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**BELOW - Meet the AHMF delegates**

(From left) David Berner, Christine Stevens, Terry Thompson, Hugh Davis, Brian Davy, Maxine & Mike Beale, John Goddard, Colin & Maxine Keil, Neville Launer, Chris Hillbrick-Boyd



## AHMF Mission Statement, Vision & Values

### AHMF Mission Statement

To support Nationally the Preservation of Historic and Classic vehicles and machinery”

### AHMF Vision

To maintain continued use and enjoyment of Historic vehicles and machinery.

### AHMF Values

Respect – National Collaboration – Support Community – Preserving Motoring Heritage – Inclusivity – Sustainability

## PRESIDENT’S PARAGRAPHS



Welcome to the Summer edition of the *Spoke'n'Hub Torque*. I remind all readers that this newsletter is a publication from the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) for all motoring clubs and organisations across Australia and urge

readers to submit articles for publication that they believe will be of interest to our motoring movement at large.

As indicated in the last *Spoke'n'Hub Torque*, the AHMF held its AGM in September. As always, the state delegates who sit on the AHMF provided reports of the motoring clubs activities from each of their states. These included the Bay to Birdwood in South Australia. In New South Wales the Bi-annual Rally at Wagga Wagga and the Sydney classic. Both of these events were reported to have a strong turn-out of Historic Vehicles and excellent support from the public.

The National Heritage Motoring Day was well supported in each state with many clubs hosting significant events to celebrate this important day. Some states even reported they had some media coverage at their events which is an excellent way to get the interest in the historic vehicle movement increased across the community at large.

The AHMF was approached from ABC Radio to be interviewed regarding the movement and National Motoring Heritage Day. Neil Athorn from the FVVCVC fulfilled this role and did an excellent job representing the movement.

All state delegates reported the philanthropic donations they have made during the last 12 months to worthy charities such as Prostate Cancer, Cancer Research and numerous local charities all of which the greater community shares the benefits.

State delegates have also continued to build relationships with their respective state governing bodies. The AHMF remains strongly committed to supporting all states with their endeavours.

The AHMF remains committed to improving the air quality as the government's drive to reduce emissions. Our concern lies in our vehicles, which have very limited use, being caught up in any unintended consequences stemming from legislative changes.

I have outlined the benefits our movement brings to the community in the past and just recently, I again had these benefits re-enforced in a recent business trip to a town in country NSW. I had a discussion with the owner of the Motel I was staying at regarding their recovery from the impacts of the changes introduced by the Covid Pandemic. He expressed like many businesses, his business did it tough. He said the first big booking they had was from a car club who organised an event in the area. He told me it was the beginning of the commencement of life as it used to be. He said even the local Pub benefited from the club doing what our clubs tend to do.

In the coming year it is important that we continue to raise the profile of the movement. Recently the AHMF, through our state delegates, has been trying to establish how many vehicles greater than 30 years old are either registered or operate under one of the state's historic permit schemes. This information is essential to assist the movement to make representation at a state and federal Government level. I hope to present more information on this in the next edition of *Spoke'n'Hub Torque*.

Change is the only constant, a wise man once said. I was recently reading an article which identified the following information.

"**VicRoads** has disclosed that out of the 215,973 driving tests completed in the state over the last 12 months, only 14,659 of these tests were conducted in a car with a manual transmission.

This means only seven per cent of Victorians who completed a driving test over this period did so in a manual transmission-equipped car. The other 93 per cent drove a car with an automatic transmission”.

The above comment was featured in an article written by Jack Quick who is an automotive journalist based in Melbourne.

Until next edition, keep safe and enjoy the summer weather and the longer days it brings.

***Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year***

David Berner

*President*

*Australian Historic Motoring Federation.*

## **AHMF AGM - Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September**

AHMF AGM and Conference was hosted by QHMC on the Sunshine Coast. The weather was perfect, the venue - Mercure Sunshine Coast Kawana Waters - overlooking Lake Kawana was excellent and much achieved.

Delegates have been sent off with a list of tasks to help improve historic motoring in Australia.



***Hugh - "Brian and I will volunteer to do that".***

Hugh and Brian from FHMC SA are already starting to plan the 2024 AGM and Conference in the Adelaide area and have Guest Speakers organised.

