

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

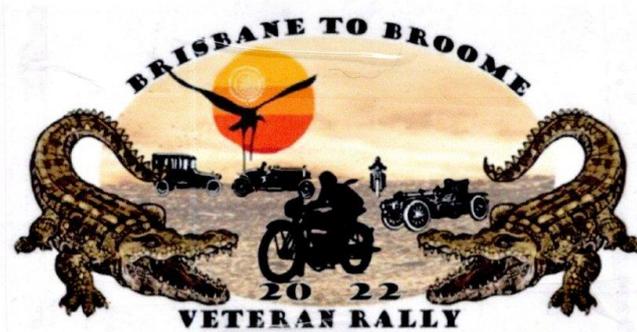
VETERAN TORQUE

NOVEMBER 2020

Brisbane to Broome 2022

The Heritage Motorcycle Club of Western Australia
partnering with the VCCA(Q) will be
facilitating a Veteran Rally for Cars and Motorcycles

Leaving Brisbane 18 July 2022
Arriving Broome 11 August 2022.



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:.

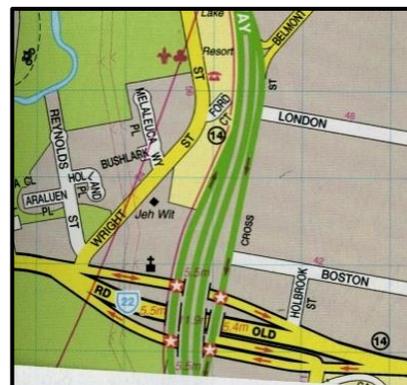
Full Membership (single): \$ 70 Joint Membership \$ 77

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 **by the 20th of each month.**

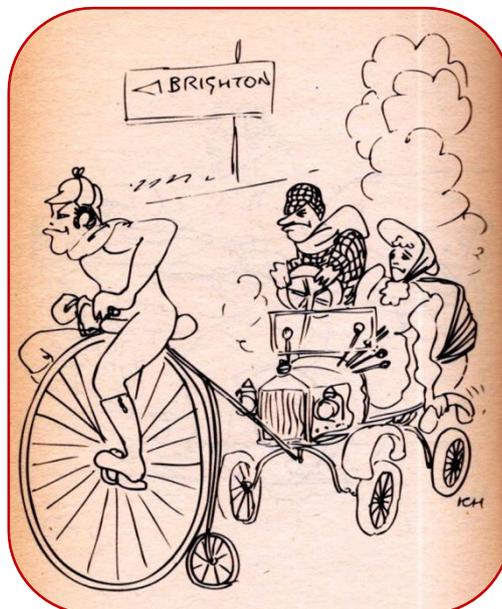
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President's Report

Club General Meetings and ZOOM

The November General Meeting will again be held at the Clubrooms with a Zoom hook-up for those who can't attend. While we are experimenting with this system, I would like to know who will be joining by Zoom so ask that you request the link via email.

If you would like to join our meetings by ZOOM, just email me at president.vccag@gmail.com and I will send you the link. It is easy to join on a desktop computer with camera and audio or a laptop, tablet or smart phone with built in camera and audio. We will establish the link about 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

Working Bee

There was another successful working bee this month with the volunteers trimming the shrubs along the driveway and mulching the beds. All of the machinery was tested and serviced and a couple of jobs in the clubrooms completed. The next Working Bee will be on Wednesday 18th November.

Northside Rally

This month saw 20 of our members meeting at the Samford Historical Museum for morning tea with time to look at the exhibits before a talk on the history of the railway line to Samford and on to Dayboro. From here we drove a short distance to a site where we could walk about a kilometre along the old rail alignment to the only tunnel on the line. The commentary from Peter and Anne, volunteers from the Museum, made it an interesting walk.



From here we drove to Werner and Barbara Kroll's place to be greeted by the rain. Michael cooked the sausages in the rain while the rest of us had a chance to look at Werner's collections or "Werner's Folly", as the sign said. Unfortunately, the rain stopped us from inspecting the helicopter and Dakota DC3 on the hill behind the house, but the 2 Messerschmitt cars and the infamous Inter truck with DC3 body were on display beside the house with the organ playing. By the time lunch was served on the large veranda overlooking Cedar Creek the rain had disappeared and it was a very pleasant end to the day.



