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Brett and Christine Hollingum's 1911 Talbot
[See story inside]



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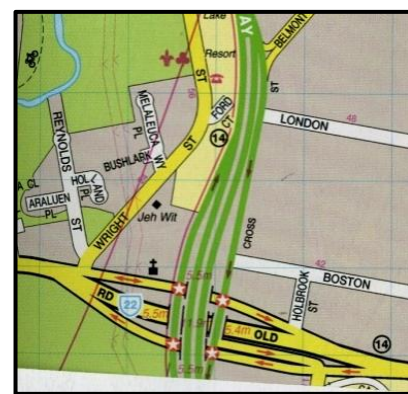
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Meetings commence at 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

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



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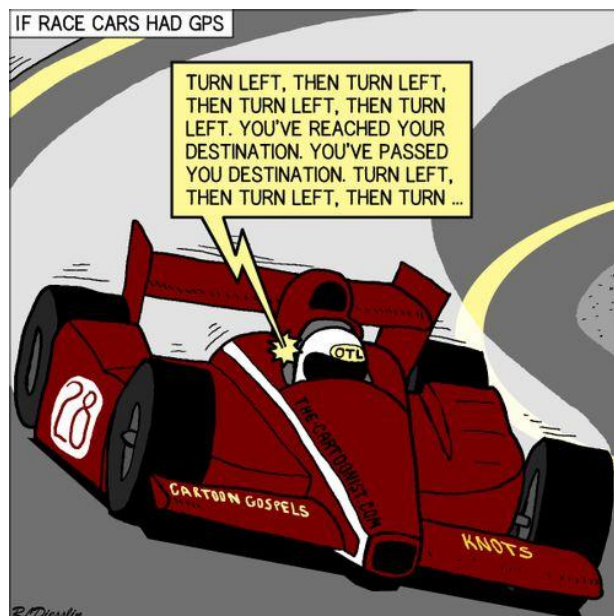
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR AUGUST.



We are now getting to the busy part of the year with rallies happening (Roma, as I write) and a number of rallies to come, including a first changeover "Dinner" as part of the South Burnett Rally. For the first time in a good while I am missing a rally because of health concerns which is a reminder of our mantra, "rally while you can". I trust members are enjoying the invitation rally hosted by Roma Historical Motor Club.

Just when we think we are on top of property maintenance ie., guttering replaced, down pipes added, roof leaks repaired, house mould remedied, west wall repaired and painted, we get a mice infestation in the club kitchen, sewerage backup, modem unserviceable and a few other bits to keep Albert and his team on the run. Good work Albert. All under control.

Last weekend was busy also at the Clubhouse as on Saturday we hosted our Annual Swap Meet. Murray wielded the tongs at the hot plate, assisted by Lauren and Steve, Jodie and Michael.

It was a bit smaller than usual but the upside is that we will have the leftover sausages etc. back on the BBQ before the Annual General Meeting next Club meeting night. Come early for a meal on the back deck. Bring a little salad if you wish.

On the Sunday we welcomed Bev and Lang Kidby as they hit Brisbane, on their way to Melbourne, from London in their 1927 Bean. We had a celebratory Bean cake, tea and coffee and other goodies to share with the many guests from clubs round Brisbane.

The library is taking shape literally with new (second hand) shelving now in place. Many thanks to Jacob, Albert and John Q. at working bee last week. Thanks also to Wendy for cracking the whip furiously to keep things moving. At long last our books are undergoing a re-cataloguing into the Beaulieu system.

See you at the AGM and around the traps.



Club and Invitation Rallies for your Diary

Sept 5th-11th
Annual Handover

Club Tour "Burnett Heads" which will include the dinner – luncheon - **Terry Lewis**
Burnett Heads Caravan Park

Sept 20th- 23rd
Gympie

Club Sanctioned CENTENARIANS RALLY
vehicles over 100 years old, travel from Gympie to Maryborough & back to organized by the Gympie Historic Auto Club – Gympie & District Historical Soc.

