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Club Committee

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Gregory May

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Dear fellow Members,

As I am sure that you will all agree, recent times have been very challenging on many fronts. As a nation, we appear to be the most fortunate in the world in terms of infection control and deaths from the virus, and due credit must go to our various authorities for the management of the Pandemic.

The life of our Club and of so many similar groups has been put on hold. The Bentley National Rally has been cancelled as has the Rolls Royce National Rally, much to the sadness of many, especially those who worked so hard to organise these events. I understand that registration fees for our National Rally have been returned to our Members & the losses have been well controlled on account of the relatively distant time frame. I believe that the plan is to hold the Bentley National Rally at the same time next year, and undoubtedly our Queensland brothers will keep us posted on future plans.

Our April General Meeting had to be cancelled & we shall look forward to reconvening meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. It is too early to say Whether the June General Meeting & Concours at Vacluse House will be going ahead, but we shall proceed full steam ahead if the authorities say that it is safe to do so.

The Lunch at the Deckhouse in

March was a great success with almost 30 members, family & guests in attendance. The weather was fine and the food & service outstanding. It was a delight to see so many smiling & engaged faces around the long table. We shall certainly keep that on the calendar for next year.

On a sad note, Alison Davey, Richard Treacy's wife, brought her father Ken along to the Deckhouse event, which she tells me he enjoyed enormously, so much so that he was keen to attend all future events with his family. Sadly, he passed away quietly within a few weeks of the event. We were fortunate to have been able to meet & spend the time with such a delightful gentleman.

In the meanwhile, I hope that you all stay safe, observe the distancing & hand washing rules, and take your Bentleys out shopping for a run, until we can resume the fun!

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Editor's Note

Cameron Blinman

This edition of the magazine includes our first Member Profile. This is an exciting addition and provides an opportunity for members to learn a little more about each other. The questions are designed to find out a little about the members motoring preferences with a couple of light-hearted questions for good measure.

This edition features Marguerite Kass who you will remember took out most of the trophies at the presentation dinner in December 2019. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the content of the magazine and ensure our membership learn from each other. Read about Marguerite's profile on page 12.

This past month have seen unprecedented changes to the way we live our lives and interact with each other thanks to Coronavirus.

These changes are impacting on several Club Events, such as the National Bentley Rally in Queensland in October, as well as the Rolls-Royce Owner's Club Rally in Leura. At this stage planning is still underway for our Concours at Vacluse House in June. Stay tuned for an update on this event closer to the date.

Also, in this edition a trip down memory lane with fellow member Lloyd Poulton who shares with us some anecdotes from his time working in Crewe. We are always looking for new and interesting articles and stories for the magazine and encourage each of you to contribute. It would be nice to hear from members who have interesting stories about cars they have owned, or places visited. All contributions would be most welcome.

For this edition, I have included a piece from Bentley Media about some special-edition Continental Mulliner Bacalar. I trust It will make for interesting reading and insightful points for Club members.

I hope you all enjoy this edition and look forward to your submission for our July – August edition.

In the meantime, stay safe, sound and sane during these crazy times!








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Programme of Events

June

Event: General Meeting
This meeting will held most probably via Zoom as the Royal Automobile Club may not be open - stay tuned for details.

When: Monday 1st June at 6.30pm

R.S.V.P: Monday 18th May

Event Captain:

Gregory May 0411 723 470 or
greg@mayestates.com.au

Event: 2020 Concours

Where: Vacluse House,
Wentworth Road, Vacluse

When: Sunday 14th June at 10am

Cost: N/A

R.S.V.P: Sunday 31st May

Event Captain:

Gregory May 0411 723 470 or
greg@mayestates.com.au

July

Event: Christmas in July Day 1 & 2

Where: Day 1 - Bundanoon Hotel, Day 2 - Miles Felstead's property

When: Saturday 4th July & Sunday 5th July

Cost: \$60 per person

R.S.V.P: Saturday 20th June 2020

Event Captain:

Gregory May 0411 723 470 or
greg@mayestates.com.au

Event: Committee Meeting

Where: North Ryde R.S.L

When: Monday 6th July at 6.30pm

Attendees: Committee Members only

August

Event: General Meeting

Where: Bentley Sydney, 67 O'Riordan St, Alexandria NSW

When: Monday 3rd August at 6.30pm

Cost:

