

The Royce Voice

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The archival resource and repository for all Rolls-Royce and Bentley heritage material in Australia



Welcome to 2024 and the SHRF's twenty eighth year with exciting plans ahead.

The best form of communication is by face to face. When possible, the Trustees like to travel interstate and meet Club members and interesting visitors. Above at the 2023 RROCA-Vic Club Concours and Display day are (L-R) Russell Rolls, Eric Henderson, Brian Crump, Geoffrey Down (archivist) and Clare Lukes who are talking to Roger Falkiner about his R-R dealership memories. Clare is preparing to make an oral history with Roger which will eventually end in the SHRF Archives. Absent is Frank Carroll. Jeanne Eve took the photo. All Trustees travel at their own expense.

This was a great opportunity to catch up with some of the SHRF volunteers and also Louise Mathews, RROCA Federal President. Plus wish happy birthday to world renowned R-R & B historian, Tom Clarke who's now returned to Australia.

In May, the Trustees will attend the RROCA Federal Rally in Noosa, Queensland. We look forward to meeting you and answering any of your queries and listening to comments and suggestions.

For your 2024 diaries:

Victoria

- Volunteers attend BAH at Rowville, fortnightly on Mondays: February 5 onwards. Please [email](#) to arrange details for a visit.

New South Wales

The ex vice regal Phantom V (5VF159) will attend:

- March 24. Annual Commemoration Day of the first Royce Car
- September 15. All British Day vehicle display at King's School

Queensland

- February 3. Every 1st Saturday of the month 7-10.00 am [Coolum Showroom](#) is open with the Sunshine Coast Cars 'n Coffee event. Also open on the first Monday of the month 9-1pm. Other times by appointment.
- May 11. The Coolum Showroom will be open from 2-4pm as part of the RROCA Federal Rally programme in Noosa.
- The ex vice-regal Phantom V(5VF155) will be displayed at vehicle events.

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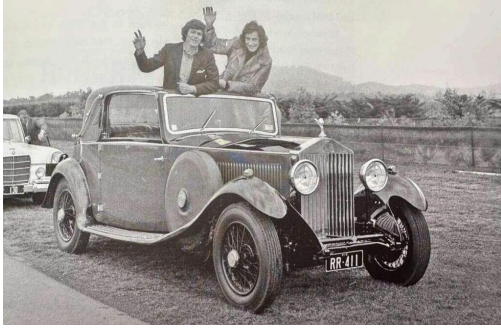
Slice of R-R Ltd employees' history

On the wall of the SHRF Archives in Bill Allsep House is this fascinating plaque presented to R-R Ltd in the mid 1950's from the National Savings Committee.

It commemorates the 3 million pounds savings of the employees over fourteen years; post WW11. How times have changed. Today this equates to over 10 billion pounds.

Vale David Kenway

David Kenway was one of the first SHRF archival volunteers when the Foundation began, based at the Fox Museum. He will be sadly missed especially for his extraordinary memory for cars and people in unidentified photos. David was very active with the RROCA-Vic Club and restored several spectacular cars.



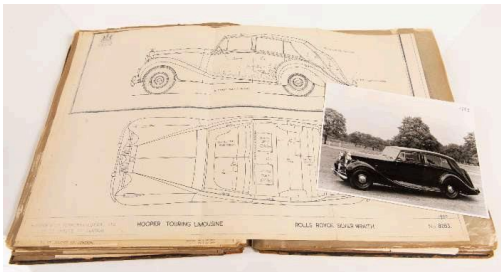
Archive volunteers at work

When you request service records for your vehicle, one of the hardworking volunteers will undergo further research for you. They meet on Monday fortnights at Bill Allsep House, hub of the Archives.



SHRF records go digital

To preserve documents with minimal physical handling plus modern world record keeping and future information sharing, some of our more valuable items are beginning to be digitized and stored in the cloud. Howard Wright, archival volunteer, is the coordinator of this painstaking task.



