



# WINGED MESSENGER

Journal of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia - Western Australian Branch  
A club for Rolls-Royce and Bentley enthusiasts

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## Rolls-Royce Arcadia Droptail



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**The Onix Marfy** was a Japanese market specialty vehicle in the late 1990s which featured a Rolls-Royce style front. It was based on a Mazda Carol economy car with a 660cc engine. A variety of cherub-style mascots were available. It's unlikely any made it outside Japan...





Welcome to this new issue of the *Winged Messenger* magazine.

This club year has been off to a great start - you'll read about our events in this magazine.

My thanks to all those members who've contributed to this issue.

I had the sad occasion that my sister passed away in February. She lived in Melbourne and for her funeral I was pleased to see the hearse was a converted Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow.

A lot of work has gone into making our Concours and Display event something great this year - hope to see you there.

- Paul Blank - Editor *Winged Messenger*

# Calendar 2023-24

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**. Some may need to change. Full details will be emailed to club members. Also check the website [www.rrocwa.com](http://www.rrocwa.com)

- APRIL 14** Concours d'Elegance - new venue, includes catered lunch
  - MAY 5** Joondalup Festival of Motoring
  - MAY 19** British Car Day - Gingin
  - JUNE 15** President's Dinner
  - JUNE TBA** British Cars & Coffee
  - JULY 14** Club Lunch
  - JULY 28** Annual General Meeting - Jaguar Car Club Osborne Park
  - AUGUST 18** Special workshop visit - Rosco McGlashan land speed record hero - see his new 1000mph car. Details soon...
  - SEPTEMBER 14-15** Weekend away - Collie
  - SEPTEMBER 8** Classic Car Show - Ascot Racecourse. RROC display
  - OCTOBER 13** Lunch at Elizabethan Village
  - NOVEMBER 10** Motor Museum of WA Visit & Picnic, Whiteman Park
  - DECEMBER 8** Christmas Lunch
- ALSO: First Sunday each Month (not January): Classic Cars & Coffee at UWA



## Concours d'Elegance 2024 Display & Lunch - The Old Observatory

Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars  
of all ages are welcome

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10am-3pm  
The Old Observatory  
Access via Havelock St, West Perth



The Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia - Western Australian Branch invites you to display your Rolls-Royce or Bentley at our premier annual event being held at a beautiful new location. Catered lunch is available by pre-booking. Members' cars can enter judging in the Concours. All Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars are welcomed for display - members and non members. Free to display. Book via this link: TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CPYHW>





## From the President

### Federal Matters

#### RROCA Limited - Directors' Meeting:

A RROCA Limited directors' federal meeting was held on 16 January 2024 with our WA directors (of RROCA Limited), myself - Stan Stroud and Alan Dickson attending electronically. Two main matters were discussed (i) a likely small increase of membership fees to RROCA Limited due to increased printing costs of Praeclarvm, and (ii) more discussion of the "future directions paper" presented in 2023 by our Federal President, Louise Matthews.

That paper discusses many matters such as what should be the stance of RROCA Limited with respect to climate change as in the future Rolls-Royce owners may be criticized for driving fuel guzzling cars; should we have a policy on training mechanics specializing on "proper" motor cars, etc. Your WA Directors prepared a written response to the RROCA Limited Secretary shortly after receiving Louise's discussion paper in 2023. At this point in time, nothing has been resolved, and the matter is ongoing.

### Federal Rally at Noosa:

RROCA's 66th Federal Rally is to be held 8-13 May 2024 in Noosa (QL). Booking details are given in the October 2023 issue of Praeclarvm, and may be made via [trybooking.com/CLDFF](http://trybooking.com/CLDFF). At this point in time, we do not know of anybody from WA is attending.

### WA Branch Matters

#### 2024 Concours:

Planning is advanced for our WA Club Concours to be held on Sunday 14 April 2024 at the Old Observatory in West Perth and we will be putting on a catered lunch costing \$55/head. The reason for changing the venue from Guildford to



*Bentley Perth showed this new Bentayga at the Celebration of the Motorcar.*

West Perth with an up-market venue and lunch is to attract as many people as possible including potential new members. Please come along and enjoy the cars on show. Yours is welcome, even if it's not a show car.

