

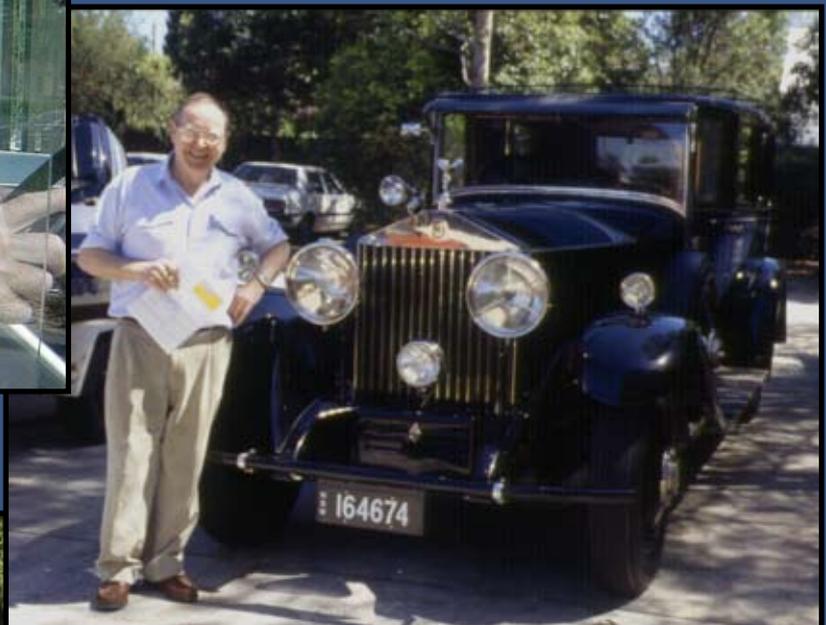
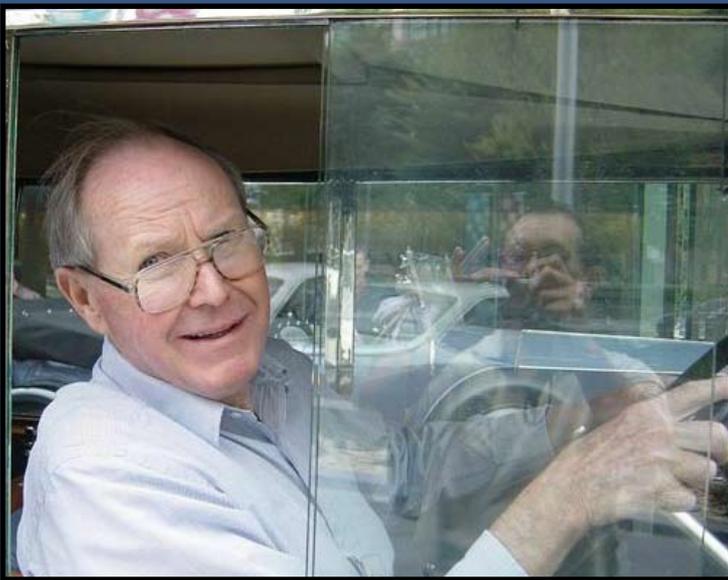
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## A Man and His Cars



Remembering  
Jim Kelso  
1930-2017



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### President's Comments

#### WHAT A GREAT RALLY!!

Canberra has so much to see and many great drives around the area. The 59<sup>th</sup> RROCA Federal Rally, based in Canberra, was a wonderful few days enjoying good company and fabulous cars. The Concours attracted very high standard entries and I am pleased to report five Concours trophies were brought back to NSW plus Paul Lukes was awarded The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Award.

Next year we have an opportunity to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> Federal Rally organised by the South Australia branch to be set in the magnificent Clare Valley, a mainly rural area with spectacular scenery and excellent accommodation. Make sure you book your accommodation soon.

Coming up in May is "Heritage Motoring Day". This year we have combined it with our "Drive and be Driven Day" on Sunday May 21. As usual, we will be based adjacent to the Corrugated Café at Peats Ridge. No need to book, just turn up with either your club car or some other "interesting" vehicle.

The following Sunday, that is the 28th, is our "Return to Wombat Flats". Always a popular day and an opportunity to help raise funds to maintain the Vice-Regal Phantom V. You need to book your place for this event to help with the catering.

So much happening in this busy club – make sure you participate and enjoy these events. **Bruce**

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS WHOSE CARS ARE ON HISTORIC REGISTRATION.

- Subscriptions to the club must be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup> which is the end of our financial year. Should a membership lapse due to not being paid up on time, that member is deemed to be an unfinancial member and any concessional vehicle held by them is deemed **UNLICENCED** and subsequently **UNINSURED**, including for Third Party cover.

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### Membership Report

Hello everyone,

Now that the Federal Rally to Canberra, the magnificent High Country Overlander, and the fun activities that went with it all fade into a fabulous memory, we are back doing what we do best - enjoying our cars and the company of our friends.

