

Foundation to receive Rolls-Royce engines

Part of a heritage collection is coming from the UK

An exciting collection of Rolls-Royce engines and equipment is earmarked to come into the Foundation's collection but we need help to make it happen. This is an incredible opportunity courtesy of the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust (RRHT), which has offered a long-term loan to the SHRF.

The RRHT was formed in the UK in 1981 and is an integral part of Rolls-Royce plc. Its primary focus is to promote the Rolls-Royce brand in civil and defence aerospace and associated power industries. You can take a virtual tour of over 200 engines, model aircraft and engine parts by visiting the website, rolls-royce.com.

The objectives of the RRHT align closely with those of the SHRF as both are dedicated to preserving and promulgating the engineering ideals of Sir Henry Royce.

Following a review of heritage items, Rolls-Royce plc decided that the Heritage Collection be given a more 'public-facing' role. Consequently, most items from the Collection are available for loan to like-minded organisations. The prestige and international recognition of the SHRF is such that we have been selected to receive items for display under this new policy.

During a recent visit to the RRHT, Russell Rolls (VIC, SHRF Trustee), Neil Matthews (VIC, past RROCA Federal President) and

John Reis (50-year RROCA Victoria member and Bill Allsep House volunteer) discussed with the RRHT CEO items suitable for display in Australia. Several piston and jet engines and associated equipment have been reserved for the SHRF.

This opportunity to join with the RRHT in its public-facing activities is of critical importance to the SHRF as it will allow the Foundation to expand and enhance its profile and operations.

To undertake the transport to Australia and the subsequent display of the engines, the SHRF needs a major sponsor to fund the project. Sponsorship would be eligible for tax deductibility.

If you may be able to support the SHRF in this regard, please contact me. I welcome any suggestions that you might have. This is an opportunity the Foundation must pursue with the utmost priority.

A HOME FOR SRH15953

Previously I advised that Barry and Marion Drake of Victoria had donated a Silver Shadow under the Cultural Gifts Program and that we sought a custodian for SRH15953. I am pleased to announce that this Shadow will now be under the care of Hugh King (NSW) for the next year. Hugh will bring it to Club events during 2023. Thank you, Hugh, for this arrangement.

BRIAN CRUMP (NSW),
SHRF CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

APPRENTICESHIP AWARD

New National Apprenticeship Award and information packs are being sent to repairers and official agents around Australia. The Award is open to any apprentice currently engaged in the servicing or repair of Rolls-Royce and Bentley products and further details are available on the website. It is important to encourage apprentices who will in the future be able to engage with Rolls-Royce and Bentley products.

PHANTOM V FUNDING

I thank the members of the RROCA in NSW for their amazing support of the Phantom V, 5VF159, raising \$5250 in a raffle. As a result, in January its transmission will be overhauled and our beloved Phantom will again be ready for adventures as a living cultural and motoring icon.

Members of the public adore 5VF159. At the Drive and Be Driven day this year a member of the public expressed amazement that not only were they allowed to sit in the car where the Queen regularly sat but they were encouraged to take the wheel and drive.

FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

The SHRF is a member of the Australasian Automobile Museums Association, and this is a valuable link in raising awareness of our work and particularly of the Coolum Showrooms, which continue to go from strength to strength thanks to the work of Frank and Joan Carroll. The Coolum Showrooms are the venue for monthly Cars and Coffee meets. With about a dozen Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars plus associated displays, it is little wonder that more than 100 people visit each month.

The archives at Bill Allsep House continue to provide owners of Australian delivered cars with records of the order and service history of many cars. While substantial, these records are not complete. We welcome any owner donating a copy of their build or service records so that we can eventually complete the records. ■



Hugh King (centre) with Trustees Jeanne Eve and Brian Crump. Hugh will look after Silver Shadow SRH15953 for a year.

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