

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

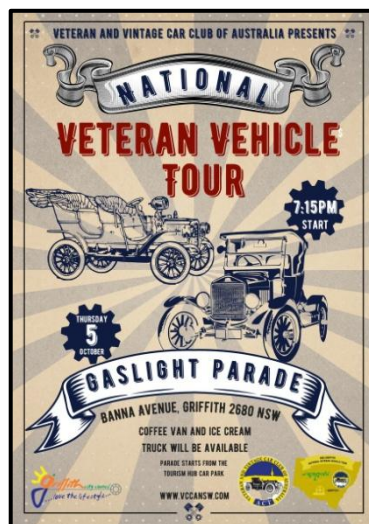
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VETERAN TORQUE

NOVEMBER 2023



Queenslanders Peter and Linda Arnold in the Gaslight Parade



VCCA(Q) - 2023 –24

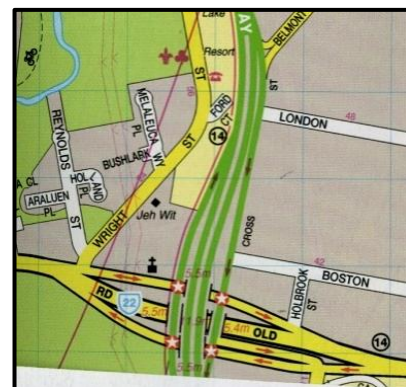


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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5). Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.



The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees for year commencing 1 July 2023 are:.

Full Membership (single):	\$ 53	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 BSB 124026, A/C 21577447; 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: BSB 124 026 A/C 21823868)

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

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President's Report



It is with some sense of “what the heck just happened” that I find myself sitting in the chair to take our Club into the future. I am buoyed by the fact that all positions and committee have been filled so it looks like the Club is all set to run smoothly, despite some personal feelings of inadequacy. The changeover dinner went very well from all reports. Unfortunately due to previous commitments and not knowing that I was to be the incoming President, we were in Canberra on our way to the National Tour at Griffith.

We joined with over 60 fellow Queenslanders and we were the State with the highest number of participants at the Tour. Well done VCCAQ! There was something for everybody in this Tour and congratulations to the Tour Organiser, Mr Rob Woolley and his band of willing and competent team members. Thank you Griffith for making us feel very welcome.

Following the rally some of the more intrepid adventurers took their 4 cars to join the SA Tour at Mannum. Another group of 8 ventured to Trundle for the ABBA Tribute festival.

Thanks for this opportunity to be involved more seriously with our Club. So far, so good and looking forward to more good things to come.

Graham Donges, President

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Cruising in to Calabria Wines, Griffith

The 2023 Griffith National Veteran Vehicle Tour – Paul Casos

This event was the first time my brothers Bruce, Garth and I had been together in the Model T Ford for 58 years. The last time was with our father and mother back in 1965 which was Dad's last event being the 100 year celebration of the first railway in Queensland. That event was centered in Grandchester which was the destination for the first train from Ipswich.

On that occasion our sister Vivienne was also with us however in Griffith she stayed home cheering us on from the sidelines.



With much anticipation we headed off on our 1228 km journey from Ipswich to what would be a most memorable and enjoyable event aided greatly by the camaraderie and friendship of members of our own club.

A total of 120 entered for the tour, 40 of which were from members of the Veteran Car Club of Queensland. There were 47 different car marques represented on the tour including 33 where only one vehicle was entered. Model T Fords were the most prolific with 28 entered followed by Renault with 10 and Overland 8.

For many of us it was the first time we had spent any time in Griffith which proved to be an ideal venue for veteran car touring. The organising club, namely the Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia – ACT, did a superb job with a large team of volunteers ensuring all our needs were well catered for. Congratulations must go to the tour committee and to Tour Director Rob Woolley whose experience and attention to detail was most evident throughout the week.

