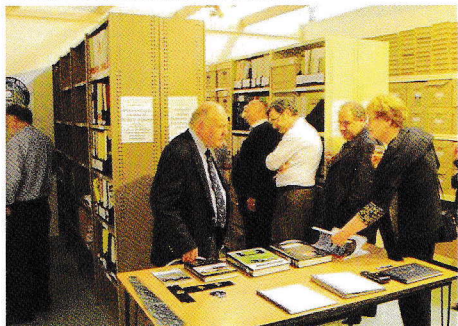


From the Sir Henry Royce Foundation

Bill Allsep House:

Bill Allsep House (BAH), the headquarters of The Foundation (and the home of the RROCA (Victoria Branch)), celebrated its 10th anniversary in March this year. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions it was not possible to mark this milestone with a public event. However, preliminary planning is underway for an open day, in conjunction with a heritage weekend, in late November. Please look in future editions of *Præclarvm* and in RROCA Branch Newsletters for details.



above: Victorian Members examine the SHRF's Archives on the night of BAH's opening in 2011.

Geebung Museum:

Geebung Museum activities have returned to "COVID normal", and is open to visitors on Saturday afternoons. Visitors to Brisbane should make sure that they call in to 475 Newman Road, Geebung 4034. Barry & Ann Sparks will warmly welcome you and take you on a conducted tour of the museum's exhibits.

In early March the Museum hosted the CAPS (Classic Automotive Preservation Society) group for morning tea and a tour. The event was well received; with many comments as to how well it is presented and Barry's interesting descriptions of the various displays.

Ben Hutchins, a member of the CAPS group has presented The Foundation with a "treasure trove of motoring books and Magazines". Included was the first issue of "Wheels Magazine of Motoring", May 1953 Volume 1, Issue 1, which had a write-up on the Rolls-Royce 1953 Silver Dawn, written by USA Magazine writer, Wilbur Shaw. This type of period material in an important part of The Foundation's research archive. (As noted in the past, please consider donating such material to The Foundation - it is the logical repository for all Australian, Rolls-Royce and Bentley heritage artefacts and documents.)

Coolum Showroom:

The Coolum Showroom goes from strength to strength. Almost every week Trustee Frank Carroll (ably assisted by

his wife Joan) hosts visitors to the Showroom. Recent group sizes have ranged from 9 to 68 and the entry fees from these visits make a significant contribution to the overhead costs of The Foundation.

We will soon welcome a modern Rolls-Royce turbofan aero engine at Coolum, on loan from a strong supporter of The Foundation. This engine, alongside The Foundation's "Merlin" engine, will highlight the technical excellence of Sir Henry Royce's successors in aero-engine design and development.

RROCA Federal Rally – May 14 to May 16:

NSW Member Bob Roberts has indicated that, he will be running a "buy & sell" table again at the Rally. A percentage from the aggregate sales is donated to The Foundation. If you have any Rolls-Royce or Bentley related parts, books, magazines, etc that you wish to sell please liaise with Bob (gpmgo@bigpond.net.au).

Foundation merchandise will also be on sale, with special discounted prices for Club Members.

Vice-Regal Silver Shadow:

As advised in the last issue of *Præclarvm*, The Foundation now owns the Vice-Regal 1976 Silver Shadow (LRH24643) generously donated by Eric and Amanda Henderson. The car, commonly known as "GOV" reflecting its Victorian personal registration plate, has passed its roadworthy inspection and is now insured on full registration under The Foundation.

It is intended that "GOV" will be used regularly and therefore The Foundation would welcome expressions of interest from Club Members for the use of the car for the May, Federal Rally in Geelong. This may be of interest to a younger member, or an associate member. If you are interested, please contact me via e-mail: enquiries@henryroycefoundation.com and the Trustees will consider your proposal.

Kangan Awards:

An important aspect of The Foundation's activities is educational outreach to promulgate the engineering ethos of Sir Henry Royce. Each year The Foundation

sponsors two important prizes at the Kangan TAFE "Centre of Automotive Excellence" in Melbourne. This year, the winner of the "Sir Henry Royce Award for Excellence" was Patrick Gammoh. The winner of the "Apprentice of the Year Automotive (Lionel Gell School of Instruction) Award" was Thomas Coppock. We congratulate both Patrick and Thomas for their dedication in furthering their education through Kangan TAFE and trust the monetary awards provided by The Foundation will assist them with their career development.

"Royce Voice":

The second edition of "Royce Voice", under editor, Trustee Jeanne Eve, has recently been e-mailed to subscribers. It highlights e-news from all the Foundation's activities along with details of the latest events and acquisitions within the various Collections, Museum and Showroom. In line with privacy regulations, it is an "opt in" subscription process. The Foundation's website: www.henryroycefoundation.com; "Information" and "Online Newsletter" drop-downs lead to the "Subscribe" button.

Trustees Meeting in Sydney:

The Foundation offers thanks to the RROCA NSW Branch for its generous support of the ex-Federal Government Phantom V (5VF159). The donations from NSW Branch Members have enabled The Foundation to establish a "Phantom V conservation account" to meet any future maintenance costs. In conjunction with a Trustees Meeting in June, there will be a special dinner at the RACA so that Members can meet the Trustees and hear of our activities. Please liaise with NSW Branch President and Foundation Trustee Brian Crump for details of this event.

BAH "Archive":

Honourary Archivist Gilbert Ralph and his group of dedicated volunteers continue to work at the "Archive" every second Monday. Over the past few months there have been many donations of books, magazines and journals such that space on the shelving is now at a premium. Experience with the compactus that was donated to the Geebung Museum leads to the view that it would be ideal if the BAH "Archive" also had a compactus to provide additional and more efficient storage. If any Club Member's business has a compactus that is surplus to requirements and would be prepared to donate same to The Foundation please give me a call on: 0418-325-086.

The F J English Photographic Award and The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award, both for 2021:

The SHRF Awards for 2020 are being prepared for being announced at the 2021 Club Federal Rally. Again for 2021 these Awards will be made for Photos and research undertaken in 2021. Full details are included in the panels published on page 7996 of this edition of *Præclarvm*.

Russell Rolls,
Chairman of Trustees

right: Ben Hutchins' donated first edition Wheels Magazine - interestingly priced at "two and six", with its story: "Why a Rolls-Royce Costs £6,000".