We have some new members to introduce to you. **David Glasheen and Christopher Ball** with 2011 Ghost A6S15198, **Michael and Maria Warczak** with 1998 Silver Seraph AAX01915, who joined just in time to participate in the Federal Rally, **Chris and Narelle O'Rourke**, no strangers to the NSW branch, join with 1957 Silver Cloud SED51. **Ian Lourenco and Nicole Armstrong** have joined with 1971 Silver Shadow SRH11515. We extend a very warm welcome to you all. Incidentally, 39 new members have joined since July 2016.

#### Vale, Jim Kelso OAM HLM

Sadly one of "nature's gentlemen" Jim Kelso OAM and HLM has passed away. Jim, a very popular and enthusiastic member for more years than I can tell you died peacefully at home. Jim was quietly spoken and had an incredible passion for all things Rolls-Royce and Bentley. Always happy to pass on his expertise when judging at club events, Jim will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

#### Membership Renewals 2017 and Historic Registration Information.

Membership Renewals for 2017 / 2018 will shortly be arriving in your post box. Please remember that if you have a vehicle on Historic Rego then **you must have your renewal in before 30th June**. The CTP component of Historic Rego is a blanket policy for all cars participating in the scheme. **The policy expires the 30th June each year** which means your vehicle could be uninsured if it's not proven that your membership has been renewed by the due date. Please return your member advice form with any updates relative to your membership in the stamped address return envelope provided. This is imperative to keeping our records accurate. Questions on Historic Rego? See the enclosed flow chart or ask John Elmes 96791674 or Bob Adby 0409 317 974

**Membership Fee increase.** Membership fees were discussed at the April Committee meeting and a recommendation was put to the general meeting on Wednesday 19th April that dues be increased by \$10.00 per member p.a. commencing with the 2017 membership renewals. This will bring a single membership from \$140 p.a. to \$150.00 p.a. The Partner and Family member will remain at \$10.00 p.a. The resolution was put to a vote and was unanimously supported.

The increase is largely due to rising costs in Federal Club expenditure, including the production of Praeclarum, insurance policies, postage and projected database costs and less income.

Advertising revenue has diminished with RR and Bentley no longer providing traditional support either by donations or advertising to the RROCA. Consequentially there are now fewer opportunities to raise revenue.

It should be noted that all branches including us have to deal with similar increased costs.

*Remember – It's your club, so let's get involved. You are welcome to everything we do. Steve McDonald.*

### How sad is this? We have lost three friends

#### James Cousley Kelso OAM, HLM 1930-2017

This dear man left us in April in the manner in which he would have wished; in his own bed, in his own house and with as little fuss as possible.



Think of Jim and the adjective 'thorough' comes to mind; a thorough gentleman, a thorough engineer and an all round thoroughly lovely person.

John Gillings said :

"Jim was the personification of "Quidvis recte factum...", "Whatever is rightly done..".

You will be reading extensive obituaries in various journals over the next couple of months giving details of Jim's life and Rolls-Royce involvement. These will include one that Jim, ever considerate, wrote himself! So L&D will only be remembering him by putting photos him and his wonderful cars on the cover and including this small tribute.

**Margaret Gillings**

#### Rhonda Vassallo



If you spent any time with Rhonda, you just couldn't help having fun! She was always extremely good company and a wonderful hostess. Parties at their fabulous house in Dural were gala events. Sadly, Rhonda died on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> of a severe stroke.

Rhonda and Neville had been members of the NSW Branch for over 30 years and received their Continuous Membership badges in 2014. When they retired to Paradise Point, they joined the Queensland Branch.

She and Neville toured in their Silver Ghost 158BW with the Silver Ghost Association and the 20-Ghost Club. This included that landmark event: The Scottish Recreation Tour in 1997. Rhonda liked good quality and style in everything from the cars they owned to her fabulous clothes.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Neville, Neville Jnr, Sean, Colette and their families. We too, will miss her greatly.

**Margaret Gillings**

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#### VALE Phillip (Phil) Harris Davis, OAM died on 17 March 2017, aged 92.



Phil was a teaching colleague and good friend of David Marshall-Martin, GSM. He attended many Rolls-Royce events with David, including the Federal Rally in York in 2003.

Phil was born 22 May 1924. After finishing his leaving certificate at Fort Street High, he served as an Army Radar Technician in northern Australia during WWII. After the war he gained teaching qualification and in 1951 joined the staff at Newington College. Phil became a mathematics teacher and continued to work at Newington until retiring at the end of 2000. His fifty years at Newington made him the third longest serving member of the College. After retirement he spent the next 15 years doing volunteer research and cataloguing in the archives of the College.

Phil was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2003 for his service to education, particularly through Newington College, and to the community.

Phil loved his years at Newington College and to this end he established a partial bursary fund to encourage boys with an interest in mathematics to continue their studies.

