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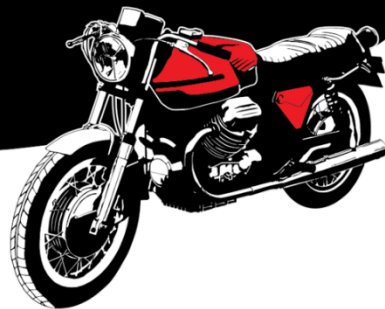
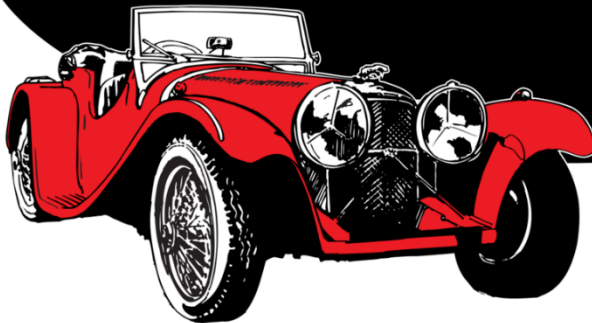
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2024-2025

Life Members — Geoff Maunder, John Lansley, Des Drury, Bob Dixon & Keith Winkler

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Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee East Community Centre (30 Bruce King Drive, Boambee East) at 7.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

Club Fees: A joining fee of \$5.00 applies. Annual fees are \$45.00 for a Single Membership, \$50.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1st January each year for the calendar year. However, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

Club Newsletter: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Coffs Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of \$15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

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Car Club Christmas Dinner at the Seaview Tavern, 15th December 2024 at 12pm.

It was pleasing to see Heinz and his Borgward Isabella when I first arrived at the Seaview Tavern with Violet. A short time later many other members then arrived in their cars and parked in the allocated spot. In total 13 Older cars came and parked. There was even a Volkswagen Kombi van parked at one point. We then proceeded indoors to the functions room, and after the clock struck 12pm, we were off ordering our meals, with a very long queue behind.

Those same meals then came without much waiting time, and it was pleasing to many of the members enjoying them with great pleasure. Even more pleasing and even humorous was to see Geoff's Christmas hat moving on it's own singing Christmas Carols!

After some members finished their meals, they then went and popped some crackers, and some jokes were read out, but not many crowns pulled out, and I could also see many that were wearing Christmas hats other than Geoff. Though they didn't come with any mechanical functions that were apparent.

We then ate, drank, and were very merry (In a civilised way of course) for the rest of the time that we were there. And after about 1:30pm, I then started to notice that the many members had started going back home, and the last of us left at about 10mins after 2pm.

Thank you to Hal Murray for taking the time to organise the event, and we hope to be back next year for the Changeover dinner then. And for those many other Changeover and Christmas Dinners to come.

Article by Alfie Hambling, Photo's by Gerry De Gabriele and Alfie.

Attending: Gerry and Mary De Gabriele - Toyota Crown, Geoff and Leonie Maunder - Wolsely, Brett and Sharon Moppett - Ford Mustang, John and Lorraine Lansley - Holden Torana, Des and Maureen Drury - Rover 3500, Max Eggins - Rover 3500, Graham Wright - MGTF, Glenn and Jenny Campbell - BMW, Hal and Marg Murray - Holden FJ Sedan, Graham and Marie Davey - Subaru Sherpa, Peter Heelis - Holden FC Special, Heinz Gress - Borgward Isabella, Leigh Stevens - MGB, John and Lorraine Bojarski - Modern, Bob and Ronis Dixon - Modern, Phil and Toni Bicknell - Modern, Graham and Andy King - Modern, Barry Milne - Modern, Carol Horner - Modern, William Lagettie - Modern, Alfie Hambling and Violet McDonald - Modern.