It is great to see the enthusiasm from new delegates.

*Christine Stevens*

*QHMC Delegate to AHMF*

## **A CARGO SHIP OF 1949 FORDS!**



*August 19th, 1949. Mississippi River at St Louis. 60 on each level... 180 in all.*



***Holden at the Monte Carlo***

## FROM THE SPOKE'N'HUB TORQUE EDITOR



The *Spoke'n'Hub Torque* is issued quarterly and is receiving excellent coverage throughout Australia and further a field. We now know the newsletter is going outside Australia as we received an article from the Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa.

AHMF Delegates visited the Sir Henry Royce Foundation's Coolum Showrooms in September and received a guided tour from Trustee Frank Carroll.

Frank Carroll has provided you with a novel business model for Car Museums.

Jerry Wells is looking for a particular 1904 Siddeley 6 HP; its last appearance was in a Shannon's auction in March 2000.

I just *HAD* to include the story about Queensland's First Air Mail as the first line states, "*Qantas was founded in Winton*". Being I was brought up half way between Hughenden and Winton, I take any opportunity to dispel the myth that Qantas was founded in Longreach.

Consider putting together articles for future issues of *Spoke'n'Hub Torque*. Email your article/s along with photographs, hints or technical articles for to share with other historic motoring enthusiasts.

If these articles are of interest to you, your articles will also be of interest to others also.

We are approaching the end of 2023 and I wish you, your family and friends a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

### **Due dates:**

Articles to Editor: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Distribution Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### **Share this Newsletter**

Please pass this newsletter on to other historic motoring enthusiasts.

If you wish to be added to the distribution list please email the Editor.

**Email newsletter articles (Word & jpeg format) to Christine at [christine@ftrs.com.au](mailto:christine@ftrs.com.au) .**



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Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure all articles appearing in this publication are accurate, the AHMF recommends all information provided should be validated by the reader to ensure it is accurate and applicable to their state and should not solely rely on it in isolation.

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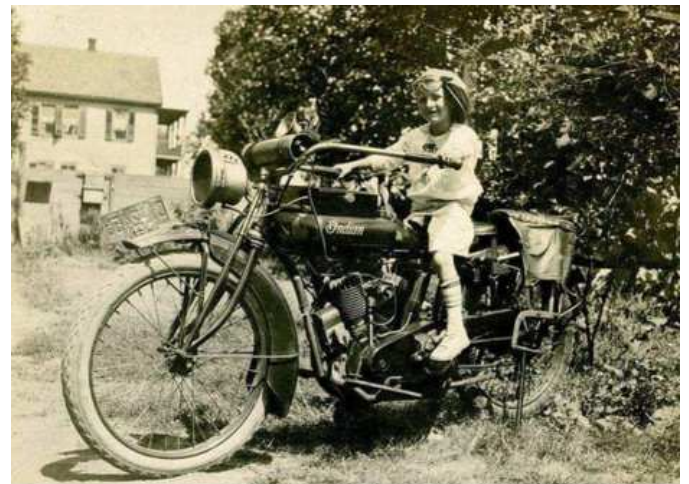


### ***A R Valentine Milk Van, Woolloongabba, Brisbane***

*The car was a demonstration on how a single seater vehicle could be converted into a milk delivery van.*

*Photo taken approx 25th October 1937*

*Photo from Queensland State Archives*



### ***Woods Indian Motorcycle***

## VISIT TO THE SIR HENRY ROYCE FOUNDATION'S COOLUM SHOWROOMS



**2007 Rolls-Royce Phantom Sedan**



Frank Carroll, Trustee of the Sir Henry Royce Foundation, welcomed AHMF Delegates at their Coolum Showrooms. Frank gave a full and detailed tour which was enjoyed by all.

The Showroom has an amazing display of special Rolls Royce and Bentley motor vehicles along with 7 notable Rolls Royce engines, Army vehicles powered by Rolls Royce engines, a 340 model car display, archives and books.

Next door is Carroll's Transport Depot which has 25 vintage and collectable cars on display.

The photos tell the story.



The Sir Henry Royce Foundation was created following discussions at the 1995 rally of the Rolls Royce Owners Club of Australia.

