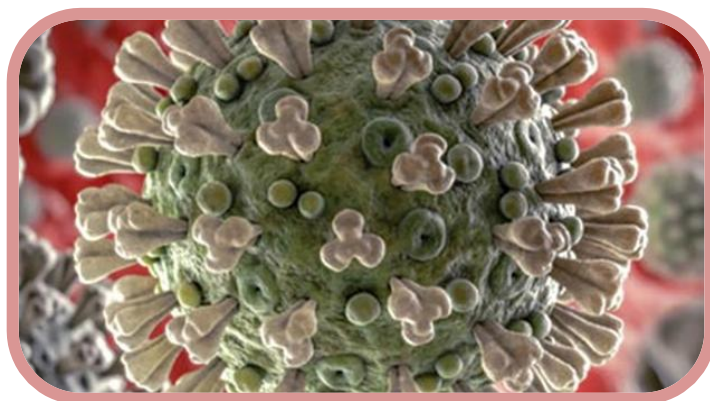


THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

APRIL 2020



*Corona Virus
Special Edition*



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

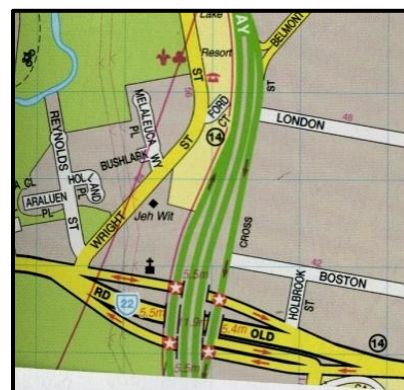
Membership fees 2019 – 20 are:.

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.



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

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

Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001, giving details of your name.

Or By Cheque, made payable to Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc.

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

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

All articles for publication in "Veteran Torque" must be with the Editor

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COVID-19? NO, HE JUST HASN'T SHOWERED!



President's Report

Welcome to April and a very different time.

This edition of Veteran Torque is getting to you a little early, but I thought it important that you know what your Club is doing with regards to the coronavirus threat and what it means to you.

COVID 19 is starting to take a hold in Australia and if the experience overseas is any indicator, we have a way to travel with this one. Early indications are that it may not be as bad here but only time will tell and it will get worse before there is any easing of the problem.

Many of our members fall into the higher risk group, those over the age of 70, some are saying even younger and those with medical issues. The evidence seems to indicate that until there is an effective vaccine, the best action is to remain isolated, not mix in groups for any length of time and maintain social distancing. Of course, all of that combined with personal hygiene.

This was the main topic of discussion at our Committee Meeting on Monday and as a result, the following decisions were made.

Charleville 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally

All entrants have received a notice advising postponement of the Charleville rally and the notice appears in this newsletter giving the details that were available at the time.

The decision to postpone the event to 7th to 13th April 2021, was the best option, as to cancel would have meant that all the hard work put in by our rally team would have been lost. We don't have much say on the dates as some of the attractions that we want to include are not available before April and we can't have the showgrounds any later as it is required for show preparations.

Our various partners in Charleville were very happy with the decision as were the majority of participants. All registrations will be carried forward to the new date. Refunds will be given to anyone who can't attend for any reason and all meal monies will be refunded.

Baily Bar caravan park has moved accommodation bookings forward, but I advise you to phone and confirm your booking with them, 07 4654 1744 is their number

Anyone who has made a booking with the Cosmos Centre can have it carried forward to the new dates, but you will need to phone. 07 4654 2787 will get them

Roma has also advised that their "Easter in the Country", which some of us were incorporating into our trip home, has been cancelled. If you were entered you should have received an email from Karen.

We have organised counselling for the rally team who thought they were retiring in a few weeks only to find that their tenure has been extended for another 14 months. Any resignation letters will be destroyed.

Rally Programme Cancelled

All Club events have been cancelled for the next 6 months. This will affect the Crows Nest rally as well as the Northside Runs. At this stage the Club Swap will go ahead although we will monitor the situation closer to the event.

