

Vale Jean Allsep

With the recent passing of Jean Allsep The Foundation lost one of its major supporters. Jean wished to establish a lasting legacy in memory of her late husband Bill. The Foundation was able to provide the vehicle for Jean to fulfill her wish with the Trustees deciding to establish Bill Allsep House as The Foundation's "museum" for the display of its collection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley related memorabilia and as the home of the "Archive", The Foundation's important collection of documentary material.

Our thoughts are with Jean's extended family on this sad occasion.

David Vann's Retirement as a Trustee

As announced at the recent Federal Rally in Bendigo, David Vann is to retire as a Trustee as of September 30.

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation was created from a discussion at the 1995 Federal Rally of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia that a stand-alone body be created to preserve the past in relation to items manufactured by Rolls-Royce and Bentley, the history of the Founders (Sir Henry Royce, The Hon C. S. Rolls and W. O. Bentley) and all printed material relating to the automobiles and the aircraft engines.

David was the RROCA Federal President at that time and was a prime mover in the establishment of The Foundation. In 1996, when the Trust Deed was formally executed, David was appointed a Trustee and has served continuously since that time. David was the Chairman of Trustees for a number of years. His leadership was critical in the establishment of Bill Allsep House.

At a dinner in Melbourne on September 10 David was feted for his services to The Foundation by his fellow Trustees and Members of the Victoria, NSW and Queensland Branches.

Frank Carroll's Appointment as a Trustee

At the Trustee's Meeting held in Melbourne on September 9, Frank was formally appointed as a Trustee of The Foundation. Frank has been a great supporter of The Foundation and I am sure he will make a significant contribution to The Foundation's activities. His enthusiasm for the Rolls-Royce and Bentley movement and his legal expertise will be most valuable in the discussions at future Trustee Meetings.

BAH & LGSi Open Day

The Open Day (September 10) for Bill Allsep House and The Lionel Gell School of Instruction for Rolls-Royce and Bentley held in conjunction with the Victoria Branch Concours was most successful. Visitors from the NSW and Queensland Branches and from local Melbourne motoring clubs were able to see the facilities available at both BAH and LGSi and to see at first hand the important curatorial work undertaken by The Foundation's Honourary Archivist, Gilbert Ralph, and his team of volunteers.

These Open Days are an important part of the educational outreach of The Foundation.

Australian Air League

The Foundation is particularly interested in reaching out to the younger generation to promulgate the engineering ethos of Sir Henry Royce in both the automotive and aero-engine fields. In this respect we recently hosted a visit to BAH by a group of Cadets from the Australian Air League. The Cadets, Officers and parents were very impressed with the display of aero-engines. This assisted with Cadet training for their Aircraft Engine Badge.

Financial Support for The Foundation

At each Federal Rally, NSW Branch Member Bob Roberts and his group of volunteers run the Club Spares "stall" and "swap meet". A part of the revenue from this activity is donated to The Foundation. This year, Bob and his group raised \$1,695.58 for The Foundation. I wish to place on record The Foundation's appreciation for this support. It is the activities of Bob and like-minded volunteers that are the backbone of The Foundation.



"Praeclarvm" Index – Presidentials

Long-standing Victoria and NSW Branch Member Fred English continues with the mammoth task of the detailed indexing of the contents of "Praeclarvm". On June 20, celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the RROCA, the "Presidentials" sub-index was launched. This index covers the report from the Federal President contained in each issue of "Praeclarvm". The index runs to some 500 A4 pages and contains some 10,000 entries. The "Presidentials" sub-index joins Fred's former "Praeclarvm" indices (general index, a specialised sub-index covering David Davis' "Twenty Topics" and a sub-index of the "Editorials") as a valuable research tool for Club Members. The Foundation wishes to pay tribute to Fred for the dedication he has shown in the compilation of the "Presidentials" sub-index. A copy of the document, along with a searchable CD has been proved to the "Archive" and to each of the RROCA Branches.

Russell Rolls
Chairman Of Trustees

above: Retired past Trustee Chairman, David Vann, was joined by David Jones, also a past Chairman and Russell Rolls the present Chairman at his retirement dinner in Melbourne.

below: Members of the Australian Air League enjoyed their recent tour of the SHRF exhibition of aircraft engines.

