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ACCELERATIONS

MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER OF SUMMERLAND SPORTS & CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC
NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH



Jeff Pettits lovely Morgan which won our Clubs Standard of Excellence 2023

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You are invited to join us:

Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club invites members of the following clubs to attend any SSSCC events. Club registrars are requested to list our events in their clubs' day book.

If you are planning to attend, please advise our President so we expect you. This helps with catering and other arrangements.

Clubs: Ballina Classic Vehicle Club; C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring & Classic Car Club; Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club; North Coast Street Machines; Northern Rivers Classic Car Club; Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club; Gold Coast Antique Auto Club; Mt Warning Historic Auto Club; Rover Car Club of Queensland.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2024 CLUB YEAR

PRESIDENT	Bob Sweeney	1 Gainsborough Way Goonellabah 2480	02 6625 1819 0417 892 456
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	Jeff Johnston	4 Windsor Court, Goonellabah 2480	02 6624 5962 0419 006 302
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REGALIA OFFICER	Sue De Paauw	1 McInnes Lane Tuckurimba 2480	02 6683 2740
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	Helen Spencer	42 Tuckombil Ln. Tuckombil. 2477.	0403 053 814
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandCar>

Website: <http://shannons.com.au/club/carclubs/summerland-sports-classic-car-club/>

LIFE MEMBERS

Barbara Hodgson, Jim Hodgson, George Jensen, Marj Jensen, Meryl Lovell, Robert Lovell, Brian Sidney, Heather Sidney, Helen White, Barry Granatelli, Kath Granatelli, Jeff Johnston, Sue Johnston

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - SUMMERLAND SPORTS AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

Held at Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah, 7th February, 2024

Meeting Opened: 7.32pm.

Chair: Robert Sweeney

Robert welcomed Club Members and prospective new Members Greg and Judy Anderson and Greg Webb

Present

Robert and Rosie Sweeney, Sue and Rudy de Paauw, Jim and Barb Hodgson, Terry Goldman, Barry and Kath Granatelli, Jeff Johnston, George Jensen, Rod Johnston, Ken and Shirley Bryce, Helen Spencer, Lex Cole, Robert and Meryl Lovell, Tim Thearle, Terry Bush, Andrew Hanlon, Ray and Lynda Lovett, Jeff and Julie Snow, John Buchelin, Robert Sawyer, Jeff Pettitt, Don Osborne, Ron and Julie Nowlan, Ross Kippner, John Madden, David Besson, Gayl McKay, Richard Swinton, Greg and Judy Anderson, Alan and Lucky Howard, Steve Craven, Greg Webb, Jim and Jennifer Butler

Apologies

David and Robyn Hughes, David and Fiona Gordon, Marg Jensen, Ian Fordham, Mike McIntosh, Winton Brocklebank, Marion Thearle, Garry Spencer, Grahame Anderson, Brian and Heather Sidney, Christine McNall

Minutes of the December 2023 Meeting -That Minutes circulated to Members in December 2023 'Accelerations' be accepted as true and correct.

Motion Julie Snow/Helen Spencer

Correspondence

IN-

-Phone call from Greg Webb enquiring re Membership, Greg has a 27 year old MG

-Letter and an email from Australia Post advising that cheques will no longer be accepted for payment of PO Boxes

-Letter from Rare Spares Loyalty Club welcoming Sue de Paauw, Treasurer

Emails

Judy and Greg Anderson regarding Club Membership

Dylan Brooks enquiring regarding Club Membership

Garry Bruce enquiring regarding Club Membership

Bob Willemse advising of Car on Club Plates

Bundanoon Motel, Southern Highlands, welcoming any Club Members passing through

Invitation from CardiGras Events advising of upcoming events.

Rare Spares Loyalty Club advising that our Club is now affiliated with Rare Spares Loyalty Club, members purchasing goods and mentioning that they are members of our Club receive a 10% discount and our Club accumulates points.

CHMC advising that our Affiliation Fees are now due, subsequently received the receipt for our payment

NRVCC- January 2024 "Klaxon" News

NSW Transport "Drive Lite"

C.exCSTCCC- December "Idle Torque"

OUT

-Emails to Judy and Greg Anderson, Greg Webb, Dylan Brooks and Garry Bruce with information on the Club, Membership Application, details of club Plates etc

All relevant emails forwarded on to Members.

Motion that correspondence tabled, and action taken by the Secretary be ratified Julie Snow/Richard Swinton

Treasurers Report

That the Treasurers report be accepted as true and correct. Motion Sue de Paauw/Steven Craven

Past Events

Sunday, 10th December 2023, Sunday, Standard of Excellence, commencing 10am. Summerland Farm, a great roll up of vehicles and the area allocated to us for the Standard of Excellence was shady and grassy. A big thank you to Barb & Jim and Shirley & Ken, great organisation and planning. A lovely day.

