

From the Sir Henry Royce Foundation

Award of The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Trophy - 2018:

This Trophy is awarded to a person who, in the opinion of the Trustees, has made a significant and long-term contribution to the ideals of Sir Henry Royce – the pursuit of excellence.

For 2018 the Foundation Trophy is awarded to the late Vin Kean.

Outside of his family, Vin devoted his life to the motoring industry.

He built a very successful motorcar dealership group with brands such as Holden, BMW, Volkswagen and Ferrari. He was the instigator and financier of the Holden Dealer Racing Team when General Motors withdrew from motor sport.

The pinnacle of Vin's career was his close relationship with Rolls-Royce and Bentley through the dealerships in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Vin was instrumental in the preservation and donation to The Foundation of significant archival material relating to these marques.

The Vin Kean Memorial Archive has been established to preserve and display the historical documentation that Vin collected over some 60 years association with Rolls-Royce and Bentley.

I presented the Trophy to Chris Kean in Adelaide on April 27. Chris organised a gathering of the Kean family and Vin's business associates in the board room of Adelaide BMW. The Kean family were delighted with the recognition that The Foundation gave to Vin and appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the presentation.

FJ English Award for Club Photography:

The Award for 2017 was won by NSW Branch Member Anderson Leong. Anderson's photo was taken on the 2017

High Country Overlander and shows Mike Mulvihill's 1961 Silver Cloud II (SZD315).

Anderson gave the title *A Cloudy Day* to his photo. The judges were impressed with typical Australian alpine setting and the juxtaposition of the "Silver Cloud" with the beauty of the cloud-filled sky.

The presentation of the Award (a cheque for \$500-00) was made to Anderson at the recent Clare Federal Rally. Congratulations to Anderson for such an evocative photograph.

This Award is made possible through the generous support of 50-year Club Member, Fred English. Fred has confirmed that the Award will be made again for 2018– refer to entry details on page 7408.

Sub-Archive Queensland:

As reported in the last issue of *Præclarvm*, the Sub-Archive Queensland, in the Brisbane suburb of Geebung, is now well established under the oversight of the Curator, long-standing Queensland Branch Member Barry Sparks.

The Official Opening of the Sub-Archive Queensland has been scheduled for the afternoon of June 2. The local MP will be the guest of honour. A full report on this important milestone in the development of The Foundation will be included in the next issue of *Præclarvm*.

The Lionel Gell Art Award 2018:

The arrangements for the Art Show are well advanced with considerable interest being shown by a wide range of artists. This is an acquisitive award, The Foundation acquires the prize-winning paintings. The Official Opening and Awards Announcement will be held on July 28 (full details in the advertisement on page 7408). All Members are welcome to attend.

This Award is made available through the generous support of The Foundation by Victoria Branch Member, Lionel Gell.



above: The late Vin Kean, winner of the 2018 Sir Henry Royce Foundation Trophy.

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award:

This Award, to encourage the use of The Foundation Archive for research, will be available again for 2018. Full details of the Award can also be found on page 7408.

Foundation Website:

Foundation Trustee Jeanne Eve, launched the new website at the recent Clare Federal Rally – www.henryroycefoundation.com. The aim of this update is to make the website more user-friendly and to balance the text with photographs highlighting the activities of The Foundation and its collections. Please take a look at the website – we would welcome your feedback.

Donations of material for the Archive:

Whether for display in the Queensland Sub-Archive or in Bill Allsep House in Victoria, The Foundation welcomes donations of documents, photographs, etc. Please do not dispose of any Rolls-Royce or Bentley "hardware" or printed material. The Foundation is happy to accept all such donations for addition to its collection. All donations are acknowledged by letter and entered into the Register.

Recently, the following people have made donations of a wide variety of interesting material: David Bick, Brian Carson, Norm Darwin, David Heuzenroeder, Peter Jordan-Hill, Ken King, Geoffrey May, Dale O'Sullivan, Alan Simpson, Robert Stone and George Tippet.

Trustees Meeting – Geebung, June 2:

The Trustees meet formally four or five times a year. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the opening of the Queensland Sub-Archive on June 2nd.

Russell Rolls
Chairman of Trustees

left: *A Cloudy Day*, Anderson Leong's photo of Mike Mulvihill's 1961 Silver Cloud II (SZD315), winner of the 2017 FJ English Photographic Award.

