

Australian Honour for Lionel Gell:

In the 2019 Queens Birthday Honours List long-standing Victoria Branch Member Lionel Gell was honoured by his appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). Lionel's major philanthropic activities with the University of Melbourne, the Kangan Institute (through The Sir Henry Royce Foundation) and The Foundation itself were recognised. The citation for the AM stated – "For significant service to the community through philanthropy".

Lionel has been a major supporter of the Victorian College of the Arts and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music through sponsorship of student scholarships and awards. With regard to The Foundation, Lionel's support enabled the establishment of The Lionel Gell School of Instruction for Rolls-Royce and Bentley. Lionel's passion is that young people should be able to pursue their career interests unhindered by difficult financial circumstances.

Congratulations to Lionel on the award of the AM – a richly deserved reward for his significant service through philanthropy.



above: At Government House, Melbourne, present at Lionel Gell's AM investiture were (l-r) Russell Rolls, SHRF (Vic), Lionel, Patricia Pirotta and Peter Jordan-Hill (Vic). (photo: Richard Thickens)

SHRF Heritage Weekend – October 11 & 12:

The Foundation has planned a Heritage Weekend in Melbourne in conjunction with Motorclassica.

Members are invited to join the Trustees at noon on Friday, October 11 at Motorclassica for a self-guided tour of what is arguably Australia's premier motoring Concours and display. This year, in recognition of the 100th Birthday of Bentley Motors, Bentley is the featured car.

On Saturday, October 12 at 11am there will be a presentation, tour and BBQ at The Lionel Gell School of Instruction for Rolls-Royce and Bentley followed at 1pm by a presentation, tour and afternoon tea at Bill Allsep House. On the Saturday night interstate and local Members will be able to enjoy fellowship at a Dinner at the RACV Club in central Melbourne.

Trustee Eric Henderson is organising the Heritage Weekend. Please contact Eric on 0438-775-992 for booking details.

LGSi and BAH provide significant technical, archive and museum facilities for The Foundation. All Members are

urged to support the Heritage Weekend and experience for themselves the world-class facilities that have been developed by The Foundation.

SHRF - Coolum:

Members will be aware from previous reports in "Praeclarvm" that the Coolum "Showroom" is the latest of The Foundation's operations. Recent activities at Coolum include:

- Visit by NSW Branch Members Bruce and Jeanette Duncan
- Visit by clients of Trustee Frank Carroll, including donations in appreciation of The Foundation's activities.
- In addition to The Foundation's Phantom V (5VF 155) there are currently 10 "visiting" cars on display.
- 5VF155 was featured in Brisbane in a display celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Queensland Aero Club and at the All British Day.
- Donation of a Rolls-Royce 4 litre all aluminium engine (from an Austin Van den Plas Princess).

Adjacent to the SHRF Coolum is Trustee Frank Carroll's private museum: "Carroll's Transport Depot", with some 20 of Frank's classic cars on display. Frank welcomes visitors to both The Foundation's "Showroom" and to his collection. Please contact Frank to arrange a visit.

The Vin Kean Memorial Archive:

The documentation donated to The Foundation by the late Vin Kean's family included all the sales and service records for Motors Limited and United Motors Limited. If your Rolls-Royce or Bentley was sold or serviced by the Adelaide Dealer it is almost certain that The Foundation holds the details for your car.

Honourary Archivist Gilbert Ralph and his volunteers have now sorted this documentation into Chassis Number order for ease of access. If you wish to obtain copies of this information please contact Gilbert. He will be able, for a small fee, to photocopy the records for you.

right: 2 views of "Carroll's Transport Depot" in Coolum, with some 20 classic cars on display. The main car in the upper photo is a 1936 MG SA saloon, while in the lower photo is a 1936 MG TA Airline coupé.

Donations of material for The Foundation's "Archive":

Recently, the following have made donations to The Foundation's principal archive at Bill Allsep House of a wide variety of interesting documentation and artefacts: Andrew Brownell, Margaret Gillings, Ray Finkelstein, David Jones, Gilbert Ralph, John Reis and Russell Rolls.

A special mention must be made of the donation by former Chairman of Trustees, David Jones. David has presented to The Foundation his collection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley books – an important addition to the "Archive". Thank you David for your continuing support of The Foundation.

Through the auspices of their Treasurer Philip Hall, the UK 20-Ghost Club has donated back issues of their magazine "News & Record". These back issues give The Foundation an almost complete run of this informative publication.

If you have spare material relating to Australia's automotive history or are 'down-sizing' please remember that The Foundation "Archive" is the logical repository for this valuable documentation and artefacts.

FJ English Award for Club Photography:

This Award will be made again for 2019 - refer to entry details on page 7691.

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award:

This Award, to encourage the use of The Foundation "Archive" for research, will be available again for 2019. Full details of the Award can be found on page 7691.

Russell Rolls
Chairman of Trustees

