles on display. The RACQ will collect their patronage from the general public. Albert has arranged for the veteran club members to deliver their vehicles on the Saturday if that is more convenient. Also there is storage area for the car trailers. The Vintage Car Club has organised an area for 30 of their vintage vehicles. Albert is hoping the Veteran club members can supply at least 20 vehicles to show the public just what early motoring vehicles were like in the early 1900's. If club members are interested to purchase a RACQ Motorfest badge for 2022 these can be purchased on the day.

2022 is the 100th Anniversary for both the Jaguar and Austin 7 cars. The Jaguar club is hoping to bring 100 Jaguar vehicles to be placed on display. Naturally that will include a lot of modern style vehicles.

As from 2025 all new vehicles must have emergency braking system installed during manufacture. This will not affect our veteran vehicles.

School crossing 40ks zone, suggest you be very careful as the powers that be are installing speed cameras between two sets of red flashing school lights.

Swap meet – clubs organising such an event, it is now suggested that they arrange to have an "Operational Centre" for use during the event.

General Business:

1. Sally mentioned that the 8th March 2022 is *International Women's Day*. The Social committee has arranged an enjoyable "High Afternoon Tea" for all club members, ladies & gentlemen if they wish to attend.
2. John Day is looking for a company or someone who can clean out the Oldsmobile fuel tank – he needs to repair the tank as its leaking and needs a little TLC.

3. Syd mentioned that they have had 1,050ml of rain in the last week. He and Pauline as Community Disaster Volunteers for the Tamborine area had been looking after a few locals and their pets at this difficult time at the Tamborine Memorial Hall.
4. HCCA – Horseless Carriage Club of America is planning an International Rally to be held in the Tweed Valley. This is a close destination for most club members as it's just over the NSW border. Ross & Rhonda were approached by Russell Holden – who is a board member of the HCCA to help with this event.
The dates are **26th May – 1st June 2024** still some time away, but we have only just formed a committee to make all the arrangements. The HCCA only accept veteran vehicles up to and including 31st December 1915. Maybe if your veteran is too young to join the event, perhaps you would like to be a helper or maybe think of purchasing a vehicle of that era.
5. Ross & Rhonda will not be at the next 2 club general meetings as we are planning to attend the 100th Anniversary of Austin 7's National Rally in Warrnambool in Victoria. Then continue on to the 1 & 2 National in Narrandera. Rhonda asked Hazel Burley if she would act as secretary for the next 2 general club meetings. Thank You.
6. Rhonda also mentioned that she will not be standing as Secretary as from the AGM 2022. This is not a difficult position and any man or lady can easily take on the position.
If a club member would like to come on the committee as secretary as from October 2022 maybe they would like to sit in on the committee meetings this year to get a feel of what is discussed and how the club committee works.
7. Sally thanked the social committee for organising supper tonight. Very much appreciated.
Sally said she and the committee are looking forward to seeing as many folks as possible who can make it to the *International Women's Day* "High Afternoon Tea" this Saturday at the club rooms .

Meeting Closed 9.30pm

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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MANURE

[With thanks to Kevin for broadening our knowledge]

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas of course. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction 'Stow high in transit' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T', (Stow High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word. Neither did I

I had always thought it was a golfing term.





*Negotiating a Flood at Barcaldine in a Veteran
(Photo : John Oxley Library)*

A LITTLE BIT OF.....HUMOUR

The Blondes, the Brunettes and the Tour Bus

Two bowling teams, one of all Blondes and one of all Brunettes, charter a double-decker bus for a weekend bowling tournament in London. The Brunette team rides in the bottom of the bus. The Blonde team rides on the top level. The Brunette team down below is living it up having a great time, when one of them realizes she doesn't hear anything from the Blondes upstairs. She decides to go up and investigate. When the Brunette reaches the top, she finds all the Blondes frozen in fear, staring straight-ahead at the road, and clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles. She says, *"What the heck's goin' on up here? We're havin' a grand time downstairs!"* One of the Blondes looks up and says, *"Yeah, but you've got a driver!"*

