

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

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VETERAN TORQUE

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David Hackshall's Model T Speedster on the recent Chinchilla Rally

[Photo supplied by B. Hollingum]



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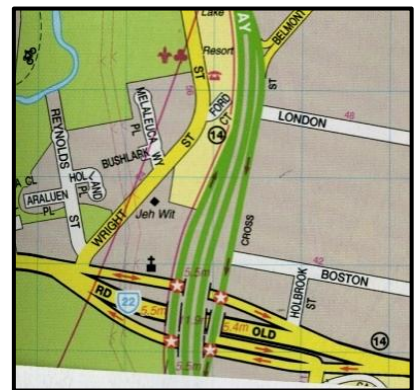
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

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

The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees from 1 July 2022:are:.

Full Membership (single):	\$ 52	Joint Membership	\$ 59
Country Membership (single):	\$ 40	Joint Membership:	\$ 45
Associate Membership	\$ 40		



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)

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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"On with the masks again, boys – it's flu season now!"



President's Report March

We began March with our General Meeting serving as a celebration of International Women's Day and I'm impressed with how many of you chose to dress in purple hues for the event. Purple signifies justice, dignity and loyalty which is why it's significant in the colour theme for International Women's Day. It all began in New York City on March 8, 1857, when female textile workers marched in protest of unfair working conditions and unequal rights for women. Society has come a long way since this initial event with March 8 becoming the Global Day of Celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and also a call of action for accelerating women's equality where we can challenge gender stereotypes, call out discrimination and draw attention to bias. Collectively we forge positive change for a world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive. Happy International Women's Day to all the women who are breaking barriers and making history! Together we celebrate the beauty, grace and strength of women all around the world. Seemed appropriate that we invite Wendy Muddell from the Vintage Car Club Queensland as our guest speaker. Wendy enlightened us with some personal history and left us with many questions regarding the movement of veteran cars outside of Australia and raising some conversation between members. It was wonderful and many thanks to Wendy for accepting our invitation. Thankfully, Syd and Pauline had supper organised and there was quite a selection of delectable morsels for our enjoyment.

March appears to be moving rather quickly as the next minute we were packing up the Overland for a trip to Chinchilla to Chill Out for a week. Wally, Bev, Keith and Anne did a wonderful job organising and executing this rally. We had some very informative speakers and despite the unrelenting heat we all managed to Chill Out. To be honest I'm torn between the distraction of our little helper at Charley's dinner and Mark from the Fish Farm, both were highly entertaining. On the road there seemed to be quite a few tyre related incidents. Forming new stories to tell at Biloela no doubt.

Our Bathroom project is quietly progressing with the outside cladding up ready for painting and the sheeting inside finished ready for tiles... which is booked. Please don't mention Albert's new grey hairs as they seem to be appearing from nowhere but with a change of tenant in the house this may stop altogether. You may have seen the enormous rubbish pile left by our previous tenants, out on the roadside. Pleased to say that has now been cleared and work can start inside repairing and cleaning before we tackle the jungle masquerading as a lawn.

Our Northside Run attracted quite a lot of members this month and we proceeded to invade the Petrie Hotel for lunch. Wonderful to see the cars out and the food wasn't bad either. Should be just enough time to get the cars polished up again ready for Biloela in two weeks. Can't wait....

Happy Motoring
Sally

HELP WANTED-

Member Paul Blake has his 2 cyl. De Dion Bouton registered and on the road but is in need of a Zenith DEF 30mm or 32mm updraught carburettor . Parts for a 26mm model could also be helpful. Paul is hoping to take his DDB to Biloela so if he could purchase or borrow that would be good. Paul is on 0418741036 or brumby1009@gmail.com if you can help.

MOTORFEST 2023 - SUNDAY 18 JUNE

We have been approached by Wendy Muddle OAM, who is the President of the VCCQ, inviting the Veteran Club to share the building with the Vintage Club to display our vehicles, along with the Historical Motorcycle Club of Queensland. The building etc. comes at no cost to the Clubs.

The building really lends itself to a three way display. One (long) side would ideally be occupied by the VCCAQ, the opposite (long) side set up for the VCCQ (no Veterans this time from the Vintage Club) and the centre area towards the rear of the building is quite spacious for the Historical Motor Cycle Club of Qld.