**David Marshall-Martin**

# Happy 75th Anniversary!



Beryl (92) and Ron (95) Eager celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on February 21st 2017. They are dear long-time friends of David Murphy who arranged to take them for a drive in this lovely Spirit, ASE10043, kindly lent for the occasion by Steve McDonald.

Beryl and Ron have lived in Ermington since 1957 and, as David remarked, are still holding hands.



## Dineamics Lunch



The February Dineamics Ladies' Lunch at Cafe del Mar, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbour was the usual success!



Photos: Patty Aiosa



### \$4000 for the RLSSA from our 2016 Diamond Anniversary Celebrations raffle

During 2016, the NSW Branch held a raffle throughout its Diamond Anniversary Year fundraising for the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia. So what happened to the \$4000 we all raised? Bruce Duncan and Jeanne Eve visited the Sydney head office to hand over the \$4000 cheque to David McAllister, CEO and find out more.

Probably everyone reading this article will recall some lifesaving lessons from their childhood in a pool somewhere, especially if city based. But today in Australia, over 50,000 children leave Primary School without learning to swim. Our population is now much more culturally and linguistically diverse and there are grandparents and parents who still think swimming is dangerous and won't permit their grandkids to attend lifesaving lessons. Then there are the country children with no easy access to a pool for learning.

So how does this impact a car club such as ours?

When we drive around the countryside on Overlanders and car tours, we often cross over rivers and past dams. Did you know that the top five drowning spots in NSW are the Murray, Hawkesbury, Murrumbidgee, Parramatta and Macquarie Rivers? The RLSSA is responsible for the inland waterways rather than the surf and 80% of all drownings occur inland. One still hears and reads recent news about drownings in flooded rivers and cars washed off creek crossings in Australia, let alone skylarking and water sport accidents during the summer months. The message is getting through because the percentage of drownings is falling even with our increasing population. But that does not include the thousands of people who sustain neurological damage after near - drowning.

Perhaps we've become a bit blasé with our swimming skills and think we could rescue someone. Yes, we know about kids under 5 years of age and the effects of alcohol and drugs on swimming skills and risky behaviour in the water. But a new group is appearing in the

statistics and they are the Aussie grey nomads driving around Australia. Life is good and their minds believe youthful ways are forever and bodies are still fit and flexible. The sun shines so a jump into a refreshing waterhole or a swim out to a waterfall can end in disaster. Often it is the men who adventure forth but whose partners watch in despair from the water's edge not knowing how to rescue their loved one. The RLSSA researches sadly every drowning.

The RROC-A (NSW) Branch is delighted to know that its \$4000 will be targeted towards country community education especially those children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. So next time you drive over a major river or past creeks and dams, spare a thought for the RLSSA. It has been in existence since 1894 and knows what works best for saving lives in the water.

Thank you everyone who purchased raffle tickets or contributed to the Silent Auction in 2016. Everyone can be a Lifesaver. **Jeanne Eve**



## W. Larcombe & Son

### Rolls-Royce Motor Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons, Dubbo



William Larcombe was born in Goulburn in 1864 into a family of building stonemasons, who erected many of Goulburn's first buildings.

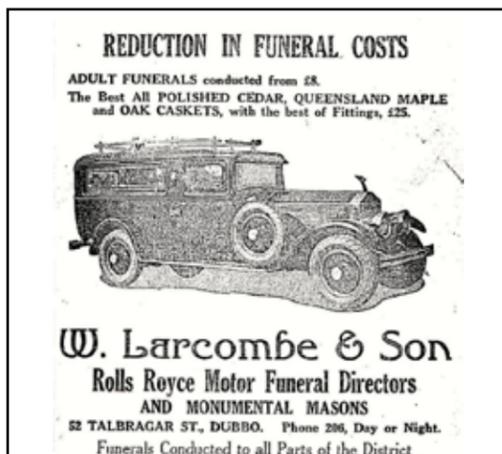
ABOVE: William Larcombe advertised his business as "Monumental Sculptor and General Mason" in the 9 June 1899 issue of the *Dubbo Dispatch and Wellington Independent*.

In 1897 he moved to Dubbo where his business as a monumental mason was described in the *Australian Town and Country Journal* of 9 March 1904:

*"No one passing along Talbragar – street could fail being attracted by the splendid display of high-class and artistic monumental work in the yard of Mr. W. Larcombe. This gentleman has been established in Dubbo seven years, having previously been connected with his brothers, who carry on a similar business at Rookwood."*

However, it was his son, Norman, who around 1930 decided to establish an undertaking business. For this he would need a motor hearse and his enquiries led him to a 1920 Rolls-Royce, chassis 62CW.

