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VETERAN TORQUE

MARCH 2025

First Club Event for the year:

*Burnett Heads -
12-20 March, organised by Greg Hill
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VCCA(Q) – 2024-25

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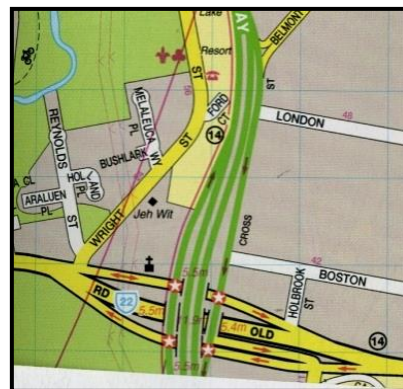
The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

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 2024 are:

Full Membership (single):	\$ 55	Joint Membership	\$ 61
Country Membership (single):	\$ 41	Joint Membership:	\$ 47
Associate Membership	\$ 41		



There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$20 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.

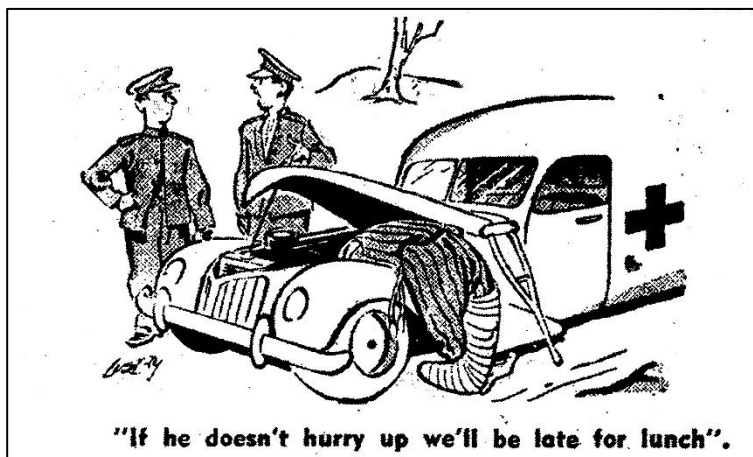
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I cannot begin this report without a sense of sadness that I feel at hearing the news, although expected, of the passing of a great VCCAQ member, namely Brett Hollingum. Our thoughts are with Christine and family and we are all invited to celebrate his life at Sirromet Winery 27th of this month. As per Brett's wishes, not surprisingly, please wear something bright.

Already the year ahead is filling with adventures to be had for the willing. And going by the numbers at our first club meeting of the year, there will be plenty of veterans out and about including quite a few "new" veterans. There seems to be a migratory pattern here. Best place to keep abreast of future rallies is to access your Veteran Torque. Also keep an eye out for emails from the Secretary and posts on our Facebook page.

A lot of work has been going on at committee in regard to getting good documentation of all functions of the Club put into an orderly process that can be followed for future leaders of the club. I guess this action is spurred on by the fact that our cars will outlive us for sure. The Club Handbook has been upgraded and we have received the new edition from the Printer. Also the latest National Registers of Veteran Club Members are on the way from Melbourne as we speak.

Many thanks to the members who keep stepping up and doing the myriad of jobs that are required to keep our club, grounds and buildings shipshape.

It was my great pleasure to present to Rhonda Guthrie, a special keepsake to remind her of becoming the recipient of the Montagu Trophy 2025 for outstanding performance in the Veteran Car Movement.



2025 Club and Invitation Rallies for your Diary – @ 18th

March 12th – 20th

Burnett Heads Rally - book accommodation at the Burnett Heads Caravan Park, Paul Mittelheuser St, [\(07\) 4159 4313](tel:0741594313) contact Greg Hill

April 16th – 19th

Brush National Rally now to be held in Quorn near Flinders Ranges SA
Hamish McDonald *Brush Owners Register* brushownersregister@gmail.com
Motoring Heritage Day – Contact Albert Budworth

May 17th

May 19th – 31st

Northern Qld Rally same/similar concept as the last (2023) rally.
Assemble - Mackay - Ayr - Atherton - Maybe extended, these will be optional extra days. Grant Vormister

June 15th

RACQ MotorFest display

June 29th

Vintage Car Club of Qld **70th Anniversary** – Concours – Sherwood Arboretum
9.30am Coffee van & Lions BBQ available

