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Welcome to the latest issue of the *Winged Messenger*.

I do wish to thank the contributors to this issue, especially Patrica and Murray Turner whose reliable contributions reporting on club events are most appreciated.

It's been interesting for me joining the Committee of the club. As many of you know, I've spent my adult life on many car club committees. Ours is an interesting committee and I'm pleased to report that there's an over-arching view looking to improvement of the club and what it offers members.

There are some ideas which are being put in motion, but typically the car club world is slower moving than the business world, so your patience will be rewarded.

I want to thank all those members who provided positive feedback about the redesigned format of the *Winged Messenger*, first seen in the last edition, my first. I do encourage your feedback, your contributions and your involvement - don't forget we're happy to include classified advertisements for cars, parts, books and other Rolls-Royce and Bentley associated automobilia - at no cost to club members.

I do hope everyone has been enjoying a relaxing and rewarding Festive Season and wish you all the very best for 2023.

- **Paul Blank**
Editor *Winged Messenger*

Front cover photo: *The Rolls-Royce Spectre is a completely new model from the company - and most significantly, is Rolls-Royce's first fully electric production vehicle. Read our description in this issue.*



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Federal Matters

Legal Structure of the RROCA: As set out in the previous issue of the Winged Messenger, the Federal Council of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia (RROCA) is presently an unincorporated association with no formal legal structure.

A Federal Working Committee has recommended that the RROCA become Incorporated as RROCA Limited.

Incorporation of the RROCA required a Constitution and an updated Deed or Deed of Agreement between the present State and Territory Branches and these documents have been prepared and have been sent by the Federal Secretary to all Branch Secretaries and Presidents. These are available if any of our members wish to review and make comments or suggestions. At this point in time, the WA President and Secretary are satisfied with the documents except for some of the new terms used.

The two documents will go before the Federal Council at the March 2023 Federal Rally in South Australia for approval by vote.

2023 Federal Rally

The 65th RROCA Federal Rally will be at Hahndorf in South Australia in March 2023. If you are attending book events through "TryBooking" and phone hotels for accommodation. See details of the Rally Programme on this page.

Branch Matters

AGM 2022: Our AGM was held at the Veteran & Classic Car Club of WA clubrooms on 31 July 2022 as previously reported; however the Auditor's Report was not available at the AGM as our auditor was in Europe. His report has since been received and found the accounts as presented at the AGM were accurate. Copies of the Audit may be obtained from our Secretary Alan Dickson.

THE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 22 nd	Rally Registration Centre open 12pm - 5pm Meet and Greet 4pm - 5pm - The Haus, Hahndorf
Thursday 23 rd	Rally Registration Centre open 9am - 4pm Tour of Adelaide Hills to lunch Langhorne Creek Welcome Cocktail Party - The Resort, Hahndorf
Friday 24 th	Dawn Patrol - Adelaide Hills Federal Council Meetings Meander Northern Adelaide Hills and Wineries Register Dinners - The Haus, Hahndorf
Saturday 25 th	Concour National Motor Museum, Birdwood Morning Tea and Luncheon included Enjoy numerous eating venues in Hahndorf
Sunday 26 th	Tour to Fleurieu Peninsula, Victor Harbor and surrounds Black Tie Dinner and Trophy Presentation - The Resort, Hahndorf
Monday 27 th	Farewell Breakfast - The Haus, Hahndorf

THE ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be available from Sunday 6th March 2022.

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(Multiple room configurations available)

Please quote Rolls-Royce Club to ensure booking.

Entries available from October 2022

Audit of Concessional License

DOT Audit of cars on Concessional License: We were requested by the Department of Transport (DOT) to supply a list of cars registered under Code 404 within our Branch and the owners' names and to verify that all were financial members of our Branch, through our Registrar Richard Murphy. Shortly afterwards, we received advice from the DOT that we passed the audit.

Safety Management

The Branch acted upon safety matters that arose at our Branch Concours in Guildford on 27 March when we reported hazards to the Shire of Swan. The Shire acted immediately and rectified the situations.

The Branch remains constantly vigilant as to potential safety hazards at our events, and we endeavour to warn members accordingly in advance.

WA Branch Constitution

Our Committee was reviewing our Branch Constitution to see if any updates are required. This matter has not progressed, and now will be put on hold until after the Federal Rally in March 2023, as the Federal Deed of Agreement between the Branches is under review for the legal incorporation of the RROCA, and this may require some changes to our Constitution.