Details on how to enter your car into the Concours and book for lunch are in the Secretary's email of 12 March 2024 or on our website.

### Club Events:

Since the last issue of the Winged Messenger, we have held the following events:

4 Dec 2023 - Christmas Lunch "High Tea" at Peter & Linda Mack's home.

14 Jan 2024 – Beat the Heat run and picnic on the Swan River Nedlands.

2 Mar 2024 Concours Preparation Workshop at Neil McLean's workshop.

In addition to the above, Paul Blank held his annual fantastic Celebration of the Motorcar event in East Perth on 3 Dec.

### Event Safety Management:

Over the past 12 months we had no safety issues at any of our Club events, thanks to our Safety Management Plan and the efforts of our Events Safety Officer (Patrica Turner). Patrica has now stepped down from the Management Committee, so until we appoint a new Safety Officer, I will be responsible for that function.

### Concours Judges:

Ron Magrath (Chief Judge) has reported that he needs assistance with the judging event due to the volume of work required on the judging day. To that end, I'm pleased to reports that we have some new volunteers to assist Ron.

### WA Branch Constitution:

A review of our WA Club Constitution has not progressed. The review is required because of structural changes made to the RROCA Federal Deed at the RROCA Federal Council AGM of March 2023, when all of the Branches of the RROCA became separate independent Clubs.



*Picnic panorama. Courtesy Alan Dickson*

## CONCOURS PREPARATION DAY

Saturday, March 2

A group of 25 club members attended an event to look at concours preparation. Hosted by Neil McLean at his workshop in Midvale, the event included special guest speakers Chief Judge Ron McGrath and coachbuilder Roger Fry.

After an introduction and welcome from Neil, tea, coffee, biscuits and cake were enjoyed, then the talk began.

Neil showed a Silver Spirit which has a remarkable history, having covered just 8000km from new. He asked members present to go through the car and note what would need attention for being presented in a Concours d'Elegance.

While the car is notably very original, it required a level of cleaning inside and out which would benefit its chances of a good score. No such preparation had been done on the car - yet...

Roger Fry had his wonderful 1934 Phantom 2 Continental in the workshop - getting very complimentary comments as always. Roger gave a talk about the restoration he'd done on the car, including in detail, creating the magnificent bodywork. It was then put on the hoist and we had a chance to look underneath - all with a view to Concours preparation.

Next Chief Judge Ron McGrath gave a talk focusing on how the judging works in WA, by categories, the age factor applied and more details.

The message that kept coming through loud and clear was clean, clean, clean.

Club member Nunzio Nici had been invited to bring his mobile wood-fired pizza setup along, and we all enjoyed delicious pizzas made on site.

Thanks to Neil McLean Automotives, Neil and his family and the guest speakers for making an excellent, informative event.



# BEAT THE HEAT - PICNIC BY THE RIVER



**Sunday 14 January 2024**

After surviving the recent high summer temperatures, some 16 members and partners, plus a representative from the Aston Martin Owners Club, arrived at the starting point for our annual Beat the Heat Run. This year we met in front of historic Hale House in Parliament Place, West Perth. What a delightful and leafy location to park our cars at 5pm. on a Sunday afternoon.

Once greetings were exchanged and the Aston Martin Club representative - Rick Hilleard - was introduced Alan Dickson handed round the Run Sheet and Stan Stroud gave a brief safety talk. By 5.30 the cars fell into line ready to follow Richard and Germaine Murphy towards our destination - riverside Paul Hasluck Reserve in Nedlands.

The first highlight was a slow drive up Kings Park's Fraser Avenue, taking in the magnificent view of our fair city and the Swan River below. Onwards to Stirling Highway, we then turned left at Bay View Terrace, continuing with a pleasant drive along Victoria Avenue, on to Jutland Parade and Birdwood Parade. Inside our car lots of 'Oooh's' and 'Ahhhh's' were uttered as we passed the many gracious homes and lush gardens in this area. Finally we turned into Bessell Avenue and onto The Esplanade where, some distance ahead, we spotted the Rolls Royce banners marking our turn-in location.

