

The Grille

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. Newsletter — April 2019



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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

The Woolgoolga Coffee Run organised by Wendy Gibbs was a well-attended & great run, leaving the Club Rooms Wendy found back roads all the way to avoid the Highway.

The management of Blue Bottles Cafe Restaurant, managed to fit group mostly inside, as misty rain was falling when we arrived. Well Done Wendy.

Again on March 17th Doug Davis & Loraine Lloyd did a great job with their run to Yamba.

Morning Tea was a Lawrence Park, we then proceeded to the Rocks at Turners Beach.

There has been keen response to the 2020 Tassie Tour, more information will follow shortly & booking made.

Kim Dahl has an interesting run coming up on the 13-14th April to Tenterfield and he will require numbers for bookings ASAP.

Regards

Doug Clark



CASTING CALL

This years' Grafton Jacaranda Festival has a Call Out for vintage cars from the 1950's and 1960's for ***Retrofest*** Sunday October 27th in Market Square, cnr Prince & Pound Streets

Drivers and their passengers must dress for the vintage of their cars.

For more information, please contact Dave Mackey

0410 075 631

March Coffee Run

Bottlebottles Brasserie—Woolgoolga

By Wendy Gibbs

Thursday March 7th the Club ventured to Woolgoolga for coffee and cake. Ian and I had done a Reccie Run a couple of weeks beforehand to check Bluebottles out. What a pleasant find it was indeed.

A dozen cars of varying vintages left Jabour Park just after 9am. Doug Davis and Lorraine Lloyd, Bruce and Laurie Cameron, Cheryl and Graham Benn, Jim and Barbara Leslie, Doug and Jean Clark, Mal and Tash Larkin, Kenny Norton, Greg Gallagher, new members John and Jenny Porter, Gary and Jenny Coleman, Chippy enjoyed the drive along Orara Way. We picked up new members Hannah and Craig at Glenreagh and met Chris Hale there.

We turned left at Nana Glen and followed the scenic Bucca Road through to the new highway where we turned LEFT (in joke, you had to be there). While, it was bright and sunny when we left Grafton, we were swallowed up by the misty rain clouds along Bucca Road. Rooflessly, I persevered! ...Chippy stopped to close his roof.

We followed the Solitary Islands Way back to Woolgoolga. I was very pleased with myself as I didn't have to do a U Turn at any of the multitude of roundabouts en route!

Peter Thomson from one of Coffs Car Clubs (an old friend from MG Car Club Sydney) met us there to invite us back to his wife's Glass Engraving showroom at Sandy Beach – Studio 1. Unfortunately, it was still drizzling and I just wanted to get Esme Sprite back home. I can recommend the Studio 1 Gallery as I've visited it before. It's opposite the primary school at Sandy Beach. Great for that something special gift.

The coffee was great and the cake selection fabulous at Bluebottles! The scones were a meal in themselves.

At the last General Meeting it was decided that some of us drive too fast on Club runs and that we should impose a speed limit of 90kph on ourselves. Esme has a GPS Speedo and led the way. The other convoy guideline is "Drive to the Car behind" if it slows down you slow down. So off Esme Sprite and I went getting up to 90kmph where possible along Orara Way but I was losing the car behind, so I slowed down until they caught up. It was a leisurely 70kmph drive from there all the way. It's a great view in the rear vision mirror seeing a snake of old cars driving over the hills.

Lorraine braved the weather and hopped in the passenger's seat of Esme for part of the trip back. There's nothing like the cackle of an A Series engine coming up to speed onto the highway.



Lunch On The Rocks

By Doug Davis & Lorraine Lloyd

For those who ignored the weather forecast Sunday 17th March run to Yamba turned out a great day. For those who ignored the advertised departure time of 10.00am and turned up at Jabour Park at 9.00am it was even better. My sincere apologies to Col and Mrs Col and Bob and Mrs Bob. I checked everything many times and completely overlooked the departure time.