Silver Ghost 62CW, a high-speed model Alpine Eagle chassis, was tested on 11 March 1920 and delivered to Paddon Bros, Brompton Rd, London, to be fitted with a seven-seater tourer body. It was sold to T. A. (Tom) Sopwith in Horsley, Surrey. It went to Australia and by 1927 it had been with J. Rolfe, a company director, Pitt Street, Sydney, for some time. Now with a limousine body, Norman Larcombe purchased it. After discarding the limousine body he had just what he wanted, the ultimate motor chassis on which his motor hearse body could be built to start his business venture.



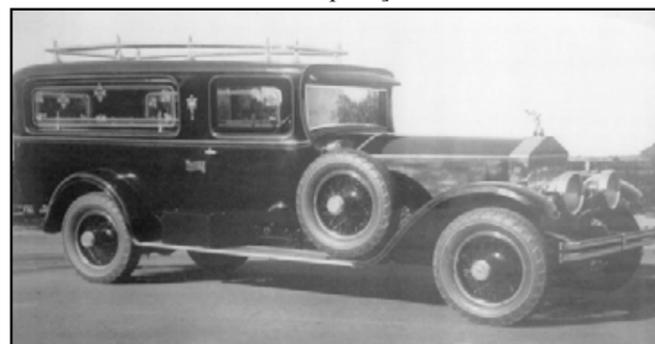
ABOVE: Norman Larcombe advertised his business as "Rolls Royce (no hyphen) Motor Funeral Directors" in the 12 January 1933 issue of *The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate*.



ABOVE: 1920 Silver Ghost 62CW outside the Carlton Crescent, Summer Hill, premises of W. S. Grice with the new hearse body in 1932. Norman Larcombe was about to take delivery and drive it back to Dubbo, where he was starting an undertaking business. [Courtesy Joyce Laws (now deceased) widow of Jack Laws, who for many years was the foreman at W. S. Grice via Allan Simpson]



ABOVE: The rear view of the hearse body showing the number plate with N.S.W. in vertical lettering on the left, then "L" followed by 5-249, black on white. These "L" plates were used on hearses. [Courtesy Joyce Laws (now deceased) widow of Jack Laws, who for many years was the foreman at W. S. Grice via Allan Simpson]



ABOVE: This photograph of 1920 Silver Ghost 62CW was taken in Dubbo. [Courtesy of the Larcombe family via Ian Irwin]

We can now pick up the next part of the history of 62CW in the pages of *The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate*, where the following item appeared on Thursday 21 July 1932, under the heading, "NEW HEARSE":

*"Mr. Norman Larcombe, having decided to launch out in the undertaking business, has purchased the very latest in motor funeral transport. On a Rolls-Royce chassis, he has had built a body of his own design, incorporating the most modern arrangements. The chassis itself is too well known to need comment. It is the recognised world's perfect piece of motor mechanism. The bodywork, by Grice Bros., of Sydney, is superb in its appointments, its symmetry of design and finish. Mr. Larcombe brought it to Dubbo on Tuesday, since when it has created much interest wherever it has been on view. The speed ranges from two miles per hour to a greater than can safely be used on our roads. The trip from Sydney was made in 5¾ hours. It has been deemed by leading Sydney undertakers to be the finest coach in Australia."*

The firm of W. S. Grice operated in Carlton Crescent, Summer Hill and the building is extant. Walter Stanley Grice was in business here from at least 1928. The origins of this firm were Grice, Ward & Torville of University Street, Camperdown, which was founded in August 1925 by Oliver N. Grice. W. S. Grice established an outstanding reputation for building high-quality ambulance bodies from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Now we have established that W. S. Grice built the hearse body on 62CW, this makes their third body we know of on Rolls-Royce chassis. They built a saloon body on 1922 Silver Ghost 51TG in 1947. 51TG may be familiar to Club members with the tourer body that the late Bob Walton made from an old body in the 1970s. In 1958 W.



S. Grice built a landaulette body on 1910 Silver Ghost 1492. 1492, with the Grice body, was one of the most famous recognisable

cars in the Club with Barrie and Margaret Gillings for more than 59 years.

In the early 1960s the Larcombe family sold 62CW for £20 to Sir Daryl Lindsay,\* of the famed Lindsay art family. Lindsay removed the funeral fittings and the hearse body and fitted a period American tourer body of unknown origin. When Lindsay died his son sold the car, then with only 37,000 miles on the clock, to George Williams of Sydney in 1970.

*\*During WWI, Daryl Lindsay was a war artist. He drew studies for army surgeons, creating an accurate medical record of injuries. This led to being appointed as the official medical artist to the Sidcup Hospital for facial reconstruction. MG(Ed.)*



62CW in 1992

George Williams joined the NSW Branch in 1966 and is listed with 12 Rolls-Royces. Of these five were Silver Ghosts in addition to 62CW. However, 62CW was the best chassis he had seen. The chassis, engine and transmission of 62CW were completely overhauled with the aid of Bert Ward, who started his apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce in Sydney in 1916. Williams then built a brougham de ville body at his motor body works in Camperdown. He had crafted many replica bodies on veteran and vintage cars so the challenge of a complex body for 62CW was not as daunting as it would otherwise appear. The result was impressive.



