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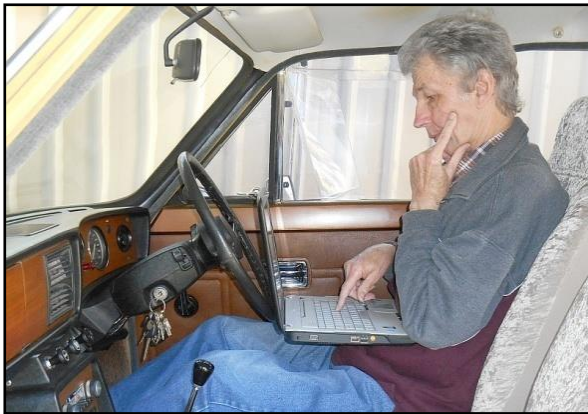
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OCTOBER: Harry & Kim FRANKE, Ron & Eveline CRITCHER, David & Reah WIGGINS, Brian & Monika TAYLOR, Ian SMITH & Debra MURPHY, Wayne CROUCH, Graeme & Jo CORBETT, Tom & Lyn HARRISON, Roderick HASELDEN, Daniel WHITE, Gary GREEN, Graham BENNETT

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AUTO-THOUGHTS



Hello again; and welcome to another packed edition.

Back in the years B.C. (“Before Computers”), if you wanted to submit an article to be published, you had to either hand it to the Editor personally, or send it by post. Similarly, if you needed to contact any of the Committee, you had to contact them personally, by phone, or send something through the mail. So it

was important to have the address of each Committee member available. However, with the advent of computers and the internet, came the wonders of email. Physical addresses became – for most of us – less relevant. But, for all of its advantages, the internet also came with dangers. Having people’s private addresses on display in a magazine that would be distributed over the internet, became unnecessarily risky.

Consequently the Committee have now decided (*a bit late – but change comes slowly!*) to remove those personal details from the list of office-bearers on page 3. So, in this issue you will notice there are no personal addresses listed. (If you need to contact any of the Committee by mail, post it to the club’s postal address). The other thing that will change – just as soon as it can be organised – is the removal of all personal email addresses. Soon, email addresses will take the form of the position and the club website address. This is in the process of being set up. In this day and age of identity theft, and stolen personal details, we see it as a necessary move to safeguard the security of our Committee members.

Inside this month we have the usual reports on events, plus an update to our Constitution, and details of our rego Inspection days. There’s a great bit of history from Ron Thorp (*how many of you remember Ron Thorp’s Bargain Barn?*), plus an item on the VW Golf turning 50. This month marks the 50th birthday of my Triumph; so I’ve written a piece about that.

One event that I was very pleased to get to was our display at Piper House. The staff there went to a lot of trouble with this, making it a real “Event” – with food laid on and musical entertainment from a guy singing to backing-tracks. He had quite a good voice too, and a good selection of old songs that everyone would know. (I knew most of them, and was singing along with him in the audience!).

I said the staff went to a lot of trouble, but also very involved with the organising (he first started it off!) was Ken Hobbs. Well done, Ken!

I also caught up with some old friends I knew from church. The still happily-married couple both turn 95 this year, and met 79 years ago, when they were each just 16. Growing up and getting married in England, they spent a few years in Africa before moving to Australia in the late 1960s.

Oh yes, and of course there were cars – lots of them! And a wide variety there was too. It was a great day, and plans are already being made for the next one.

Elwyn Jordan (Editor)

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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto

Tuesday 10th of September.

President Paul Cook opened the meeting at 7.32pm and welcomed members. He informed members that Denis Donald and Peter Goodger have been in hospital.

Apologies: As per attendance book.

Members in attendance: 57

Visitors: Martin Culleton and Janine Bennett from Culleton Lawyers.

New Member Badge Presentation: presented by Catharina Beattie to Bill and Janice Folder.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Paul Cook moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13/08/2024 and recorded in the September Klaxon to be a true and proper record of that meeting. Seconded by Neil Beattie and carried by the members.

Business Arising: Lloyd Chatfield, the Treasurer informed the meeting of an error in the Treasurer's report correcting the figure from \$355.10 to \$293.10 for the Club's website and domain renewal to Digital Pacific. Amended Report was provided to Secretary.

Correspondence by Secretary, Catharina Beattie

Incoming:

- ♦ Received membership applications from Brian Faulkner and Andrew Rutty (rejoining).
- ♦ Email from the State Library National e-deposit acknowledging they received The Klaxon.
- ♦ Email from the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre – July to December Account.
- ♦ Invoice and badges from Gala Trophies. ♦ Publications from various car clubs.

Outgoing

- ♦ Emailed CHMC informing them I am the new secretary and John Churchill is still our delegate. Confirmed his contact details. ♦ Allen Seymour's 50-year member badge with a congratulatory letter for achieving this milestone. ♦ Letter to the Great Southern Bank updating details for the club's signatories. ♦ Form A12 – Tier 2, Annual summary of financial affairs completed and emailed with receipt of payment. Thank you, Lloyd, for doing this.
 - ♦ The Klaxon uploaded to the State Library National e-deposit. Thank you, Lloyd for doing this. ♦ Order for names badges ♦ Thank you letters to Piper House and Bunnings, Kembla Grange. ♦ Get Well cards to Max Vormister and Peta Quition
- Catharina moved that all incoming correspondence be received, and that outgoing correspondence be endorsed. Seconded by Peter Akhurst and carried by the member.

