

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

Joint Patrons: Her Excellency Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Governor of Queensland  
and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD

**VETERAN TORQUE**

**DECEMBER 2021**



Lunch break in the grounds of Russell and Genny Stewart's  
property on the recent Mon Repos Rally

[Photo : Kevin Brooks]



## VCCA(Q) - 2021 - 2022

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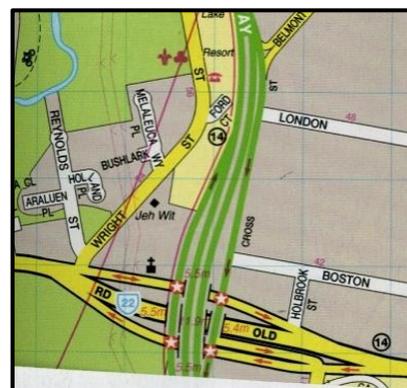
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

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

The Club website is: [www.vccaq.com](http://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.

**Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$15 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.)

(Note: The Social Fund account is: A/C 21823868 BSB 124 026)

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## *President's Report November*

It's that time of year again....with the silly season almost upon us, it is time to reflect on the year past and brace ourselves for the shopping trips to come, the lights, the Christmas carols and the parking nightmares. Then there's the parties and amazing food. Don't forget our Club Christmas Party on the 18<sup>th</sup> as everyone involved has been busy organizing food and decorations to ensure the most wonderful atmosphere for us to part for the holidays.

I must say a heartfelt **Thank You** to Paul and Bruce Casos for attending our last meeting and speaking of rallies from the past with an authentic home movie for us to enjoy (and spot some of our cars) It is vitally important that we as a club understand where we started and appreciate how the club has evolved throughout the 65 years since its formation. The continued hard work put in by our early members is the basis of our success now. I'm sure we all would love it if the rallies were as well sponsored now as they were back then including the travelling fuel tanker and the paid accommodation, and they included many fun events. I find it fascinating hearing these stories as told by recollection, it was history in the making.

Peter Arnold also gave an educating talk about the early history of the Club especially as he now has Graeme Wilkinson's documentation to verify some of the vague details held previously. I'm sure the whole club will be thankful that Peter is working through this information to solidify the club's history. **Thanks** Peter - keep up the good work.

We have been very fortunate this year with our rallies not only going ahead but always well attended and I'm very thankful for our members showing such great support. There have been a few minor disruptions but nothing that couldn't be rescheduled or solved. Our members are the secret to a successful club, a bond that is more than just cars. We are a very large happy car family and I'm proud to be among this tremendous membership.

Our rally to Mon Repos made headlines overseas (according to facebook) and to Chris, Jenny, Terry, Régie and all of our members involved a big **Thank You** for such a fantastic effort and the video was superb. It was wonderful getting a response from the Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club applauding your efforts and all while having a great time!

Meanwhile a few members ventured to Southport for the launch of 'Car Wars Down Under' a book by Murray Hubbard depicting the history surrounding the first land speed record in Australia and the rivalry that initiated it. With our very own Whitey making an appearance at the beach for the first time in 105 years alongside the reconstructed Studebaker Six. While we weren't permitted to drive on the sand there was a small jaunt along the esplanade for Channel 9 to film. The book was launched by Brett 'Crusher' Murray founder of BAM Media and books are available for purchase through Bookface at Pacific Fair. This motorsport biography is receiving rave reviews and keeps the early history of motorsport in Queensland alive and available for the public to view. On a side note we were lucky enough to meet a gentleman that is the son of a previous owner of Whitey. You never know who you will run into. Looking forward to many future conversations.

Our Northside run this month was held at Old Petrie Town and most of us went modern due to the expected torrential rain. Great to catch up and had a wonderful lunch at the Heritage Hotel. We were lucky enough to visit the foundry for a guided tour which was very informative. **Thanks** to Hazel for choosing a great spot.

I have just been notified that we have been successful in our application for Vice Regal Patronage and have great pleasure in announcing her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Governor of Queensland as our Patron. We humbly welcome 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. We very much appreciate the support and advocacy given to the Club and look forward to the opportunity to engage with Her Excellency and Professor Nimmo in the future.