Sunday, 17th December 2023. Invitation-Gold Coast Hinterland Hot Rod Run, Beechmont Hotel, no one attended.

20th December 2023, Wednesday coffee run, Nat's Coffee, Russellton Industrial Estate, a very busy café, a great venue although parking is at a premium. An enjoyable morning with nice coffee and sweet treats.

Saturday, 20th January 2024, Summerland Giant Watermelon and Pumpkin Festival, Kyogle. A reasonable turn out of vehicles, a good lunch, lots of shopping, a very good day.

Future Events

Wednesday, 14th February 2024, coffee run to La Baracca, 44 Keen Street, Lismore, commencing 10am. Morning tea booked till midday. Contact Julie Snow 0411 280 440

Sunday, 18th February 2024. Yamba Shores Tavern, Meet at Workers Sports Club 9am to depart 9.15am Morning tea- BYO Chair and morning tea, at Woodburn, in the park on the river in the main street. 10am. We note that 8-10 members from NRVVCC will also stop at Woodburn Park for a BYO morning tea. Julie has spoken with Narelle Middleton, and she doesn't feel it will be a problem at all if we are there too. Lunch, Yamba Shores Tavern, 12 midday Contact Helen Spencer 0403 053 814.

February 23rd, 24th & 25th of February. A visit to Inverell is planned for this weekend. Anticipated numbers are 10 couples from Tenterfield and 7 from Lismore. The Lismore couples are meeting at Clyde Campbell Carpark, Friday 23rd February to depart at 2pm. A block booking of 15 rooms has been made at the RSM Motel in Inverell for the night of Saturday 24th. Cost \$158 per room. Individual bookings should be made directly with the motel 02 6721 0800. Lismore folks please contact the motel if you are looking to stay either the Friday or Sunday nights. The Tenterfield Bowling Club has very good accommodation, 02 6736 1023. The program outline is as follows.

Dinner Friday evening at Tenterfield Golf Club, David has organised a shuttle bus—advise Julie if attending. Depart Tenterfield at 7.30am Saturday, coffee at Glen Innes. Depart Glen Innes for Inverell.

Arrive Ron Thorp's property at 10.00am to meet and view his collection.

Arrive at Bob Ausburn's at 11am-11.30am (next door to Ron!).

Lunch in town at discretion. Book into motel then afternoon free or nice drive to Bingara. 5.00pm happy hour at motel then dinner at RSC (next door!)

Sunday 10.00am visit to Inverell National Transport Museum 0419, 69 Rifle Range Rd.

Depart for home at leisure. David Hughes: 0429 006 225 /rmanqui.45@gmail.com or Julie Snow 0411 280 440
jeff_juliesnow@ozemail.com.au

25th February 2024, Invitation to Show n Shine and Swap Meet, Ballina Jockey Club, 9am onwards. Classic cars will be all together or alternately grouped with the Club they represent. Cars to be in by 8.30am. Entry is \$15 including 2 adults. Applications on northcoastshowandshine.com. Contact Jeff Pettitt: 0414 875 888

Wednesday, 6th March 2024, General Meeting, Workers Sports Club, 202 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, commencing 7.30pm.

Wednesday, 13th March 2024, 10am. coffee run, The Gallery Café, 46 Cherry Street, Ballina. Meet at Workers Sports Club, 9am to depart 9.15am for Ballina.

Sunday, 17th March 2024, lunch run to Ulmarra Pub. 1pm. Meet at Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah, 9.00am to depart 9.15am. Morning tea, New Italy Café, 10am, depart New Italy 11.30am to Ulmarra. Prior to lunch feel free to visit Coldstream Gallery, 5 Coldstream St. This Gallery is very interesting and has a very large range of local craft items and artworks. Ulmarra also has many other Antique and unusual shops.

Saturday, 31st August 2024. PCYC Yearly Car Display. 9am to 12midday. Need volunteers and cars for the display. Contact Jeff Johnston: 0419 006 302

General Business

All membership Fees are now due and need to be paid prior to 31/03/2024

Robert Sweeney presented engraved trophies and shields from Standard of Excellence. The Club Person of the Year, Jeff Johnston and the winner of the Standard of Excellence with his beautiful Morgan, Jeff Pettitt. Congratulations to both Jeffs.