The VCCQ has sufficient (new) bunting to make sure that visitors do not intrude on a vehicle's space, and a few individuals scattered here and there will be sufficient to keep anyone from taking advantage of a MUCH closer look! VCCQ had no difficulties whatsoever last year in this area.

The RACQ provides tables and a few chairs plus an urn and power so we can set up a spot for a cuppa, etc for all our Members.

Each Club will have a great opportunity to promote itself, and what it is we all actually DO!

Please think about bringing a vehicle along. The cars can be brought in on the Saturday and will be securely parked. There will also be space for your car trailer. If you are interested, contact either Sally or Albert.

[Display Vehicle registrations are now open: Visit racq.com/motorfest

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SOME MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This year the SWAP MEET will be held on Saturday August 26th.

This will enable members to attend the NRVVCC LISMORE ANNIVERSARY RALLY
From 16 – 20 August

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The Annual HANDOVER DINNER will be held on 23 SEPTEMBER

Will members please consider where they would like this to be held:

Either as in recent years, a catered event at the Clubrooms,

Or at an alternative outside venue (suggestions please).

In either case, bookings will need to be made soon.

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POSITIONS VACANT

VETERAN CLUB COMMITTEE

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.



**THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER ARE BOTH DUE TO RETIRE
AT THE END OF THEIR 3-YEAR TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 2023.**

**WITHOUT THESE TWO EXECUTIVE POSITIONS BEING FILLED
YOUR CLUB CANNOT EXIST**

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THROWING YOUR HAT INTO THE RING
FOR EITHER POSITION,
SALLY WILL BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU**

“Chill Out In Chinchilla”

After wild weather and flooding last year the conditions improved and the Dalby Quartet spread the message far and wide for all to come forth. Thus the Chinchilla Tourist Park opened its gates and thirty or so veteran vehicles, with attending drivers and passengers, answered the call.

Day One, Thursday, dawned with a misty fog that quickly dissipated. The aim of the day was to travel to Jandowae, the “Home of the Dingo Barrier Fence” which was built in the 1950’s and spans from Jandowae to the Great Australian Bight. Morning travel was flat across Black Soil crop country. As a result of the movement of the soil none of the power poles were vertical, all sloping in different directions. You half expect to see one fall over as you travel.



By morning tea the temperature was nudging the mid 30's, hot but not humid, luckily. After a cuppa and regroup at the Jandowae Dam picnic area it was time to hit the Jandowae down-town area.



Our thanks to the local historians who opened up their colonial display village for our perusal.



After a leisurely lunch, either under the trees on the succulent green lawn or in the air conditioned hotel it was off in the direction of home. But not before we did a loop through the grounds of the local aged care facility where quite a number of residents were notably impressed. We returned to camp by a different route which took us into the slightly higher red soil area where crop farming gives way to cattle farming. Once back in camp there was time for a quick spruce up before travelling across town to Charleys Creek Campground for a Wagyu Beef meal accompanied by a talk on Wagyu production. Hats off to Glenn Adams who after getting three separate punctures during the day still managed big smiles.



The weather on Day Two, Friday, was similar to day One, calm with a pleasant temperature to start building to mid 30's by noon and staying like that until late in the afternoon.

The good news is that no one had problems starting due to icing up or thick oil making cranking difficult. Today's run was out to the town of Condamine, the town that invented the Condamine Bell. On the way we had a stop off at the Condabilla Fish Farm for morning tea and a talk by Mark about its history and its present day workings. Unbeknown to most, Keith and Anne Bartley established it from scratch and got it up and working. Being a one of a kind operation, there were wins and losses along the way as new techniques were developed. Through trial and error it has been found that a local strain of Murray River Cod grow the best in the confined channels within



the large water supply ponds. I'm sure that all those present would agree that it was one of the most informative talks we have had on our rallies. So off to lunch at the Condamine Hotel, and guess what was on the menu; Murray River Cod from the Condabilla Fish Farm. All those who tasted it agreed that it was excellent and worthy of all the work involved in getting it onto the plate. Due to the heat all the cars were scattered around the area wherever a shady spot was accessible. The publican indicated that he would really like the cars lined up along the front of the pub so he could get some photos. Obviously we do this all the time for nothing, however someone persuaded him it would be a good idea to put a couple of jugs of beer on the bar for our troubles. Some of the best beer I've ever tasted!