Don't forget Zoom will be available for the next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm to give everyone a chance to get online ready for the meeting start time of 7.30pm. The ID is 84820991078 and the passcode is 070717

The link below should assist you to join the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84820991078?pwd=MIB6VER4QWNPejZqcGZwSzk5UVRLQT09>

Happy Motoring,

Sally.

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FROM THE LATEST QHMC BULLETIN. NUMBER 15– ALBERT B.

FIVA REPORT

Jenny Fawbert, Web publisher from the Council of Heritage Motoring Clubs NSW (CHMC NSW) has given permission to print the condensed version in 3 articles of the FIVA Survey results 2020/2021.

The results provide vital facts and figures to help argue for the protection of the future of our automotive heritage at a time of rapid change. The data can be put to good use when talking to politicians and sponsors.

The Survey:

- 1 Revealed the Movement's huge financial contribution to local and national economies,
- 2 Confirmed the generally annual mileage of historic cars and motorcycles and
- 3 The significant contribution of clubs to the historic vehicle Movement and society at large.

The Survey has been arranged into 3 documents:

- 1 Heritage vehicle owners
- 2 Heritage vehicles
- 3 Heritage vehicle clubs.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc. – 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale Qld 4152

The Report can be accessed on the [www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au](http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au) website by clicking on "news" at the top of the page and then the PDF file - FIVA Survey Australian results for CHMC Clubs.

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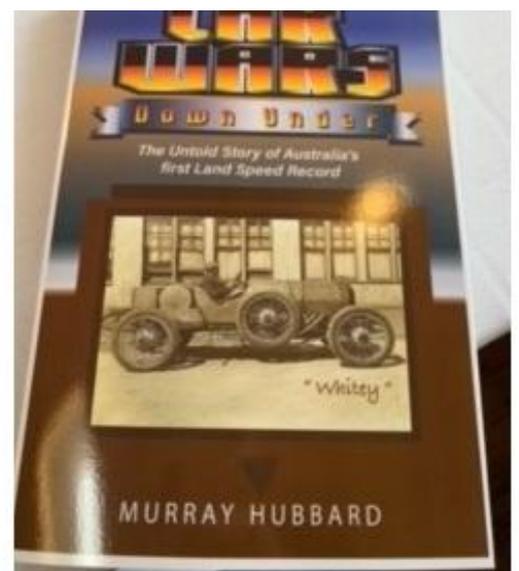
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*Book Launch at Main Beach on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.*

Journalist Murray Hubbard has written a book entitled “Car Wars Down Under. The Untold Story of Australia’s first Land Speed Record.” In 1916 a race was held on Southport Beach between “Whitey”, a 1912 4-cylinder Overland which is now owned by Club Member Graham Crittenden, and a 1916 6-cylinder Studebaker – reconstructed and owned by Gavin Mutton and Loretta Marron. They travelled a little over 80 miles an hour. The Overland was then owned by F.Z. Eager, his mechanic was W.G. Webb.

The book was launched at the Main Beach Pavilion, Main Beach Parade on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



## COMING EVENTS

18 December Club Christmas Lunch. Arrive any time after 11am.  
Are YOU coming? Have you notified Albert and paid Steve your \$30 ?



20 February 2022. Breakfast at the Clubrooms. \$5 per person. BYO cutlery, crockery and cups.



## 2022 Automotive Craftsmen Special Invitation



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February** Automotive Craftsmen workshop  
1/53 Eastern Road, Browns Plains  
Aluminium motor car bodies built

The cost is \$5.00 pp morning tea is provided, please pay the Treasurer or directly into the bank account [BSB 124 026 Acct 21823868](#) stating name and function.

We will need to know numbers so please pay by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

### Agenda

- 9:45 - 10:00: Front door Sign in
- 10:00 - 10:30: Refreshments and chat
- 10:30 - 10:45: Orientation talk  
COVID & Workshop safety
- 10:45 - 11:00: Alister, Luke and Adam  
Introductions, history and presentation
- 11:00 - 11:45: Metal Shaping Demonstration
- 11:45 - 12:00: Q&A, Craft experience & photo opportunities

We appreciate you visiting our workshop & sharing our passion with us.