David and Fiona Gordon have health issues with David, he is not well, has very little energy, heart problems and stage 2 Prostate Cancer. Fiona is prepared to keep on with "Accelerations" but she must have support, please ensure all photos, write ups of events etc are to her in reasonable time for the printing of the magazine. David is happy to stay on as Publicity Officer at the moment, Jeff Pettitt has agreed to assist David.

David Besson asked for "Get Well" cards to be sent to David Gordon and David Hughes. Wishing both gentlemen back to health. David also mentioned making new and old Members feel very welcome.

A Code of Conduct has been drafted for inclusion in the Club's By Laws. Details will be emailed/Posted to all Members so that voting can take place at the next General Meeting.

Any Members whose details have recently changed, addresses, email addresses, car details, phone number etc, please update details, there is a form in the monthly "Accelerations".

If you have changed or sold vehicles with Club Plates or have changed addresses, phone numbers or email addresses, please advise Julie of the changes. 0411 280 440.

Meeting Closed at 8.07pm

Next General Meeting, 6th March 2024, 7.30pm start

Minutes of Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club Annual General Meeting **7th February 2024**

Meeting opened at 8.17pm.

Chair: President Robert Sweeney

Present

Robert and Rosie Sweeney, Sue and Rudy de Paauw, Jim and Barb Hodgson, Terry Goldman, Barry and Kath Granatelli, Jeff Johnston, George Jensen, Rod Johnston, Ken and Shirley Bryce, Helen Spencer, Lex Cole, Robert and Meryl Lovell, Tim Thearle, Terry Bush, Andrew Hanlon, Ray and Lynda Lovett, Jeff and Julie Snow, John Buchelin, Robert Sawyer, Jeff Pettitt, Don Osborne, Ron and Julie Nowlan, Ross Kippner, John Madden, David Besson, Gayl McKay, Richard Swinton, Greg and Judy Anderson, Alan and Lucky Howard, Steve Craven, Greg Webb, Jim and Jennifer Butler

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Motion That the minutes of the AGM 1st February 2023 as printed in "Accelerations" are true and correct, Moved Julie Snow/seconded David Besson

End of year financial Report

- Public Officer Robert Lovell presented the meeting with a comprehensive rundown of our finances for the year ended 31st December 2023.
- Costs were marginally up this year, the distribution of Members Levies was changed to increase the funds held in the Social Fund account. This has resulted in a shortfall in the General Fund, down the track Membership Levies may need to rise. Expenses have increased, mainly printing and postage of the Club magazine, A new printer has been purchased along with associated cartridges. The Social fund remains in a healthier position.
- Expenses in our General Account were marginally up this year, due to increase in various fees and the purchase of a club printer and briefcases for the Secretary and Treasurer. The club came out of the year with a \$7 surplus but Robert has cautioned the club that we are very dependent on the contributions from our sponsors and sudden expenses could cause our General Account to go backwards. He suggested we think very carefully about any donations the Club makes.
- At the beginning of 2023 we changed the makeup of our fees – the Club changed from \$30/\$25 Memberships Fees to \$20; and Members Levy (Social Account) changed from \$20/\$10 to \$30/\$15. Therefore we need to keep an eye on the General Account moving forward.
- Our change in Members Account levy fees last year has allowed the Club to give larger discounts to members attending special events during the year, particularly the Christmas in July and Christmas Standard of Excellence. Our aim is to give back all the levy fees received within the year.
- **Motion That the financial report as presented to the meeting be adopted Moved Robert Lovell/seconded Tim Thearle**
- Treasurer Sue de Paauw thanked Robert Lovell for his assistance throughout the year and the professional way he presented the financial report to the meeting.
- **Motion That Robert Lovell be authorized to sign the A12 Form on behalf of the club and lodge with the appropriate fee Moved Robert Lovell/Seconded Julie Snow**
- President Robert Sweeney declared all positions vacant and thanks all outgoing committee members for the manner they carried out their duties.

Position	Member Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded
President	Robert Sweeney	Julie Snow	Shirley Bryce
Treasurer	Sue de Paauw	Julie Snow	Shirley Bryce
Secretary	Julie Snow	Shirley Bryce	Julie Nowlan
Assistant Secretary	Shirley Bryce	Agreed to stay on in the position	
Vice President	Jeff Snow	Jim Hodgson	George Jensen
Committee	Barry Granatelli	Jeff Johnston	Ken Bryce
Committee	Jeff Johnston	Ken Bryce	Ron Nowlan
Committee	Jim Hodgson	Jeffrey Snow	Julie Snow
Magazine Editor	Fiona Gordon	Agreed to stay on in the position with Assistance from Shirley Bryce	
Assistant Editor	Shirley Bryce	Agreed to stay on in the position	
Events Committee	Ron Nowlan	Jeff Snow	Jim Hodgson
Events Committee	Helen Spencer	Jeff Snow	Julie Snow
Events Committee	Julie Snow	Sue de Paauw	Rudy de Paauw
Property Officer	Jeff Johnston	Ken Bryce	Ron Nowlan
Regalia Officer	Sue de Paauw	Agreed to stay on in the position	
Club Registrar	Tim Thearle	Agreed to stay on in the position	
Publicity Officer	David Gordon	Agreed to stay on in the position with Assistance from Jeff Pettitt	

As there is no change to the President, Treasurer, Secretary there is no need to change signatories at Commonwealth Bank.