Thanks to Werner and Barbara Kroll and the volunteers from the Museum for hosting us and it was good to welcome a number of members from over the river that joined us for the day.



Warwick Veteran Rally

Too early for a report on Warwick but it is shaping up to be another great run with over 40 entrants as we go to press. Something of a record for a Club event.

As the Sunday event will be a re-enactment of the Emancipation run of 1896 from London to Brighton, we will be having the commemoration dinner over lunch at the Metropole Hotel in Warwick, I think it is really the Grand Hotel but don't tell anybody. I won't give too much away but I am told the menu will be the same as that served to the entrants who finished in the 1896 event.

TAVCCA AGM REPORT

The AGM of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA), our National Association, was held earlier in the month. Syd Norman and I were the delegates and it was a very good meeting conducted by Zoom. A detailed report can be found in this newsletter.

Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVS)

At the last meeting there was some discussion on the definition of "Immediate Family" in the section for ceremonial purposes such as weddings, formals and funerals. The scheme guide defines it as "Immediate and de facto family means parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, adopted children, and adopted grandchildren, but not extended to aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces". Where a member is using a concessionally registered vehicle in accordance with the above guide, they do not require any further approval from or notification to the club.

New Members

This month we welcome Bill and Karen Ryan who join us with a Maxwell. Many of you met Bill and Karen on the Crows Nest run where they travelled Modern but will be in their vintage Lincoln in Warwick as the Maxwell is not quite road ready. Please make them welcome.

Looking forward to seeing some of you out and about this month.

Safe motoring

Peter Arnold

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Dating Group Report – The meeting agreed to the recommendations of the Dating Chairs which met during the year. These included the continuation of the dating group meeting by Zoom which will be known as the Dating Advisory Committee (DAC) and be comprised of the Dating Chairs from each member club, the FIVA Technical Officer, Andrew McDougall and the National Chairman, Paul Daley. I will chair the committee initially but would like to hand that role over to one of the Dating members in time.

The role of the DAC will be to implement the standardisation of the Dating Application form and the development of a universal Dating Certificate which would be available for clubs to download online. The group will also act as a forum between the member Clubs on all aspects of dating and make recommendations to the National Committee where appropriate.

100 Year Badges – There was a push to allow the issue of 100 Year Badges without the need for formal dating of the vehicle. A number of clubs, including Queensland, raised concerns about having the year of manufacture of a vehicle engraved on the badge without it being verified by formal dating. This was resolved by agreeing to only have the make and model (no date) on such a vehicle's badge.

Constitution – At the last AGM, the delegates decided that TAVCCA should become an Incorporated Association and appointed a working party to develop a constitution for consideration. The working party has been meeting by Zoom for the past 6 months to write the proposed draft constitution which was tabled at the meeting. This draft can now go to member clubs for consideration with March 2021 as the deadline for return submissions.

FIVA Report – There were 2 points of interest from this report. The first is that **FIVA Passports**, which are issued by Andrew McDougall to any Australian historic vehicle which is participating in a FIVA event to prove eligibility, and will be issued electronically in future.

The second is the result of the on-line **Socio-Economic Survey** which was sent to all club members to complete. This is a worldwide survey with Australia having the 6th largest response with 1,691 returns which is a statistically significant result. France had the highest with over 6,500 and countries like UK and USA had a very low return rate. Congratulations to those who went on-line to complete the survey. When the results are collated, this information will prove invaluable when lobbying governments.

National Events – Both the **Charleville** One and Two and the National Rally in **Swan Hill** are in a wait and see mode at the moment watching COVID trends and planning for various outcomes. Both committees are eager to go ahead with their events and prepared to make modifications where needed but not risk the safety of participants.

The **Brisbane to Broome Rally** has been postponed to 2022 and is now being planned as a joint venture with the Heritage Motorcycle Club of WA. VCCAQ will organise the Eastern section with WA responsible for the western section. It is open to all veteran cars, commercials and motorcycles and will be held from 18th July to 11th August 2022 and entry forms are available from either club.