Directed by Club Vice-President Gordon Hay, we parked the cars and set up chairs, tables and picnic baskets in a shady grove of Sheoak trees, where four members who had come early to unlock the access gate, were already enjoying drinks.

New members Kareena and Ross Ballard, who arrived in their 1985 Silver Spur registered SILVR SPUR and their son Adrian and grandson Aston were all warmly

welcomed to the Club as members socialised during the evening. Drinks and picnic fare were lustily enjoyed and a few delicacies shared. Spare copies of Winged Messenger were handed to the new members and to the Aston Martin Club representative, both being most impressed with the magazine. (It is to be hoped that some will share stories about their cars for future editions.)

The setting was a very calm river, an overcast sky showing promise of cooler weather ahead (though it did not cool down until the following Thursday!) and a few kite runners on the adjacent lawn. By 7.30pm, as we said our goodbyes before the trip home, the sunset became deep apricot and crimson.

Thanks to our hard working Committee and Paul Blank for organisation of the run and equipment and Gordon Hay for venue access, all resulting in a thoroughly relaxing occasion.

Story: Patrica Turner  
Photos: Paul Blank



# HIGH TEA CHRISTMAS FUNCTION



Nedlands - 17 December 2023



This year some fifty five Club members celebrated Christmas on a sunny December afternoon in the intimacy of Peter and Linda Mack's gracious residence in Nedlands.

As the guests arrived, Events Organiser Germaine Murphy served glasses of French champagne - a luxurious touch we had not encountered at past Christmas functions held in local hotels. Guests were then led by the hosts towards their lush garden setting where tables and chairs had been arranged under a palatial spreading Liquidambar tree, and various cosy conversation nooks and the covered patio. There was plenty of time to mingle and catch up with friends, admire Christmas outfits and purchase raffle tickets.



MC Alan Dickson welcomed everyone and throughout the afternoon his jokes were well received and ensured a jolly time was had by all.

The food was supplied and professionally served by a local caterer - pork belly strips, arancini balls, a scallop delicacy and a variety of other tid-bits all served on delicate serving spoons.



Throughout the afternoon Peter Mack's Rolls-Royce Garden Shed provided a forum for the exchange of information and stories of Rolls-Royces, past and present.

Outside, a lovely array of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars lined the street.

After we had all been served slices of delicious dessert cake, Committee members drew the raffle and Germaine Murphy presented the lucky winners with prizes which ranged from herbal self-care packs to two of Jan Stroud's sherry-laden Christmas cakes and finally the Club's giant hamper, collected gleefully by members Karyn and Kevin Salter.



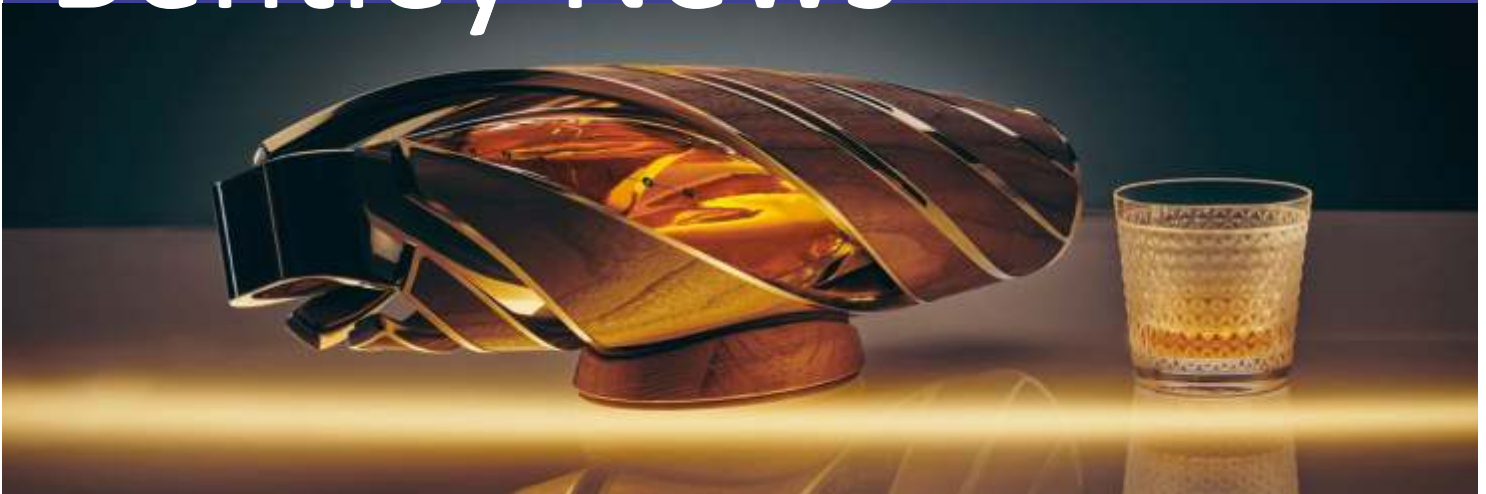
The final presentation was the Diane Magrath Recognition Trophy - a beautiful ship in glass bottle, on a timber mount. The trophy is on permanent display at the Whiteman Park Motor Museum. This year Patrica Turner, past Events Captain was the surprised recipient. In acknowledgement of her contribution, Patrica proudly took home a tasteful plaque signed by the Club President Stan Stroud and Secretary Alan Dickson.