The interior of 62CW

The car was fully appointed with mahogany cabinet work, pleated leather seats, vases, crystal glasses and decanters, vanity units, silk-lined travelling cases and other refinements. The restoration took 5,000 hours and was completed in 1975. In August 1996 62CW was still with the Williams family when it was advertised for sale in *PRÆCLARVM*.

[My thanks to Allan Simpson, Ian Irwin and Tom Clarke]

David Neely



Approximately 20 members attended the Technical Day at Charlie Frey's premises at Hornsby on February 25th. Charlie gave a presentation on some of the "Code" products and gave some very useful information on the up-keep and care of the interior and exterior finishes on cars, greatly assisted by Andrew Gibson. An excellent lunch was provided and Charlie also demonstrated his "Barister" skills with the coffee machine.

This was a very good session, very much appreciated by the members attending, thank you Charlie, we look forward to the next one. **David Hughes**



Some of the tools arranged in Charlie's workshop.



The well-appointed Kitchen, with coffee on tap.

### Technical Day at Charlie Frew's



A relaxed Charlie Frew



John Elmes and Andrew Gibson examining the paint on the Corniche.



Charlie's lovely 25/30H.P. is a good advertisement for Charlie's 'Code' products!

Photos: Patrick Ryan

### Patrick and Leanne Ryan Share their Peninsula Hotel Experience with us.

On a recent trip to Hong Kong, my wife Leanne planned a pleasant afternoon at a hotel that she would not name.

How my jaw dropped as we rounded the corner to the Holy Grail of Rolls-Royce in Hong Kong, The Peninsular Hotel. I was speechless and all Leanne could do was smile and say "Surprise, here is where we are having High Tea this afternoon".

"Everyone knows all the green Rolls-Royces belong to the Peninsula". These were words spoken by Mary Goodnight, to James Bond in The Man With The Golden Gun, a very iconic Hotel.

Walking up the driveway we saw three of their fourteen strong EWB Goodwood Phantom fleet.



All in Brewster Green; their signature colour since their first fleet purchase of 7 Silver Shadows in 1970. Single "honey gold" coach line, biscuit Connolly hide interior & matching shag pile carpet complete these cars. They even have a Brewster Green 1934 Phantom II for those special occasions. It is quite amazing to witness how this fleet is so busy with Phantoms constantly arriving and departing the entire time we were there.

Sometimes hotels of this calibre can be intimidating. Not here. The staff are so warm and welcoming and we were made to feel special. I must thank the fleet manager Anthony, a very busy man, who went out of his way to get the keys so we could have a good look at these magnificent Phantoms. He was most adamant that we take a seat and relax. High tea and cocktails were first class and not too expensive.

When next in Hong Kong, be sure to pay a visit to see the Rolls-Royce fleet and make time for high tea, you will not be disappointed. **Patrick Ryan**



# COMING EVENTS for the next 6 months or so

## Sunday May 21 – Drive-and-Be-Driven Day & National Motoring Heritage Day – Peats Ridge.

Come and try out other members' cars either as a driver or a passenger. Check out a model you are thinking of maybe buying. Lunch at the Galvanised Café or bring a picnic. We also welcome members and friends in yours or theirs or your other interesting car!



This year we are combining this annual event with the National Motoring Heritage Day. There are designated gathering places all over NSW (just google councilofmotorclubs.org.au ) but, even if you don't come to Peats Ridge or go to one of those, make sure you take your club car out and let it be seen on the streets on this day.

## Sunday May 28 – Return to Wombat Flats – Another day to raise a top-up for the PV Conservation Fund.



The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Phantom V will be at Bob Doyle's place at The Oaks near Camden, if you fancy a ride in it.

## Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> – Dineamics

Ladies Lunch at the same place as last time; Café del Mar, Rooftop Terrace, Cockle bay Wharf, Darling Harbour. Ladies; watch your emails.



## Sunday June 25 – Winter Solstice Long Run VII to the Southern Highlands for lunch.

The details are on the Booking form enclosed.

## Sunday 2nd July - 2017 Classic Car Display and Charity BBQ A Christmas in July Event.

We are invited to bring our cars to the BDC (NSW) Annual Classic Car Display, Charity BBQ & Mini Swap Meet, 11.00am, 280 Penrose Road, Bundanoon

Cost: Adults \$10, Children \$5 per head BBQ , Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks included (all proceeds to Kids Research Institute at The Children's Hospital Westmead) Enquiries: Miles Felstead on 0418 287 388

## July 15 – All British Hunter region

We are invited to this annual event. Watch for further details.



## Sunday August 13 – Shannons Display Day (Eastern Creek)



## Sunday August 27 – All British Day at the Kings School Parramatta.

Tickets (\$15per car) will be available at the May General meeting.