President Robert Sweeney thanked the outgoing Committee and welcomed the new Committee. Robert is looking forward to working with the new Committee for an exciting year with lots of good and interesting outings.

There was no general business, Robert closed the meeting at 8.47pm

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, WORKERS SPORTS CLUB, MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

MEETING OPENED- 10am

CHAIR- Jeff Johnston

PRESENT- Jeff Johnston, Barry Granatelli, Sue de Paauw, Shirley Bryce, Jim Hodgson, Ron Nowlan. Robert Lovell, Julie Snow

APOLOGIES- Robert Sweeney, Tim Thearle, Jeff Snow, David & Fiona Gordon, Helen Spencer

PURPOSE- To discuss the Special Resolution “Code of Conduct” and “Electronic Communication Etiquette” to be included in the Club’s Bylaws. Assuming it is supported by the Committee, it will be distributed to all Members, to allow for a vote by a show of hands at the next General Meeting, Wednesday, 6th March 2024.

DISCUSSION- Jeff Johnston read the Special Resolution “Code of Conduct” and “Electronic Communication Etiquette” to the Committee. Each point was debated and agreed on. A vote was taken, the special Resolution was supported with a 100% majority Agreement. It was agreed that the Special Resolution be emailed/or sent by text message to all Club Members for their consideration.

MEETING CLOSED- 11am.

Presidents Report - March '24

With the Clubs' AGM behind us I would like to thank past committee members for their contribution and welcome newly elected members to their respective positions.

Our monthly meetings are the forum where formal matters of the club are discussed and I acknowledge some topics may not be exciting. As president I try to keep meetings as short as possible to allow us to socialise afterwards. During meetings as matter of courtesy I would ask that conversations not relevant to the meeting be avoided. There is usually time before or after meetings to "have a chat" with friends.

Our events committee is off to a flying start this year with outings to La Baracca (Lismore) for coffee and a Sunday run to Woodburn for morning tea then on to Yamba for lunch at the very relaxing Yamba Shores Tavern. It was great to see Ray Collingwood at lunch chauffeured by Mike McIntosh. I also have it on good authority Dave Gordon's health is "on the improve". Keep up the good work Dave and hope to see you at an outing soon! We all look forward to the future outings they have in store for us!

By now members should have received a copy of the proposed "Code of Conduct" for consideration at our next monthly meeting. This document has the approval of all committee members and I'd encourage everyone to attend and vote on the proposal.

Safe motoring

Bob Sweeney

BIRTHDAYS**&****ANNIVERSARIES****MARCH**

Jeff Johnston

Sue & Jeff Johnston

Alan Howard

Jeff & Julie Snow

Kath Granatelli

Lynda Lovett

Have a great day**NOTICES**

**NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024 AT THE WORKERS
SPORTS CLUB, OLIVER AVENUE, GOONELLABAH AT 7.30PM**

Club Regalia

If any members are interested we do have the following club regalia for sale:

Metal Car Grill Badges \$25.00; Cloth Badges \$8.00, Sticker Badges \$3.00

Club Name Badges

If any members wish to buy a club name badge, please contact Sue de Paauw. The badge has a small logo, your name and year of joining. You have the choice of a magnetic fastener (quite strong) or a more traditional pin fastener. The badges cost \$15.00 (pin fastener) or \$17.00 (magnetic fastener).

Club Shirts

There are two options for club shirts:

1. a button up chambray shirt (either short or long sleeve)
2. a grey polyester polo shirt

If any member wishes to purchase a shirt for use on club outings the procedure is as below:

Chambray Shirt:

Purchase the shirt from George Gooleys, Lismore; they have all the necessary sizes and can provide the best fit. Take the shirt to either Lismore Embroidery (83 Keen St) or to Daleys (21 Woodlark St) for embroidering of the logo.

Bring your receipt for the embroidery to the Treasurer and the club will refund \$5.00 towards the cost.

Grey Club Polo Shirts:

The club has purchased a supply of shirts (Sizes S, M, L and XL) as the manufacturer is discontinuing this line. See the Treasurer to check sizes and buy the shirt - price is \$25.00.

