



Roma Historical Motor Club Newsletter

February 2018

NEXT MEETING – Sunday, 11 February 2018

@ "Point of View" 74 Orallo Road, Roma commencing at 3 pm.
Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

Coming Events

(Please see RHMC Website for further information)

Club Events

11 February (Sunday): RHMC Monthly Meeting. See above for details.

03 March (Saturday): Motoring Scavenger Hunt - St George

06 March (Tuesday): Display at Official Opening of the Roma Men's Shed. 9.30 am arrival for a 10 am start.

24 March (Saturday): Display at the Official Opening of Robert and Edith Burton's new museum. 8am to 5 pm. You might like to arrange to drop your vehicle off for the day if you can't be there for the whole time of the display.

30 March to 01 April: Easter in the Country Rally "Escape to the Country"

06 May (Sunday): Display at Plough Day. More details to follow.

11 May (Friday): Display in Roma for the RFDS 90th year celebrations. More details to follow.

12 May (Saturday): Display in Charleville for the RFDS 90th year celebrations. More details to follow.

20 May (Sunday): National Motoring Heritage Day. More details to follow.

Other Events

14 April: Honk! Ipswich Festival Vehicle Parade and Exhibition

12 & 13 May: RVAD 40th Anniversary Rally, Dalby

20 May: David Hack Classic, Toowoomba

Don't forget that the club has some new email addresses:

General enquiries

admin@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au

Ads and items for the newsletter

news@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au

Chapter Runs

17 February (Saturday): Wallumbilla/Yuleba

18 February (Sunday): St George

25 February (Sunday): Injune

For Sale/Wanted

For Sale: 1981 VH Holden Commodore Sedan. Located in Chinchilla, Queensland. Registered until Nov 2018. One owner, well maintained - only needs a few cosmetic touch ups. Many extras. \$6,000. Email: Lesley at jillcasey@aol.com

Wanted: Badges as per shape shown in the photo. 116mm high x 71 mm wide at the ends of the ribbon in the centre. There are 104 different designs including about 6 badges that are simply colour variations but there are at least 97 variations of design i.e. clubs, places, & organisations etc. Please email Ron McMellon at ron.mcmellon@hotmail.com or via Facebook Messenger with photo of badge & price.

Wanted: HQ Holden Kingswood station Wagon, 4.2 litre V8 with 4 speed manual, any condition. Contact Col Hayes on 0409 825 913.

Wanted: Les Fry is looking for 1915 to 1920 Caldwell Vale Trucks which are rumoured to be buried on a property near Roma. He is hoping to purchase them for restoration purposes. Contact Karen Dawes on 0429 442 286.

If you have anything you wish to put in this section please email it to news@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au.

All For Sale/Wanted notices will be run for 3 months.



ROMA'S Easter in the Rally Country

Our rally coordinators, Jodie and Patsy, have been working hard with preparations for our Easter in the Country Rally 2018. We are asking club members to support our rally in the following ways. For members from our various chapters, if you are having trouble with getting accommodation please let us know and we will work towards finding a solution.

1. Participate in the rally. Entry forms are on our website and printed copies are available. You will really enjoy it! We have entrants from various parts of Qld who make a point of regularly attending!
2. Home Baking for morning and afternoon teas. Contact Nazima.
3. Support for Nazima and Edith and those who are assisting with catering over the weekend. We are providing more of the meals this time, so please, help out where you can.
4. People power to man our events. People will be required to assist with running gymkhana events, setting up equipment, parking vehicles, and cleaning up. We will need your help at each venue. Our rally coordinators will direct you with what needs to be done.
5. If you would like to, we will gratefully accept a donation of a prize for one of our competitions. Contact Jodie.

Contact Numbers:
Jodie Beitz: 0416 221 191
Patsy Ey: 4622 2865
Nazima Dann: 4622 2868
Karen Dawes: 0429442286

Photo Request

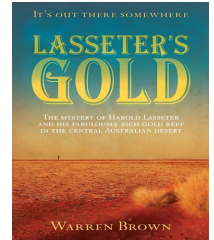
Robert Burton would like club members to send him photos of their vehicles for the new project he is completing at his residence. The display will not have identifying comments with the vehicle. Only that these are vehicles from our club.

Please send photos to
rneburton@bigpond.com.

GOOD READS

Lasseters Gold – Warren Brown

A book review by John Morrow.