## September 22 - 24 - DAWN PATROL XVI



This year the Early Post War Register's annual weekend away will be based at Albury NSW. We are staying at the Quality Resort Siesta at 416 Wagga Road, (02) 6025 4555. Many members do know this

location very well. Excellent accommodation and facilities, hosted by our very own member Ray Jones, son Stephen and their very professional staff. We shall be well looked after! Interesting scenic drives and attractions are being planned with entertainment and fun along the way

There is a choice of accommodation from \$155.00 per night for a Queen Suite, 3 dinners at approx. \$120.00 per person, breakfast is available at discount, fully cooked or continental. There will be a small levy for social or entertainment expenses, to be confirmed.

You know the drill! Book your room first [mention you are with the R-R Rally] and then phone Kate on 03 9598 6702 to confirm attendance and update contact details, or e-mail jandkstock@bigpond.com

A great start to the Spring driving season to blow away the Winter cobwebs. John Harriman Registrar.

## Thursday October 26 - Dineamics

### Ladies Lunch

Ladies; watch your emails.



## Sunday November 12 – Concours Linnwood House

## Saturday November 25- Presentation Dinner Roseville Golf Club

# WE HAVE CATALOGUED OUR CLUB LIBRARY AND PLACED IT ONLINE SO YOU CAN BROWSE FOR BOOKS AT YOUR LEISURE AND PLAN WHICH YOU'D LIKE TO BORROW.

Go to: [https://www.librarything.com/catalog/rroca\\_nsw](https://www.librarything.com/catalog/rroca_nsw)

Unfortunately, they are nearly all too heavy and/or too valuable to send through the mail.

You will have to attend a meeting to both borrow and return them.

However, we would be happy to reserve it for you.

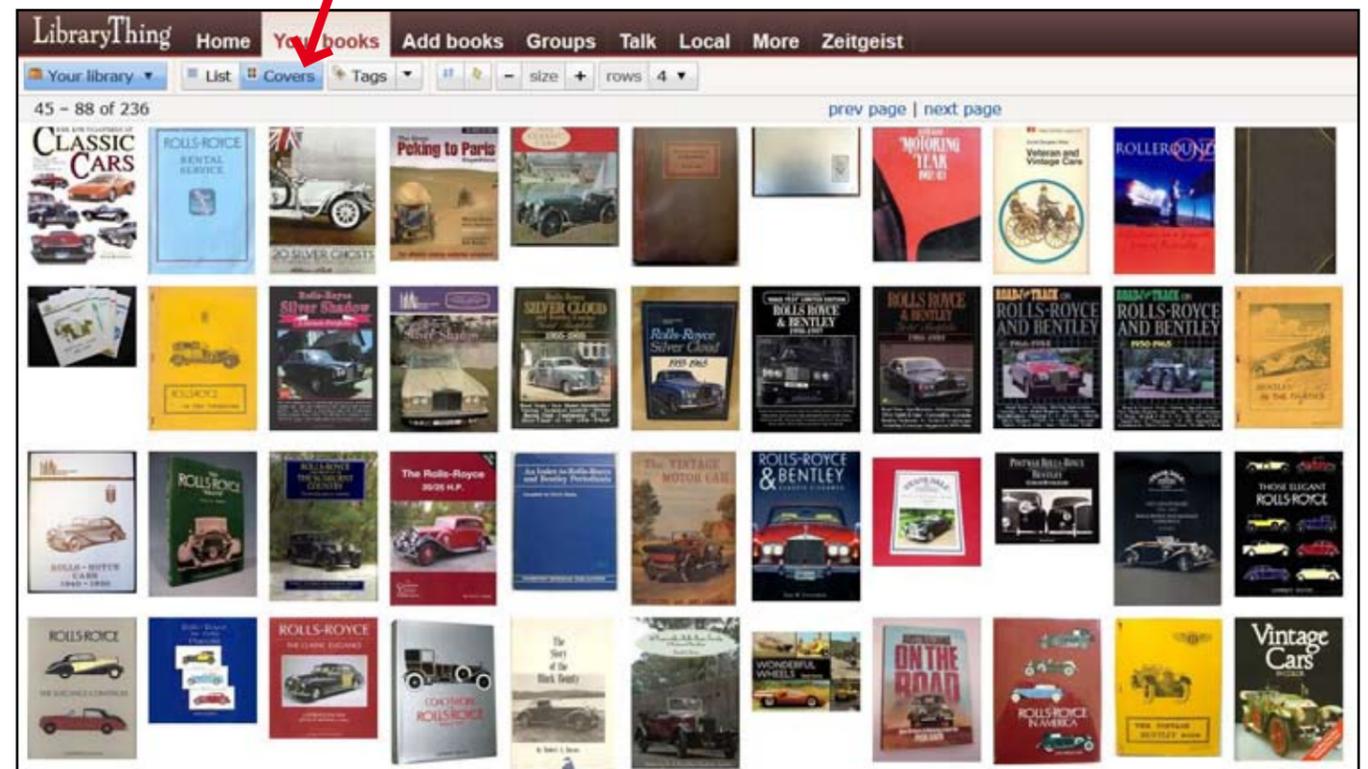
Contact our Librarian, Virginia Pang [librarian@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:librarian@nsw.rroc.org.au)

There are two ways of viewing the books; by 'List' or 'Covers'

So far the books are in alphabetical order of author only. As yet, they have not been sorted into 'tags' which will allow sorting by subject. However, you can search by either author or title if you are looking for a particular book.