A stand-alone body was proposed to preserve the heritage of the past in relations to items manufactured by Rolls Royce and Bendi, along

with the history of the founders, Sir Henry Royce, The Hon C.S Rolls and W.O. Bentley.



**1927 Rolls-Royce**



**1988 Bentley Turbo Sedan**



The Coolum Showroom is open on the first Saturday of the month, in conjunction with

Sunshine Coast Cars & Coffee, centred upon the German Bakehouse next door.

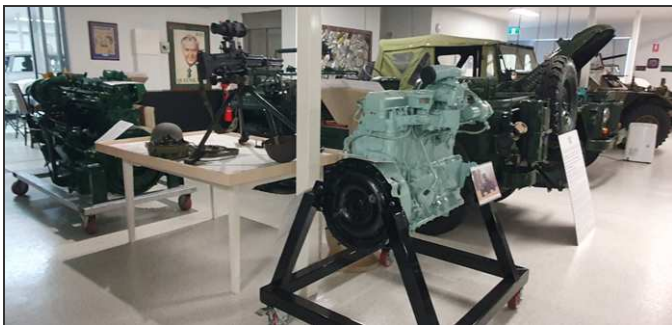


**1945 Rolls-Royce Merlin V12 27 Litre Aero Engine**

Hugh Davies from SA in involved in the Military Museum in Adelaide so was particularly interested in all of the military vehicles.



**1979 Rolls-Royce Sedan & a rare 1941 Morris**



**1965 Rolls-Royce B60 4.26 litre petrol engine, used in UK Defence Forces. Daimler Ferrett**



**Austin, Armstrong Siddeley utility, Corvette**



Thank you Frank for giving up your Friday afternoon and showing us through. It was a very interesting and informative afternoon.

Frank has also shared his article of the Novel Business model for car museums (below) and has allowed us to reproduce this article as it may be of benefit to many of the readers. Again, thank you Frank.

*Christine Stevens*

*QHMC Delegate to AHMF*

## NOVEL BUSINESS MODEL FOR "CAR MUSEUMS"

### The Sir Henry Royce Foundation's 'Coolum Showrooms'

In 2019 discussions with a colleague of mine and fellow member of a local car club, we (in my role as a Trustee of the Foundation, having its display at Coolum alongside our personal collection) hatched the idea of "Sunshine Coast Cars & Coffee" as a concept which would be based upon the following activities: -

- (a) Local vintage and veteran car enthusiasts looking for an excuse to exercise their motor vehicles, catch up with likeminded individuals and show their cars as well as learn about others, would meet in Lysaght Street at Coolum on a certain day each month.
- (b) We settled on the first Saturday each month from 7am – 10am, following a similar style of social outing promoted on Facebook across the country and already happening at various places such as Coorparoo in Brisbane and another venue on the Gold Coast as well as interstate destinations.
- (c) We needed the cooperation of the German Bakehouse which has its main 24-hour bakery and one of its sales outlets at the corner of Lysaght Street and Junction Drive – they have been happy to be involved, with revenue in 3 hours exceeding a week-day's trade. They don't usually open this outlet on weekends.

These events have been happening almost every month since April 2019, despite the advent of COVID and all of the novel crack-downs and "health requirements" about people registering as they enter, wearing masks, not going in public at certain times etc, etc.

The activities have resulted in very helpful promotion of the Foundation and its Coolum Beach showroom, with the following helpful side effects: -

1. Revenue of \$300 - \$600 per month (depending on weather and other diversions) to the Foundation.
2. A waiting list of owners of vintage and veteran cars keen to display their cars at the Foundation and to donate toward the Foundations overheads, for us to 'store' the vehicle.
3. The donation of a 1990 Bentley Turbo R motor vehicle early in 2022 from a Queensland Resident who heard about the showroom and its appeal to the public.
4. A donation of a Rolls Royce Tay Jet Engine (fully prepared and mounted on a mobile display stand), in May 2021 along with

numerous other collections of books, model motor vehicles and a like.

5. Increased publicity for the Foundation and a generous bequest from a Brisbane resident in his Will.

This appears to be an interesting "car museum" business model and needs further careful thought and deliberation as to how best to utilise it as well as benefit our community from what it provides.