### About Us

With a burning passion for automobiles and the desire to engage a meaningful connection with each and every client on their automotive journey. We are a team of highly skilled craftsmen that specialise in Traditional Coach Building, Automotive Restorations and Accident Repairs for Classic, Vintage & Veteran vehicles

### Glossary of Coach Building Terms

#### Bulbous curved shape

A domed shape where the material all flows in the same direction

#### Reverse curved shape

An inner donut shape where the shape flows in opposite directions

#### Fabrication

To create a part from raw materials

#### Metal Shrinking

To gather and reduce the width of a material

#### Metal Stretching

To flatten and increase the width of a material

#### Blocking

The use of a large hammer to stretch metal into a 3D shape

#### Anvil/ Dolly

A block of steel used for shaping metal over

#### Planishing

The smoothing of metal using a hammer and dolly

#### Annealing

Softening metal by heating it above 300°C and allowing it to cool naturally

#### JIG

A structural framework to retain the shape of a metal part

#### Buck

A timber form to assess the panel shape and assemble the body

## EMANCIPATION RUN ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1896 RE-ENACTMENT

What a good reason to have a 4 day rally of early veteran cars. The idea was dreamed up by members of the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club to celebrate the club's 45<sup>th</sup> year and the London to Brighton 125<sup>th</sup> year. Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) members with early veterans were invited to participate and members brought 33 cars from Southern Queensland and one from Cairns. A number of pre 1905 participated including two early steam cars belonging to Chris Sorensen.

In conjunction with the re-enactment a video was made showing Australians enjoying the early cars along the foreshore at Burnett Heads on Sunday and on Friday frolicking on the beach in Edwardian Bathing Costumes on a typical sunny Queensland day.



The Saturday saw us with about 100 historic cars from the Bundaberg Club for Coffee and Crumbs and later lunch at Tinaberries. Lunch consisted of large strawberry ice-creams, very welcome on a hot day.

On the way back Bundaberg's Hummock was a worthy substitute for "heart-break hill" on the London to Brighton route. Because most spent too much time enjoying an ice-cream lunch, we were too late for the Bundaberg Rum Distillery

tour.

Sunday brought the ripping of the red flag after John Day in his 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile followed the red flag waving pedestrian for some distance. The Town Cryer announced the repealing of the Locomotive Act known as "The Red Flag Act" and the introduction of the Locomotive on the Highway Act (which raised the speed limit from 4 to 14 mph) with much excitement and cheering when the Mayor of Bundaberg, Jack Dempsey destroyed the flag. A procession of early veterans led by the steam cars then drove the 4km Esplanade circuit, cheered by bystanders along the route.



Happy Hours were popular as usual after a long day, and the paddle was handed around like a hot potato to those who were Up the Creek for various misdemeanours. These names of recipients come to mind. Rosemary Kennedy - Bob & Suzanne Ausburn – Lyn Jarick - John Day and Bill & Jean Jarrett !  
The Monday farewell breakfast at the Gidji Café was popular before departure.

The Emancipation Run video was produced and available on Monday and sent to London to Brighton Organisers for Sunday night in Britain.

The rally is not really over until we are all home and unloaded, so hopefully everyone had a safe return.

Congratulations and thanks to Terry, Régie, Chris and Team for a great event.

Link to More Photos: <https://tinyurl.com/monrepos2021>

Link to Video: <https://youtu.be/bTXrJQFvYxQ>



*Bob Ausburn*



The London Brighton tribute video was made by local Bundy car enthusiast and veteran car supporter Marc Obrowski.

The easiest link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/bTXrJQFvYxQ>

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The photos that follow reflect some of the Rally activities, and were contributed by a number of members, in particular, Greg Hill, Kevin Brooks and Terry Lewis.

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*Chris Sorensen received the following from the Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club.  
The Video was obviously appreciated in the UK.*

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Office of the Chairman

17 November 2021

By Email: [christsorro@gmail.com](mailto:christsorro@gmail.com)

*Dear Chris,*

I watched with absolute delight the video that was posted on Facebook and wish to thank you and all your fellow motorists who celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run with such style and aplomb. You all looked to be having a cracking time! This year's Run was also very good fun, the weather gods were extremely kind to us and just over three hundred veterans left Hyde Park on their intrepid journey to Brighton. I was driving the Club's 1901 Mors and we had a trouble free run to coast in glorious sunshine - not quite as warm as yours but much appreciated!

