

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

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# VETERAN TORQUE

**MAY 2024**



Bob and Suzanne Ausburn's 1912 Baker Electric Model V  
rallying at Inverell

[Photo : Rhonda Guthrie]



## VCCA(Q) – 2024-25

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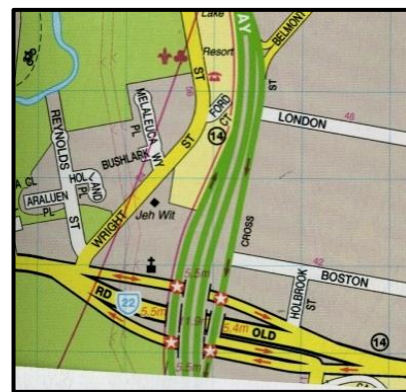
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Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Club website is: [www.vccaq.com](http://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 (CURRENTLY \$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)

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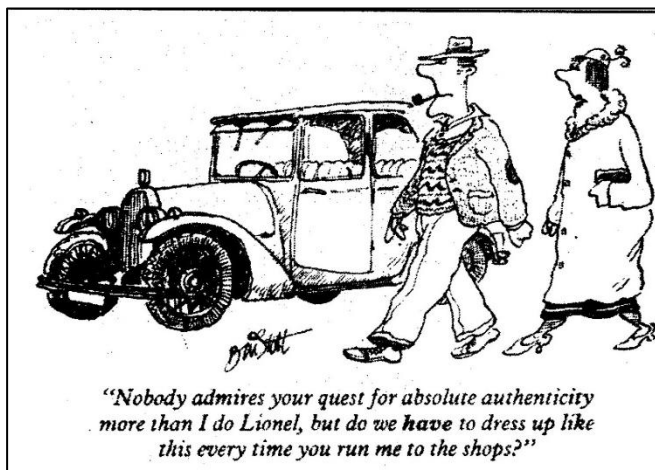
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR APRIL.



And just like that, the long anticipated New South Wales Premier Rally in Inverell has come and gone. We are left with many memories with only the very occasional slip up or breakdown to mar the many positives such as amazing weather and a very well organised rally. It was one of the biggest Premier rallies for some time with 70 cars on site. We thank Rod Holmes, Malcolm Roy and Laurie McGrath and their team of workers for the huge effort to cater for us all. Well done.

It was special to see new members Glenda and Robert Soanes out in their newly acquired 1912 Renault Tourer. Even more special was to see the help and support offered by fellow club members to straighten out the odd bug to get the car sailing along successfully. Will be great to have them along with the usual line ups in the future.

Many of us now have our attention drawn to the 8th running of the Horseless Carriage Club of America's International Rally down the Tweed, 26th of May to 1st of June. If we could only order the weather we enjoyed at Inverell! But in any event, it promises experiences to be enjoyed to the fullest.

On the home front, as I write, many members are enjoying an impromptu event at Kingaroy as people wind down from the Inverell rally and head home further north. Great to see so many of our northern brothers and sisters. Further, on the home front, things seem to be flowing along nicely even if the months feel like they are going at an ever increasing pace.

- Spot your car.
- Puzzle, where is the Brush?      KitKat to be won for the first correct spotting.

G. Donges



We were sad to learn of the recent passing of Phil Power, a long time member of the VCCA (Qld), following illness.

Phil owned an Overland 83B Tourer, which only recently received Club Registration after many years of work. Phil will be sadly missed by all who met him over the years



***The car as found***

**The following is in Phil's own words.**

### **Regarding the History**

Approximately 25 years ago when the Club was meeting at the old Milton Club rooms, Phil Fletcher announced at one meeting ,that he had come across the most complete Veteran he had ever seen & produced photos of the car , a 1916 Overland 83 B. I became quite excited when I saw the pictures & went to Park Ridge where it lay in a back yard looking very lonely. It was being sold by the widow of the previous owner who had died, believed because of suicide. Money quickly changed hands. The Widow told me as far as I can recall that it came from the Gayndah / Childers area where her husband had discovered it. Not entirely sure how long he had it but very little restoration had been done. Although the car was reasonably complete some parts such as 25" rims/ tyres, some instruments & mechanical bits had to be sourced locally & overseas. It has only been in the last few years that restoration has begun in earnest. The help of Club members such as Henry Anderson (deceased), Kevin Long, Noel Adams, Ron Griffiths and ardent Overland enthusiast Dave Crisp has been invaluable during the restoration. Also, the efforts of Jacobsen Engineering (Alan Walker & team) -in Bundaberg who rebuilt the engine to original specifications. Most of the car has been rebuilt with original Overland parts and very little would be classed as non-genuine. Hopefully in the next few months it may take its first run in umpteen years.