AHVIG – As a result of a decision at last year's AGM, The **Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group** (AHVIG) was approached as a group that we considered to be doing good work in furthering the interests of our members. Through the work of Doug Young and others they have made numerous submissions to all tiers of government on the subject of removing Luxury Vehicle Tax (LVT) on vehicles over 30 years old and the issue of asbestos in imported vehicles. Daryl Meek was asked to represent us on AHVIG and gave a comprehensive report back.

We initially said we would review our relationship after 2 years but have agreed to extend that by 12 months due to the inactivity during the COVID crisis. Like us, AHVIG has decided to seek incorporation as it plans to expand its advocacy role and its relationship with government. There has been some success on the LVT issue with the submission being listed in Senate papers earlier this year, but the Government priorities changed with COVID 19. Hopefully it will be relisted when discussions restart. There has also been relaxation where a vehicle is exported for restoration and then re-imported without changing ownership. AHVIG is also looking at adopting the FIVA standards as listed in the Charter of Turin, particularly in relation to category descriptors.

Office Bearers – Because the National Rally cycle was pushed out one year due to COVID and the rotation for office-bearers is tied to the National Rally cycle, it is Victoria's turn to again nominate the Chairman and W.A. the Vice Chairman. Both **Paul Daley** and **John Burke** have been appointed to hold those respective roles. **Hamish McDonald** has had his role of Secretary Treasurer extended for another year. Congratulations to all and we look forward to working with you for another year.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you again at this year's AGM and thanks to Syd Norman for his assistance as your second delegate.

Peter Arnold

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You are invited to attend the
VCCAQ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Combined with the Committee Hand Over.

- When:** Saturday 19th December 2020.
Where: At the Clubrooms.
Time: Arrive any time after 11am for Lunch.
Cost: The cost will be in the December magazine.

*Payments can be made to Steve at the meeting in November or December.
Or by direct deposit into the Club **social** account. BSB **124026**
Acc No **21823868**.*

Please Note the different account number for the Social Club account.

Dress: Cool and Comfortable



The Lunch meal will be served at approx. 12.30pm

This will be followed by a choice of desserts.

Tea and coffee will be available

BYO alcoholic drinks.



Please let me know of any dietary requirements.

RSVP 10th December 2020

Hazel Burley 38860059 0439 673 086

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**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Seventy First Meeting
of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.
Monday 5th October 2020**

President Peter Arnold welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance, Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

Apologies: Lauren Forster, Trevor & Janette Farnell, Allan & Dianne Lyons, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Alison Day , Alan Robinson.

Visitors: Bill & Karen Ryan

Attendance: 24 Attendance on Zoom 2.

Minutes of the September Meeting:

Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Hazel Burley moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded by Syd Norman. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward:

Chrysler Club confirmed date for their Christmas party.
Email from David Waldron for information on a 1926 Brocklebank.
Bill & Karen Ryan requested a membership application form.
Email from Les Dunston, Model A club re Covid restrictions for their Christmas party.
Letter from Telstra re change of phone plan.
Accounts from Telstra, CleanZone,
Cheque from Model A Club.

Outward:

FIVA survey sent to all members.
Renewed membership for QHMC.
Sent membership application to Bill & Karen Ryan.
Phoned Les Dunston re Model A Christmas party.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Hazel moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Bob Burley. Carried.

Treasurer Report:

Steve reported on the Club accounts. Steve moved that the report be accepted, and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Albert Budworth. Carried.

Events:

2020.

Wednesday 21 Oct Working bee.
30 October – 2 November Warwick rally. Halloween on 30th Oct, London to Brighton Emancipation run on Sunday 1st Nov.
7 December AGM.
19 December Christmas party and Handover dinner.

2021

7 - 13 April, Charleville 1- & 2-Cylinder Rally.
6 June, Petrie Steamfest.
23 – 25 July, National Heritage Machinery Rally in Ayr .
27 – 30 July, Burdekin Rally.
10 – 16 October Swan Hill National Rally.