October 10th – 13th
veterans,

Club Tour "Creepy Crawly" - tour for the slower though everyone is invited. Assemble at the Laidley Showgrounds on the Thursday 10th – **Paul Blake**

Nov 8th - 10th

Invitation Rally Bendigo Victoria – prior to the National in Tassie

Nov 18th - 23rd

National Rally in Tasmania

Dec 21st

Veteran Christmas Luncheon

2025

May 19th -31st
concept to last calendar.

Club Tour "Northern Qld Rally" same/similar year (2023) rally. Some new venues, so please put it on your

Grant Vormister

October 5th - 10th

National Veteran Rally in SA Murray Bridge – Marina Caravan Park recommended

October 15th – 18th
October,

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

October 19th - 24th

National Motorcycle Rally Ballarat - antiquemcca@gmail.com

2026

National Veteran 1 & 2 Rally Not sure where or when as yet

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

Laidley's First Motorist

In 1907 Dr Valentine Mc Dowell purchased a practice in Laidley and began providing care to the citizens of Laidley. At the end of 1907 he purchased his first car and became Laidley's first motorist.

Late in November Dr Mc Dowell travelled to Brisbane and purchased a French 2cyl Darracq 8/10hp two-seater which was one of two identical cars that had just arrived by boat. The car was purchased through the Canada Cycle and Motor Company (CCM) who provided agency sales for a number of car manufacturers. The other Darracq was sold to Dr Eleanor Greenham of Ipswich who was the first Queensland born woman to practice medicine in the State.

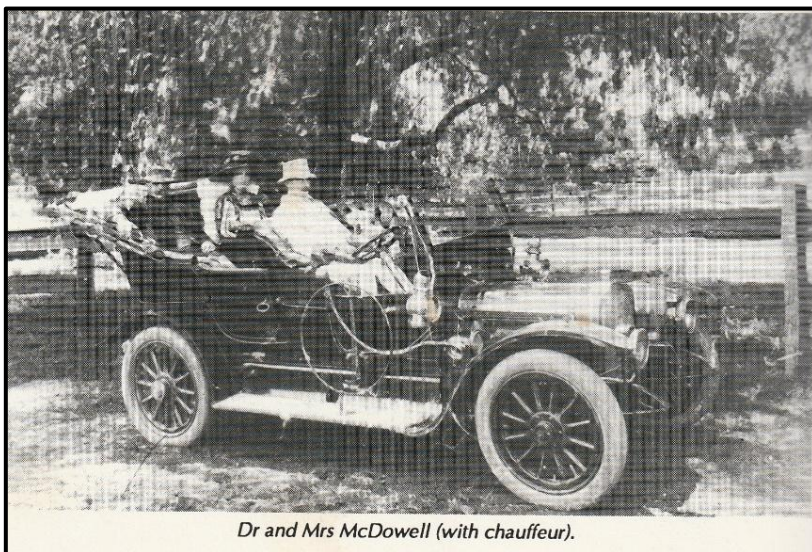
The following account is in print of Dr McDowell's first drive: - "Leaving Brisbane shortly before three o'clock on the afternoon of 27th November in his new car, the Doctor , accompanied by Alf Ridley of the CCM, braved the goat tracks that led to Laidley at that time. With a half hour stopover in Ipswich along the way, the intrepid pair made the journey over the range and arrived safely at 8pm. This was considered an excellent time!"

The good people of Laidley had hardly recovered from the shock and wonder of this noisy self-propelled vehicle when the good doctor was seen being driven on his rounds in a 4 cyl De Dion Bouton and some years later a lovely English Talbot. All this before World War 1.



Dr McDowell was an amateur inventor and in collaboration with Ernest Wyman he built a successful Xray machine in the shed at the back of Ernest's house in Spicer Street where the government offices now stand. My parents Bill and Lou Blake owned this beautiful house and we grew up there until the Government compulsorily acquired it to build new government offices.

Nothing is known of what happened to Dr McDowell's Darracq but Dr Greenham's identical car still exists in its original state with VCCAQ member Denis Martin.



Dr and Mrs McDowell (with chauffeur).

Fred Smith was Laidley's first mechanic and also agent for the CCM. Even before the first car owner in Laidley, Fred's assistant, Bill Fulton was getting around on a single cylinder Peugeot motorcycle belonging to Fred.