Feedback was that the setting made a lovely change from the restaurants we've held our Christmas lunches at in the recent past. Several members we haven't seen for a long while attended.

Heartfelt thanks to Peter and Linda Mack, who performed the myriad of tasks ranging from getting the garden into immaculate condition to setting up for the caterers, providing all the glasses, keeping drinks cold, not forgetting cleaning everything up after we had all driven home to lie down and recover from a wonderful afternoon.

This grand-style event will be fondly remembered by all present.





## BENTLEY AND THE MACALLAN LAUNCH RARE NEW WHISKY: THE MACALLAN HORIZON

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*- Limited-edition release features a unique 180-degree twist vessel and reflects the horizontal trajectory of the automotive world*

*- Coincident with the 200-year anniversary of The Macallan, the two brands pursuit of uncompromised excellence and an extraordinary journey to the future*

(Crewe and Speyside, 13 March 2024) The Macallan Horizon, is the first release designed and crafted in collaboration with Bentley Motors, fusing expertise from the worlds of exceptional single malt whisky and extraordinary automotive design. Fusing both traditional craftsmanship and cutting-edge precision engineering technology, The Macallan Horizon pushes the art of the possible – where purpose meets innovation, craftsmanship and beauty.

The expertly crafted single malt Scotch whisky, presented in a visionary horizontal vessel featuring a unique 180-degree twist detail, demonstrates an unparalleled approach to product innovation and design, and reflects the horizontal plane of the automotive world.

The release was visualised following extensive collaboration between The Macallan and Bentley Motors. In tribute to The Macallan's Six Pillars foundation stones, six materials are incorporated that are integral to The Macallan, Bentley Motors and a partnership founded in innovation.

## KINGFISHER BENTAYGA EWB



A striking, highly personalised duo-tone Bentayga EWB Azure V8 – the first of its kind – has been delivered to its expectant customers, having been crafted by hand by Bentley's bespoke and personalisation division, Mulliner.

An example of the growing trend among Bentley customers for personal commissions, the car is a stunning example of a truly individual Bentley – the result of the free rein that a Mulliner commission provides. Among the unique features requested by the owners was a bespoke two-tone exterior finish, prompting Bentley Motors to bring forward its introduction of two-tone finishes for Bentayga EWB by 12 months.

Going beyond the tens of billions of specifications possible from the Bentley options list, Bentley customers are encouraged to participate in the design of unique vehicles, as part of a process that Mulliner terms 'co-curation'. Vibrant colour schemes, bespoke materials and customised features are welcomed as a challenge in the Mulliner workshops by their team of designers and skilled artisans.

The 'Kingfisher' Bentayga EWB - A commission by a couple in California for a Bentayga EWB is typical of the way a Bentley handcrafted by Mulliner can evolve. The customers originally visited Bentley Newport Beach to order a Bentayga EWB Azure V8 First Edition, intending to select exterior colours and interior finishes from the 46 billion different configurations available.