## COMING EVENTS - 2024

- May 11-12. Invitation Event.** "Anything Goes" Annual weekend Dalby. Contact [walnbev@bigpond.net.au](mailto:walnbev@bigpond.net.au) / 0428 622 736.
- May 15 Invitation Event. QHMC Motoring Heritage Day.** Assemble at the Clubrooms from 7.30am. 10.30am Short drive – BYO Lunch back at the Clubrooms. \$5 per vehicle.
- May 26 – 1 June 8<sup>th</sup> International Tour –**  
Tweed Valley, Northern NSW. The event is open to pre -1916 vehicles.  
For more information contact Rhonda Guthrie 0427 175 099
- June 16 RACQ Motorfest at the RNA Showgrounds..** John Reid Pavilion - 10am-3pm.
- June 23 Invitation Event.** We have been invited to join the Vintage Car Club at their Annual Concours at the Sherwood Arboretum, Turner St, Sherwood. 10am. If you're energetic there are Trees, Birds and Kauri Trails to discover.
- July 16-19 Frostbite Club Tour –**For Veteran Vehicles only. Starts in Dalby.  
Further information [lenkelly40@gmail.com](mailto:lenkelly40@gmail.com) or 0418 734 268..
- July 19-21 Invitation Event. Queensland Heritage Rally, Biloela. Qld July 27-28. Invitation Event. Ipswich Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Closing Date Entries 14 June.
- August 4. Invitation Event. Caboolture Historical Village.** 9am – 3pm. 280 Beerburum Rd.
- August 17 (Saturday) Veteran/Vintage Swap Meet** At the Club Grounds. From 8am.
- August 21 (23-25)27 Roma "The Last Run"** Cobb & Co. Celebration 100 year Anniversary.  
Camping Accommodation Roma Gun Club 155 Geoghegan Rd, Roma.  
Ph. 0476 674 514. [bookings@romagunclub.com.au](mailto:bookings@romagunclub.com.au)/ Motels in Town.
- September 5 – 11 Club Tour** which will include the Annual Handover Dinner – Luncheon.  
Burnett Heads Caravan Park.. (Only powered sites now available).  
**Burnett Heads Lighthouse Holiday Park - 2. Paul Mittelheuser St, Bundaberg**  
**4670 (07) 4159 4313.**  
Extra Accommodation: The Lighthouse Hotel **66 Zunker St, Burnett Heads 5670**  
**(07) 4159 4202.** South Burnett Vineyard B & B. Accommodation.  
Rally Co-ordinators Terry Lewis 0404 647 359; Chris Sorensen 0427 244 847.
- September 22. Invitation Event. Logan Butter Factory Heritage Display Day.** Vehicles are required to be on site from 8.30am – 3pm.
- November 8-10. Invitation Rally.** Bendigo – Prior to the National Tour in Tasmania.
- November 18-23 National Rally in Launceston, Tasmania. BOOK VEHICLE FERRY NOW**  
Email: [2024nationalrally@gmail.com](mailto:2024nationalrally@gmail.com); Ph. Ben 0404 917 366; Jill 0448 678 291
- December 21 Veteran Christmas Luncheon**
- 2025.**
- October 5-10. National Veteran Rally, Murray Bridge, South Aust.**
- October 19-24, National Motorcycle Rally, Ballarat. [antiquemcca@gmail.com](mailto:antiquemcca@gmail.com)**
- Rhonda Guthrie.

# VCCAQ Frostbite Tour July 2024

## Entry Form and Information Sheet



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Frostbite Tour is to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for **Veteran** cars only. The tour will be leaving from Keith and Anne Bartley's property outside of Dalby on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> July 24 and traversing through stops at Millmerran, Warwick and Oakey. The Tour will return back to Keith and Ann's on the Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> July 24.



The tour will be a progressive tour covering about 520Klm over the four days with regular regroups.

Entry is now open to all **Veteran** cars. Travel to Keith and Anne's the day before or early on the 16th July and leave your car and trailer there.

Two backup vehicles and trailers will be following and will help to carry extra baggage etc. Another vehicle will be in front setting up for Morning Tea and Lunch each day. (Lunches and Morning Teas will be covered by a Tour Fee to be collected at the start of the Tour).

Daily directions will be emailed to entrants the week previous to Tour.

Accommodation, other meals and a Farewell Lunch in Dalby on Friday will be at entrant's expense.

**Entry Form and more information below**

**If you require any further information please contact -:**

**Len and Fiona Kelly – [lenkelly40@gmail.com](mailto:lenkelly40@gmail.com) – Len 0418734268**

**Geoff and Barbara Clegg – [ebonylake104@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ebonylake104@yahoo.com.au) – Geoff 0439788031**

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### Entry Form and Disclaimer

**Frostbite Tour – 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Entries Close 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

Entrants Name – \_\_\_\_\_

Navigators Name/s – \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts – Mobiles – \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail - \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact –First Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle – Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Rego \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Requirements - Name and Allergy - \_\_\_\_\_**

**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.

Entrants Signature - \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee - \$5 per car.**

**Please Pay Entry Fee to – VCCAQ – Bsb - 124185 – Acc No – 22126679**

**Reference – Your Name and Frostbite**

**Have you paid the Entry Fee to the above account - Yes/No**

**Tour Fee will be approx.\$50/car (2 people) and collected at start of Tour.**

**SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO – Len and Fiona Kelly –**  
[lenkelly40@gmail.com](mailto:lenkelly40@gmail.com)

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The tour will be leaving from Keith and Anne Bartley's property, 18Klm North/West of Dalby off the Dalby/Jandowae Rd. (Search Sundale Enterprises on Google Maps). For those wishing to camp at the Bartley's the night previous and/or after the Tour can you contact **Keith or Anne on 0429622225** and let them know.

There will be a Tour Fee of approx.\$50/car (2 people) to be collected at the start of the Tour to cover the cost of Morning Teas and Lunches throughout the tour. (Final cost to be advised closer to the date.) Please bring own Chairs and Cutlery.

The tour will leave no later than 10am on the Tuesday after morning tea, from the Bartley's property. (Could each entrant bring something for this morning tea. Tea and coffee will be provided).