Treasurer's Report: by Lloyd Chatfield

Lloyd read out the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1st August to 31st August 2024. Lloyd Chatfield moved for the Statement be received. Seconded by Neil Beattie and carried by the members.

Lloyd presented the following accounts for payment:

♦ MYOB	September Tax Invoice	\$31.00
♦ Ted Arnts	Postage for September Klaxon	\$204.00
♦ Worldwide Printing	Printing September Klaxon	\$364.40
♦ Gala Trophies	Name Badges	\$70.00

Lloyd moved that the accounts presented for payment be approved. Seconded by Wayne Crouch and carried by the members.

Events Director's Report: by Rex Kilner reported on Ken Horspool's behalf.

Rex invited the following members to talk about some of the past events: ♦ Steve Rhind on Shannons Eastern Creek held on Sunday 25th of August ♦ Greg Wright on the Father's Day event held at Bunnings, Kembla Grange on the evening of Thursday 29th of August ♦ Ken

Hobbs on the Father's Day event at Piper House, Dapto on Friday 30th August. Ken appreciated what the club had done and thanked all those you attended ♦Glenn Lemcke on the lunch run to Wingecarribee Reservoir Reserve on Saturday 7th September. Rex thanked those members for providing information on these events.

Upcoming Run: Note. In future, the Events Director's Report at meetings will not include upcoming events as they are published in The Klaxon. Only significant events or those requiring more details or have had changes will be reported.

♦Rex provided an update on Berry National Motoring Heritage Day being held this Sunday 15th September. ♦Names are required for Shellharbour Club Fifty-six Dining and Jamberoo Car Show. Refer to Klaxon for dates. Contact Ken. ♦Sublime Point on Monday 7th October. Ken did not realise it was a Public Holiday so it could be busy but there is ample parking.

By-Laws Review: by Greg Wright

Greg informed the meeting that he had received a few comments. Nothing significant was raised. The By-Laws have been updated to reflect these comments. There will be an article in next month's Klaxon highlighting the changes and what will be happening next. The Draft By-Laws will be available on the Club's website shortly and it is planned to hold a vote at the November Monthly General Meeting.

Inspection Days: by Greg Wright

They will be held on Saturday 26th October and Sunday 24th November. More details will be in the next month's Klaxon.

Committee Report: by Paul Cook

♦Shannons, Eastern Creek -members will have to put in an expression of interest for a ticket/s then the club will purchase a ticket/s on their behalf. ♦Contact the Secretary if want a copy of the Member's Register. ♦A few changes will be occurring in The Klaxon - Office Bearers addresses will be removed for privacy reasons and on the top of the events pages the Club name and year will appear. This is for members that get The Klaxon emailed and only want to print these pages for attending events. ♦Developing a letter for members to use to assist them when they receive a seat belt infringement notice. ♦ Police targeting vehicles on Conditional Registration checking logbooks. ♦Committee meetings are now bi-monthly.

General Business:

♦Tabitha Murphy introduced the guest speaker, Martin Culleton from Culleton Lawyers. This legal practice advertises in The Klaxon. Martin Culleton discussed the importance of having wills and legal documents in place. He highlighted that police are focusing on seatbelt compliance, using cameras since the 1st of July this year. Martin said there is not much information for people who receive a seat belt infringement fine that have a vehicle manufactured with no seatbelts. Transport NSW and other sources could not assist him here. Members were advised to be aware of the legal requirements for seatbelts in historic vehicles, especially those manufactured before 1965. Members may need to provide evidence of their vehicle's age to avoid fines related to seatbelt compliance.

♦A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to a Peter Akhurst for 18 years of service as a Vehicle Inspector.

♦Wayne Crouch asked if Bunnings Kembla Grange has been approached to advertise in The Klaxon. He was advised to see Peter Ellis.

The Raffle was won by: Spiros Potonides

The Badge draw was won by: Sue Bedford

For Sales and Wanted; Neville Eagan presented items to the club and provided an entertaining auction.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Peter Akhurst receiving his certificate



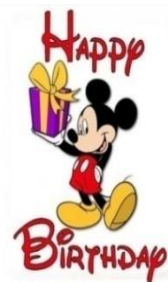
NEWS AROUND THE CLUB

MEMBERS & FRIENDS ON THE SICK LIST



I don't have any more details, but as mentioned in the Minutes, Denis Donald and Peter Goodger have been in hospital. Also Max Vormister and Peta Quition have been unwell. We wish you all the best and hope you are all up and about again very soon.

To any other club members or their family who are unwell, we also send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: June McLean, Robyn Hughes, Helen Gilmore, Geoff Brown, Lesley Waalkens, Tony McLeod, and Russell Wax.

We hope you have a great day filled with love and laughter.



OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to: Anyone who was married in October. We don't have any names on our list, but I reckon there would have to be someone! So if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary,

We wish you a very Happy Anniversary as you celebrate this special day. May you have many more happy years together.

FROM OUR MEETING

As Martin Culleton, our guest speaker and Klaxon advertiser, was leaving, he mentioned that Culleton Lawyers were a sponsor for the Jamberoo Car Show on 27th October. He will be there and will come and visit us.