The opening event was held at the most impressive Griffith Pioneer Park Museum where participants displayed their vehicles while collecting their tour packs, route instructions and information required for the week. The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran, welcomed entrants prior to a delicious afternoon tea being served.

After returning to our base at the Griffith Tourist Caravan Park, Bruce, Garth and I then experienced our first Happy Hour with club members which became the ritual we looked forward to at the end of each day.

The historic town of Whitton was the destination for day two of the tour where the Whitton Public School P&C greeted us with morning tea. A walk around the town followed by a visit to the Whitton Courthouse & Historical Museum gave us all an insight into the struggles the pioneers of the district faced in those early years. The display of machinery including the biggest lathes we have ever seen kept our attention focused prior to heading for the lunch stop at the Whitton Malt House.

This magnificent world class facility was a surprise to us all. Located in the heart of the Riverina and set amongst manicured grounds, sculptured gardens with a large lake for freshwater fishing devotees, the opportunity to view 120 veteran cars was a bonus for the many tourists visiting on the day.

A 40 km drive back to Griffith followed and, you guessed it, Happy Hour!!

Leeton was the destination for day three, a distance of 60 kms. This town was designed by Walter Burley Griffin, the architect famous for his design of Canberra. Leeton features many buildings of Art Deco Design having been constructed or renovated between the two world wars when this design was most popular. Mosaic tiling in recessed doorways, pressed metal awnings on ceilings, glazed windows, stepped parapets with chevron brickwork and rendered with tin decorative parapets were evident on many buildings. The opportunity to tour the Roxy Theatre was also offered to participants.

Day four was a relaxing day in Griffith where entrants were offered a choice of local attractions to visit prior to the Gas Light Parade in the evening.

We visited Rosewood Park which is a privately owned residence set amongst acres of beautiful rose gardens with a historic tea house offering hospitality to the visitors of the day. The commitment required to maintain this magnificent facility was obvious however after meeting the hosts it was apparent this was their lifetimes work. I must confess that our visit was accidental as a wrong turn led us to this jewel. Another highlight of the tour!

It was off to the Calabria Family Winery for our next stop. The region's wine industry has a strong heritage of Australian pioneers and Italian immigrants all attracted by the Mediterranean Climate, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, and the rich red soil of the Riverina. There are 300 winegrape growers in the region, many of whom are third generation viticulturists.

After sampling the Calabria Family offering and making some purchases we headed back to our base to prepare for a highlight of the tour, the Gaslight Parade.

Griffith Tourism Hub, in the centre of the town, was the meeting place as we waited for the sun to go down and for the vehicle lights to be turned on. The managers of our caravan park, Paul and Sharon, went above and beyond to make us welcome so in return we offered them a ride in the parade. John Hancock from South Australia took Paul in his 1909 Gregoire 70/4 while Sharon came with us in the Model T.

The crowds were amazing, clapping and cheering as we did two laps of the long main street. It is on occasions such as this that we realise how important events, such as the tour, are to Regional Australia. Griffith made us feel most welcome.

Day five was the longest day of the tour with a total distance of 197 km being offered for those choosing to go the distance. A shorter option was also available.

Barellan was the first stop with a Giant Tennis Racquet Art Piece identifying the town where tennis champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley was raised. Morning Tea was provided by Barellan Country Women's Association with Barellan being the first town in Australia to have a CWA rest house, having been built in 1924. We then headed to Weethalle which is a small farming community in the Bland Shire with the centre piece being a painted silo, the first such completed art project in the area. For those of us who did not order lunch and, with the local Road Kill Café offering no appeal, we continued onto Rankin Springs prior to heading back to home base and Happy Hour!!

Another wonderful day of Veteran Car motoring with flat, flat roads, orange orchards everywhere and plenty of other attractions to look at along the way.

Yenda, about 35 km from Griffith, was the first stop on day six of the tour with the park in the centre of town being an ideal venue for morning tea. A big thank you must go to the tour team who baked home made biscuits that were offered to all entrants and passengers on the tour.