A Get Together is planned for those travelling to Dalby on the Monday before the start of the Tour. A venue will be notified closer to the date.

**Day 1 – 120K** - We will head for Cecil Plains for Lunch and from there to Millmerran for our overnight stop. Dinner is planned at the Mill Inn Tavern next Door to the Millmerran Village Caravan Park. Accommodation at both the Caravan Park and the Tavern.

**Day 2 – 155K** - Travel to Brookstead for morning tea and then Leyburn for Lunch. Travel to Warwick for our overnight stop. Dinner is planned at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. Accommodation at the Hotel (20 rooms have been put aside for us but renovations are happening early 2024 and should be ready by July. They will confirm in February 24). Jackie Howe Motel over the road. Other motels in close proximity.

**Day 3 – 150K** - Travel to Clifton for morning tea and then Pittsworth for Lunch. Travel to Oakey for our overnight stop. Dinner is planned at the Oakey RSL. Accommodation - Kelly's Motel, Oakey Motor Inn, Park House Motor Inn etc.

**Day 4 – 94K** - Travel to Irvingdale Church for quick cuppa and then back to Keith and Anne's for pack up before lunch.

A farewell lunch is planned in Dalby at "The Urban Paddock" before heading home.

Daily route directions will be finalised two weeks prior (for accuracy) to the Tour and emailed to entrants for printing one week before the tour. Actual routes may change slightly from those above but the overnight towns and accommodation will remain the same. Please book your accommodation ASAP.

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# VCCAQ VETERAN VEHICLE & STEAM RALLY

## BUNDABERG / BURNETT HEADS

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Let's ignite  
another rally

Veteran

What a great Inverell rally we had for those lucky enough to attend and what a magnificent contingent from Queensland!

Here in Bundy we are now busy getting ready to warmly welcome you back, after our 5-year recovery, to share the delights of the region from our rally base this time in Burnett Heads. Well done getting your accommodation booked early ready for a motoring adventure.

Our piece of paradise has lots of new, interesting and surprising things to show & share as the rally routes meander from the coast to the country.

The chosen roads are suitable for 1 cylinder to no cylinders, steam & electric, all are welcome and catered for.

The gathering will see several of our club vehicles completing restoration ready to make their first rally outing, including the Cyklonette and the Thomson steam car ... "no pressure" on the Sorensens.

We will have three catered events:

1. "Brew pekoe refreshments", (morning tea)
2. "Edwardian Beach Breakfast"
3. "Roaring into the 1920s", farewell and VCCAQ handover luncheon.

The price, including rally entry, souvenir programme & the three events is \$85 per person.

The rally entry forms will become available in late May.

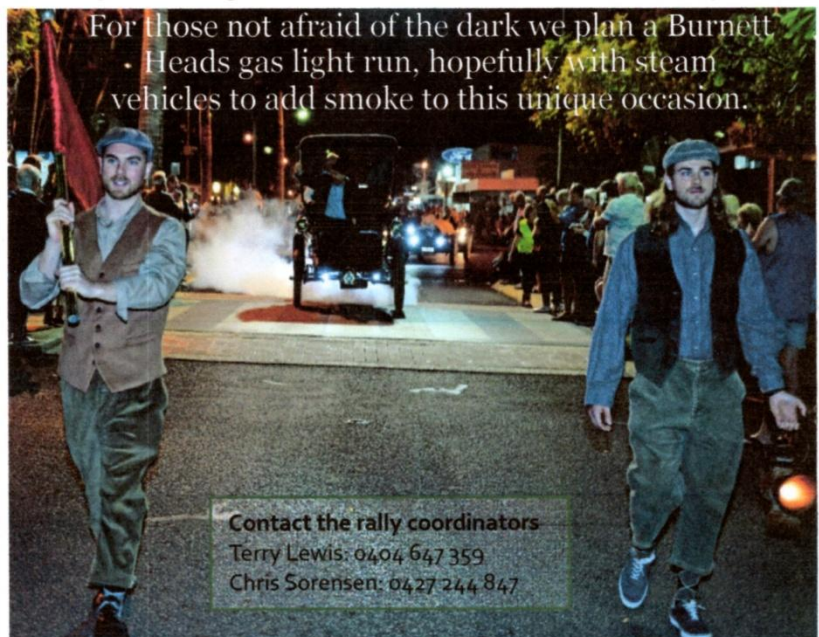
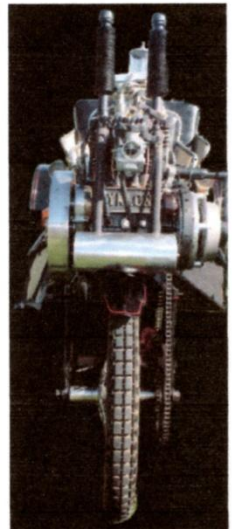
Of course for those who wish, period dressing is as always encouraged! The Edwardian breakfast will be a beach event with traditional games and the farewell luncheon a nod to the vitality of the early 1920s.

Our lovely Irene Hill will have her very special "Shopee" open to help with those last minute wardrobe necessities.

If you have yet to book accommodation or have question just ring one of us.

See you all for fun in the sun.

Terry & Chris



For those not afraid of the dark we plan a Burnett Heads gas light run, hopefully with steam vehicles to add smoke to this unique occasion.

Contact the rally coordinators  
Terry Lewis: 0404 647 359  
Chris Sorensen: 0427 244 847

### Accommodation

**Burnett Heads Holiday Park** caravans, 5 cabins, extra-long sites. Call Colleen & Don (0741594313) mention VCCAQ Rally. 7 nights for the price of 6.