July 29th – 1st Aug

Frostbite Rally – Bundaberg, Gin Gin, Gayndah, Childers, Bundaberg.
Len Kelly

August 14th – 17th

NRVVCC Inc Lismore 65th Anniversary Rally

August 19th –

Max & Jane have offered to arrange **3 days of veteran motoring** Arrive-
19th, **rally 20th 21st 22nd** Cars on display 23rd 24th, end of rally 25th. (Of
course you can arrive earlier and stay longer if you wish). **Need to book your
site at Jondaryan Woolshed**

August 23rd – 25th

National Historical Machinery Assoc – Jondaryan Woolshed
Steaming Under the Southern Cross – Jondaryan Woolshed

August 26th – 31st

Sept 6th – 8th

Centenarians Gympie – Maryborough - more info to come.

October 5th – 10th

National Veteran Rally in SA Murray Bridge – Marina Caravan Park
100 Roper Rd, Murray Bridge, SA 5253 - [\(08\) 8532 6900](tel:0885326900)

October 15th – 18th

Victoria **"Swan Hill"** Civic Function 15th October, **Celebrating
Victoria 70th Anniversary** - 3 days of Rallying, Final Dinner, Saturday
Evening 18th October 2025 –
Big4 Riverside Caravan Park - Michael & Claudia Holding Ph 0407 008 895

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Qld Veteran Car Club

"Celebrating our 70th Anniversary"

April 19–24th

National Veteran 1 & 2 Rally Temora NSW.
Temora Airport Caravan Park, 1-5 Tenefts St, Ph 0429 641 323 you need to email
to make a booking. **airfieldtouristpark@gmail.com**

April / May
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Invitation Rally Wilsons Promontory (Vic) to Cooktown (Nth Qld)
driving approx. 150ks per day Andrew Winter 0447 534 078

Sept 6th – 12th

National Veteran Rally NSW - Cowra Caravan Park 02 6342 1627
2a Lachlan Street Cowra - stay@cowravanpark.com.au

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National Veteran Rally Qld Need a committee to arrange this National Event

ENTRY FORM

Back To Burnett Heads

Wednesday 12th – Thursday 20th March 2025

The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Entry Form and Disclaimer

Driver's Name: _____ Navigator's Name: _____

Mobile phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency contact name and mobile number: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Year: _____ Rego: _____

Declaration – I hereby declare that I/we are entering this event in the knowledge that the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc. and the organisers of the rally will in no way be held responsible for the loss or damage of my vehicle/s, parts or accessories or personal effects or monies. I/we, the entrant(s), on behalf of all those persons listed on this entry form, waive the right of action at law against the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc. or the organisers of the event.

Entrant's signature: _____ Date: _____

VCCAQ Entry Fee \$5 per car. Pay to VCCAQ, BSB 124185, Acc No, 22126679

Reference: Your name and BH event.

Send completed entry form to Greg Hill gregoryhill274@gmail.com

After the success of the Burnett Heads Steam Rally in September 2024, it was decided to re-visit the same caravan park for a more relaxed event. The daily runs will be based on previous popular veteran runs in the district.

Because of the length of the event, Monday 17th March has been set aside as a rest and repair day.

This will be a self catering event without any organised meals, but pubs will be advised in advance when we are visiting them.

The Burnett Heads Holiday Park is aware of our visit and Colleen has arranged a powered caravan site at \$40/night and large cabins \$142/night with smaller cabins at \$129/night.

For cabins and caravan sites, book 7 nights and 1 night is free. Phone 4159 4313.

For additional information, contact:

Greg and Irene Hill 0412 676 871 gregoryhill274@gmail.com

SOUTHSIDE RALLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

The Southside Rally Group kicked the New Year off with a bang on Wednesday the 19th of February with a great social day out. We visited the Beenleigh Historical Village and Museum for morning tea. It is quite an interesting display of the development of the Beenleigh area of southeast Queensland. Most of this area was settled by German immigrants who heard about the land and the available farming opportunities along the river valleys of the Albert and the Logan Rivers.

While these river flats were largely undeveloped, the land was very fertile and had great potential for farming. Upon the arrival of these new settlers in the mid-1800s they had first to have the land cleared and prepared for farming.