But with the help of Mulliner's Design Manager, Phill Dean, the couple were soon inspired to let their imaginations roam free. They were instantly attracted to Kingfisher, a brilliant metallic electric blue finish, but felt it needed a contrast exterior colour to complement the Blackline styling specification.

"With a Mulliner commission, anything is possible," explains Dean. "We started to discuss the specification in the showroom at Newport Beach, but it soon became clear that we needed more time to go over every tiny detail. We resumed the commissioning at the customers' home - we finished at around 1.00 am" he recalls.



## ROLLS-ROYCE UNVEILS ARCADIA DROPTAIL: A COACHBUILT HAVEN OF TRANQUILLITY

- Rolls-Royce Motor Cars presents Arcadia, the third Coachbuild Droptail commission
- Celebration of the form: uniquely pure reflection of Droptail's principal design
- Features most complex clock face in Rolls-Royce history. Assembly alone took five months
- Wood sections took 8,000 hours to create
- Commission named after Arcadia, a place known in Ancient Greek mythology as 'Heaven on Earth'
- Droptail is the first roadster body style in Rolls-Royce's modern history
- Coachbuilt masterpiece presented to commissioning client at private ceremony in Singapore

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars is delighted to present Rolls-Royce Arcadia Droptail, an exquisite coachbuilt expression of tranquillity. Arcadia Droptail is the epitome of quiet irreverence towards expected codes of luxury, celebrating purity of form and natural materials while serving as a bold statement of the client's personal taste. Commissioned by an individual who possesses a distinct affinity for architecture and design, Arcadia Droptail is a testimony to the patron's sensibilities and personal codes of luxury, defined by purity and subtle restraint, reflecting their firm belief in distilling complexity to reveal the inherent, fundamental essence.

In order to fulfil the client's ambition to honour Droptail's form, Rolls-Royce Coachbuild designers developed a calm, natural duotone colourway for the car's coachwork. The client's aspiration was to define a timeless white, appearing as a solid colour at first glance, but creating a level of intrigue upon further study under natural light. To achieve this, the main body colour is a solid white infused with aluminium and glass particles. This creates an effervescent shimmer when the light strikes the coachwork and upon close inspection, creates the illusion of unending depth in the paint. Rolls-Royce specialists developed a more faceted, striking metallic using larger sizing of aluminium particles.



## The \$35-million one-off Rolls-Royce Arcadia Droptail.

Wood development was central to Arcadia Droptail's interior and the client's focus, whose very specific expectations concentrated on the texture, grain, colour and richness of the material itself. The client shared many examples of preferences and inspiration from architecture, residences and classic cars, to guide Rolls-Royce Coachbuild designers and material specialists. Santos Straight Grain was eventually selected as the most modern statement, based upon its rich texture and visual intrigue, which is derived from its unique, interlocking grain pattern.

To achieve a perfect composition over complex geometry, Rolls-Royce artisans used a total of 233 wood pieces throughout Arcadia Droptail, with 76 pieces applied to the rear deck alone.

The fascia incorporates a clock conceived and developed by Rolls-Royce Coachbuild designers and craftspeople. This expression of haute horlogerie is the most complex Rolls-Royce clock face ever created: the assembly alone was a five-month process, which was preceded by more than two years of development.

The clock incorporates an exquisite geometric guilloché pattern in raw metal with 119 facets. The specially designed clock face also includes partly polished, partly brushed hands and 12 'chaplets' – or hour markers – each just 0.1mm thick. To ensure the readability of the timepiece, specialists gave each chaplet an infill bridge and painted them by hand using a camera capable of magnifying an image by up to 100x.

- Courtesy Rolls-Royce





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# Items of Interest



**Above:** Dubbed the **Silver Spectre**, some years before Rolls-Royce adopted the name, this special conversion was carried out by Carat du Chatalet, a specialist company in Belgium, in 2015. A one-of-one modern coachbuilt shooting brake, this custom-built car's conversion took over 2,500 hours to complete. Powered by a 6.6-litre V-12 engine uprated to deliver 690 brake horsepower, this bespoke motor car is estimated to sell for between \$275,000 - \$325,000 USD at RM Sotheby's inaugural auction in Dubai on March 9th.