R.S.V.P: Monday 20th July

Event Captain:

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September

Event: Committee Meeting

Where: North Ryde R.S.L

When: Monday 7th September at 6.30pm

Attendees: Committee Members only

Event: All British Day

Where: The King's School, 87-129 Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta

When: From 10am on Sunday 13th September

Event: W.O. Birthday Run to the Southern Highlands with a 2 course lunch at the famed Bowral Brasserie

Where: 1 Wingecarribee Street, Bowral

When: From 12.30pm on Sunday 20th September

Cost: \$60 per person plus drinks at your own cost.

R.S.V.P: Sunday 6th September

Event Captain:

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October

Event: General Meeting

Where: R.A.C.A, 89 Macquarie St, Sydney

When: Monday 5th October at 6.30pm

Cost: As per evening menu

R.S.V.P: Monday 21st August

Event Captain:

Gregory May 0411 723 470 or
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Event: 2020 National Rally in Queensland

When: 11th - 16th October

PLEASE NOTE: This event has regrettably been cancelled.

Event: Polo Day

Where: 100 Ridges Lane, North Richmond NSW

When: Sunday 18th October from 10am

Cost: Donation at gate

R.S.V.P: Sunday 4th October

Event Captain:

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November

Event: Committee Meeting

Where: North Ryde R.S.L

When: Monday 2nd November at 6.30pm

Attendees: Committee Members only

December

Event: A.G.M and Christmas Dinner

Where: R.A.C.A at 89 Macquarie St, Sydney

When: From 7pm on Saturday 5th December

Information: more details to be published closer to event date.



Bentley News

Tailored To The Final Stitch

The Bentley Mulliner Bacalar.



Words and Images by *Bentley Media*,
April 2020.

As the first product in Bentley Mulliner's new Coachbuilt portfolio, the new Bacalar affords its 12 customers even greater opportunity to express their personal tastes in the form of the ultimate open-air Grand Tourer. While work on the new car is paused until Bentley's Crewe headquarters reopens, the process of developing the unique, bespoke specification of each example can begin.

Sharing not one exterior body panel with any other Bentley model, the Bacalar is a true statement of master craftsmanship, with ultra-bespoke interior finishes being limited only by the imagination of customers.

The style of each of the 12 Bacalar examples will be uniquely specified in collaboration with individual customers and the Bentley Mulliner team. Never before seen paint options, exterior

treatments, interior finishes and materials are the essence of what makes the Bacalar a genuine coach-built car.

All aspects of Bacalar have been exquisitely designed in such detail that it will require time for owners to uncover each and every detail that form a complete Bacalar.

To showcase a variety of possible themes and options, Bentley Mulliner has created six example Bacalar specifications, illustrating some of the characters and styles the Bacalar is able to represent. Maria Mulder, Head of Colour and Trim at Bentley, comments: "The six example specifications we have created each have their own personality and purpose, but what they share in common is that only Bacalar can reflect this level of personalisation and attention to detail."

"Regardless of your personal style, whether it be to spec your Bacalar with a bold Yellow Flame exterior paint synthesised with rice husk ash, or a more subtle

Moss Green that reflects the car's heritage, or to develop your own artisan piping, or co-create a unique fabric blend, the Bacalar gives you these opportunities".

A newly-developed colour pigment, synthetically manufactured with the use of rice husk ash to add a metallic quality, intensifies the drama, form and contours of the Bacalar's hand-crafted exterior, which can be used to create an unlimited number of exterior paint colours.

Creating an individual artisan piping will be part of every Bacalar ownership experience. This piping can be designed and customised to feature unique patterns, colour combinations and personal embossed effects, such as a customer's signature or special, individual customer motifs.

Co-creating a fully bespoke fabric blend using centuries-old methods in collaboration with a traditional British textile mill presents yet another unique opportunity to customise Bacalar's interior finish.



The Clerkenwell

“The Clerkenwell” specification typifies the spirit of the Brooklands racetrack where early Bentleys competed, and encapsulates a modern, effortless style accentuated by British racing heritage. The name refers to the Central London borough of Clerkenwell, home to a collection of the city’s oldest architecture, as well as some of its finest creative minds.