Wyangan Dam was our lunch stop venue which proved ideal for the 120 vehicles. This dam was opened in 1935 and impounds the Lachlan River. The promotional material says the dam is stocked with Murray cod, golden perch, brown and rainbow trout plus others however despite my brothers Bruce and Garth's best efforts, not a bite!!



As day 6 was the final day for touring, the Queenslanders decided a night of celebration was in order.

Thanks to Rob, Sally and Rhonda the Little Italy Restaurant in the centre of Griffith was booked and around 60 happy and enthusiastic Veteran Car Club of Qld rallyists had a great night and a fitting celebration of what were six wonderful days Veteran Car Motoring!!

Bruce, Garth, Vivienne and I will be forever grateful to our parents who, over 60 years ago, introduced us as children to the joys of Veteran Cars when we four cuddled up on the back seat of the same Model T Ford. Who would have thought then that in 2023 that same car would bring the same enjoyment to the next two generations of the same family.

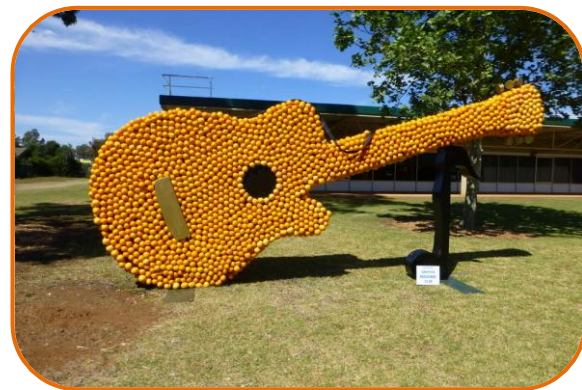


Thank you to all those from the Club who travelled to Griffith for your friendship and hospitality in making three brothers from Ipswich so welcome.

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100,000 Oranges in the Main Street of Griffith

[All photos are those of Pam Guthrie]



COMING CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

18 November **WINE AND CHEESE EVENING.**

5.30 pm At the Clubrooms.



The \$20 cost per person covers:
A variety of wines and cheeses etc.
Mains of Chicken and Salads
And of course mouth-watering desserts.



Please RSVP to Rhonda by **10 November 0427 175 099**

Bank A/C Details: 124 026
Social A/C 218 238 68

Or payment may be made to Malcolm at the November 6th General Meeting.

{Perhaps you may decide to stay overnight for a Sunday BYO Breakfast}

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It's that time of year again!

"Peace and Goodwill to All"



*Come and celebrate a bonzer **Traditional Christmas Lunch***

With your VCCAQ friends

A treat not to be missed

Saturday 16th December 11.30 am At the Clubrooms

RSVP by Monday 4th December

Pay \$25 per person to Malcolm at the next Club Meeting

Or by direct deposit into the Club Social Account

BSB: 124 026 Account 21823868



2024

11 February **BREAKFAST** At the Clubrooms. From 8am. BYO Crockery/Cutlery.

COMING EVENTS / INVITATION RALLIES

2024

March 17-23. National Veteran 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally. Albany, W.A. Registrations now open. Expressions of Interest bobjos89@westnet.com.au Registered entrants will be emailed meals information in January. Further details from Deidre and Harry Pyle 0407 999 290.

April 10th -14th VCC(NSW) 70th Anniversary Premier Rally. Inverell. Qld Club members are invited..EOI now on the club website.

Accommodation is at a premium. The Fossickers Rest Cabins are all booked, however, some caravan sites still available. (phone 02 6722261) The Inverell Caravan Park (phone 02 67223036) still has 9 cabins and 30 sites vacant. Secure trailer parking is available at the Transport Museum.

An interesting and varied programme is planned with a relaxed atmosphere. Evening Happy Hour will be at the Fossickers Rest, so bring your chair, drinks and food for a BBQ if you wish. There are plenty of good restaurants, clubs and fast-food outlets in Inverell.