Events

Three Branch events were organized being runs and lunch to York on 16 October and the Elizabethan Village outing on 6 November, plus our Christmas Function at the Pagoda, South Perth on 4 December. All are reported in this issue.

Other events organized by others that Branch members attended were Classic Cars & Coffee at UWA and the Celebration of the Motordar at Cottesloe.

Dianne Magrath Recognition Trophy 2022 Award

This was awarded to Terry Walker at our Christmas function, and is reported in the write-up of that event.

New Branch Website

Work is presently underway to create a new website for the WA Branch of the RROC.

The existing website dates back some two decades and contains a lot of work done by the past webmaster Terry Walker.

Unfortunately the technology Terry used to create and run the website has become obsolete and he's been unable to do further updates for some time now.

Our Editor's wife Natalie has experience in creating websites and is undertaking the creation of a new site, utilising easy to administer up to date technology. The aim is to retain some of the data that Terry had created for the old site, including historical material, whilst making it easy to navigate new portal to the club.

This is the first point of contact for potential new club members, so it's important to present the club in the best light.

History

Here's a historical snippet from our old website:

"The first Rolls-Royce Owners' Club in the world was founded in the USA in 1951. The second was founded in NSW in 1956 (where founding members numbers 1 and 2, Barry and Margaret Gillings, are still active), and was followed by the third in Victoria. It wasn't until later that the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club was founded in the UK. The Western Australian club, a branch of the now Federation of clubs known as the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia, was founded in 1965."

A lot has happened in the ensuing 58 years. Should we be considering an important club celebration in 2025?

Note not all of these are official club events, but we list all we can to enable members with concessionally licensed vehicles to participate in their cars. Official club events in **BOLD**.

- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12** - Beat the Heat Run - Hillarys to Clancy's at City Beach - meet at 5.00pm. Participants must book dinner in advance - email will be sent
- FRI-SUN MARCH 17-19** Federal Rally at Hahndorf, South Australia
- SUNDAY MARCH 26** Shannons Classic Car Show, Ascot
- SUNDAY APRIL 2** Concours (Venue TBC), event to be greatly improved for 2023
- SUNDAY MAY 14** British Car Day at Gingin
- SATURDAY JUNE 3** President's Dinner (Venue TBA)
- SUNDAY JULY 9** Christmas in July (Venue TBA)
- SUNDAY JULY 30** AGM at VCCC Rooms, Hale Rd, Forrestfield
- SUNDAY AUGUST 13** Run to Canning Dam followed by lunch at Araluen Estate (Golf Club) or Hills Pub
- SUNDAY SEPT 17** Curtin FM Car Show
- SUNDAY SEPT TBA** Bindoon Historic Vehicle Day
- WEDNESDAY OCT 4** Midweek run to Mandurah and lunch at venue TBA
- SUNDAY OCTOBER TBA** Como Rotary Car Show, Wesley College
- OCTOBER Date TBA** Possible High Tea at a member's home
- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26** Celebration of the Motor Car
- DECEMBER** Christmas Lunch (Venue and date TBA)

ALSO: First Sunday each Month (not January): Classic Cars & Coffee at UWA



Left: For the British Cars Day in 2022, Paul Blank took this lovely 1994 Bentley Continental R. We always have a good turnout to this annual event.



Christmas Lunch Function

By Murray Turner, photos Terry Walker, Alan Dickson

A beautiful day and a magnificent place to gather - The Pagoda Resort & Spa in Como offered plenty of shade parking for 'all those big square cars' (as described by a by-stander at the car park). The function room was festively decorated with a Christmas tree and Poinsettia table decorations, and as members and guests arrived the staff offered Welcome drinks.

Susie Newman-Browne welcomed us and delivered Grace, then after a Loyal Toast proposed by MC Alan Dickson everyone tucked in to the meal - an alternate-drop main course of either Turkey or Barramundi, both served with accoutrements.

After telling several jokes our MC invited President, Stan Stroud to present a special annual award, the **Diane Magrath Recognition Trophy**, awarded to a member whose service has benefitted our Branch in practical and essential ways. This year our past-Editor (2012-22)/Webmaster (2002-22)/Registrar (2007-22)/Club Photographer and Committee Member (2002-22), Terry Walker, was the proud recipient. This is a well deserved honour for Terry after 20 years of service.