We travelled to Lawrence where we had a brief meeting with the Rover Club and a nice morning tea. Ian and Mrs Ian joined us at Lawrence with their friends Mr and Mrs New Zealand. Dale used all the available power of his red fiat 124 sports to catch us between his home at Southgate and Lawrence. As we left the ferry heading towards the Maclean Lookout Dick and his two sons joined us in his original condition 1957 Landrover.



We were also joined at the Lookout by Di and her magnificent black Buick. We were also joined by other Members namely Rob Kerr, Peter and Mrs Peter as we left the Lookout. On arriving at Yamba there were a few spots of rain and the sky was very threatening, however it turned out to be near perfect. We all enjoyed our lunch on the rocks even if our chairs were a little unstable at times. Entertainment was provided by the young surfers with their dare devil acts jumping off the rocks. Thanks to the three young boys who offered assistance to us oldies as we clambered down the rocks to our cars to return home. A total of 21 people and 12 cars. A great day had by all. Thanks Doug and Lorraine.



Rolls Royce Recollections


By Chris Hale

Prior to marriage and emigration in 1965, my wife, Judy (nee Bibby) and I, did much of our courting and post-engagement carryings-on in and around the same village of West Wittering, West Sussex as mentioned in the documentary (SBS—Secrets of the Rolls Royce). Judy's mother (nee Gillian Marigold Ramsey)'s lovely old family home was there and the Ramsey tribe owned a number of properties in the area.

This was indeed the same village that Sir Henry Royce elected to move down to towards the latter part of WW1 in 1917 and lived there until his death in 1933. Indeed he leased "The Studio" from Lillian Fairbrother Ramsey, Judy's Great Aunt (1877-1974) "Lil" where many new RR designs were drafted, having first been scratched out with a stick in the sand down at West Wittering Beach. This included the development of the famous RR Merlin series of engines which powered Britain to win the Schneider Trophy in 1929 in a Supermarine S 6B seaplane using a RR R Series engine. Held off Calshot Spit in the Solent, Wittering Beach being a rounding mark of the course. Merlin engines were also used as the power source for the Spitfire, and Hurricane fighters and the Lancaster bombers of WW2. (All the above verifiable on Google)


Judy and I spent many happy hours in West Wittering before emigrating and had the good fortune to be invited to tea at "Jonquil" her home in 1964. "Jonquil" was the oldest (thatched) cottage in the village with no modern reticulated services of any sort (like running water or electricity) - water had to be drawn up from the garden well, and oil lamps were used for lighting! Aunt Lil remained a spinster all her life and was utilised by the War Department throughout WW1 due to her useful daily weather recordings. Author of note from 1936 she wrote regular articles for the West Sussex Gazette under the guise of "Mrs Paddick".

Great Aunt 'Lil' was a leading stirrer and shaker in West Wittering in her day and today's Women's Equal Rights movement would have been proud to include her name on their register. (refer individual entry in Wikipedia). A truly remarkable woman.



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Remembering When... (Part 1)

By Graham Fitzgerald

My story started during July of 1958. I was at the time working for the Service Department of H. G. Palmers in Sydney. My job was servicing electrical appliances in Parramatta and Liverpool.

One afternoon, whilst on a service call, in my service vehicle 1950 Morris "J" Van, I got lost in the outskirts of Ingleburn. After driving for some time up a dirt road, I decided to do a U Turn and head back. I nosed the van towards a fence on the side of the road and noticed in the paddock next to me, hiding amongst the high grass close to some chicken sheds was a vehicle of some sort. I thought "gee that's an old car" thought no more of it and drove off.

The following weekend whilst watching a car parade at Liverpool saw some Veteran Cars pass by. I remembered the old car in the grass a few miles away and decided to investigate a bit further.

As I was peering over the fence at the car which consisted of a radiator, engine, chassis, wheels etc I noticed four more vehicles in the grass. In all they turned out to be a 1912 Russell, two 1920 Humber's and a Veteran T Ford.