## Trouble for a Princess

**Fifty years ago, a major London incident occurred involving a royal limousine...**

On March 20, 1974, Princess Anne was returning to Buckingham Palace with her first husband, Captain Mark Phillips subsequent to an evening's charity event in central London.

Their limousine, reportedly a chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce was travelling along the Mall when just short of Buckingham Palace it was forced to a stop by a Ford Escort that passed them then stopped to block their route.

The driver of the Ford, Ian Ball, got out and with the Princess' abduction in mind as a hostage, immediately started firing a gun that he had acquired overseas.

His first shots injured the chauffeur Alex Callender. Two men who ran across the road to assist: Brian McConnell and

policeman Michael Hills, were also shot. The Princesses travelling detective, Inspector James Beaton fronted Ball but his issue firearm, a Walther PPK jammed. He was shot three times, but fortunately survived after intensive surgery.

The chauffeur and the travelling lady ran away, leaving the car doors open. Ball climbed into the front seat and ordered the Princess Anne to get out, to which she reportedly replied, "Not bloody likely."

A passerby, Ronnie Russell, saw something was amiss and ran over. He also was shot but managed to punch Ian Ball in the head several times and eventually tackle him to the ground.

The gunman scrambled to run from the scene, but was finally arrested by Detective Constable Peter Edwards who had responded to the

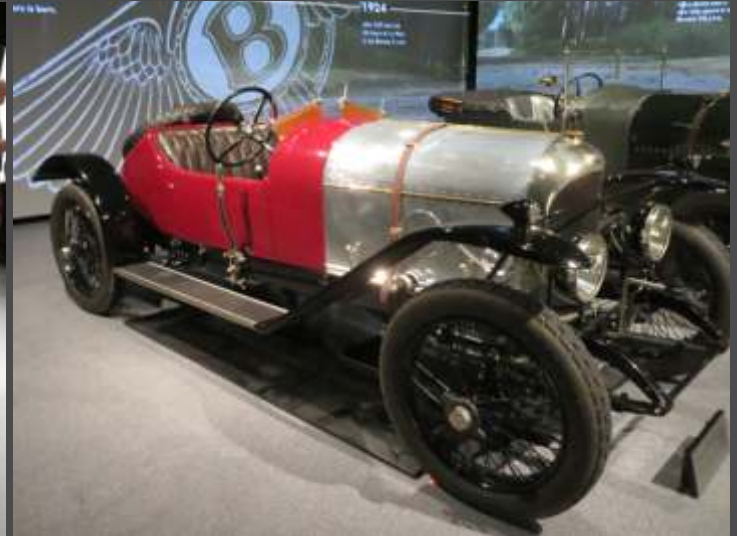
multiple alarm calls.

All active participants eventually recovered and received medals. Subsequently it was commented that at that time Royal Security was almost non-existent: there was no training, no back-up vehicle and despite it's enthusiastic use by James Bond the Walther PPK was a gun that was known to jam and should never have been considered an issue firearm.

Interestingly the final comment by the incident assessors was that a Phantom IV might be a stately vehicle, but it weighed two tons, was a Rolls-Royce, and even if subject to some damage could very easily have simply pushed the Ford Escort to one side and continued to the safety of the Palace. Most amusingly, the car was actually an Austin Princess and not as widely reported, a Rolls-Royce.

# Overseas Adventures

by Jeremy Greene



As I was in Ireland at the time (September last), it was decided by a Derby Bentley friend that we would go to Cheshire to attend the 90th Anniversary of the Derby Bentley (run by "The Silent Sports Car Club"), in his extremely rare 1935 Gurney Nutting Sedan de Ville (B25DK), ex Brendan Bracken, Churchill's propaganda minister during WWII who claimed to be Australian, but was actually Irish!

On the day, B25DK proved to be too sick and we headed off in my friend's Park Ward Saloon. The drive through Wales was pleasant, and we stayed at Granage Hall, a beautiful listed building. Next morning we drove to the Bentley factory for a full day's tour. The factory has changed very much since my last visit some years ago - very impressed.

