

# THE CARRIER PIGEON



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## HISTORY OF THE CARRIER PIGEON

As a foundation member of the Ballina District Vehicle Restorers Club which changed name to Ballina Classic Vehicle Club Inc in 2017, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Mark Prowse for reintroducing the Carrier Pigeon

The first edition was a single sheet in foolscap format produced by Geoff Buggy in January 1981. Geoff was the first president of the club. From then it was printed monthly in various forms until the last edition in July 2016. In August 1983, call went out to club members for designs of a cover for future editions. The design selected was by Gary Legg and was used on issue 32, October 1983. The club badge shown was designed by Greg Lotts a few months earlier in 1983. Over the following years a number of changes were made to the cover. Here is hoping that Mark's efforts will be supported by present and future club members.

Yours in classic motoring.

John Mooney





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**CLUB MEETINGS:**

1st Tuesday of the month,  
7pm sharp,  
Ballina RSL Club.



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Purchase your parts at  
B-Line Auto through the  
club cash account to  
receive trade pricing  
just show your membership card

## FROM THE EDITOR

It's back. The Carrier Pigeon, the bulletin for the Ballina Classic Vehicle Club previously Ballina District Vehicle Restorers Club has been resurrected (at this stage) for the next three months. Thanks to the encouragement and efforts of John Mooney and Maria Pennisi.

We have a new club year, new committee and now a new bulletin. Comments, photos and contributions are eagerly sought and can go to the editor of the bulletin, and will be most welcome.

Welcome to this edition. The format may be slightly different to previous, but we hope you enjoy the content.

It's your bulletin and will only survive with your input. As days and nights get cold this gives you an opportunity to grab a hot drink (or other) and enjoy your bulletin and provide you with some encouragement to contribute to the next edition along with some smiles.

Mark Prowse, Editor

## PRESIDENT'S NATTER

Hi! I am the recently elected Club President Lindsay Smith.

It's great to have a report in the Carrier Pigeon and many thanks to Mark for the enthusiasm to get it organised.

I have been a member of the club since 2005 and have a collection of classic vehicles consisting of three Jaguar cars and seven motorbikes consisting of 3 Velocettes and 4 Japanese bikes. Unfortunately none of them are registered for road use but becoming President is an incentive to get one on the road so back to the garage!

The recent visit by the Department of Transport to the Club has seen us review our Club Plates system to better comply more completely with the fine details the representatives outlined.

More will follow on the changes well before the next registration procedures due by the end of the year in a later Carrier Pigeon. In the view of the Department reps, our Club Plates Registrar, Santo, has us complying pretty well with requirements and we only need some minor tweaks.

The club's regular runs to Summerland House are popular events so if you have not been, come along on the Saturday after the Club meeting to see some nice cars, have a nice breakfast and catch up with the members there for a chat! Usually from around 8am till around 10am.

I would like to recognise the great work done by our retiring Secretary Lyn over the last 5 years and welcome new secretary Dianne.

Looking forward to seeing you at a club event.

Lindsay



## LADIES PAGE



LIZ KEY

**What's the best road trip you've ever taken in a car or bike?**

To Echuca from Ballina with the Eureka club

**What features are most important to you in a car or bike?**

Heated seats

**If you could have any one person as a chauffeur who would you hire for the job?**

Chris Hemsworth

**If you could only drive in one car for the rest of your life, what would you pick?**

One with lots of gadgets and heated sets, or a triumph stag as a club car



JANET RIORDEN

**What's the best road trip you've ever taken in a car or bike?**

I have a few memorable road trips, first being our honeymoon (1970) from Sydney to Adelaide in our Falcon 2 door. We had radiator troubles and had to traipse around a paddock to get some water from a water trough then Alan had to do some running repairs to the radiator in our Motel room. We didn't have much money and I remember heating up frankfurts & sometimes soup in a Birko drink heater in a motel room as well.

Another great road trip was from Chicago to Dearborn to visit the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, a great experience, both the museum and driving on the other side of the road.

**What features are most important to you in a car or bike?**

The features I think are most important in an old car are good brakes and seat belts and a man who can do running repairs with many spare bits & pieces in the boot and a NRMA membership.

**If you could only drive in one car for the rest of your life, what would you pick?**

I quite like my Mitsubishi ASX, it's easy to get in & out of and plenty of room in the back when seats are down. So maybe the latest model would be great or similar size vehicle.



ANNIE CUMMINS

**What's the best road trip you've ever taken in a car or bike?**

The Devil's Pass in the UK on my motorcycle.

**What features are most important to you in a car or bike?**

The type of engine.

**If you could have any one person as a chauffeur who would you hire for the job?**

Lewis Hamilton.

**If you could only drive in one car for the rest of your life, what would you pick?**

E Type Jag!

## THE GEARBOX BY ALAN RIORDEN

Helping out a mate in the early days.

It all started when one of our mates had a hot date, so he decided to borrow his brothers 1959 Ford Star model & left us with his 1939 Ford Convertible Coupe. That Saturday night there were 4 of us with nothing to do, so we took the 39 Ford to the Pagewood Pub. After a few too many soft drinks we all climbed back into the car & headed for home.

Fortunately Ron's younger brother was driving. As we turned into High Street, which was our local drag strip, we stopped put into 1st, dropped the clutch & bang blew 1st gear, dropped into 2nd & blew it as well. Driving home in top gear we managed to get it into the garage, so we decided to do Ron a favour & pull the gearbox out for him. We got it out in record time, no one could have done it any faster.