Suddenly a man appeared from behind the chicken sheds and said "Can I help you?" I said "sorry, I was just looking at the old cars"

He answered "Come and have a look at the shed there are more.

It was a breathtaking scene as I walked between the two chicken sheds. My eyes went from left to right with my jaw hanging open, firstly a 23-60 Vauxhall complete, a very big 1925 Rolls Royce sedan, another Vauxhall, a 30-98, a small Bugatti, an SS Jaguar, a 1928 Chev 2-Door sedan, and about 20 other assorted American vintage cars mostly backed the chicken shed. The gentleman's name was Ron Grant a well known figure in the Veteran Car movement in Sydney. I noticed a large four door tourer with its hood up sitting in the middle of the yard facing away from us – I said "what sort of vehicle is that

one?" He replies "It's an Australian Six"

I remembered years ago my father rattling off names of Australian cars - "Summit, Roo, Southern Cross, Lincoln and Australian Six. Till then I had never seen an of these types of vehicles.

I fell in love with the Australian Six a 1918 model and before the day was out I bought it for 40 quid. It had done a little over eleven thousand miles since new so mechanically was not in too bad a condition.

Late in 1959 we moved to Lismore and the Australian Six made the trip on a car trailer behind a FX Holden Ute. The Ute towed the car and trailer which weighed a total of two and a quarter tons. It was a struggle and took 25 hours. Early in 1960 we got the big Rutenbur motor of the Australian Six to fire up and run, first time in over thirty years.

One day during 1960, I was walking around the CBD of Lismore and noticed a nice 23/60 Vauxhall parked. I waited for the owner and told him I had an Australian Six. He was Charles Purdue.

Over the next few months I visited his home often and spoke of old cars – he had a good collection of T-Fords and a big collection of parts. We discussed the possibility of starting a Vintage Car Club and during November 1960 put an advertisement in the local paper "The Northern Star" for anyone interested in starting Vintage Car Club to meet at the local Council rooms. "The Northern Rivers Vintage Car Club" was formed

Continued next month



1923 Summit

1918 Australian Six

Grille Market

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Late Mail: Electric Vehicle Expo

May 4th & 5th, 2019

Inverell Transport Museum—nationaltransportmuseum.com.au

Club Run Recipe

By Anne Norton

Flandango

Step 1 prepare a tart shell

Using 180grams (6 ounces) of plain crushed biscuit mix with 90g (3 ounces) melted butter

When smooth press mixture into a 9" pie plate and chill.

Step 2 Combine 400g tin of Nestles Sweetened condensed milk , 1 x 450 can of drained golden circle crushed pineapple, ¾ cup lemon juice and teaspoon of gelatine dissolved in 2 tablespoons of water.

Step 3 pour mixture into tart shell and refrigerate until set.

Then top with Nestles reduced cream and garnish with Milo, toasted coconut, crushed nuts all to taste.

Serve chilled



Tasmania Run 2020.

Lorraine Raven with some help from Doug Clark are in the early stages of organizing a Re Run to Tasmania in March 2020. Expression of interest can be forward to either Lorraine (66423202) or Doug (0427 665 200) as a booking & payment for "Spirit of Tasmania" will have to be made by early December 2019



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Motorfest 2019

24th & 25th August

Jabour Park—Minden Street, South Grafton



Saturday Feature Marque

Sunday Feature Marque

Saturday 24th

All Marques welcome to display

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Markets—a variety of stalls to browse

Local Entertainers

Top Five Cars judging

Sunday 25th

All Marques welcome to display

Markets

Feature Artists

Top Five Cars Judging

Overall Winners announced

Contact Doug Davis for more information

0428 663 414

ENTRY FORMS AVAIABLE NEXT ISSUE

No, really! Waiting to finalise the Fine Print

Coming Events



Friday April 5th

Square Rigger Run to Lawrence

Another chance to get the seriously old "Square Riggers" out for a run far away from the highway. Meet at See Park, Turf St, Grafton at 9.30 for a run down Summerland Way, Experiment Farm Road and onto Lawrence Park for a BYO morning tea by the river.