I have sent a package of mementoes to your address by way of appreciation of your efforts "down under". I do hope they reach you in the near future.... Meantime, please keep in contact and if you or any of your fellow motorists intend to participate in the Veteran Car Run next year, we would be pleased to help in any way we can.

Bravo to you all!!

*Best Wishes  
Ben*

**Ben Cussons  
Chairman**

FROM TERRY AND REGIE

Not many veteran cars get an email from their car manufacturer! We did!

Waverley moved out of car manufacturing into general engineering in 1931 then specialised into high pressure valves.

In their board room with pictures of nuclear submarines, oil/gas platforms and aero engines is one of the Waverley.

The factory is now in Southend on Sea, we called in a few years ago dressed in Edwardian clothes and told the receptionist we were there to test drive the latest Waverley!

Our Waverley has a life time factory warranty!

Terry and Régie

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From Jim Mc Sweeney, Managing Director

Dear Terry and the Veteran Car Club

Thank you very much for the link to the video; I have watched it twice now. Everyone seems to be having such a wonderful time, and what lovely weather.

Business here has returned in most respects to being normal, but still a bit quiet by the standards of 3 or 4 years ago. Since Waverley (the company) mainly supplies the oil and gas industry we are experiencing a good deal of uncertainty about the future. But at least the old company is still profitable.

My best wishes to you, Regie and the club members.



Tel: 01702 613883 Fax: 01702 613600

[www.waverleybrownall.co.uk](http://www.waverleybrownall.co.uk)

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We should have added to our Mon Repos comments that our veteran vixen lady drivers made a real effort to get behind the wheel!

...Barbara Clegg was glued everyday to the seat of her De Dion, hampered, we might add, by her fuel sniffing mechanic!

...Jenny Sorensen drove both the De Dion and her Saxon in action sequences for the London - Brighton, telling the film world she was looking forward to the Esplanade picnic!

...Fiona Kelly was seen yawho-ing behind the Reo wheel, perhaps wondering if she could overtake

...Trish Hanley who was already "pedal to metal" in her Saxon.

...Régie demonstrated that our very capable ladies can multi task by driving the Waverley and keeping her Edwardian hat on!

..... But of course the real star was Suzanne Ausburn pushing the De Dion watched by two burly policemen!

Girl power!

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It seems a number of our veteran adventurers had dramas on leaving us:

Bob and Suzanne blew a tyre in Bundaberg and travelled an extra 120 Km skirting flood waters.

Alan Carpenter a trailer tyre at Childers

and best of all one nameless pair with a faulty starter RV and car trailer blocked the Woolworths main Bargara car park! The back log of traffic was amazing (...as was some of the customers language!) ... all was eventually good after the police arrived !

We could almost write an article on getting to and from rallies!

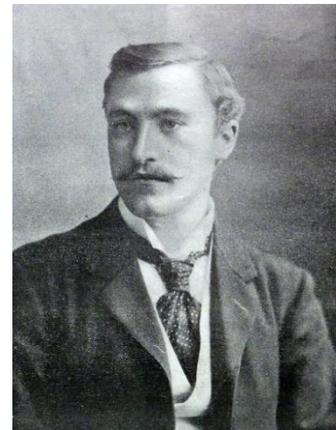
## ON THIS DAY - 6 DECEMBER

### 1897

The London Electric Cab Company began regular service using cars designed by Walter Bersey. With a top speed of 9-12 mph, Walter Bersey's taxis, which used a 40-cell battery and 3-bhp electric motor and could be driven 50 miles between charges, were the first self-propelled vehicles for hire on London's roads. Cars on London's roads got off to a slow start in Britain thanks to the "Red Flag Act" which stated that any vehicle other than a horse drawn must be preceded by a man carting a red flag as a warning to passers-by.

Bersey fell foul of the restrictive [Locomotive Acts](#) of the time which limited self-propelled road-going vehicles to 2 mph in towns and 4 mph in the countryside. Bersey was summonsed to court at least twice for breaking the law, by exceeding the speed limit and not having a flag man.