Dessert was served, either Christmas Pudding or Pannacotta with Berry Coulis. Then came the Raffle Draw after tickets had been carefully inserted into the silver draw box by Germaine Murphy and Patrica Turner. Several winners looked forward to feasting on Jan Stroud's boozy home-made Christmas Cakes, Val Keogh's delicious Shortbreads or the contents of a Christmas Hamper. Thanks to all who contributed these and other prizes on the day. And thank you to all who bought tickets, raising \$540 for the cause of Kidney Research at Curtin University.

This year my son and daughter-in-law came with us to find out what Rolls Royce owners get up to. David enjoyed hearing about the Club's adventures and misadventures, which occur in the best of regulated lives. Soon the subject arose concerning the age of the cars in the Club and this led inevitably to the age of our members.

'Well, it does not appear to be a young person's Club ...' said someone. On hearing that, I looked around the room. Lo and behold at a table by the entrance door sat two good-looking, fresh-faced boys of around 15-16 years of age, well dressed and well-mannered with their father Gordon Hay. I determined to go over and make contact but by the time I got around to their table, they had disappeared. I found out afterwards,

that they had a bus to catch and other fish to fry, no doubt!

This started me thinking of what we might do to attract the interest of a younger cohort to our activities. A Rolls-Royce Workshop on maintenance and mechanical repairs or discussions on Rolls-Royce history, world events and progress in war machinery and aircraft. Yes, I know this is all available on internet, but as hands-on discussions it would make it much more interesting and could draw people in. Perhaps I am dreaming and there could be other dreamers out there who could help it happen.

The Christmas function finished around 2.30pm, after which members circulated and exchanged greetings of Christmas cheer and well-wishing. All commented that they had enjoyed themselves and it had been an enjoyable conclusion for the Branch year. I am sure we are all looking forward to new adventures in 2023.







The Last Drop Elizabethan Tavern Lunch Sunday 6 November

by Patrica Turner & Stan Stroud, photos Terry Walker.

Following overnight rain and a wet start to the day, members were delighted when the sun popped out just as most of us were setting out for the Elizabethan Village complex at 25 Canns Road in Bedforddale, some 40km from Perth.

This Elizabethan-styled tavern and colourful gardens, together with on-site brewery and Anne Hathaway-style cottage is a well-kept secret in the hills near Armadale. Alan Dickson recalled the venue being on the Club's Run List some 20 years ago, but for most of us present it was our first visit.

Just before 11.30am Brian Tilbury's 100 year-old Ghost pulled into the carpark and started the row of proper motor cars, presenting an imposing sight for visitors. Member Nunzio Nici - ever the romantic - charmed the ladies by presenting each with a red rosebud picked from his home garden. Terry Walker, our recent-past Editor was also there to welcome us, his camera at the ready.

A flight of stone steps led us towards the main venue and the grassed under-cover gazebo, where chairs and tables were set up for our booked group of 35, although 31 were eventually able to come.

As we quenched our collective thirst with glasses of wine, pale ale, cider or soft drink, the atmosphere around the tables became very relaxed and being outdoors, our animated conversations and friendly laughter blended with the buzz from nearby tables.

Food and drinks could be ordered from a bar adjacent to our sitting area or from inside the wonderfully-decorated Elizabethan tavern itself. Guests helped themselves to cutlery and serviettes, while waiting for the meals which were brought by friendly staff. The menu offered a great selection from giant burgers, slow-cooked lamb shanks in Vindaloo, salads and steaks right through to desserts.

During lunch we were serenaded by a live singer, crooning gentle tunes to the strum of a guitar.

Then following our meals, member Jeremy Greene created interest as he did a circuit of the tables showing a beautifully-printed book and large photographs from a previous Silver Ghost Association Tour of Ireland which he and Delwyn organised.

All in all, the Last Drop Elizabethan grounds and gazebo provided the backdrop for a thoroughly pleasant day of club camaraderie. Guests took their leave around 2.30pm, vowing to visit again one day.



York Lunch Run and Museum Visit

16 October 2022

By Stan Stroud, photos Paul Blank

What a glorious and almost cloud-free day. We met at Centrepoint Car Park in Midland where some 14 members' cars had assembled by 9.30 am to leave for the 90 km drive to the old stage-coach town of York. Some 16 cars were in attendance including two Rolls-Royce Ghosts one belonging to Jeremy Green and the other belonging to one of his friends from the UK (see photos).

The drive to York was along good roads, generally, with beautiful winter-rained green trees and vegetation including many bursts of magnificent wild flowers.

