



## The Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc.

Queensland's original and oldest historic motoring club. Founded 1955

*Preserving Queensland's Motoring Heritage*

# The Vintage Car

**A BIG start to a BIG year**



**VCCQ Virgins  
BIG breakfast**

See what's to  
come under  
**Events:**

**R-R morning tea – Midnight to dawn run**

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**64 YEARS YOUNG**

## THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND Inc.

### Meetings

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Friday of each month at the VCCAQ Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd., Carindale QLD 4152. The Club's well-stocked Library is open before and after the meeting and a pre-meeting BYO everything BBQ is usually enjoyed by a number of our members.

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### MAGAZINE FORMAT.

Single column format is used so that you don't have to scroll up and down. I expect that most will read mag zoomed out. Pics are scaled, if possible, so that they are JUST not pixelated at this width to keep file size to a minimum. Verdana font is used in the body of the mag for easy reading.

**SENDING MONEY TO THE CLUB**

**Suncorp Bank** request that full name "**Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc.**", is written on all cheques sent to club.

Please post to the Treasurer at the Club's postal address (above), unless otherwise requested.

**Direct Deposit:** Payments are easier and faster using Internet direct deposit.

Our Suncorp acc. details are:

Account Name: Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc.

BSB: 484799 Account No: 001424831

It is MOST important that you include your surname and a brief description of the nature of the payment (e.g. Smith subscription, or Jones Xmas lunch).

**2019 Annual Membership subscription \$50****2019 MEMBERSHIP LIST AVAILABLE**

**VCCQ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION.** Here's an update on things you should know about the Club. We now have:

**A proper Website** - Access via [www.vccq.club](http://www.vccq.club)

**An email address** - [vintagecarclubqld@gmail.com](mailto:vintagecarclubqld@gmail.com) All committee members have access to the mailbox.

**A monthly magazine.** In your e-mailbox by the first of that month. That's the plan.

**A Facebook page** - Get yourself on facebook and search Vintage Car Club Queensland and ask for access as a member. Current financial members can also join the VCCQ private members page.

**A gmail Calendar** - The Calendar lists all interesting motoring events not just VCCQ events. All committee members have access.

**A list of all books in the Club Library** - Send the Club an email requesting a copy of this list. - Members only.

**A Members' Directory** - Listing all financial Members as of August 31, 2018. See Secretary for a copy.

**A Members' Register** is also maintained detailing members' vehicles. A copy is kept for viewing in the Club Library. **Lapel Name Badges** - These are given free to all new members. Existing members can get new ones from the Secretary at a cost of \$10.

**A Google Drive box** - Up there in a cloud safe from a collapse of my computer is lots of good stuff including all the current Club mags for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and also selected mags from other clubs placed in monthly folders. Access has been given to all current financial members and a few others. Thanks to Dave Fletcher for setting it up. Hope it works for you.

**COVER PIC.**

**Warren and Rose Webb's 8 litre low flying Bentley and cockpit to the right. Fabulous!!**



**VCCQ CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2019**

DATES	CLUB & INVITATION EVENTS	
February 6	VCCQ Morning tea and R-R Museum visit	Dean Prangley
February 23	VCCQ Midnight to dawn run	David Fletcher

**VCCQ CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2019****CM – Committee meeting. GM – General meeting**

January	CM -	GM 18 <sup>th</sup>	Virgins brekkie 13 <sup>th</sup>	Allora Machinery	Samford Museum
February	CM 30 <sup>th</sup>	GM 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mtea R-R	Little Corner Cafe, Woolloowin 6 <sup>th</sup> -9.30am	M2D Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>
March	CM 27 <sup>th</sup>	GM 15 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran Club 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2 <sup>nd</sup>	GMGH Shed run 31 <sup>st</sup>	
April	CM 3 <sup>rd</sup>	GM 19 <sup>th</sup>	Alvis Centenary 7-13	Dayboro Boules Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	
May	CM 1 <sup>st</sup>	GM 17 <sup>th</sup>	VCCQ mTea Bardon Shed 8 <sup>th</sup>	VCCQ run?? 18-19	
June	CM 5 <sup>th</sup>	GM 21 <sup>st</sup>	Petrie Steam 1-2	VCCQ Concours 23 <sup>th</sup>	
July	CM 3 <sup>rd</sup>	GM 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jumpers n Jazz Warwick.	American Day at QMM 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mtea Eden
August	CM 31 <sup>st</sup>	GM 16 <sup>th</sup>	Presidential event 3-4	VCCQ/Riley Club/BRHCC 10 <sup>th</sup>	AGM 16 <sup>th</sup>
	-		Vets swap 17 <sup>th</sup>	Classics at Peak X-ing 25 <sup>th</sup>	
September	CM 4 <sup>th</sup>	GM 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mtea 4 <sup>th</sup> Toowong.	All British Day?	Mid week run to Fig Tree Pocket
October	CM 2 <sup>th</sup>	GM 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Trades Fair.	Toowoomba/Cambooya	Samford run
November	CM 30 <sup>th</sup>	GM 15 <sup>th</sup>	London to Brighton Q 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mtea 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pub lunch
December	CM 4 <sup>th</sup>	GM 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party 20 <sup>th</sup>	Boxing Day 26 <sup>th</sup>	

**Please advise of all other relevant events and suggested changes****EVENTS FOR OTHER CLUBS****COFFEE AND CARS at Cooparoo and Jindalee – First and third Saturday of every month**

Jan 2019	Australia Day Rally Ormiston SS Allora Machinery				
February	Art Deco Napier 14-18 Toowoomba Swap VVTE Esk run 10 <sup>th</sup>				
March	Phillip Island Historic races <a href="http://vhrr.com/wp/phillip-island/">http://vhrr.com/wp/phillip-island/</a> Inverell Swap				
April	Highfields Vintage Fest Ipswich Honk Festival QHMC Rally Nth, Mackay 19-21				
May	NMHD Historic Winton 17-19 MacsBridge at Belmont R-R Federal Rally 1-7 Toowoomba				
June	Petrie Steam Angelhurst 2 <sup>nd</sup> QHMC Rally Sth, Bundaberg Caboolture swap Goodwood FS				
July	RACQ Motorfest Jumpers n Jazz Warwick Perkolilli July 12-17				
August	Vets Club swap 17 <sup>th</sup> Classics at Peak Crossing 25 <sup>th</sup> Watts Bridge				
September	Goodwood R Historic Amaroo All British Day Gatton Trucks National Veteran Rally Bberg 7-13 Collingrove Hillclimb. Brookfield Country Market <b>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VSCCA Rally 13-15 2019 National Veteran Rally Bundaberg 17-23</b>				
October	T-Ford National Maryborough Sept 29 - Oct Custodian Rally, Maryborough Gympie GRF Collingrove HC George Green rally Melbourne Motorclassica 11-13 Lost Trades Fair				
November	London to Brighton Q 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bendigo swap R-R NSW Concours BVAC 50 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>				
December					
<b>2020</b>	<b>Virgins Breakfast 12<sup>th</sup></b> AHMF National Tour – Albury Wodonga March 28 to April 4				
<b>2021</b>	Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring – New Plymouth 17-23 January				





[Brian Allison](#) from [Enthusiasts of British Motor Vehicles Built Before 1985](#) posted the top great pic on Boxing Day 2018, titled "Commer charabanc with broken fetlock. Western Ireland".

[Andrew O'Shea](#) then posted the second pic with the following comment. "That is on the road near Killarney --- it has the name of my home village Glengarriff on the header board. Here is a similar one outside the Eccles Hotel Glengarriff c1920".

*Ed. This hotel is still there today and much the same. See google maps street view. Enter the towns shown on the header board in the same order and you can follow the route. It would still be a very scenic journey. Those solid tyres on the rough dirt roads would really hammer the vehicle. Wonderful scenes.*

*Here is a bus from 1909 which gives a clue to the ages of the other buses. My guess is that the second bus is the older, maybe 1912 and the top one a couple of years newer. Pity we cannot repeat the journey in the same fashion. Imagine if there was one of these buses in say Allora and we could all pile on board and take a run to Clifton for lunch. What an event!*

**Commer bus reg EC 634 1909**



## EDITOR'S REPORT – Brian McMillan

### MAILMAN TROUBLES

Had trouble sending last months mag. Kept crashing, so some people could have missed out while others may have received the mag a few times. Being of 8 meg could have been part of the trouble but a few may have changed address. Sorry for the inconvenience. I have also dropped a few names from the list for 2019 as I don't want to impose on uninterested parties. Please let me know if you wish to be removed from the mail list. I have learned to handle rejection.

### PUTTMAN REPORT

Margaret reports that Jayne is handling her recovery well and has moved back to her home in Tamworth. Jayne reports that mum is back in full party mode. Go for it!

### VCCQ SANTA

It has been discovered that our VCCQ club Santa has been moonlighting for a number of years.

<https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/5818618/geoff-is-a-real-deal-santa-claus/>

Victoria Point Santa, Geoff Bowden is often referred to as the real Santa because he has a beard that looks like the real deal.

It was the beard, among other attributes, that helped get him the job at Victoria Point Shopping Centre 13 years ago.