If it wasn't for this being a true story then it would be an unbelievable bush yarn. Everybody has probably heard or knows of the legendary existence or not of the fabled Lasseters Gold reef located allegedly somewhere out there west of Alice Springs.

What is truly legendary is that in 1930 when the Central Australian Gold Expedition team was extravagantly prepared with Workers Union members funds and this little camping adventure undertaken to locate, peg and register a lease over the Lasseter Gold Reef, camel travel was still the favoured and most reliable means of transport.

This was the first time that just about every modern means, mechanical that is, known to man at that time was to be engaged on this depression busting expedition to save the Australian economy. The hero or villain, whatever way you view it, is a brand spanking shiny new 6 wheel drive Thornycraft Truck donated/loaned by the British manufacturer. The only machine claimed to be suitable for this application.

The author, Warren Brown, is a cartoonist with a couple of newspapers down south. He was also one the driving forces behind the one hundred year anniversary re-enactment of the Paris to Peking rally in 2007. You may also remember him more recently, however as one of the hosts on the short lived Australian version of "Top Gear". Naturally he is a motoring enthusiast and this is evident in his narrative when the matters pertaining to the transport logistics take place. These are daily hurdles to overcome and they make for head shaking reading.

I didn't realise that I would enjoy this fascinating true adventure and the everlasting influence that mechanised transport would have on the development of our country. Not to mention the resilience and fortitude of the quintessential rural Aussie.

I listened to Warren Brown being interviewed on Conversations Hour with Richard Vidler on the ABC recently. This book was published in July 2015 and his enthusiasm and pleasure in researching this story and relating it in a truly interesting way hooked me.

Do yourself a favour, have a listen to the podcast and then get your nose into this book. It is a beauty. And how did the Thornycraft Truck fare? Only one way to find out.

A Note from the President –

Happy New Year to all of our club members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your input into our club. We are a thriving club that functions well and it is due to the fact that we have many members taking an active role and contributing where they can to promote the club, its functions and the historical vehicle movement in general.

I would also like to thank those of you who are also actively promoting the correct use of vehicles registered under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVS). We do our best as a club to follow the guidelines and provide many opportunities for you to enjoy the use of your vehicles. At the November meeting I did read out the guidelines as refresher.

Please see below:

Special interest vehicle scheme

Conditions and restrictions

You and anyone driving your special interest vehicle must only use the vehicle for:

- participating in rallies organised by incorporated vehicle clubs or events sanctioned by the Australia Street Rod Federation (ASRF). Note: a rally is a social event whereby a parade of special interest vehicles travel together for competition or to meet at an agreed location. Rallies are usually listed in a incorporated club newsletter or on the incorporated club's website or social media page.
- participating in processions for which a Special Events Permit has been issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management –Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2015*
- exhibiting the vehicle in displays, fetes or similar functions conducted for religious, charitable or educational purposes
- ceremonial purposes (such as weddings, formals, funerals) involving immediate and de facto family members, or as part of a sanctioned incorporated club event, provided this is not done for fee or reward. Immediate and de facto family means parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, adopted children and adopted grandchildren, but not extended family members such as aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces
- preparing for, proceeding to, and returning from the above activities
- direct travel to and from an approved inspection station to get a safety certificate or certificate of inspection before offering the vehicle for sale
- travel in order to have the vehicle repaired. There is no distance restriction, however such travel must be reasonable and justifiable by the vehicle operator
- road testing within a 15km radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged or is being repaired. The purpose of the travel must be to road test the vehicle following repair or restoration, or for general vehicle maintenance and not for any other purpose. This does not include use as an everyday means of transport. A passenger may travel in your vehicle to assist with road testing—only if your vehicle can legally carry passengers.

Buses are permitted to carry non-fare paying passengers for journeys (joy-rides) from an event (for example, a fete) and return provided the length of the journey does not exceed 5km. Payment of any kind cannot be received for these journeys.

Heavy vehicles over 4.5t GVM are permitted to carry a load provided the loaded GVM or gross combination mass (GCM) does not exceed 50% of the maximum permitted mass for the vehicle configuration. This mass is based on the lesser of:

- Individual axle ratings
- Tyre manufacturer's limits
- Manufacturer's GVM or GCM
- Regulation mass limits.

If your special interest vehicle does not have permanent lighting, you must carry a removable lighting system with the vehicle at all times and use that system whenever lighting would normally be required. Carbide lights are acceptable where that type of light was originally fitted.

