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PRESS RELEASE –

TAVCCA Montagu Trophy Recipient 2018



Award Recipient:	<i>Kelvin Callahan</i>
TAVCCA Member Club:	<i>Veteran Car Club of Australia - Tasmania</i>
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Details of nominee’s significant contributions to the veteran car club movement, either at national or member club level:

In 1974 Kelvin acquired an old (Bedford, I believe) truck and, with little mechanical knowledge, proceeded to restore it.

Joined Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tas.) Inc. in 1975.

In 1981 he participated in the organisation of the 25th Anniversary Rally of The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tas.) Inc. – his introduction to the behind-the-scenes issues involved in the organisation of large club events.

In 1993 Kelvin was State President of The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tas.) Inc. when the club

organised and ran the BMW FIVA World Rally in Tasmania. With an entry list of 400 veteran and vintage vehicles it was the largest on-road motoring event ever to be held in the state for such vehicles and is still referred to as the pinnacle example of how to organise such an event. Certainly accolades are deserved and go to every person involved in the running of that event which was co-ordinated by Francis Ransley as Rally Director, but Kelvin Callahan was at the helm of the ship and proved his capability.

Kelvin has used his knowledge and experience gained then, and since, to organise, act as Tour Director, and/or provide his expert guidance in many events held in Tasmania to promote both the veteran car movement and vintage and historic motoring within the state. All those who have participated in National Veteran Rallies in Tasmania would be familiar with Kelvin and the enthusiasm he has brought to those events. At the same time, his interest in veteran motoring has led to his latest acquisition and restoration of a 1906 Orient Buckboard and a 1911 Itala 14/15 Roadster, both of which vehicles he still owns and actively rallies (or attempts to do so in the case of the Orient).

It was also in 1993 that The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tas.) Inc. formed a Dating Committee to enable the formal certified dating of club member's vehicles. Kelvin Callahan was active in this initiative as Records Officer and later became Chairman of the Dating Committee and he still serves in that role. Under his hand the model adopted in Tasmania for dating of veteran vehicles has seen wide acceptance.

Kelvin Callahan has also served as Tasmanian State Delegate to TAVCCA on an as-needed basis since the formation of TAVCCA.

His reputation for initiating, promoting and organising, then participating in veteran vehicle events in Tasmania is well known, with events of an "adventurous" nature being his forte in recent years. It was his initiative which brought about the veteran vehicle event 2 years ago which ran from the most North West point in the State (Cape Grim) to the most southerly point in the state (Cockle Creek) via the central highlands of Tasmania.

Similarly, right now he has initiated another such event planned for the end of February, 2019, this time starting from the most North East point in Tasmania (Cape Portland) to the most South West place accessible by road in Tasmania (Strathgordon).

Virtually every state or national event held in Tasmania over recent years for veteran vehicles has seen the guidance and involvement of Kelvin Callahan.

In 2011 Kelvin Callahan was granted Life Membership of The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tas.) Inc. in recognition of his services.

TAVCCA Congratulates Kevin on his contribution to the Veteran Car Movement and subsequent his recognition in being awarded the 2018 Montagu Trophy.