



## **QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL INC.**

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### **NEWSLETTER No. 24** **June 2025**

#### **NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY REPORT** **17 MAY 2025.**

National Motoring Heritage Day is held on the third Sunday of May every year with the aim of promoting and displaying to the community and Government “the strength of the Australian historic motoring movement”. Historic Vehicle Clubs and members are encouraged to use their vehicles on this day and since its inception the event has become a recognised event on Historic Vehicle Clubs calendar of events.

Many motoring clubs throughout the state held events over the course of the weekend.

The Q.H.M.C. this year joined with the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to mark the occasion with a Display Day for vehicles at the Ormiston State School on Saturday 17 May.

The day dawned cold and very damp following six days of rain and our hopes for clear skies were dashed. Bayside Club members and volunteers from other Clubs manned the entry gates from 7.00a.m. but the weather conditions deterred many enthusiasts from venturing out, although attendance was down on previous years the vehicles on display generated considerable interest.

There were many highlights throughout the morning and a good variety of interesting vehicles. Vehicles attending dated from 1910 and included tourers, convertibles, sedans, motorcycles, R.A.C.Q.'s 1938 Chevrolet tow-truck, and Werner Kroll's former DC 3 wingless plane now converted to a camper. Also on display was a replica 1925 No.1 M.G. Roadster.

Sid and wife Pauline braved the elements and dressed in Edwardian attire to complement the lines of their 1910 Maxwell.

Bayside member John Gross brought along one of the more unusual vehicle, a ¾ scale Grumman Panther jet. The jet took John over eight years to construct and is always a draw-card when displayed at Club events.

Despite the cloudy skies the day failed to put a dampener on the spirit of motoring enthusiasts such as Justin who drove his 1929 Austin 7 from Wavell Heights to participate and display his beloved tourer. The Austin has been in his family for 52 years and Justin as a youngster attended rallies with his father in the tourer. The enjoyment Justin gains from driving the Austin is clearly evident.

The Robert Shannnon Foundation stand was on the oval with Bayside member Lachlan Jones' red Toyota Corolla on display. Lachlan is a recent winner of a Robert Shannon Foundation Grant.

Farm Angels also had a stand and provided stubby holders for attendees along with a Coffee van and Mr. Yummy Ice cream.

Displays in the Hall included the Cancer Foundation's stall and two Model Car displays . The event was opened by President Carle at 10.00a.m. with an official welcome and thank you for attendance.

Carle then announced the winner of the Best vehicle, the 1965 Buick Riviera while the President's award for the quirkiest car of the day went to the pink Kit-car.

Drawing of the Raffle followed with a total of 15 prizes on offer including a huge Meat tray donated by the Buick Club, two \$50.00 vouchers donated by the Austin 7 Club, a double yearly entry pass to the Motor Museum at Banyo, and a Gas heater along with regalia from the Studebaker Club to mention just a few.

The generosity of member Clubs and sponsors go a long way to making this event a success. Thank you also to Shannon's Insurance and Jones I.G.A. who provided sponsorship in the form of cash.

Congratulations to Q.H.M.C. for hosting the event and a huge thank-you to the volunteers from member Clubs along with Bayside members who manned displays and gates, supervised parking and served morning tea to volunteers.

Most of all, a BIG THANK YOU to the hardy folk who travelled to Ormiston to help celebrate the day.

Sharon Auld.

### **CARTOON OR ARTICLE USAGE**

Be aware of using cartoons or articles in your Club magazine or newsletter. One Club has received a demand for a fee for not getting permission to use a cartoon in their magazine.

### **TMR REPORT**

I have received an email from the Department of Transport and Main Roads stating that they are not convening any further meetings of the Recreational Motor Vehicle Safety Group (RMVSG ). Future meetings will be on a one on one basis with the Department that handles that issue.