Some things to note:

- It is your responsibility to make sure that you are operating your vehicle under the guidelines.
- If you are using your vehicle outside of these guidelines and have an accident, it can affect your ability to claim on your CTP insurance.
- The biggest question that we get as a club is whether we “hire out” vehicles for formals or weddings. If you get asked this question, the short answer is “no”.
 - ✚ Firstly to hire out a vehicle, and receive payment or reward, you need a taxi or limousine license. (Anyone can lend or drive a vehicle on full registration for a formal or a wedding providing they don't receive payment.)
 - ✚ You will note that DTMR have recently updated these guidelines after negotiations with our Queensland body, Queensland Historic Motoring Council, to include the ability to do formals as a club event. We were one of the first clubs in Queensland to work with QHMC to establish these guidelines and commence doing formals this way. It is a real benefit to our small community for students to have a bit more choice with regard to a formal car and those who have participated in our formal runs have really enjoyed themselves; driving the students and explaining the finer points of their vehicles. We do a display and collect for charity as well on the evening.
 - ✚ You will also note the wording that weddings could be part of a sanctioned club event. However, I have discussed this with the DTMR rep for QHMC and he and I agree that a wedding could only be a club event if it involves members of the club. There is no way that one or two cars on SIVS registration participating in a wedding can be classified or sanctioned as a club event.
 - ✚ DTMR also allow for vehicles to be used at funerals (for club members or their families). These would be minuted as a club event at the next meeting.
 - ✚ Of course, as stated in the guidelines, you can use your SIVS registered vehicle for all ceremonial occasions for immediate family.
- Basically most displays and show and shines that we would be participating in fall under the heading of charitable, educational or religious events. (The feedback I have had from the DTMR rep is that most displays of vehicles are considered educational.)
- With regard to participating in rallies, these must be run by incorporated vehicles clubs, as stated above in these guidelines. Rallies such as Endeavour Rally fall outside these guidelines.
- Please let me know of any local events/fetes/displays that you would like to have included in our calendar. Once we have minuted an event and placed it on our calendar, it is a club sanctioned event.
- Parades are automatically covered by these guidelines
- Things that are not covered: - driving your vehicle to and from work or for general daily use or using for ceremonial occasions or any events outside of these guidelines.

We have a very good scheme and although there has been a lot of debate about a log book scheme, it would be very onerous for clubs to administer the scheme and the DTMR have made it very clear that the cost of any changes would be charged to the user i.e. those with historical vehicles under the scheme.

There is ability to report (through the QHMC/DTMR Liaison Officer) those who are abusing the scheme. In this club, we have never had to do that.

I am aware that on Facebook and in the media we can from time to time see clubs and individuals who are disregarding the rules. Some of these actually have come under the notice of DTMR and people have been fined.

Our responsibility, however, is to ourselves and our own club. If we all do our bit then we can ensure that we don't lose the privilege of our concessional scheme altogether.

I encourage everyone to continue to follow the guidelines, enjoy themselves participating in club events and contributing to the success of the club.

Thanks everyone and looking forward to another year of great motoring!

Karen Dawes

11/1/18

Roma Historical Motor Club Inc

Minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2017

Meeting opened: 3.18 pm

PRESENT: As per attendance book – count number

APOLOGIES: Stuart, Kory and Brent Johnson, Garry Dann, Patsy Ey, Greg & Lynette Seawright, Leo & Joy Denton

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: Nil

GUEST SPEAKER: Robert Burton – shared about his new project which he hopes will provide another addition to Roma's tourist attractions. As part of his project, he will have a wall featuring our club and the member's vehicles. As there is limited space, the photos of the vehicles will be rotated. If you are interested in being a part of this, please provide a photo of your vehicle to Robert, rneburton@bigpond.com He will get the photos professionally done to A4 size and the cost will be around \$25 to \$30 per photo. (Robert mentioned later that there is room for about 20 photos. Launch will be 24th March.)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: were read by Di Fitzgerald Moved: (with amendments to be made). Moved by : Ken Dawes Seconded Nazima Dann Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Greenslips offer to sponsor the club for putting a link to third party insurance information on our website. Karen followed up with two clubs who were named as references but neither replied. After further discussion, the club decided not to follow this up. Karen to email Greenslips and let them know
2. The people from Portland Oregon have not contacted Robert back about his upcoming visit to Portland next year. Karen to send a follow up email.
3. Steve Taylor has advised that he only required one issue of the newsletter to carry the Shannon's logo for his sponsorship of \$200

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Visit Roma (previously Roma Tourism) with invoice for membership
Electronic Correspondence - Summary of Inwards and Outwards
John is making a summary of mail that he receives.