Phil will keep the rally plans for Crows Nest and should there be an opportunity later in the year it can be resurrected at short notice. If you have booked your accommodation at Crows Nest, I have spoken to them so they know the rally is cancelled but you will need to phone on 07 4698 1269 to cancel your booking.

Burdekin is the next one and as the rally is part of another Organisation's event, the decision there will be made late March or early April. Our advice there is to wait and see. If the Machinery event is cancelled then the rally will be as well. If the machinery event does go ahead, rally participation will be up to individuals to decide. I have spoken to Tom, mainly to find out what is happening with the machinery event, and he advises that even if the rally is cancelled, they may still have their own run and people are invited to join them. We will have information on that as it comes to hand.

There are also invitation events from other clubs on our programme, but again, if they do proceed it will be up to individuals to make that decision.

Some may get withdrawal symptoms if the vehicles are locked in the garage for too long. You can always call an impromptu event. While we don't have a process for doing that yourself on the website, if you call one of the executive or Russell you will be able to get the necessary information posted.

Should the threat pass quickly, and I think this is probably unlikely, we can reassess the situation.

Meetings and Club Business

We have also suspended General Meetings for the next 3 months and will evaluate the situation before taking a position on the July meeting. Committee meetings will continue but should it be deemed necessary, these will be conducted by teleconference.

The business of the Club will continue as we now do most of our bill paying on-line and most correspondence is by email. The mailbox will continue to be emptied.

Clubroom housekeeping will continue as normal for the benefit of all Tenant Clubs.

Working bees will continue for the moment but we are investigating engaging a contractor to do the mowing which will take the pressure off the need to be at the clubrooms every month.

The newsletter will continue as Carol* will have plenty of time while she self isolates. *Veteran Torque* will take on a new importance as our main communication tool during this period. Carol always welcomes technical articles, either original text or ones we can get permission to publish.

Car Park Resurfacing

The one piece of good news is that we have accepted a quote to repair and resurface the mid and lower sections of the carpark. Repairs of the damaged sections have already been completed and the rest of the work will start as soon as weather permits. If you are at the clubrooms during this work, you will have to use the top carpark and grassed area for parking. Access to the sheds will also be disrupted during the work. It is estimated that it will take less than a week to complete although the line marking will take a bit longer.

Submission to Enquiry into Motor Recreational Activity

Still on a positive, most will recall we provided a submission to the Queensland Parliamentary Enquiry into Motor Recreational Activity late last year. The submission is on our website if you want to read it.

I was then called as a witness and attended on the Tuesday after the last meeting. If you want to hear what I, and other witnesses had to say, you can watch it on the Parliament website.

Type in *Parliament tv – Queensland*

Click on *Committees*

and it will show a number of panels of archived video footage.

You are looking for a panel *3rd March*

Headed *Inquiry into Motor Recreational Activities – Part 1 (3/3/2020) 12.46pm – 1.27pm.*

If it is not in one of the panels showing, find *TPWC* in the list of Committees to the right and click on it. A list of more archived footage will appear, and it should be in that list.

It goes for 40 minutes including questions at the end.

I don't think they will be looking for me to replace Tom Hanks in the Elvis movie any time soon.

I'm afraid there isn't a lot of good news this month, remember to wash hands, maintain social distancing and stay safe and we will see you on the other side of this terrible disruption.

This is a long video but watch as much as you want but this bloke seems to know what he is talking about.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3URhJx0NSw>

Peter Arnold

* Editor's Note: I do not have COVID-19, simply an elderly husband, and am under Doctor's orders to stay at home!

Outback Adventure . . . Charleville Western Queensland

2020

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

Wednesday 1 – Tuesday 7 April • Hosted by Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Newsletter

Number 8 March 2020

National One and Two Cylinder Rally • Coronavirus Update

Things are changing daily with the escalating emergency caused by the Coronavirus which will impact on the running of the National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally in Charleville. While Charleville is probably one of the safest places in the country at the moment, the potential is there for things to change rapidly if one of our entrants or another tourist was to unknowingly carry the virus there.

A large number of our participants fall in the group which doctors advise not to travel, aged over 70 or those with less than good health. If any of our group did come down with the virus, they would be far from the comfort and security of home and Charleville is probably not equipped to handle the medical situation which could emerge.