Embroidery of the club logo will be done by Lismore Embroidery (83 Keen St, Lismore) for \$10.00.

Please make sure you tell them to do the wording on the logo and name in white.

Bring your receipt to the Treasurer and the club will refund \$5.00 towards the cost.

Sue de Paauw (Treasurer)

SUMMERLAND SPORTS AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

**INVOICE FOR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2024
DUE 1ST JANUARY, 2024**

	CLUB MEMBERSHIP	+	MEMBERS SOCIAL FUND LEVY	TOTAL
SINGLE	\$20.00		\$15.00	<u>\$35.00</u>
FAMILY	\$20.00		\$30.00	<u>\$50.00</u>

JOINING FEE (New Members Only) \$10.00 to General Account.

"ACCELERATIONS" – For those members who wish to have their monthly newsletter posted to them a levy of \$20.00 per year is payable. This amount is to be paid into the General Account.

NOTES:

- 1. Cash is the preferred option, as it is easier to split between the two accounts.**
- 2. If paying by cheque please provide two cheques, as they will be banked to two separate accounts.**
 - one to "Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club Inc" for membership fees;**
 - second to "Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club Inc Members Fund" for members levy**
- 3. For non-historic plate members, if you are unable to pay by February 2024 Club Meeting, AGM, please post cheques to:**
The Treasurer
Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club Inc
PO Box 761
LISMORE NSW 2480
- 4. If you wish to pay your membership fees/levy by EFT the account details are below. Please make sure you record your name on the payment.**

General Account – Memb Fees/Accel.		Members Social Fund – Levy	
Bank:	CBA	Bank:	CBA
BSB	062-565	BSB	062-565
Account No.	00944120	Account No.	10661879



**REOPENING CELEBRATION
LISMORE PCYC
& SUMMERLAND SPORTS & CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.**

INVITATION

CAR SHOW and COFFEE

*PCYC LISMORE & Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club
invites your Club to a car show and coffee.*

Saturday August 31st 2024 9:00am – 12:00 noon

Where: PCYC Lismore Cnr. Orion & Dawson Streets, Lismore.

What: All vintage, veteran, classic, sports and unique cars and bikes welcome

Entry Cost: \$10 per vehicle.

Cars and bikes assemble at PCYC from 8.00am,

Judging will commence at 10.30am.

Trophies presented from 11.30am.

We would appreciate your promotion of our event to your members
and its inclusion in your Club calendar for this year.

Coffee and food will be present on the day.

Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club has joined PCYC to help raise monies for their
Safer Driver Courses for Learner Drivers.

Thank you. We look forward to sharing our day with you.

For additional information, please write to Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club, PO Box 761, Lismore, NSW 2480,

or telephone:

Jeff Johnston 0419 006 302 or
Terry Goldman 0429 380 381

or email: summerlandsportsclassiccarclub@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE the entry charge of \$10 per vehicle

COFFEE RUN—WEDNESDAY, 13 TH MARCH 2024

10am. coffee run, The Gallery Café, 46 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Meet at Workers Sports Club, 9am to depart 9.15am for Ballina.

Contact Julie Snow 0411 280 440

CLUB RUN—SUNDAY, 17 TH MARCH 2024.

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1959 MGA Baggage wagon. (the back of an MGA converted to a trailer! A topic for discussion? Bob Sweeney



**Weather
or Not**

BY
GRAHAM
HUNTER



"I promised them a touch of Florida this winter"



"But aren't you glad it was just a little tree and not the stone wall?"



"Heater? Don't need any"



"If you **MUST** watch how about an electric blanket?"



"Do you and your hat mind waiting in the other room?"

Mike McIntosh's Mercedes Benz 28SL

Toad of Toad Hall must take some responsibility for this sometimes frustrating, painful, contented and enlightened journey, that started about 1963 and continues to this day. With the satisfaction in between of owning two FJ Holdens, EH Holden Premier, MG TF 1500, MGB GT [I did try for a V8 out of U.K. but was beaten by rust], Triumph TR4a, Peugeot GTi 206, thence to the Mercedes phase of a 1985 280SL, 1997 SL280, and now to the 1971 all of which this article is about.

Purchased in July 2008 after a 2 year search, a one owner car was found in very good condition having been in storage for 12 years. \$15,000 was spent getting vehicle ready for rego, and that was when I, upon seeing vehicle drive into car yard purchased it on the spot, we all know that luck has to be around when we look for parts and vehicles of this ilk and it was sitting on my shoulder on this occasion. The car had some rust spots ie. bottom of windscreen pillars, bottom of hard top at rear, L.H.R. mudguard, rear dove tail, and the aluminium bonnet had paint lifting.