Heritage items

SHRF is proud to be the archival resource and repository for all Rolls-Royce and Bentley heritage material in Australia. Please don't throw anything away. Always feel free to send in an [enquiry](#), email the [Chairman](#) or [support](#) the Foundation



Popular SHRF Cooloom showroom

Car clubs visit the SHRF Cooloom Showroom on the monthly Cars 'n Coffee Saturdays or by appointment. Next door is the Carrolls Transport Depot so two [displays](#) and an hour's guided tour for the one entrance fee of \$10 pp to SHRF.



Ex vice-regal PV at Govt House

The SHRF [R-R Phantom V 5VF159](#) was invited to the public vehicle display at the NSW Government House last November to celebrate the Royal Automobile Club Australia's 120 years. Again it was a crowd pleaser and delighted the NSW Governor, the Hon Margaret Beazley.



Video and audio files

As well as many articles in the online library, there are thirty two [videos](#) for you to enjoy too. The latest is the *Silver Ghost on the 1993 Alpenfahrt*, narrated by a young Jeremy Clarkson (Top Gear BBC TV show). Enjoy this 43 minute video with clips from the original race in 1913.

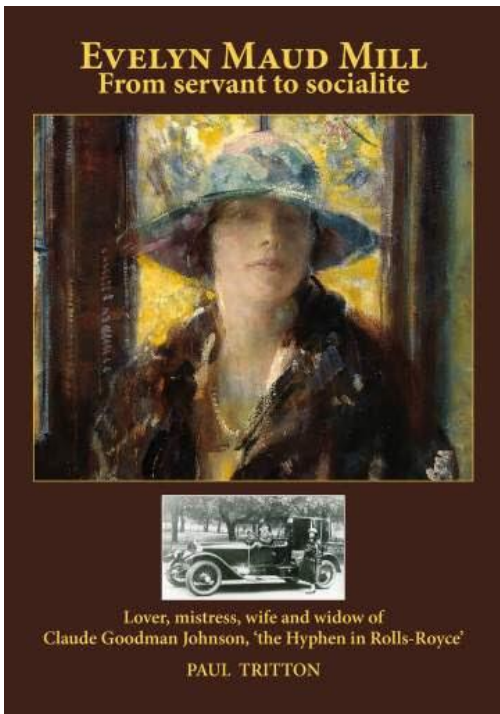


SHRF Awards

Don't forget to enter the Foundation's Photograph Award for best photo taken at an Australian RROCA club event. [Details and application forms](#) are on the SHRF website and closes on March 1, 2024. Also there is the SHRF [Research Award](#)- again details on the website. Plus the [SHRF Apprentice of the Year](#) award, which is different to the Kangan Institute awards. Winners will be announced in Noosa at the RROCA Federal Rally in May.

Service records in the Archives

1000s of service records are now sorted from York Motors (NSW), Kellow-Falkiner (Vic) and United Motors-Vin Kean (SA). But some are missing. There is a constant stream of [requests](#), and for the search, the Archival volunteers need your R-R or B chassis number, model and year. There is a small charge for postage and photocopying. Volunteers only attend BAH Archives on a fortnightly basis so please be patient.



Books for Sale, Articles to read

Copies of *R-R and B in the Sunburnt Country* are selling fast both here and overseas. Peruse the online [Shop](#) including the latest book for history aficionados by Paul Tritton on *Evelyn Maud Mill: lover, mistress and wife of Claude Johnson*.

Enjoy all the [articles](#) written by our historian David Neely and other related topics in the online [library](#).

Enquiries from around the world

The SHRF website [enquiry](#) email receives questions from around Australia and overseas. [Facebook](#) enquiries and comments are also privately messaged. Usually for Archival vehicle details, service records, book and merchandise sales. However all enquiries are welcome and a highly specialized team of history and heritage experts is on hand.