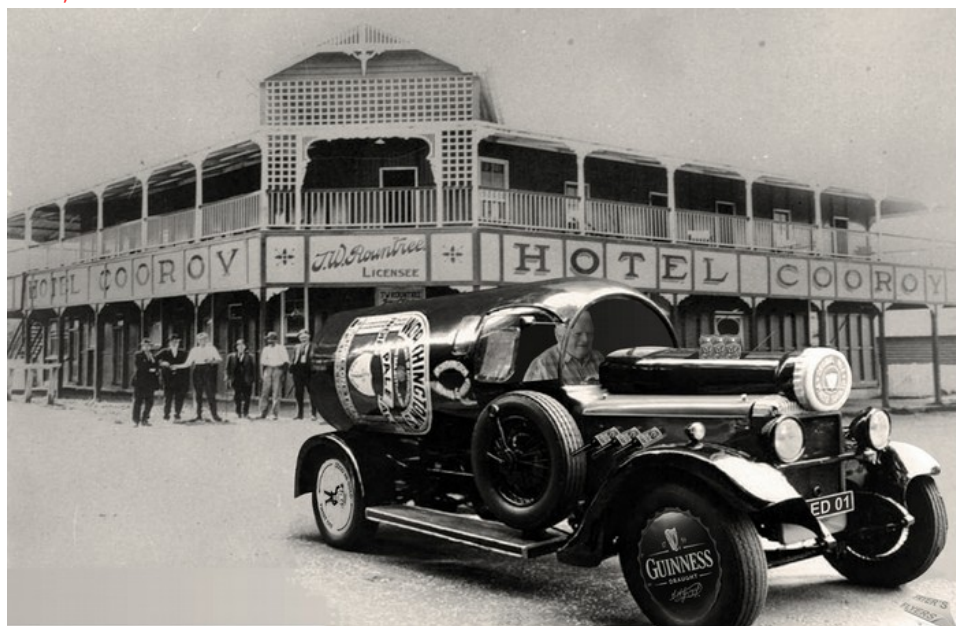
A retired engineer, Mr Bowden worked in harsh environments but having a beard helped him protect his face. The Lota resident applied for the centre's Santa vacancy because they wanted a bearded Mr Claus.

Geoff has been doing Santa gigs for kindergartens and organisations for about 30 years. For six weeks in the run up to Christmas, the 78-year-old is busy bringing smiles to

children's faces. Geoff estimates he has chatted to about 50,000 kids since he started at the centre as well as most VCCQ members at their Christmas Dinner.



**BELOW:** This dusty photo was recently discovered in the VCCQ archives. It shows a somewhat musty Brian in a bottle when he was just a new keg on the block. **THANKS DAVE, MATE.**



**Ed. Not sure about this pic. I actually lived in Cooroy in about 1947 about 100 yards from where this pub was. Both old wood pubs had burned down by then.**



## ROLLS-ROYCE

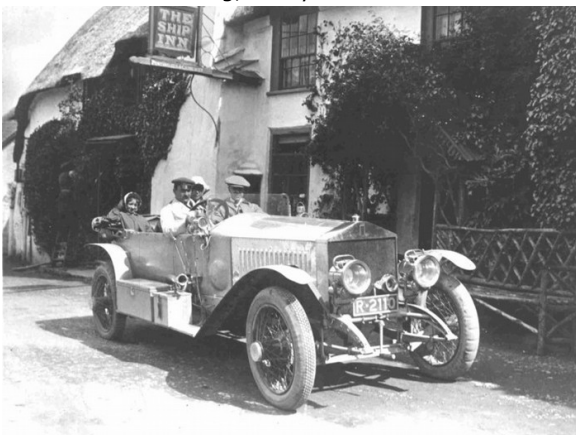
I wonder how many miles this Ghost has done. Captured by the Finnish from the "Reds" in WW1 and given to the Germans to use. Has been part of the Military Museum in Finland for many years.



## ALPINE GHOST – Peter Noakes, Canada

Any Silver Ghost is a very special car. One of the most special examples was on show at the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club annual meet in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 2014.

I was present as a guest of my friend David Howe with his 3L Bentley. What a feast of beautiful cars, and here was I able to wander freely among them. Possibly the most significant car there was the 1914 Alpine Eagle of Steve Littin from Chardon, Ohio. Many of the members of this club may know of Steve as he is an expat Kiwi, living and working in Ohio where he runs a Silver Ghost repair and rebuilding shop that is regarded as "The Best" in the business in the US of A. Steve and his staff do everything, including





casting new crankcases, machining new cranks, and building bodies from scratch. Wins at Pebble Beach confirm the quality of his work.

The Ghost in question is the car that won the Alpine Trial in 1914, the year after the first win by James Radley. That 1913 car still exists and is regularly used. The 1914 car disappeared after being re-bodied and sold in the US during WW1. Steve was told of the rusting remains of an "old Roller" in a barn in Upstate New York where it had been converted for farm haulage. These rumours must be investigated as we all know, and Steve bought the remains of the car. On taking it home and going carefully over what could be found of original markings, it emerged that he had struck gold. This was the 1914 Alpine car, the very one!

A long and arduous re-creation was commenced. A triumph of the restorer's art has emerged. Not being an expert on Ghost matters, I can't comment on the authenticity of the result, but looking at original photos and the finished car, I'm pretty confident it is as faithful to the original as is possible 100 years after its birth. I was absolutely stunned at the sight, and later the sound, of this very special car. God knows what it's worth, beyond money I suspect.

Talking with Steve gave me an insight into the wonder of making such a discovery, and then of awe at the

competence of this man and his team in re-manufacturing such a car. I raise my hat.

We all know that one of the great features of the Ghost in its day was its silence

compared with other cars. This car has an exhaust cut-out, and the booming sound of it charging around the green hills of Pennsylvania is certainly one of my best remembered automotive sounds. Wow. The low deep-chested bellow is so different from the scream of modern high performance engines which sound like angry hair dryers. I count myself very lucky to have these memories.



Here is the web site for Steve Littin. <http://www.ghostparts.com/home.html>

**BENTLEY**

Hi Brian - been a while! Hope you are well.

I thought of you tonight after I was at this guy Peter Hageman's place - he likes Bentleys too... /Iain McDonald



He has a place near Seattle where he stores these <http://www.hagemanmotorcars.com/>. He is known as one of the main guys from the Pebble Beach show. Seeing this year is the 100 years of Bentley he's kinda focused on that. His favourites are the coach-built Bentleys. Interestingly, I thought of you a couple of months ago when this car came through the place I keep my Lincoln. A 1928 Bentley - seemed like it'd been all around the world in rallies.



Hi Brian, Thanks for the info. re the Peter Hageman collection, from your cousin Iain McDonald, hope you get the chance to visit Iain occasionally in the U.S.!

Looks like Peter has some great stuff including the 4.5 lt. 'Le Mans' Bentley in the attached photo. I don't know him, unfortunately, as we are not on the International Rally circuit, but he may have some Aussie connections as one of the badges on the front of the car looks like that of the Bentley Drivers Club of Australia, based in Vic. for W.O. Bentleys only. He might not be so keen on our 8lt. 'Special' but I see in your second email he also has a very nice original 3lt Speed Model like ours,

Regards, Warren Webb

*Ed. I don't think there would be a Bentley man anywhere that did not like your 8 litre Special. I think it is very Special. See cover for pic.*

**We must not forget that God lives on the Isle of Man and rides a Velocette, and spends his holidays at Le Mans driving a WO Bentley. Actually, St Peter has it sorted, and lives in Wolverhampton and drives a 3 litre Sunbeam. Peter Noakes.**

**This South Australian family had a 1910 Ford. From Alex Gow vol. 110.**



## **AUTOMOTIVE HISTORIANS AUSTRALIA – CONFERENCE 9-10 AUGUST**

**The Call for Papers, relevant dates and other information can be viewed and downloaded at the AHA website:**

<http://www.autohistoriansaustralia.org/conference-2019>



## VCCQ MAGAZINE CONTENTS

There may not seem to be much method in the madness but this is the order into which articles are placed. Time of arrival also influences position as the mag has to be done over the month so that it is not thrown together in the last few days.

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**E**vents report

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Late news



*Well, that is the plan but as usual it seldom works out that way. Picnics are important.*

## 8-litre BENTLEY Special engine



**SPANISH FLU.****RHSQ****RHSQ January 2019 Newsletter****First Wednesday Talk of 2019:**

Matthew Wengert:

City in Masks - Spanish Flu in Brisbane, 1919

**13 February, 12:30 to 13:30pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-in-masks-spanish-flu-in-brisbane-1919-by-matthew-wengert-tickets-53714514559>

**One-hundred years on – David Fryer**

It's interesting to note that vintage cars – those made from 1919 on – are now one hundred years old, but the historic milestone also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 / 1919.

The Spanish Flu is now recognised as the greatest medical holocaust in history, easily eclipsing the Black Death in total mortality. More people died in 24 months than AIDS killed in 24 years. Estimates vary, but it is now generally agreed that 50 – 100 million people were killed worldwide, a colossal number considering the global population at the time. By comparison the First World War killed almost 7 million civilians and 10 million military personnel.

As increasing numbers of VCCQ members enter their eighties, we should consider ourselves very lucky indeed.....



**PS: 42% of all deaths in Sydney in 1919 were from the Spanish Flu.**

**VALE BILL EWING – Ronnie Brown**

I was saddened to hear from Jo Sherwood that Bill Ewing passed away just before Christmas. She only heard about his death from a one time neighbour in Wynnum who rang to pass on his condolences. Bill's family decided there would not be a funeral so it remains for us to remember a long standing member of the Vintage Car Cub of Queensland.

He certainly was a character and was a friend of both John and I long before our involvement with Club activities. We met about 1986 when John and I bought a Classic Huon Pine built yacht which we berthed at RQYS. This yacht has been moored in the Brisbane River for many years so difficult to maintain and John decided to strip the interior in order to assess the state of the planks inside, having stripped many layers of tar from the hull.