MOVED: **SECONDED:**.....

that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be adopted. Carried....

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT:

Accounts:

- Visit Roma - \$20
- Australia Post - \$100
- E. Burton – Reimbursement for Christmas Party - \$100

Moved by Veronica Beitz Seconded: John Finnigan

Carried

Di and Laurie Fitzgerald left the meeting.

OTHER REPORTS:

- Memberships – Presented by Karen Dawes - All 10 outstanding memberships have now been followed up by letter – most of these are on SIVS registration.
- Luke Huntly reported in run to Mark and Hazel's property. "Mossview Lodge" 7 vehicles attended. Luke & Michelle organised a reverse rally observation (questions after the drive) Ken & Veronica BEitx1st prize, David & Lyn Bowden 2nd Prize

- Robert Burton spoke on the Yuleba meeting and run. The Dogwood Motor and Auto Group from Miles met up with us. The Yuleba Hotel Motel provided us with great food. It was a good day all round.
- Robert Burton also spoke about Roma Historical Precincts Inc. And the plough day next year for the long weekend in May. Try to get Palmers Coaches to do Mitchell Races on Saturday, Plough Day on Sunday and something else in Roma on Monday.
- John Finnigan reported on the Grande Country Carnivale and that is was a great day
- Ken Dawes reported on the formal run. 5 students and 6 vehicles participated in the run and display. Students enjoyed the run and one in particular was a last minute addition and was very grateful to be included.
- Edith Burton reported on the Christmas Party. An enjoyable evening was had by those who attended. Brett Proud won the Bingo.
- Remembrance Day at Muckadilla – John Finnigan reported on this. 10 vehicles attended and it was well organised. Congratulations to David Bowden and his team for a good day.
- The Rally Report was given by Jodie Beitz – We have been advised that we don't have the car park and Jodie has now tentatively organised the grounds of the Anglican Church to park the cars after the parade. This needs to be confirmed – Justine Miller is the contact. Help with catering is required, please see Nazima Dann 46222868. We need about 20 prizes for the rally if members would like to assist. Help is also needed over the weekend. Any club members who would like to donate or help please contact Jodie, mandjbeitz@bigpond.com

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dates:

19th November – Charleville Motorcyclists Toy Run

25th November – Motorcyclists Toy Run in Roma

2nd December – Social Run – to be advised

February – Date to be advised – Display at the Official Opening of the Men's Shed

Veronica Beitz – asked about the normal Cricket Club donation for use of their facilities for the rally. The amount of \$150 was agreed on. Also it was agreed to make the usual donation to the Easter in the Country committee of \$100. Veronica moved that the club spends up to \$500 to pay for prizes as needed.

Veronica asked for a new RHMC Inc. address stamp. We decided that we should get 2.

Membership of Roma Historical Precincts Inc. is due.

(Cricket Club donation, EIC Committee, Rally Prizes and 2 new address stamps)

Moved by Veronica Beitz and Seconded Luke Huntly that all amounts presented by Veronica in general business be paid. Carried.

Veronica also asked could we look into what type of membership Roma Historical Precincts Inc. could join our club under as they would like to reciprocate membership. Perhaps not charge them money as they are trying to raise funds. Karen to look into this.

Karen to check with Di to see if we have written to say thank you to Vanderfield to say thank you for the two lots of prizes we have received from them for our mini competitions.

Depreciation on photocopier and PA system. Ken Dawes, Veronica and Karen to look into this

Karen received a phone call from Les Fry was received enquiring about 1915 to 1920's era Caldwell Vale trucks being buried on a property around Roma. If anyone has any information, can they get back to Karen.

Karen read out part 4 of the SIVS guidelines to do with conditions and restrictions to keep all members informed. Our club provides many activities that comply with the guidelines.

Emails - Sarah is still working on getting our email address @romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON: Sunday 17th December At 3 pm

PLACE 56 Bungil Street (Fyfe premises) Please bring a plate for afternoon tea

MEETING CLOSED: 4.28pm