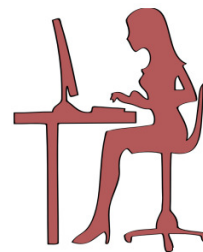




FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK



Wednesday 24th June 2015

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This may be my final update prior to the AGM. It has been a busy year and, while there is always more for the next committee to achieve, the current committee came up with ideas and acted on them with great results. In review, it has been an extremely rewarding year.

2015 North Queensland QHMC Rally – Easter

QHMC subsidised expenses for Secretary Trevor Shields, paying the airfare to enable him to attend, represent QHMC and present trophies. Trevor has supplied a report and this is already published on the QHMC Website.

The base for the rally was Cairns Showgrounds and there were 69 entrants.

Participating Clubs: Cairns and District Historic Vehicle Club Inc Cairns 26; Townsville Veteran Vintage & Historic Motor Club 20; Mackay Vintage Motor Club Inc. 11; Riley Motor Club Qld Inc 5; Vintage Motoring Club 3; Capricornia Historical Motor Club Inc 3

Trophy Winners: Host Club: Cairns and District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.
Best Attended Club: Townsville Vintage Veteran & Historic Vehicle Club Inc.
Overall Winner: Linden Thomson, Riley Motor Club Qld Inc

2016 North Queensland QHMC Rally – Easter

The Mackay Vintage Motor Club Inc. has been awarded the hosting of 2016 North Queensland QHMC Rally. I have been speaking with Tony Ciantar, their club president, and \$1,000 sponsorship from QHMC will be passed onto the club after our AGM. This event will, again, be over the Easter weekend and it is hoped you and your club will support this rally.

National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 17th May 2015

Greg, Russell and I organised the inaugural National Motoring Heritage Day display in Queens Park, Ipswich. Alex and Rod assisted on the day. 150 vehicles were on display and enjoyed by the public. The day had a casual atmosphere where car owners were permitted to park wherever they wished.

Ipswich Councillor David Pahlke had the task of judging the vehicles and Mayor Paul Pisasale presented trophies. Entertainment was provided by the Amberley Brass Band and 2 face painters and, of course, there was the obligatory coffee van.

Michael Ross from Dept of Transport & Main Roads was present to answer our enquiries on SIVS Registration. The Shannon's Truck and Gogomobile were on display. Members of Qld Omnibus & Coach Society conducted 1/2 hourly Historic Bus Tour for the vehicle owners and the public.

We received a small amount of assistance from Ipswich City Council. It is in the Council budget for 2016 so it will be bigger and better. In 2016 the event will be National Motoring Heritage Day "**Picnic at Queens Park**" with all participants encouraged to bring their picnics and enjoy the relaxing day.

Since the inception of National Motoring Heritage Day in 2006, we have encouraged member clubs to organise events for this day, drive their cars and been seen to promote our hobby to the government department and the public. It was pleasing to see so many successful displays and events on this day.

2015 RACQ QHMC Rally – Saturday 6th to Monday 8th June 2015

We hosted the 2015 RACQ QHMC Rally in Pittsworth. This event was another great success with a wide variety of vehicles which have not been seen out and about for some time. "How did you get them to attend?" was a common question. The answer was give them value and a venue.

I would like to officially thank my husband Greg. Greg was the brains behind this event. It would not have been the success it was without his creativity, work and planning – and keeping me in focus throughout the weekend. Thanks Alex for keeping the "throng" under control with very few, if any, complaints. Really, those who thought they had a

legitimate gripe would only be described as "not really a problem". Assistance was provided by so many people throughout the weekend – QHMC committee, friends and rally entrants – it would take too long to single them out and thank them all individually.

Most of all, thank you to the rally entrants. You are all great fun-loving people and it was a pleasure spending time with you. Without you, all of the planning in the world would have been a waste of time.

Trophy Winners: Host Club: Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc.
Best Attended Club: Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club Inc.
Overall Winner: Robin & Jan Lamb, Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. (LAMA)
Committees Choice: Douglas Wessling, 1964 EH Holden Sedan, Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. (LAMA) – for going "above and beyond" and assisting the committee.
Oldest Vehicle / Oldest Driver: Kevin Brooks, 1915 Buick CX 25 Tourer

SE Qld QHMC Rallies – 2016 and beyond

Queen's Birthday weekend has changed from June to October in 2016 so a survey was conducted at the QHMC Rally in Pittsworth, asking entrants, what weekend should future QHMC Rallies be held? The change to the public holiday affects the attendees of the QHMC Rallies so it is only fair *they* make the decision and not the committee.

Suggestions put forward are listed (below), along with comments and votes received. It is clear from this vote, the South East Qld QHMC Rally is remaining on the 2nd weekend of June with a strong majority of 76.2% voting for this weekend. There are long-term events held on the other weekends which had been put forward and the 2nd weekend in June is "reserved" for the QHMC Rally.

May – Labour Day Weekend – i.e. 1st Monday in May (clashing with Tweed Valley Rally); 4.3%

Remain 2nd weekend in June – although it will not be a long weekend (possibly starting Friday afternoon for registration and dinner); 76.2%

- *Most people are able to arrive Friday and for those who work can join Saturday morning.*
- *Remain June so it does not clash with other club rallies. Most workers can now have a day or 2 off work so even 3 days should be okay.*
- *Second choice is Labour Day weekend (May)*

October – Queen's Birthday Weekend – i.e. 1st Monday in October (clashes with the LAMA Rally on the first weekend of October. Also Bundaberg & Maryborough alternate on this weekend); 0%

Other – give suggestions 9.5%

- Another weekend – not clashing with Queens Birthday
- Try a few different ideas, then settle on the most successful.

2016 RACQ QHMC Rally

QVVA has been awarded the hosting of 2016 RACQ QHMC Rally. This was announced at Pittsworth and Russell Manning, QVVA Publicity Officer & QHMC Rep (and QHMC Vice-President) advised they have not yet finalised the location, though suggestions put forward have been Murwillumbah or Northern Rivers. Full details will be provided as soon as available.

Biofuels in Queensland

The Queensland Government is now committed to supporting the development of the biofuel and bio-manufacturing industries in Queensland, including the requirement to use biofuels. This has a major impact on owners of historic motor vehicles.

The Government has released the *Towards a clean energy economy: achieving a biofuel mandate for Queensland* discussion paper, which outlines key issues associated with the proposed mandate and provides details on the Government's approach. A copy is available on the Department of Energy and Water Supply website <https://www.dews.qld.gov.au/energy-industry/renewable-energy/queensland/biofuel-mandate>.

Russell Manning and I are attending a Public Forum, Consultation of Biofuels in Queensland, Thursday 25th June. This forum is being hosted by Department of Energy and Water Supply.

AGM – Thursday 23rd July

The AGM is 5 1/2 weeks away and we need enthusiastic people to volunteer for positions on the QHMC Committee. I encourage club executives to consider taking on a committee position in QHMC. All positions will be declared vacant.