Our fellow members enjoying their well deserved meals



The Volkswagen Kombi parked near the car display



Members cars displayed in the Tavern car park

Coffee Run to Bellinghen Butter Factory - 19 December 2024

Our last coffee morning for 2024 was held at the Bellinghen butter Factory on Thursday 19 December. On the previous occasion a booking for 20 was made and 34 attended, so there was some small concern that we again may exceed the seating allocation. However, this time the number was 17. Due to the forecast, we thought Glenn was a little brave going out with the top down, and indeed he did stop to raise the roof enroute. However, the weather improved into a fine morning. Although the car park was full, the restaurant was not at capacity. It made for a very pleasant pre-Xmas gathering and we could actually all hear one another. We had discussed most of the world issues previously, although the shock of the US election was still reverberating. We now have our own pending election to be concerned about! Those attending included: Myself, Leigh and Carol, Gerry, Kaye Guinness, Heinz and Dorothy, Graham Davey, Glenn and Jenny with grandson Cooper, Geoff and Leonie, John and Lorraine, Carol Horner and Des Drury.

The End!

Graeme Wright



Coffee Run to Secret Garden Café - Jan 16 2025

Our first outing for the month was to the Secret Garden Café in Boambee. A small group met at the airport and had a quick run to the venue where we met the others. Numbers were seemingly restricted and this seems to be because of the restricted parking spaces available. We had 18 members attend with a motley crew of modern and club vehicles.

I rarely am able to make coffee mornings as I have an alternate engagement on Thursday mornings, so I was pleasantly surprised the excellent cakes on offer. No wonder this café is so popular. Alfie resisted the sweets and seemed to be tucking in to a large plate of eggs! Conversation was around our Christmas holiday experiences and families. I was told by Geoff that despite my recent purchase of a little electric car, club members would still speak to me!

Attached is a photo of the happy group! Cheers Gerry



Nambucca Heads Run - Sunday 19 January 2025

Nambucca Heads has been a popular location for its waterfront coffee house in the past, so another run was planned, this time for lunch at the Nambucca Golf Club on Stuart Island. The golf club has a restaurant which has a very pleasant view out over the river. However, for the second weekend in a row, the local weather proved that it could put on a very wet show. For example, 35 km. north of Coffs we had just over 60 mm. from midnight on Friday. Nevertheless, we had only two cancellations and that was due to a health issue.

On route to Nambucca, we gathered at Bongil Bongil for coffee. It was bucketing down on arrival however the shelter there provides very good coverage. Some brought morning tea with them whilst others picked up excellent coffees and sticky buns from the Bonville Servo. Suddenly the rain stopped, and the sun shone, just as Graeme Kane and Lyn arrived. Simply rays of sunshine! As usual numerous topics were covered, and the time went very quickly.

We then moved on to Nambucca Heads. On Saturday around 1400, discussions with the Golf Club staff revealed that the causeway had gone under approximately 400 mm. of water (salt water!) and that high tide had been around 1300. They had served no lunches and advised that the water was not expected to drop to road level until after 1500. This made the potential for Sunday lunch, not particularly promising. It was decided that a decision to lunch at the Golf Club would be made at the causeway on Sunday at 1200, and that if a crossing was not advisable, lunch would revert to the Nambucca RSL. In the event the causeway was under about 200 mm. of flowing salt water at 1200, so we moved on to the RSL. Except for Geoff who had a couple of initial issues with the serving of lunch, all others appeared to enjoy their food and drinks. Further enlightening discussions ensued. Due to the weather, only two club cars attended, Gerry's Datsun and Des's Rover, with a Jaguar slowly creeping up on age.

Those attending included Alfie and Violet, Geoff and Leonie, Gerry and Mary with two guests, Maurie and Fay, Des and Maurine, Heinz and Dorothy, Bob and Ronis, Kaye Guinness, Graeme and Lyn and myself.

A good day out enjoyed by all.

Graeme Wright



Run to Red Rock – Saturday 1st February 2025

Meeting at airport were: Jim Fisher, John and Lorraine Lansley, Glenn Campbell, Hal and Marg Murray
All modern cars except Glenn in BMW.