As when a bonnet is lifted in Vintage Car circles, boaties gather round to give their opinions and advice, one of those being Bill, who owned a wooden yacht called "Typhoon" berthed nearby. We often met with Jean and Bill for a meal in Manly or Lota. With Peter Anderson being on the same row preparing his Father's yacht, Skerryvore for a round the world trip, the three men became good friends and started the Queensland Wooden Boat Association.

When I was looking for a 70th birthday present for John, I approached Bill about selling me one of the several vehicles in his garages awaiting restoration. As you can imagine this process was delicately negotiated as Bill did not wish to part with any of his cars. Jo Sherwood was able to persuade Bill that one of the three Alvises in his possession would go to a good home if John took on the restoration and hence the rather sad ex Gunnell family car the TC21100dhc joined the Brown household.

Bill will be remembered for many things, his love of stylish, quality vehicles, his participation in Club events and probably mostly for his irascible nature. This was a ploy Bill adopted to assess the reaction of the person with whom he was communicating but I am happy to say I never had this experience. As he came from the Glasgow area and I grew up in Edinburgh we communicated in a language only other Scots would understand. We listened to the same jazz band, the Sandy Black Jazz Band who played regularly at the Edinburgh Student dances during the 1950s. Latterly Bill liked nothing better than for me to turn up at his Manly home and play the old vinyl records!! He was, to me, a huge support when John died suddenly in 2011, keeping an eye out for Benicia, our yacht which he passed each day on his check up of "Typhoon".

I asked his son Peter to request that Bill ring me when I last made contact late in 2018 and was told his Dad was not able to attend the RQYS Awards Luncheon. I never heard from Bill again. Such a good friend – he will be sadly missed.

REST IN PEACE , MY CANNY SCOTS GENTLEMAN!!

**VALE PHILIP MORRIS**

His brother Barry informed me that Philip died in 2018 of lung disease. A good bloke like his father Evan who left us a few years ago. Much too young at 59.

Condolances to all his family from the members of the VCCQ.

**VALE JOHN THORNETT**

The last to go of three brothers who all represented Australia in some sport. A great loss.

**VALE JOHN VAWSER GSM - MECHANIC**

It is with sadness that we report the death of John Vawser on 16th January 2019 whilst on an aircraft bound for New Zealand. *Ed. Taken from the R-R Club mag of NSW where he was obviously well known and respected.*



## FOLLOW UP STORIES

### **Fanny. From last month's story on the FN in the Queensland Museum.**

On the subject of Fanny. I remember her being stored in Oakey at the late Keith Batzloff's home. I saw her there often. I seem to recall it was on behalf of his employer, the Ford dealer in Oakey. Not sure about that.

Under the seat, or in a side pocket, was a set of "Rushmore Shaking Grate" acetylene generator instructions. I wonder if they are still there?

I wonder if the "Dalby" storage mentioned in the article was in fact "Oakey?"

Regards, John Day, VCCA(Q)

### **MMI Scotland. Thanks again for your Mag, Brian, I always enjoy reading them.**

However if I may be pedantic....

The photo you show of a steam boat in the text is a Frolic 18 named Lightning on Loch Lomond – one has to display the licence number there.

My first boat was also a Frolic 18 named Brunel (18 ft long)

This is it on Loch Ard.

I wanted a larger boat so I sold it and it went to Germany.

I then bought a Frolic 21 (21 ft long) in bits, called Magician towing it all the way up home from Truro on the South Coast of England

It was at this time I started Martins Aston Services so never had time to work on it.

After it sitting untouched in the garden, I wanted a boat in working order so I sold Magician and it went to Northern Italy – that was quite a tow to deliver it! It was replaced by another Frolic 21 in 2014, now called Bunnahabhain, which is in good working order and this is the current boat you see in the TV clip.

It has a lot more room for 'The Ladies of the Lochs' though its boiler is not so good for cooking in! (The door is narrow so I had to make up a special frying pan.) Plenty of room for the TV crew too.



I currently have the engine stripped out on my work bench putting new glands round the shafts as they had worn out. Am in the middle of re-timing the valve gear at present.

I am concentrating on the boat just now as I can do it all standing up. Having done my back in a while back, I can not do much bending, so the rebuild of the International brakes and steering is on a back burner till my back will let me kneel down and work on them again.

All the best to you and yours for the coming year.

Roger Martin.



**IF YOU SEE 38 JAK – RUN AWAY.**

### **Bugatti**

Brian,  
Happy new year and thanks for keeping me on the mailing list for your excellent e-zine.

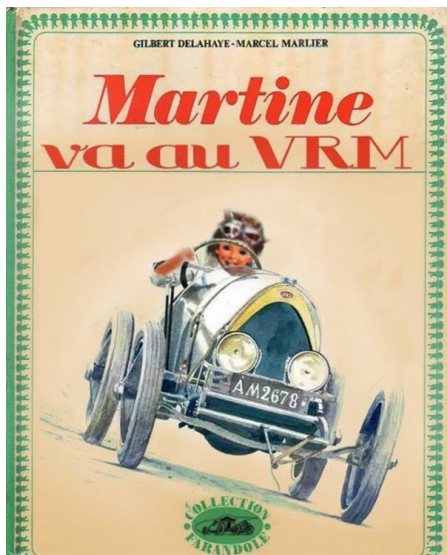
This article caught my eye:

### **"WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ROBBINS BRESCIA BUGATTI?"**

As historian for the Lagonda Australia Group, I get called on to help folks here and abroad track down cars or provide historical info on a car they have purchased. To try to help out with this quest, I know of two Brescias about at the moment (no doubt there are plenty) The yellow one in the attached photo was entered in the Bay to Birdwood run here in SA last year by a James Thompson from the Bugatti Club of Australia (don't know him personally but had a chat and he told me it was just back on the road after a rollover).



The other car belongs to Les Miller in Sydney whom I know well. Les is past president of the Bug club so I suspect both of these cars are well known so probably not the one being sought but worth mentioning in case they have not been checked out.



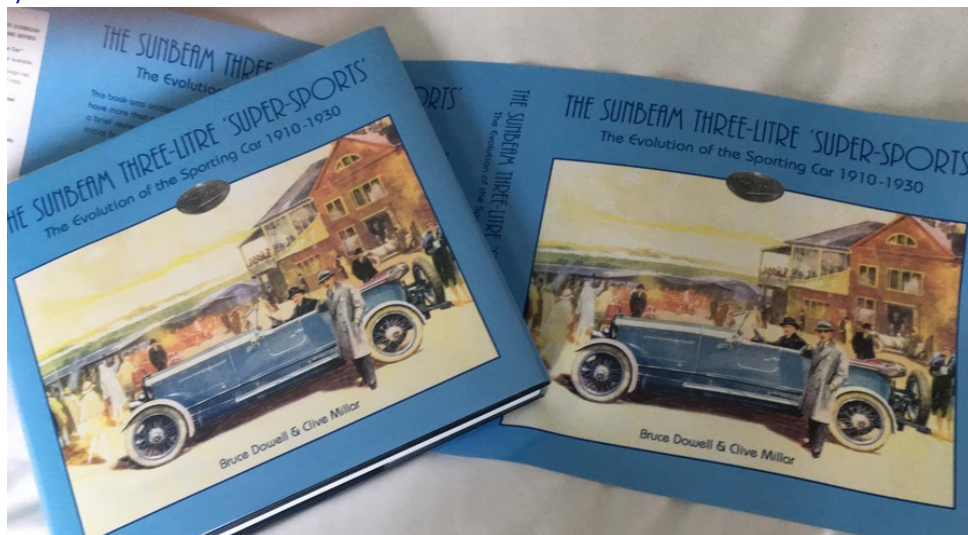
Aside from that, I knew Eric Pengilly reasonably well back in the '70s when I lived in Sydney. He had a number of Bugs, one of which he used to drive around town and park on the street in front of his house. In his shed he had some others, in bits mostly, including, as I recall, two Brescias. I know not what became of them however. I expect they were sold off after he died. Nick Proferes, Adelaide. *Ed. He parked his very tatty type 40 in front of a garage on the highway at Chatswood. Police charge driver over child riding on roof top..... David*





**BOOK REVIEW: By PjR****THE SUNBEAM THREE-LITRE "SUPER-SPORTS"**

by Bruce Dowell &amp; Clive Millar



I've recently acquired a copy of this book, subtitled "The Evolution of the Sporting Car 1910 – 1930".

In this latest from the Sunbeam series by Bruce Dowell there's a comprehensive examination of the Sunbeam Motor Car Co. Ltd.'s complex and stuttering progress from tentative racers in 1910 to the highly sophisticated 3-litre Super-Sports of the 1925-1930 period. This is my appraisal for the STD Register Australia's Newsletter.

I am pleased to disclose my previous association with Bruce Dowell as co-author of "The 12-16 H.P Sunbeam 1910 – 1914", published in 2008. This time Bruce has Clive Millar as his co-author, a man whose lifelong involvement with and enthusiasm for the subject cars has provided so much of the exquisite detail and technical insight that sets this book apart.

While the 3-litre Bentley and 30-98 Vauxhall are straight out of Boys' Own, the Super-Sports Sunbeam occupies a place in a different strata. Only 315 were built and because of its relative rarity the Super-Sports fascinates the Sunbeam crowd and mystifies everyone else!