Lunch was at the historic Imperial Hotel where most people had ordered lamb shanks with the meat just falling off the bone or the extraordinarily large serving of the most delicious fish in batter and with chips. Others brought a picnic lunch.

Our members just wandered about the town, admiring York's well-preserved old buildings, visiting the second-hand shops, the Art Exhibition in the Town Hall or the York Motor Museum, established and previously owned by our recently departed member Peter Briggs.

The Motor Museum has been taken over by new owners (08 9641 1288) with many of the old exhibits being retained, however, additional cars and motorbikes have been added. One of the exhibits was a 1906 American-built Holsman "High Wheeler", which has large-diameter horse and cart wooden wheels and extremely primitively designed petrol engine, steering mechanism and front axle. It just looked like a motorised horse buggy with very questionable mechanical reliability and a total lack of passenger comfort. - *Many US makers were very slow to modernise their designs, making antique designs compared to the Europeans.* - Ed



Above: The pair of Silver Ghosts proved quite a sight for club members and the public.



Above: Richard Joyce's Silver Seraph is a rare model in Australia and was the newest Rolls-Royce on the run to York.

This vehicle (shown right) is in stark contrast to the first Royces and the later Rolls-Royces in the pre-1910 period. At that time, the Rolls-Royces had acquired the reputation of being the most reliable car in the world which was demonstrated by the non-stop London to Edinburgh round trips, and thus the legend of Sir Henry Royce in developing the best car in the world.

Of course the museum has a wonderful array of vehicles displayed, making it an enduring tourist attraction.



More York Run Photos



Above: My friend, chatting with my wife Natalie beside our Silver Shadow was attending an Italian car run starting in the same carpark. He was very impressed by the Rolls-Royces - so much so that two weeks later I organised for him to buy one.

Classic Brochure



1975 Rolls-Royce Carmargue sales brochure material from the original launch brochure for the model.



BENTLEY FLYING BEES REACH NEW MILESTONE AT CREWE'S EXCELLENCE CENTRE FOR HONEY PRODUCTION

- Extraordinary Bentley bees reflect the company's outstanding successes this year with record honey harvest of an estimated 1,000 jars
- The colony, now over 600,000 strong - across ten active bee hives - produces exceptional honey
- Produced at Bentley's Excellence Centre for Honey Production, the precious liquid gold will be shared amongst colleagues and visitors
- One of many initiatives to enhance and improve the local environment as a part of Bentley's #GOTOZERO strategy

In parallel with the company's financial successes, Bentley's very own extraordinary 'Flying Bees' too have had an exceptionally fruitful season.

A colony of 120,000 indigenous honey bees, taking up residence in May 2019 as part of Bentley's #GOTOZERO sustainable strategy have now grown to an impressive 600,000 strong swarm across ten active bee hives at the company's headquarters. This is just one of many initiatives undertaken by the British marque to promote biodiversity around the expansive campus.

Working together with 'Buckley Bees' – Bentley's beekeepers, the vacated honey supers have broken new records by producing more honey than ever before at the company's Excellence Centre for Honey Production. Here, each frame, overflowing with the precious liquid gold, is spun to extract every last drop and then the honey is carefully drained and filtered before being decanted and individually jarred.

The packaging process then takes place with the greatest attention to detail as is expected of the Bentley brand. In addition to sharing this honey with Bentley colleagues, the elegant jars will also make unique gifts for VIP visitors and guests to the Bentley headquarters.



BENTLEY BATUR COMING SOON...

The Bentley Batur has begun real-world road trials across Europe. Following its debut at Monterey Car Week in August 2022 and attendance at numerous events for Bentley Customers, global media and the public, two development Batur's are now undergoing a rigorous programme of tests to ensure the highest standards of vehicle performance and quality.

The limited series of just 18 examples are due to begin deliveries mid-2023 after completion and sign-off of an extensive engineering program.

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In 1900, Rolls-Royce co-founder, Charles Rolls, prophesied an

electric future for the motor car. Having acquired an electric vehicle named The Columbia Electric Carriage, he foresaw its suitability as a clean, noiseless alternative to the internal combustion engine – providing there was sufficient infrastructure to support it. Today, more than 120 years later, the time has come for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars to fulfil the prophecy of its founding father.