The view above shows page 9 of the 'List' view and the one below shows page 2 of the 'Covers' view.



# Some Special pictures from the Federal Rally 2017

One of our NSW Concours Winners will be next edition's Car-of-the-Month, another is on the back cover. Here are the other two:



**BENTLEY TROPHY** 1965 Bentley S3 Continental Flying Spur, Chassis No. BC96XE, HJ Mulliner, Saloon. Owner: Graham Lawrence



**BEST POST WAR TROPHY**  
1951 Bentley Mk VI, Chassis No. B255LH, Standard Saloon  
Owner: Bruce Duncan



Bruce Duncan, Brian Crump and David Neely travelled in Gladys to the Concours judging.



Congratulations to our member, Paul Lukes of Paradise Garage who received the Sir Henry Royce Foundation Award. He is seen here with the four trustees.



Regal Phantoms make a return to Old Government House.

The Fred English Photographic Award went to NSW member, Michael Jeanes for his photo "Day's End"

It was taken in Bendigo last year and features a picnic held between two 1957 Silver Clouds; Peter Colwell's SFE87 and David Hughes's SED347. Congratulations Michael!



Michael's win was announced by SHRF Chairman, Russell Rolls at the Welcome evening held at Old Government House.



Something we don't see as much of these days as we used to; bonnets open and people getting their hands dirty!

LEFT and LOWER LEFT: Working on the cylinder head of Mark Herbstreit's 1931 20/25H.P. GNS60

Mark's 1977 Shadow II SRH30264 waits on the sidelines

BELOW: 20H.P. enthusiast, Bob Clarke gave an impromptu technical session in the car park outside the Concours judging venue.



Photos: Bruce Duncan, Chris Gillings, Lloyd Missen, Patrick Ryan



# Commemoration Run 2017

On the morning of Sunday 2nd April it was obvious that Autumn had arrived. The weather was perfect for Rolls Royce driving. Light drizzles, approximately 20 degrees Celsius and light, cool breezes.

Due to the efforts of Graeme Soderlund, the 58th Sir Henry Royce Commemoration Run for the NSW Club had been organised. Starting point was at The Pymble Bi -Centennial Park. There was a gathering of assorted Club Cars from around 10.30am. We were to meet and chat 'till 12pm, then drive to The Hunters Hill Club. There was light conversation, laughter and photographs taken by Patrick Ryan and a smattering of rain and umbrellas.



Leroy and Anderson Leong with ASJ22283



Good friends will always share their umbrellas with you!



One of our youngest members, Hayden Doyle brought his Grandpa along in SDW327



Mark Glanville with his lovely Silver Wraith AIS861



Patrick Ryan with SRH12255

The Commemoration Run was typical, coolish weather and all cars drove without a hitch. The run was mostly through densely wooded streets with lush foliage, mostly avoiding the main roads. It was picturesque and the Convoy managed to stay together.

As the Convoy approached Hunters Hill, we looked out of our windows only to see a fabulous Lagonda ahead of us. We forgave this Club member, none other than Graham Lawrence, who said he "decided to bring something different".



Look! It really is a Lagonda!

Many Club cars began to arrive and soon we were all chatting and seated for the Buffet Lunch. Our President, Bruce Duncan made a brief speech and then we merrily ate and drank, to celebrate the Special Day.



Ken Swinbourne always has something of historical interest to share and Brian and Naelo Jenkins are always interested.



A likely looking bunch hanging around in the carpark!



David Marshall-Martin and Paul Schipp were kind enough to run the People's Choice award for the Bill Cutts Trophy. There was an overwhelming vote for Rex and Norah Vincent's 1938 Rolls-Royce 25/30 Molyneux Sedanca Coupe GGR45.

(The vote was for the Car which you would like to go home in except the one you came in!)

A wonderful afternoon all 'round with members getting to know each other more and new members being made welcome. 57 attended. After all, has anyone ever heard of Heinz 58? **LeRoy Jones**



Patrick Ryan made a well-organised and informative presentation about Sir Frederick Henry Royce and the story of early Rolls-Royce and the Run which we were celebrating. Many excellent photographs were shown on the screen during the presentation, some of which had not been seen before, according to Margaret Gillings.