NOTE: The deadline for submitting Events, advertisements, and other articles for publication, is strictly **2nd Tuesday of the month – the Monthly Meeting.** (Until midnight). (Minutes excepted – by arrangement with Secretary).

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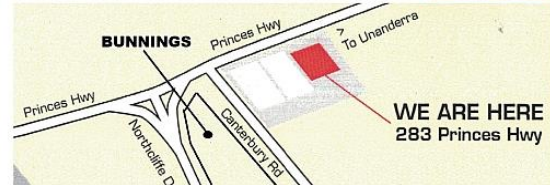
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SOUTH COAST VINTAGE CAR CLUB - COMING EVENTS



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EVENTS COMMITTEE	

If you would like to put on an event for our Club, please contact the Events Director or an Events Committee member.

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- 1) Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration NOT PARTICIPATING in the Log Book Scheme:
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- 2) Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration PARTICIPATING in the Log Book Scheme MUST COMPLETE AN ENTRY IN THE LOG BOOK for any vehicle use which is not an organized club event. This includes completing an entry for:
 - a) Any test drives and / or refuels;
 - b) Participating in any event or function NOT PUT ON by the SCVCC or your nominated secondary club(s);
- 3) Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration participating in organized events put on by their secondary club(s) must notify the SCVCC Plate Registrar or Assistant to have their participation logged in an SCVCC Day Book;
- 4) The club has a common Conditional Registration expiry date of the 9th Dec. Vehicle inspection days are the last Saturday in Oct and the last Sunday in Nov each year;
- 5) You must be a financial member of the club for your Conditional Registration to be valid. This means paying your annual membership fees promptly – due 1st July each year.
- 6) The club has a By-Law requiring any member with vehicle(s) on conditional registration to attend a minimum of 4 club events each year to maintain the registration(s). The committee may grant an exemption in extenuating circumstances;
- 7) When on an organized club event, you must enter your name and vehicle in the Events book. The Events Director or their nominee will have it at all Club events, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ENTER YOUR DETAILS ON THE DAY;
- 8) PETS ON CLUB EVENTS: If you take your pet(s) on any club events, to save any embarrassment and unpleasantness, please check with the venue or destination to make sure pets are allowed: (i.e. National Parks, motels, etc.).

SOUTH COAST VINTAGE CAR CLUB 2024

Thursday 3rd October	Reddall Pde Reserve, BYO lunch midday. (Warilla side, near kiosk and bridge).
Monday 7th October	Sublime Point, BYO lunch midday. This is a public holiday, so it could be busy.
Tuesday 8th October	Monthly Meeting, Ribbonwood Centre Dapto. 7.30pm.
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October	Early Falcon Nationals of 2024, Bendigo
Wednesday 16th October	Towradgi Beach, BYO lunch midday. End of Towradgi Road, just past the Bowling Club
Saturday 19th October	Sussex Inlet RSL midday lunch - stop before you reach the water. Meet at Nungarry Rest stop to leave at 9.30. Morning Tea at Mark Radium Park (Duck Pond), Berry leaving at 11.00. Need numbers.
Tuesday 22nd October	Kiama Harbour 10am for Coffee.
Saturday 26th October	First Inspection Day – see page 18
Sunday 27th October	Jamberoo Car Show – arrive at 8am and go to left after you enter. (have your donation ready) – we are behind tennis courts. Coming from the north, assemble in Hughes Drive off Terry St, Albion Park at 7.30 to leave at 7.45. I will need numbers.
Saturday 2nd November	Cataract Dam BYO morning tea and lunch from 10am. Take Appin Road west about 10 km turning south onto Baden Powell drive to Cataract Picnic Area about 3 km.
Tuesday 5th November	Shellharbour North Beach – BYO lunch midday. Junction Rd Shellharbour, just north of the Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club. Turn off Shellharbour Rd onto Beach Road and then left onto Junction Rd.
Tuesday 12th November	Monthly Meeting, Ribbonwood Centre Dapto. 7.30pm.
Thursday 14th November	Botanical Gardens - BYO Morning Tea 10.00am. Park on Murphys Lane near the prominent gate opposite Braeside Ave.
Sunday 17th November	100 years of MG– Fitzroy Falls Reservoir Recreation Area from 10am. BYO morning tea and lunch, BBQs

	are available. More detail next month. Ken would like help organising this one.
Sunday 24th November	Second Inspection Day. 9.30am – 12pm. O’Brien Glass Oak Flats. Followed by a Sausage Sizzle at Lakeside Drive Reserve, Kanahooka.
Wednesday 27th November	Lo Stretto Café for coffee 10.00am. Off Old Port Road to the car park at the end of Foreshore Rd. Up the steps between the Maritime Centre and the museum.

EVENTS FURTHER OUT

Thursday 5th December – Christmas Run lunch midday Illawarra Yacht Club

Sunday 15th December – Don’s Farm Christmas Party.

AFTER-MEETING DRAMA

Paul Cook

After last month’s, towards the end of supper, I was approached by a member of the Bonsai Group (they meet in a room at the back of the hall) to borrow our hall keys as they had someone locked in the disabled toilet. (This toilet has buttons on both sides of a glass sliding door—and the inside one they could not get to work). They returned our keys as they did not work, and asked if we had any way to contact council. I gave telephone numbers for security and council maintenance. Security wanted to know who would pay them to come out. Council said 45 minutes to 1 hour before they could arrive. 15 minutes later a fire engine, crew and flashing red and blue lights arrived.