The photos attached show Dr Greenham in her Darracq identical to Dr McDowell's and a later photo of Dr McDowell and his wife and chauffeur in his later model Talbot.

Paul Blake.

Lang and Bev Kidby brought their replica Bean to the Clubrooms on Sunday 18 August en-route to Melbourne, recreating Birtles' England to Australia journey.



[Photos : Rhonda Guthrie

At the Club Swap



[Photos: Pam Guthrie]

How the Hollingums came to be with us

Kevin Brooks

I love to punish everyone's ear about how I ruined Brett's retirement! Perhaps you haven't heard the story. While Brett is still with us, I'd like to relate how a chance meeting channelled Brett and Christine's lives in a new direction that- far from ruining – has given them fun and fellowship (and the occasional headache).

Ten years ago, we and Peter and Lin Arnold were returning from a couple of southern rallies. We were just setting up camp in Naracoorte, S.A. when some new travellers arrived beside us. We were to learn later that the couple, Brett and Christine Hollingum were on their maiden trip following Brett's retirement. Brett spied our old cars and made that 'fatal' comment that was to change their lives:

I wouldn't mind an old car!

We pounced on him with a barrage of questions. What would you like? How old would you like? How big? How small? What would you pay?

We took their phone number and next day, they went on their merry way.

A week or so later, a group of us northside members were lunching at the home of Peter and Jennie Ransom when Peter passed the V.C.C.A. newsletter around the table. There in the FOR SALE's was a 1911 Talbot for the very price that Brett had nominated! When I returned home, I phoned Brett – now on the Nullarbor Plain – to say I'd found his car. And so our phone calls went back and forth. The ad had only given a phone number but Brett relayed that the Talbot was in the Southern Highlands area of N.S.W.

Again I pounced - and related that I had a friend, Greg Roberts, who not only lived in the area but also had a Talbot - and would be able to give an honest assessment of the car. Again calls went back and forth and Greg's assessment was that though the owner was not fond of polishing brass, the Talbot was a sound car.....and so, a deposit was paid, and the Hollingums went on their merry way.

On their return, Brett, Joyce and I set off, with from memory, our trailer, to inspect and eventually, bring home the Talbot. Then followed the usual crawling over the car, the producing of spare bits and pieces, the test drive up the road – and Brett bought the car!



Now here's where the ruination of the Hollingum's lives really gets going: Brett and Christine had a lovely home in Mount Ommaney! But was it suitable for our hobby? Was the garage big enough? No, to all that, and in no time Brett and Christine purchased a lovely home at Forestdale -huge backyard – plenty of shed space – cute little granny flat – swimming pool - but a bugger of a place to get a covered trailer into the backyard. No, make that impossible! The previous owners had

strategically placed a brick-walled garden corner, complete with, I think, a 240v standard garden light, just in such a way that if you missed the garden, you took out the house guttering or vice versa.

Our Brett is a clever fellow and Christine's no dill – they're both good planners and builders. It's gone on for ten years. Rooms were too small, walls were knocked out, a deck was added, the garden landscape was changed, etc. the results are spectacular.

And of course the jobs didn't stop there. Following the purchase of a covered trailer, Brett set about turning the newly-purchased van into a "motor home" and did a masterful job. Then he improved the Talbot's appearance in various ways.

Phew! Just think, if they hadn't met the Arnolds and Brooks, they could have been sitting, twiddling their thumbs, vegetating in marital bliss, in Mount Ommaney!

You're good mates, Christine and Brett. We, in the Club, cherish your company and I hope that you look upon that chance-meeting with the Arnolds and Brooks as being a bright period in your lives. I'm sure I speak for all members when I say that if there is anything that we can do to be of assistance, we'll be there. Cheerio!

Kevin Brooks

VETERAN RALLYING



"My Fridge doesn't get this cold"

Kevin Brooks

Seventeen intrepid starters met at the home of Keith and Anne Bartley
Coats and rugs and gloves and furs, we were keen to get away smartly.

But firstly over a morning tea, there came a special presentation;
Len Kelly presented us souvenir plaques, struck especially for the occasion.