Inverell is a rural town of 12,000, which services the surrounding area of beef cattle, sheep and crop farming. It is very dry at the moment. The largest employer is the Bindaree Beef Abattoir and Meatworks. The town features outstanding 1900 era architecture. and it is well worth a stroll around town. It is known as the Sapphire City for the gemstones found in the area.

For those who like to dress up, the visit to the small Gum Flat School on the first day for lunch, and the last day's morning tea at Tingha and the afternoon display at the Transport Museum are appropriate. Inverell is a town of motoring and machinery enthusiasts. The car club members have offered their support for our VCC(NSW) 70th Anniversary Premier Rally. We will be visiting some of their personal collections. Rally Directors Rod Holmes (rodruthholmes@gmail.com) 0455 266 890, Laurie McGrath 0403 030 998.

May 26th - 1st June 2024 8th International Tour –

Tweed Valley, Northern NSW Newsletters

The event is open to pre 1916 vehicles, but members without an eligible Veteran are welcome to join in the camaraderie and assist where necessary.

Newsletters 1, 2, 3, are available on the Club website – giving accommodation listing.

Entry Form now available www.hccasea.org/entry-form, (you may have to type it in)

The payment process is separate, and is not required for you to fill in the entry form.

For more information contact Rhonda Guthrie 0427 175 099

June RACQ Display Day

July Club Tour – still planning

August 17th Swap Meet

September Club Tour – still planning

November 18-23. National Veteran Rally in Launceston, Tasmania. (Trailer parking will be available in Melbourne. Expressions of Interest open 1 November.

Email: 2024nationalrally@gmail.com Ph. 0404 917 366.

December 21st Club Christmas Luncheon

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THE DALBY MIDWAY RALLY

In the last days of May, 2023, after the successful Northern Veteran Rally through 3 north Queensland towns, our Club Secretary, Irene Donges responded to the idea that a rally enroute between North Queensland and Griffith, to break the northerners' journey, would be a worthwhile thing. Irene ran with the suggestion and started contacting locals in the south central west to try and stitch together a rally. Irene contacted the Lanagan and the Bartley families in Dalby, as a venue that could host such an event. Both families responded favourably to the suggestion and the Dalby Midway Rally became a reality.

The first suggestion was a long weekend rally, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, timed a week before the start of the National Veteran Rally at Griffith. Most of the northerners committed to attending Dalby. It was pointed out that this rally would not be exclusively for the northerners, and that there may be interest from the other veteran car owners.

Arrangements were initiated and the rally idea was taking hold until negative reports about the Griffith rally started to surface. This caused a rethink by some of the interested parties that they may withdraw from, or not nominate for Griffith. This caused a re-think by the organisers to extend the rally into a 5 day event to make the trip worthwhile for those living a long way away, who would not be going on to Griffith, but would still like to go to a veteran rally. This idea was accepted by all, and the organising began in earnest.

An entry form was produced, and the organisers confirmed, that as personal arrangements had been made before the rally was expanded, they were comfortable with not everyone being present for the full 5 day event, Thursday to Monday. Adrienne and I were in that category and had planned to be in Toowoomba on Monday. After all that, the rally was a great event.

Entrants began arriving on Wednesday September 20 and were accommodated at the Dalby Tourist Park in Myall Street. The caravan park provided good accommodation options for cabins, drive throughs, ensuites and powered sites. Proximity to everyone meant that daily Happy Hour was a welcome feature. The van park is set close to a hotel and take away food places and these were eagerly used.

Each day we mustered outside of the van park for a briefing and necessary alerts before setting off on the day's activities.



Morning Muster

Our first day covered about 90km and we took morning smoko at the Jimbour (pronounced Jimba) rest area where there is a 3 cylinder Clayton Shuttleworth tractor housed in a secure shelter. The C-S is historically significant to the area and was recently got running for a local centenary celebration.