Phil talked about the Warwick rally, most of the information has been given, there are no challenges, no steep hills, an interesting and attractive rally, very nice driving country. Sunday will be the Emancipation run coinciding with the London to Brighton run. It will be a half day run; the lunch menu will be the same as the first London to Brighton menu in 1896. There are organized lunches in Allora, Killarney pub and Maryvale with a pleasant run in the afternoon. Looking at having a ladies' driving day, there are 29 cars entered and possibly could get up to 35 cars. All the cabins are booked but there are plenty of powered sites left. Need help with the entertainment please, Warwick Gardner will be a swaggie, also Bob Ausburn would like a ride.

Property Report: At the last working bee the workers did a great job of tidying up front garden, need to start the mowers to keep them in working order. Next working bee will be on Wednesday 21st October 2020, need some weeding, trimming and renovating down the driveway.

Dating Report: Ross and his committee have been busy dating the Chev Baby Grand.

QHMC: An exciting meeting, things are now running smoothly, the membership has increased. Albert has taken on vice president of QHMC also a representative for TMR.

SAG Report: Nil

Web Master: Nothing new on the website, have updated the Charleville newsletter.

Editor Report: Thanks to Russell for the great article, need more members to do a similar report for the magazine.

General Business:

TAVCCA has been busy organizing for the Association to become constituted. Work is continuing on the changes to the constitution, but it will not be ready for the AGM next Saturday, Peter Arnold and Syd Norman will take part in the meeting. TAVCCA will call a special general meeting in two months' time to pass the new constitution.

Peter has managed to find some 30 x3 tubes at Antique Tyres.

In another two meetings we will be having our AGM, the positions of President and Secretary will become vacant, and we need to find someone to take over the reins. Running the businesses is easy, the house is looked after by a real estate agent, the hall tenants have another 4 years on their deeds of agreements, the Treasurer looks after the money and Russell looks after the maintenance. Please consider taking on a position for your Club, it's a very rewarding experience and you get to work with some fantastic people.

Albert mentioned that John Day won the veteran category at Motorfest with his Oldsmobile. Congratulations John.

We are keeping up with the constant changes to the covid restrictions. Syd Norman did a fantastic presentation on his working trip to Antarctica.

Meeting Closed 8.35pm.

Hazel Burley
Secretary
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

Peter Arnold
President
Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) Inc

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A BIRTHDAY INVITATION FROM KEVIN BROOKS TO ALL:

I am 80 years old on Saturday, December 5, 2020 and rather than miss out on sausage rolls at my funeral, I'm planning a LIVING WAKE AND VISITATION for that day. Any Members {his and hearse} wishing to view the living body are welcome to visit us at 23-25 Canopy Place, Burpengary for an all-day Morning/Afternoon Tea. Alternatively, if you wish to bring lunch, a BBQ and utilities will be available. (No presents, only presence is requested.)

Kevin Brooks



The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) in partnership with
The Heritage Motorcycle Club of WA, invites you to join us

Across Australia for Veteran Vehicles in 2022

BRISBANE TO BROOME VETERAN RALLY

Departing Brisbane on Monday 18th July 2022 and arriving Broome Thursday 11th August 2022. This will be an exciting adventure across the top of Australia.

There will be 21 motoring days with an average of 225 kilometres per day. Additionally, there will be 4 lay days during the event to allow for sightseeing or servicing and maintenance of vehicles. See detailed itinerary below.

All vehicles must be capable of handling the daily distances and participants need to be self-sufficient with their own support.

Entrants can decide, subject to the capability of their vehicle, their own start time each day and the daily program of breaks and any sightseeing etc.

Each overnight stop will have a range of accommodation available although some unit based accommodation will be basic (dongas), powered and unpowered sites are available and in some cases free or very cheap camps will be available close to town.

A recommended list of accommodation and sightseeing options will be available closer to the event.

While the rally is designed as one event, it is possible to participate in part of the event either joining or leaving in Barkley Homestead. On the conclusion of the event, participants may elect to continue to Perth and Busselton to the West Australian Club's National Veteran Rally which will be from 23rd October 2022 to 28th October 2022.

If you have an interest in participating in this event, please complete the attached entry form and return it to John Wightman. Instructions are on the entry form.

