

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

*Club Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
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VETERAN TORQUE

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Renault Taxi used in France during World War I.

"Lest We Forget"



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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 7.30pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The telephone number for the Clubrooms is (07) 3843 0010

The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees for 2016/17 (Due July 1) are:

Full Membership (single):	\$60;	Joint Membership	\$65.
Country Membership (single):	\$50;	Joint Membership:	\$55.
Associate Membership	\$50		

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

Note: There is an **ADDITIONAL CHARGE** of \$5 for those members requiring a mailed copy.

Membership fees may be paid by **direct deposit** into the Club's Account:

Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001, 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.)

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

All articles for publication in "Veteran Torque" must be with the Editor by the 20th of each month.

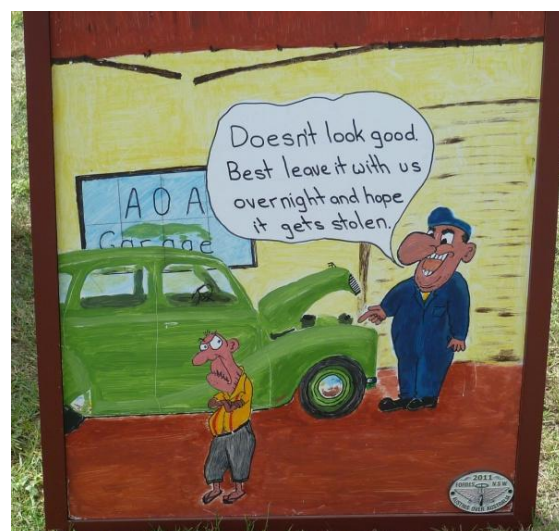
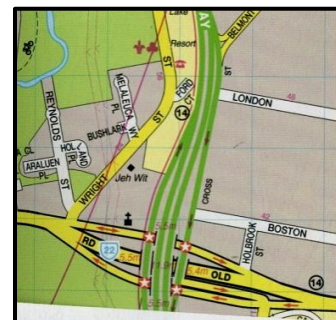
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Spotted at the recent National Austin Rally Display Day at the Ipswich Racecourse.



President's Report



We are almost through one third of 2017, where did it go?

The clubhouse renovations are still in progress, with more improvements still to come. The present committee is still committed to see that all these jobs are completed. We are always finding things that need attention, the more we do the more we find to do. I will talk about this at the next meeting.

We now have a new and better sound system in place, I am looking forward to getting the cupboard under the TV to house the sound system and the vacuum etc. it will tidy up the room.

Please remember to support the "Wolston House" day on 14 May, it is easy to get to and there is lots of room for trailers and I believe they have some entertainment.

Robert Stowasser should have his Vulcan dated soon and is very keen to get it registered so they can get out to the rallies.

On that subject, the Neurum Creek Rally is coming up soon and I hope you all have your accommodation booked. Knowing Kevin and Joyce they always present a full program. As this area is cold at night there will be a fire on every night, we are to supply the wood, if you can donate some supplies that will help. I can only get so much in the trailer. I have a stack of large chunks so some smaller stuff would be welcome. I remember the quantity that was burnt at Dalby last year!

See you next meeting.

Bob Burley

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Wolston House

I suggest we aim to arrive around 9.30am, which will give time to unload trailers prior to the opening to the public at 11am. Food will be available to purchase, or you may wish to picnic.

Visitors are being encouraged to dress in period clothing, and there will be some vintage/antique clothing on display.

Alan R.

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Brooks Neurum Creek Rally May 19-21:

Catering

Friday: Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch/Mugs (Hot water tea/coffee provided)

Lunch Venue \$5 per couple, collected prior to start! Seating provided

Friday Night: Dinner courtesy of Arnolds/Brooks (BYO plates, utensils)

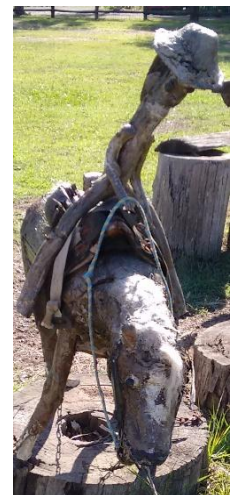
Saturday: BYO Morning tea. Lunch: sausage sizzle provided. BYO drinks/salad

If possible, BYO chairs/picnic rug

Sunday: Morning Devonshire Tea \$8 ea., Lunch BBQ \$10 ea., BYO drinks.

