



# TORQUE TUBE

**Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc August 2014**

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**Next Meeting:** Will be the OGM at the Club Shed Ex CSRIO Grounds Samford on Thursday 14/8/14 at 8 pm, resuming frequency of every second Thursday of the month.

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# Submissions to the Qld. State Government for secure tenure of motor sporting venues.

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petitions>

If you are interested in motor sport then you may wish to sign the current online petition put up by John Goss on the above web site.

## Agenda/Minutes of Riley Club General Meeting

Held on 10 July 2014

### **At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford**

1. The President Ken Lonie declared the meeting open at 2000hrs.
2. **Attendance** – as per the attendance sheet, and welcome to Kel O'Brien.
3. **Apologies** – Brian & Lyn Jackson, Di Phillips, Jack Warr, Bill and Maria White, Ray and Bev Burrows, Dorothy Cameron
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on 12/6/14 were moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Alan Hill and seconded by Ian Henderson. **Carried**

**Business Arising** – Ken Lonie responded to David and Anne Berker, thanked them for their invitation and advised that due to heavy commitments the Club would not be able to attend the Gangsters Galore night.

Mark Baldock is to advise Graeme and Lola Sargent that we have not been able to find any detail on their RMB in the Queensland records.

There was no business arising that was not dealt with in later business.

#### **5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

##### **Inwards –**

Club Magazines from: - 1 X VIC, 1 X SA, 1 X WA, 1 X NSW, All magazines are retained in the Club Library.

Correspondence from: -1. Riley Motor Club of WA advising that the Wildflower Rally is now from 10 September to 14 September. Fridge Magnets and Flyers enclosed..

2. QHMC Insurance renewal received in the amount of \$855.15. Moved acceptance by Mark Baldock and Seconded by Alan Hill

**Carried.** Treasurer to pay online

3. Petition received from John Goss, which can be accessed at Qld e petition, Ref No 2261-14 for completion if desired.

4. Email from Beverley Bunt regarding RMC for sale on Mornington Peninsula. No response required

Membership Received From: Bevan Crowhurst and Kel O'Brien. Both members accepted.

5. Thankyou note from Di Phillips

##### **Outwards – Nil**

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.

Seconded by Wendy Lonie  
**Carried.**

#### 6. Treasurers Report May 2014

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 June 2014 **\$6118.08CR**

##### **Income**

Joining and 2014 Membership Fees	50.00.
Electronic distributor and sundries (EFT/Bpay - part)	254.00
Interest	<u>0.75</u>
	<b>\$385.73</b>

##### **Expenditure**

Moreton Bay RC – Shed Rent (outgoings), June (EFT/Bpay)	15.50
W. White – Packing and Postage	38.15
	<b>\$53.65</b>

Balance as per Bank Statement, 30 June 2014 **\$6369.18CR**

Presented at OGM 10 July 2014

Seconded: Rod Longden

**Carried:**

Note Direct Deposits are to be identified to Linden by Bill White

#### 7. Report from Club Captain – Greg Mehwa

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July – Samford Show and organisers are always keen for cars for static display, without entry fees.

13<sup>th</sup> July RACQ Motorfest

20 July. Run to Lost World, Beaudesert area

27<sup>th</sup> July – Jack Warr's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration at the shed.

Octoberfest reminder

8-9 November. Gold Coast Autorama.

30 November. Viewing of Ken's and Bill's projects. Morning Tea at Bill's and Christmas Lunch at Ken and Wendy's

30 November Christmas Party at Ken and Wendy's in Maleny

Shed sorting day postponed until September or October. To be confirmed with Bill White.

14 December Sunday Meeting at 1300hrs, preceded by sausage sizzle at 1200hrs.

February 2015 – New Zealand

Easter 2014, Hub Rally. Details yet to come.

September 2015. Keep in mind the Perth National Rally

#### 8. Report from Torque Tube Editor –

Bill Short advised that it is business as usual and more contributions are urgently required, including photos with descriptions.

Bill will include Parts Lists in hard copy magazines for those that do not have email access.