Photos: Patrick Ryan

## Clean-up Australia Day at Putney Park

We worked for about an hour or so at Putney Park. The park is in good shape, however, we still managed to collect several bags of garbage. Altogether there was 300kgs of rubbish removed from the park and the nearby wharf.

**Bruce Duncan**



Above: Two Rovers, David and Linda Neely's Spirit ASF13836 and Patrick and Leanne Ryan's Shadow SRH12255 demonstrated being clean and tidy on the sidelines.

Left: The Rover Club and members of Rotary were also there with their spikes and garbage bags; one general rubbish and one recyclable.



Photos:  
Bruce Duncan  
Patrick Ryan



No Patrick!  
You're not supposed to take one home with you!



## An update on some activities of The Sir Henry Royce Foundation

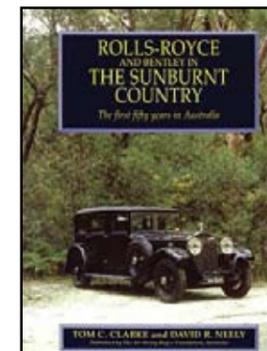
**FOR SALE from The Sir Henry Royce Foundation**  
Copies of Tom Clarke and David Neely's "Rolls-Royce and Bentley in the Sunburnt Country" and David Neely's "In the Rear View Mirror" are \$75 each posted (they are very heavy!) or \$50 if collected from a Club Meeting <http://www.roycefoundation.com.au/services/publications>  
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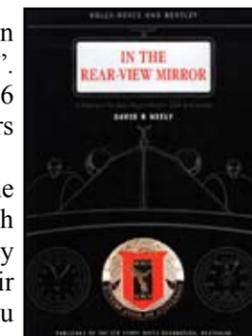


LEFT: Sir Henry Royce Foundation Chairman, Russell Rolls shows some of the extensive records relating to our cars that are held in the archives at the Foundation headquarters at Bill Allsep House in Melbourne.



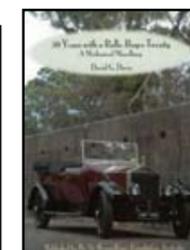
If it's anything like your editor's, your "Sunburnt Country" will be starting to get a bit tatty from overuse. There is no more useful reference book anywhere in our family library! Why not get yourself a second copy? Look up the history of your car and of any other that you are curious about. (This assumes that every member has at least one copy!)

Pretty much the same can be said for the "Rear View Mirror". There is a list of members from 1956 to 2002 which includes all the cars that they have owned. You may be interested in reading the history of the Federal and Branch Awards and seeing the record of fifty years of the winning cars and their owners. It may even inspire you to enter your own car into the next Concours.



Readers will remember that we featured an article about the York Motors 1985 fire in the last L&D. The article and photographs were contributed by Roger Falkner, the former General manager of Yorks. Roger has kindly donated his album of all those photos to the Foundation for their historical archive. Thanks Roger. MG(Ed)

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| <b>PHANTOM V REPORT</b> as @ 19.4.17 | \$                |
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50 Years with a Rolls-Royce Twenty by David G. Davis  
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## HERBY'S HINTS

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- Some tyre suppliers have been found wanting to put **TUBES** in **TUBELESS TYRES** on (mainly) Shadows, Spirits & the Bentley equivalent models which have the *older* steel wheels.



Doing this is a **NO – NO !**  
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# Letters/Emails/Photos etc.

Dear Margaret,  
I was delighted to see the photo of the lock on the leather bag on p 13 of L&D Vol. 61 No. 1 which was on the luggage rack of 42G1 at the Concours at Vacluse House.



I was ebaying Rolls-Royce some years ago when the bag came up. It was the lock that clinched it for me. The postage exceeded the cost of the bag. It arrived from England in a crushed and dried out state but did include the key! The leather took months of soaking in neatsfoot oil to restore it to condition followed by many applications of hide food to revive its appearance.

Identifying the origin of the bag has been difficult. I believe it was made to contain portable testing equipment. So far as I can ascertain, the Northern Factories were development facilities for jet engines and as a result received little prominence during WWII or since.

The bag has become an item of interest. It is certainly a practical and appropriate item for a vintage car, even if of a later date. Best wishes **David Davis**

Read more about David's world-famous 20.H.P. in the article below sent to us by Justin Hutchinson. From the 23rd March '17 issue of the Global Times in China.

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## 地广人稀火了机械文化 投资新东帮你挣来快钱

### 澳大利亚老爷车车展像世界杯

本报驻澳大利亚特约记者 张清泰 孙宇彤

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## 在埃及参观鳄鱼木乃伊博物馆

本报驻埃及特约记者 韩晓明

在埃及，参观鳄鱼木乃伊博物馆是一种独特的体验。这个博物馆展示了古埃及人对鳄鱼的崇拜和木乃伊制作技术。博物馆的展品包括各种鳄鱼木乃伊、陶器和文物，展示了古埃及文明的辉煌。

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