[Photo: B. Hollingum]



The route taken back to Chinchilla incorporated the only real hills that we encounter for the whole of the rally. It was an interesting route with numerous coal seam gas fracking stations dotted along the way. Just out of Chinchilla a strange smell wafted across the road. Looking through the trees you could not miss the massive covered feed lots. Very impressive from an engineering perspective. Hats off today to another Glen, Glen Ridolfi, who drove his open 1908 Cadillac in the searing sun throughout and always managed to smile.



Day Three, Saturday. Guess what; the weather was just like day two, lovely to start then dialing in more heat for the fun of it. The day started with a nice 10km run to Chinchilla Weir camping and picnic area for morning tea followed by a run along veteran friendly roads to Kogan. This was red soil cattle farming country with quite a few prickly pear trees along Chinchilla-Kogan Road. We would learn all about the prickly pear infestation the next day. Lunch was in the Kogan park opposite the local pub. Kogan is creating ties to the arts and they opened up their art gallery, of which they were very proud. The run back to Chinchilla took us past Kogan Creek Power Station. This is a state of the art 750 megawatt coal fired power station that is almost totally self contained with a minimal ecological footprint. The viewing area had well presented placards and was close enough to give a good view of its operation. Then back to camp for debriefing (Happy Hour). Hats off to David Hackshall for the presentation of the Model T Speedster, he is obviously smiling (big time) as anyone would be proud to own that car.



Day Four, Sunday. Weather – getting cooler, by about two degrees. Today is an around town day. Still, you can easily clock up 20km around town – particularly if you go round in circles as we did (another story). First stop today was the Cactoblastis Memorial. Being a town person I was unaware that our forefathers thought Prickly Pear plants would make nice decorative gardens and hedges. Little did they know that the Prickly Pear loved the NSW and QLD climate. They spread like wildfire – dense and high and prickly over 60 million acres (1920's). Chopping them down, using salt, steam rollers, injecting arsenic (users had finger nails dropping off) fire, grubbing out – didn't help – PP just carried on its march. Then some smart cookie came up with the idea of a moth whose larvae eats the PP only and not anything else. After lots and lots of testing the Cactoblastis cactorum moth was introduced in 1926 and by 1933 an estimated 80 percent of the infested land had been cleared of the PP. Impressive! We then moved on to the Chinchilla Botanic Parkland for morning tea. Once again – Impressive and recommended if you are passing through Chinchilla. Then it was a short drive around the corner to the Chinchilla Historical Museum. It's one of those museums where there is something for everyone. If you are passing through Chinchilla, after you visit the Botanic Parkland continue on to the Historical

Museum – you will not be disappointed. The day was finished off at an outdoor rally dinner on another pristine grassed area at the rear of the campground. Happy and well fed we finished the Rally contented.



Congratulations to Bev and Wally Lanagan and Anne and Keith Bartley for a Rally that not only traversed veteran friendly roads but also showed us the history, both past and present, of an area that they call home. We know that you are smiling, and so are we.

Brett Hollingum



*Unless otherwise indicated, all photographs are those of
Rhonda Guthrie.*

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The Northern Tour Update.

With 34, 1 & 2 cylinder vehicles and only 12, 4 cylinder vehicles attending the Rally, the 1 & 2s are taking over!! The oldest are a 1903 Oldsmobile and a 1903 Romania motor bike. The newest a 1918 Dodge.

Everything is coming together nicely with all the rally routes finished or very close to being finalised.

Looks like we may have an End Of Tour Dinner on the last night in Innisfail. Just waiting for a few pieces of the puzzle to fall into place.

A big Thank You to all the volunteers helping to make it all happen.

See you all in North Queensland for some Fun In The Sun !

Putt Putt
Grant & Melissa

Letter to the Editor

Hello Carol

Reading your magazine last month I was interested to see the name Fernand Charron mentioned as it is not mentioned very often and thought I should tell of our connection with the name Charron.

Regards, Wally Lanagan

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Back in the 1930's I had an uncle who owned a Charron motor vehicle and my father often told of his exploits in the vehicle.

I have since learned that Fernand was a remarkable man having started his career as a bicycle racer and a very successful competition cyclist. He was to go on and win many French national motor vehicle races. He was also in the motor vehicle industry and so came the car that bears his name.