After smoko we visited the farm of a farming innovator, Jamie Grant, who is dry-land growing cotton. Jamie's contribution is a robotic paddock weeder. This commercially available device wanders over the vast paddocks spraying young weeds while they are effectively controlled before they mature. The operation is 24/7 with only fuelling and topping up the poison causing regular stops. After this very interesting display, Keith and Anne Bartley hosted us for lunch at their farm where more innovative farm machinery and practices were explained. We had an opportunity to view Keith's collection of cars, predominantly Dodge and Chrysler.

On Friday, our lunch destination was Bell. We went via Kaimkillenbun, once the longest name in the Queensland Rail timetable. The wind was so strong on this morning that I began to question if the motor in the Maxwell was beginning to seize. The stop at "Bun" allowed me to turn the motor over easily on the handle. The resistance was just the wind. We were served lunch at the Bell Bunya Community Centre, as part of the local art gallery. The meal was a delight. Today we travelled 85km.



Smoko at "The Bun"



Lunch Stop, Bell

On Saturday we drove 120km to Jandowae and back. Jandowae is an old forestry town. We passed close to the Dingo Fence, a pest-exclusion fence which stretches 5,614km from Jimbour to the Great Australian Bight. We took lunch at the Wombat Café and then posed for photos with all cars out front of the café, which, one day, will become historically significant.



Lunch Stop at The Wombat Café

On Sunday, our destination was the station property of Cecil Plains, close to a small settlement of the same name. On the way we had smoko at the Dalby Model Aero Club field. Club members made us most welcome and showed much interest in our cars. Similarly, the rallyists showed plenty of interest in the model aircraft. After lunch we returned to Dalby, covering a bit over 92km due to direction signage not being in place to mark the turn off to the Modellers Club.



Lunch at Cecil Plains

On Monday, the destination was the lake at Broadwater. The distance was 80km for the round trip. Adrienne and I didn't go on the rally today as I had a commitment in Toowoomba. I caught up with rally entrants who subsequently went on to Griffith and found that the drive was enjoyable as were the previous five days.

The organisers of this rally, Irene, Wally and Bev, Keith and Anne deserve thanks and congratulations from all of the entrants and the Club for making it worthwhile.

Frank & Adrienne Cerutti

Attendees

Bob & Suzanne Ausburn	1912 Phoenix
Keith & Anne Bartley	1912 Talbot
Frank & Adrienne Cerutti	1909 Maxwell
Andrew & Angela Fergusson	1911 Mors
John & Diane Farrier	1910 De Dion Bouton
Michael & Sandra Hackshall	1910 EMF
Jacob & Charlotte, Lachlan Hackshall	Vintage Rugby
Wally & Bev Lanagan	1917 Studebaker
David & Fay Martin	1908 Reo
Glenn Ridolfi	1908 Cadillac
Max Scholefield	1912 Flanders
Les & Chris Wassmuth	1915 T Model Ford
Glynn & Di Hackshall	Modern
Greg & Irene Hill	Modern
Joe & Lyn Jarick	Modern

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THE ABBA FESTIVAL

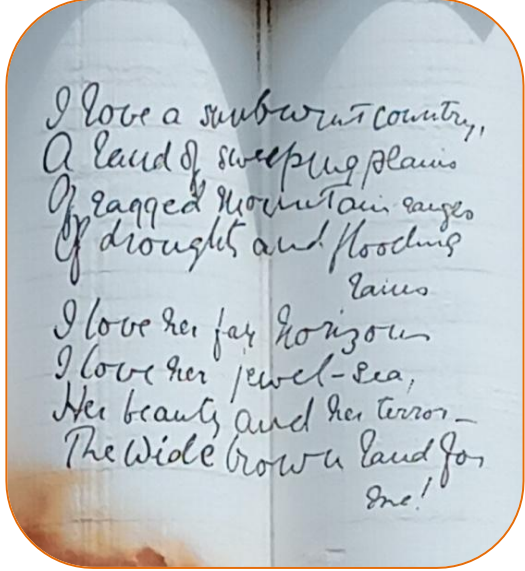
We recently attended the National Rally in Griffith N.S.W. The timing of the event coincided with another event which several of our members were able to attend on our return to Queensland. The event was the Abba Festival held in Trundle, a town of only a few hundred people near Parkes in N.S.W. Parkes is well known for the Elvis Festival held each year. The Trundle event is also promoted by the Parkes Shire Council. The event attracted around four thousand people and was certainly enjoyed by all of our group who were able to attend. The event is just an excuse to dress up for the day and enjoy the music of the era with lots of happy people of all ages from all over the country and even some international folks. The photo shows most of us with from left Kathy and Gary Day, John and Alison Day, Janette and Trevor Farnell. Graham and Irene Donges also attended in their costumes. We all camped on site with hundreds of other grey nomads for four days before heading off home. Many glamping tents were also available. On our way home via some beautiful back roads scenery, we saw some amazing silo art in some of the towns. This topped off a totally enjoyable few weeks of veteran car enjoyment. It's not just about cars!