"Frostbite Tour, 2024", unlike 2023, was about to live up to its name
Near-zero cold, blustering winds, constant mist, each day produced the same.

While Tassie's Peter Hawkins defied the weather, wearing shorts so bold
Grant from Magnetic Island's comment was **"My fridge doesn't get this cold!"**

Bolstered by Barb and Jodie's lunch and cuppas, first day we reached Millmerran
We chatted in the afternoon, some over a red that Mal and Graham were sharin'

During our evening meal, there came a big surprise - well, one for me mostly.
For my contribution to the plaques' design, a shirt labelled "Captain Frosty".

Only two casualties thus far, one - the Ryan's lovely Buick, sentenced to a trailer
A vacuum tank problem that Bill had faced, its cure was still a failure.

Strike two! Merv Thompson had fitted his "T" with an after-market magneto
The **** thing didn't work and Merv and Marg's trip was finito!

(Well perhaps I'm wrong about the "two" - Geoff's Saxon had a hiccup
"Upper cylinder lube", courtesy of a bowser, left it with little pick-up!)

Day two to Warwick, though weather was wild, we were a happy troop.
The feature of the day, at morning tea, was Barb's hot pumpkin soup!

Dinner- State of Origin night - was at "the Horse and Jockey".
The game proved a disaster. I should have followed hockey!

On Day Three, bound for Oakey, it was a day of enlightenment,
A Museum visit at Pittsworth, a GM Car Collection's excitement.

So the day ended, feeding faces - did we really need so much?
The local RSL's meals were quite ample, eating fit to bust!

(The museum folk at lunch time had packed us "sangers" and cakes galore
Which followed morning tea with Barb and Jodie in a church yard just before.)

Day Four, morning tea seemed colder, though the sun was peeping through
Cold hands wrapped around Sally's pea and ham soup; we were a happy crew.

But all was not well with the Hawkins' "T", it destined to a trailer.
A rescue of a cork float was made but alas it proved a failure.

And so we headed off for home (well, at first to "Chateau Bartley")
We'd tell our kids how great it was, such fun and trouble free.

Then as we travelled the last dirt road, the Bartley home in sight
Came a horrible rattle under the bonnet. We knew that things weren't right.

Put the **** thing in the trailer, there's nothing now to do
Easily said perhaps, but believe you me, I was in a stew!

Over lunch, despite others' cheer, "I said I'm nearly eighty-four.
I've had enough of fixing bloody cars; I can't take any more!"

Now at home the Buick sits upon the hoist, ended, its rally season.
I said, "I'll sell the **** thing as is" but eventually I'll see reason.

We have to be back again next year, since the Frostbite was terrific
Congratulations Len and Co, again success - with fellowship prolific!

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Letter to the Editor:

I have had one member question openly, and perhaps others consider my 1915 Buick's bumper, thinking Veteran cars didn't have bumpers. Admittedly mine is a replica of a Canadian friend's one but here is proof in Ohio, 1916, a new Buick with similar bumper.

Kevin Brooks



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

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale

Monday 5 August 2024

Commenced: 7.34pm

Attendance: 34 As per the attendance book.

Attendance on Zoom: Internet not working.

Visitors: Andrew and Leesa Carpenter.

Apologies: Steve and Marcelien Hunt, Trish Hanley, Graham Crittenden, Jean and Bill Jarrett, Alan and Carol Robinson, Janette Farnell, Kathy Day, Alison Day, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge, Bev Lollback and Glenn Adams

Minutes of the November Meeting. The Secretary moved the minutes of the July meeting be adopted. 2. Trevor Farnell Carried.

Business Arising:

Maryborough Car. John's report is in the Newsletter.

Correspondence :

Inwards. Catherine Powell, Secretary Mt Gravatt State School. Request for cars for display at school's 150th Anniversary

Bay to Birdwood Registration open. Focus of Run is Pre 1950s vehicles. Entry Fee \$85

National Historic Machinery Association Invitation to participate in media launch on 23 August 2024 at Jondaryan Woolshed. And also at National Rally, 23 - 31 August 2025

Newsletters

Gympie Historic Auto Club. Talk Tube

Mackay Vintage Motor Club. The Wheel Felloe

Australian Motor Life Museum. Newsletter

Outwards.