This is my Uncle Eric Carr's Charron ready for a trip from Delungra to Sydney. You can see his suitcase strapped on behind and exhaust smoke from the engine. All very open body. There is also a brass cupid on the radiator cap on the dashboard radiator. My Aunty thought the cupid was rude and buried it in her garden in Sydney. I thought it would look great on the Studebaker but after a couple of attempts to dig it up we had no luck and had to give up. Fortunately I came across a brass cupid at a swap meet and it now rides on our radiator cap.



A Charron of the same era.

Charron

THE TRUE COST OF A VETERAN RESTORATION

Balance Sheet

Hours searching the Internet	\$ 0.00
Purchase of a heap of rust on 4 wheels	\$ 5,000.00
Flowers for wife/partner to break the news	\$ 50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$ 120.00
Restoration cost :- engine and transmission rebuild	\$ 8,000.00
-- chassis rebuild	\$ 5,000.00
Parts and endless trips to Swap Meets	\$ 1,600.00
New lounge suite to balance ledger and keep wife happy	\$ 3,500.00
Restoration cost -- bodywork and paint	\$ 7,000.00
Flowers for wife to save buying new kitchen suite	\$ 50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$ 120.00
Family trip to Tropical North Qld to offset 1,000 hours spent in Workshop	\$ 4,000.00
Restoration cost – new upholstery etc	\$ 6,300.00
New outfit for wife to save another argument	\$ 450.00
Another Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$ 120.00
Vehicle Registration and associated on-road costs	\$ 1,200.00
Dinner at Restaurant to celebrate completion	\$ 120.00
Hairdressing cost after wife's first ride in an open-top car	\$ 60.00
BBQ to have neighbours over to see finished project	\$ 90.00
Paint touch-up after neighbour's son drew on car	\$ 150.00
Out-of-Court settlement for clobbering neighbour's son	\$ 600.00
New outfit for wife to wear on first rally	\$ 450.00
New shoes to go with wife's new outfit.....	\$ 150.00
New handbag to go with wife's new outfit.....	\$ 100.00
Dinner at restaurant after asking wife to economise	\$ 120.00
New clutch after teaching wife to drive car	\$ 400.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting while teaching wife to drive a Veteran	\$ 120.00
Repairs to front guard after wife's second lesson	\$ 600.00
Candlelight dinner at home (can no longer afford restaurant) after shouting at wife to watch where she's going	\$ 20.00
Cost of on-line advertising Veteran Car for Sale	\$ 20.00

Total: **\$45,390.00**

Proceeds from Sale: **\$29,500.00**

Balance added to Mortgage **\$15,890.00**



Minutes of the Six Hundred and Ninety Sixth Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc

Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.

Monday 6 March 2023

Commenced: 7.31pm

President Sally York welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance. Sally commended everyone who wore purple to commemorate International Women's Day.

Sally welcomed our Guest Speaker for International Women's Day, Wendy Muddell from the Vintage Car Club. She told us about the beginnings of her involvement with Veteran and Vintage cars. Rovers were the early focus of their collection. The oldest one was a 1909 Range Rover 4 cylinder from Western Australia. It was sold and its history has been lost. A Rover 9 was entered in the 1974 International Rally.

We also heard a short history of AHMC, now AHMF. The Moveable Cultural Protection Act has not stopped vehicles of cultural and historic significance leaving Australia. Many historic heritage vehicles have been exported and lost to Australia's cultural history. We need to promote our organizations and do more marketing. It would be good to establish a National Vehicle Heritage register.

The motoring history of Australia has largely been developed without government support through the work of individuals restoring their cars, car clubs collecting the local history of the area and groups and individuals compiling collections and establishing museums. The thrill of this is bringing history back to life.

Apologies: Jean and Bill Jarrett, Rob and Pam Guthrie, Geoff and Barbara Clegg, . Kathy and Gary Day, Alan and Dianne Lyons, Rob York, Alan and Carol Robinson.

Visitor: Wendy Muddell

Attendance: 37 as per the attendance book

Attendance on Zoom: Keith Bartley, Max Scholefield, Bill and Karen Ryan, Bev and Wally Lanagan.

Minutes of the February Meeting: Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Ashley York Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward: Web enquiry for contact details for Jak Guyomar about Daimler Renard Road train. Jak Guyomar sent an email of thanks for sending message on. He sold the parts of the family Daimler Renard road train in early 2000.