As there was no heavy machinery available in those days to perform this task, all the clearing had to be done by hand and backbreaking work by all able-bodied persons who settled this area. Once the land was cleared, they first attempted to grow cotton. This venture proved to be unsuccessful as the bugs destroyed the cotton. As a result, they then turned their hands to producing cattle, corn, and various other crops before settling on sugar cane which ultimately proved successful and is still grown in the area today.

The area known as Beenleigh today was named by these early settlers and remains a very successful sugar-cane growing area today. Beenleigh celebrates its sugar heritage each year with the Sugar-Cane Festival held mid-year.

Our group of 20 VCCAQ members spent several hours at the Historic village after enjoying morning tea with freshly baked scones, jam, and cream.

As lunchtime was fast approaching it was time to gather up all our members and move on to our next venue for lunch at the Beenleigh Artisan Distillery.

While a few of our number had other appointments this afternoon, we still had 18 members attend the distillery for a very enjoyable lunch in a very pleasant setting at this oldest continuously operating distillery in Australia today.

Social interaction continued over lunch with good food and a few drinks until it was time for us to depart for our respective homes.

Janette and I would like to thank all who attended to make this day a success and an enjoyable social event for the VCCAQ.

Janette and Trevor Farnell



**Minutes of the Seven Hundred and Seventeenth Meeting
of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc**

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale

Monday 3 February

Welcome to new members Steve Arnold and Stephen and Jill Bell

Commenced: 7.35pm

Attendance: 36. As per the attendance book.

Attendance on Zoom: Bev and Wally Lanagan, Rhonda Guthrie, Graham Crittenden, Max Scholefield, Keith Bartley, Wayne Aberdeen, Karen and Bill Ryan, Paul Blake

Apologies: Carol Robinson, Trish Hanley, Rob and Sally York, Rob and Pam Guthrie

Visitors: Allen Cobcroft

Minutes of the November Meeting. The Secretary moved the minutes of the December 2024 meeting as recorded in the Newsletter be adopted. 2. Syd Norman. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence :

Inwards.

Ray Steele. Seeking to return photo he took of Argyll in a shed near Broweena near Maryborough. Passed on to John Day.

Michael Sheehan through Albert Budworth from South Australia seeking information about IHC with Queensland number plate Q63 Passed email to John Day.

Ben Dolling. Church Pastor asking if they would be able to put a skip on the driveway near church hall for a working bee on 1 February.

Roger Dunstan. Web Enquiry. Asking for contact details of magneto repairer listed on website. Sent on to Peter.

Application for membership. Stephen and Jill Bell from Kabra near Rockhampton. Unrestored 1915 Overland roadster.

Application for membership Gary and Lyn Edwards. Members Victoria, moved to Bribie Island. Own 1916 Buick Tourer.

Tenants Clubs, Austin 7, Triumph Sports Owners and Austin Motor Vehicle Clubs requesting weekend booking dates

Phil Fletcher. Nomination for life membership

Membership Application of Allen Cobcroft

Newsletters and Magazines

HCCA Newsletter

HCCA Horseless Carriage

VCCQ. Well Oiled Rag

Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club Klaxon

Gympie Historic Auto Club Talk Tube. Planning to run a Centenarians Rally 29 August -1 September

Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club Good Oil.

Outwards.

Membership Applications sent to Stephen and Jill Bell and Gary and Lyn Edwards.

Ben Dolling. Agreement with request to put bin on driveway.

Ray Steele Argyll photo. Request for information to return photo to the owners

IHC photo . Request for information.

Magneto Repairers. Peter passed on the contact details of the repairer

Transurban - letter re drainage.

SIVS letter for Jacob Hackshall to register his 1995 Jeep Cherokee.

Austin 7, Triumph Sports Owners and Austin Motor Vehicle Clubs. Advising dates requested have been booked

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. 2.
Bob Collett. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

The Argyll has been sold overseas.

IHC photo. Back in the 1960s, the Veteran Car Club of Queensland as we were then, restored an IHC highwheeler that had been on display at Newstead House. Greg Hill drove it at the time. We understand it is now in storage at the Queensland Museum.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Malcolm Wegener, reported on the club accounts. Malcolm moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. 2. Ashley . Carried.

