

Casting a Shadow on an associate member

Who will look after Silver Shadow SRH15953?

Over the past eleven years Russell Rolls has done a superb job of steering the SHRF forward and on behalf of the trustees I thank him for his wise leadership and good counsel over this period. I am pleased to report that Russell will stay with us as a Trustee, and I am honoured to accept the Chair of the SHRF as we tackle some of the questions facing motoring and cultural-heritage foundations in a changing world.

Over the next year the SHRF will engage with some serious questions, such as how best to continue to preserve and enhance the collections it curates; to foster a deeper engagement with the general public; and to support the evolving role of Henry Royce, engineer? To commence this process the SHRF is pleased to announce several new initiatives.

First, we are looking for a custodian for a Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow.

Inspired by the custodianship program for GOV (LRH24643), Barry and Marion Drake of Victoria have donated a Silver Shadow (SRH15953) to the SHRF. This is an ideal Club car for an associate member to gain experience in the Rolls-Royce and

Bentley fraternity. Consequently, we are seeking expressions of interest from an RROCA associate member in any state to become the custodian of SRH15953 for an initial period of one year. The SHRF will meet the fixed costs of registration and comprehensive insurance (Shannons). The custodian will meet the day-to-day running costs of fuel, oil and servicing.

The SHRF stipulates that the car be used primarily for Club events and is not used for general personal use.

If you are interested, please phone Trustee Eric Henderson, 0438 775 992. Formal expressions of interest will be received until October 31, 2022.

NEW APPRENTICE AWARD

The next initiative is the announcement of a new National Apprenticeship Award to encourage an apprentice already engaged in the servicing or restoration of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars. The criteria for this award are as follows:

1. Be employed as an apprentice in the servicing or restoration of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars. This employment could be in mechanical, electrical, body repairs and

maintenance and associated areas.

2. Be recognised by the employer as an apprentice with dedication, talent and enthusiasm for the tasks undertaken.

3. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence in the chosen area of automotive servicing or restoration.

4. Be supported by references from the employer or TAFE.

5. Is open to anyone in Australia.

This award is in addition to the support given to the Kangan TAFE Apprenticeship Award. Further details and the application process for this award will be announced shortly on the SHRF website.

EXCELLENT BOOKS

May I remind you that all the books published by the SHRF can be purchased online: henryroycefoundation.com/shop.

We have copies of the reprinted *Rolls-Royce and Bentley in the Sunburnt Country* by Tom Clarke and David Neely, with its extra 100 pages of amendments from 1999-2021. The cost is \$170 per book which includes postage within Australia.

The new publication written by Paul Tritton, *Evelyn Maud Mill — from servant to socialite*, is highly recommended. The cost for this excellent book is \$55, which includes postage within Australia.

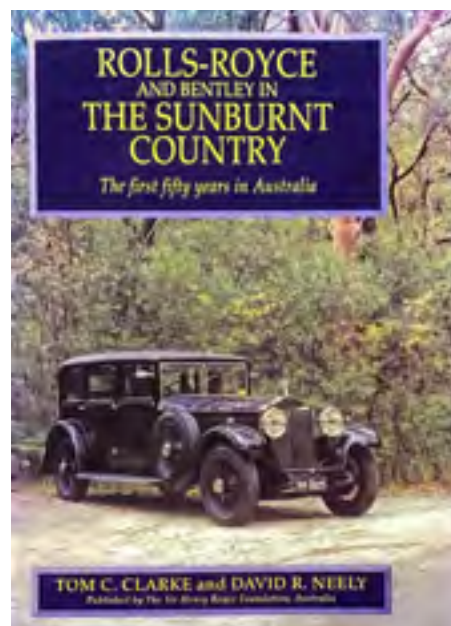
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PHOTO DONATION

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the generous donation by Fred English of 11 boxes of assorted Rolls-Royce and Bentley materials, including some of Fred's famous photographs. These are now in the Archives at Bill Allsep House, to be catalogued and curated for public access.

It is through such generosity that the SHRF has been able to build a unique collection of materials for both current and future generations.

The Trustees welcome your input and thoughts. Please do feel free to contact any of us. You may contact me for further discussion of issues and ideas on 0419 417 813 or spitz@bigpond.net.au. ■



Above: *Evelyn Maud Mill* is a book featuring new perspectives on Rolls-Royce history, while *Sunburnt Country* is at last reprinted complete with all supplementary information gathered between its first printing in 1999 and 2021