Focusing on the classic contrast of dark green and browns, Moss Green exterior paint is paired with Cumbrian Green and Golden Oak hides, contrasted with stitching in Saddle thread and the use of Cheltenham Tweed. The veneer is a new concept – Honey Larch – providing a further contrast to the interior. Exterior brightware is in Dark Bronze Glass, carrying the colour theme out of the cabin and linking the interior and exterior palettes.



The Menlo

Taking risks and pushing the limits of what’s possible with an attitude that will change the world encapsulates the spirit of “The Menlo” - named after Menlo Park, Palo Alto, California, where many of the greatest entrepreneurs gather at leading technology companies.

The bold and unmistakable colour of Cobalt runs throughout The Menlo, defining the car’s exterior finish as well as its interior atmosphere. Contrasting the subtlety of a Beluga hide with accents of Cyber Yellow truly highlights the interior’s definition and surfaces. The ultra-modern textile of Anthracite Alcantara is complemented by a Piano Black veneer.





The Fulton

An eye for detail discovers the extraordinary in all it sees, designed for those in the know and creating a more esoteric theme. Downtown Chicago's Fulton River District provides inspiration for this specification.

The deep and evocative exterior finish of Lacquer Red is exemplified by light, revealing all of the Bacalar's true design in detail. 5,000 year old Open Pore Riverwood alongside Piano Black veneer embellishes the interior with a sense of history and depth, coupled with hides of perforated Mulliner Beluga and Hotspur accents. Gloss black brightware and Beluga Alcantara textile adds to the understated theme.



The Greenwich

Heritage style meets contemporary minimalism in a car inspired by bespoke tailoring and the English countryside – London's Greenwich borough is therefore the natural association; ever-evolving, but never forgetting its roots.

The new and bespoke exterior paint of New Grey captures all that the Greenwich represents; classic yet evolving. Cricket Ball hide is the distinctive touch of British, flattered by a Grey Tweed textile. Open Pore Riverwood in parallel with High Gloss Riverwood once again contrasts the new with the old. Details of matt black brightware and Camel contrast thread finish off the interior theme.





The Brickell

“The Brickell” refers to Miami’s financial district, defined by its high-rise buildings, luxury apartments, art galleries and boutique stores.

The Brickell therefore is a brave statement of intent, most notable by its new concept Atom Silver paint contrasting with strong exterior and interior accents in concept Hyperactive. Brunel hide adds to the confidence of this car’s specification, alongside the exclusiveness of Open Pore Riverwood and Piano Black veneer. Grey Tweed textile adds a touch of class and sophistication.



The Randwick (demonstration car)

This is a car handcrafted to inspire awe, provoke conversation and seek out like-minded company, which is why “The Randwick” was selected as Bentley’s demonstration car. The glimmering rays of sunshine found in Sydney’s glamorous Randwick suburb epitomise the car’s tone.

Yellow Flame paint enlightens the cars exterior, exemplified by Gloss Black highlights, showing off the Bacalar’s exterior in even greater detail. This theme continues through to the interior, where Beluga hide and Grey Tweed textile is contrasted by bright Khamun accents. Dark Bronze decorates brightware with an exquisite and unique finish, never before seen on a Bentley. The classic combination of Open Pore Riverwood and Piano Black veneers complete the interior.





Member Profile

Marguerite Kass

Winner of the most awards at the BDC 2019 Concours.

What model Bentley do you own or would like to own?

I own a 1968 Bentley MPW Drop Head Coupe (CBH5020) given to me by my Father who owned it for 35 years.

What other cars do you have?

2019 Porsche Macan S and a 1989 Porsche 911 Cabriolet.

What's the one thing most people don't know about you?

I am a qualified swim teacher and fully licensed to ride a motor bike and a jet ski.

What other hobbies / interests do you have?

I enjoy all forms of sport but particularly motor racing. I enjoy the Bathurst 12 hour and watching Bentley win.

What's your favourite holiday destination?

USA – Road trips – great country for touring.

What was your favourite driving holiday/ Rally?

Driving in the Australian outback – no better place of earth! – and enjoyed the Alpine Classic Car Rally.