Whilst doing these repairs I found the water leaks in the front and rear of the hard top were the result of the rubber seals being put on back to front and upside down, this all happened even when grooves were there for all too see, some mothers do have them.

The front oil seal leak turned out to be a cracked sump, and not a easy job -remove complete front suspension etc. tacho

drive gear was missing and you have to buy a set which cost \$2000, not likely, upon checking spare parts book found that the drive was a screw on extension of fuel pump drive gear, I removed fuel pump drive and had extension machined as per picture in parts book, with correct clearances, *wrong*, first attempt was just a bit tight and lasted only a short time before breaking, second attempt was and is a complete success, still going strong.

The gearbox was removed to find a rubbing noise, the circlip at front of box had come off allowing drum to move forward and rub oil pump retaining bolts. The circlip was replaced, and the gearbox reinstalled, all good, I think *not*. Somewhere along the way we lost 3rd and 4th gears. The car trucked to

Sydney for another gearbox. Upon picking up car and all's well, until Penrith-vehicle ceased to proceed. The 1 1/2 hr trip took 6hrs, as the vehicle lasted only 10 to 15 minutes before stopping. I did arrive home *sooo* happy. Upon continuous inspection of a fuel pump that looked *sooo* new, a fault was found with the help of a pressure gauge, and a newer fuel pump was fitted. I continue to enjoy my vehicle and the money that it so enjoys taking. The latest, a soft top from U.S.A., cost-please don't ask.

I do so enjoy my journey with classic cars and the restoration of same. I find that the real reason for this madness is the gleeful expectation of the next breakdown, followed by the stress of trying to source the parts to make my baby go again.

The madness of this I find, as I sit at classic car club meetings all warm and fuzzy, and look around, has indeed spread, and for this I thank Toad of Toad Hall, that the many friends and friendships that have been made upon the journey, that started way back where I care not to seek, continues to this day and, I hope for many more days to come.

Michael McIntosh,





*Some of Mike's Current
and former cars.*



Thanks to Lynda Lovett for this interesting article

New maintenance free tyres?

A Tesla Model 3 is testing them on a test track in Luxembourg.

No more nails and screws wrecking a tyre? No more Fix-a-flat, no more air compressors, no more spare tires, no more auto jacks, no more tools rattling in the trunk.

**Will it reduce the price of cars? Will it reduce the cost of roadside service?
Will some businesses go out of business?**

**They have been testing these for several years now.
Resilient Tech was developing them for the military.**



**Amazing new tires.....
Michelin Tires... Absolutely SCARY looking...
Look for 'em in August.
These tires are made in South Carolina , USA .**

SEE THROUGH TIRES

**Radical new tire design by Michelin.
The next generation of tires.
They had a pair at the Philadelphia car show.**



**Yes, those are 'spoke' like connections to the inner part
of the tire from the outside tread 'wrap!'**

The next picture Shows how odd it looks in motion...



Makes you wonder how the ride feels doesn't it?



These tires are airless and are scheduled to be out on the market very soon. The bad news for law enforcement is that spike strips will not work on these. Just think of the impact on existing technology:

- A. No more air valves..**
- B. No more air compressors at gas stations...**
- C. No more repair kits..**
- D. No more flats...**

These are actual pictures taken at the South Carolina plant of Michelin.