They looked at various ways to get in, then two more Fire and Rescue trucks arrived with flashing lights, then an ambulance, with no flashing lights; also council, who had a master key.

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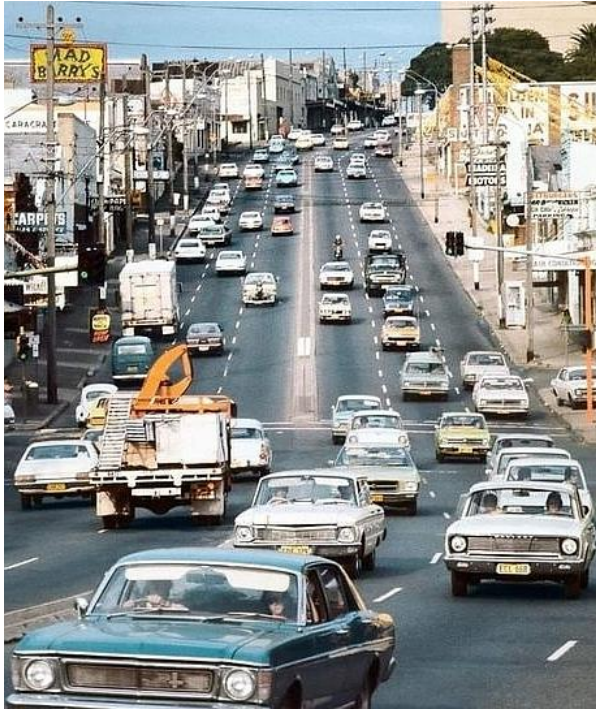
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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PART 8 – OR “NEARLY AT THE END”

Saturday the 31st of August saw the closing date for member comment and input into the club's proposed new constitution and by-laws.

We weren't knocked over by the last minute rush!

All up over the comment period, feedback was received from 7 members on just under a dozen issues. Fortunately, there was nothing particularly controversial or negative raised.

On this basis the committee have made some minor updates to the draft by-laws as follows:

1. The position of “Apparel Officer” has been added to Section 3 as an ordinary committee member along with this role's duties added to Appendix A;
2. The office bearers position of Vice President in Section 3 has been reduced from “more than one may be elected” to a singular position;
3. Some specifics on vehicles have been added to Section 5:
 - a. Identification checking on initial registrations;
 - b. Options for inspection of older (i.e. particularly vintage) vehicles;

Some comments were also received around wanting to include secret ballots for AGM elections and other significant resolutions in the by-laws. The committee agreed this is adequately covered in the Model Constitution Section 34 (3) (c) which states that items must be decided by a written ballot if the presiding member requires this or at least 5 members request this. Consequently, nothing was added to the by-laws on this issue.

Given the relatively minor changes, a hardcopy version of the updated draft by-laws will not be distributed to members. Instead, it is available for review & download from the club's website.

Look in the “**Constitution Reform**” section which can be found from the home page or via the link: <https://www.southcoastvintagecarclub.org.au/constitution-reform/>

If you have difficulty finding this or don't have access to the internet, then contact a committee member for a copy.

Note: All the changes that have been made from the previously issued version, and as described above, are shown in red in the updated version so that they may be easily found. A copy of the Model Constitution is also on the website, noting this is unchanged from the previously distributed version.

What steps remain & what's the timing to finalise the reform process?

It is planned to hold a vote at our Monthly General Meeting on 12th November about adopting both the Model Constitution and the updated By-Laws.

The specific resolution that will be put to members is:

“That from the 12th November 2024 the SCVCC adopts:

1. **A new constitution consisting of the NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution as will be updated from time to time; and**
2. **A revised set of By-Laws as detailed in the document “SOUTH COAST VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC. BY-LAWS, Revision D dated September 2024.”**

The committee looks forward to your attendance at the November meeting and to a successful vote on adopting this resolution.

Regards

Greg Wright for the review sub-committee.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION INSPECTION DAYS

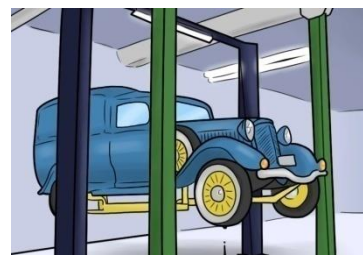
Our **First Inspection Day** will be in the carpark adjacent to South Coast 4WD Centre in Montague St North Wollongong, on Saturday 26th October. It will run from 9am till 12 noon.

The **Second Inspection Day** will be in the carpark at the front of O'Brien AutoGlass 109 Industrial Rd Oak Flats, on Sunday 24th November. Times are, again, 9am till 12 noon.

