

## Trustees Meeting – Melbourne, September 16:

The Meeting considered a number of major agenda items. These ranged across matters related to: Queensland premises, appointment of an Historical Consultant, Foundation funding, insurance, the "Archive" conservation policy, website, marketing and communication strategies for example. I wish to highlight three particular matters.

The proposal to establish a Foundation presence in Brisbane is progressing well. This presence will be centred around a "Sub-Archive" to complement the main "Archive" held in Melbourne at Bill Allsep House. Duplicate material held in Melbourne has been identified for display in Brisbane. This material will supplement the archival material already held by The Foundation in Brisbane but which has not previously been on display. I would expect the legal formalities, including the registration of The Foundation as a charity in Queensland, will be completed by the end of October. There will be a full report in this regard in the December issue of "Praeclarvm". The Queensland Branch is fully supportive of the establishment of the "Sub-Archive" in Brisbane and is active in providing volunteers to set-up and catalogue the artefacts and documentation

David Neely has been formally appointed as an "Historical Consultant" to The Foundation. David is the pre-eminent Rolls-Royce and Bentley researcher in Australia and has an international reputation for his encyclopaedic knowledge of these marques. David is the joint author (with Tom Clarke) of "Rolls-Royce and Bentley in the Sunburnt Country" and the author of "In the Rear View Mirror – A History of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia". (All RROCA Members should have a copy of these books, published by The Foundation, in their library. They are available for \$75.00 postage included to all Australian addresses. Please send your orders to The Foundation

at PO Box 140, South Yarra 3141. David's first research note under his new "Historical Consultant" by-line covers an interesting snippet of history relating to The Foundation's Phantom Vs. This research piece, on the cars during the visit of the King of Nepal, can be found on page 7245.

The ACT Branch has offered financial support to assist with "getting The Foundation's message out to the Branches of the RROCA and to other sympathetic organisations, so that the wonderful work being done can be more widely appreciated across the country". The Branch has suggested "the commercial production, or at least a high quality private production, of a video documentary covering the widest possible range of aspects related to the operations of the Foundation." The Trustees are greatly appreciative of the generous support of the ACT Branch. Trustee Jeanne Eve has accepted the responsibility to work with Ian Irwin, ACT Branch President, to develop a formal proposal

### 1967 Phantom V – 5VF155:

As part of the strategy to involve more RROCA Branches in Foundation activities, 5VF155 has been relocated to Queensland under the custodianship of Trustee Frank Carroll.

Archival research has shown that the original Commonwealth Government COMCAR registration for the car was ZSF 570. A Queensland "personalised" plate with this number has been reserved so that when the paperwork formalities have been completed 5VF155 will be used for Club and public events on full registration.

This follows a similar model to 5VF159, The Foundation's Phantom V currently under the custodianship of Trustee Brian Crump in NSW. 5VF159 carries the NSW "personalised" plate ZSF 571, again reflecting its original Commonwealth Government COMCAR registration.

Both Phantom Vs have an interesting history with COMCAR.

## 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. Gilbert Ralph (Honourary Archivist) and his team of volunteers meet at Bill Allsep House every second Monday to manage the "Archive".

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: the Estate of the Late Jim Kelso, The Estate of the Late Russell Burge, Bruce Gardner, Greg Johnston, Peter Jordan-Hill, Richard Knight, Theo Nelson, Gilbert Ralph, Ian Tonkin, Roy Whitchurch and Brian Williams.

I wish to make particular mention of the material given by the Estate of the Late Jim Kelso. The Foundation received some 30 filing boxes covering the lifetime of Jim's interest in Rolls-Royce. Included were research notes on the restoration of Jim's cars, a small collection of Rolls-Royce mascots, Handbooks, photos, etc. This donation is of significant historical importance to the RROCA and to The Foundation.

Also, I wish to highlight the generous donation by Ian Tonkin of all his research and background material on Phantom V 5VF155 compiled whilst under his ownership. This material is invaluable in documenting the life of this historic vehicle.

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

## The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award

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 "Praeclarvm" 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**