This is not a pretty coffee-table volume. It is a nonetheless beautifully presented 350-page reference book for the Sunbeam enthusiast and the technically-minded: development of early race cars, the progression from side-valve to twin overhead camshaft engines, European influences, interruption by the Great War, chassis development and numerous other topics are explored in depth. A profusion of contemporary drawings, photographs, diagrams, reports and commentaries promise many hours of reading and contemplation.

Although Sunbeam's factory records were lost to the War Effort, virtually everything that is known about any of the cars that were built is presented here. In some cases this is virtually nothing, but you will also find that the Hooper body for chassis 4040F ordered by Prince Hamidullah Khan of Bhopal featured such fittings as an "instrument board of teak with a 2-inch shelf and beading along the top to carry loose cartridges". The price for the body was £698-12-6d.

The thread of evolution – as promised by the subtitle - runs through the book and is fascinating. For example, it's fair to say that most enthusiasts know little or nothing about Sunbeam's development and manufacture of a substantial range of aero and airship engines, many of them the twin cam variety. Sunbeam could certainly build large engines of this type, and some very successful race cars and land speed record machines, but could they produce a true sports car? The answer is yes, and I recommend that you read this book to understand how it was done.

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## BOOK REVIEW.

### **Confessions of a Used Car Dealer**

By Chester Henchen (ISBN 978 1 925877 02 1)

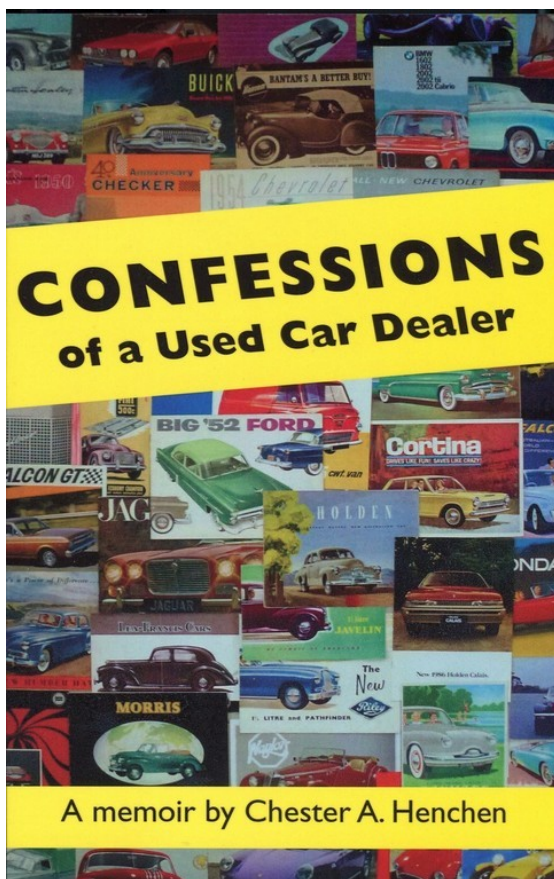
Chester's third offering in a series of autobiographies is designed for the readers of the previous two volumes. The frequent references to previous editions are necessary for Chester's anecdotes to be clear.

However it is worthwhile reading this and the previous volumes as Chester is a master recounter and his anecdotes are charming, amusing and poignant.

Chester tells the story of his life from the point of view of a hardworking, fair-dealing, determined person with a keen eye for detail and a willingness to go the extra mile to get the job done. Consequently he has had a happy and successful life and career. His offerings could be well studied by those young people who don't really know where to start. In this volume Chester talks about his keen interest in lawn bowls and rugby league as well as the many exotic and interesting cars he has had the pleasure of driving whilst in his ownership before being passed on to their new home. Reading a first-hand knowledge of how these cars drive is interesting in itself. Viewing the over 100 colour photographs and brochures of these cars alone is worth the \$40 price tag.

Contact Chester (tel: 07 3372 6884)

or the Pitstop website to obtain a copy of this and previous volumes.



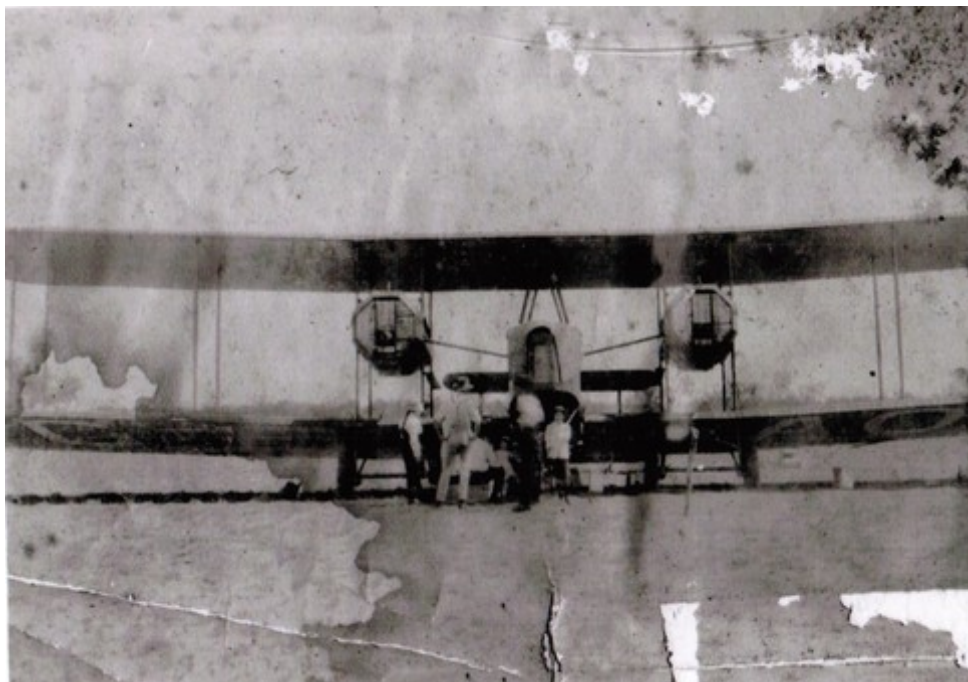
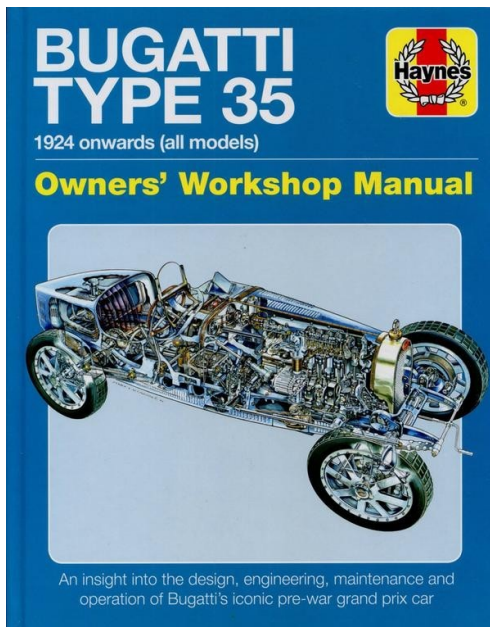
**BUGATTI READ.**

The latest in a series of vintage race car owner's manual from Haynes, this is the first one we've reviewed. It made our holiday cheery as page after page of details about the T35 Bugatti are revealed by the experts. Enjoy the T35 from the inside out for a mere \$36.

**VICKERS VIMY – Peter Noakes Nova S**

Most vintage car people take an interest in other old forms of transport from horse wagons to steam trains to old aeroplanes. Here is a story about the Vickers Vimy flown to Australia from England in 1919 by Ross and Keith Smith. As this is 2019, the 100th anniversary of the flight, I thought your members might be interested in this story.

At that time my Dad, Bert Noakes, was a 13 year old lad living in Charleville where his father was a policeman. Not many kids his age owned a camera, let alone a good one, and I still have the Kodak folding Brownie he had.

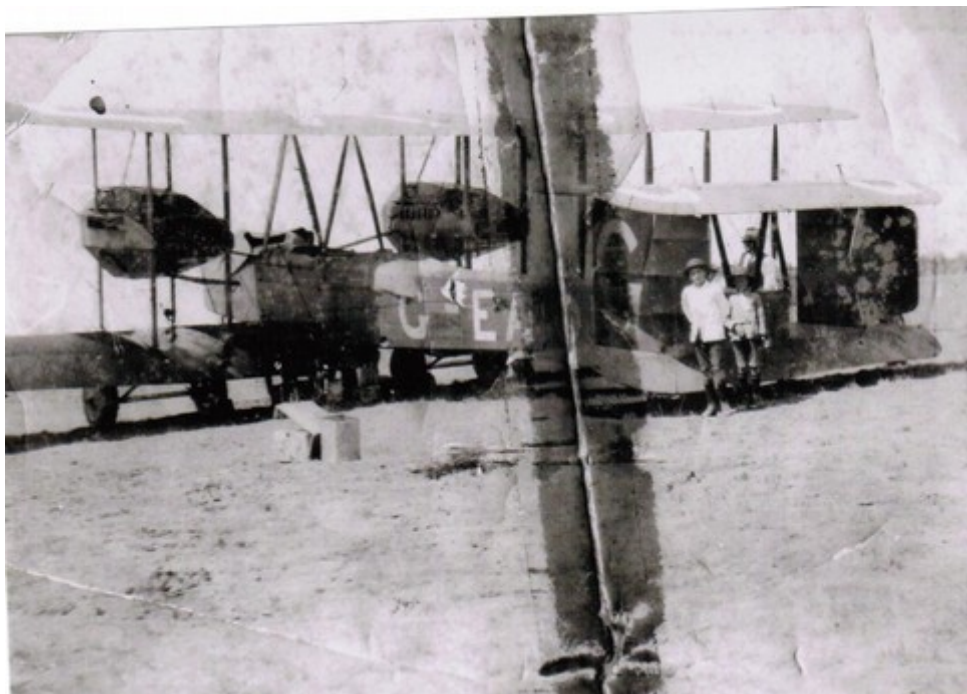




The Smith Brothers had flown from England, landing in Darwin and Longreach and were coming in to Charleville when one wooden propeller hit an eagle and was smashed. And the poor eagle too! They managed to land safely and the aircraft was parked in the Charleville showground while a new prop was made in the local Cobb & Co carriage workshop, copying the other good one. It was good enough to get the plane to Sydney.

