

Coolum's incredible treasure trove

Plus the Shadow acquisition and Phantom V gearbox

As this edition of *Praeclarum* is being sent to you, SHRF Trustees are preparing to meet in Melbourne at Bill Allsep House to take delivery of the Silver Shadow kindly donated by Marion and Barry Drake of Victoria. We sincerely thank Marion and Barry for their generosity, and we assure them that the Shadow will be a splendid ambassador for the Rolls-Royce and Bentley movement in the custodianship of Hugh King in NSW for the next year. We also thank Peter Eppel and Christine Le Jeune (NSW), who have undertaken to drive the Shadow to Sydney.

Meetings such as this give Trustees the opportunity to meet with the volunteers who staff the Archives at Bill Allsep House and to share lunch with them as a way to thank them for the splendid work they do in sorting, accessing and cataloguing the records of the Archives. The Volunteers deserve a very special mention as it is they who keep the Archives operational through their regular meetings and work days. Thank you!

In the last Foundation News, you will recall we spoke about the availability of items from the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust (UK) which have been selected for display by the Foundation in Australia. We are still in need of help to make this happen and if you are in a position to assist in any way we would be keen to hear from you.

The Foundation has also received a large number of magazines, books and other materials from Norah and Rex Vincent (NSW) and these items are now at the Archives awaiting cataloguing. Thank you Norah and Rex for your generous donation of relevant materials and also

for arranging delivery direct to Bill Allsep House. The Foundation relies strongly on such donations and I would encourage you to consider donating any items relevant to Rolls-Royce and Bentley that you might find are surplus to your needs.

Meanwhile, the Coolum Showroom



A small portion of the Coolum collection. Note the aircraft engines at the rear of the photo

under the management of Joan and Frank Carroll (QLD) continues to promote the Foundation and the engineering excellence of Sir Henry Royce, mechanic. On the first Saturday of each month the Coolum Showroom opens from 7am to 10am in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Cars and Coffee, attracting upwards of a hundred or more visitors. The Coolum Showroom is also open on the first

Monday of each month from 9am to 1pm and at other times by appointment for group tours.

If you are visiting Coolum, do give Joan and Frank a call and make a time for a visit. They will ensure you're very welcome.

Currently at Coolum there are 34 cars

on display, many belonging to individual members. You will find a Lagonda chassis with alloy engine designed by WO Bentley, six Rolls-Royce engines of note, two 1/12-scale model electric cars, 300 collectible small model cars and a 1960 Thornycroft Nubian aircraft tender (fully operational) with a Rolls-Royce B8r engine.

On display you will find a marine-spec Rolls-Royce C8 16-litre diesel engine; a C6 seven-litre supercharged diesel engine; a B60 petrol engine for military vehicles; an FB60 petrol engine for a BMC Van Den Plas Princess R; a Merlin engine with two-stage supercharger designed for a Hornet; a 1989 Tay jet engine from the current model Fokker 100 in Alliance Airlines' fleet; and an Avon jet engine built at CAC Melbourne for a Sabre fighter. Each of these is detailed and mounted on cradles for easy display and your inspection.

As we go to press the ex-vice regal Phantom V in NSW is undergoing its transmission rebuild courtesy of the generous

fund-raising efforts of the members of the RROCA (NSW) and will be shortly back on the road, bearing proud testament to the engineering excellence of Rolls-Royce.

Don't forget to check the Foundation website for the latest news and also to order any publications you have not already purchased.

We do look forward to meeting everyone again at the Rally in Hahndorf. ■

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