Contact Ken Norton for more details

Ken 0403 521 468

(PS: Esme Sprite is NOT a Square Rigger. This just happens to be the only photo I could find of Lawrence Park)

Tenterfield Transport Museum Mystery Food and Wine Tour with BBQ



Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April

Tenterfield Transport Museum

This weekend looks like fun. There is a Mystery Food Wine Tour on the Saturday followed by a car show on the Sunday.

Accommodation will fill quickly, so get in touch with Kim Dahl to book your place.

Kim Dahl 0418 660 347



Friday May 10th

DATE CHANGE

Coffee Run Fun

Come for Cake and Coffee at Grafton Ten Pin Bowl
288 Powell St, Grafton.

Stay for a game or just enjoy the drive their in your classic car. Could be a great photo opportunity for those of you with 1950's & 60's American cars.

We'll leave Jabour Park at 9.30am and wend our way over Rogan's Bridge to avoid the Bendy Bridge.

Please call Wendy on 0458 427 332 for catering purposes.



Sunday May 19th

Observation Run

After the success of last years' Observation Run, we're doing it again.

No entry fee, no maps!

Starting at the Club Grounds at Jabour Park at 10am, cars will be set off with simple navigation instructions to guide them to Shannon Creek Dam...the long way round.

Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy at the dam

Prizes will be awarded to the crew who Observes the most correct answers to questions along the route. There will also be an encouragement award.

Contact Ian Gibbs for more details

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2019 Coming Events

				Destination	Contact	Phone Number
March	Sun	31st	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
April	Fri	5th	Square Rigger Run	Lawrence Park Morning Tea - 9.30 Leave See Park, then via Summerland Way, Experimental Farm Rd, Lawrence Rd	Ken Norton	0403 521 468
	Sat	13th	Tenterfield Transport Museum	Mystery Food and Wine Tour with bbq \$30	Kim Dahl	0418 660 347
	Sun	14th	Tenterfield Transport Museum	Show and Shine Entry Fee Free - \$5		
	Thurs	25th	Anzac Day	Everyone welcome to watch	John Snape	6645 2377
	Sun	28th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
May	Wed	8th	Maclean Show	Maclean Showgrounds - meet at 4pm at the Showgrounds. About 6pm ferry the VIP's to the main arena	Bob Gray	6645 2950 - 0417190860
	Fri	10th	Coffee Run Fun	Ten Pin Bowling	Wendy Gibbs	0458 427 332
	Sun	19th	Club Run	Observation Run Shannon Creek Dam	Ian Gibbs	0410 507 674
	Sat	25th	Casino Beef Week	Leave Jabour Park 7am, meet Maclean/ Gulmarrad/Yamba members @ Whiporie 8am ish	Kim Dahl	0418 660 347
	Sun	26th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
June		8,9,10	Cooli Rocks			
	Thurs	13th	Lunch Run	Urunga Pub, morning tea Kookaburra Kafe Nana Glen	Robyn & Ian Dunstan	0427 565 107
	Sun	16th	Club Run	Point Lookout via Ebor \$5 nominal charge for a catered lunch	Doug Davis	0428 663 414
	Sun	30th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
July	Wed	10th	Morning Tea	Jabour Pk - Great Lakes Historic Auto- mobile Club	Lorraine Lloyd & Robyn Dun- stan	0428 431 053
	Sun	21st	Club Run	Fay Bryant - Healey - Bangalow	Kim Dahl	0418 660 347
	Sat	27th	Glenreagh Timber Fest			
	Sun	28th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		