Can you imagine the excitement for a young lad seeing his first aircraft, up close and he had a camera! He developed his own pictures at home, and I still have the original prints, badly decayed, and poorly repaired, as you can see. The photos show Dad's two younger brothers Max and Barry near the tail plane. What an exciting time it must have been.

I have sent copies of these pictures and the story to the Charleville Historical Society. They were delighted. Peter Noakes – Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia.



### GETTING CRANKY

While re-reading the October 2017 Alvibatics I came upon an article on p6 called "Getting started" by Gerry Micheltore and decided that I could not let it go uncontested.

Para 3 reads, *"For decades I followed old advice by putting my thumb on the same side of a crankhandle as the rest of my fingers, and passed it on to my fellow motorists. It took only a few minutes of analytical thought to realise that the theory was entirely erroneous and, by dint of imparting a false sense of security, downright dangerous. I was pricked into action when I saw a representative of the National Motoring Museum disseminating the same crackpot advice to the world through a television broadcast).*

Well Gerry, I think you are wrong and I agree with the National Motoring Museum rep. I remember distinctly having my thumb almost torn off my hand by a wayward crank. The handle can return either inside or outside the line of your arm. Give it an inside line.

### FROM MY MAN IN TASSIE – K. MONCKTON

Hi Brian, Here is a beautiful Alvis SA Speed 20 1932 which is a recent acquisition of Mike Williams from Barry Gough of Victoria. It has an original Vanden Plas body which makes it unique in Australia. Hope you are doing well! Katrina



### REILLY'S MENSWEAR QUIRINDI

It survived the Great Depression, two world wars and the global financial crisis. But after 107 years serving regional NSW, [Reilly's Menswear](#) is closing its doors because of the drought.

"I will turn 69 next year and was planning to retire at 70, but once the effect of the drought started to really hit home, I had no choice but to bring the date forward," third-generation owner John Reilly told 9News.com.au.

"If people feeding cattle and stock don't have the disposable income they had before, then clothing is last on their list of things to buy. People are just lucky to survive.



Reilly's Menswear in Quirindi is closing its doors because of the drought. (Facebook)

Reilly's Menswear is a fixture on the main street of Quirindi, a drought-stricken town more than 60km south-west of the country music capital, Tamworth.

The old-fashioned outfitter was opened in May 1911 by John Joseph Reilly, before it was passed down to his son Frank Reilly, and now his grandson, Mr Reilly.

John Reilly is the third-generation owner of Reilly's Menswear in Quirindi, NSW. (Facebook)

The current owner moved back to Quirindi from Sydney in 1978 to help his dad run the store for six months. He ended up taking over the business.

It's with sadness that Mr Reilly closes the clothing store on January 31 this year after 40 years at the helm.



Reilly's Menswear with the **1912 Willys Overland Model 59 or Little?** in front of the famous Quirindi Reilly's Menswear which has been in business for more than a century.

But the reality is, he said, struggling farmers don't have money to spend on clothes - and things will only get worse. "The time is right. I wasn't prepared to commit any more capital. I hear that this year will be extremely difficult for country towns. A lot of farmers won't have income for the next 12 months because of a failure of crops," he said.

"I didn't try to sell my business because I don't want to sell my family name. I am pleased I control how my business ends and not be dictated to by a bank or financial institution. I am calling time, on my terms."

Although Reilly's Menswear is winding down its operations, Mr Reilly is still ordering clothes and shoes for customers. The half-price clearance sale kicked off on December 1  
*Ed. Well done by the Reilly clan.....and thanks to Les Johnson for forwarding story.*



**1923 FRANKLIN – Ron Daw, Macksville. Ed. I am told it is luxurious to travel in.**





**JANUARY EVENTS****Virgins Breakfast at Jolly's Lookout – Sunday 13**

VCCQ Virgins Breakfast at Jolly's Lookout - Kerry and Graham Allum.

Our preparations for this run started at the Christmas dinner when Kerry heard it mentioned. Some discussion followed over the next week or so and she again expressed her interest in going. So, as a start, I Google mapped it to see where we were meeting and where we were going to get approximate run times.

From Helidon Spa to the Gap Tavern, Google tells me it's an hour and forty from the highway, and an hour and forty-five minutes taking the alternate route via Esk. She said 'Oh, that's not too bad, what time would that mean we have to leave Helidon?'. And I said, 'Well... Five o'clock at the Gap, means we need to leave here at 3am.'



So, the day before, we packed breakfast in the picnic basket, (which was its first run). Using the impromptu event, I planned an extended return trip. We then retired and rose at 2am. Collected all the gear, packed the car,



and left home at ten past three.

We just followed the highway, (because there was virtually no traffic), and arrived at the tavern at ten to five, which was a fairly good travel time considering the car is ninety-four years old.

There were some cars in attendance and some others arrived just before five. I figured that I'd better check the water before attempting the hill climb and noticed, as if by magic, at five o'clock everyone boarded their cars and they were off. We climbed in and set off in hot pursuit. The Lincoln is a large, almost limousine vehicle, and not really suited to hill climbing, so much second gear work occurred before we made Jolly's Lookout. Once at Jolly's Lookout, we unloaded our gear and found a table with a great view over the Samford Valley. After some breakfast, we headed back to the carpark to take pictures of all the cars, which included many I had not seen before and I was particularly happy to see John and Wendy Wagstaff's 4 ½ litre Supercharged Bentley.



While there were many great cars in the carpark, this car in particular caught my attention. After taking many photos, we returned to have some more breakfast to find David Fryer had set up a gramophone. This just made our day. We had breakfast, with a great view, and the old tunes of Cleaning Windows, Bunch of Coconuts, and the Harry Lime theme providing ambience.

With some more noise from the carpark, we returned to take some more pictures of other arrivals.

Eventually, we had to leave. We said our farewells, packed our gear into the Lincoln and headed back down the hill climb to the Gap. Our intention was to travel out to Milora, so we planned to go via Gap Creek Rd, Rafting Ground Rd, and over the Moggill Ferry. The drive was quite exciting, and so, because we have plenty of time, we stopped at the reserve at Rees Boyd Way for morning tea.

While we were there, a local mechanic was intrigued by the Lincoln, so I spent some time discussing its finer points, and in addition, Ronnie and the Alvis stopped to make sure we were ok. We then packed up from there, travelled on to the Moggill Ferry, where the undulations and crab motion of the ferry gave Kerryn motion sickness. But at least that has been ticked off her bucket list!

Despite the day heating up, we had an uneventful drive to Milora, where we had lunch with friends, toured their extensive gardens and resumed our trip home around 4pm, arriving at 6pm.

Approximately 130 miles for the entire trip. The car performed well despite the heat, and no questions will be fielded about the fuel cost.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AT SAMFORD HISTORICAL MUSEUM.**

Those who haven't seen Werner's wacky wheels, you had a chance on Saturday 26th at **Samford Historical Museum**.

<https://www.samfordmuseum.com.au/australia-day> Working miniature steam engines, Bob the Beeman with his stingless native bees, Penny farthing bicycles and lots of activities for children. There was a sausage sizzle, billy tea & damper and other light refreshments available. 9am – 2pm. Adults \$6, Children \$2, Family \$12. Vintage cars welcome.





Several members were seen wandering about the place including Ian Hayward in the Riley 9 and Gavin and Loretta in their Swift.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-09-24/how-douglas-dc3-military-plane-became-musical-campervan-in-qld/10221054>

Ronnie and your editor had the pleasure of meeting a couple of long time members from the **Brisbane Vintage Auto Club**. Damian Cahill has owned his 1928 Nash for almost 40 years. He is the third owner of this very original car. It was repainted in 1932.

<http://bvac.com.au/> The VCCQ have been invited to the BVAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations later in this year.



**THE HISTORIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND WAS ALSO OUT IN FORCE**





**COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY****MORNING TEA at Little Corner Cafe, Woolloowin.**

86 Dickson Street on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

<https://www.facebook.com/littlecornercafewoolloowin/>

After this we drive about 8km or 12 minutes to Unit 2, 473 Newman Road Geebung, arriving by 11.30am.

It is the **Sir Henry Royce Foundation sub-Archive.**

Lots of R-R engines, bits, models, books and four or five cars including Roddy.

Please confirm your intention to attend to the editor a few days before as the cafe is small and extra seats may need to be added.

**MIDNIGHT TO DAWN RUN – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Organised by David Fletcher

<https://goo.gl/maps/H5iFeTCDsaF2>

This is the view you will have by moonlight at 1.30am for your pre-breakfast morning tea. How good is that. And yes, it's BYO morning tea.

**Moon directly overhead at 3am.**

Run will start at Mt Coot-tha Cafe at midnight and travel via Samford, Dayboro to Dahmongah Lookout at Mt Mee. There are gas BBQs on site.