Carrolls Transport Depot with a private collection of vintage and veteran motor vehicles, has been expanded with the encouragement of the said activities and now plays an important community role on the Sunshine Coast.

#### **Issues that have risen and new ideas to be developed further**

- (a) Use of an eftpos machine at entry seems essential these days as the number of people carrying cash seems to be rapidly reducing. We also have a float of \$250 cash to provide ample change so visitors have no excuse to avoid the modest entry fee.
- (b) The 'admission fee' was lower and has been raised to \$10.00 pp since July 2022. If morning tea is provided, there is an extra charge of \$7.00 pp and this seems very light in view of the valuable vehicles presented, maintenance of toilets, cleaning, lighting and air-conditioning and human effort put into organising, managing and cleaning. I believe the 'entry fee' should be \$15. As a comparison, "Motorlife Museum" at Wollongong with 100 cars and lots of books, etc, charge \$17.50 per adult and plan to increase it (open most days for 7 hours, so visitors turn up as they please). It is larger, in 3 sheds on Council land (for which a nominal rental is paid).
- (c) Printed material is handed out at the door to each person or family group that comes through and at the moment that includes a Carrolls Transport Depot pamphlet plus a Foundation pamphlet with inserted A4 sheet (printed on both sides) giving up to date information about the display. Whoever runs such a facility needs to ensure the printed material is provided and this gives contact details for similar groups wanting to come back in the future as well as some capacity to promote the Showroom to other likeminded people.
- (d) Copies of the said pamphlets are provided to other interested car club members who hand them out to interested colleagues and the provision of this material is yet another "overhead".
- (e) Provision of fully particularised "details cards" on exhibits is essential and the cost of providing these and printed manner on corflute or similar

material of sufficient size to allow easy perusal is another overhead.

- (f) We have found that a “large free parking” sign at the street boundary assists to divert cars into our car parking area which has some 29 spaces. Secondly, a large sign promoting the facility (double sided core flute) on aluminium frame is carried out and placed there as well on “Cars and Coffee” days or other ‘open’ days.
- (g) The guided tours undertaken by me with a mobile amplifier seem to be quite valuable, with some groups enquiring in advance as to the timing of commencing such guided tour on the Saturday mornings. Responses and interaction during the guided tour also assist in having visitors understand the facility and identify with the exhibits.
- (h) A small team of reliable volunteers is needed to attend the door and ensure compliance with the entry fee requirement, as well as to advise, assist and direct visitors who have all sorts of enquiries and often want to bring a family pooch into the showroom with them (not allowed). Such volunteers are also required to deal with occasional spills of coffee, to assist set-up and closure of the display and to be available should we be away any time on the designated Saturday each month.
- (i) Promotion of the Showroom, collection and “Cars & Coffee” events, as undertaken on Facebook by The German Bakehouse, who come over to photograph the latest addition to our display each month, assists in promotion. We have also taken advantage of the local community broadcasters “Community Announcements”, sometimes at short notice, to publish late changes to events. I have also undertaken interviews live from the Coolum Showroom on Saturday mornings on various radio programs including ABC Australia-wide. Such opportunities to promote the event should be exploited for they appear to be beneficial.
- (j) Since I retired from practice on 30/6/23, I plan to write to a few of the many motoring clubs each month, to encourage them to make our display an outing destination, preferably to join in Sunshine Coast Cars & Coffee, so they see 80 -100 vintage, veteran and ‘collector’ cars that gather here on the first Saturday each month.
- (k) I happily encourage other collectors to adopt this model and look forward to the Sir Henry Royce Foundation opening a similar collection in Canberra early in 2024.
- (l) So far, we have not encountered any issue with the Police or local Council, and have received nothing but complimentary encouragement from other local businesses in the “Coolum Industrial Estate”, where we are located for these events.

(m) Well-managed and cleanly presented premises have assisted us to be accepted as a ‘museum’ by like-minded entities, who have happily entrusted us with two rare Rolls-Royce engines (on indefinite loan) that compliment another seven Rolls-Royce engines of particular historical interest.

Overall, this shows promise.