Gary and Kathy Day





Gunnedah



Notes from TAVCCA AGM 2023 - Peter Arnold (Delegate)

The Annual General Meeting of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs of Australia, (TAVCCA) was held during the National Veteran Rally in Griffith. The meeting was chaired by Rob Woolley on behalf of Australian Capital Territory, with Daryl Meek of Victoria as Secretary Treasurer. All States and the ACT were represented by at least one Delegate. Each State and the ACT is entitled to have up to 2 delegates attend and each State and the ACT is allowed 2 votes. Northern Territory is not a member of TAVCCA.

Queensland Delegates: - Graham Donges and Peter Arnold

Aside from the normal business of an AGM, the following discussions / decisions may be of interest.

Finances: - The Association made a small loss (\$130) in 2022/23 with the biggest expense being the FIVA Affiliation which was up by \$400 to \$1700. Income for the year was boosted with 7 FIVA Identity cards issued at \$ 250 each.

Reports on future National events: -

Tasmania November 2024 Launceston. 18 to 23 November. Planning is well underway and entrants will need to make their boat bookings as soon as possible after 18th November this year as they only take bookings 12 months ahead. See the Tasmanian website for details.

Western Australia 1&2, 2024 Albany 17 to 23 March. See website for details.

South Australia October 2025 Murray Bridge

New South Wales 2026, Volunteers have been called for Rally Director and committee.

National Website: - the National Website is up and running thanks to Ben Alcock and it now needs to be populated with relevant information. One of the pages will be for promoting future events. These will not only be National events but also to promote club invitation events and one make and one type events which are becoming more popular such as high wheelers and motorcycle events.

Clubs wanting to list events on the website should contact Daryl Meek at secretary@tavcca.org.au

Roster of Members: - During the year member clubs will be asked to supply member contact details and lists of vehicles for inclusion in the next Roster which will be produced in late 2024. Michael and Claudia Holding will again be managing this process and will require the information in the same format as previous years. To comply with our privacy policy, each member will have to give permission for their details to be included, so clubs are asked to seek this approval from their members when paying their subs for next year.

Lord Montagu Trophy: - This year the trophy was awarded jointly to Michael and Claudia Holding of Victoria. The trophy was presented at the Final Dinner by Chairman, Rob Woolley. The citation appears at the end of this report.

FIVA: - as reported under finance, there were 7 FIVA Identity Cards (Passports) issued last year which is somewhat of a record. Andrew McDougall is responsible for issuing these and has several Scrutineers across the country to assist. The process of documentation is now handled online and while it was a bit clunky to start with, most of the bugs have now been ironed out. Passports are required for each vehicle participating in FIVA sanctioned events to guarantee authenticity. The last Passport issued was to Lang & Bev Kidby for their Bean which is re-enacting the Francis Birtles trip from England to Australia in the "Overlander".

