

The Grille

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. Newsletter — May 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

,April has seen some very good runs, with a good roll up of member's.

Wendy & Ian's Square Rigger Run to Lawrence turned out to be a great day with morning tea & BBQ using the Clubs Trailer, on the Riverbank at Lawrence .

It was great to see Greg's Clyno out on a run. A few light showers hunted us up to the Shelter Shed.

The Tenterfield run organised by Kim Dahl from all responses of those attending really enjoyed the weekend.

Lorraine Raven, has in the Edition of the Grille a programme of days, for those with an expression of interest should attend a Tassie Tour Meeting at Jabour Park Club Rooms 7pm 13th May 2019.

Have you all noticed currently just what a picture our grounds are, thank you members.

Regards

Doug

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder that MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are due before the
End of June each year.

If you have a car on Historic plates with the Club you MUST renew by
June 30th for your car to be road registered.

Trust me it's an expense experience to drive an unregistered car.

Square Rigger Run

By Wendy Gibbs



Well, what can I say. Thank goodness for Greg Coombes and his Clyno! After the committee received complaints that there wasn't anything for the older cars to join in with, The Square Rigger Run was designed to gently blow the cobwebs off with a leisurely drive from Grafton to Lawrence.

The convoy of cars met at See Park Grafton. As Ken Norton was towing the Club's BBQ trailer, I was designated to take the lead in Esme Sprite. We drove down Turf Street, turned left onto North Street then followed Back Lane up to Junction Hill. We then followed Trenayr Road to Experiment Farm Road to Lawrence Road where it was all plain sailing to the park at Lawrence. Greg Coombes met us there in his Square Rigger Clyno.

Although the clouds were rushing past, we enjoyed a cuppa, cake and chatter by the mighty Clarence River. It's always a spectacle to see a collection of older cars out for a drive. One chap who was at the park to stretch his legs graciously moved his modern vehicle so we could get clean shots of our cars by the river. Many other folk, who were just passing, stopped to chat about our cars too.

In future I'll leave the organising of specific Square Rigger Runs to someone who isn't as easily offended by the lack of support by the Square Rigger fraternity. Square Riggers are welcome on all our drives. They might need a head start, that's all.



Tenterfield Transport Museum

Liz & Eugene Christensen

TENTERFIELD TRIP 12TH – 14TH April 2019

Friday

Four cars left Jabour Park at 10am heading up the range to Tenterfield, Kim and Lynn Dahl, Tony and Nessie Johnson, Jim and Barbara Leslie and Eugene and Liz Christensen, with Kim in the lead setting the pace, (we needed to blow out the cobwebs in the old cars he said). We developed a few new rattles as we traversed the short cut bypassing Glen Innes with Kim later complaining about bottoming out a couple of times.

Stopped for lunch at the Deepwater Pub for steak sandwiches where there was a bit of interest in the cars. Later finding out that friends Eugene was catching up with in Tenterfield already knew where we were as his car had been spotted.

Arrived at the Henry Parkes Motel early afternoon where we were able to park the cars securely for the weekend. Everyone chose to do their own thing for the afternoon, ie: the boys carried the girls shopping bags. With everyone meeting back at the motel at 5pm for drinks around the fire, the rest of the gang had arrived. There were now seven cars with John and Denise McCleary, Peter and Robyn Nixon and David and Judy Andrews. Dinner in the motel restaurant was enjoyed by all, with friendly helpful staff.



Saturday

Breakfast, then more shopping in the lovely boutiques before meeting back at the motel for 10am departure on

our Mystery Trip. Our driver and host for the day was Clayton Hillier, he and his brother Troy the organizers of the Mystery Trip.

First stop Ballandean Estate Wines at Ballandean for a wine tasting of their excellent wines and purchase of your favourite, or for those who preferred a coffee stop. Next stop the Mt Stirling Olives and Fudge at Stanthorpe for a taste of their fudges and olives, the fudge being a popular purchase.

We then moved on to Washpool where we visited the Soaperie where the owner Melissa gave a brief introduction to the making of her products using all natural ingredients with all her soap products made on the premises.

On the road again, with our next stop the Brass Monkey Brewery at Stanthorpe for Beer Tasting and Lunch. A boutique brewery where there were a number of different beers to try including Ginger Beer, German Beer, Sarsaparilla etc. Lunch was German sausage and steak with salad and bread rolls.