Feeling proud of ourselves we left & went home. Ron came home later & found his car jacked up in the rear [He was not happy]. The downside of it all it took him ages to find all the Nuts & Bolts as they were scattered all over the garage floor, the dipper switch was broken & to this day it is still glued together with Araldite.



## CLUB RUN RECIPE - CHEESE SCONES

2 cups SR flour  
 1-2 tsp baking powder  
 Cheyenne pepper (a bit)  
 2 cups of grated cheese, at least  
 Chopped shallots, red pepper, finely chopped (optional)  
 Melted butter which is added last but no worries if you forget.  
 Milk at least 1 cup but make fairly loosely and probably more

Combine all ingredients. Add melted butter.  
 Roll onto floured board and cut into shape.  
 Add some cheese on top.  
 Bake 190 C for 10 mins approx depending on your oven



**Contribution from Chris Flanagin, a member of the Morris Enthusiasts Car Club of New Zealand.**

Chris and Tom visited Ballina recently. Santo and The Editor showed them around some local cars and bikes.

Thanks Chris for your recipe



MEMBERS VEHICLES





DO YOU KNOW YOUR EARLY MAZDA'S AND TOYOTA'S?



Make .....

Year.....

Model.....



Make .....

Year.....

Model.....



Make .....

Year.....

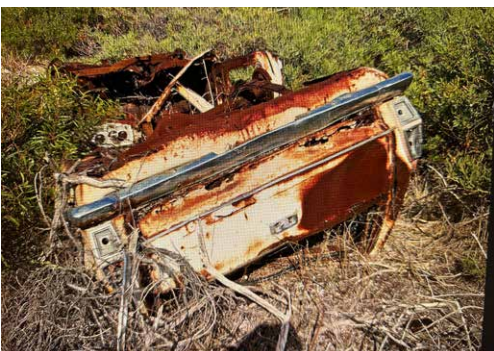
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**CAR BRAND WORD SEARCH**

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 SUBARU  
 MERCEDES BENZ  
 MAZDA  
 CORVETTE  
 CHEVROLET

MASERATI  
 NISSAN  
 FIAT  
 LAMBORGHINI  
 VOLKSWAGEN  
 FORD

HYUNDAI  
 BENTLEY  
 KIA  
 VOLVO  
 MITSUBISHI  
 BMW

ALFA ROMEO  
 TOYOTA  
 PORSCHE  
 AUDI  
 FERRARI  
 HONDA



TECHNICAL

- A Land Rover doesn't leak oil, it marks it's territory. Did you 2016 hear about the man whose Land Rover didn't leak oil? The factory took it back and worked on it until it did.
- Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a Land Rover and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night? They all look the same. " - "He replied, "It does not matter which one you use, nothing happens !"
- The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."
- Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.
- Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.
- Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.
- The three position Lucas switch - Dim, Flicker and Off.
- The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.
- Lucas is an acronym for Loose Unsoldered Connections and Splices
- Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency.
- "I have had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never had any trou ... "
- If Lucas made guns, wars would not start.
- A friend of mine told everybody he never had any electric problems with his Lucas equipment. Today he lives in the countryside, in a large manor with lots of friendly servants around him and an occasional ice cold shower ...
- Back in the 70's, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.
- Q: Why do the British drink warm beer?  
A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerators
- Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone.  
Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb.  
Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

- Early Mazdas & Toyotas answers
1. 1965 Ford Mustang
  2. 1931 Ford A Model
  3. 1958 Holden Special FC Ute
  4. 1963 Ford Falcon
  5. 1966 Holden HR Wagon



**Know why the British don't make computers?**

They couldn't figure out how to make them leak oil!

**How do you double the value of a Triumph?**

Fill it up with gas!

**What's the difference between a classic Jag owner and a classic Triumph owner?**

The Jag owner washes his hands AFTER he's been for a pee, and the Triumph owner ...

**What are the two questions you hear most from the passenger in your MGBGT?**

1. Is it HOT in here?
2. Do you smell gas?

**When does a man open the door of the car for his wife?**

- A. When he has a new car.
- B. When he has a new wife.



"It's broke. I could fix it, but then you'd be broke."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 5th  
Summerland House breakfast

August 27th (Sunday)  
lunch time run to Brunswick Heads Bowling club - meet at Westover Tavern at 11am to leave at 11.15am or make your own way there to be there at 12 midday

September 9th  
Summerland House breakfast

October 7th  
Summerland House breakfast

November 11th  
Summerland House breakfast

December 1st (Friday)  
Christmas Function - venue TBA but possibly Che Bon as it has a fixed price meal.

**“O.K. Officer... I’ll go Quietly”**

The other night I stopped a lady driving with one light. “You’d be a lot safer with new Sealed Beam Headlights,” I told her—and that started me telling her about my new De Soto. You not only get 50% better road light at night—but better visibility at all times, due to greater glass area all around. You get from 5 to 15 more horsepower for fast pick-up in traffic—and your speedometer shows red when you hit 50. Three people can ride comfortably front and back—with no crowding. De Soto’s seats are 51” wide. The gearshift’s on the steering post, off the floor, out of the way. In all, De Soto has 39 features *not* in your car! “O.K., Officer,” she said, “I’ll go quietly.” And she did—to the De Soto Dealer’s showroom. She wrote her own ticket for a new *lower-priced De Soto.*

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