Some points to remember:

- To be eligible for registration with our club you must have attended at least 4 events during the year. Please bring your completed **Event Attendance** form along with you when you come to get your registration renewed. You also need to bring proof of the vehicle's comprehensive or TPPD insurance and your licence.
- Cars manufactured after 1980 are required to get a pink slip.
- Having a pink-slip inspection is an option for all vehicles regardless of age, and one that our hard-working inspection team encourage. If you do have a pink slip you don't need to attend an inspection day, just post a copy of the pink slip along with completed copies of the **Event Attendance & SCVCC Club Declaration** forms to Greg Wright at **38 Jarrah Cres Cordeaux Heights 2526** or email them to: registrations@southcoastvintagecarclub.org.au
Your **Historic Vehicle Declaration** (1259 form) will be posted back to you.
- As has been recent practice, inspections on the inspection days will be carried out at pre-booked times. To make a booking please phone **Neil Beattie** on **0417 792 057** or **Greg Wright** on **0439 400 674**. (If there's no answer, leave a message and you will be called back). Alternatively email your preferred date & time to registrations@southcoastvintagecarclub.org.au and I'll get back to you.
- If you need copies of the **Event Attendance &/or SCVCC Club Declaration** forms mentioned above, they may be downloaded from the **Forms** section of the club's website: <https://www.southcoastvintagecarclub.org.au/forms/vehicle-registration/> or alternatively, contact me.

Regards Greg Wright



CLASSIC NEWS

CLASSIC BMW SPECIALIST

We all know how difficult it can be finding knowledgeable mechanics to service and work on our classic cars. Well, if you own a classic BMW, and you live anywhere within reach of the Central Coast, you're in luck. Worthington BMW – a big BMW dealership near Gosford – has been appointed a **BMW Classic partner**. They say that, “BMW Classic offers owners of historic BMWs the opportunity to meticulously restore and maintain their highly treasured vehicles, ensuring they remain pristine and roadworthy.” To achieve this their technicians have been trained by experts from Munich. There are 151 such specialist centres worldwide.

NO CLUBS ALLOWED!



Here is a photo from Queensland. It was taken at a particular social club. Apparently car clubs had been parking in their grounds while they enjoyed a meal in the club, and of course displayed their cars while they did so. Club management objected, presumably on the basis that they were taking up general

customer parking space. And they even stationed a security guard at the entrance to keep them out. I suppose if not all the car club people were going into the club you could understand it; but on the face of it, it does seem a bit harsh.

60 YEARS OF “EASTERN CREEK” DISPLAY



The **Shannons Sydney Classic** (which we all know and love as “Eastern Creek”) celebrated its 60th anniversary this year. (Or to be precise, it was the 60th time it had been held). To mark this occasion, many organisations and prominent people were there.

Transport for NSW was there and their people were talking to car clubs and general attendees, discussing aspects of the HVS and CVS as well as safety messages including mobile phone use, the graduated licencing system, “speed risks”, and used car safety ratings.

Shellharbour MP, who is also Secretary for Roads, and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Transport and Roads, talked with the event organisers and attendees throughout the day, and then handed out trophies at the end of day awards ceremony.

It is a great event, and it's good to see it having achieved such longevity.

ROBERTSON, HAMPTON PARK

17th August 2024

Story & Photos: Ken Horspool

Bit of a cool day for a picnic in Robertson but it was sunny until about 1.30 when the clouds came in and sent a few sprinkles down, sending us home.

Great to see Chris and Lynn Fitzpatrick in the Healey back from some mechanical issues; and it looks like Bob and June McLean's Daimler is firing on all 8 again.

A couple of cars we don't see real often were Jack Barwise's HR Holden and Mark and Leonie Jordan's Jensen Interceptor.

Those in attendance:

Paul Cook	25 Dodge	Chris & Lynn Fitzpatrick	63 Austin Healey
Bob & June McLean	64 Daimler V8	Garry & Anne O'Reilly	65 Cortina GT500
Jack Barwise	66 Holden HR	Harry & Kim Franke	66 Volvo 122S
Ken Horspool	71 Triumph TR6	Mark & Leonie Jordan	73 Jensen
Ralf & Lali Corbacho	73 Leyland P76	Bruno, Rosanna & Brianna Manfiotto	91 Nissan Patrol

MODERN: Bill & Margaret Carey



HAHA ☺ I reckon you're right, Hoges.



Sydney Harbour Bridge – 1960s

VISIT TO CLEARY BROS MUSEUM

Story: Bill Carey. Photos: Margaret Carey

Greg Pitt organised a visit to The Cleary Bros Museum at Port Kembla for the Figtree Lions Club and invited us to join them, especially those who missed out on the last visit a few weeks ago. Margaret and I missed that first one due to doctors' appointment, so took the opportunity.

When we assembled, we met up with Geoff Faulkner, Chris Fitzpatrick, Greg and Sue Pitt and members of the Figtree Lions club and were told to wander through the Museum at our leisure; and what a magnificent collection it is. It is the largest private collection of Caterpillar earth-moving machinery in the world but may be closing due to the probable sale. Every item has been magnificently restored and displayed.

From there we went to the Illawarra Yacht club and met up with Ken Horspool for a cold cup of coffee. I offered to present the club with a jug so they actually give hot water for the coffee. Either that or they should go to Kmart and buy a small microwave oven, or maybe someone should tell them that coffee should be made with warm water not just out of the cold tap. After waiting about 15 minutes for our coffee Sue enquired as to where was ours and they said someone else must have taken it as there were two cold mugs of coffee so they gave them to us. I will write to them and tell them a bit of staff training would not go astray. The venue has to be the best view in the world for a coffee, but I won't be going back in a hurry.

All in all it was a good day because of both venues are magnificent.
Thanks Greg and Sue Pitt and Ken Horspool for an enjoyable day.



SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC

25th August 2024

Story - as told to the Editor by Denis Donald. Photos: Ken Horspool

It was a great day! A lot of great cars there; more than last year. Although, like last year, there were no cars on the other side of the track; and the display of fire engines that used to be over there was on the main side of the track.