On request from a few passengers an unscheduled stop at Stanthorpe Cheese for more tasting and purchasing before moving on to Heavenly Chocolate where they have eight different hot chocolate drinks as well as a lovely range of chocolate (don't think we will need much dinner tonight).

Heading back to Tenterfield there was a stop at the Hillier's Workshop which proved to be interesting to all as they build Hearse's, selling approximately thirty a year, Clayton and Troy were happy to answer questions and explain how the Chryslers are stretched and fitted out with all the work done in their workshop at Tenterfield.

Finally getting back to The Henry Parkes about six pm, what a day!

Thanks Clayton and Troy.

Tenterfield Transport Museum

Liz & Eugene Christensen



Sunday

Early start with the cars down at the Show and Shine about seven forty-five . The **Tenterfield Transport Museum** being the venue hosting the Show and Shine .

Approximately one hundred and seventy cars entered including classic cars, hot rods, street cars, utes and caravans. A large crowd showed up on a cool sunny day making the Show and Shine very successful.

Judging completed, the presentation was carried out in the Museum at one pm with our own **Tony Johnson's Austin Healey** winning the trophy for the **Best Imported Car**. Well done Tony.



What a great weekend many thanks to Kim Dahl for organizing this trip and a very big Thank You to Clayton and Troy Hillier of Tenterfield for being such great hosts.



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Remembering When... (Part 2)

By Graham Fitzgerald

A little over a year later after being transferred to Grafton with my employment, Sam Darke and myself started the Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club.

During 1962 while in Grafton I completed an economical restoration of the Australian Six and took it to Lismore on its first outing to the Lismore Clubs' first main event, a weekend rally during the Lismore Floral Festival. It was very well patronised with a large contingent from Brisbane a good roll up for Lismore club and the Grafton Club.

I have been lucky to have got involved with the Vintage Car Movement early and have participated in a lot of international, national and State rallies in a wide range of Vintage and Classic Cars.

From a tiny 1927 Austin 7 to a two and a half ton 1958 Studebaker President 7 passenger sedan, rare cars like the 1918 Australian Six, and 1923 Summit Roadster (one of only five made in Sydney), later model classics 1965 Mustang, 1983 Chev Camaro, 1978 MGBGT, also cars made for the masses, 1925 T-Ford, 192 Morris Cowley, 1928 Graham Paige, 1938 McLaughlin Buick.

My possessions of cars I have owned seem to be white elephants, lame ducks or oddballs including the Leyland P76 sedan. Two motorcycles have been part of my collection, a 1914 Triumph 2 stroke with gas headlights on which I got my motorcycle license and a 1952 Vincent Twin which was a pure classical beast to ride.

Clubs I have belonged to the years were: Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club (Life Member), The Buick Car Club of Queensland, QVVA (Brisbane), Austin Seven Register (Qld), Morris Minor Club (Qld), Leyland P76 Club (Australia)/ Positions I have held in Clubs are President (four terms), treasurer, rally director, magazine editor, and have made many friends over the years.

All the cars that I have restored over the past forty years have all had their challenges to me. My favourite restoration would be the 1923 Summit Roadster with its unusual spring system.

Within the last ten years Sharon and I have been fairly quiet in the old car movement and have only had a 1917 Dodge Roadster, a 1975 MGBGT, a 1969 Rover P5 sedan, with my last effort being a 2001 Rover 75 connoisseur sedan.

Graham Fitzgerald

Life Member of Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, Foundation Member of Lismore's Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club.



Grille Market

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John & Leanne parents of 3 boys employ 3 additional staff, which includes their son Peter, a casual and the assistance of Bob Gray also a member of our Club.

John has put a lot back into the Maclean community with serving 20 years in Rotary & reformed the Chamber of Commerce in Maclean in 1978.

He also has a long standing input into our Club having joined in 1988 in 1990 being appointed Club Vehicle Inspector, which John still is along with many years of holding committee positions.

John & Leanne are true enthusiasts & have 6 vehicles to maintain, with his pride vehicle being a 1958 Vanguard Station Wagon, which was originally his grandmothers and later handed to him. John has the original Sales Invoice for this vehicle showing Sale Price of 1409 Pounds & Stamp duty of Three Pence.

