

Kellow-Falkiner service records

A treasure trove of information comes our way!

For many years Kellow-Falkiner were the Victorian sales and service agents for Rolls-Royce and Bentley. During this period they kept detailed service records of all cars that passed through their workshop. Long-standing RROCA (VIC) Member George Forbes has recently donated all these records to the Foundation.

They will be accessed into the Foundation's Archive at Bill Allsep House and will be known as the George Forbes Kellow-Falkiner Archive. The service records are catalogued by chassis number and so are easily identified.

George's generous donation is an important milestone for the Foundation. We already hold the York Motors (NSW) and the United Motors (SA) service records. The donation of the Kellow-Falkiner records gives the Foundation a comprehensive coverage of the service history of Rolls-Royce and Bentley from the south-eastern states.

Early in 2022 copies of the Kellow-Falkiner records will be available for purchase. All we will need is a chassis number. If you believe your car was serviced by Kellow-Falkiner please email

your chassis number and we will undertake a search of the records and advise if a history exists for the car.

The Foundation's Trustees wish to pay tribute to George for this generous donation. These records are an important addition to the Foundation's historical archive of Australian Rolls-Royce and Bentley vehicles.

THE GOV IN CUSTODY

Members will recall that Trustee Eric Henderson and his family donated the 1976 LWB Silver Shadow (LRH24643) to the Foundation last year. LRH24643 is the former Governor of Victoria's car and is an important heritage vehicle.

The Foundation believes it is an ideal Club car for an RROCA member to gain experience in the Rolls-Royce and Bentley fraternity. The Foundation sought expressions of interest from an RROCA (VIC) member to become the custodian of LRH24643 for an initial period of one year.

I am pleased to report that Glenn Clarke has been selected as the custodian.

Glenn entered into a Contract of Custodianship on 12th November. The contract provides that the custodian will

meet the day-to-day running costs of fuel, oil and servicing. Further, the contract provides that LRH24643 is not to be used for general personal use but will be used primarily for car club and like events.

Glenn has undertaken to create a display board to promote both the car and the Foundation. He is looking forward to attending heritage vehicle events.

Glenn is an enthusiastic custodian. The Trustees are sure he will enjoy his year with LRH24643 and that both he and the Silver Shadow will be excellent ambassadors for the Foundation.

THE ROYCE VOICE

Trustee Jeanne Eve has just published the latest issue of the Foundation's quarterly electronic newsletter, *The Royce Voice*. Please visit the Foundation's website — www.henryroycefoundation.com — to view the newsletter.

Even better, contact Jeanne at enquiries@henryroycefoundation.com, advise her of your email address and you will be added to the subscription list.

The Royce Voice is an excellent way to keep up to date with the activities of the Sir Henry Royce Foundation. ■

1. Cars of another kind in the Kellow-Falkiner showroom, 1920s. The SHRF now has the Rolls-Royce and Bentley service records of what was once one of the largest automotive companies in Victoria
- 2-3. LRH24643, the former Governor of Victoria's LWB Silver Shadow, is in good hands with the Victorian Branch