I went around the track in the double-decker bus, having a front seat on the top deck. I also went around the track as a passenger in Graeme Wheatley's VW. That brought back memories, as I had a VW for my first car for about 10 years.

It was good standing on the balcony over the main straight watching the cars go by. I saw some cars slowing right up so they could do a burst of speed to catch up. They're not supposed to do that!

So a lot to see; and a great day!

Those in attendance:

Denis Donald	56 Vauxhall ute	Chris Fitzpatrick & Steve Rhind	63 Austin Healey
John G Churchill	64 Austin Sprite	John Churchill	22 Dodge semi
Chris Churchill	22 Dodge tourer	Don Auchteslone	24 Dodge
Ken Horspool	71 Triumph TR6	Chris Dorahy	69 MGC
Greg Wright & Trevor Cowan	67 Holden & 09 Triumph bike	Ralf Corbacho	??
Nikki Bushell	77 Datsun 120Y	Graeme Wheatley	72 VW
Peter Ellis	64 Volvo 1800		



BUNNINGS BIRTHDAY PARTY – 30 YEARS

29THAUGUST, 2024

Story: June McLean. Photos: Ken Horspool



Bob wasn't all that keen to go to this event, however when I said that I would go along with him, he was happy to go.

Well, what a surprise this event turned out to be. We didn't know what to expect, however on arriving at Bunnings, we spotted Ken who directed us to the back of the warehouse to the Timber section. We drove into the building and spotted a huge Fire truck just inside the door. A staff member then directed us to aisle 6 where the other nine cars in our group were lined up and on display. There was a large crowd of people wandering around looking at our cars and all the other stalls set up over 4 aisles. Stalls promoting different community events and activities included the Red Cross, 2VOX FM, Cancer Council, Cancer Community, R.S.P.C.A., the Dapto Mens' Shed, Dapto Market Gardens, and a group of singers who entertained us. There was face painting for the children, family photos, go – kart rides for the children, fairy floss, etc. etc. Dapto Rotary put on a free sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy. It was just one big party.

We welcomed into our group of motor vehicles, Ross Harris with his 1915 Triumph Model H motorcycle. For those of you who don't know Ross, he is our late member Claude Harris's son and although he isn't a member of our club, it was great to see him come along and join our group. It was also great to see Andrew Rutty, (a member of our club whom we don't get to see very often and who is the late Bill Rutty's son). Andrew recently finished restoring his beautiful MGB GT.

Thank you to Ken for organising this event for our club, it turned out to be a great night.

Those in attendance:

Paul Cook	25 Dodge
Greg Wright	27 Erskine 6
Denis Donald	28 Chevrolet
Ted & Lesley Arnts	52 Plymouth
Bruce Wallace	59 Healey 3000
Bob & June McLean	64 Daimler V8
Trevor Munn	70 HG Holden
Andrew Rutty	70 MGB GT
Ken Horspool	71 Triumph TR6
Bruno Manfiotto	80 Toyota T118
Ross Harris	15 Triumph Model H



PIPER HOUSE CAR SHOW

31st August 2024

Story: Ken Hobbs. Photos: Elwyn Jordan



Firstly I would like to thank all the people from South Coast Vintage Car Club for making the Father's Day car show another great success. This is the third year it's been run and again we were blessed with good weather. The staff and residents of Piper house had a great day admiring all the vehicles. We also had three busloads of residents from other homes. Even the CEO made a special trip down from Sydney to join in the festivities, and was very impressed with the variety of cars – especially Peter Akhurst's Austin Healey, as his father is in the process of restoring one himself.

Ken Hobbs, and Amanda, the Piper House organiser, were so happy with the day that they are already thinking about next year's event. Amanda was all smiles and raving about going for a ride in Denis Donald's vintage Chev.

The staff hosted a wonderful event with sausage sizzle, popcorn, and ice cream, and we were entertained with music and singing by Roy Matthews.

Thank you all again for making the day a success.



Ken and Kath Hobbs



The entertainment for the event



***For attendees at this event, see page 27.**



COOTAMUNDRA SPRINTS

31st August 2024

Story & Photos: Ken Horspool.



Cootamundra Sprints again. This is a fantastic event run by the Vintage Sports Car Club where we ‘drag’ race on the airstrip In Cootamundra. There are always lots of interesting sports cars in the car park.

First photo shows three of the four Triumphs entered (Spitfire racecar, Stag with a P76 V8 and my TR6) waiting to run with two very old racers. We had a demonstration from a ‘fueler’ (*see photo below*). Note the E-Type and Lagonda in the background. There’s also photos of a ‘30s Riley racer replica and similar period Alvis.



Ken in his Triumph TR6



The Fueler dragster



Lagonda



Alvis

WINGECARRIBBEE RESERVOIR OUTING

7th September 2024

Story & Photos: Glenn Lemcke



Only 7 people braved the less-than-wonderful weather forecast and were treated to very pleasant conditions for their picnic outdoors.

Glenn, Paul, Harry and Kim met at Albion Park Bowling Club. Ron Arnts joined them as far as the base of Macquarie Pass and then turned back.

They were met at the reservoir by Ron and Lynne Denniss, and later joined by John Barwise.