Hope you can join us in 2022

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VCCA(Q)

ACROSS AUSTRALIA - FOR VETERAN VEHICLES

BRISBANE TO BROOME TOUR - Monday 18th July to Thursday 11th August

Queensland

Brisbane to Camooweal

Day	Date	Overnight	Intermediate Towns	Dist.	Daily	Cum
Monday	18-Jul	Brisbane Toowoomba		128	128	128
Tuesday	19-Jul	Miles	Dalby	83	209	337
Wednesday	20-Jul	Mitchell	Roma	140	227	564
Thursday	21-Jul	Augathella	Mauven	89	180	744
Friday	22-Jul	Blackall	Tambo	115	216	960
Saturday	23-Jul	Longreach	Barcardine	107	215	1175
Sunday	24-Jul	Longreach		0	0	1175
Monday	25-Jul	Winton		180	180	1355
Tuesday	26-Jul	McKinlay	Kynuna	164	238	1593
Wednesday	27-Jul	Mt Isa	Cloncurry	105	223	1816
Thursday	28-Jul	Mt Isa		118	0	1816
Friday	29-Jul	Camooweal		0	0	1816
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				Section Total		2004

Northern Territory

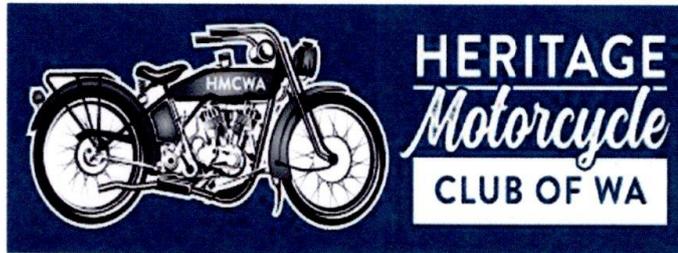
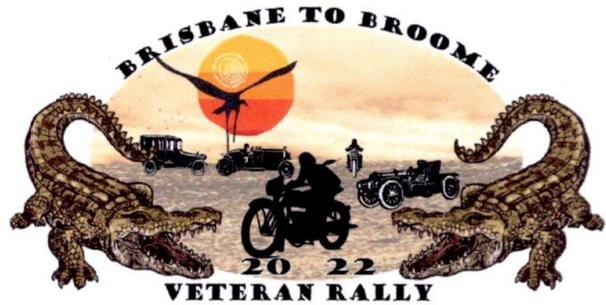
Camooweal to Kununurra

Day	Date	Overnight	Intermediate Towns	Dist.	Daily	Cum
Saturday	30-Jul	Camooweal Barkly Homestead		260	260	2264
Sunday	31-Jul	Renner Springs	Three Way	187	323	2587
Monday	1-Aug	Daly Waters	Elliot	136	243	2830
Tuesday	2-Aug	Katherine	Mataranka	91	164	3099
Wednesday	3-Aug	Katherine		105	269	3099
Thursday	4-Aug	Timber Creek		0	0	3099
Friday	5-Aug	Kununurra		283	283	3382
				228	228	3610
				Section Total		1606