- Rolls-Royce debuts Spectre, the marque's first fully-electric motor car
- Spectre is a prophecy fulfilled, a promise kept and an undertaking completed
- Spectre "demonstrates how perfectly Rolls-Royce is suited to electrification"
- Spectre heralds the beginning of all-electric era for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars
- Built on the Rolls-Royce all-aluminium Architecture of Luxury
- Spectre uses new SPIRIT software architecture with full 'Whispers' integration
- World's first Ultra-Luxury Electric Super Coupé is spiritual successor to Phantom Coupé
- First customer cars to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2023

ROLLS-ROYCE SPECTRE UNVEILED: THE MARQUE'S FIRST FULLY-ELECTRIC MOTOR CAR

Spectre possesses all the qualities that have secured the Rolls-Royce legend. This incredible motor car, conceived from the very beginning as our first fully-electric model, is silent, powerful and demonstrates how perfectly Rolls-Royce is suited to electrification. Spectre's all-electric powertrain will assure the marque's sustained success and relevance while dramatically increasing the definition of each characteristic that makes a Rolls-Royce a Rolls-Royce.

At Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, perfection is about more than making the very best products. It is a culture, an attitude and our guiding philosophy. Indeed, it is our founding father Sir Henry Royce who said, 'strive for perfection in everything you do'. Spectre has been conceived within this culture. It is perfectly in tune with the sensibilities of our time. It states the direction for the future of our marque and perfectly answers a call from the most discerning individuals in the world to elevate the electric motor car experience, because Spectre is a Rolls-Royce first and an electric car second.

This is the start of a bold new chapter for our marque, our clients and the luxury industry.

With Spectre, Rolls-Royce sets a new precedent of a new class of motor car: the Ultra-Luxury Electric Super Coupé.

Design inspiration is drawn from worlds beyond automotive, including haute couture, modernist sculpture, nautical design, tailoring and contemporary art. In the principal sketches for Spectre, the marque's creatives were drawn to modern yacht concepts, specifically the precision of line, use of reflection and taper.

From the front, Spectre's split headlight treatment is intersected by the widest grille ever bestowed on a Rolls-Royce. The grille slats are now smoother in section and a flusher fit, designed to help guide the air around the motor car's front.

The polished stainless steel grille does much to enhance Spectre's presence. Along with an aero-tuned Spirit of Ecstasy, the grille enhances the car's unprecedented drag coefficient, of just 0.25cd making the new Spectre Rolls-Royce's most aerodynamic car, ever.





Inside, Spectre is provisioned with the most technologically advanced Bespoke features yet, drawing inspiration from the timeless mystique of the night's sky. For the first time on a series production Rolls-Royce, Spectre is available with Starlight Doors (like roofs in existing models), which incorporate 4,796 softly illuminated 'stars'. The coach doors can also be commissioned with a backdrop of wood Canadel Panelling, which takes its name from the cove in the South of France where Sir Henry Royce and his design team spent their winters.

The theme continues with Spectre's Illuminated Fascia. Developed over the course of two years and more than 10,000 hours, it incorporates the Spectre nameplate surrounded by a cluster of over 5,500 stars - located on the passenger side of the dashboard.

Spectre is equipped with a completely redesigned digital architecture of luxury named SPIRIT, presented in quintessential Rolls-Royce style. Not only will SPIRIT manage the car's functions, but it is seamlessly integrated into the marque's Whispers application, allowing clients to interact with their car remotely, and receive live information curated by the marque's luxury intelligence specialists.

As with all Rolls-Royce motor cars, Spectre's interior suite offers clients near-infinite Bespoke possibilities.

For Spectre's structure, the sophisticated extruded aluminium sections and integration of the battery into the structure of the car enable it to be 30% stiffer than any previous Rolls-Royce. The flexibility of the architecture has also allowed engineers to place the floor halfway between the sill structures rather than on top or underneath them. A channel has been created for wiring and climate control pipework between the battery and the floor, with the battery mounted underneath, providing a perfectly smooth underfloor profile. This creates a low seating position and enveloping cabin and realises a secondary function for the battery – almost 700kg of sound deadening.

The final power, acceleration and range figures are still being refined, as the extraordinary undertaking of finessing Spectre enters its final phase before concluding in the second quarter of 2023. Preliminary data shows that Spectre is expected to have an all-electric range of 320 miles/520 kilometres WLTP and offer 900Nm of torque from its 430kW powertrain. It is anticipated to achieve 0-100km/h in 4.5 seconds.

With months of testing and optimisation of Spectre still ahead in preparation for deliveries, these figures are subject to change ahead of official confirmation prior to market launch in the fourth quarter of 2023.