Once repealed in November 1896, vehicles began to make their mark in Britain. The origins of the now annual London to Brighton road race have their roots in celebrating the repeal of the law. Walter Bersey shared the ideas that there were great hopes for electricity. He said: "There is no apparent limit to the hopes and expectations of the electric artisans.....in short [it] is the natural power which shall be the most intimate and effective of all man's assets." Rates were the same as horse drawn cabs. The cab could take two passengers and was fitted with electric lighting both inside and out. Electric illumination was not welcomed by all "for the comfort of people of a bashful disposition.....[who felt] as conspicuous as if they were on the stage with the limelight." The then Prince of Wales was said to have taken a taxi ride in a Bersey. Each taxi was licensed by Scotland Yard under four conditions: 1. each vehicle was accompanied by a driver 2. drivers were capable of stopping the carriage on demand 3. the taxi could turn in a small space 4. be able to climb the steepest hill in London, Savoy Hill The Bersey was known as the "Hummingbird" from the sound of the taxi and the yellow and black livery. Batteries were replaced using a hydraulic lifting system that took 2-3 minutes at the sole re-charging station in London. Electricity was expensive to generate so the company started producing their own at great expense. However, after 6 months of use, the noise and vibration escalated. Vibrations damaged the delicate glass plates, the tyres wore out incredibly quickly given the 2 tonne weight of the cab. Breakdowns were frequent. Horse drawn cabs were often faster as well. Two years after their debut the Bersey taxis disappeared from the roads.



## MOTORING TRIVIA

**The narrowest road in the UK** is Parliament Street in Exeter. Measuring just 48 inches (1.22 metres) at its widest point, the road is barely wide enough for two people to pass side-by-side. The road dates from the 14th century and is also claimed to be one of the world's narrowest roads.

**The first multi-story car park in Britain** was constructed in 1901 in Deman Street, just off Piccadilly Circus in central London. Also the world's largest car park at the time, it covered more than 19,000 square feet and the six upper levels were reached via a hydraulic lift which was capable of raising a three-ton vehicle.

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

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
Commenced 7.30pm

**Apologies:** Alan & Carol Robinson, Lauren Forster, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Allan & Dianne Lyons, Frank & Kathy Muggerridge, Bev Lollback, Trish Hanley, Raema Carpenter, Glynn & Diane Hackshall.

**Visitors:** Bruce Casos, Andrew & Leesa Carpenter

**Attendance on Zoom:** John Handley, Wally & Bev Lanagan, Grant Vormister, Graham Crittenden

**Attendance:** 44 as per the sign on book

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

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

**Business Arising:** Nil

## **Correspondence:**

Magazines Various Clubs

Various Accounts: Cleanzone.

Q.H.M.C. Insurance Policy

## **Emails Inwards**

Various club newsletters, Brass Notes, Coffs Harbour

## **Correspondence Outward:**

### **Email outward**

Various club newsletters, Brass Notes, Coffs Harbour

## **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 the report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Syd Norman, Carried, All Agreed

**Events:** Phil reported on his rally plans for the coming year. He is hoping to have a short impromptu rally in January, as yet the destination has not been decided.

12<sup>th</sup> February Automotive Craftsmen workshop 1/53 Eastern Road Browns Plains – aluminium motor car bodies built. The cost is \$5.00 pp morning tea is provided, please pay the treasurer or directly into the bank account BSB 124 026 Acct 21823868 stating name and function. We will need to know numbers so please pay by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

20<sup>th</sup> February Club Breakfast \$5.00 per person please pay Treasurer Steve at a club meeting or directly into the bank account BSB 124 026 Acct 21823868 stating name and function. For this event we request you bring your own crockery and cutlery.

1. April, Chinchilla Wally & Ben Lanagan with the help of Keith and Anne Bartley and Zac Charlton and Sarah Mc Grath who now live in Chinchilla, this possibly will be the first week in April. This to be confirmed as the caravan park may not be available, they will know early next year.

2. June / July Pittsworth possibly during the school holidays.
3. Sept / October Gayndah possibly during the school holidays
4. If the NSW border is open a rally in northern NSW – Inverell, Glen Innes, Casino, Tenterfield would be great.
5. 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> November Emancipation Rally – impromptu rally

#### National & Invitation Events 2022

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

8-14<sup>th</sup> May 1 & 2 Cylinder Narrandera NSW – [www.vccansw.com/narrandera2022](http://www.vccansw.com/narrandera2022)

18<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, Brisbane – Broome for more info contact Peter Arnold  
[parnold4@bigpond.com](mailto:parnold4@bigpond.com)

23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October National Rally Busselton WA email: [busso2021@gmail.com](mailto:busso2021@gmail.com)

If club members are planning on attending interstate rallies, could you please let Phil know what club events you may not be able to attend.