**Bargara Beach (Big 4) caravan park with cabins** 0741592228

**Lighthouse Hotel/Motel** 8 motel rooms, weekly rate 07 41594202, [www.lighthousehotel.net.au](http://www.lighthousehotel.net.au)

## VCCA(NSW) 2024 Premier Rally Inverell 10 to 14 April

### Day 1

Let the adventure begin ...No rally begins without the gathering of the clans, unpacking, testing the cars and settling in. What a fine turnout with 70 car nominations including 40 from Queensland! Our northerners made an excellent effort, particular Glen Ridolfi, all travelling long distances in their search for snow, polar bears and a good car rally!

Wednesday morning 10th April, at +6°C meant Op Shopping for warmer clothing for all members north of the Banana Line! Our ladies hit the fashion fineries in Irene Hill's as ever amazing airport boutique Shoppe where one most sought after item was the must have ... Edwardian bathing ensemble! In the arvo members and cars were gathering at the Transport Museum for the rego, a sneak inside preview and the rally briefing by Director Rod Holmes. Gary Day was then all fired up ready for action with his Invicta wood burning lawn scorcher which for sure made the Happy Hour Circle a much warmer place!

The arrival of tasty pizzas kept the chit chat level down for a while - but was not helped by the 9 year matured Holmes' port that followed! Eventually with icicles OUTSIDE our drink glasses it was off to bed!



Thursday 11th April, another beautiful alpine morning saw us ready for the first rally day. Assembling at the Transport Museum, we were briefed then launched by Mayor Paul Harmon, first to Gum Flat School.

For one VCCAQ member this school brought back memories of a misspent youth, but what a great warm welcome we got from the kids and staff. Ambassador John Day excelled offering pupils the opportunity to sample a ride in his Model T saying wisely "you never know, one of them might just be the next Prime Minister". The very tasty hamburger lunch and trimmings was sponsored by the Historic Trust and prepared by the Parents and Citizens' Committee. The pupils entertained us with singing and poetry including a rhyme about a car that lost its engine and a special impromptu happy birthday song for Lyn Jarick. We all tucked into VCCA rally cake watched on by a Koala in the tree above.



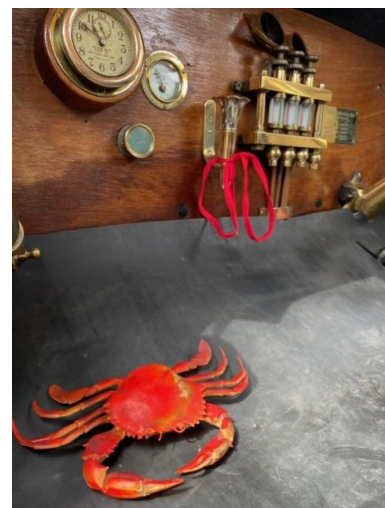
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The afternoon route 2 run for many was out to the spectacular Copeton Dam, 3 times the size of Sydney Harbour, with some steep descents ... and ascents. For a brave few (? or map challenged) the option route 3 took them to Bundarra with a total distance of 155km.

With everyone safely home and a growing number of Invicta wood burning scorchers in action we gathered back for Happy Hour reliving stories of a most enjoyable first day.

PS: You'll all be pleased to know the VCCA Rally Crab has moved interstate!

Terry and Régie



## *Inverell - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April*

Friday saw a beautiful morning and was to be a lovely warm day with little or no wind, perfect for veteran rallying.

We gathered at 9.00am at the RSM car park, quite a number of local people had gathered to view the cars, unfortunately I got into some trouble from the management for talking, because a person in the crowd amazingly recognised me as a fellow student at Gravesend Public School from 1958 to 1963, Greg Hall (not Hill) has been providing mechanical services In Inverell for many years.

During the course of the day there were one or two fails to proceed, the one I saw was the 1916 Studebaker speedster of Gavin and Loretta Mutton which suffered the ignominy of a valve problem.

A pleasant run to Graman saw us gather at the Hall for what can only be described as a typical country morning tea of the sort not seen anymore in the larger cities and towns, biscuits, slices, cakes, sandwiches and scones, ooohh say no more!



*A typical Pre Great War scene at a country hall.*



*Yes the **WHOLE** bird is on the hat  
(a taxidermist delight)*



*Yep, now that's a morning tea. Courtesy the Graman  
Historic Trust and the Rural Fire Service.*

After morning tea we commenced the long drive to Ashford, a few (probably quite sensibly) turned back at this point, however the majority continued on.

We were just so lucky the day was picture perfect, and the landscape was so green and picturesque. My old Flanders (Saffron) seems to develop more and more vibrations and rattles the further she goes, however she was perfectly reliable for all the four days of the rally and the carry-on rally in Kingaroy.

Our lunch in Ashford was at the Ashford Bowling Club, the ladies and gentlemen from the club worked quickly and efficiently to give us our lunch of chicken or burger, with desert. Plenty of seating was provided. A huge bouquet must go out to those who provided the meals and morning teas to such a large number of rally participants. Two likely suspects for shady deals are pictured below. It was an interminable drive back to Inverell in Saffron with sore backs and bums being the order of the day, (over 160 kilometres) in horse riding terms it was an evening where dinner was best eaten off the mantelpiece. We had two visitors for the day our old friends Graeme and Mandy Cameron from Foster NSW, they were fortunate enough to ride with Len and Fiona Kelly in their beautiful 1908 Fiat, Mandy even got into the swing of things finding an outfit to match the era. All in all Friday's run was a marvellous celebration of the Veteran car and the era, all who participated should be congratulated, and feel encouraged to do this more often.