Then on to Yowie Park, Kilcoy and down the western side of Somerset Dam, to a truck stop overlooking the dam beyond Hazeldean and

turning east to travel down the eastern side of Wivenhoe Dam through Bryden to the Mt Glorious turn-off.

Here we could pick up any stragglers who may wish to sleep in and take a shortcut through Jollys Lookout, Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious to Wivenhoe. ETA 5am.

Fernvale Bakery opens at 5am. We should be there by 6am. The real stragglers can come direct to the bakery. Better breakfast than you would get at home and the company will be excellent. <http://www.oldfernvalebakery.com/>

**Choose a route but get to Fernvale Bakery by 6am for a great breakfast.**

**Hi Henry.**

The National Transport Museum Inverell are advising the **Electric Expo and Car Show** will be held Saturday the 4th of May and Sunday the 5th of May.

When the programme is finalised you will receive an email.

We are hoping that you might put this date in your Club Bulletin.

Regards,

Kevin Dunn, (Chairman) [www.nationaltransportmuseum.com.au](http://www.nationaltransportmuseum.com.au)

**MARCH EVENTS**     **Veteran Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2<sup>nd</sup>**

To mark this occasion the Committee and members of all of our resident clubs are invited to join the VCCA(Q) on Saturday 2nd March for a luncheon and display of club vehicles. See details later in this mag.

**See next month's mag for details of SHED VISITS on the northside - 31<sup>st</sup>**

I hear there are things stored at the Mutton shed that Gavin has forgotten are there. Could this be a clue to the mystery car on the last page?





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ronnie Brown

2019 Vintage Car Club Calendar started with a BANG. The largest turnout of Vintage Cars to an event in a long time. Virgins Breakfast was the excuse to drive our vehicles up Mt Glorious early on a summer's morning and the lack of traffic and the cooler mountain air helped everyone enjoy our first outing of the year.

I feel that it was the empathy and excitement of being in such a diverse group rather than the free sparkling brut cuvee and orange juice which made this the biggest outing in years! Jolly's Lookout offered the perfect venue for our large turnout and by the time I arrived the Vintage vehicles had lined up in perfect formation for photos and videos to record the attendees. As a fellow member remarked vehicles do tend to run better with petrol in them and thanks to another Alvis driver I was rescued and was able to park with the other great Classics such as an Aston Martin DB5 and a Porsche 356. A quick analysis of the marques gave Alvis the majority vehicle with Greg Berkman's 12/50, Frank Corbett's 12/40/50, Rob Gabb's 1936 3.5 litre dhc and my TC 21/100 dhc. Aston Martin followed closely with members



Max Stephenson, Doug Young and a visitor Tony Millman all attending in their very different era cars.

There were two of each of the following cars, Austin 7s driven by Dave Fletcher and new member Steve Davidson; two Bentleys John

and Wendy Wagstaff in their Blower Bentley and Warren and Rosie Webb in their magnificent Bentley 8 litre. I



understand they were persuaded to open the bonnet and members were able to view a rare sight – all huge engine!!

Wolseley Hornets came in pairs – Henry Hancock and Peter Baker with Jo Lord as able navigator and another

pair to grace the display were the Rileys of Bruce and Margaret McPhail and Ian Hayward.



Many thanks to Tony Cicchiello and Debbie Cooke for making the journey so

early in the Fiat Balilla. Proper Italian coffee was served after all the barbequed cooked breakfasts and this complemented my Rum Balls – VCCQ members don't do things by half!





Jennie and Peter Ransom came in their Hudson whilst our 100<sup>th</sup> member Graham Allum accompanied by Kerryn brought their 1923 Lincoln. They probably drove the furthest from Lockyer Valley west of Brisbane.

Wolf and Leigh Grodd brought the magnificent Lorraine-Dietrich whilst Barry Morris, who we don't see often, came in his Vauxhall 23/60 tourer. Greg Riddel's Porsche with the lovely Yuri in the passenger seat and Jon and Lyndal Voller drove their Morgan. I understand that Rex, the very fine looking Triumph, conveyed David Fryer and Lesley in fine style. They brought a wind up record player along with Vinyl 78s from the 1950s Era to make sure the atmosphere was authentic (our Club was founded in 1955). Peter and Alex Alford drove



Peter's father's Valiant and many other members and guests attended in moderns.

It was lovely to welcome Bob Otto, President of the Sunbeam Owners Club of Queensland, along with his wife and fellow members. Hopefully they will be able to join us on other VCCQ events as "cross fertilisation" of Car clubs is necessary as we fight to keep driving our old vehicles on Queensland Roads.



2018 was a productive year for VCCQ as outlined in my last report and at the Christmas Party. So 2019 will see a

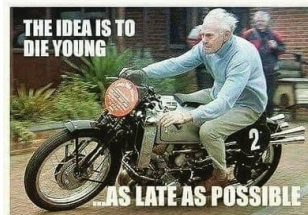
continuation of some of these projects. As we now have a digital Register which enables us to analyse our records in many different ways, as planned last year each of our 103 members will be phoned by a Committee member to check our records are correct and identify other vehicles which may be in members' possession which could be

"Cars of Interest" a list which this Committee inherited from several years ago. We use this information when making Government submissions as some of these vehicles have considerable value and add to the net worth of the Heritage Vehicle movement.

We have received several written comments about our Constitution which was sent to all members last year. These, along with many vocal comments require the Committee to consider how best to update our current document. We need to update the handling of VCCQ monies as our accountant requires us to use Internet banking systems, which were not around when the existing Constitution was written. Any changes will be presented to ALL members and opportunity for fair voting practices given. This process has taken other Club's more than a year to complete, if done well. Every member is entitled to their view as to how to progress VCCQ into the future and we want any decisions to be made by consensus. We are the oldest car club in Queensland and after such a successful Virgins Breakfast it feels more like a family to me.

My Presidency ends in August this year and I hope to leave with our club in a happy and strong position with a growing membership of over 100. Let's make 2019 a fun filled year driving our very special vehicles!

Ronnie Brown



Having no helmet will not help with tardiness.

**FOR SALE:****1922 Turcat Mery**

The engine is of approximately three litres capacity. Engine number SG 4E 292 Chassis number SG 2625.

I have owned the car since 1984 and have traced its history to when it was bought new by Mr Nesbitt of Inverell NSW Australia where I currently live.

The beaded edge tyres are in good condition as is the steering and brakes. The engine runs well and the transmission is in good order. It passes a roadworthy inspection each year.

Asking **\$25,000** Contact details: Ron 0267224634 r@thorp.com

Video here: <https://tinyurl.com/turcatmeryvideo>

See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turcat-Méry>

More photos: <https://tinyurl.com/turcatmeryphotos>

**WANTED:**

On 28/12/18 21:03, John Ryall wrote:

Many thanks Brian – very interesting stuff in this edition.

You don't know where I can get a replacement clutch release bearing for my 1928 Sunbeam 20.9hp as per photo ? *Ed. No photo received!*

Mine has seized solid.

Best wishes for 2019 **John Ryall**

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**IN APPRECIATION – Editor.**

Thanks again to all those who have sent me articles and pics. Ronnie Brown, Doug Young, Russell McIvor, Les Johnson, Roger Martin, Peter Noakes, Iain McDonald, Warren Webb, Katrina Monckton, Brian Carson, Peter Ransom, David Fryer, Wolf Grodd, Nick Proferes, Graham Allum and others. Many thanks. Keep it coming please.

[Proof reading courtesy of Jennie Ransom.](#)

**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTOR'S DEADLINE:** The VCCQ general meeting is held on the third Friday of every month. The VCCQ committee meeting is held notionally two weeks before the general meeting but on the Wednesday of that week.

*All contributions to the mag must be received several days before the end of the previous month if the mag is to be emailed in the first week of the month.*

**Please send reports to**

[vintagecarclubqld@gmail.com](mailto:vintagecarclubqld@gmail.com)

**Graham Hesse preparing his auto for the March shed visit**



**MEETING SUPPER ROSTER.**

Anyone (girls and boys) can do this and it's always greatly appreciated by the members at our meetings. We're only asking you to do one or the other once a year. Please nominate for the month that suits you best, but remember you can always swap with someone else if your plans change.

**The roster is published each month in the Club magazine.**  
**Speak with Jennie if you wish to go on this roster or to buy the biscuits**

**SUPPER ROSTER 2019**

DATE	TEABAG	CLEANUP
January 18	Tony Cicchiello – thanks Tony	Sheila and other beautiful people
February 15	Clayton's biscuits	

Just in case you don't have enough to read, here is the latest batch of **other car club magazines** for your reading enjoyment.

Cheers, Suzanne, Inverell AMC Web Mistress

[RETROAUTOS](#) January 2019 Edition

[THE VINTAGE CAR](#) January 2019 Magazine The Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc. Queensland's original and oldest historic motoring club. Founded 1955.

[MORRIE NEWS](#) The Official Publication of the Morris Owners Club Hunter Region Inc. December 2018

[VINTAGE](#) December 2018 Magazine PMACC Port Macquarie

[Gold Coast Antique Auto Club Autorama 2019 Flyer](#)

[COOTA HOOTA](#) Cootamundra CAMC January 2019 Newsletter

[THE COWRA CRANKHANDLE](#) December 2018 Newsletter

[INVERELL MOTORCYCLE RESTORERS CLUB](#) December 2018 Newsletter

[THE GRILLE](#) Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club January 2019 Newsletter

[THE DONK](#) Newsletter December 2018

[THE DEPENDER](#) Austin Motor Vehicle Club December 2018 Magazine

**HELP:** I was hoping amongst the knowledgeable on here, if anyone had heard of William Pollard's bicycle & Harley Davidson works in Nuriootpa back in the 1920s-40s ?