Jenny Fawbert, NSW, has been keeping an eye on FIVA activities and reports to TAVCCA a couple of times a year. Her first report was sent to all members by email earlier this year and her latest report follows this. All members can participate in FIVA online activities through their website. I participated in 2 seminars during the year and found them interesting although the time difference doesn't help. They usually break for lunch about midnight our time.

Office Bearers for 2023/24 are: -

Chair	Jill Hawkins,	Tasmania
Vice Chair	Julian McNeil,	SA
Secretary Treasurer	Daryl Meek	Victoria

The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia

FIVA 2023 HIGHLIGHTS - REPORT TO TAVCCA AGM 2023

- Motoring Events.
 - FIVA World Events 2023:
 - April - Motorcycles, 100 Years of the Tourist Trophy, Austria
 - May - Cars, World Rally, Portugal
 - July - First FIVA World Event for Utilitarian Vehicles, a huge rally at Panningen (NL). FIVA sponsored the exhibition of the working replica of the oldest steam-powered vehicle, Cugnot's 1769 "Fardier".
- Symposiums
 - Partnerships & Cooperation with Governments & Institutions Symposium, held in Tirana, Albania, in April. Hosted by Retro Albania, the symposium was both live and broadcast. With over a dozen speakers and presenters representing eight countries and four continents, speaking about legislation, low emission zones, best practices, or problems at the state level in several countries regarding historic vehicles & their regular use.
 - Restoration versus Conservation. This international event in June was hosted by Retromobil Club Romania and highlighted the issues and controversies that arise when vehicle preservation and repair goes beyond conservation and becomes restoration.
 - Slides and videos from the Symposiums are available online on the FIVA Youtube Channel and the FIVA website.
- Environment and Sustainability
 - In April FIVA formally welcomed news that the use of carbon-neutral e-fuels was officially recognised in Europe as an important factor in tackling climate change. In recent years, FIVA members have been actively studying the use of e-fuels and the results to date suggest these fuels work well in historic as well as modern vehicles.
- Alliances
 - FIVA renewed its 5 year agreement for collaboration with FIMA – Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme to collaborate on sustainability, Women in the Motorcycling Commission and the planned FIM Racing Heritage Register.
 - Collaboration with the Technical University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic on an academic and practical course to educate specialists in technical cultural heritage and the appropriate methods of vehicle preservation.
- 2023 Publications
 - FIVA and UNESCO have had a cooperative relationship since 2013. In March FIVA released a guide, Approaching UNESCO, to assist its ANFs in better approaching UNESCO or its Commissions around the world for event patronage or motor heritage-related issues.
 - Charter of Turin in cartoons. Presenting the Charter through art, and translated into several languages, at major historic vehicle events has proven a popular method of conveying the importance of preserving automotive heritage to younger generations.
 - Securing the Future of Our Motoring Heritage In April, FIVA cooperated with FIA, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile and with FIM, the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme, to prepare a Manifesto, Securing the Future of Our Motoring Heritage, Preserving Historic Vehicles' Place on the Roads of Tomorrow. The document is downloadable off the FIVA website.
 - FIVA for Youth booklet is a new publication in 2023, helpful for clubs wanting to encourage younger people into the hobby
- FIVA online
 - FIVA Live Chat Rooms began in 2023 and are held last Friday of the month via FIVA's Facebook page. Lively, informative and thought provoking topics attract participants from around the world to these informal chats.
 - FIVA on Facebook and Instagram continue to pull in significant numbers of readers globally.
 - FIVA website - highlighted the Brush Rally at Cowra, NSW, was featured in FIVA News in May.

Montagu Trophy Nomination – 2023

Michael and Claudia Holding

Proposed by VCCA (Vic.)

The VCCA (Vic.) presents the case to the Association of Veteran Car Clubs Australia for Michael and Claudia Holding to be jointly awarded the Montagu Trophy in 2023, for outstanding service to the State and National veteran vehicle movement.

It is proposed that the Award should be made jointly to both Michael and Claudia, as they are a team who work on many projects as a partnership. Michael and Claudia have been active, passionate, hardworking and dedicated members since becoming financial members of VCCA (Vic.) in 2007. They immediately became great supporters of veteran motoring in both Victoria and Nationally.