Max and Jane Scholefield.

## *Inverell - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April -- Run to Delungra (80klms return)*

The run started at RSM Car Park where members of the public took the opportunity to have a look at the range of rarely seen veterans ... and their cars. While this was happening the mechanical crew were working on a REO's radiator in an attempt to stem the flow of juices. Unfortunately they didn't succeed in time for the departure and they took to a modern for the day – well at least that's what rumour has it. Tractor-mad former farmer Max Scholefield decided to test out his new hot plugs in the Flanders and all was running well in getting to the RSM.

Laurie forewarned of the multitude of ups and downs to come and the need to consider trucks and semi-trailers on the return trip or return to base the way we came. The 1 & 2 cylinder veterans puffed and chugged up the hills but showed great resilience as none threw in the towel. Ewan and Wilga's SCAT on the other hand powered through 'the field' with ease.

Arriving at *Rural Wrecking*, the skeletons of farming implements scattered amongst the trees were attention grabbing but gave an indication of what was about to unfold ... no, I mean the morning tea!

A feast of scones with jam and cream, orange cake (gluten free but you wouldn't know it), mud cake, ham/cheese/tomato sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, egg sandwiches, tea and coffee. All home made by their daughter and soooo delicious. But where was Max!! Here's a picture of the rally group indulging in the morning tea. No Max!

Max, the tractor-mad former farmer was nowhere in sight. Instead he and Jane were back at the park adjusting the Flanders plug gaps so they missed out on the day! Not just the morning tea but the tractors. Or did he ... rumour has it that after a day of lamenting and whinging Max, without Jane, returned to the Tractor Museum the next day.

After Tom gave a history of the farm and the collection it was off to check out the shed of tractors ... and more tractors ... and more tractors. Six rows of tractors ranging in age and size greeted us. Easily a hundred or more tractors some of them were monsters including the much loved Lance Bulldog; unpleasant Ford Count; Russian Belarus (despised but they worked well); Case; Jelbart and a row of early International Titans were just some of the machinery. The Commodore SSs and Senator didn't seem to fit in with the tractors ... but still looked the part! I've included a couple of pictures.





*Lance Bulldog*



*Russian Belarus*



*Jelbart*



*The Collection*

We peeled ourselves away from the tractors and food, driving down Oakwood Road through more rural landscapes, old dilapidated farm cottages and sheds to arrive at Delungra Hotel about 22 klms later. The Delungra Hotel, a country pub with a bit of a touch, the bartenders and cold beers were a welcome sight. Lunch of roast beef or lamb with heaps of vegies and loads of gravy was served. The beef and lamb were just so tender and tasty. Great country pub meals.

The daring drivers took to the main highway with great gusto and little in trepidation. Laurie's truckie warning proved to be a non-issue according to the experienced few. Those less daring, including myself, returned on the back roads before preparing for another 'happy hour'. After welcome attention from Greg Hill and others, my T ran absolutely wonderfully despite its FTPINM (Failed To Proceed in Normal Manner ie mis-firing but still going) the previous day. Another great day was had by all.

Peter Ashby

## *Inverell, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.*

The small township of Tingha was our destination for the morning tea. We had to do two Morning Tea sittings, but the scones were well worth waiting for, every mouthful was a taste of light delicious scones with jam and cream.

We all wandered around the Wing Hing Long Museum, finding many items we remember from a past time in our lives.



After we left Tingha, we travelled back to the Australian Motor Vehicle Museum where we enjoyed lunch. We had placed the cars on display so the general public could come and view the vehicles.

Unfortunately today is our last day of celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Premier Rally of the NSW Veteran Car Club.

Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the week of veteran motoring. There weren't too many mechanical problems. Inverell was a town where we hadn't previously explored and we loved it.

The roads were great, the venues excellent, I think the townsfolk will be talking about our visit for many days / weeks. (they also might be pleased to have these old cars off their roads holding up the traffic.)

We finished celebrating the week with a Farewell Dinner at the RMS Club where we enjoyed eating once again and viewing many photos of many rallies of years gone by. Some the Queensland club members were interested to see Club members on rallies of 50 – 70 years ago.

A very big thank you to the rally organisers, Rod Holmes, Laurie Mc Grath and Malcolm Roy. Thank you

Also a thank you to the Veteran Car club of Australia New South Wales for the invitation to join with your club members on this very special occasion.

Rhonda Guthrie

## Some Thoughts about the Clamour in Echuca and Moama - Kevin Brooks

We had to go to Camden to paint yet another mural  
At the Museum of Studebaker in a setting, green and rural.

I said, "Let's include Echuca to do Victoria's One and Two,  
Do both jobs together. Should be an awesome do!"

Spruiking it around the Club proved an inspiring sell,  
The Cleggies and the Kelly's said, "We'll go down as well".

Some parked our trailers in innocence, among prickles, on a vacant lot  
Until the angry owner said, "Take your trailers (and our prickled tyres) and find another spot.

Friends Doug and Vivian, hosted us for the whole occasion.  
{Their Caddy didn't proceed. A valve spring wasn't raisin',}

Vivian rode with others, leaving Doug behind,  
Busy writing poems from his quick- and devious-mind.