Damien Guistini. Notification of new website address for Tasmanian Veteran Car Club

Brian Schafer wants to date his 1913 Rover and buy a car badge. Message sent to Ross and Rhonda.

Kylie Dix. Wishes to join Veteran Car Club. Her husband James has inherited his grandfather's 1905 Peugeot Bebe

Newsletters: AHMF newsletter

The Edwardian

Northern Rivers Veteran and Vintage Newsletter. Contains information about their rally.

Gympie Historic Auto Club

Beaded Wheels

Spit and Polish

Outward:

Welcome letters to new members, Ian and Sandra Creelman, Peter and Shelley Ashby and James and Antonietta Cameron.

Letter to Len Kelly agreeing to request for \$300 to help with rally costs for Biloela Rally.

Letter to Kathy Day. Agreeing to booking the Clubrooms for their son's wedding in November.

Letter to Greg Holburt, President Chrysler Club informing them that they can't place a container on club grounds.

HCCA. Subscription paid for membership.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Kevin Brooks suggested that we attend the Lismore Rally in August.

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Trevor Farnell. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Steve Forster, reported on the club accounts. Steve moved that the report be accepted, and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Glynn Hackshall. Carried.

Events:

Events Officer, Rhonda Guthrie reported that next week is the Chinchilla Rally. The organiser, Bev Lanagan, suggested all participants will need to bring their own morning tea and chairs every day. There are 30 entries and two day entries. Next month's club rally is at Biloela, the May rally is the Northern Rally and July rally is the Frostbite Rally. The Lismore Rally is in August. It is the same weekend as the Swap Meet. Kevin Brooks reported that the Fourth Thursday for Northside Rally is at the Dayboro Hotel for lunch.

Web Master:

Adam Lyons reported that the website is now mobile phone friendly. John Day reported that an Archive Group has been formed. The members are John Day, Peter Arnold, Steve Forster and Greg Hill. There is now an Archive Section on the Website. The Archive Group is looking for photo collections, oral histories, videos, etc.

Joe Jarick also suggested that we should also find out where the early Queensland cars have gone.

Security. Peter Arnold reported that the Security system has been out of action since a storm on 16 February. It is now working but people are still having trouble with the doors. The system will need an upgrade and so will the doors. The surveillance cameras are still working.

Property Report. Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported that work on building the new bathroom is progressing. The sheeting is going in on Wednesday and Thursday and the hope is that it will be finished by Easter.

QHMC QHMC Delegate, Albert Budworth. Reported that the AHMF newsletter has come out. It has been forwarded to members. Tom Wheelwright from NSW is going to send out a survey on the economic value of the historic and classic car Movement in Australia. The AHMF is also compiling information about EV's.

Dating Report. Dating Officer, Ross Guthrie, reported that there are a few cars in the process of being dated. He asked that all the paperwork be completed and sent at the same time.

General Business:

Kevin reported that he found a shirt supplier called Blank Clothing. Lowes has a green T shirt available at present.

There are Surplus badges available from previous rallies. Rhonda will take them to Chinchilla.

John Day reported that Bob Trevan has a 1913 Model T with an Australian Roadster body for sale.

John showed us some old bottle openers with old numbered RACQ tags on them. They were used as identification markers.

Syd told the story of trying to find the cause of a Fiat overheating. It was finally discovered that the radiator pipes were incorrectly installed. Albert also contributed another overheating story. Early LDVs overheated as capacity of radiator was too small. The vehicles went to Queensland instead of New Zealand.

Max Scholefield reported that the Creelmans have purchased a 1910 Model T from Bob Trevan.

John Day explained that 1915 Model T was offered as a chrome plated version by a Sydney dealer so the car owner didn't have to polish all the brass.

Sally welcomed our new members, Ian and Sandra Creelman, Peter and Shelley Ashby and James and Antonietta Cameron.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm.

Irene Donges.....

Sally York.....

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NEXT RALLY : BILOELA 12 – 15 APRIL

'Biloela" is believed to mean (White) Cockatoo and is also the Totem of the Gangulu people, the original inhabitants of the area.

Biloela is in the Banana Shire. The shire was named after the first township in the region (Banana), which in turn was named for the burial site of a huge dun coloured bullock named 'Banana'. - Now you know!



Callide Street, ca 1936

A LITTLE BIT OF.....TECHNOLOGICAL HUMOUR