The list given below of their contributions and achievements is extensive, but may well not have captured all that they have done. However, there are more than sufficient identified, to justify the awarding of the Montagu Trophy to them. An apology is extended in advance if significant contributions by them have been missed.

Offices held and services performed:

- Michael – in 2014 offered to produce three editions of the TAVCCA Membership Roster – Michael and Claudia then produced the 2015 and 2020 editions, with planning underway for a third edition.
- Michael – Since 2015 has been an Events Committee Member.
- Michael – between 2015 and 2023 has provided book keeping and accounting reports to the Treasurer and liaised with the Auditor.
- Michael – between 2015 and 2022 undertook the task of mutuality tax analysis.
- Michael – between 2014 and 2022 prepared the membership renewal forms with populated data and has currently converted the Club's on-line data management system to the comprehensive "Our Car Club System". These achievements demonstrate significant initiative, innovation and dedication to improving the administration and management of the Club.
- Michael – formally joined the Victorian Committee in 2020 in addition to having worked behind the scenes for many years.
- Michael and Claudia – since 2014 have managed the Mid-Winter Rally "Cold Start Competition".
- Claudia – since 2019 has been on the Victorian Executive as the Club's Treasurer.

National Events organised by them:

- 2013 – Michael and Claudia produced the Daily News Sheet and managed the Welcome and Dinner for the Shepparton National Rally.
- 2020 and 2021 – Michael and Claudia were National Rally Directors for the Swan Hill Rally, which twice had to be cancelled due to Covid. They tried to move mountains to hold the event, but in the end Covid prevailed.
- 2022 – both Michael and Claudia are Assistant Rally Directors for the HCCA 2024 International Rally.

State Events organised by them:

- 2011 – Michael, Assistant Mid-Winter Rally Director – Lancefield.
- 2012 – Michael and Claudia were both Assistant Mid-Winter Rally Directors - Lancefield.
- 2013 – Michael and Claudia were Mid-Winter Rally Directors – Melton.
- 2015 – Michael and Claudia were Annual Rally Directors – Colac (60th Anniversary Rally).
- 2017 – Michael and Claudia were Annual Rally Directors – Ballarat.

- 2022 – Michael and Claudia were 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Directors – Ararat.
- 2023 – Michael and Claudia ran the very successful auction for the donated brass lamps and lights.

Michael, between 2010 and 2021, has submitted many articles for publication in Brass Notes. In 2015, he produced a document titled Safety - 10 Golden Rules and 7 Deadly Sins and in 2017 produced the Rally Directors Manual, for which he has provided regular updates. Michael has generously shared the Manual with all TAVCCA clubs and other car clubs across Australia.

When not organising events for others, they have managed to participate in nearly every possible veteran event, in their veteran vehicles. This includes many interstate and national events and in recent times they successfully participated in the challenging Brisbane to Broome Rally.

Michael has also become the “go to person” for those who need advice on running their Single Cylinder Cadillacs. There is unlikely to be anyone else in Australia who has more knowledge about these vehicles and as such he has, through his assistance, been responsible keeping many of these vehicles on the road.

Michael also has a comprehensive machine shop at his home and is a very competent machinist. With these facilities and skills, he has helped many people with their veteran vehicle restorations and also attended to emergency rectifications.

As Michael and Claudia’s joint efforts have provided so much to Club Management and the enjoyment of veteran motoring for many people in Victoria and around Australia, it is felt that there is a large debt of gratitude owing to them. It is believed that this can best be recognised and repaid by awarding them the Montagu Trophy for 2023

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A Saurer Truck that was driven across Europe in 1907 - not very comfortable travelling for the passengers!
(from Alex Gow Collection).

A LITTLE BIT OFHUMOUR



Apparently there are 2 types of flu. The harmless one that women and children get, and the "near death" version that men get.