NHMC. Email advising inability to attend media launch but could be interested in participating in National Rally.

Catherine Powell, Reply to say would need to ask at club meeting if anyone is available.

Business Arising: Syd Norman said that he had been to Mt Gravatt School and there is parking for trailers. He is taking his Maxwell and will be Town Crier. Three other people have indicated their interest in attending.

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

Syd Norman. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Malcolm Wegener, reported on the club accounts. Carried.

115. Paid. 51 joint members. 13 single members. 39 country members. 7 single country. 5 associates.

One tenant club and daytime tenant rents yet to pay for the quarter.

There were 21 entrants for the Frostbite Rally, 35 Burnett Heads and 6 for the Creepy Crawly Rally.

Malcolm moved that his report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. 2. Albert Budworth. Carried.

Social Director. Jean still away.

Rally Director. Rhonda's Rally report was presented by Sally York. It was a report from Terry Lewis about the Burnett Heads Rally. There are 46 cars, 22 one and two cylinders and 11 steam traction engines. Some local accommodation is still available. Whales have been seen at Oaks Beach where we are Edwardian Promenading.. An African Adventure is also in store as part of the Burnett Heads rally

Property: Property Officer, Albert Budworth, reported that Michael Cross, the plumber, will fix the septic system. He has started on the paperwork for Council for connection to the sewerage system. Power switch now has a lock on club meter-box. The water meters will also be separated.

Security. The Internet is not working so the security cameras are not working. Graham will contact Telstra.

Monthly Runs No southern run as the Frostbite Rally was on. There will not be one in August either because the Roma Rally is on.

For the July Northside run, Michael Ferguson organised a run to Nudgee Beach to view a large private collection of cars followed by lunch at Nudgee Beach Hotel. Thanks Michael.

Editor: Nil

Web Site: Adam Lyons reported that the Events page is up to date with the Creepy Crawly Rally added. There are now five sections under Archives. The Services pages need an update. The WIX website has been renewed. We will need to look at alternatives as the site is becoming large and so more expensive.

Dating: Bob Collett reported that no new dating applications have been received.

QHMC: Delegate Albert Budworth reported that there is a meeting tomorrow night. AHMF is discussing weights on heavy vehicles and trying to sort out the anomalies between the states.

Albert called for a Working Bee on Exhibition Wednesday to assemble the library shelves. John Que, Albert, Graham and Jacob volunteered. There was a query about trailers with winches becoming tow vehicles.

Archive Group. John thanked Adam for updating the Archives. There are 13 videos now available on Archives and under the Veterans of Historical note, the history of Dr Greenham's 1907 Darracq. A 1912 Siddeley Deasy is up for sale. There is a story that the owner had a heart attack and died on a Queensland rally. The Taabinga Three Wheeler - found two great-grandsons of original owner. The history of the Cotton car is a work in progress.

General Business:

Kevin Brooks commented on the price of cabins at the Big 4 for the Tasmanian Rally They plan to be swaggies at the Rally Tasmania.

Club printer needs fixing. All agreed to fix printer if the problem is only minor.

A reminder there are AGM positions vacant. We still need a Rally Director.

Syd Norman reported that they went to Mt Tamborine Car Show. They were the only Veteran and won the People's Choice Prize, a Trophy and \$500. Syd explained where the term "dashboard" originated. It comes from horse carriage days when the horse throws up dashes of mud so a board was put for protection

Paul Blake reported on the Creepy Crawly Rally, So far, there are 14 expressions of interest. Most people are staying at the Showgrounds. Paul has been researching the first motorist in the area. It was Dr McDowall who had a 1907 CCM Darracq. He also made the first Xray machine in Qld.

Michael Hackshall reported on the Ipswich 50th Anniversary Rally. There were four Veteran vehicles there: the Hackshalls' EMF, 1910 Model T and 1917 Model T and Greg Hill's 1915 Model T which unfortunately had electrical trouble. The Veterans led the procession of cars for the town lap.