The Friday night public display with street market and gaslight parade would fall into the category of event which the Prime Minister announced last Friday should not go ahead.

With all of this in mind, the Committee of the Veteran Car Club in Queensland in consultation with the Rally Committee have taken the unprecedented decision to not go ahead with the event at this time.

Our Rally Team along with many providers of local services in Charleville have put an enormous amount of work into this event. All of the planning has been done, the funds committed, and everything is waiting in Charleville for our arrival in a couple of weeks. We don't want to waste this effort so we will

postpone the event for 12 months and plan to be in Charleville in April 2021. While the dates are yet to be confirmed it will likely be immediately after Easter from 7th to 14th April.

By doing this we can preserve most of the planning, the contacts and materials that have been purchased, and transpose that to a time when it will be much safer to enjoy it.

The Chairman and Secretary of TAVCCA have been advised and fully support this move.

Your registration will be kept current for 12 months and you will automatically be fully registered in next year's event. For those who are not able to attend next year for whatever reason, you will be eligible for a partial refund of 80% of the registration and entry fees.

All participants will receive a full refund of their meals ordered. We will need you to email details of a bank account in which to deposit these funds. Send email to Irene Donges, iredonges@bigpond.com.

A reminder that you will need to cancel your accommodation

We apologise for this major and untimely disruption but find that we just can't take the risks associated with going ahead with the event at the moment. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to catching up in April 2021.

Peter Arnold
President VCCA(Q)



2020 Committee • Graham & Irene Donges • Merv & Margaret Thompson • Ross & Rhonda Guthrie
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**Minutes of the Six Hundred and sixty eighth General Meeting of the
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale, Monday
2nd March 2020**

President Peter Arnold welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Meeting commenced 7.30pm

Apologies: Grahame & Dulcie Wilkinson, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Wayne Aberdeen, Iris Anderson, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Bob & Hazel Burley, Denis Martin, Paul Blake, Lauren Forster, Bev Lollback, David Hackshall, Dianne Lyons, Alan & Carol Robinson.

Visitors: Bill & Jean Jarrett

Attendance: 39

Minutes of the August Meeting: Minutes as published in the club newsletter, so will be taken as read. Rhonda Guthrie moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Albert Budworth. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence: Unfortunately Rhonda missed taking Hazel's email on correspondence it was as follows.

Inward:

Application for membership from Warwick Gardner

Application for membership from Bill & Jean Jarrett

Request from Early Ford V8 club to use the committee room on Friday 13th March

Outward:

Reply to Early Ford V8 Club

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Graham Donges Carried

Business Arising from the Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer Report: Steve Forster reported on the Club accounts. Steve mentioned that he had transferred some money from the Rally Reserve General account into the Rally Reserve Investment account. Steve moved that his report be accepted. seconded by John Farrier carried

National Rally – mutual membership

Events:

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 possible on the Saturday. There are about 6 families interested in attending. It could make a good Club rally and warm up run for Charleville bound 1s and 2s. Internet site <https://epicflightcentenary.com.au> will take you to a wealth of information of this commemoration of an event as huge as man landing on the moon.

1 -7 April 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally in Charleville. Entries are now closed

2-6 May Toowoomba 50th Anniversary Rally - information on club web site

16th May Brighton School 100th Anniversary

19-21 May Crows Nest Rally organised by Phil Fletcher Information and entry form on club web site. Phil would like those who are interested in attending, to let him know. The lunch venues need to know numbers. Phil reported that the Caravan Park has a large TV & equipment in the camp family room. He was wondering if anyone has some old rally movies they could bring.

Peter reminded members that there is a \$5.00 entry fee which will be collected at the event. This is not meant to cover the costs, but on legal advice, forms part of the indemnity.

6th June No Emission Day, Train to Cleveland, ferry around the Islands.