Some club members are requesting a rally just for the 1 & 2 cyl. vehicles, Phil is thinking / planning on having two sets of rally instructions on some of the club rallies. One for the smaller/slower veterans and one for the bigger cylinder veterans.

**Website and Security:** Russell Massey reported that all is well at the moment.

**Property:** Albert thanked the club members who attended the working bee. The new fan in the kitchen has been placed on the wall ready for the warmer months.

A pest inspection was carried out by a professional company, we knew of 3 white ant nests but there were 6 nests. All of these have been treated. The account was \$150.00 this has now been paid.

At the next working bee Albert would like to pressure clean the veranda in preparation for the Christmas parties.

During the warm months the committee meeting room becomes very hot. Albert would like to check to see what type of blind or protection he can arrange for the window.

Origin has been informed that there is now access to the electricity meter box. So we should be able to get a correct reading of the meter.

**Dating:** Ross Guthrie reported that Bob Collett had inspected the 1912 Talbot of Keith & Anne Bartley, whilst in Stanthorpe, the committee is now waiting for the completed paperwork to be returned.

**Q.H.M.C:** Albert mentioned if driving a vehicle with no seat belt the TMR will check the registration of the vehicle and if no seatbelt was fitted on manufacture then there is no fine for not wearing a seatbelt. But be very careful when passing your phone to a passenger, if caught on camera you will receive a fine for having the phone in your hands.

**General Business:** Peter Arnold welcomed Paul & Bruce Casos, Paul has family movies, of the 1959 Centenary Rally to Broadbeach, which he has brought along for all to view tonight. Peter also welcomed Graham Crittenden who was on Zoom as he also entered a car in this rally 1959. Peter started by explaining the beginning of the Veteran Car club of Qld.

#### Events which lead up to the Queensland Centenary Invitation Rally of 1959

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|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1954 Dec 4 -    | Kalbar to Boonah First Veteran Rally in Queensland                                                                                                               |
| 1955 Feb 29 -   | First Brisbane to Brighton                                                                                                                                       |
| 1956 May 27 -   | Second Brisbane to Brighton followed by meeting to form Veteran Car Club of Queensland                                                                           |
| 1956 Nov 24 -   | First Veteran Car TT Run from Ipswich to Rosewood and return                                                                                                     |
| 1957 April 28 - | Third Brisbane to Brighton with Golden Fleece Sponsorship followed by Inaugural General Meeting which, by Resolution, became the Foundation Meeting of the Club. |
| 1957 Oct 26-27  | First Golden Fleece Gold Coast Rally, overnighing at Broadbeach                                                                                                  |
| 1957 Nov 23 -   | Second TT Rally Ipswich to Rosewood and return                                                                                                                   |
| 1958 Mar 14 -   | First National Conference to form Veteran Car Club of Aus.                                                                                                       |

- 1958 Mar 15-16 - National Veteran Car Contest Blue Mountains with a strong field from Qld. Won by Jack Bode of Qld (79 Veterans, 8 from Qld)
- 1958 May 18 - Fourth Annual Brighton Rally
- 1958 Oct 25-26 - Second Golden Fleece Gold Coast Rally
- 1959 Mar 14-15 - Blue Mountains Rally (8 attended from Qld.)

Following the success of the 1958 Gold Coast Rally, decided that the Club was mature enough to run an Invitation Rally.

Alan Dunshea and Colin Leigh-Murray to investigate  
Recommended to 1<sup>st</sup> December 1958 General Meeting:-

1959 Aug 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> To Gold Coast

Jim Casos moved and Ray Allen seconded, Alan Dunshea appointed Rally Director.

1959 15/16<sup>th</sup> August. The National Rally had 92 entries 45 from Qld, 22 NSW, 12 Vic, 12 SA  
Amongst the Qld entrants Graham Crittenden who owned and drove a 1908 Stoewer, is the last of the entrants with us today.