Michael and Jodie Ferguson participated in the Noosa Concours d'Elegance. They won the Spirit of Noosa Concours D'Elegance Award for their 1932 Chevrolet BA Confederate Moonlight Speedster. Michael and Jodie recommend the event for participants.

Andrew and Leesa Carpenter are participating in the Variety Bash. The Henry Anderson Memorial Trophy for Breakdown Crew is named after a former member of the Club.

Meeting Closed. 8.34pm

Irene Donges

Hon Secretary

Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Graham Donges

President

Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

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*The Hackshall Family Vehicles at the Ipswich Club's
50th Anniversary Rally.*



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Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld. Inc.

**Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale.
Monday 4th September 2023**

President Sally York opened the meeting at 8.11 pm

Attendance: 40 as per attendance book at September meeting.

On Zoom: Wayne Aberdeen, Bill and Karen Ryan, Keith Bartley, Max Scholefield, Paul Blake.

Apologies: Allan and Dianne Lyons, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge, Joe Jarick, Peter Ashby, Carol Robinson.

Minutes of previous AGM.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM as published in the club magazine were taken as read. Irene Donges moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded. Pam Guthrie. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

President's Report: Sally read her report.

President's Annual Report 2023

Reflection. Each year I sit here and arrange my thoughts on the events of the past year and end up lost in memories of fun, laughter and enjoyment with the wonderful friends we have made in the Club, and the exciting destinations of our rallies, and the unique events we are lucky to attend.

We began the year with a few new faces on the committee, with expressions not unlike deer in headlights. Lots of work ahead of us but a conviction of success driving the ideas and enthusiasm galore. A hint to what was in my future when returning home from the AGM suddenly realizing I had to start packing for the next rally ready to leave in two days. During this rally Queen Elizabeth passed away and amidst the ensuing public holiday I went to pay my respects at Government House and signed the Condolence book on behalf of the Club. Jean organised a new caterer for the Handover Dinner and that went well. Plumbing works began on the bathroom project.

We lost long time member and former President Hugh Kimlin just prior to leaving for Western Australia for the National Rally in Busselton. Peter Hume and his merry band of helpers put on quite an event with the backdrop of the longest jetty in the Southern Hemisphere (1.8 km) and a live theatre performance to entertain at the final dinner. The 22 Queensland members showed up, dressed up and walked away with a few awards, not to mention had a sneaky surprise birthday party for Keith with cake.

Home just in time to make the Emancipation Rally at Evans Head with 26 veteran car and bike entrants. The club has a new designated sport – dodging potholes. Each one representing the sheer devastation caused by the floods in this area earlier in the year. Quite humbling to be able to bring some economic help to the surrounding communities.

Christmas idling up meant attendance at the Governor's Christmas reception. Our own Christmas party was well attended and the slab for the bathroom was completed. On a sadder note, we lost Bernie Forster and washed the funeral in a sea of beige. Sounds like he would have been happy with the service, his Maxwell, and other cars on display and the attendance of so many car club members.

2023 arrived and the club Breakfast proved a hit plus presentation of the 100-year badges for the Cadillac and the Buick. February thankfully brought the removal of our wayward tenant and precipitated the massive clean-up yet again. I'm not sure of everyone else but personally I never want to deal with rentals ever again! This time round we have club members in the house, and we've put a stop to the delinquent, filthy excuse for tenants of the past. Relieved to have totally removed that headache for our next President and committee. March brings International Women's Day and this time our guest speaker was Wendy Muddell, President of the Vintage Car Club Queensland. Fascinating story of her life thus far. Spectacular accomplishments and quite an inspiration. Another inspiration is our bathroom project, gaining momentum with the framing now complete.

Chinchilla Chill Out rally, finally comes to fruition, listen carefully and you'll hear the sighs of relief from our Dalby crew, and it was worth the wait from the entertaining helper at Charley's dinner to the fish farm tour. Quick run home and time to change clothes before leaving for the Biloela rally – big as the Titanic. Each day emerging with a public display, with interesting runs each day culminating in the final Titanic dinner including the hour-by-hour update of the ship's status 111 years ago. The decorations, Irene's display and the elaborate costumes all added to the atmosphere and fun.

