

The Grille

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. Newsletter — February 2019



Dianne Lambert's 1951 Buick

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Monthly Meetings

Held at Jabour Park Club Rooms Minden St, South Grafton on the ***last Sunday of each month***. See Coming Events for times.

All meetings are designated Club Authorised runs. You may drive your historic plated vehicles to and from the meetings.

President's Report

Well another Christmas festive season is over: I have no doubt that they have sped up over the last couple of years but we are all still here, so now let's get on with our 2019 Club Events.

We have introduced to our Events Committee some new members with some enthusiastic ideas that will be available for all to enjoy.

Our next Club Event is on Saturday 26th January with an early start. 7.30am from Jabour Park, to morning tea at the Standing Stones at Glen Innes, then onto Guyra's Potato Festival. There are many interesting stalls & some Swap Tents with a massive display of vehicles in the Main Street of Guyra which is just off the Highway. There are several Eateries including Pubs for lunch.

We are attempting to have more Club Car Photos added to our Gallery in the Club House. The cost is \$15.00 for the photo & frame, which becomes your property. Contact Kim Dahl to 0418 660 347 to arrange a time for photo to be taken.

Motorfest Committee has been formed and are requesting any member that would like to be part of the organising party, contact any of the Events Committee to have you logged on.

Next General Meeting, 27th January 2019 @ 4pm held Club Rooms Jabour Park, following meeting join the group for a Sausage Sizzle a Tea or Coffee.

Regards

Doug



**STUDIES SHOW THAT
COWS PRODUCE MORE
MILK WHEN THE FARMER
TALKS TO THEM**

**IT'S A CASE OF IN ONE
EAR AND OUT THE UDDER**



Facebook Friends

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So, with a lack of contributions for this month's magazine, I put a call out on the Club's Facebook page for holiday snaps and stories. Dianne Lambert was the first to reply, Her car graces the front cover! Read on...

My story is my 51 BUICK has been with Snape Motors for 4 weeks & now she is brand new, drives like she should after having her for only 1 year with lots of problems, at last I should be able to attend some good Club stuff. Dianne

Great news Dianne! We look forward to seeing you and your beautiful Buick on a Club run soon.

Patrick Richardson was further afield

Our Baby , beside "That flatbed Ford" on "That Corner" in Winslow Arizona".

Such a fine sight to see!

Take it Easy.



And a brief report from Peter Sanderson.

Great roll up at today's Mac Markets.
Nice weather & even better people.
Outstanding way to start the new year with a cruise in my coupe!
Happy new year everyone!

Our daughter has always loved a road trip so over Christmas she drove down to Sydney from Brisbane. Alas, she caught in a massive hail storm. Fortunately she wasn't driving at the time. The hail smashed the windscreen and left the Suzuki SX4 with craters like the face of a pubescent teenager. Poor old Suzi was written off.

Wendy Gibbs



Vintage Vacation

By Robyn Nixon



Last year on 1-2 September we towed our 1959 Sunliner "Baby Blue" to Foster/Tuncurry to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the first Australian lightweight fibreglass caravan. And, it was all done in Forster by Bert Tickner. His ambition was to develop a fibreglass caravan which was so light it was capable of being towed by the VW Beetle he once sold. Mr Tickner designed three models ranging from the 13 foot Victory which sold for 695 pounds through to the 16 foot Sunliner Super selling for 1095 pounds. At one stage Sunliner was Forster's biggest employer.

A group of Sunliner enthusiasts held a fun weekend celebrating the Sunliner's 60th Birthday camping at Tuncurry with a 'show & tell' on Sunday. There were over 30 vintage caravans showing what Forster had produced many moons ago. The highlight for me was the son of Bert Tickner, Robert having a photo taken in front of our "Baby Blue" Sunny at the 'show and tell'.

We had a great weekend camping with fellow Sunliner owners and enjoyed looking at all the other Sunliners getting lots of maintenance and restoration tips. We noticed the internal fit out was different in nearly every van. The early Sunliner's like ours had a moulded fibreglass interior and the later ones had a timber fit out and appear to have been made to order. The early ones had a space frame chassis with independent trailing arm coil over shock suspension which was ahead of its time.



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Vintage Vacation

By Robyn Nixon



Then...



Now!



PHOTO Robert Tickner's father "left school at 13, was a very intelligent person and most of his skills were self taught. He was always inventing new things in his workshop at the back of our home in Lake Street, Forster."

SUPPLIED: ROBERT TICKNER



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REPLICA HOLDEN BADGES



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The Holden Archives Collection captures the unprecedented history of Holden in Australia. The collection provides a unique glimpse of the early years as a saddlery through to the first Australian built car. It shares insights and beautiful imagery, including the Classic Years and the muscle of the 1970s. With input from Holden's current management and design team, the collection also captures Holden today and its future outlook. The collection features rare photographs gleaned from Holden's own archives, personal letters from past and present Holden employees and lift-out memorabilia including replica car badges, press releases, vehicle brochures and the 1948 annual report. This 400-page, 5kg collection is the ultimate collector's item for Holden and automotive enthusiasts.