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Coming Events



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

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2019 Coming Events

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| April | Thurs | 25th | Anzac Day | Everyone welcome to watch the parade. | 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 |
| | Thurs | 9th | 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 Automobile Club | Lorraine Lloyd & Robyn Dunstan | 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 | | |
| Aug | Fri, Sat | 2,3 | Dodge Rally | | | |
| | Sun | 4th | Dodge Rally | Breakfast | Tom Raven | 0419 888 902 |
| | Thurs | 8th | Coffee Run | Turf St Caf  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 | | |

2020 Tasmanian Tour

19/03/20-30/03/20

Plans are under way for this return tour of Tassie, the first one was our maiden tour in 2011.

A meeting will be held at Jabour Park at 7pm, Monday the 13th May 2019,

for all intending participants. Please bring measurements of your tour vehicle, i.e. length & height. Also pension card numbers if applicable.

As we are a little older, we have decided to keep the time away to 2 weeks, maybe a little longer. Of course anyone wishing to extend their time away on either end, can use some of their 60 days of their log book.

The first stop will be Goulburn on the 19th March 2020. Some people may wish to travel down the Pacific Hwy and onto Goulburn in one day, but Tom and I will leave the previous day and travel inland, stopping somewhere that night and going onto Goulburn leisurely on the 19th. Anyone wishing to do this can let us know, and we'll travel together.

I will be arranging a visit to Garroorigang Historic Home (1857) for the morning of the 20th March, before leaving Goulburn.

Numbers will be required for this visit, and a morning tea can be available for a group. Check it out at garroorigang.com.au

Our next stopover will be at Shepparton, the night of the 20th March.

The next day we will make our way to Melbourne to board the Spirit of Tasmania. Cost of this ferry trip, over and back will be \$1000.00. This includes an en suite cabin and your car passage. Dinner will be at your own cost.



Our days in Tasmania will be 8-9, this making a total of booked nights away a maximum of 13. We shall decide after the meeting if another group booking is required on the way home, or not.

An exact circuit of Tassie is yet to be decided, but it will take in all the tourist spots, allowing day trips in all directions.

These tours lock in night bookings so we can gather at the end of the day, but days are definitely DIY, so you can choose where you want to go and what you wish to see.

If a tour/cruise is on the agenda, then numbers will be required to lock these in.

Accommodation will mostly be at Parks with a camp kitchen; so self-catering can be done. We usually all enjoy getting together for happy hour at least!

Deposits for the ferry will be needed later in the year; Doug is handling this through the Club account.

As for accommodation bookings, you will be required to ring through with your own credit card details to secure the bookings.

We look forward to yet another great tour, and hope you can join us!

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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.

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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 13th 2019

Held at Jabour Park South Grafton.

Meeting Opened 4.00 PM

Chairman Tom Raven (acting chairman)

Apologies Doug Clark, Chris Hales, Kim Dahl, Dave and Judy Andrews, John McCLeary, Ian Gibbs.

Moved R. Parmenter, Seconded J. Smith that Apologies be Accepted. Carried

Attendance 36 as per attendance Book.

New Members Jim Raven – 63 Falcon

Moved J. Leslie, Seconded , J. Smith that new members be accepted.

Visitors Teresa Kelly

Minutes Minutes of meeting held 24th February, 2019 were read.

Moved G, Gallagher, Seconded H. Smith that Minutes be accepted as read.

Business Arising Council quoted \$291 being cost of sign. Referred to committee for action.

Treasurers Report As per Treasurer's Statement.

Moved L. Fitzpatrick Seconded E. Parmenter that report be accepted. Carried.

Coming Events as per The Grille.

Coffee Run to Lawrence

13-15 April weekend in Tenterfield

Past Events

Lunch on the rocks at Yamba

Coffee run to Woolgooga

General Business

Teresa Kelly addressed the meeting on proposed show and shine at speedway night in support of men's mental health.

Bob Purnell enquired about a letter of thanks to Rex Gow.

Meeting Closed 4.37 PM

Next Meeting Sunday 28th April 2019 3.00 PM

Just spent \$300 on a limousine and discovered that the fee doesn't include a driver.

Can't believe I've spent all that money and have nothing to chauffeur it.

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everything

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