

From the Sir Henry Royce Foundation

Appointment of Trustee:

The Foundation's activities in Queensland (Geebung and Coolum) are progressing very well. Given the importance of these activities to the future of The Foundation, the Trustees decided that it was appropriate to appoint a further Trustee resident in Queensland. It is with great pleasure, therefore, that I can advise that Wallace Moorhouse, a Foundation Member of the RROCA Queensland Branch was formally appointed a Trustee on March 5. Wallace has provided years of distinguished service to the RROCA as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Queensland branch. Wallace has served as Federal delegate and Federal Secretary and was recognised as an Honorary Life Member in 2007.

Wallace has accepted responsibility for the co-ordination of the Sub-Archive Queensland (the Geebung activity). I am sure that Wallace will make a significant contribution to The Foundation in general and to the Geebung activity in particular.

Sub-Archive Queensland:

The Curator, Barry Sparks, has been busy with a number of major initiatives. The first of a series of "Presentation Evenings" was held in February. The guest speaker was Geoff Brabham and attracted a "full house" of interested motoring enthusiasts. A number of car clubs have visited the Geebung premises and have held club meetings there.

Coolum:

Subsequent to the Official Opening of these premises in November, there have been a number of visits by both organisations and private individuals to view the cars on display and the growing collection of memorabilia. Frank Carroll, as the Trustee responsible for Coolum would be delighted to show Members over the facility if you are visiting the Sunshine Coast.

Kangan Institute – Centre of Automotive Excellence:

For many years now, The Foundation has supported the Kangan Institute by sponsoring prizes for outstanding automotive apprentices. At the recent Awards Night 2019, the Lionel Gell Award for the Automotive Apprentice of the Year was presented to Kate Kespers. Kate has recently completed and auto electrical apprenticeship and is highly regarded for her practical expertise and her devotion to her study and her work. The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Award for Excellence was presented to James Simpson. James studied for a Certificate III in Automotive Manufacturing Technical Operations. Through his commitment to further education, James was able to gain employment with Barker Trailers in Woodend.

Donations of material for The Foundation's "Archive":

Recently, the following have made donations to The Foundation's principal archive at Bill Allsep House of a wide variety of interesting documentation and artefacts: Ian Berg, Tom Clarke, Graham Cornish, Fred English, Margaret and Barry Gillings, Gerry Howell, David Marshall-Martin, Gilbert Ralph, Kim Stapleton, Brian Williams and Linda Witkowski.

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.

Electronic Media:

Over the past 12 months Jeanne Eve, with considerable assistance from Shay Gillings launched a new website and a Facebook page for The Foundation. I urge you to have a look at www.henryroycefoundation.com. There are very professional videos and photographs of The Foundation's collection along with Register listing the material in the collection. If you are a Facebook devotee (and even if you are not) it is worth following The Foundation at www.facebook.com/sirhenryroycefoundation/.

The Foundation and eBay:

The Trustees believe that eBay provides a useful platform for the sale of Foundation Merchandise. Hence we are looking

right upper: Lionel Gell and Kate Kespers, winner of the Lionel Gell Award for the Automotive Apprentice, at the recent Kangan Awards night.

right: SHRF Chairman, Russell Rolls with James Simpson winner of the Sir Henry Royce Foundation Award for Excellence.

for a volunteer with eBay selling skills to mastermind this activity. We have in mind that the volunteer would list the items, follow-up with queries from potential bidders and finalise the payment for the purchase. The actual despatch of the merchandise would not be the responsibility of the volunteer. Despatch would be effected through the central store at Bill Allsep House. If you have these skills and would be able to assist The Foundation in this regard, please give me a call on: 0418-325-086.

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award:

This Award, to encourage the use of The Foundation "Archive" for research, will be available again for 2019. Full details of the Award can be found below:

Russell Rolls
Chairman of Trustees



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The Foundation "Archive" has a significant collection of historical material on both Rolls-Royce and Bentley in Australia in general and on RROCA and individual Branch activities in particular. To encourage the publication of research based on this important archive material, the Trustees have initiated The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award. This Award, with a prize of \$500, will be awarded annually to the person who, in the opinion of the Trustees, has made the best use of The Foundation "Archive" to research a topic of Rolls-Royce and Bentley interest and who has published this research in "Præclarvm" or in wider distribution, publicly available media.

The key driver of this award is the use of The Foundation "Archive" as the basis of the research and the publication of the results of this research. The Award is open to all, not just Members of the RROCA.

Awarded annually, the Research Award Winner for the previous year will be announced at the Annual RROCA Federal Rally