Western Australia

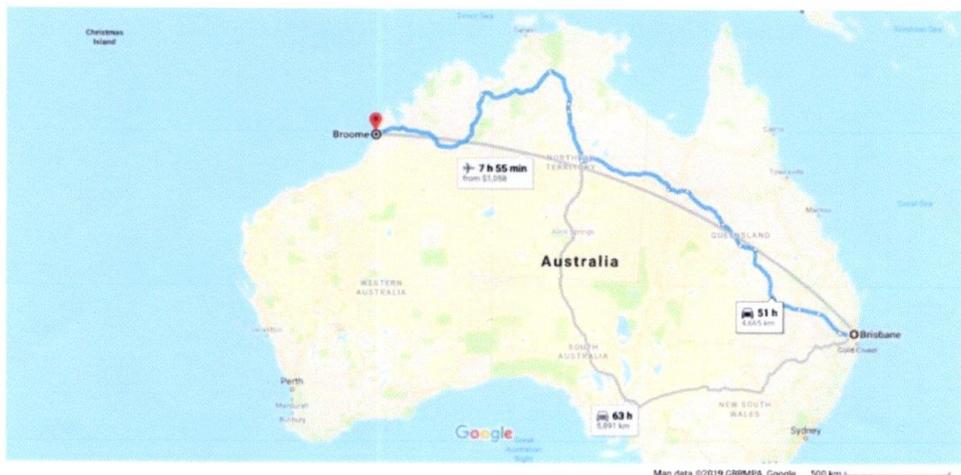
Kununurra to Broome

Day	Date	Overnight	Intermediate Towns	Dist.	Daily	Cum
Saturday	6-Aug	Kununurra		0	0	3610
Sunday	7-Aug	Warmun/Turkey Ck		217	217	3827
Monday	8-Aug	Halls Creek		160	160	3987
Tuesday	9-Aug	Fitzroy Crossing		289	289	4276
Wednesday	10-Aug	Willare		246	246	4522
Thursday	11-Aug	Broome		179	179	4701
				Section Total		1091
				Lay Day		4701



Brisbane To Broome Veteran Rally 2022 Entry Form

The Heritage Motorcycle Club of Western Australia partnering with the Veteran Car Club of Queensland, is delighted to announce that it will be facilitating a veteran rally for cars and motorcycles, to be held along the following route.



Leave Brisbane 18 July 2022

18 July Toowoomba (QLD)	(128)
19 July Miles (QLD)	(209)
20 July Mitchell (QLD)	(227)
21 July Augathilla (QLD)	(180)
22 July Blackall (QLD)	(216)

ARRIVE BROOME 11 August 2022

30 July Barkly Homestead (NT)	(260)
31 July Renner Springs (NT)	(323)
1 Aug Daly Waters (NT)	(243)
2/3 Aug Katherine (NT)	(269)
4 Aug Timber Creek (NT)	(283)

23/24 July Longreach (QLD) (215)	5/6 Aug Kununnura (WA) (278)	
25 July Winton (QLD) (180)	7 Aug Warmun (WA) (217)	
26 July McKinlay (QLD) (238)	8 Aug Halls Creek (WA) (160)	
27/28 July Mount Isa (QLD) (223)	9 Aug Fitzroy Crossing (WA) (289)	
29 July Camooweal (QLD) (188)	10 Aug Willare (240)	plus
(179) to Broome		

Entry fee \$200.00. Direct transfer Heritage Motorcycle Club BSB-066-159 account # 011062051.

Please include at least one photograph of your machine, in your application

Entry fee \$150.00 if you have already paid the \$50 E.O.I. The entry fee includes farewell dinner, 1 free rally shirt and 1 free hat

If you have to cancel, for any reason, before 31 December 2021, we will return 75% of your money

Iemail.....Hereby notify the Heritage Motorcycle Club of my intention to partake in the Veteran Rally. I have/have not paid the E.O.I. fee of \$50. Please remember to put your name as a reference!

Entry forms may also be posted to John Wightman, 47 Seabrooke Avenue, Rockingham, W.A. 6168 +61406112916

I agree to absolve the organisers of the event from any claims or loss incurred on the rally

Signed.....

Date:

Vehicle: Make:.....Model.....

Year of Manufacture.....Name of passenger.....

Shirt size (M,L,XL,XXL).....Extra shirts @ \$40 each..... size..... Extra hats @ \$20 each.....

Total paid:

This event will be run similarly to the 2012 Perth to Sydney and the 2014 Adelaide to Darwin events.

As this year's London to Brighton Run has been cancelled, Chris and Jenny Sorensen have provided reminiscences of their participation in the past.

[Part II will appear in a later issue]

Our first London to Brighton was in **1989** when we shipped our 1904 DeDion Bouton from Bundaberg to England

Our DeDion is an original Bundaberg car and I was lucky to acquire it in 1987. I always thought that if I owned it I would take it to London for the run. So after much skimping and saving we were able to .

Jenny made all the period dress for our two boys and us and off we went to England with the period clothing packed in our luggage.

In those days there was no Regent street motor show on the Saturday. We had the car picked up from Felixstowe where it had landed. It was right in the middle of a docksiders strike so I had to ask the striking wharfies very nicely if I could go onto the wharf and get our car. I had it delivered to Hyde Park very early on Sunday morning.

