

## Appointment of new Trustee

After a period of consolidation, the Trustees are confident it is now an appropriate time to be more pro-active in expanding Foundation activities. In this regard, I am pleased to announce that, at the Trustees Meeting in Sydney on April 29, the formalities were completed for Jeanne Eve's appointment as Trustee.

Jeanne, a long-standing Member of the NSW Branch and a former Branch President, brings significant communication skills to The Foundation. Jeanne has already brought these skills to bear through her participation at this recent Trustees Meeting and has volunteered, as her initial area of responsibility, to update the presentation of The Foundation's website.

I welcome Jeanne's appointment and am certain that The Foundation will benefit greatly from her wise council and her enthusiastic participation in Foundation activities.

## Consultative Committee Follow-up

As reported in the last issue of "Praeclarvm", a suggestion put forward at the Canberra Federal Rally Consultative Committee Meeting by ACT Branch President Ian Irwin was of particular interest to the Trustees. This suggestion related to the development of a strategy for The Foundation to reach a broader audience than just Rolls-Royce and Bentley owners. This idea was discussed in some detail at the Trustees Meeting held in Sydney on April 29. Jeanne Eve has volunteered to take the lead - she has already commenced a review of The Foundation's website to make it more attractive visually. Further, she has outlined to the Trustees a strategy to enhance The Foundation's communication activities and public image so that the objectives and operations of The Foundation are known and appreciated more broadly.

## 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, preferably, in the wider publicly available media.



**above:** The Foundation Trustees: (l-r/r-f) Brian Crump, Eric Henderson, Frank Carroll, new appointee Jeanne Eve and Chairman, Russell Rolls.

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.

## The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Lionel Gell Art Award - 2018

In 2012, in conjunction with the Sherbrooke Art Society and supported by Victoria Branch Member Peter Jordan-Hill, The Foundation conducted an acquisitive art competition. This competition was most successful, attracting a large number of entries and resulting in The Foundation acquiring three excellent paintings that are on display at Bill Allsep House.

The Foundation, in conjunction with the Sherbrooke Art Society and with the support of Victoria Branch Member Lionel Gell, will conduct a similar competition in 2018. As with the 2012 competition, art works must depict either a Rolls-Royce or Bentley Car in an Historic, Australian or Romantic setting. Acquisitive prize money is \$5,000 First Prize, \$3,000 Second Prize and \$2,000 Third Prize. Full details of this Award are available in the next Praeclarvm.

## Visit of James Hinchcliffe and Annabel Sleight

In early April, James and his wife Annabel visited Bill Allsep House and The Lionel Gell School of Instruction for Rolls-Royce and Bentley. James is the grandson of Colonel Reg Rippon, the last Chairman of Rippon Bros, the famous Huddersfield based coachbuilder. Rippon Bros, established as a carriage maker in 1870, went on to produce highly regarded car coachwork and specialised in Rolls-Royce. The family business eventually closed in 1970.

James has published a book, "Rippon Bros a Coachbuilder of Renown", written by Jonathan Wood, which has been awarded the prestigious Antique Automobile Club of America's Thomas McKean Cup.

James and Annabel presented a copy of the book to The Foundation. Members who wish to purchase a copy are referred to the website [www.ripponbrosbook.co.uk](http://www.ripponbrosbook.co.uk).



**above:** Federal President, Neil Matthews, James Hinchcliffe Russell Rolls and SHRF Volunteer John Reis at Bill Allsep House during James' recent visit.

## The Kangan Institute Centre for Automotive Excellence Awards

The Foundation, as part of its educational outreach, sponsors two awards annually to recognise achievement of excellence for automotive industry trainees at the Centre for Automotive Excellence.

Nicholas Spencer, employed by Barker Trailers Pty Ltd, was the winner of The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Award for Excellence. Joshua Drenen, employed by K & RJ Matthews Quarries Pty Ltd, was the winner of the Lionel Gell School of Instruction Award in Automotive.

We congratulate Nicholas and Joshua for the hard work and dedication that they have shown in their training, their work and for their contribution to maintaining Sir Henry Royce's high standards in automotive industry technology. The presentations were made to Nicholas and Joshua at the Kangan Apprentice and Industry Awards Night in late April.

**Russell Rolls**  
Chairman Of Trustees