Bill again reiterated that ideally he requires articles 2 weeks before the meeting using Arial 10 point text if possible. Photos should ideally be sized to 600 X 800.

#### 9. Report on Jack Warr Riley Shed –

All of the remaining parts have been picked up from 30 Ashton St Wynnum (David Schock 0428051914), and the Club acknowledges its appreciation to Ross McOmish.

Two Chassis, one RMB and one Pathfinder are now available.

10. **Report from Registrar – Nil.**

11. **Report from Spare Parts** –.As neither Jack nor Graham were in attendance there was no formal report presented.

A reminder that Ian Henderson, who regularly visits Jack has offered to liaise in the purchase of spare parts available from Jack and can be contacted by club members should Jack not be available.

It was mentioned that at a previous AGM it was moved that Graham McKay should hold electrical parts: has this happened? The Secretary is still to follow up this motion and outcomes and report back to the next meeting if possible

Bill Short has tracked down a manufacturer for the distributor gears at a very economical rate, however Bill is to obtain the specification for discussion at the next meeting before any purchases are arranged.

It was proposed by Alan Hill that lockable cabinets for spare parts should be purchased. Seconded Robin Hull.  
**Carried**

12. **Report from Website Coordinator** –Linden is still seeking recent photographs and is currently updating the site.

13. **General Business.**

To date there have been 25 non family members confirmed for Jack's party on 27 July 2014.

The Lonies have apologized for the August, September and October meetings. Ian Henderson will assume the Presidents role for August and Alan Hill for September and October.

Linden Thomson has apologised for the August Meeting

14. **Car Reports-**

Bill Short is intending to clay mould his bonnet tomorrow if any one is interested to view.

David has just purchased an RMB from Toowoomba and is taking delivery tomorrow. Bill Short previously restored this car.

Ken Lonie now has his Blue Plate for his power steering conversion and has the design available.

**Next Meeting** will be the OGM at the Jack Warr Shed on 14/8/14 at 2000hrs, preceded by a cuppa at 1930hrs, maintaining the frequency of every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Meeting Closed:** Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2125hrs

# Jack's 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration Lunch

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 12 Midday

Riley Clubhouse, Samford, BYO drinks & \$15pp

A reminder that RSVP's are necessary.

Please and no later than 20<sup>th</sup> July.

For further information & RSVP's please contact

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Readers,

It is that time of the month again. Not a lot to report this month from contributors as things must be slack around the merry month of July.

Bill.

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## Getting a Bonnet That Looks Right.



Engine space blocked out.



Now for the fun mud part.



Foiling around.



All glassed up.



Moulds.



Mounting Brackets



Nearly Finished

## For Sale And Wanted



### Nelson O'Brien's 1957 RMC RR111

Nelson wants to buy a RMC, preferably, if not an RMD.

You'll find him on:

07 5492 3323,

Mobile 0417721656

Email: [nelsonobrien@bigpond.com](mailto:nelsonobrien@bigpond.com)

Nelson used to own this Roadster in 1957, registration RR111.

Anyone know what happened to it?

## August Shed Specials

RMB - Running boards, Bonnet sides.

RMA - Chrome running boards strips

RMH - Rear windows, doors, rocker box.

Electronic ignitions/ distributors \$75, spare electronic units \$25.

All parts as is, where is. All serious offers considered.

Contact Alan Hill 32891063 or Bill White 32894282.

## Member Profile



I thought I should let you know a few home truths about that Bill Bunt character. Firstly, the cops want me in all states & territories, so the less said about me the better. However, I was born in Charters Towers in 1936 and that now makes me an old 78 years. I was sent to boarding school in Charters Towers as after the war there were no school teachers available to teach us bush kids from further West.

After my automotive training which included a couple of years on heavy equipment (bulldozers etc.) I was drafted into the Army (National Service & a long stint in the CMF). After this I secured a job with Annand & Thompson where I soon became the workshop manager (you know a kick in the bum & a collar & Tie!). With a mortgage that I couldn't afford & two young kids, a boy & a girl, I decided to make my fortune - ha ha! I sold everything & bought the Caltex fuel depot in Ingham. Oh boy, wasn't that a shock to the system - 80% of my customers were Italian & I didn't have a bloody clue what they were talking about. It was a quick learning curve, but fortunately my first wife Lorraine could understand most, having grown up with Italian kids. However, tragically I lost Lorraine at

age 32 due to terminal cancer.