Rallies and Events

Back to Burnett Heads has been ratified as a Club Sanctioned Rally. Greg Hill is organising the rally based at Burnett Heads Caravan Park. The date is 12 - 20 March

QHMA Rally at Jondaryan Woolshed. Max Scholefield reported at the meeting that we would be able to camp at Brymaroo Rodeo Grounds. This Rodeo Committee later advised him that was not possible . Accommodation will be at Jondaryan Woolshed. Rally Dates are 19 - 25 August.

The Secretary has paper copies of entry forms and of the accommodation venues for the Northern Tour.

70th Anniversary Rally. Need a place and an organiser. Also need suggestions for location of the Formal Dinner.

National Rally 2027. Location of the Rally was discussed. Suggested places are Maryborough, Stanthorpe, Scenic Rim. Syd Norman suggested the Scenic Rim. He has spoken with the Scenic Rim Council who want to be involved, with Rally based in Boonah. Syd Norman is willing to be Rally Director.

Joe Jarick and Paul Blake offered to run another Creepy Crawley, if a suitable date can be found.

Social Director. Jean thanked all the ladies and helpers who made our Christmas lunch such a success. As at the date of meeting, 34 are coming to breakfast. International Womens' Day It is on the same weekend as Model T Rally . There were questions about changing the date.

Property: Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported that he has quotes that come in under \$800 for a glass partition be fixed in the disabled toilet. Albert moved that we accept the quote and install the glass partition. 2. John Day. The motion was narrowly defeated .

At the working bee a lot of weeding was done, all the dead trees were taken away and the tree struck by lightning was removed.

The Toro Mower does not move. Albert will get mechanic to look at it. Albert recommended that we increase mower schedule over the rainy period in summer.

Moved Albert. 2. Rhian York that the carpet be cleaned every 6 months. Carried. The carpet cleaner noted that the carpet has worn out.

Security. Peter Arnold reported that he has finally been able to secure the services of the technician to fix security system so it arms and disarms and locks remotely.

Monthly Runs . Northside no plans. Trevor Farnell reported that Southside Run on 19 February is to the Heritage Village at Beenleigh with Morning tea at their cafe followed by a visit to the Rum Distillery for lunch and tasting.

Editor: Nil.

Web Site: Adam Lyons reported that he has uploaded the latest content on Archives and brought the calendar up to date. He recommended that we need a web email so it is easier to find what has to be uploaded. Adam is looking for a helper.

Dating: Nothing to report.

QHMC: Delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that the QHMC Meeting is tomorrow.

Archive Group. John said the Cotton car story is now in the Archives. Bev and Wally Lanagan have a film of the 1976 National Rally at Peregrine which will be digitised for our archives. The Archive Group is working on collecting members' stories. Graham Crittenden is the current project with stories of Bill O'Connor, Graham Wilkinson, Frank Hack, Alan Sypher, the Vormister AX Renault, Syd Norman's Standard and Reg Kessler all waiting their turn.

General Business:

The President presented the Life Membership policy to members.

Kathy Day commented that Irene Hill writes articles about Edwardian costumes and suggested that we put them on the Website in their own section. It was agreed that was a great idea.

John Day commented on the success of club and noted that once again that Queenslanders bought cars during the National Rally. Rob and Sally York have bought the Peter and Jill Hawkins' 1917 Studebaker and Jenny Sorensen bought Rod Cripps' Overland. Other recent purchases: Bob Ausburn has bought a Model T.

Peter presented the Lucky Door prize he won at a rally to Syd who was looking for a pattern for a Veteran door.

Meeting Closed. 8.58pm

Irene Donges
Hon Secretary
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Graham Donges
President
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

My apologies for the lateness and brevity of this issue, for which there are several reasons:

Apart from the fact that I'm still recovering from my recent hip replacement, I have had issues with both my computer and the printer! Life definitely wasn't meant to be easy.

Carol R.



FOR SALE

"TWO-STEP" STEP FOR HORSELESS CARRIAGE. Yours for the cost of postage. (figure after 100 years, our family doesn't need it.)
Kevin Brooks 0412 720 035 brooks@goanna.tv





Matthew Zanow owned the first motor car in Caboolture. It is a well-made, robust looking thing, but what is it? [From the Alex Gow collection]

THANKS TO KEVIN B. FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
8. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from Sydney would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
9. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
10. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
11. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
12. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
13. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
14. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.