The highlight was being allowed through the very secretive Mulliner division, which is off limits to all but those lucky customers who are allowed in the reception area to choose the specs for their new Mulliner coachbuilt Bentley! In the inner sanctum we saw some beautiful cars. Very interesting. One can spend up to £2 million if one so desires!

Also, there were two new 1929/30 Blowers and a Speed Six Le Mans recreations, built exactly as in 1929, apart from the fuel delivery systems which would be illegal today. They are unregistrable in the UK. The Speed Six was displayed at the Goodwood Revival later.

All of the Heritage Collection vehicles are road ready and used regularly, including EXP2, the second car made (1919), but the oldest extant Bentley.

We had lunch in the main factory showroom where there was a yet to be launched fully electric Flying Spur.

That night we had a black tie reception in front of the hotel, followed by dinner with the unique recently rebuilt Mark V Corniche on display (see last edition of Winged Messenger for report and pics).

Next morning we set off through the Peak National Park in fog to Chatsworth, the magnificent estate

and residence of the Dukes of Devonshire where 102 Derby Bentleys were on display - what a wonderful collection of beautiful vehicles. Even the Park Ward standard steel saloons were not standard, each having some variations... It was so amazing to walk along the rears of the lines of coachwork; an unforgettable day. Note the very rare James Young parallel opening door.

On returning to the hotel we actually saw the delightful Peak. On our journey back to Ireland we spent a couple of hours at Jodrell Bank's Lovell radio telescope, and Anderton Boat Lift ..... very interesting



# A Titanic Dinner

Courtesy Peter Mack



RMS TITANIC

First Class Private Evening Dinner Menu

14 April 1912



## First course

Hors d'Oeuvres

Oysters

## Second course

Consommé Olga

Soup Crème of Barley

Third course

Poached Salmon with Mousseline Sauce

Cucumbers

## Fourth course

Filet Mignon Kili

Saute of Chicken, Pommes Lyonnaise

Vegetable Marrow parcel

## Fifth course

Lamb, Mint sauce

Roast Duckling, Apple sauce

Sirloin of Beef, Chateau potatoes

Green peas, creamed carrots

Boiled rice

Sixth course

Punch Romaine

## Seventh course

Roast Squab & Cress

## Eighth course

Cold Asparagus Vinaigrette

## Ninth course

Pate de Fois Gras

Celery

## Tenth course

Waldorf Pudding

Peaches in Chartreuse Jelly

Chocolate & Vanilla Eclairs

French Ice Cream



Images of some of the dining rooms

## New Website & Facebook Page

Some of our newer Management Committee members have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes to bring the club up to date in the modern technological world.

You may have noticed we are using **Trybooking** for bookings for our events - even those which have no cost to participate in. It gives us accurate details of who's attending an event and any special requests - and where relevant, which cars are coming. It's also useful for events where payments are made.

Our old **website** is no more and a brand new, more functional website offers more functionality and presents the club well for prospective members. [www.rocwa.com](http://www.rocwa.com)

And finally, we have a presence on **Facebook** with news, items of interest, events and more - where you can participate: **Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Western Australia**



Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Western Australia

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# Celebration

Words: Stan Stroud, photos: Paul Blank



*Several club members were among exhibitors, including of cars from other marques.*

On December 3, 2023 Paul Blank (one of our committee members) organised his annual "Celebration of the Motorcar" display at Victoria Gardens in East Perth. It was the 30th anniversary of the event.

On display there were some 150 cars of all brands including new and older cars, from antiques to the most modern, all displayed by invitation. Cars include all types of sports cars, Rolls-Royces and Bentleys including magnificent examples of pre-1931 Bentleys and some very early pre-1915 American cars.

The display was so good that it should be compulsory viewing by all Club members!

- Stan Proud



*Above: Among the stars of the show were this amazing Aston Martin Valkyrie and the black Bugatti Chiron next to it, with its quad-turbo 16-cylinder engine. The lucky owner has several new Rolls-Royce and Bentley models in his huge collection of exotic cars.*



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Louwman Museum

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