He was my grandfather who raced push bikes and also built them, competing in the Burra to Port Adelaide bike races in 1915 & 1916.

Here's one of the photos I have of his business back around 1926

Regards, Jamie Pollard. [mrchev57@bigpond.com](mailto:mrchev57@bigpond.com)





## SERVICES DIRECTORY

On the VCCQ website (<https://www.vccq.club/>) under **"about"** the final heading is **"Useful Products & Services"**. At the end of this are hyperlinks to the services directories of two clubs. *No point in re-inventing the wheel.*

Below are several contacts I have had recommended. I will keep this list to about half a page of the mag and as new ones are added the oldest will drop off. Peter may add them to the Vets site as he sees fit. I will put a date on all sites as they do quickly change. Please send any recommendations to VCCQ or VCCA(Q)

### MAGNETO REPAIR – April 2018

Contact Davin March, at 196 Marsden Road, Kallangur, Brisbane, Qld 4503.  
Phone 07 3385 0299 or Mobile 0424706359. [davin.march@bigpond.com](mailto:davin.march@bigpond.com)

### KOOL'S RADIATOR SERVICES – April 2018

22 Musgrave Rd Coopers Plains (07 3277 5122)

### GENERATOR, ALTERNATOR AND STARTER REPAIR – April 2018

Rapid Rewinding PTY Ltd., 50 Dollis St, Rocklea QLD 4106 (07) 3875 2498

### WELDING – April 2018

Steel-----Aluminium Alloy, even Titanium! Top quality Recommended by Jak  
Contact Rick, Unit 12/3 Industry Place Capalaba. Ph: 0429101696

### UPHOLSTERER RECOM. <https://www.facebook.com/cdytrim/posts/2068909613147759>

### RIGHT SPARES – April 2018

18 Gladstone St Moorooka. John 3275 2418 Old fashioned spare parts and Penrite oils.

### LUCAS STUFF – December 2018

The man who bought Kevin Baker's Lucas Parts business is Danny Lee in Melbourne .  
Email: [dannyleepersonal@gmail.com](mailto:dannyleepersonal@gmail.com) His phone number is 0412 327 197  
Apparently Kevin has moved to Melbourne and works with Danny one day a week.

### NUTS N BOLTS – November 2018

In Salisbury, Brisbane use "Bolts and Industrial" Excellent service.  
<https://www.bolt.com.au/>

### CRACKED BLOCK OR HEAD - December 2018

About 5 years ago I cooked the Volvo on the M1. A diesel fitter told me about Cargo Seal-up. It worked. I have since recommended it to friends who also had good results with it. No idea how it works but it does. Recently I needed more for another car but Repco no longer stock it but I found a supplier in Victoria.. <https://www.mdspares.com.au/CARGO-SEAL-UP.php>

### MACHINE WORK

This is the man making new axles for the Aston.

He has done excellent work for me before.

Watch this space for an update.



## OTHER POSSIBLE VCCQ EVENTS FOR 2019

AMRA Qld. The Bardon Shed. Delaneys Creek.  
History Alive June Fort Lytton. Taabinga Homestead.  
Manly YC. Beenleigh Historical Museum. RQHS event.  
GH/GM Shed meander. Inverell. FG Tram Museum  
Raby Bay Foreshore Park. Martin Ackland. Tank rides.  
Laidley Woodcrafters. R-R Museum. **Mary Valley Rattler.**  
Camel farm Rivermill, Mt Gravatt Sports Club. Doug  
Heming shed.

**More suggestions anyone!**



## LINKS

### MEPHISTO

<http://www.qm.qld.gov.au/Events+and+Exhibitions/Exhibitions/Permanent/Anzac+Legacy+Gallery#.XDKGtBaYP0o>

### WW2 RAF and RN in colour

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/8270787@N07/albums/72157605269786717/with/2524767943/>

### Offroading, 1928 style:

<https://www.facebook.com/MotorJournal/videos/1928-tatra-t2630-j%C3%ADzdn%C3%AD-zkou%C5%A1ky/775001336166283/>

This looks fun - **The Prince Heinrich Driving Simulator** in the fahr(T)raum at the Ferdinand Porsche Veteran Car Museum. David Fryer.  
Fahr(T)raum (pronounced "farty raum") translates to Drive Room. (No doubt Wolf will correct me on translation and meaning). Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NUygKaTojI&fbclid=IwAR1Y7DiloBzdwcmrFHLMDtTxAR6WMvP4ltDZFXDbsL6UROHgSC7YSEunaNY>

Many thanks Brian, Happy motoring New Year to everyone - here's the link to the latest copy of **Early Auto from the VCC in Western Australia**

<http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/EarlyAuto/2018DecEA.pdf>

Geoff Moor

Vintage Services

## Current FIVA period classifications TECHNICAL CODE - FIVA 2010 -1 JAN. 2010

### 5. VEHICLE PERIOD CLASSIFICATION

For FIVA events vehicles traditionally fall in the following classes:

Class A (Ancestor) Vehicles built up to 31st December 1904

Class B (Veteran) Vehicles built between 1st January 1905 and 31st December 1918

Class C (Vintage) Vehicles built between 1st January 1919 and 31st December 1930

Class D (Post Vintage) Vehicles built between 1st January 1931 and 31st December 1945

Class E (Post War) Vehicles built between 1st January 1946 and 31st December 1960

Class F Vehicles built between 1st January 1961 and 31st December 1970

Class G Vehicles built between 1st January 1971 and the FIVA age limit as defined in § 1

**Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club Inc.**

In order to promote harmony and fellowship the Club objectives are:

1. To encourage the preservation, restoration and operation of motor vehicles in the categories of:  
Veteran (up to 31st December 1919),  
Vintage (up to 31ST December 1930),  
Historic (up to 31st December 1939),  
Classic (all vehicles of special interest, no age specified);
2. to encourage interchange of technical knowledge between members;
3. to foster expertise and skills required for restoration;
4. to display and create interest in our vehicles;
5. to cooperate with various charitable and civic organizations in fund-raising activities;
6. to publish a newsletter on Club activities and technical information.

*Ed. One day we might get a consensus.*

**Typical well attended rally from the good old days.**

**Suck it up buttercup, they ain't coming back like this any time soon. Pity!**

**VSCCA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally 13-15 September 2019**

The VSCCA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally will be held at Wagga Wagga on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 13-15<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This is a significant milestone for our Club and this event will be our Club's major celebration for the year. We will be working to attract a high number of true vintage sports cars to demonstrate the history, provenance and continuing high status of our important club.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at the International, this being the actual date of the first meeting of the Club on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1944.

**You may register your early expression of interest to me by email (preferably)**

[tim.shellshear@bigpond.com](mailto:tim.shellshear@bigpond.com) or by phone: 0418 666 952 or

Hope you can join us.

**Regards,**

**Tim Shellshear, Event Director**

**The 2020 Vintage Vauxhall Autumn Rally. Contact John on [jken3849@gmail.com](mailto:jken3849@gmail.com)**



## Minutes of General Meeting No.752

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Venue:** Veteran Car Club Clubrooms, Carindale.

**Meeting Opened – New Meeting Time 7.30pm:** 7.33 pm

**Present:** President – Ronnie Brown; Secretary - Henry Hancock: Treasurer – Jennie Ransom. Total 22 members as the Attendance Book.

**Apologies:** Bruce McPhail, Wendy Muddell, John & Wendy Wagstaff, Angelo Frangiosa, Mike & Jo Hawthorne, Monty & Rita Schofield.

**Visitors:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The President noted that there had been no formal meeting at the Christmas Party and moved that the minutes of Meeting No 750 held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November be accepted as an accurate representation of the matters discussed. Seconded: David Fryer Carried.

#### Post Meeting Presentation:

**Tonight:** Doug Young on winning the Hampton Court Concours d'Elegance with his SS and driving the Hardknott and Wryrose passes. **February:** Wolf Grodd

#### Secretary's Report:

**New members:** Mike Watt with Bugatti T23 1926 and Graham Allum with 1923 Lincoln.

**Applications:** Clive Philbrick, Gerald Haefeli and Charles Jow.

#### Correspondence: Inwards:

From Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland);-

Notice of Clubhouse tenants meeting at 1.00pm Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. – VCCQ Secretary will attend.

Invitation to VCCQ members to Clubhouse 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

A full colour centre spread (Sat 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018) of Howard Kenward's 1919 D-Type Vauxhall (now owned by Michael) from the "Sunshine Coast Daily" newspaper has been kindly placed in our mail box – Thank You

#### Outwards:

Letters to the Dept of Main Roads confirming VCCQ financial membership for David Straughan and Doug Young.

The Secretary moved that his report be accepted. Seconded: Peter Ransom Carried

#### Treasurer's Report:

Suncorp Bank balance as at 18/01/2019 \$3636.90

St George term deposit \$20,000.00 matures 8/02/2019

#### INCOME

December 2018

Christmas dinner payments	992.00
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Interest Suncorp Bank	2.19
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Subs 5 x \$50.00	250.00
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Subs 2019/20	50.00
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January 2019

Subs 1 x \$50.00	50.00
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\$1344.19

#### EXPENSES

December 2018

Sundry expenses	25.96
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Equipment	29.98
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January 2019

Christmas dinner reimbursements	643.23
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Rent 1/01/19 – 31/03/19	<u>415.00</u>
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\$1114.17

The Treasurer moved that her report be accepted.