RECENT OUTINGS

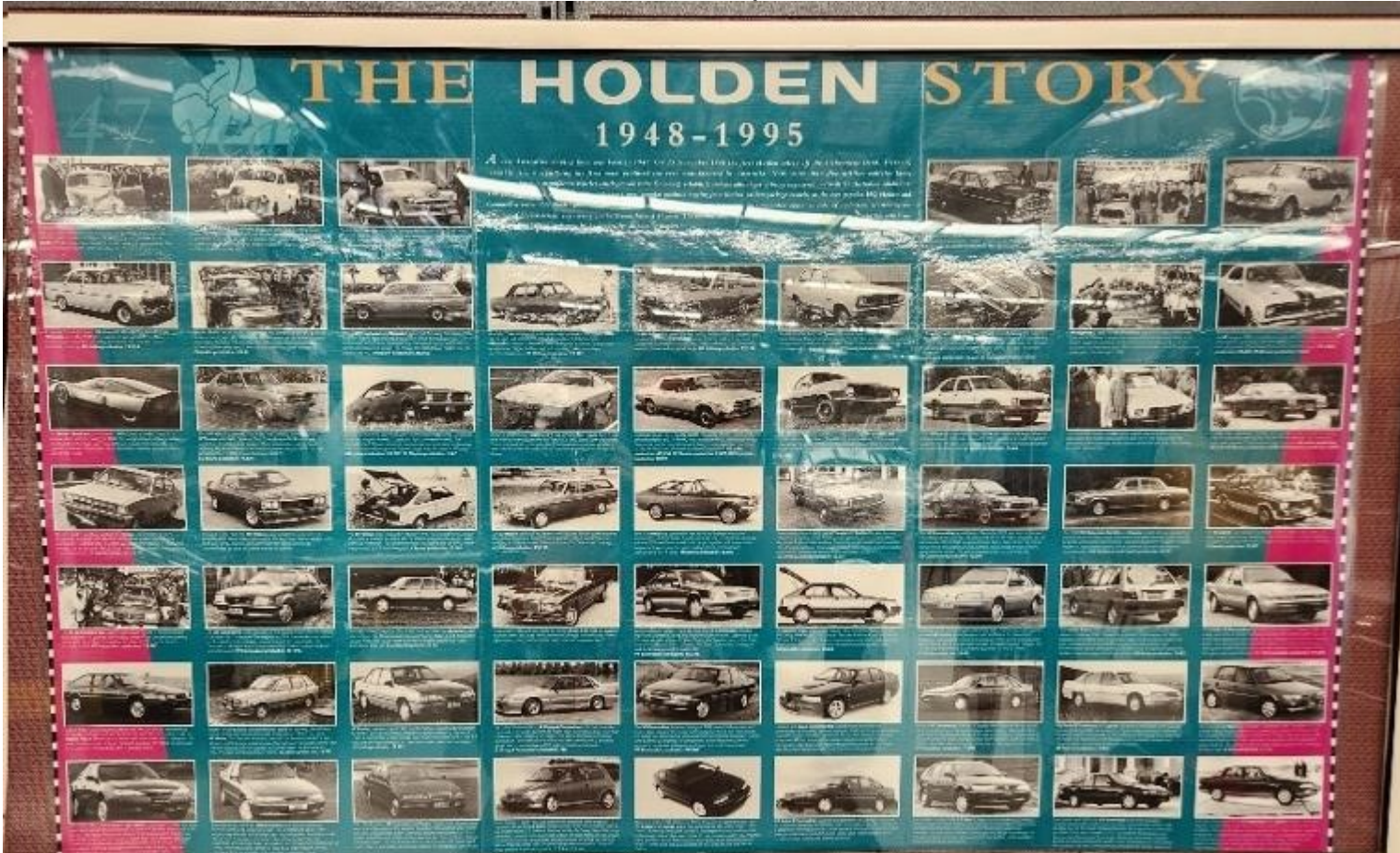
COFFEE RUN—WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 2024

It was a bright, very sunny warm morning. The Club Members met at 10am at La Baracca, Keen Street, Lismore for a very nice morning tea. We had 20 Members in all, with one new Member, Greg Webb. Georgia came around to take orders for coffee/tea and treats.

The orders came in a reasonable time, lovely coffee and I didn't hear any complaints about the treats; there was raison toast, croissants, slices, muffins etc. A very enjoyable morning in a lovely venue.
Julie Snow



An exhibit at the National Transport Museum at Inverell



RECENT OUTINGS

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2024— LUNCH AT YAMBA SHORES TAVERN

Our trip took us via Tregagle & Tucki on our way to Woodburn for a BYO morning tea on the riverbank. 20 members & 3 visitors enjoyed a BYO morning tea on the riverbank. Most of us then drove to Yamba and 21 members and 4 visitors had a very enjoyable lunch at Yamba Shores Tavern. It was a very pleasant day.



WEEKEND TRIP TO TENTERFIELD AND INVERELL – 23RD TO 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Five couples, Bob & Rosie, Jeff & Sue, Ken & Shirley, Ray & Linda and Jeff & Julie met at John Crowther Carpark, Lismore, at 1pm Friday, 23rd February to depart for Tenterfield. We arrived and settled into the Tenterfield Bowling Club Motel for happy hour. Dinner was at the Bowling Club where we were joined by David and Robyn and other members of the NEVVCC. The meals were lovely and accommodation just as good. Ron and Julie also joined us there.

Saturday morning, 7am, we were joined by Rod Johnston and other Members of the NEVVCC and departed for Inverell via the Deepwater Bakery. Wow, a fantastic, very busy little Bakery, great food and coffee.

We arrived at Ron Thorp's property (the old Inverell Airstrip) for an extremely interesting and varied display of his historic vehicles. Moving across to Bob Auburn's property was merely following a track opposite Ron's property. Bob also had a wonderful collection of historic vehicles, all in lovely condition. Morning tea was offered to us at both venues. A credit to both men for their very special collection, their pride and joy.