NB Your only petrol supply is at D'Aguilar. (Except at Kilcoy, Sun.)

As, on Friday 19, we are visiting a school and then BYO lunching on the lawn of a millionaire's 1920's home, period costume is suggested / requested please.



Kevin B.

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**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Thirty Third General Meeting of the
Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale
Monday 3rd April 2017**

Welcome: President Bob Burley opened the meeting at 7.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Attendance: 36 Members as per attendance book

Apologies: Michael Hackshall, Bruce Wright, Trevor Brosnan, David Hackshall, Frank & Kathy Muggerridge, Frola Gilltrap, John & Christine Page, Bob Collett, Trish Hanley, Albert Budworth, Merv & Margaret Thompson, Vicki Forsyth, Kevin & Joyce Brooks, Erik Larsen, John Farrier.

Minutes of the Meeting 6th March 2017: Minutes as published in the club newsletter, so will be taken as read. Rhonda Guthrie moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded John Day.

Business Arising: The Locomobile that was sold at the Reg Schuster Auction was a 1901 and the sale price was \$50,000.00. Sorry I had the incorrect year and price in the previous minutes.

Correspondence:

Inward:

Magazines from various Clubs

Letter from the Secretary of the NSW Veteran Car Club regarding the suggested Rally around the Temora district.

Outward:

To the Secretary of the NSW Veteran Car Club – regarding the suggested rally around the Temora district.

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed seconded by Alan Carpenter. All agreed.

Treasurer Report: Hazel reported on the club accounts, she moved that the report be accepted. seconded by Trevor Farnell. All agreed.

Dating: Bob Burley has been to view the 1913 Vulcan, the owner is interested in having the car dated.

Library: Wayne reported that the Genevieve Book is now catalogued and in the club library.

QHMC: Nil Report

Editor Report: Carol would be happy to receive one or more stories on interesting cars or restorations. Carol had received the latest "Clare" Rally Newsletter. Rhonda will forward this on to all club members who have email facilities.

Web Master: Peter would like some photos from the "P" Night party held last weekend, for the web site, they are there now why not check them out. If you missed it, it was great. Thank you Albert our Events Co-Ordinator for a great idea.

SAG Report: Peter Arnold reported that all the New Tenants Agreements have been signed these new agreements come into effect on the 1/4/2017.

We have lost one tenant as the Historic Racing Club have purchased a property of their own so they can store trailers and all necessary items.

The Reliability Trial Club have reverted back once again to renting the club room for 1 night per month, they had been renting the club rooms for 2 nights per month for the past 2 years.

So we now have 2 evenings per month that are now available to rent to another organization. The committee would prefer to rent to another like minded organization but are prepared to discuss renting the club rooms to any interested organization.

As everyone at the meeting tonight can see we are having the interior Club rooms painted, which makes the club rooms look so much bigger. The committee has decided not to replace the pictures on the wall at this stage, maybe at a later date. Let's have some clean walls for a while. The exterior is also to be painted but not sure if this will be done next week (possibly after the school holidays) as the painters have other commitments eg: schools need to be painted during school holidays. Unfortunately the Cyclone "Debbie" and all the rain and flooding have had an effect on lots of businesses along the east coast of Queensland.

The members who attended the meeting tonight will have noticed that we have had cupboards installed in the general library. These were promised to the tenants when the building was completed 25 years ago. They are now installed but we need to have the flooring completed before we can hand over the cupboards to the tenants who do not have a library room. All the cupboards are the same size and they will be given a number and each club will be allotted a cupboard by luck draw. Each club will have its name attached to the front of the cupboards and keys will be given to each club.

We have had larger fan blades installed and this makes a tremendous difference to the club rooms.

Peter thanked Hazel Burley for arranging the New Agreements to be handed out to the tenants whilst he and Lyn were on holidays.

Peter thanked Glynn Hackshall for organizing the painting of the club rooms and the installation of the cupboards in the general library. Unfortunately we had to disconnect the microphone system so the painters could paint the walls. Yes everything is now connected but we think the system needs some attention.