Seconded by: Doug Young Carried

### Events:

#### **Refer to Magazine and Web Site for details**

**Christmas party, 21<sup>st</sup> December – Report:** A fabulous affair with the clubrooms filled. The meeting showed their appreciation for the food and catering by Jennie and assistants by acclamation.

**President's Event, Boxing Day – Report:** A very pleasant afternoon at Cleveland.

**Virgin's Breakfast, Jollys Lookout, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Report:** A brilliant turn-out of vintage and PVT cars filling the first carpark.

**Morning Tea, 6<sup>th</sup> February, Little Corner Café, Wooloowin 9.30am:** Then visit the Rolls-Royce Museum hosted by Dean Prangley. Please confirm numbers to Brian.

**Midnight to Dawn, Saturday night 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** The moon will be full to assist our old headlights. Finishing with a 6.00am breakfast at Fernvale.

**Shed Run, Mutton / Hesse, March:** Date to be confirmed.

### Invitation Events:

**Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club, Australia Day Rally (26<sup>th</sup> January):** Ormiston State School 6.30 am – 10.30 am.

**Allora Machinery, 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January:** A fabulous display of all old vehicles. Tell Brian if you're going.

**VCCA(Q) Clubrooms 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** We hope that every VCCQ member past and present, can bring a car. Assemble 9.00 – 10.30am.

At the original opening of the Clubrooms by the Governor, 150 cars were present.

**Magazine:** Brian is still searching for copy of VCCQ Magazine No. 5, December 1983, to complete a full set of magazines for scanning. Can people please search their old Club files?

**Web Site:** Peter Ransom has added a link to the private members' page and noted that now that it's 2019, the first Vintage cars are 100 years old! .... And ALL Veterans are 100 years old! – Quite a milestone!

**Library:** Duncan McPhee reminisced on the early days of the Club with a photograph of "The McPhee Boys coming 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 1956 Murwillumbah Rally" and about Raymond Mays teaching engineering principles to Ettore Bugatti.

**Register:** The President tabled the current electronic list of members' cars and advised that Committee members will be ringing members to confirm the cars they own.

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC):** Doug Young reported that the impromptu events notification for the use of historic vehicles (on the West Australian model) is being adopted by incorporated clubs throughout Queensland; some though appear less user-friendly than the social media method adopted by the VCCQ.

### General and New Business:

1. **VCCQ Constitution:** Technically outdated and not in agreement with the Model Rules of the Associations Incorporation Act, the current Constitution has been issued to members by email together with the original 1955 founding Constitution, and has been discussed in the October and November General meetings and Members' comments have been requested in the magazine – Comments, written and verbal have been received – Any more?
2. **Concours 2019:** At Ormiston House for 2019.
3. **Library Insurance – set a realistic value:** The Secretary will request a meeting with the VCCQ(A).
4. **Register of Early Club Members:** The Secretary has listed Members from 1955 to 1975, based upon available records and this has been issued to many long term members for comment. Greg Riddel, Bob Collett, Frank Corbett, Wolf Grodd and

Kees Heybroek have replied. Date of joining may be one of the questions that the Committee members ask when phoning members about the cars they own.

5. **Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group (AHVIG):** Doug Young reports: The AHVIG submission to the Commonwealth on the Luxury Car Tax incorporating new material is now underway.

The regulations relating to asbestos in vehicles being brought into Australia temporarily or permanently are under review by the Commonwealth and he is writing the AHVIG submission to the committee.

The Road Vehicles Standards Act 2018 removing the pre-1989 right to import a motor vehicle has been passed and the regulations are now being written to incorporate extensive red tape for historic vehicle owners. AHVIG is liaising with the Commonwealth in an attempt to minimize this.

**Cars, Parts and Services:** No requests.

**Presentation:** Thank you Doug for the most amusing presentation on how to inadvertently win the class at an international Concours d'Elegance at Hampton Court Palace; a visit to the Shuttleworth Collection to see the De Havilland DH.88 Comet "Grosvenor House" [*The VCCQ library has the book on the design and construction of the plane and the air race – Ed.*] which won the 1934 London to Melbourne air race and the Percival Mew Gull [*described as "the Holy Grail of British air racing" – Ed.*] flying together; and driving the SS up the Hardknott and Wrynose Passes in the UK appalling weather; and the trip in the SS with Country Lane Tours around the Inner and Outer Hebrides and other parts of Scotland.

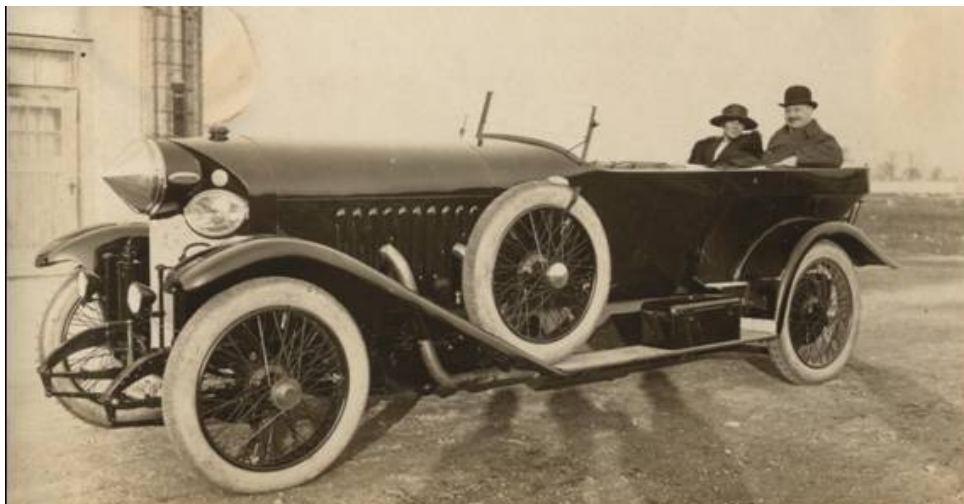
**Cars of Interest:** The President thanked Doug Heming in the Alvis 12/50, Steve Davidson in the Austin 7, Henry Hancock in the Wolseley Hornet Doctors Coupe, Lyle Cooper in the Wolseley Hornet 14hp, Peter Baker in the Wolseley Hornet Special, Wolf Grodd in the Mercedes 220, Tony Cicchiello in the Fiat Balilla, Jon Voller in the Alvis TC21/100 and David Fryer in the Triumph TR3.

**Supper:** Thanks to Jennie for supper and Tony Cicchiello for "proper" coffee.

**Next Meeting:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Meeting closed:** 8.15 pm

**WOTISIT? Vol 112 Alex Gow**





## ULYSSES RIDE ETIQUETTE

The following points are offered purely as guidelines – they are Not Rules  
On every ride, at all times, you are responsible for your own safety and that of those around you, the items suggested should make it easier for everyone to enjoy group rides if they are followed when possible.

### RIDE LEADERS

1. Before leaving, advise riders of destination and proposed stopping points.
2. Minimise lane changes --- there is a convoy behind you.
3. When at rest stops, give 5 minutes notice to riders before leaving.

### RIDERS

1. Keep at least one bike in view in your mirrors, if possible.
2. Notify Tail---End Charlie if you are leaving the ride.
3. Do NOT overtake on corners, on bends, or at double solid lines.
4. Bikes to be fully fuelled before the start of the ride.
5. Always ride safely and within the law.

### CORNER MARKERS

1. Each junction is marked by the rider who is behind the ride leader, so others know where to turn.
2. Pull over safely near the corner and indicate with an arm, the direction to turn.
3. Wait for Tail---End Charlie to come into view, and pull out before him/her if safe to do so.
4. If not, wait for Tail---End Charlie to ride past, fall in behind him/her, and overtake when safe.

*Ed. These guidelines work well for the bikers. The lead rider does not exceed the speed limit for fear of legal claims against the club in the case of an accident. This means that the body of bikes is travelling at or below the speed limit. This is fine when there are no more than about a dozen bikes which is about equivalent to overtaking about 3 cars at once. Bigger groups are much more difficult to overtake. When setting a car rally I like to see cars keeping about a six second gap so that overtaking vehicles can pass one car at a time. Two or three cars together takes longer and any more is in most cases impossible. Despite such problems most events run along without too much drama.*

## FROM VCCA(Q) Re: Invitation to join us for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March this year it will be 25 years since the opening of the club rooms by our Patron the then Governor of Queensland Her Excellency Mrs Leneen Forde AC.

To mark this occasion the Committee and members of all of our resident clubs are invited to join us on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** for a luncheon and display of club vehicles. It is 25 years since we have had a display of all vehicles representative of the clubs that call our Carindale property home. On that occasion we had over 150 vehicles on display.

When: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019  
Vehicles assemble between 9.00 and 10.30  
Parking details will be sent out to clubs closer to the day.

Program: Morning tea available on arrival.  
Inspect the vehicles and catch up with old friends  
Light Lunch from 12.00

Welcome from President VCCA(Q)

**FROM GRAHAM AND ANN HESSE,**

Just arrived in Hobart on Thursday for our 'summer break'.

Should be home by mid March in time for the shed visit. Here are a couple of supercharged cars at an impromptu display outside parliament house in Hobart this morning.

The Bugatti is a new one, but looks right. Cheers, Graham



**LEFT OVER  
MUD CAKE  
FROM  
BOXING  
DAY AT  
CLEVELAND  
POINT**



**PARTY ANIMALS AT JOLLY'S LOOKOUT ON MOUNT GLORIOUS  
WOULD NOT GO HOME**