*Frank Carroll 8/9/23*

*Trustee of the Sir Henry Royce Foundation*

Webpages:

- <https://www.henryroycefoundation.com/coolum-showroom>
- <https://www.henryroycefoundation.com>

## **CARS ON GOLD COAST HIGHWAY, SURFERS PARADISE, 1961**

The South Coast region was a very popular holiday destination for servicemen returning from World War II. However, inflated prices for real estate and other goods and services led to the nickname of "Gold Coast" from 1950.

By the 1960s the Gold Coast's infrastructure had grown considerably, and the local building industry was able to support the development of high-rise holiday apartments and hotels (the first of which, Kinkabool, was completed in 1959).

Surfers Paradise had firmly established itself as the leading destination and the introduction of bikini-clad meter maids in 1965 to fee parking meters by the beach to prevent holiday-makers from receiving parking fines was a particularly popular innovation.

In 1965, the world water skiing championships were held at the Surfers Paradise Ski Gardens, now known as Sea World. This was the first international event to be held on the coast.



*Photo taken on 12th January 1961  
Photo from Queensland State Archives*



# AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SOUTHERN AFRICA

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### 50 Years Ago: A Historic Advertisement

Fifty years ago, in the pages of The Star newspaper, an advertisement for a gathering like no other caught the attention of automotive enthusiasts in Southern Africa. The advertisement, placed by two Austin Healey owners, invited all Austin Healey owners and enthusiasts to come together for a special celebration at the Sunnyside Park Hotel on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1973, marking the club's inception. Eight cars, 24 owners attended and little did they know that this event would pave the way for five decades of passion, camaraderie, and a shared love for classic cars

### A Milestone Achieved: 50 Years and One Day Later

Fast forward to July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and a sense of excitement filled the air as the Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa gathered at the picturesque Higher Ground Restaurant. The venue was a perfect choice, offering stunning panoramic views that perfectly complemented the beauty of the Austin Healey cars that adorned the cricket field below.



### A Gathering of Healey's: 50 in 50

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023, exactly 50 years and one day since the original invitation, the 50th-anniversary celebration took centre stage. An astonishing 50 Austin Healey's, representing various models and generations, adorned the venue, bringing a kaleidoscope of colours and designs to the eyes of all attendees.

### A Day of Nostalgia and Triumphs

The atmosphere at the Higher Ground Restaurant was electric with stories and memories shared by long-standing members, some of whom had been part of the club since its inception. Nostalgia intertwined with laughter as they recounted their past adventures, road trips, and the camaraderie that had developed over the years.

The event also honoured the achievements and contributions of members and sponsors who had made significant impacts on the club and the Austin Healey community as a whole.



### Looking to the Future: A Timeless Legacy

As the celebration progressed, a sense of anticipation filled the air as the club members pondered what the next 50 years would hold. The passion for Austin Healey's runs deep, and there is no doubt that the Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa will continue to flourish for generations to come.

The event came to a close with a heartfelt toast to the past, the present, and the future of the club. As the attendees bid their farewells, they knew that this celebration had etched a memorable chapter in the history of the Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa—a chapter that will be cherished and celebrated for years to come.

### Conclusion

The 50th-anniversary celebration of the Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa was a testament to the enduring passion for these classic cars and the close-knit community that had formed around them. It was a celebration of not just the cars themselves but the friendships, memories, and shared experiences that have enriched the lives of countless individuals over the past half-century.

At the end of the day, the Austin Healey's stood tall, proud symbols of an illustrious past and a promising future. The Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa had not only marked 50 years of existence but had also solidified its place as a timeless legacy that would continue to drive the hearts and minds of car enthusiasts for generations to come.

*John Reidy*  
Austin Healey Club of  
Southern Africa  
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## "LITTLE CAR LOST?"

Does anyone know the present whereabouts of a **1904 Siddeley 6 HP** car that has spent quite a lot of its life in Victoria?

The presence of the car in this State is evidenced by the following photographs and documents.

1. The car was imported in about 1910 and used by Mr George Trehwella who lived in Trentham.



2. After WW1, it fell into disrepair but was purchased by Mr Warren Bonning of Melbourne who restored the vehicle to its former glory.

The photo below was taken during a parade in Melbourne as part of Australia Day celebrations in the 1970's.



3. Last appearance of the car was in a sale catalogue for a Shannon's auction in March 2000.



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**1904 SIDDELEY 6HP TOURING CAR OPEN TOURER**

MANUFACTURER: Vickers, Con and Maxim Ltd, Crayford, Kent, U.K.