Tall tales and true were shared, mainly by Harry of course, and a good time was had by all. By the time we were on our way back the weather had turned, particularly around Robertson where there was a blanket of low clouds and drizzle.

A very pretty area and the run through Kangaloon back to Robertson was very scenic and enjoyable.

Those in attendance:

Harry & Kim Franke	61 Volvo 164
John Barwise	66 HR Holden
Ron Arnts	73 Pontiac Firebird
Ron & Lynne Denniss	78 Mercedes
Paul Cook	83 Commodore
Glenn Lemcke	91 Mazda MX 5



ATTENDEES AT PIPER HOUSE

John Churchill	22 Dodge	Paul Cook	25 Dodge Tourer
Greg Wright	27 Esrkine 6	Denis Donald	28 Chevrolet
Lloyd Chatfield	47 MG TC	Wayne Crouch	49 Vauxhall Wyvern
Ted & Lesley Arnts	52 Plymouth	Tony Mitchell	55 MG TF
Stephen Rhind	59 Holden FC	Harry & Kim Franke	60 Volvo PV544
Peter Akhurst	61 Austin Healey	Garry and Anne O'Reilly	65 Ford Cortina GT500
Bill Morgan	66 Rover P6	Rob & Ann Warmington	67 MGB GT
Mark Jordan	73 Jensen Mk-3	Elwyn Jordan	74 Triumph 2500 TC
Ken Hobbs	75 HJ Holden	Bob & June McLean	77 Jaguar XJC
Ron & Lynne Denniss	78 Mercedes	Les & Colleen Hall	84 Commodore Calais
Trevor Cowan	Mini Cooper S		

THE HISTORY OF RON THORP'S BARGAIN BARN

By Ron Thorp

(Editor's Intro). Some of our older members might remember Ron Thorp's Bargain Barn; a used car business on the highway in Figtree. It became synonymous for a place that sold "old clunkers". But to criticise the business on that basis was to miss the point. A recent article – written by Ron Thorp, and published in the Motorlife Museum's magazine – put the business in its proper perspective. Here is the story.

(This is the first part of a more complete article of his business).

With so much interest in preserving our motoring heritage, I thought your readers might be interested in how some vehicles have managed to survive with the supply of donor parts from vehicles which were not so fortunate.

I commenced my used car business in Wollongong in 1958, specialising in cheap transport for those people who could not afford to buy later-model vehicles. All the other used car businesses catered for the more well-off and were happy to sell me their cheaper trade-ins which were normally hidden at the rear of their premises.

My first boss, Austin Dwyer at Dwyer's Garage, where I served my apprenticeship, suggested that I should call my business Ron Thorp's Bargain Barn as he had seen similar businesses in the USA. He also rented me a vacant block of land at the corner of Auburn and Swan Streets in Coniston which appeased the Council Inspector who objected to me displaying the cars in the street.

The business grew exponentially from that point until a neighbouring business decided that they needed the property for expansion. Thus a search commenced for another site which materialised in the form of a vacant block on the Princes Hwy. at Figtree opposite the Gladstone Ave, intersection. I was fortunate to be able to purchase it with the help of my father who, by that time, had become somewhat more supportive of my emerging entrepreneurship.



The site as it is today – still unoccupied

The new location on the Princes Highway was a much better position with a steady stream of potential customers driving past each day, eagerly looking to see the latest bargains. By this time some of the original clients were on the lookout for a more suitable vehicle so trade-ins were replenishing the current stock.

In addition, we offered to finance their purchase with monthly repayments made at our premises which ensured regular visits, often resulting in another purchase when they spotted a "must-have" before they left the yard. The business continued to flourish with sales of around one hundred vehicles a month.

Some of the trade-ins were unsuitable for resale so a collection of these vehicles was moved to the back of the yard and became our first supply of used parts. In no time it became obvious that we would soon run out of room so the search was on for larger premises.

As luck would have it we became aware of an area of farmland which had been rezoned for a sawmill which did not go ahead. Its frontage to the Princes Hwy, at Yallah, was an ideal location, being on the southern side of Wollongong with no other development nearby.

*(*Reprinted with the kind permission of Motorlife Museum and Ron Thorp)*

VW GOLF TURNS 60

Story: Elwyn Jordan. Photos: Online



By the 1970s, VW's Beetle was beginning to look and feel a bit outdated: it had been in production since 1938, so no surprise that Volkswagen thought it time for an update. (*But it would remain in production for another 30 years!*).

Anyway, when they came to design the Beetle's replacement, they decided to follow the current automotive trend. And

the trend was towards front-engined front-wheel-drive hatchbacks. So that's the way they went. But not without some trepidation: this was the complete opposite of the rear-engined, rear drive Beetle. *It would be like driving one of those in reverse!* And even the engine itself was very different to the Beetle: instead of an air-cooled flat-opposed 4 cylinder, the new car was to have a water-cooled in-line 4.

Another huge difference was the shape of the car: instead of the rounded shape of the old car, the new one would be boxy with sharp edges. That, however, provided more room; with the new car being commendably spacious inside for both people and their luggage.