Our neighbours at the motel were the Holdings, Claudia, Michael and Peter  
Sorry to Claudia for visiting shirtless. I should have turned up neater!

Barb Clegg took her silver Ding Dong but the occasion was too much,  
Despite her skilful driving, it appears she stuffed the clutch.

Did that daunt Barb however? Was she down? No fear.  
With Fiona to support her, she still spread lots of cheer.

It's marvellous how she copes with problems a great deal  
Even keeping Geoffrey placid when his trailer lost a wheel!

Now Lennie and Fiona safely propelled their Reo  
Leaving other cars behind. You'd swear that they had B.O.

(But Lennie's kept a secret, The Reo's no longer pure,  
Mended with a '28 Chev spring, the rally to endure.)

The first day was all short runs with many stops and starts  
Our battery greeted next morning with a few weak coughs and.....(wind)

We charged the battery just a while, then drove through scenes galore  
Till still twenty k's from home, the battery said "No More"

Adam, our backup man said, "There's got to be a way"  
Chopped his compressor lead in half and – with his battery – underway!

It was about a foot long, on the floor beneath my feet.  
Just a little difficult with it between my pedals and the seat!

Seventy bravely-driven Veterans turned up for the fray  
For once they weren't all Renaults, lots of models on array.

One, a nifty wicker-bodied Merlin, its fifty V-twin on display.  
However it fair cheesed me off when it blew me clean away.

But when the Humber got going, each day it fairly flew.  
It's only gulping fuel on corners, it knows not what to do!



Got to fit my Amal carbie. (The Merlin's got an Amal.)  
Hope to take mine to Les Allen, it's problems he'll unravel.

Ancient Rome had seven bridges; I swear the Murray must have more.  
Traffic had some holdups with Veterans crossing by the score

Seems we were always eating, morning noon and night  
Sometimes washed down with vino, we tasted delights.

And let me say in passing, when expense is all around  
All our costs were reasonable, their accounting quite sound.

We even paddle-wheeled the Murray, Moama to Echuca  
Then walked too bloody far, I was fairly snookered!

They said it was a short walk from the wharf up to our dinner  
At least to compensate for pain, the evening was a winner.

You see I hobbled the whole rally, even resorting to a stick.  
Just got the prognosis, a badly worn-out left hip!

So that's it in a few words, no further news or thoughts  
Oh yes indeed there is! One last thing to report:

At the final dinner, Geoff and Barb were resplendent  
Judged "Best Dressed Couple" by judges independent.

So hats off to Victoria for a super "One and Two"  
Happy motorists everywhere, not a person feeling blue.

Thank you muchly, Victoria, for letting us attend  
Though the diesel cost us plenty, we'd like to come again.

The scenery was terrific, the rally routes and sights  
Again from Queensland thank you, YOU SURE DID THINGS JUST RIGHT!

Footnote: We might have returned to Queensland in a state of euphoria  
But I hope those blasted prickles stayed in Victoria!

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There is a fella named Brooks  
Who despite his bearded looks  
Writes poems so great  
They certainly rate  
Second looks.

A- nonny-mouse

*Mural at Museum  
Of Studebaker*



*The Kellys*



*A Bevy of Beauties.*



*The Cleggs*



*The Wicker Bodied Merlin*



*Joyce and Kevin*



*“Yvette” Humberette*

INVERELL –ING ABOUT.

**Have Bob and Suzanne Ausburn set a Club Record? Kevin Brooks**

Joyce and I have been VCCA(Q) members for only about thirty years so I cannot claim to be an “historian”. However I believe that Bob and Suzanne Ausburn, in rallying their electric BAKER motorcar at Inverell, have set a record for being the first VCCA(Q) members ever to drive an electric vehicle over some distance at a Club-sanctioned event. And what a vehicle it is, with upholstery so colourful and elegant that it could grace a home of that recent Edwardian era. The Baker’s high stance truly belongs to a time when fashion demanded high hats for well-dressed ladies - and today Suzanne wears those hats so well.

I haven’t asked Bob the Baker’s history but back in perhaps the 1960’s, when Gilltraps’ Autos were on display, a young man -probably member Frank Muggeridge (who was “imported” by Gilltraps from New Zealand, along with the cars) gave Joyce a short ride in what I believe was a BAKER. Perhaps it’s the same car.

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*Soames’ Renault*



*Phil Hill’s newly restored Talbot*



*Some Dodgy Repairs*



*Morning Tea, Gramman*



## Something to ponder, please –

During the 1980's the then Federal Government discussed the matter of retaining Australia's "moveable cultural heritage" in this country. In 1986 the "Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage Act" came into law.

Moveable items mentioned in the Act were agricultural machinery of which much was manufactured here. Aircraft get a mention, items with significant Aboriginal Heritage are naturally heavily protected as are many items of significance to Australia's past. Even meteorites get a mention. The Cultural Property Section of the Department of the Arts is the relevant authority within the National Government.

Motor vehicles are of course covered, which is the part of the legislation those reading this may be most interested in.

The process for someone selling a historic vehicle overseas is that the owner should apply for a Permit to export such a vehicle. The application is then handed on to one of the Federal Government appointed "Expert Examiners", each of whom has specified the area of their expertise within this group. It would be unlikely that anyone would have expertise across the very broad range of motoring history. The assessment usually takes two to three days of work as a volunteer, plus any costs incurred.