ENGINE NO: 5187

CHASSIS NO: 285

BODYWORK: Tourer

COLOUR: Cream / Brown

INTERIOR: Beige

MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

ENGINE: 1 cylinder 6 h.p.

GEAR BOX: 3-speed Manual

DESCRIPTION

Siddeley Autocar Co. of Coventry produced early cars that were relatively primitive, with vertical engines, mechanically operated inlet valves, honeycomb radiators and side chain drive, offered in 2.3 litres, twin cylinder and 3.3 litre and a 4 cylinder of 18 h.p.

Email included:

*Hi Jerry*

*Thanks for your enquiry. The car is intriguing. We have 7 of these 6hp Siddeleys on our list of recorded vehicles, variously dated between 1904 and 1906. However this does not appear to be one of them. The closest we have is car number 270 ( ... "car number" is the normal term used for these cars, rather than chassis number ... also it is often quoted with a V in front, so V270). V270 left the factory in May 1906, so your car, V285, is probably actually 1906. I have pictures of several of the other survivors and the only one that looks virtually identical is, in fact, V270, but that spent most of its life in Malta, so it is definitely not the same car.*

*I have checked the Veteran Car Club of GA list as well, and it is not on that either. So I suspect it is not in the UK.*

*Sorry I have drawn a blank, but I will keep an eye out and if I manage to track it down, you will be the first to know.*

*Best regards*

*Andy Plummer*

*Veteran/Vintage Advisor, Wolsley Register.*

**Any info to Jerry Wells, Victoria**  
**Cool Country Classics, Trentham**  
**Email: [humbercorolla@gmail.com](mailto:humbercorolla@gmail.com)**

# ROBERT SHANNON FOUNDATION TRUST

The AGM for the Robert Shannon Foundation was held on Friday 8th September and, we are very proud to announce, we have 3 new Trustees to the Foundation - David Berner and John Goddard from FVVCVC Vic and Hugh Davis from FHMC SA.

The additional trustees add additional experience and enthusiasm to the Foundation.

A grant of \$2,000 has been issued to Toby Thomas from Rover Car Club, NSW. Toby is a 21 year old restoring a 1947 Triumph 1800 Roadster. Toby has already brought 1 Rover SD1 back to life after it was abandoned. He has restored 2 other interesting classic vehicles back to registered condition. This is a larger project than his previous projects. After discussion, the Trustees agreed to grant Toby \$2,000 on the condition he have the brake master cylinder overhauled.

Brochures are being produced and printed and will be available in the National Motor Museum, Birdwood as well as being available for major events such as major National Motoring Heritage Day events.

If you are holding a major event and would like to promote the Robert Shannon Foundation please make contact with any one of the Trustees.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, historic 50s, historic 60s, historic 70s and historic 80s vehicles up to 30 years old.

### The Foundation may:

- Help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment;
- Assist with the actual cost of restoration work;
- Contribute toward TAFE or other fees;
- Contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

The Robert Shannon Foundation is a registered Charity, therefore there are conditions that must be met before a grant can be awarded.

## Grant Eligibility

Any person (or group of people) under the age of thirty years, and engaged in studying automotive restoration and preservation, or actively working on historic vehicles is eligible to nominate for a grant.

## Funds

The funds available for grants is the interest earned from investments. To assist increasing the value of these grants, we would appreciate donations to help build our investment funds. Clubs are encouraged to donate the clubs income/interest earned from their investments and, thus, removing the need to pay tax.

Although the Foundation has gained recognition as a charitable organisation we are still working on making donations tax deductible.

## Due Dates

The due dates, with all grants, must be adhered to.

1. Applications for a Grant must be in the hands of the Secretary of the State or Territory Council no later than 5:00pmEST 1st May annually.

It is recommended Applications are forwarded to State or Territory councils well before 1st May for assessment.

2. Applications for a Grant must be in the hands of the AHMF Chairman no later than 5:00pm EST 1st June annually.

Applications received after this date will be assessed with the submissions for the following year and will require a detailed and updated report from the Applicant, Supporting Club and State/Territory Council.