The design was done by Giorgio Giugiaro. It was released to the public in May 1974. Volkswagen were pleased with their new car; but they had to convince the buying public. This is what they wrote, in an effort to do just that. *"The Golf offers maximum space and safety. It is uncompromisingly geared towards practicality. The low beltline gives a clear overview, and the sloping bonnet ensures the road right in front of the vehicle is visible."* Sounds impressive! Others thought so too, with one article describing it as, *"A symbol of modern automotive design, setting new standards in the compact car segment and establishing itself as a benchmark in the industry."*

This is how Pedr Davis described it: *"Fun to drive and highly roadworthy, Golf provides fairly refined transport, coupled with excellent fuel economy, brisk performance, and tenacious roadholding"*. No wonder it was so popular!

And popular it certainly was – allaying the company's fears that buyers would reject it for being so different to its predecessor. Instead, buyers were attracted to the modern design and practicalities of the new car. In October of 1976 the one-millionth Golf rolled off the production line. In total, up to the present day, 37 million Golfs have been built – 20 million of them in VW's main factory in Wolfsburg Germany, and the remaining 17 million in a variety of countries around the world, such as Belgium, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, and more. To this day it remains Volkswagen's best selling car.

The original Golf was a three-door design, and was powered by a 1.1 litre engine. A 5-door version was soon introduced, and the engine upgraded to 1.6 litres. A convertible, and a sedan version (called the Jetta), soon followed. And then, of course, came the legendary GTI hot-hatch version.

The Golf was truly revolutionary; and it is a legend that still lives on!

HAPPY HALF CENTURY!

Story & Photo: Elwyn Jordan



It's time to sing "Happy Birthday" to my Triumph 2500TC. And a very significant birthday it is too. As the title suggests, it turns 50 years old this month. The date of manufacture being October 1974.

As most people will know, my wife and I have owned this since new.

But it's not quite 50 years since we bought it. We bought it in April 1975. Car sales had slowed in the mid 1970s, and this car spent the first 6 months of its life sitting around the dealer's sales yard waiting to be bought. Perhaps one reason for that is that it is a manual. Despite its image as a sporting luxury sedan, automatics were more popular than manuals. But the 4-speed manual certainly had a performance advantage over the 3-speed auto.

The story of us owning it for 50 years should wait until April next year; so in this story I'll tell you a bit about the car.

Back in those days, Triumphs were assembled by AMI in Melbourne. As such, they used some Australian-sourced components, and they were also painted here – mostly using Toyota colours (AMI also assembled Toyotas). The colour of this car is a Toyota colour; "Bamboo". Some of those Australian-sourced components could end up being a bit unusual. For example, this was fitted with a Delco alternator. All other Triumphs had Lucas alternators, so how this got a Delco unit is anyone's guess. Another non-standard part was the accelerator cable. I found this out when it broke a few years ago. None of the three listed for that model fitted. Eventually one was found by the local Triumph specialist sending the broken cable to his supplier to match up.

If you know anything about British Leyland in the 1970s, you'll know that their build-quality wasn't great. And AMI wasn't much better. Consequently there were a few "teething problems" to be sorted out. One can still be seen in the photo – a missing clip on the bottom of the trim around the back window. The dealer did order one, but... Well, they went out of business before it ever arrived!

Despite this somewhat inauspicious start, the car has lasted extremely well! I often say that it has aged a lot better than its owners! It is totally original. The engine, gearbox and diff are all unrestored original. The engine hasn't even had the cylinder-head off. Amazingly, even the clutch is original. Pretty good for over 230,000 km on a British car from the 1970s.

Likewise the body: there's no rust, and it's never had any body repairs. The only paint it's had (apart from at pre-delivery) has been for stone-ships, and a few spots under the rear lights that had a couple of surface-rust spots over the years. I sanded those, treated them with kill-rust and touched up the spots with a tiny brush. Having annual applications of fish-oil for the first few years has paid off. And the underside doesn't rust – "British rust-proofing" (oil leaks!) has seen to that.

Very early in its life it gained some improvements – window-tinting, dress-strip on the side, alloy wheels, and anti-sway bars. I think these things make it just a little more special. So, Happy Birthday Triumph! You're doing well for 50!

WHAT'S FOR SALE?



Note: * indicates the item's first appearance. ** indicates the item is listed for the 2 nd time.	
FOR SALE:*	NIL
FOR SALE:**	Singer Industrial Sewing Machine Model 96K41 – used for upholstery, geared down to reduce speed. Good working condition for its age- \$100. Please phone David Passlow on 4261 5590.
FOR SALE:**	1971 Holden Kingswood. Original 186 motor, original miles, original number-plates. Trimatic gearbox. Very good condition. Have owned the car for 30 years. Log books supplied. \$50,000 – no offers. Ph: Bill Robertson: 0408 064 153
FOR SALE:**	1959 Riley 4/68. Rare car in Australia. Imported in 1967. All original, inside. Twin carbies, 4-speed. Goes well. Lovely car. \$18,000 ono. Ph: Bill Robertson: 0408 064 153
FOR SALE:**	1919 Buick Model H-45 Touring. It is a caramel mustard colour. It is in great working order. Motor very good, both the interior and exterior are in great condition. We are only asking \$29000 and the price is negotiable. We are located in Wauchope NSW. For more details ph: Tracey 0414 724 542
WANTED*	Wanted (needed!) to rent - storage area for car/s and bits & pieces (not junk but cherished items). 6-month initial period. Preferable two-car space size but at this stage I will consider anything. Help a fellow member retain his 'Raison d'etre'! Call Peter Ellis to help on 0407533949
WANTED**	NIL



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