Grille Market



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This is a very regretful sale

\$20,000 ono Dave 0447 404 773

For sale 1958 rover p4/105r. Extensive history, in good condition, books and a spare car of same year for parts. \$9500 ono. Photo on wall of club house. Rego 60406H not transferable.

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Trevor Williams 0417 516 905



Grille Market



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Motorfest 2019

24th & 25th August

What is Motorfest? The Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club holds just one major fundraiser during the year, Motorfest. Now in it's third year, Motorfest is a huge car show and shine at our Jabour Park grounds. A small, but hardy, group of volunteers make this happen and they need your help.

The **Kitchen Manager** is **Doug Clark**. **Doug is looking for volunteers to assist over the weekend**

We're **missing** a **Chief Entertainment Officer!** Your job, should you choose to accept it, is to organise entertainment/ers to perform on the stage. Contact Doug Davis 0428 663 414 for more information.

Do you like telling people where to go? Then our **Spectator Parking Commander** job is for you.



Young

OR

Old

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Topics for Meetings and Next Meeting dates

Publicity sponsors and Advertising Theme Concept **Tuesday 22/01/19**

Entertainment Display and Markets **Tuesday 19/02/19**

Judging, trophies, Security **Tuesday 19/03/19**

Kitchen, First Aid **Tuesday 30/04/19**

Ground layout and parking **Tuesday 21/05/19**

Is everything in order meeting **Tuesday 18/06/19**

Tuesday 23/07/19

Tuesday 20/08/19



COMING EVENTS



Saturday 26th
January



Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival

A **great** drive up to Guyra. Stopping at the Standing Stones in Glen Innes for morning tea (bring your own). We have to leave early to fit into the **Car Show**. Enjoy a wander/explore around town.

Contact Doug Clark or Kim Dahl for more details

Sunday 27th
January



Held at Jabour Park, Minden St. South Grafton.

Starting @ 4pm. Stay for a cuppa, a sausage sandwich and a chat.

Thursday 7th
February



Coffee Run - Remember When Cottage Museum

A 100 year old cottage relocated from Villiers St Grafton has been restored and is now a vibrant museum preserving the districts history. Light refreshments available. Leave Jabour Park 10am

Small admission charge -Eatonsville Rd, Waterview Heights

Phone Ken Norton to book your place 0403 521 468

BY FEB 4th

Sunday 17th
February



Club Run—To Ulong

A **10am departure from Jabour**. We will have a picnic morning tea at Glenreagh so pack your thermos and biscuits and then on to the Ulong RSL Club for lunch.

Contact Ian Dunstan 0427565107

Sunday 24th
February



Held at Jabour Park, Minden St. South Grafton.

Starting @ 4pm. Stay for a cuppa, a sausage sandwich and a chat.

Thursday 7th
March



Coffee Run—Bluebottles Brasserie Woolgoolga

Leave Jabour Park 9am

Book your seat at the table by 24th Feb with

Wendy 0458 427 332

Something for those who don't fancy a drive over the range on Australia Day

Your community radio station, Loving Life 103.1 is organising a concert for Australia Day at 'The Barn', Grafton Showgrounds.

There will be an outdoors component starting early afternoon, featuring the band 'Living Proof' and other supporting acts. Then a BBQ, by the Grafton Aboriginal Men's Group, which will be held from 5:30pm followed by an indoors event starring Steve Grace with his tribute to Slim Dusty songs supported by a local singer (who was solo artist at the Schools Spectacular in Sydney recently) as well as a local duo from Nana Glen who have been support act for Kasey Chambers and Troy Cassar-Daley. So, you can see we have a good line up of entertainment.

Also, on display will be the local chapter of the Kruisers Club and possibly Harley Davidson owners.

We invite your club to consider joining us from 12:30pm set-up to approx. 5:30pm when the BBQ starts.

We will give you 10 free food vouchers for the BBQ if your members are interested in showing off their cars and bikes as a "Show and Shine" concourse. You will have free entertainment all afternoon and, of course, would be welcome to join the concert in the evening.

There will be no costs, but if you need barricades or a gazebo, let us know.

We look forward to your members being able to join us on Saturday 26 January 2019.



And another unofficial Club event for interest only

Summerland Sports Car Club

Fenwick Memorial Rove to Yamba 16th-17th March 2019 together with Rover Car Club QLD.

Saturday 16th March & Sunday 17th March

Jeff Johnston M 0419 006 302 H 6624-5962



Holden History

Copied from https://www.uniquecarsandparts.com.au/history_holden

In 1856 James Alexander Holden established a leather and saddlery business on the corner of King William and Rundle Streets in Adelaide, South Australia. In 1885 it combined with the carriage builder Henry Adolf Frost to become the famous "Holden and Frost". In 1910 Holden & Frost began trimming motor vehicles and in 1914 they built their first one off car body for an imported Lancia chassis. Larger contracts followed but ironically the first major contract was for Dodge bodies (a later competitor).

By 1917 the Australian government had placed an import embargo on complete vehicles, the First World War having almost entirely involved Britain's industry, and German U Boat Captains were doing their best to ensure that very few cargo ships leaving North America reached their intended destination. These conditions, combined with the need to save valuable cargo space, restricted imports to chassis and forced local vehicle agents to look to local firms to provide the bodies.