## Grant Application Process

Before completing an Application, an individual or group must seek the support of their local historic vehicle club. This club must be affiliated with the appropriate State or Territory Council (listed on page 1 of this newsletter).

The supporting club must complete the relevant section of the Application Form and forward the application to its state council for endorsement.

### **Trustees:**

Chairman	Christine Stevens	QHMC
Treasurer	Neville Launer	FVVCVC
Trustees	Albert Budworth	QHMC
	David Berner	FVVCVC
	John Goddard	FVVCVC
	Hugh Davis	FHMC SA

## Enquiries

Enquiries can be to the Foundation Chairman, Christine Stevens - Phone 0419 789 151 or [christine@vintagenoise.com.au](mailto:christine@vintagenoise.com.au) - or any of the Trustees listed above. Information can be located on the website - <https://ahmf.org.au/rsf/>

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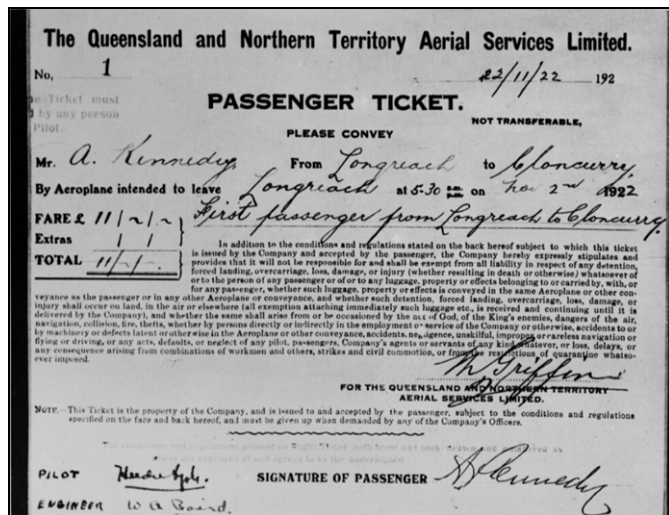
## QUEENSLAND'S FIRST AIR MAIL & TICKET NUMBER 1

Qantas was founded in Winton, Queensland on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1920 as Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Limited by Paul McGuinness, Hudson Fysh, Fergus McMaster and Arthur Baird.

The airline's first aircraft was an Avro 504K purchased for £1425. The aircraft had a cruising speed of 105 km/hour (65 mph) and carried one pilot and two passengers.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1922, 84-year-old outback pioneer named Alexander Kennedy became the first Qantas passenger on a scheduled flight. He had agreed to subscribe some cash and join the provisional board provided he received ticket No. 1.

His flight was on the Longreach-Winton-McKinlay-Cloncurry section of the inaugural mail service from Charleville to Cloncurry.



**The Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Limited (now Qantas) passenger ticket No. 1 for a flight from Longreach to Cloncurry, issued to A. Kennedy and signed by Hudson Fysh**



**Queensland's first aerial mail welcomed at Winton**

The airline operated air mail services subsidised by the Australian government, linking railheads in western Queensland.

Between 1926 and 1928, Qantas built seven de Havilland DH.50s and a single DH.9 under licence in its Longreach hangar. In 1928 a chartered Qantas aircraft made the inaugural flight of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, departing from Cloncurry.

*Both Photos from Queensland State Archives*

## EDITH STREET, INNISFAIL

September 1946

**23 September 1946 - Cairns Post Newspaper**

Screenings in the streets are a source of annoyance and the Johnstone Shire Council should be asked to effect a clearance of these impediments. *"The position is intolerable for ladies crossing the highways, and I have heard a lot of complaints"* said the president of the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce, Mr L. Waters at the monthly meeting of that body last night.

Mr Ralph McKay said the town esplanade wanted widening as there was a lot of traffic there now with big timber trucks about. Recently a bus and a lorry had collided.



*Edith Street, Innisfail  
Photo taken September 1946  
Photo from Queensland State Archives*

## ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE SURVEY

The Zero Emission Vehicle through Qld Transport & Main Roads received 1115 responses.

The next steps for TMR will be:

- Collating and analysing the data
- Working with Industry to develop ZEV Action Plan for Personalised Transport
- Publishing the Action Plan for industry comment.

I will keep you updated on any progress as it happens.

*Christine Stevens, QHMC Delegate*