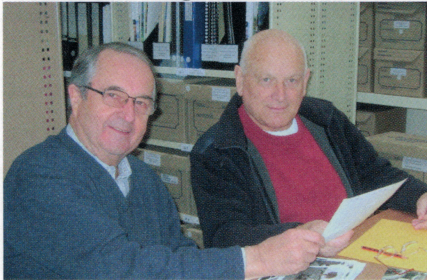


Vale – Richard Knight

It is with great sadness that the Trustees record the passing of Richard Knight. (A tribute to Richard can be found on the opposite page) Richard was one of the original volunteers who, over a long period, have assisted Archivist Gilbert Ralph in the conservation and cataloguing of the documentation and artefacts in The Foundation's collection. Richard's encyclopaedic knowledge of the personalities and cars associated with the Rolls-Royce and Bentley movement over the past 60 years has been invaluable. Our thoughts are with Richard's partner, James Baxter, and his extended family.

Sub-Archive Queensland



above: Volunteers (l-r) David MacArthur and Richard Knight discuss an Archive document at Bill Allsep House.

As has been noted in previous issues of "Praeclarvm", the Trustees agreed to the establishment of a "Sub-Archive" in Queensland. It was proposed that this Sub-Archive would house all the material that had been donated to The Foundation by Queensland RROCA Members, supplemented by duplicate material from the main "Archive" at Bill Allsep House. Following my visit to Queensland on September 27, I can report we have finalised all necessary arrangements and that the "Sub-Archive – Queensland" is now operational at premises in the Brisbane suburb of Geebung. These premises have been made available by a generous supporter of The Foundation – there is no cost involved to The Foundation.

Long-standing RROC Queensland Branch Member, Barry Sparks, has been appointed Curator of the "Sub-Archive – Queensland". A Committee of Management is being formed to oversee the governance and management of the "Sub-Archive". Given the requirements of the Trustees that all Foundation assets be under the custodianship of a Trustee, this Committee of Management will be chaired by Frank Carroll. It is proposed that there will be two further members of this Committee. Ideally, the President of the Queensland Branch of the RROCA should be a

member. Frank is in the process of putting together this Committee.

Barry Sparks reports that "on Saturday afternoon, 11th November, we hosted a small group of invited Club Members and associates to come for Afternoon Tea and to see the progress at the "Sub-Archive" that has been made to date. Their attitude and response was very positive and their comments indicated that we are doing a very good thing. They all seemed to be very impressed. There were a number of offers of memorabilia etc. for inclusion in the collection. An ex-member of the Club, Tony Lee, arrived with a "boot load" of photos and memorabilia to donate. We also received a Merlin Piston-Gudgeon-Con Rod Assembly, donated by Brian Parker. Our work force (volunteers) has increased by five friends, who, when they found out what we were doing asked - "What can we do to help?" I believe progress at the Sub-Archive has been very good given we started with empty rooms and a lot of boxes of material to be catalogued and sorted".



above: Queensland members can inspect the publications in the QLD Archive Library.

Ann Sparks is assisting Barry with the accession and cataloguing of the documentation and artefacts, following the same system and methodology as is used in the main BAH "Archive". The Trustees pay tribute to Barry and Ann for their excellent work is establishing the "Sub-Archive – Queensland". It



above: (l-r) David Vann and Frank Carroll discuss an Archive item at the meeting on 11 November, 2017.

is proposed to hold a formal Opening Ceremony, probably in early March 2018.

Digitising 35mm Slides and Super8 Movies

The Foundation "Archive" is keen to build upon its collection of colour

photographs and movies of early RROCA events and people. We seek your assistance in this regard.

If you have any old 35mm slides we have a device for converting them into digital format – either CD or USB stick. We are looking for really good shots of cars and individual portraits of historic interest to the Club. All photographs need to be identified and dated. If you want your treasured slides copied onto a CD we can offer that service at a moderate cost. If you have finished with these photographs, please donate them for incorporation into The Foundation's collection.

We are considering purchasing a device that will copy Super8 movies onto a DVD but before doing so we would like to know if there are any amateur movie makers out there who have Super8 movies of RROCA events. If there is sufficient demand we would be willing to provide a copying service at a modest cost and supply a DVD copy to the Member.

If you are interested in having your slides and Super8 movies digitised please contact The Foundation's Honorary Archivist, Gilbert Ralph by e-mail – archive@roycefoundation.com.au - describing the nature and extent of your collection.

Trustees Meeting – Sydney, November 25

The Meeting considered a number of major agenda items. I would highlight the work that Jeanne Eve is doing to modernise and improve The Foundation's "marketing" activities and public profile.

Donations of Material for the "Archive"

The Foundation "Archive" is an important repository for all historical documentation relating to the RROCA, the Club Branches, and Rolls-Royce and Bentley in Australia.

Since the last edition of "Praeclarvm" there have been further donations of material to the "Archive". The following people made donations of a wide variety of interesting documentation: Ron Aubrey, Pamela Barber, Margaret Gillings, Eric Henderson, Len King, John Link, Margaret Miller, Allan Simpson, Steve Stuckey and Brian Williams.

If you have books, photographs or any material of historical interest relating to matters Rolls-Royce or Bentley please give consideration to donating them to The Foundation.

Russell Rolls
Chairman Of Trustees