

The Foundation's Phantom V on tour

We also welcome a new trustee of the SHRF

On behalf of the trustees, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Clare Gordon (NSW) as a trustee of the Sir Henry Royce Foundation. Clare has a unique knowledge of the industry and a profound understanding of how Rolls-Royce and Bentley vehicles were distributed along Australia's eastern coast in the 1980s and 1990s. Clare also has a profound knowledge of the arts and crafts that accompanied the technical side of building fine motor cars and of the people involved in their construction and sale.

Clare is undertaking an exploration of the oral history and social culture of people involved with Rolls-Royce and Bentley in Australia and will capture the memories of some significant people for the long-term benefit of motoring aficionados. This will strengthen the knowledge base the SHRF seeks to preserve.

Clare is very welcome, and we are honoured to have her as a trustee.

The Archives at BAH have significant holdings of records from York Motors (NSW), Kellow-Falkiner (VIC) and Motors Ltd (SA), and this may include records of your car. These can be accessed for a small fee and the first step in this process is to send an email with details of your request

to enquiries@henryroycefoundation.com.

Donations of relevant materials are always welcome, and I would like to thank Rex and Norah Vincent and Robert Peel for their recent donations of materials to the archives. Don't throw away what could be valuable records and photos; contact us to find out if they can be used for future generations.

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ADVENTURES OF 5VF159

In early September RROCA members from NSW and Queensland travelled to Tamworth for Phantoms in the Bush, a spring tour commemorating the opening of the Civic Centre in 1977 by HM Queen Elizabeth II. The ex-vice regal Phantom V 5VF159 was the centre of attention for many in Tamworth who remembered the visit and came to see the Phantom and to be part of the celebrations.

One such was the then apprentice from JT Fossey Ford, who was in attendance

the day the Ford dealer was called upon to urgently find and fit a replacement for the passenger-side front window. This replacement glass is still in place and subtle differences such as the bevelling and different thickness of the glass show it to be a replacement. Thanks go to Michael Jeanes for organising such a splendid event.

Another event starring 5VF159 was the Wombat Flats Picnic Day fundraiser for the vehicle, hosted by Bob Doyle (NSW). We were grateful for the opportunity for RROCA members to meet all the trustees and we greatly appreciate the support of the Federal President, Louise, and husband Neil at the event.

5VF159 was the significant attraction at the NSW All British Day recently and the public clearly cherishes the car and adores the fact that HM specified and used the vehicle. People are delighted to be photographed sitting in such an icon.

Don't forget there are some excellent books available for sale from the SHRF website and while you are perusing them you might sign up for *The Royce Voice*, our quarterly electronic newsletter. Past copies are also on the website. We look forward to providing you with updates on the activities of the SHRF through your subscription. ■

Phantom V 5VF159 departs Tamworth last month. It had also visited in 1977, carrying Queen Elizabeth II



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