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Jack Brabham, Dan Gurney, Graham Hill, Bruce McLaren and Frank Matich – All at my Parents home for BBQ's (long time ago).

If you could own any car in the world, what would it be and why?

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Member's Articles

Tales from Crewe: Part I

Recollections by long-time Member, Lloyd Poulton

Words by *Lloyd Poulton, May 2020.*

Club member Lloyd Poulton has very kindly written an account of his time at Crewe. Historical recollections is the first of four instalments of a trip down memory lane with some interesting anecdotes that members will find interesting.

You will all no doubt be familiar with the general picture of the factory. I wrote a piece about it all for our magazine in 2010. But here are some untold stories.

Mr Squirrel and Mr Nutt

Alan Nutt worked in our spare parts department. One day a customer with the surname of squirrel rang for some parts. Mr Squirrel was furious when Mr Nutt gave his name, “confound it, my man, are you making a fool of me?”. Fortunately it was all peacefully settled.

Lloyd's Worst Day

It was a few days before Christmas and a brand new car had just been finished in the factory. It was to be flown to the continent as a Christmas present for the customers wife. I'd planned to go to London for the weekend staying at the Royal Automobile Club. Travel was to be by train as the roads were full of sheet ice. However, the sales department prevailed upon me to drive the car to London. Well, I lost it on the ice and a wing had to be replaced. A low-loader was sent from Crewe to collect the car (and with my company but I did not drive it). But worse was to come. A court of enquiry was held in these cases and I was Chairman thereof! In my absence they gave me a short period of sentence, not to drive a Bentley or a Rolls-Royce car (I did not need one for a month – so that was the sentence!).

Bentley Trivia

Where did white sidewall (whitewall) tyres originate?

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The first car tyres in the early 1900s were made of natural white coloured rubber. Around 1910, to increase durability, tyre manufacturers added a strip of carbon black to only the tyre's tread surface, leaving the white rubber sidewalls still exposed.

Additional bit of trivia:

The Michelin Man (Bibendum) is white because his design pre-dates carbon-black tyres



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Club Events

Lunch at the Deckhouse

At Woolwich Pier, Sydney.



Words by *Mike Mulvihill*, Images by *Athena Will, Cameron Blinman, Garrath Will & Keith Wherry*, March 2020.

It was another great turn out for our lunch at the Deckhouse at Woolwich. We were lucky to be able to keep the number of attendees below 100, which was the maximum allowed at an event at the time due to the new social distancing rules.

Members came from far and wide to enjoy each other's company and partake in sumptuous food, fine wines and excellent service. It was especially nice to see so many members' families and friends join us, with Athena bringing along most of her family and Alison bringing her father, Ken, who sadly passed away a few weeks later.

Keith Wherry brought along two visitors from Denmark, Thomas Bjoenager and Piet Bossant. This was the second time they had been to a BDC event, attending the Bentley on Pittwater lunch a few years ago. We look forward to travel restrictions being lifted so that they can join us again in the future.

The Sydney Harbour provided a perfect backdrop for a few photo opportunities. Members' vehicles were parked at the front of the restaurant, drawing a great deal of attention from fellow diners and passers-by. Our waiter flagged a potential career change to chauffeur when he came out to look at the fine collection of motor vehicles! The food and service at

the Deckhouse was superb, and once again the feedback from those attending was very positive. This was the second successful lunch this year that saw a large number of family and friends join our group, something that should be greatly encouraged. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can all get together again in person and talk about all things Bentley!





ABOVE: Gregory May, Keith Wherry & Piet Bossant take a look inside Keith's new Bentley's engine bay.



ABOVE: Thomas Bjoenager and Piet Bossant in front of Keith Wherry's new addition.



ABOVE: Mike Mulvihill and James Wallman.



ABOVE: Members sit down to a fantastic meal, along with lively conversation.



ABOVE: Ken, Alison Davey and Richard Treacy.



BELOW: Danielle Harland, Cameron Blinman and Keith Wherry.



ABOVE: Geoffrey Hinks, Ashley & Chris Fraser.



ABOVE: Ashley Will with girlfriend Maria & Athena Will.



BELOW: Garrath Will, Susie Raiti & Stephen de Bono



ABOVE: Thomas Bjoenager, Piet Bossant and Marie Harland. 19



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