Events:

28th – 30th April 2017 Allora Autumn Festival – details are on the club web site or contact Doug Partington. There are a few families planning on attending. Allora is an excellent district to tour and Doug and Elizabeth Partington always put together a great rally.

14th May 2017 Wolston House – The National Trust is holding an Open Day on "Mothers Day", they are asking for veteran vehicles to be placed on display. If you are interested could you please notify Alan Robinson. - Bob & Hazel Burley, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie have offered to have their cars on display for this day.

19 – 21st May Kevin & Joyce Brooks have arranged a club three day rally in the country – destination will be Neurum Creek Bush Campgrounds ph 1300 733 901 www.ncbr.com.au Plenty of powered sites. The campground is situated 14ks west of Woodford and is quite spacious. The Friday plan is to leave the grounds at about 10.30am and visit a local old homestead, we are required to pay \$5.00 per car, suggest you bring a picnic lunch and chairs. Saturday we will explore Peachester, Sunday will be a short drive. This sounds like a very relaxing few days.

21st May – QHMC Queens Park Ipswich Open display. [This is National Motoring Heritage Day.]
3rd - 4th June Old Petrie Town - once again will be holding their open weekend if you are interested could you please contact Bob Burley. Bob has a short drive planned for this weekend if there is time.

27th June – 3rd July - Maryborough "Mary Poppins Festival" organized by Terry & Regie Lewis, and their fellow local club members. There is a lot of interest from the club members as well as interstate enthusiasts. The southerners are coming to enjoy our winter. I understand the Wallace Caravan Park is now totally booked out.

9th July The RACQ is allowing cars to be delivered on the Saturday 8th July and stored in a safe area so as to make it easy for entrants to place their cars on display on the Sunday. The Club Treasurer has forward a cheque to the RACQ to cover your entry. Please bring your completed form to the next club meeting and leave it with Hazel so she can forward them all together.

If you are interested in future club events past this date, please check out the club web site – well worth a visit.

General Business:

Jeff Jones, of the Vintage Car club unfortunately has to sell all his workshop equipment due to ill health. If you are interested - some items are: 1924 Fiat poa- 4 tonne, two post Molnar hoist \$1,500.00 - HAFCO Lathe 3 hp. Single Phase 16 speed pedestal drill - lots of Motoring books and magazines, lots of men's goodies Jeff 07 3203 6293.

Graham Donges has a friend who wishes to sell his shed 14m x 8m needs to be removed by the end of August 2017.

John Day has read the minutes of the past 20 years and has made notes of the club history. He is waiting for one club member to give his thoughts and memories to John.

22nd April 2017 Club ground working bee - please come along as David & Glynn would appreciate your assistance. Morning Tea will be provided, not sure how long their list is.

Meeting closed 8.25pm
Rhonda Guthrie, Hon Secretary
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

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Webmaster's Report.

A friend in France runs a website dedicated to the cars built by Panhard & Levassor. He's always keen to know about anything to do with P&L in Australia, so I emailed him a copy of a recent VSCC (Vic) newsletter – there was a P&L on page 2. The front cover showed a Lancia and a mystery car which my friend gleefully informed was a P&L. I shot off this news to the VSCC editor, and he came back to me saying it had in fact turned out to be a Stoewer. One of their members was able to identify not only the car but also the driver. My man in France was disappointed, of course, and slightly embarrassed. All of this has nothing to do with our Club, but it illustrates (a) how easy it is to pass on information in good faith, believing it to be correct, only to find that it's not, and how fast it travels via the Internet. Of course the correct ID also travelled at the speed of light.

I'm only droning on about this to suggest that you might care to visit the P&L website. There is much to be learned, and do not be alarmed - much of it has English translation available. There's a link carefully concealed on our website - <https://www.vccaq.com/links> - or you can save time and go to France directly: <http://doyennes-panhard-levassor.fr/fr/>

Prendre plaisir,
Pierre



Some Facts you may not know about WD40.

The product Water Displacement #40 began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. It was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company (founder Norman Larsen). Its' name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the 40th formulation, thus WD-40. The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts.

According to one of the Founders, there is nothing in WD-40 that would harm you.