En route to Red rock we were joined by Geoff and Leonie Maunder in the triumph .

At Red Rock Leigh and Carol had found a good picnic spot in the shade near to the boat ramp.
They also had used their modern car.

The morning had started with heavy rain and a possible thunderstorm was predicted which would explain the use of modern vehicles. However, the afternoon weather turned out to be very pleasant and the shaded area proved ideal.

Social conversations while watching the youngsters doing lazy rivers proved an enjoyable afternoon

Jim Fisher.



National Automobile Museum of Tasmania

On our recent trip around Tasmania, Marie and I visited the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania at Launceston. This small museum houses a variety of motoring collections and to my delight some rare individual cars.

This rare 1967 Honda T500 is powered by a 531cc inline four cylinder engine mated to a four-speed manual transmission with power transmitted to the rear wheels.



This 1956 Lotus Eleven is of 'Club' specification sporting a solid-axle rear end and a Coventry Climax engine.

This 1936 Topolino "little mouse", was one of the smallest cars in the world at the time of its production. This rare has a 569cc four-cylinder engine mounted front of the front axle. radiator was located behind the engine. With 13bhp, its top speed was about 53mph.



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This 1928 A Model Ford, owned by Fred Smithies, known as "Lizzie" throughout Tasmanian communities, was the first two-wheel drive vehicle to journey from the Derwent Bridge to Queenstown (85klms). This led to the opening of the West Coast road. People rallied to have additional roads built to join up with isolated towns and it was Fred and Lizzie at the wheel who featured in many improbable journeys into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness.

Graham Davey



Minutes of the Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club

Thursday 6th February 2025

Meeting opened: 7 pm.

Attendance: As per Attendance Book= 34

Apologies: Graeme Kane, Judy Riddel, Moira and Kevin Franklin, Rod Holmes, Rod Sutton, Leigh Stephens

Visitor: Barry Ward

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the December 2024 meeting.

Moved: Marg Murray **Seconded** Hal Murray Carried

Business arising from December 2024 Minutes – Nil

Correspondence In:

- 16Magazines
- CMHC Youth Awards -Geoff/Graeme W
- Invites: Nambucca Show 8th Feb, Coffs Coast Sport & Leisure Motor Festival 13th April, -Coffs Showground, Autumn Tour Pre 1931 2-3rd May.
- Enquiry re Hub Rally refund
- BCU Statement
- Couple of membership enquiries
- Fees John Hewitt
- Service NSW-Update on Historic Plate qualification

Correspondence Out:

- Reminder to members: Re event arrangement, membership,
- Replies to membership enquiries and a couple of miscellaneous enquiries
- Email enquiries

Business arising from correspondence-

1.Marg to email Service NSW email to all members. Members need to read, and we will discuss at March meeting. **TIP: To** get details click on the underlined writing on the flyer.

2.Paperwork given to Alfie to consider applying for a Youth Award Grant.

Correspondence accepted.

Moved: Marg Murray **Seconded:** Hal Murray Carried

Treasurers Report: -

Treasurers report was read to meeting by Graeme King.

Motion: It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, and all accounts/expenses be paid.

Moved: Graeme King **Seconded:** Gerry DeGabriele Carried

Events

December

- Thursday 5th Club Meeting
- Saturday 7th Afternoon Tea- Urunga-Gerry
- Sun 15th Christmas Lunch- Seaview Tavern, Woolgoolga at 12 noon. Comments from members:1 The stairs at the venue were difficult for a few members to negotiate especially carrying a plate of food.2. Mixed reaction to the food.
- Thursday 19th Coffee Run -Belligen Butter Factory-Well attended by the regulars and Graham Davey thought his car was the outstanding car on that run!

January

- No Meeting
- Saturday 4th-Cancelled
- Thursday 16th - Coffee Run to Secret Garden-Good as always
- Sunday 19th Nambucca Golf Club-Due to poor weather and road closures the venue shifted to the Nambucca RSL. Members were pleased with the new venue.