After this I was head hunted by BP Australia to start up & develop a distributorship in Townsville. It was a pretty hard start, didn't have a customer, all I had was a busted arse Bedford truck and the hope that maybe luck would change, and what do you know, I met Beverley - Whacko!! Beverley had had a similar tragedy having lost her husband in a tractor accident in New Zealand, leaving her with 3 children aged 4 and under. Things were starting to grow, collectively we had five kids & the fleet was now two busted Bedfords.

Beverley & I worked well together, we had to, & the business grew rapidly because of it. After 27 years, and more pressure from the oil company to take over more territory (bloody hell we were already covering half of Queensland) we decided to sell before we were both pushing up daisies. It was not an easy decision to make, as when you grow a business to the size that ours had become, you strongly feel that you are being disloyal to yourself. On sale day we handed over 31 Dangerous Goods Vehicles, plus utilities, forklifts & various equipment, two Service Stations, a large lubricant warehouse & industrial land where we kept our trucks & trailers. Since retirement we have travelled to UK, Europe, Alaska, Canada, United States & New Zealand.

My first restoration when I was young & silly was a 1914 Hupmobile - it took me 7 years. Now that I am old & sillier I have a shed full of the old crap. The restored ones are: 1928 Austin 7, 1948 Austin Sheerline, 1950 Riley RMB, 1928 Ford Model A, 1927 Chev 4, 1944 Ford Jeep. I have recently sold a 1940 Chev. Sedan, 1930 Ford 4 door sedan, 1924 Dodge, and I think the 1928 Austin 7 "Tinkerbelle" is being sold to an old chap in Charters Towers "Don't tell Beverley about this though" (Tinkerbelle belongs to her).

p.s. The restorations on all Bills' vehicles are to a high standard, including impeccable paint jobs. Bill admits he outsources the upholstery & the chrome work. He is currently working on a 1927, 7 seater, Buick which was the original Charters Towers Mourning coach. The Riley was restored from a 'total cot case wreck' bought at Pambula Beach (Vic/NSW border 10 years ago). The woodwork was practically nonexistent & was probably the most difficult restoration he has undertaken. Bill is concerned the World's resources cannot continue to sustain the population increases & would like to see less wastage of these resources.

Bill & Beverley are wonderfully genuine people, and incredibly hospitable.

## Coming Events

### August

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Lismore Rally NRVVCC  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Coast Rally

### September

13<sup>th</sup> Gympie Swap Showground 54822303  
14<sup>th</sup> Beaudesert Swap Showground 0414066121  
16<sup>th</sup> VCCQ Annual Veteran/Vintage Club Rooms  
27<sup>th</sup> Historic Truck Gatton Showground [hcv@hcvag.com.au](mailto:hcv@hcvag.com.au)

### October

4<sup>th</sup> Maryborough Rally  
19<sup>th</sup> Ebbw Vale Swap 0408723800

### November

8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Autorama



## A Trip To The Lost World



A fantastic Rally was meticulously planned by our Rally Director, Greg Mewha for July. 4 x RMB's - Ken & Wendy Lonie, Barbara & Robin Hull, Dave Sawtell & Brett and Mark Baldock, one RMD, Chris Reynolds & an Elf, Ian Henderson met at Macleays Bridge near Beaudesert for morning tea. Dave brought his lovely 2 toned blue RMB on his first rally with the club which attracted much attention. Chris Reynolds invited 3 friends along to the Rally in his Drophead. Apart from a little blip caused by a fuel blockage, the RMD ran like a dream and as always was admired by all. Needless to say the RMB's and the Elf performed splendidly. We then travelled on to Stinson Park on the banks of Christmas Creek and in the shadow of the awe inspiring Darlington Range through lovely though dry countryside to enjoy a barbeque lunch and share Riley stories. The winter weather was perfect and all arrived home safely.

Thanks Greg, another great rally.