In 1919 Edward Wheeldon Holden registered "Holden's Motor Body Builders" as a separate company specialising in car bodies. At the time they built bodies for Overland, Chevrolet, Durant, Hupmobile and Dodge, and by 1923 they were producing over 12,000 bodies per year. In 1924 "Holden's Motor Body Builders" became the sole Australian body builder for General Motors vehicles and had an output of over 22,000 bodies (over 11,000 for GM) in 65 different body styles.

The famous "Lion and Stone" symbol was designed in 1928 by George Rayner Hoff, and represented the legend of man's invention of the wheel. It was subsequently fitted to all Holden bodies and, although undergoing minor changes over the years, remains to this day. During the 'Great Depression' in 1930, production fell from 34,000 units per year to a mere 1651 and, in 1931, [General Motors](#) were able to buy the entire Holden's Motor Body Builders and merge it with their North American operation to form General Motors - Holdens.

This move was not entirely motivated by taking advantage of the company when it was at an all time low but was mainly occasioned by the Australian government freezing the currency so that money couldn't leave the country during the depression. The money to pay GM in the United States for the previously imported chassis was trapped in Australia and so was used to finance the buy out which in part took the form of swapping the ordinary shares held by 1550 Australian shareholders in Holdens Motor Body Builders for 561,000 6% 1 pound preference shares (ie: 6% of the value of their shares each year) in the new company.

This made the paid up capital of the new company 561,000 pounds Australian capital (37% of the total) and 965,800 pound U.S. capital (63% of the total). In addition there was tension between the Australian operation and the United States with management in the United States complaining "Amazing people these Australians; they just won't do as they're told" (Inness Randolph head of General Motors Australia to Larry Hartnett in 1929) and a merger/takeover was also a way to solve this little problem.



Attention Members

Members' vehicles can be displayed on the Club website. To have your pride and joy displayed, please send photos to:

parnull1@bigpond.com or

Phone Peter Arnnull 0428 415 805 for more details

Calling All Bike Owners

I would like to put together a list of bike owners within the Club with the purpose of getting the old likes out and putting on "bike friendly" runs for bikes and other vehicles within the Club.

Those interested should contact Peter Arnnull.

parnull1@bigpond.com or Phone Peter Arnnull 0428 415 805 for more details

Inspection Fee

All Club inspections of vehicles carried out by the Club Vehicle Examiners will be at a cost of \$20 per vehicle

Other Club Events

We have official visitors rights with the Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club, meaning our members are eligible to attend their events, and also theirs to ours. To aid with this, our magazine is distributed electronically to their members and their magazine will be sent to us.

Husband Minding

Every Wednesday, Jabour Park. Peer based training, not limited to lawn mowing and domestic duties.

Club Name Badges

Name badges are available to order from Doug Clark for a mere \$18. Badges include Club Logo and your name.

Photo Gallery

Have you noticed all the great car photos on the Club room walls? You too can have your car immortalised on the walls for \$15. Contact Kim Dahl to arrange a photo shoot.

Club Apparel

Look the part when on Club outings with any of the following Club apparel on sale at the Club rooms.

Sew On Patch	\$8
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Interesting Facts

By Wendy Gibbs

So, in preparation for the January Motorfest planning meeting, I thought I'd study the Club membership list to see what everyone owns so we could perhaps cater more specifically for members. Below are the results.

Make	#
Holden	63
Ford	60
Morris	20
Chevrolet	19
MG	15
Austin	14
Volkswagen	12
Chrysler	11
Triumph	11
Landrover	8
Toyota	6
Rover	6
Valiant	6
Wolseley	6
Dodge	5
Jaguar	5
Willy's Jeep	5
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Mercedes	4
Pontiac	4
Vauxhall	4
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Fiat	3
Harley Davison	3
Mini	3
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Range Rover	3
Rolls Royce	3
Volvo	3
Daimler	2
Datsun	2

Make	#
Ducati	2
Elfin	2
Honda	2
Humber	2
International	2
Kawasaki	2
Massey Ferguson	2
Mitsubishi	2
Peugeot	2
Porsche	2
Vanguard	2
Subaru	2
Sunbeam	2
Clyno	1
Dennis	1
Diamond	1
Douglas	1
Dunstall	1
Excalibur	1
Fm Junior	1
Jawa	1
JBA	1
Jeep	1
Lincoln	1
Lotus	1
Mazda	1
McGrath	1
Norton	1
Overland	1
Plymouth	1
TD2000	1
Vanden Plas	1
Yamaha	1

Decade Total	
1910 - 1919	3
1920 - 1929	16
1930 - 1939	8
1940 - 1949	17
1950 - 1959	49
1960 - 1969	110
1970 - 1979	118
1980 - 1989	39
1990 - 1999	3
Unknown	8



1927 Clyno Tourer—Yes I had to Google it!



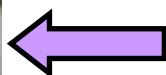
Excalibur—GM Product perhaps?



Dunstall is a model of Norton motorbike. I'm learning all the time!



JBA. I think I'm jealous now!





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