Frank Muggeridge was a driver for one of the George Gilltrap vehicles he drove a 1901 Panhard et Levassor. Paul & Bruce Casos were on the rally but were young children. Ross & Rob Guthrie were also on the rally but were too young to hold a licence.

Paul Casos, showed the club members a family movie of the 1959 National Rally Brisbane to Gold Coast. He was able to identify many of the veteran vehicles on the rally. This was great to watch. Thanks to Paul & Bruce for bringing the movie along for the club members at the meeting and on zoom to watch. Between Paul Casos and Peter A. we learnt a lot of the very early history of the club.

Rob Beeston has purchased the 1910 Husband that belonged to Grahame Wilkinson, he is now in the process of learning the history of the vehicle. It sounds a very interesting history lesson.

John Handley report that there are 20 veteran vehicles entered for the Mon Repos rally next weekend.

Sally reported that Murray Hubbard has written a book on early motoring racing in Qld. There was a race between a 1912 Overland 4cyl "Whitey" now owned by Graham Crittenden and a 1916 Studebaker 6 cyl. held on Southport beach 1916. They travelled a little over 80 miles an hour. The Overland was then owned by F.Z. Eager, his mechanic was W.G. Webb.

The book will be launched at the Main Beach Pavilion, Main Beach Parade on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021, between 3 – 5pm

Sally as President was invited to a reception at Government House recently. She enjoyed herself very much and met lots of interesting people. The Governor spoke about Queensland folk having great commitment and passion for our hobbies and activities.

Christmas luncheon party 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 \$30.00 pp for club members \$35.00 for guests. Please pay Treasurer or directly into the bank account BSB 124 026 Acct 21823868 stating name and function.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm

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

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

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# MARKET PLACE

## WANTED

### WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE:

#### **VETERAN WANTED 1915-1918**

RHD  
Entry through driver's door  
Engine to have 20 or more HP  
Electric Lights and Starter  
Overall good condition.

Contact Glenn Adams 0418830129 : [pgrga@bigpond.com](mailto:pgrga@bigpond.com)

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#### **WANTED URGENTLY FOR 1914 WATERCOOLED HUMBERETTE, A PASSENGER-SIDE CYLINDER**

Contact: Kevin Brooks, 23-25 Canopy Place, Burpengary 4505. [brooks@goana.tv](mailto:brooks@goana.tv). 0412 720 035

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## MEN'S UNDERWEAR INDEX

You've probably heard of the All Ordinaries Index and the Dow Jones Index, but what about the men's underwear index (MUI)? It might sound silly, but you may want to pay closer attention to it.

MUI proponents say it can predict the start of an economic recovery after a slump. The basic theory goes like this: men's underwear is a staple item and in normal economic times demand remains stable. In leaner economic times, men are more likely to deem new underwear unnecessary and demand drops.

Once economic conditions improve, demand for men's underwear tends to go up. So underwear demand can be used as a proxy for measuring discretionary household spending.

The theory uses men's underwear specifically, as women are more likely to deem new underwear essential while men tend to try to make their jocks last until they are threadbare. Gross.

"Most men perceive underwear as a luxury purchase and tend to reduce spending on these products during periods of economic uncertainty," a spokesperson from economic research group IBISWorld told the Sydney Morning HTrue to the MUI, sales of men's underwear in Australia dropped during 2020. As lockdown restrictions began to lift in the first half of 2021, underwear sales began to rise again with IBISWorld recording a 17.8 per cent increase in sales.

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A 1921 Willys Knight mobile chassis is raising a lot of interest in front of company headquarters.

Does anyone know the story behind this unusual promotion?  
(from Alex Gow Vol. 185)

### ***A LITTLE BIT OF (BAD) DAD HUMOUR***

I'm sick of average speed cameras. You'd think the Council would have forked out for some decent ones

Q. What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a pink car?  
A. A pink car nation.

A man goes into a service-station and asks: "Can I have a windscreen wiper for my Lada?"  
"Okay," replied the man in the garage, "*it seems like a fair swap*".

Q. Why is Turtle Wax so expensive?  
A. Because turtles have really tiny ears.

A pair of jump leads walk into a bar. The barman says, "*I'll serve you, but don't start anything.*"

Somebody complimented me on my parking today. They left a note on the windscreen -- it said "Parking Fine".