Upcoming Events

February

- Saturday 1st-Ten members had a lovely afternoon sitting by the creek at Red Rock being cooled by the lovely breeze. No better place to be on a hot humid day.
- Thursday 20th-Sandy Beach House Coffee Run (Hal)
- Sunday 16th Anchor's Warf for lunch- Ph Leigh 0413481361 to let him know you are attending
- Sunday 23rd-Show and Shine Ballina

March

- Thursday 6th-Meeting
- Saturday 1st-Botanic Gardens (Hal)
- Sunday 16th - Lunch Coffs Garden Centre Wylde Oak Cafe-ph Jim 0481131551 to let him know you will be attending
- Thursday 20th -Foreshores Coffee Run Coffs Jetty - (Graeme W)
- Sunday 23rd-Combined run with Armidale club to Rod Holmes' cars then BYO Picnic Lunch- (John Bojarski)
- Monday 24th- Display and talk at Boambee Community Hall-Graeme Davey, Eric Andrews, Graeme King, Geoff Maunder and Des Drury attending. ph Geoff 0435622394 if interested.

Extra Runs to plan for:-

- Sunday 13th April Coffs Coast Sport and Leisure Motor Festival at Coffs Showground. (Gerry).
- Thursday 8th May-Mylstom Gymkhana with lunch at Bowling Club
- Sunday 25th May Bellingen Show

General Business:

1. Graham Davey reported that people were disappointed that we did not display our cars at Sawtell Fun Day. There was a general discussion re reasons why we didn't display cars. The consensus was that it was unavoidable due to logistics and lack of communication from the organisers.
2. Brett outlined his belief that we as a club need to address the issue of getting the Club name out into the community. Some ideas were: more members attending runs and events, looking at the runs and venues, promoting the younger cars (as younger car enthusiasts don't relate to the older cars). A management committee meeting will be held to discuss.
3. **Membership Identification Cards:** 2025 Cards Available to members on request. This is a wallet sized card to show you are a club member. Just email Marg on margmurr@bigpond.net.au or text 0407883241 or see Marg at. Club Meeting.

Vehicle Movements: Nil

Raffle Winners: 1st Pete Heelis , 2nd Violet Infans/McDonald, 3rd Graeme King

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th March 2025

Guest Speaker: TBC

Supper for March: Graham and Marie Davey

Meeting Closed at: 8.00pm

Secretary – Marg Murray

Chairperson – Brett Moppett

Bolwell Nagari

Alfie Hambling, our youngest member, has been in touch and sent in this photo. Alfie relates that his dad, Alan, gave him the photo and told him that this car is Bolwell Nagari 2 Coupe, is very rare and would be quite valuable today.



It certainly is a rare car and according to the Bolwell Car Club, only 118 Nagaris were made. So what exactly is a Bolwell Nagari? Bolwell Cars, based in Melbourne, began as a manufacturer of fiberglass car bodies for other car companies in Australia, but quickly moved on to designing and producing their own cars. Over the years, Bolwell produced a number of different models, but none were as iconic as the Mk VIII Nagari. Nagari is an Aboriginal word meaning "flowing," and the Bolwell Nagari, also known as the Mk VIII, was the company's first full production sports car with 100 coupes and 18 Sports (roadster) made. It was manufactured from 1970 to 1974 and became the best known out of the 9 Bolwell car designs. The Nagari featured a Ford 302 or 351 cubic inch V8 engine mounted in a 920 kg (2,028 lb), 2,280 mm (89.8 in) wheelbase body and backbone chassis. Other components came from Ford (suspension and dampers) and Austin 1800 (steering).

Thanks for sending this photo to "Splutter" Alfie!

Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolwell_Nagari
<https://www.bolwellcarclub.com.au/mk8-2/>

CLUB REGALIA

Item	Price
CHVVCC Car Badge (2 holes)	\$15 ea.
Car Badge blue	\$ 5 ea.
CHVVCC Club Ribbon	\$10 ea
Name Badge	\$ 1 ea
CHVVCC Stickers	\$ 0.50 ea

For Sale

1976 Triumph Dolomite Sprint = In very good condition

\$18,000 or near offer. For further information and photos please call John 0411 624 566



CHVVCCC makes it to Parliament!!

