

Proposed Queensland Premises

The past few years have seen The Foundation in a period of consolidation. The Trustees are confident that it is now an appropriate time to be more pro-active in expanding Foundation activities.

In this regard, at the Trustees Meeting held during the Canberra Federal Rally, the Trustees considered a proposal that would allow The Foundation to establish premises in Queensland. Such premises would require no capital outlay from The Foundation nor would The Foundation incur any owning and operating costs. The Trustees have agreed, in principle, to proceed with this proposal.

It is very early days yet but the Trustees have a high level of confidence that they will be successful in establishing a permanent Foundation presence in Queensland.

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Trophy 2017

The Trophy is awarded each year to a person who, in the opinion of the Trustees, has made a significant, long-term contribution to the ideals of Sir Henry Royce – the pursuit of excellence.

For 2017, The Foundation Trophy is awarded to Paul Lukes, a long-standing Member of the NSW Branch. Paul has spent his adult life associated with Rolls-Royce and Bentley motorcars. He has painstakingly restored Phantom II 4GY to a very high standard of excellence. Paul has donated to The Foundation the York Motors car service records for preservation – an extraordinarily valuable research resource for Australian car owners. He has contributed to the maintenance of The Foundation's Phantom V 5VF159.

Paul has certainly made a valuable contribution to the pursuit of excellence,



one of the core objectives of The Foundation.

In the words of Sir Henry Royce – Whatever rightly done, however humble, is noble.

The announcement of the award to Paul and the presentation of the Trophy was made during the Display Day at Federal Rally, Canberra.

The F. J. English Award for Club Photography for 2016

With the generous support of 50-year Victoria Branch and NSW Branch Member Fred English, The Foundation presents an annual award to a Club Member for a photograph that exemplifies the "spirit" of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars and of the "friendly atmosphere" of Club outings.

The winner of the Award for 2016 is NSW Branch Member Michael Jeanes for his photograph titled "Day's End". Michael's photo was taken at last year's Federal Rally in Bendigo. It invokes the spirit of the Club with Members relaxing and socialising in company with their

above: Paul Lukes (l) receives the SHRF Trophy for 2017 from Russell Rolls, Chairman of Trustees, at the 2017 Federal Rally Display Day in front of the National Library.

Silver Clouds, perhaps the most elegant of post-war models.

Congratulations to Michael for a most evocative photograph.

Phantom V 5VF155 and 5VF159 at the Federal Rally

As reported in the last edition of "Praeclarvm", Victoria Branch Member Ian Tonkin has initiated the formal process for the donation of 5VF155 to The Foundation. Whilst this process has yet to be finalised, Ian allowed The Foundation to exhibit the car at the Canberra Federal Rally. It was possible, therefore, to have the two ex-

below: The 2016 FJ English Award winner for Club Photography, "Day's End" was taken by Michael Jeanes at the end of the Concours Display Day at the 2016 Bendigo Federal Rally and features: the 1961 Silver Cloud II (SXC28) (l) & the 1957 Silver Cloud (SED347)





Australian Government royal cars together for the first time for over 30 years.

The Foundation is indeed fortunate to have two such historic cars in its collection.

Consultative Committee

The formal channel of communication between the RROCA Branches and The Foundation is the Consultative Committee. The Committee met again at the Federal Rally, immediately after the RROCA Federal Council Meeting. I was able to give Branch Presidents an update on Foundation activities over the past 12 months. This update will be passed back to Members via the normal Branch communication channels.

A suggestion from ACT Branch President Ian Irwin was of particular interest. This related to the development of a strategy for The Foundation to reach a broader audience than just Rolls-Royce and Bentley owners. The Trustees are already working to follow-up this suggestion. It will form an important agenda item for the Trustees Meeting scheduled for April 29.

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: Ian Dunn, Roger Falkner, Margaret and Barry Gillings, David Jones, Rory Poland, Alan Simpson, Victor Steiner 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

above: The two SHRF Phantom Vs (r-l) 5VF159 and 5VF155 stand together at the Federal Rally Display Day beside the other Queen's car present at the Rally, David Bick's 1958 Silver Wraith HJM Limousine (HLW48).

below: All Branches were represented at the SHRF Consultative Meeting at the 2017 Canberra Federal Rally.



The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Has Pleasure in Announcing the F J English Award for Club Photography for 2017

Entries are invited for the 2017 F J English Award for Club Photography. The award has been named by the Trustees in recognition of Fred's contribution of the F J English Photographic Archive, which contains over 12,000 images of Club events. The Foundation is grateful to Fred English for his continued support of the award. The competition is now in its tenth year.

The winner receives a cash prize of \$500.

The competition is open to members of the RROCA. The photograph must be taken at a RROCA event in the 2017 calendar year and there is a limit of one photograph per member. The judging will be undertaken by the Trustees with the assistance of an external artistic consultant, the criteria being for a photograph that exemplifies the "spirit" of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars and of the "friendly atmosphere" of Club outings.

Also taken into account will be the "artistic composition" of the subject material.

Entries close on 28 February 2018.

The Winner will be announced at the 2018 Federal Rally at Clare, SA, in April.

Please email your entry to the Praeclarvm Editor: editor@rroc.org.au