May was a little time out for Rob after his wrist surgery, with no hard feelings towards Whitey at all, well almost none. We chose to attend the Northern Tour albeit late, but as swaggies in The Kelly's Cadillac. So appreciative of our wonderful hosts and their impressive car! This rally was a new format with many moving

parts that came together like a well-built motor. With teams of local help at each destination the load was shared. Lots of good times! We even managed to turn happy hour into learning workshops to enhance our costume knowledge. Thanks to our teacher who when presented with the idea took it and ran. We are very grateful. Kevin also managed to reignite his artist flair with the human form and many masterpieces were penned. Back home to the bathroom project and the cladding and internal sheeting are complete.

We made a quick trip home to help Rhonda iron out any wrinkles in the rally routes for the International Rally next year at Tweed Heads. Next on the agenda was our Motorfest display held in collaboration with the Vintage Car Club of Queensland and the Historic Motor Cycle Club of Queensland. Great day out and lots of interaction with the public. Wonderful to see our members allowing children to get into their cars for photos. Those children may well remember that experience for the rest of their lives. From a recruitment point of view, it was time well spent. Well done to Graham on taking home the blue ribbon for best Veteran. The fixtures were installed in the bathroom and the painting was finalized just in the nick of time for the end of financial year. Well done, Albert!

The party of the century was held for our first centenarian Alan Robinson and gratefully attended by our Patrons, Her Excellency the Governor the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM and Professor Nimmo RFD, was a tremendous success. It has been quite some time since our last official visit, so we pulled out all the stops and polished our brass in anticipation. The magnificent Rolls Royce was the star of the carpark. Alan was truly surprised by all the attention and has his very own reminder of his 100-year anniversary by way of a dating certificate and badge. We also planted a tree to mark the occasion. Thankfully Murray and Fiona photographed the entire day's proceedings, so nothing went unrecorded. The following weekend, we took Whitey up to Noosa for the inaugural Noosa Concours. Spoiled for choice with quality vehicles and a bit of fun.

Frostbite rally, the name says it all really. Although not as cold as expected we did have ice on the tonneau one morning. A few hundred kilometres from Kingaroy to Dalby, Chinchilla, Wondai and back to Kingaroy. Absolutely fantastic time even though our car had a catastrophic failure. We unfortunately didn't make it to Lismore due to Rob having eye surgery. That brings us up to date and I am very proud of what we have achieved this year. I've had a great team beside me and I'm truly thankful for their help.

I have enjoyed being your President and I feel I have given as much as I could to this job. I have learned a lot and mostly had fun. Thank you.

Happy Motoring, Sally.

Treasurer's Report: An unqualified report was received from the Auditor. A copy of the audit is available to peruse.

Steve Forster thanked all members who have supported him and complimented the Committee on their work. Steve moved that Carwardine and Associates be appointed as auditors for 2023-24. Seconded Rob York Carried.

Property Report: Albert was absent so Sally reported that two major projects for the year have been the construction of the bathroom and the tenancy of the rental house. The tenancy issue has been resolved and the bathroom completed. Working bees have completed maintenance and a big thank you to those who attend the working bees.

Dating Report: Dating Chairman Ross Guthrie read out his report:

Dating Report.

2022/2023 has been a good year for dating club members interesting veterans.

Vehicles dated this past term are 1908 Fiat Tipo and 1915 Cadillac both owned by Len and Fiona Kelly, 1912 Flanders owned by Max Scholefield, 1912 Buick owned by Jodie and Michael Ferguson.

If you would like to receive a 100 year badge for your veteran vehicle please contact the dating committee, we are looking forward to receiving your request.

I'd like to thank Rob Guthrie for painting the 100 year badges as required.

I'd also like to thank Bob Collett, Syd Norman and Paul Blake for their assistance during the past 12 months.

Ross Guthrie
Dating Chairman.
September 2023.

Editor's Report: Sally read out Carolyn's report.

Editor's Report – 2022-23.

Well another year has passed and somehow I've managed to produce a magazine every month on time.