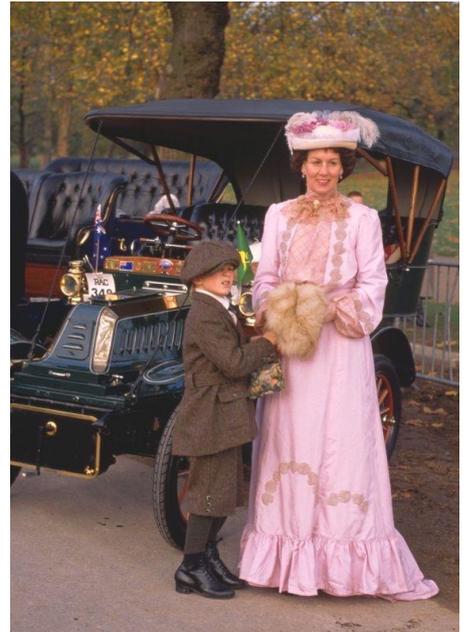
In our little DeDion with our two boys Luke and Kevin Jenny and I all dressed in our period costumes (photo of Jenny and Kev with the car in Hyde Park)

We lined up with all the other cars for the start. It begins with the ceremonial tearing up of the red flag . There were not as many entrants in those days and after a short wait it was our turn to take off. We went all the way to Brighton with only a short stop for fuel

On the way I remember looking back at our boys sitting in the back seat. For us Aussies it was so cold their faces were red with the cold and their eyes were watering

It was such a relief and very exciting to drive across the finish line at Brighton and be welcomed by all the crowds on Madeira drive which runs along the ocean front.

We went to the official Dinner . I remember the Mayor of Brighton being dressed in all the official regalia being lead into the ball room by a cryer calling out "hear yea !!!hear yea!! I welcome the Mayor". The next morning we transported the DeDion back to Felixstowe and packed it back in its container to be shipped all the way back down to Australia
It was a big effort and cost for us at that time but looking back it was worth it because of the memories of attending such a famous run



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After all the effort that we put into getting our DeDion and ourselves to London in 1989 when we came home we said that we were happy to have done it but probably not again

2011: Oh well we proved that wrong, Being a ships engineer when they were propelled by steam engines I had always wanted a steam car. That wish came true when I purchased a **1903 Grout Stanhope steam car** from a gentleman in Pennsylvania.

Being such a unique and original car, as soon as it was mine I knew we had to run it in the Brighton Run so after some preparatory maintenance on the car I shipped it from Pennsylvania to Felixstowe in the UK.

Part of the deal was that the gentleman I purchased it from did the maintenance on it and for that he had a seat in the Grout for the run. That is the reason in some of the photos you will see a United States Flag as well as the Aussie flag.



Now things had changed since 1989 and the run had grown into a motor festival which includes an entrants car show and concours. Jenny again had made our period costumes and we dressed up on the Saturday and steamed the Grout to Regent Street . I can say driving a tiller steam car through London is some experience to remember.

On Saturday morning we lined up in Regent Street with all the cars. It is open to the public and there are thousands of people come along to look at the cars and join in the festivities.

We entered our Grout in the concours: Although it isn't restored it was in very original condition so we thought it would be fun to enter the concours

There are three prizes one of them is the people's choice. To our surprise and excitement we won the "People's Choice" This was certainly an achievement

The next morning very early we lined up in Hyde Park awaiting our turn to take off for Brighton after the red flag was torn up

We steamed across the starting line down past the Palace and Queen Victoria's statue down the mall past Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Over Westminster bridge and off to Brighton.

The significant difference between a steam car and a motor car is in addition to taking fuel you need water. We had a few water stops including one unscheduled one at a barber shop where we used their hose to fill up with water.



After crossing the line at Brighton and being greeted by the huge crowds that gather to welcome the finishing cars we went to the celebration dinner. Then the next day we took the Grout back to Felixstowe and packed it into a container for Aussie.



*Motorists and passengers dressed for a trip to Caloundra in the 1920's.
(from Alex Gow's recent collection)*

A little bit of.. HUMOUR

Bob, a 70-year old, extremely wealthy widower, turned up at the Yacht Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25-year old blonde-haired lady who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His mates at the Club are all aghast.

At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?"

Bob replies "Girlfriend? She's my wife!" His mates are astounded, but continue to ask. "So how'd you persuade her to marry you?"

"I lied about my age" Bob replied.

"What? Did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bob smiled and said "No, I told her I was 90".