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The Spirit of Ecstasy mascot is also gold plated. It has the optional separate rear seats. The car has an excellent service history and drives like a dream. Bargain buying. Registered ELECTRUM.

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New Spirit of Ecstasy



In the world of automobiles, the Rolls-Royce Spirit of Ecstasy mascot - or as Americans like to say, the hood ornament is one of the most iconic, and it's getting a new look for the electric era.

The first Rolls-Royce vehicle to wear this new Spirit of Ecstasy will be the upcoming Spectre electric car. Its design is tied to the brand's electrified future, too. Rolls-Royce says the new design is sculpted to both look and be more aerodynamic than the outgoing model. Instead of standing with legs straight, tilting at the waist and feet together, the new ornament is "braced for the wind, one leg forward, body tucked low." Height-wise, the new ornament is 82.73 mm tall, while the outgoing ornament was 100.01 mm tall.

The robes (they're not wings) flapping behind her have been reshaped to be "more aerodynamic and look more realistic". So say the Rolls-Royce media people... to my eye the robes look more like wings now! And perhaps her head is disproportionately large...

Still, it's something owners of new Rolls-Royces won't quibble about. The current design will remain in use for the Phantom, Ghost, Wraith, Dawn and Cullinan.

Aerodynamics are important for electric car range and efficiency. The Spectre the most aerodynamic Rolls-Royce ever. And the new, sleeker Spirit of Ecstasy helps.

"111 years ago today, the Spirit of Ecstasy became an official part of Rolls-Royce," says design director Anders Warming. "Yet, she has come to represent a spiritual direction for our brand. Her form perfectly captures the marque - she leans forward, expressing our relentless pursuit of progress, and her dress gracefully flows in the wind, echoing the serenity of our products in motion. For Spectre and beyond, she becomes lower and more focused; braced for unprecedented speed and

the exciting future her presence will define."

Rolls-Royce claims the new design is the product of 830 hours of design modelling and wind tunnel testing. Instead of drawing it out on paper or real-life sculpting, this Spirit of Ecstasy was designed via digital "sculpting" on a computer.

The method of construction of the ornament will continue to be finished by hand after undergoing its "lost wax casting" process.

Rolls-Royce says that this new version of the Spirit of Ecstasy will appear on all future models from the Spectre onwards.



Celebration of the Motorcar



Club member Paul Blank was the creator of the Celebration of the Motorcar exhibition, first held in 1993 and still run by him today.

Most years the event has been held in the grounds of the Cottesloe Civic Centre, and it's a by-invitation event for exhibitors, ensuring that the best variety of the finest vintage, classic and exotic cars are shown each year. 150 cars are displayed. With classical music being performed and refreshments available at the lovely setting, the event has a unique atmosphere.

The event supports charity, since 2015 Wheels for Hope has been the Charity beneficiary.

Of course Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars feature every year, and many of the cars are owned by club members.

Each year a special award is presented, The Peter & Robin Briggs Award, acknowledging the tremendous contribution two of our own club members have made to the classic car scene in Western Australia. This year we were honoured when Robin presented the award, not long after the passing of Peter.

Here are photos of some of the cars exhibited in November 2022.



Unique V16 Cadillac and Lamborghini, both in special finishes, show the variety of cars exhibited.



Charles Bush's 1936 25/30 Drophead GWN36 with Roger Fry coachwork

Celebration of the Motorcar



Left: A special order new Bentley GTC Mulliner in Rose Gold

*Below:
Neil McLean's 1954 Silver Dawn*

Bev McLean displayed this 1980 Bentley T2



*Above centre: Alan Dickson's 1983 Silver Spur AND06783
Above: Glenice Shephard's 1929 Bentley 4 1/2 litre
Right: Paul Blank's 1970 Silver Shadow SRH8370*

Celebration of the Motorcar



*Jeremy Green's 1925
Silver Ghost 40EU with
Vauxhall coachwork*



*Charlie Adams
displayed his 1976
Carniche DRH22352*



1961 Maserati 3500GT



Items of Interest



Back in 2008, when the very first Phantom Coupe landed in Australia, Perth was its first stop on a nation-wide media tour. Back in those days I did quite a bit of motoring writing for different magazines, and fortunately I was the first motoring journalist to drive the new car in Australia.

In fact, that's me behind the wheel of the car on St Georges Terrace. And the photo below is one I took on the South Perth foreshore. That evening I attended a gala event at the Convention Centre to show the car off to potential buyers before the Phantom Coupe headed east. - Paul Blank