Here are some uses around the home:

- Removes stains from stainless steel sinks
- Removes grease from stovetop
- Keeps glass shower screens free of water spots, and bathroom mirror from fogging
- Protects silver from tarnishing
- Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
- Lubricates tracks in sticking windows around the house
- Cleans and lubricates guitar strings
- Gives floors that "just waxed" sheen without making it slippery
- Removes lipstick stains
- Loosens stubborn zippers
- Removes tomato stains from clothing
- If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture, allowing car to start
- Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards
- Removes road tar and grime from cars
- Lubricates squeaky hinges on vehicles and around the house
- Keeps rust from forming on saws, saw blades and other tools

AND – the basic ingredient is FISH OIL

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Rattle Prattle

Our neighbour across the road frequently comes over for morning or afternoon tea and a chat. Recently we were discussing signs that we have seen on vehicles and roadsides.

I remember one we saw on a road sign in the Flinders Ranges that read: WINDNING ROAD.

Then there was one frequently seen on BCC Buses "*We want you to drive this bus*". – Does this mean there are lots of driverless buses on the roads?

Years ago I had two little signs that I used alternately on cars. One read:

*"Passengers
The pleasure is mine
When you alight
Don't slam the doors",*

But the other one was more personal, just:

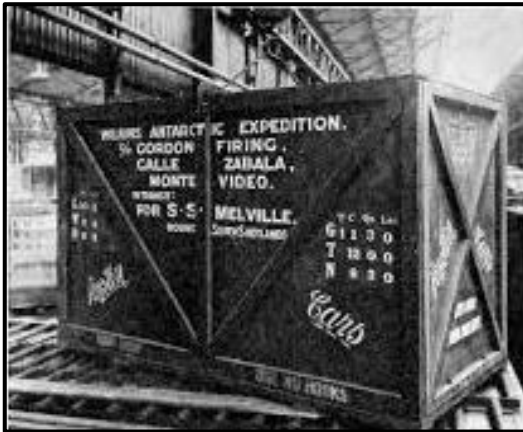
"Shut up, who the hell is driving this car?"

(Assistant Editor/coffee maker)

The Second Car in Antarctica

Thanks to Ivan Hoffman (SA Sporting Car Club) for reminding me that the second car in Antarctica was an Austin 7, and reported in the Austin Bulletin, December 1929.

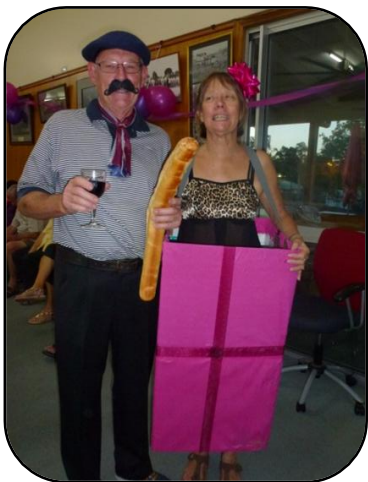
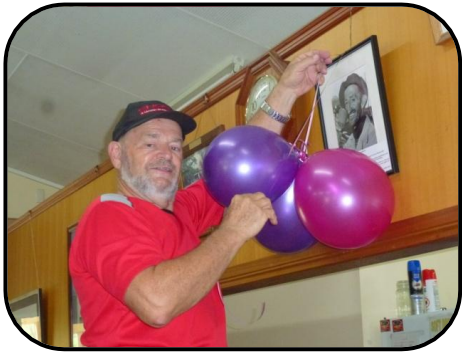
This was ordered by Sir Hubert Wilkins (my great-uncle), and was sent on the Second Wilkins-Hearst Antarctic Expedition on the "*William Scoresby*" (1929). The order was for "7 hp open motor car, 4 spare wheels and 1 parcel tractor chain".



On the subject of Austin 7's, below is a photo (courtesy Rhonda Guthrie) of Merv and Margaret Thompson all dressed up for the Farewell Dinner of the-Austin 7 National Tour recently held in Toowoomba.