Date change for May Coffee Run to Friday 10th May



2019 Coming Events

Aug	Fri, Sat	2,3	Dodge Rally			
	Sun	4th	Dodge Rally	Breakfast	Tom Raven	0419 888 902
	Thurs	8th	Coffee Run	Turf St Café 9.30am and tour of Ag Station	Graeme Hicks	0427 007 075
		17,18	Leyburn Sprints			
	Sat	24th	Motorfest	Jabour Park	Doug Davis	0428 663 414
	Sun	25th	Motorfest	NO GENERAL MEETING		
Sept	Thurs	12th	Coffee Run	Iluka	Ken Norton	0403 521 468
	Sun	15th	Club Run	Barefoot Bowls - Red Rock	Graham Benn	0411 491 473
	Sun	22nd	Maclean Swap Meet	Maclean Showgrounds - Setup on Sat 21st from Noon. Catering Sat Night and Sunday morning by Maclean Lions Club. Gates open Sunday 6am. Vintage Car Display (no charge) Gold coin donation for vendors.	Bob Gray	6645 2950 - 0417190860
		23—27	Austin's Over Australia	Barossa Valley	Austin Motor Vehicle Clubs	
	Sun	29th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Oct	Thurs	10th	Breakfast Run Run	Ulmurra Pub	Ian & Robyn Dunstan	0427 565 107
	Sun	20th	Club Run	Raleigh - Go Karts	Doug Davis	0428 663 414
	Sun	27th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Nov	Fri	1st	Jacaranda Rally	Meet and Greet		
	Sat	2nd	Jacaranda Rally	Car Display, Dinner & Trivia	Margaret Gallaheer	0428 108 127
	Sun	3rd	Jacaranda Rally	Breakfast		
	Sun	17th	Club Run	Lilydale via Newbold Picnic	Graeme Hicks	0427 007 075
	Sun	24th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Dec	Thurs	12th	Breakfast Run		Wendy Gibbs	0458 427 332
	Sun	15th	Christmas Party	Sth Grafton Bowling Club	Margaret Gallaheer	0428 108 127

Austin's Over Australia added to calendar—See September

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.

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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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Polo Shirt	\$30
Caps & Bucket Hats	\$15

And don't forget your car...

Grille Badge	\$25
Number Plate Surround	\$25
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Club Room Wall Photos

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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 24th February 2019—Held at Jabour Park South Grafton.

Meeting Opened 4.00 PM

Chairman President Doug Clark

Apologies Ian & Robyn Dunstan, Allen Curry, Marty McSwain

Moved J. McCleary Seconded T. Raven that Apologies be Accepted

Carried

Attendance 32 as per attendance Book.

New Members Simon Chambers – 1968 MGB, 1959 MGA, Lloyd Hampson – 1953 Morris Minor, Todd Jackson – 1967 HR Holden, Wendy Sugar – 1968 VW Sedan, Grant Swain – 1965 Chev. Impala, Donna Timbs – 1971 VW Sedan, Raj Rana – Holden Premier

Moved T. Raven, Seconded , J. Leslie that new members be accepted.

Visitors Robert – EH ute, Raj – Holden Premier

Minutes Minutes of meeting held 27th January 2019 read.

Moved K. Dahl, Seconded G. Swain that Minutes be accepted as read.

Business Arising Major Sponsor for Motorfest – Benny's Smash Repair – Nathan Benn thanked for his Sponsorship.

Treasurers Report As per Treasurer's Statement.

Moved Laurie Fitzpatrick Seconded Ken Norton that report be accepted. Carried.

Coming Events as per The Grille.

Up-coming events – see magazine

Past Events

Ulong run - 23 cars, 46 People

Coffee run to Remember When Cottage

General Business

Council to be approached for a road sign on Ryan Street for the Club's Grounds. Secretary to organise.

Future event in 2020 – trip to Tasmania

Meeting Closed 4.42 PM

Next Meeting Sunday 31st March 2019 4PM



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'beefstew' as a
password.

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