Some of the Expert Examiners found that in many cases getting the history of a vehicle from the Australian owner was difficult. Networks within the heritage vehicle movement are therefore an essential part of the scheme. The Examiners reports are then submitted to the Department.

At that point the E.E. is no longer a part of the process, and receives no further information from the Department.

A review of the legislation was undertaken in 2015 as a consultative process by Mr. Shane Simpson with meetings in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane – there may have been others, these are the gatherings of which I am aware. The proposed changes to "the Act" heartened those "at the coal face", but they have not been enacted, to the disappointment of all involved.

A further review by a committee in Canberra was established in 2022 but has so far, to my knowledge, not produced a result. There is a suspicion at the moment that a request for an assessment prior to export of an item MAY be handed out ignoring the stated expertise of the various Expert Examiners. For example, an assessment for a veteran vehicle could be handed to someone whose stated expertise is Formula 1.

Many motor vehicles (and other important items, e.g. tractors) have just disappeared, and then popped up in an overseas auction catalogue. There was on display at Alice Springs airport an intact and presentable, but "made into a ute" Silver Ghost of 1920 having belonged to the gentleman who founded Connellan Air. He had purchased it in 1939, the car having been in Australia since 1922.

Cattle King Sir Sidney Kidman's first car was a 1909 Thornycroft and was somehow allowed to be exported to England in 2007.

This situation is constantly being agitated on by a few but successive Federal Governments give the appearance of them having other priorities. At one stage it seemed that clubs looking after traction engines and portables were having some success. Many

significant items of farm machinery have just disappeared, then turned up in other countries, mostly UK and USA.

As many have found, shipping containers are so convenient!

The entire historic vehicle Movement should be aware of the problems inherent in this legislation and its management, and add their weight of numbers to support a major revision of the method of dealing with this historic and extensive problem.

Any Club reading this who might have a question on any of the foregoing can contact the writer, email [wendymuddell@outlook.com](mailto:wendymuddell@outlook.com), 0499 348 899.

Clubs are also invited to reprint this item, should they so wish, in their club newsletters or magazines.

Wendy Muddell OAM

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### *Mystery Rolls Royce*

As a boy in Woodford, I was fascinated by the Rolls Royce owned by local Sawmiller, Mr Anders Fredin. In particular (since the Rolls had no leather valance skirts) I've always remembered the giant rear springs which were so evident. I have long wondered what became of that Rolls. Now some written history has provided a partial answer.

"This is a 1922 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Chassis No. 2ZG with engine # P350. Off Test in October 1922. Original Body was a red, Jackson, Jones and Collins tourer. First owner, J.H. Kitchen of Kitchen & Sons (soap manufacturers). Registered number was NSW.300. The tourer body was replaced with this saloon body by Queensland Motor Bodies The radiator shutters are a later addition by Paddon Radiator shutters. (Silver Ghosts did not have radiator shutters.) #2ZG is still around with a new built tourer body by George Williams and Spaulding in 1991.



(If you are the owner, I'd appreciate a note on [brooks@goanna.tv](mailto:brooks@goanna.tv))

Kevin Brooks.

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## SOUTH SIDE SOCIAL RALLY REPORT- 20 MARCH 2024

Well, another social day out with 20 members joining in on this interesting experience at the Beenleigh Artisan Rum Distillery located on the banks of the Albert River near Beenleigh.

Upon arrival, we had coffee/tea and Danish Pastries hand made by the kitchen staff at the distillery. After enjoying the morning tea, we were treated to a guided tour of the oldest continuous operating distillery in Australia established in 1884.

Before this distillery was established in the current location, the background story behind why the distillery was built is very interesting.

The small sugar cane farmers established their farms along the river and streams that drain these flat cane fields as these provided a means of getting the cane to the sugar mill at the Rocky Point mill.

The farmers were serviced by a steam-powered vessel that not only took the cane downstream to Rocky Point, it also delivered essentials to the farmers.

The owner of this steam vessel was an enterprising man, as he had access to molasses, water, heat from steam, and plenty of time on his hands. As he traversed these waterways, he thought he would add a copper still to the vessel to produce rum and supply the farmers along the way with this rum.

As you can imagine it was not long before the government cottoned onto this little sideline and he was forced to report the volumes of rum he was selling to the farmers and pay the taxes. The first year he reported a large volume of rum that resulted in a very large tax payment. The second year he reported substantially less, with the view of paying much less tax. This resulted in his little enterprise being shut down.

The Beenleigh Rum Distillery was then established in 1884 and has been operating ever since.

As the distillery was established on the banks of the Albert River it has been subjected to several flooding events, the flood levels and the dates of each flood event are recorded on the walls of the distillery.

For those of us who had never toured a distillery, the smell of fermenting molasses in the barrel shed was all new.

After the tour, we returned to the bar area for a sit-down lunch and further tasting of a few of the distillery's signature rums. It was noticed upon leaving the distillery a few of our members had purchased their favorite Rum to enjoy at a later time.

A very relaxing, enjoyable, and informative day was had by all.

Janette and Trevor Farnell

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{Photos courtesy Gary Day}



## "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert"



*Priscilla*, the 1976 Hino Freighter Bus was discovered in a dilapidated state on a rural property in the New South Wales Northern Rivers region.

*Priscilla* is an icon from one of Australia's most celebrated and successful films, *The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert* which went on to become internationally renowned and a symbol of freedom, love and support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

After filming had ended, the whereabouts of *Priscilla* was unknown. *Priscilla* had been left to the elements for approximately 16 years and was exposed to bushfires in late 2019/early 2020. In what can only be described as a miracle, *Priscilla* avoided extensive fire damage. She was meant to survive.