Hi Andrew,

I have just received my copy of Gurmesh Singh's Hansard Speech 24th October re our 50th Anniversary which he made in Parliament 24th October 2024.

I assume the others mentioned received a copy too but I didn't attend the December meeting.

May be of interest for Splutter?

Cheers Geoff

(Gurmesh's speech is included on the next page, Ed.)



GURMESH SINGH MP

Member for Coffs Harbour
Deputy Leader of The Nationals
Shadow Minister for Regional Health, Emergency Services, and the North Coast

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENT Legislative Assembly Hansard 24 October 2024

A club with a unique place in the Coffs Harbour community is fired up for a special anniversary.

The Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club will celebrate its fiftieth year by hosting the 2024 Great Eastland Hub Rally this weekend on 26 and 27 October. The rally is an annual gathering of vintage car clubs from Taree, Tamworth, Armidale and Coffs Harbour, with members of similar clubs elsewhere also welcome. The rally will include a welcome barbecue, a drive through the lovely Orara Valley to Coramba, a visit to the National Cartoon Gallery and the National Holden Motor Museum, a celebration dinner, a car display at the Coffs Harbour Showground, and then a scenic drive to Urunga. I congratulate Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club members on their milestone and wish them a successful rally. Geoff Maunder is a founding member and remains active in the club, while the club's executive comprises president Graeme Kane, vice-president Brett Moppett, secretary Marg Murray, treasurer Graeme King and events convenor Gerry De Gabriele.

Gurmesh Singh MP



COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour
(100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use
northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- 1st Saturday outings depart **1.30pm**. Please take afternoon tea.
- 3rd Sunday outings depart **9.30am**. Please take morning tea and lunch.
- 3rd Thursday coffee runs depart **9.30am**.

- Please check individual run details for any variations. If you are not meeting at the designated start or running late, please notify the run organiser, just in case there is a change to the run plan, or the club needs to provide café attendance numbers.
- Please drive with consideration to other road users (so we do not create queues behind us).
- Leave a reasonable distance between vehicles.
- When coming to a turn, ensure the car behind you is aware of the turnoff.
- **H registered vehicles must have the "Permit to Operate" in the vehicle at all and a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.**

UPCOMING APPROVED CLUB EVENTS (no Log Book entry Required):

FEB 25		
Sunday 16 th	Lunch at Anchors Wharf, Urunga	Leigh 0413 481 361
Thursday 20 th	Coffee Run to Beach House, Sandy Beach	Hal 0448 883 244
MAR 25		
Saturday 1 st	Afternoon tea at Botanic Gardens	Hal 0448 883 244
Thursday 6 th	Club Meeting	
Sunday 16 th	Lunch Coffs Harbour Garden Centre Oak Tree Café	Jim 0481 131 551
Thursday 20 th	Coffee - Coffs Harbour Foreshore	Graeme W 0408 245 113
Sunday 23 rd	Dorrigo Run with Armidale Club – M/tea and Rod & Ruth Holmes and look at cars, picnic lunch at The Glade	John B 0411 624 566
Monday 24 th	Boambee East Community Centre. Car display and morning tea. Talk by Geoff Maunder about our club to Chin Waggers group and then inspection of cars. Meet at Centre at 10:15am	Geoff 0435 622 394
APR 25		
Thursday 3 rd	Club Meeting	
Saturday 5 th	Afternoon tea at Urunga Foreshore	Leigh 0413 481 361
Sunday 13 th	Coffs Coast Sport and Leisure Motor Festival Display of cars. Entry between 7 and 9 am. Details closer to event	Gerry
Thursday 17 th	Coffee Run to Idle Inn, Nana Glen	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 20 th	<i>No Sunday run as its Easter Sunday</i>	