

# From the Sir Henry Royce Foundation

## SHRF – Activities:

The Geebung Museum and the Coolool Showroom continue with normal activities consistent with all "COVID Safe" requirements under QLD Government regulation. The easing of the "lock-down" in Victoria has meant that the BAH volunteer group has been able to resume work. However, general activities at both BAH and LGSJ remain on-hold in line with Victorian Government regulations limiting the number of people allowed to gather inside a building.

## Geebung Museum:

The Geebung Museum has received an interesting car for display, on loan from R & T Forno. It is a 1968 Volvo 145S Station Wagon with an unusual history.

The car was sold new to Major Kenneth H Barnes of Silver Springs, Maryland, USA by Aktiebolaget Volvo of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Geebung Museum Curator, Barry Sparks advises that "it is believed Major Barnes was with SAS at the time of delivery. The colours of green with a white roof (colours used by the Defence Forces) leads us to believe this is in fact an ex-SAS vehicle. A sticker on the back Window adds to this belief." Interestingly, AB Volvo is the parent company and not a retail dealer. This may well reinforce the view that the Volvo was sold in unusual circumstances.

In recent months there have been some interesting donations to the Geebung Museum. Ian Warnett donated the book "Sectional Drawings – Piston Aero Engines" by Lyndon Jones. Published by the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust (UK) this is a work of art with incredibly detailed drawings of a wide range of historic aero engines. Margaret and Barrie Gillings (NSW Branch) donated books relating to the Silver Ghost. John Miles donated some Jaguar Mk IV hand tools, now on display in the Technical Room. David Ford donated an early Silver

**below:** Barry Sparks (Curator) (l) discusses the documentation present with the Volvo 145S Station Wagon now on loan to the SHRF's Geebung Museum.

Ghost main leaf spring; a Silver Ghost engine E-Pipe, a Silver Ghost fuel tank and muffler and a cylinder head from 1933 Bentley Derby.

The Geebung Museum is a repository of Rolls-Royce, Bentley and general automotive technology.

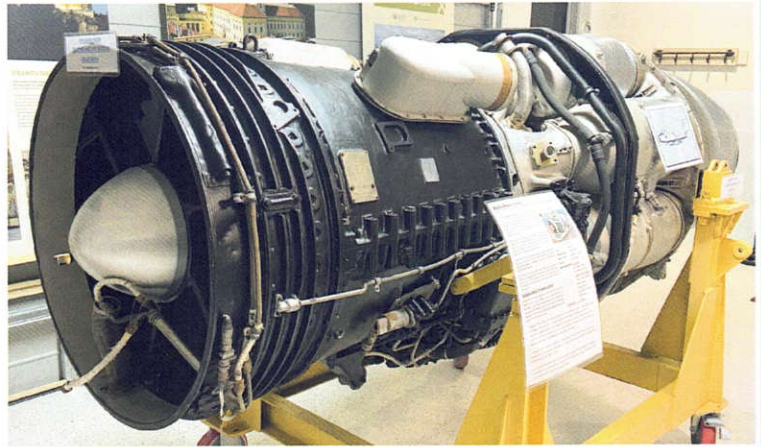
Under Barry's leadership we have built an interesting collection. Barry would certainly welcome further donations of items such as: Workshop Manuals for Rolls-Royce and Bentley, hand tools, an SU Carburettor; old petrol or oil cans, automotive signage and similar heritage material.

## Coolool Showroom:

The Coolool Showroom has been exceptionally busy. A large group visited in early November in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Cars & Coffee morning. This was followed by a visit from the Buick Car Club, Brisbane. Two cars clubs from Gympie and Kingaroy, on a joint outing, visited in late November. A group of Vietnam Veterans has booked a visit for early December

Thanks to the efforts of Trustee Frank Carroll and his family the Coolool Showroom has become the place to visit on the Sunshine Coast for motoring enthusiasts. We are receiving excellent feedback on our display of six Rolls-Royce engines, The Foundation's "Royal" Phantom V and the cars displayed on loan from local enthusiasts.

The most recent addition to the Showroom is a Rolls-Royce "Avon" Mark 26 aero engine on long-term loan from The Queensland Aircraft Museum, Caloundra. Manufactured at the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation plant in Melbourne, under licence from Rolls-Royce Limited, this is an historic reminder of the strength of the Australian aviation industry in the 1950s



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## "Royce Voice":

Under Trustee Jeanne Eve's editorship, The Foundation has commenced publication of a quarterly e-newsletter. "Royce Voice" will highlight e-news from all Foundation activities. It will let you know about the latest events and acquisitions within the various Collections, Museum and Showroom. Also, it will provide updated information about The Foundation's community involvement and Awards. I would urge all RROCA Members and friends to subscribe. In line with privacy regulations, it is an "opt in" subscription process. The Foundation's website – [www.henryroycefoundation.com](http://www.henryroycefoundation.com) - "Information" and "Online Newsletter" drop downs lead to the "Subscribe" button.

## Donations to the "Archive":

I wish to highlight two recent major donations of archival material. Through the auspices of Neil McLean (ACT Branch), Mark Babbage (ex-WA Branch) has donated five cartons of historical material collected over his lifetime association with heritage motoring. Trustee Eric Henderson has donated a significant collection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley books. Where these donations duplicate material already in the "Archive" they will be used to supplement the growing library at the Geebung Museum.

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.

## The F J English Photographic Award and The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award, both for 2020:

Please see page 7946 of this edition for details of these awards for 2020.

**Russell Rolls, Chairman of Trustees**