Thank-you to those of you who regularly contribute articles, photographs, etc. – I'd prefer to have the problem of what to leave out, rather than wonder if I'm going to have enough to make what I hope is an interesting magazine.

I'd like to stress that the 20th of each month is my deadline and I'd really prefer not to have to hound folk for their reports at the last minute. It is most helpful to me if wherever possible members send me their photographs as JPEG attachments. I also suggest that prior to the commencement of a rally the member(s) responsible organise somebody to do a write-up. I'm happy if more than one person volunteers.

Carol Robinson.

September 4, 2023

Moved Peter Arnold that the reports be adopted 2. Trevor Farnell. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

President Sally York declared all positions vacant and asked Peter Arnold to chair the election of President.

President: Peter Arnold, nominated by Chris Sorensen, seconded Jenny Sorensen . Peter declined nomination.

Graham Donges. Nominated by Sally York, seconded by Kevin Brooks. Nomination accepted. Elected.

Graham Donges chaired the meeting for the election of Committee members.

Immediate Past President/Committee: Sally York. Nominated for Committee by Irene Donges, seconded Peter Arnold. Nomination accepted. Elected

Vice President: Syd Norman. Nominated Sally York, seconded Irene Donges. Nomination accepted. Elected.

Treasurer: Malcolm Wegener , nominated by Sally York , seconded Irene Donges. Nomination accepted . Malcolm elected.

Secretary: Irene Donges. Nominated by Peter Arnold, seconded Steve Forster. Nomination accepted. Elected.

Rally Director: Rhonda Guthrie nominated by Sally York , seconded Jean Jarrett. Nomination accepted. Elected. Rhonda noted that this will her last year as Rally Director.

Property Officer: No nomination received.

Security Officer: Peter Arnold . Nominated by Steve Forster, seconded by Brett Hollingum. Nomination accepted. Elected

Committee Member (Editor): Carolyn Robinson, nominated by Ross Guthrie, seconded Rhonda Guthrie. Nomination accepted. Carolyn elected.

Committee Member (Social Events): Jean Jarrett , nominated by Sally York, seconded by Peter Arnold . Nomination accepted. Elected.

Committee Member. Brett Hollingum, nominated by Sally York, seconded by Steve Forster. Nomination accepted. Elected.

Committee Member: Albert Budworth. nominated Peter Arnold. Seconded Sally York. Subject to nomination being accepted.

Graham opened the meeting for general business.

Moved Peter Arnold that Steve Forster, Hazel Burley and Rhonda Guthrie be removed as signatories with internet access from all accounts of the Veteran Car Club of Australia(Queensland) and that Malcolm Wegener and Irene Donges be added as signatories with internet access to all accounts of the Veteran Car Club of Australia [Queensland]. Sally York and Peter Arnold to remain as signatories with internet access. 2. Rhonda Guthrie. Carried.

Accounts

Working Account 21577447

Social Account 21823868

Rally Account 22126679

Term Deposit [22380598](#)

Term Deposit [22507233](#)

Term Deposit [22227467](#)

Peter Arnold moved that the Committee number be 11 for 2023/24. 2. Rob York. Carried.

As there was no further general business the meeting was closed at 8.53 pm.

Meeting closed 8.53pm.

Irene Donges.

Hon Secretary VCCAQ

Sally York

President VCCAQ

OFFERS SOUGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SCHEBLER L CARBURETTOR. Appears complete. 30 mm throat. Mounting holes 58mm c/c . No Idea what it's off, probably something small. Looking for offers. Richard Payne. richard.payne36233@gmail.com



AND NOW FOR...SOME HUMOUR

A customer walks into the store and asks, *"In what aisle could I find the Guinness?"*

The shop assistant asks, *"Are you Irish?"*

The man, clearly offended, says, *"Yes I am. But let me ask you something, if I had asked for Italian sausage would you ask me if I was Italian?"*

Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?

Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican?

Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?"

The shop assistant says, *"No, I probably wouldn't."*

The customer says, *"Well then, because I asked for Guinness, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?"*

The assistant replied, *"Because you're in Bunnings."*