Out and About with the Vets -
At the P-Party





*Meanwhile.....in the Club grounds
Who says Glynn doesn't exercise?*

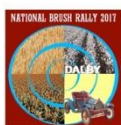


Club Events

- May 14 Wolston House Display/ Open Day. Further details elsewhere this issue.
May 19-21 Based at Neurum Creek Bush Retreat: Update elsewhere this issue.
- June 3-4 Old Petrie Town Steam Fest Weekend. Contact Bob Burley
28 June -2 July Maryborough, "Mary Poppins Festival" Rally Headquarters Wallace Motel & Caravan Park, (07) 4121 3970; Details on Club website, or contact Terry & Regie, 0404 647 359/ 4159 0662.
- July 9 RACQ Motorfest Display Day. Club supported event. Members urged to attend.
- 5 August Club Presentation Dinner
19 August Club Swap Veteran & Vintage pre-1931 cars, parts, books etc. only. NO Bric-a-brac.
- 26-27 August Bribie Island - "Bridge to Bridge."
24-30 Sept. National Veteran Rally at Clare, SA
- 4 November "Emission Free Day".

10-14 July 2017 National Brush Rally based in Dalby

The inaugural Brush National Rally was held last year in Wedderburn, Victoria. This year, the second National Brush Rally is centred in Dalby. The Brush motor cars were built in Detroit, USA from 1907 to 1912 and are quite rare, being a single cylinder only. There are an estimated 220 of these vehicles still existing world-wide, of which 22 are in Australia. From 10 to 14 July, these motor cars will tour around Dalby district roads, visiting Ningana Nursing Home, Bell State Primary School and other places of interest. Incidentally, A Brush car was the first motorised vehicle to cross Australia from West to East, 105 years ago. The journey was undertaken by a lone Brush, Syd Ferguson driver, Francis Birtles navigator and Rex, a cattle dog. Several of the Brushes that will be seen undertook a centenary re-enactment of the original crossing in 2012 taking just 23 days.



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- * **1909 BELSIZE** 14/16 HP "Roi de Belges" Recently completed ground-up restoration. Opportunity to own a classic English brass Veteran motor car. Price: \$79,000 ono.
Contact: Don or Sue Le Busque, (Ph.) 08 8522 2116; M. 0428 834 352



***Expressions of Interest / Tenders are welcomed on two vehicles from the Estate of Barry W. Dowton, Brisbane Queensland Both vehicles are located in Brisbane and can be viewed by arrangement.
Current photos of the 1907 Brush are now available. If you had previously expressed interest in this vehicle, and I haven't sent them to you, please email me again at: sheilabloke47@gmail.com

Current photos of the Clark Highwheeler will be available shortly.

*** 1906 CLARK HIGHWHEELER.

This vehicle was imported from the States a few years ago. The wheels, carriage and hood were restored and it was powered by a small Briggs and Stratton type engine. It has not been started in years. What true engine parts we received in boxes had suffered a major Chernobyl. From these parts Barry had parts cast brand new. Sadly all plans of how it goes together passed away with him

Photo shown is after respray.



*** 1907 EARLY MODEL B BRUSH.

This vehicle has been classed as the most original around. It was the proverbial barn find. Again purchased from America it was in its original state. Along with this vehicle go all the records belonging with it. When we received it we had the engine running within 15 minutes of unloading it from the container. As far as we can ascertain it has the only known original Brush carbie on it. We had to replace the firewall and one chassis rail from where the barn strut had rested on it for decades. We then just painted it leaving imperfections / age on the guards and elsewhere. The seat upholstery had to be replaced as it was surrendered to Customs on importation. This is why we have always stated that it was repaired, but not restored painted . Now unfortunately it needs more repair work.



Two years ago we noticed something wrong and called in the experts Our vehicle though sprayed and fumigated on export and import had exotic termites. So now the piano body needs Replacing. Chassis, seat, axles, wheels are all good.

Anyone interested can contact me (Vicki Forsyth) via email at sheilabloke47@gmail.com with your questions and purchase offer. Please do not ring. Contact via email only.



New York - Easter 1901

A little bit of.. HUMOUR

Last Wishes

Dave Smith is on his death bed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, daughter and two sons are with him at his home in London. He asks for two independent witnesses to be present and a recorder to be in place to record his last wishes.

When all is ready he begins to speak:

"My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses"

"My daughter, Sybil, you take the apartments over in the East End"

"My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City"

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the Thames".

The nurse and witnesses are blown away, they didn't realise the extent of Dave's holdings.

As Dave slips away, the nurse says to his wife: *"Mrs Smith my deepest condolences. Your husband must have been such a hard-working and wonderful man to have accumulated all this property....."*

"Property?", Sarah replies, "The rotter had a window cleaning round!"