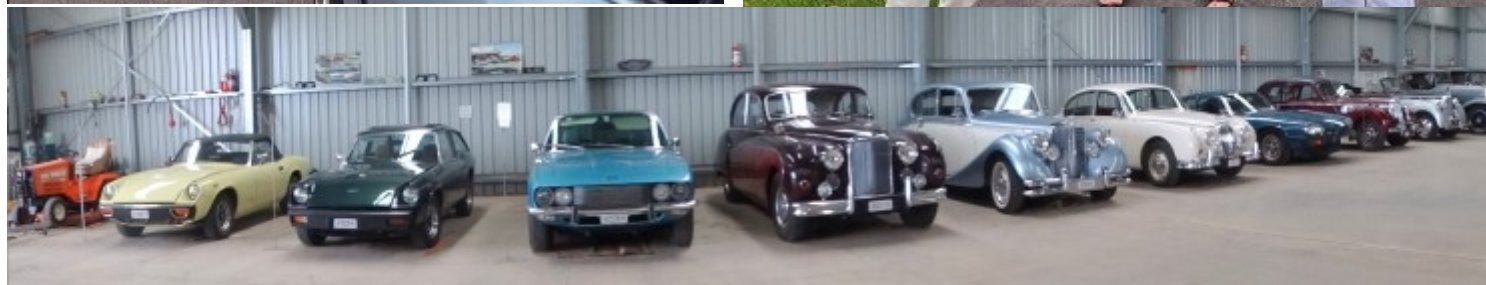
At midday we departed to Sporties Bowling Club for lunch. A varied menu and great food. At 2pm we checked into the Inverell RSM Motel for the night. Happy hour again before we left to walk next door to the RSM Club for dinner. Again, a very varied menu with great food. The Motel is very comfortable and modern.

Sunday morning we departed to the National Transport Museum. The collection is amazing with over 150 members and 250 exhibits including vintage, veteran and classic cars, motorcycles, and accessories. Of very special interest to Summerland S&CCC members is a collection of model cars, trains and memorabilia belonging to Bryan White, a recently passed away long serving member of our Club. Bryan's wife, Helen, and their daughter Michelle arranged for the collection to be donated to the Transport Museum in memory of Bryan. The Museum is a must visit if you are in the Inverell area. We departed for home at our own leisure.

A big thank you to David Hughes for organising the very enjoyable, interesting, and friendly weekend.

Julie Snow

A small selection from the many wonderful photos taken by Julie Snow and Sue Johnston — more will be available on our Club Facebook page





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EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

6/3/2024	Meeting	Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah	Julie Snow	Dinner from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm
13/3/2024	Coffee run	Gallery café, Ballina	Julie Snow	Details page 12
17/3/2024	Lunch run	To New Italy and Ulmarra	Julie Snow	Details page 12
3/4/2024	Meeting	Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah	Julie Snow	Dinner from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm
10/4/2024	Coffee run	TBA	TBA	TBA
21/4/2024	Lunch run	TBA	TBA	TBA
1/5/2024	Meeting	Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah	Julie Snow	Dinner from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm
8/5/2024	Coffee run	TBA	TBA	TBA
19/5/2024	Lunch run	TBA	TBA	TBA
5/6/2024	Meeting	Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah	Julie Snow	Dinner from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm
12/6/2024	Coffee run	TBA	TBA	TBA
16/6/2024	Lunch run	TBA	TBA	TBA
3/7/2024	Meeting	Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah	Julie Snow	Dinner from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm
10/7/2024	Coffee run	TBA	TBA	TBA
21/7/2024	Lunch run	TBA	TBA	TBA
7/8/2024	Meeting	Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah	Julie Snow	Dinner from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm
14/8/2024	Coffee run	TBA	TBA	TBA
31/8/2024	Car Show	Lismore PCYC Car Show	Jeff Johnston	Details Page 11

CLUB PLATE UPDATE

In order to be sure that our records are up to date, in 2024 we are requesting that Members who presently have vehicles on Historic Vehicle Registration (Club Plates) to please confirm their vehicle details on the form below .

Please return your completed form :-

By handing to the Secretary or Registrar

or

Posting to:- PO Box 761, LISMORE 2480.

or

Emailing to:- summerlandsportsclassiccarclub@gmail.com

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* Please delete 'H or J' which ever is not applicable to this vehicle.

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Please include only details of the vehicles that you currently own. Vehicles not listed above, which may appear on Club records against your name will be considered "no longer in your possession". We will also assume that you have returned the registration plates to RMS.