13th June Dayboro Boules with VCCQ

20th June Caboolture Swap

28th June 65th Anniversary of the Vintage Car Club display at Ormiston House

28th – 1 August Burdekin rally based at Ayr showgrounds. Entry form on website, entries close 30th June. Accommodation at the showgrounds \$20 per night. For more information contact Les Wassmuth or Dave Martin.

12 – 16 August Lismore 60th Anniversary Rally - information on club web site

22nd August Veteran Swap

Property Report: Russell thanked all those who came to the last working bee. Unfortunately the Toro lawnmower is in for a service which only left the smaller mowers to do the work. The working bees are held at the club rooms on the third Wednesday of the month.

House rental - Peter reported that while we had issues with our property managers during the rental process, he has had discussions with the Principal, and we should enjoy better service in future.

Dating Report: Nil
Editor Report: Nil

SAG Report: Glynn suggested that you may have noticed the damaged bitumen patches have been repaired although the re-surfacing of the bitumen is still to be completed. We also have quotes to resurface the area around to the front of the clubrooms.

Web Master: Russell thanked Peter Ransom for how he had set up our web site, as it has made it reasonable easy for Russell to work on.

Q.H.M.C. Report Albert reported that AHMF (Aust Historic Motoring Federation), the peak body for all historic car clubs. has completed research revealing that the value of all historic motoring activities to the Australian economy is \$3.1 billion dollars annually.

Charleville 1 & 2 National Graham gave a run down on how the Charleville rally will run. He was able to show photos of various plans and our proposed banner. Explained the activities we will enjoy whilst out on our Outback Adventure. Peter mentioned that the Governor is very keen to attend our event and will be with us on Friday morning.

General Business: Trevor Farnell mentioned that when arriving at the club rooms earlier this evening he noticed the grass at the front of the house on the outside of the fence (footpath) is very high. Glynn said, when he and David were groundsman they had contacted the Main Roads Dept requesting that they keep this area clean but there was no answer – so really it is up to the club to mow that area and keep it tidy.

Syd Norman reported that when they recently visited the nursing home at Victoria Point, they met up with Dorothy Clark a past club member, she was very pleased to see our members. There were 4 cars that visited the nursing home. Syd Norman, John Day, Gary Day & Albert Budworth - all different years and styles.

Kevin Brooks, reported that David Revell is not well at all. Club to send a "Thinking of you" card.

Bob Collett reported that Trish had sold her home at Currumbin.

Joe Jarick reported that his De Dion spring bracket that was in 2 pieces last meeting is now in 3. Not sure he will get the car to Charleville but he is still working on it.

There being no further business
Meeting closed 8.50pm

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

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

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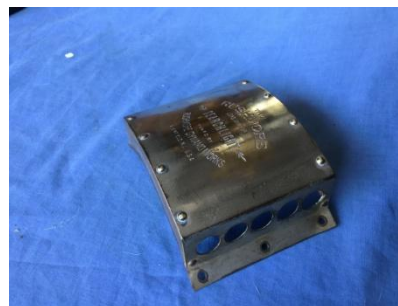
WANTED

** REMAINS OF RUSHMORE LIGHTS

Two tops, four holes

Any remains of five holes lights.

Contact: Grant Vormister 0405505955 grantski002@hotmail.com



Thanks to Kevin Brooks for sending the following, which seems appropriate at this time as yesterday (17th March, was St Patrick's Day.

IRISH ALZHEIMERS

THOU SHALT NOT:®

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life.

After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of the church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

With a tear in his eye the priest gave Murphy a big smile and said, "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in hell, hey?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left me hat."

ON THIS DAY - 17 MARCH.

1911

The North Dakota State Legislature required the Secretary of State to register all vehicles with state-issued license plates. Plate number one was issued to Senator Charles Ellingson of Sharon, the original sponsor of the bill, for his 1910 Parry touring car

A 1910 Parry



1914.

A United States patent was issued for the Boyce MotoMeter. It was used in automobiles to read the temperature of the radiator. From then through the late 1920s, the Boyce MotoMeter Company in Long Island City, New York, founded in 1912 by the German immigrant Hermann Schlaich, manufactured a variety of different models which varied in size and design.

A standard Boyce MotoMeter on a 1913 Car-Nation.

