

The Royce Voice

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

Dear Russell

Welcome again to Royce Voice. Some of you will be new to Royce Voice so let me tell you a little about the Sir Henry Royce Foundation [SHRF].

The main aim of the SHRF is:

"The advancement of the science and technology of mechanical engineering for the public benefit; and the advancement of education".

In particular, "The Foundation seeks to promote the engineering ideals of Sir Henry Royce."

You might like to have a look at the website for detailed information and in this case please go to <https://www.henryroycefoundation.com/>

The SHRF curates documentation about the history of Rolls-Royce and Bentley in Australia along with extensive service records for Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars

sold or serviced throughout Australia. Additionally, it has Showrooms in Canberra and Coolum where you can see examples of both Rolls-Royce and Bentley vehicles and engines; car, marine and aero.

The SHRF has several main establishments. These are; Bill Allsep House and Archives in Melbourne VIC; the Lionel Gell School of Instruction, also in Melbourne; the Coolum Showrooms in Coolum QLD; the Canberra Showrooms in Fyshwick ACT; and the travelling ceremonial Phantom V based in Sydney, NSW.

When you visit the website to learn more about the SHRF you will find that there is always something new for you. For example, our History Consultant, David Neely, has produced another excellent monograph for you to read and enjoy; [Fred T Hack Coachbuilder, Motor Body Builder and Cricketer](https://www.henryroycefoundation.com/copy-of-articles-of-interest-1). Go here to read: <https://www.henryroycefoundation.com/copy-of-articles-of-interest-1>

There is much to read and enjoy! I recommend you make a cup of tea (or coffee) and sit down for an hour or so of enjoyable browsing.

All trustees and supporters are volunteers who give freely of their time to promote the evolving role of Henry Royce Engineering and the magnificent contribution also made by W.O. Bentley, another engineering genius.

Trustees are: Russell Rolls, VIC; Eric Henderson, VIC; Ian Oliver, ACT; Clare Gordon, NSW, Brian Crump, NSW; and Frank Carroll, QLD and Wallace Moorhouse, QLD.

Our highly valued volunteers and supporters are as follows:

Bill Allsep House:

- Geoff Down, Archivist.
- David MacArthur.
- John Reiss.
- Howard Wraight.

Lionel Gell School of Instruction:

- Peter Jordan-Hill.

Canberra Showroom:

- Trustee Ian Oliver is working with a group of friends and members of the RROCA ACT to set up volunteers in this, our newest venture.

Coolum Showroom:

- Keith Wilson.
- Col Smith.
- Iain Davidson.
- Chris Cantor.

Phantom V, NSW.

- This significant ex-ceremonial car is supported and maintained by the efforts of the members of the RROCA NSW, operating as the Rolls-Royce and Bentley Car Club of NSW

Our volunteers enable the SHRF to continue its work and we are deeply grateful to them for their generosity and efforts. Their passion and dedication is simply fantastic.

Just to whet your appetite, here is a photo of the latest vehicle on display at the Canberra Showroom. It is a 1924 Bentley 3 Litre Speed 6, chassi 549, owned and displayed by Trustee Ian Oliver.



Please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Brian Crump

Chair, SHRF

[Click here to contact me.](#)

For your 2024 diaries:

Victoria

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

New South Wales

The SHRF Phantom V (5VF159) will attend:

- September 15. All British Day.

Queensland

- 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 7am - 10am. Other times by appointment.
- The SHRF Phantom V(5VF155) will be displayed at vehicle events.

Canberra Showroom

- Open one Saturday per month or by appointment. Details are at; <https://olliesgarage.com.au/>



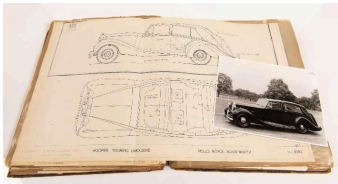
Archive volunteers at work

When you request service records for your vehicle, one of the hardworking volunteers will undergo further research for you. Here you can see Howard Wraight using our new scanner to copy your service records.



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 Wraight, archival volunteer, is the coordinator of this painstaking task. The SHRF has purchased a new overhead digital scanner designed specifically to copy delicate originals and store them to the Cloud for future reference.



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.



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 Newcastle at the RROCA Federal Rally in May.



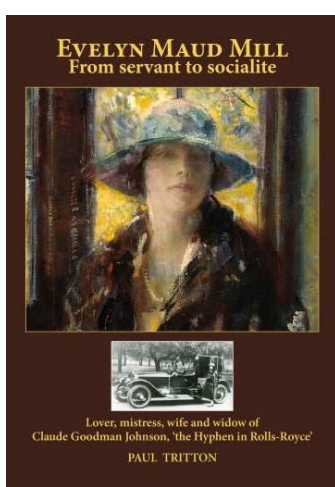
Service records in the Archives

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 of \$2.50 per page scanned and emailed to you. 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](#).



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Enquiries from around the world

The SHRF website 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. Enquiries can be made at [Enquiries](#)

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and Galleries Association**

SHRF actively collaborates with other museums and similar associations.

The SHRF is an active member of the Australasian Motoring Museums Association, the Australian Historians Inc., the Australian Museums and Galleries Australia Inc. and has links with the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation.



SHRF inner workings

The SHRF is an Australian independent, not for profit charity formed in 1996. Details about its Collections Policy and Conservation/Preservation [Policy](#) are on the website. As are its [Financial Statements](#).

It always welcomes valuable documentation, artefacts and [enquiries](#). Please contact Chairman, Brian Crump by [email](#). To [support](#) the Foundation, details are on the website. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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