The History Trust of South Australia, with the support of the South Australian Government, as well as the film's director, Stephan Elliott, will restore the bus to its former glory. *Priscilla* will be the centrepiece of an immersive exhibition and interactive experience at the National Motor Museum, Birdwood, South Australia.

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[The above information sourced from the History Trust of South Australia]



*Buses at Birdwood*



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

**Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale**

**Monday 1 April 2024**

**Commenced: 7.35pm.**

**Attendance:** 27. As per the attendance book.

**Attendance on Zoom:** Bev and Wally Lanagan, Ross and Rhonda Guthrie, Steve Forster, Bill and Karen Ryan.

**Apologies:** Alan and Carol Robinson, Ashley York and Adam Lyons, Steve and Marcelien Hunt, Keith Bartley, Rhiann York and Jacob Bailey, Trish Hanley, Janette Farnell.

**Minutes of the March Meeting.** The Secretary moved that the corrected minutes of the March General Meeting be adopted, the correction being Adam York changed to Adam Lyons. 2. Trevor Farnell. Carried.

**Business Arising:** The Newsletter being distributed as a paper copy to all members with advertising to help with the costs of printing and distribution was discussed. Carol Robinson is happy to be the editor but marketing and distribution would have to be done by a magazine committee. Wendy Muddell indicated interest in being part of the working group. Rob York said that Adam had approached Supercheap for sponsorship.

**Correspondence :**

**Inwards.**

Booking Request: Qld Chev. Club for 26 May for Disabled Youth Run with morning tea and BBQ lunch.  
QHMC Flyer for Motoring Heritage Day on 19th May  
Booking Request. Model A Ford Club for 26 March for club meeting  
Booking Request. Austin Healey Club for 7 July for Austin Healey Spectacular  
Booking Request. Historic Motorcycle Club. Committee meeting room for 29 April, 29 July, 28 October.  
Weekend 27 & 28 July. Taverners' Rally  
Booking request. Chrysler Owners Club for 25 August for President's Day and car boot sale.  
Cairns and District Historic Vehicle Club. Closing date for entries now 23 March  
QHMC. February Minutes Correspondence and Agenda  
By Phone to Peter Arnold. Booking request from Ford Model A club for 6 April  
Origin Gas bill

**Newsletters**

David Vaughan's Country Motor. Issue 57  
Mackay Vintage Motor Club. The Wheel Felloe  
Northern Rivers Veteran and Vintage Car Club. Klaxon News.  
Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club. The Good Oil  
Chrysler Owners. Newsletter

**Outwards.**

Jason Ridings. Letter to TMR to register 1906 Ford Model N.  
Model A Ford Club agreeing to their booking requests for 26 March and 6 April, by Peter Arnold  
Qld Chevrolet Club agreeing to booking request  
Chrysler Owners Club. Agreeing to booking request  
Historic Motorcycle Club agreeing to their weekend booking request.  
Austin Healey Owners Club agreeing to their booking request

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. 2. Syd Norman. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Correspondence:** QHMC Use side road for trailers, Albert will plan a veteran vehicle run to Lota House.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Malcolm Wegener, reported on the club accounts. Malcolm moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. The Donation to Forgotten Women Charity from Women's Day Afternoon Tea was \$500. 2. Rob York . Carried.

**Social Director.** Thank you to ladies who provided for High Tea for Women's Day.

**Rally Director.** Rhonda Guthrie said that the programme is in the newsletter and has been sent to all members. The Inverell Rally is next week.

**Property:** Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported that two pine trees along driveway will be removed for \$50 each. Mower Man is coming tomorrow. There are no problems with the house.

**Security.** Peter Arnold reported the problem with the remote arming and disarming not working is still continuing and he will attempt to fix it at the next committee meeting with the phone assistance of the technician.

**Monthly Runs .** Trevor Farnell reported that Southside went to the Rum Distillery and the report will go in next month's magazine. There was no Northside run as it was too close to Easter.

**Editor:** No report

**Web Site:** No report.

**Dating:** Ross Guthrie reported that the Dating Committee has been busy and Paul Blake's 1906 de Dion Bouton and Rob Beeston's 1911 Brush have been dated and the badges are being engraved.

**QHMC:** Delegate, Albert Budworth, reported that they had a Zoom meeting with AHMF. They expressed concern about the number of classic vehicles going out of Australia, This included steam traction engines. Next QHMC newsletter will contain the correction of QHMC newsletter 19.

**Archive Group.** John Day reported that there are three articles ready for the Website, the RACQ Rambler, Gilltrap family dynasty and Dave Fiechtner's Winton. The current owner gave Trevor a photo of its original condition when found. The ABC did a film of a re-enactment of the Winton being used to plot the first motorised postal run but is too expensive to get a copy. Bob O'Connor loaned his father Bill's 1960/70 slide collection and these have been digitised for a future Archives item.

**General Business:** Albert showed photos of two disks and asked if anyone knew what the two disks from Townsville might be. They have Austral Motors Townsville on them and Q6 and Q1. It was decided they were probably insurance plates.

Sally York reported that Glenn Ridolfi plans to run an impromptu event in Kingaroy on the way home from Inverell.

Kevin Brooks reported that the Victorian 1 & 2 cylinder rally was greatly enjoyed.

**Meeting Closed. 8.12pm**

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

**Graham Donges**  
**President**  
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