

The Grille

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. Newsletter — August 2019



Memberships are Due Now!

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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

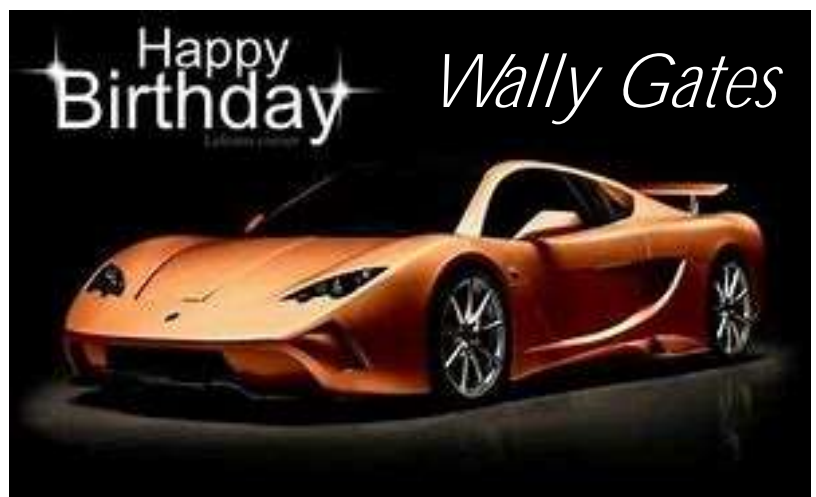
Doug and Jean have been on a well deserved holiday and didn't make it back before I went to print.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to Motorfest, please be advised that our Annual General Meeting will now be held at Jabour Park Club Rooms

Sunday September 29th

It's a shame nothing is made in Australia anymore.. I just bought a tv and it said "Built in Antenna" I don't even know where that is



July Coffee Run

By Wendy Gibbs

July was a month of last minute changes for the Club. As one planned destination fell through another opportunity popped up. And so our monthly Coffee Run ended being invited to the Whiddon Group Maclean retirement facility, for morning tea. Wendy Gibbs, Ian and Robyn Dunstan, Jonathan (new member), Diane Lambert, Dick Parmenter and Marion Lobban enjoyed a pleasant round or two of barista coffee and danishes. We then showed our cars off to the more mobile residents. I thought I'd just follow along behind the convoy taking the residents for a spin but no, one particularly Spritely lady

jumped into the passengers seat. Our cars were loaded up with residents and off we went.

Dick Parmenter led the social drive from Maclean, through Townsend and back via the Yamba Road. A glorious day for driving an open car!

The residents were expecting square riggers but we explained that the cars only have to be over 30 years old to be considered vintage.

Photos by Dianne Lambert



Vice President's Mystery Run

By Wendy Gibbs

It was nearly a very mysterious monthly Club outing when organiser Kim Dahl, for got his keys to the front gate of Jabour Park and had to go back home to retrieve them and thus was running late-ish for the start. Fortunately, those of already assembled were too busy chatting to notice the time. In for the long haul were Spencer, Patty, Eugene, Liz, myself, Doug, Lorraine, Jim, Barbara, Robyn and Ian.

From Jabour Park we headed up the highway to Ferry Park to meet up with Dianne, Laurie and Margaret. Stage 2 of the Mystery Run had us stopping

at New Italy for morning tea. We then headed for lunch at Ballina Lighthouse Café via the South Ballina—Burns Ferry. What a fabulous drive along the river foreshore!

A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all while watching for whales.

A few headed for home after lunch. The rest of drove back to the Ballina Maritime Museum before heading home in the warm light of day. Thanks for organising your Plan D Kim.



Hicks Abroad

By Graeme Hicks

Annette and I recently travelled to China and Hong Kong on an 18 day Tripadeal Tour.

Here are some of my observations of the Cars and transport system in China and Hong Kong.

China.

The majority of Cars are late model vehicles , Left Hand Drive . I did not notice any cars older than 10 years in China. There are a multitude of manufacturers with a huge range from very basic cars such as Hyundai's , to Brand new Ferrari's and Porsche's. There were lots of resurrected brand names such as MG, Borgward and Buick. Chinese manufacturers cars prevailed where I had no idea what they were. SUV's very popular. GM vehicles had the Buick brand with our Holden Statesman sighted badged as a Buick. European cars such as VW, Audi, BMW, Mercedes and Porsche are very popular. Toyota, Honda , Suzuki popular. Sighted a new Toyota Crown , classy car, I thought they were a car of the past ! Cars are generally unwashed, must have some sort of water rationing!

In the cities are a huge number of small electric cars and scooters. They seem not to abide by any road rules . These vehicles are silent and often don't have lights on at night to conserve their batteries. They can be a trap as they sneak up on us unwary Tourists !

To own a car you need to apply for registration plates which can take quite a while to get unless you know someone in the Government! No point in buying a car till you get your plates, these stay on the car and can't be transferred!

Road Rules are just a Suggestion ! Mobile phones are used while driving. Police do drink while on duty !!! The excellent main highways had 120 kph speed limit. The road construction, bridges, tunnels and city overhead roads amazing engineering ! Construction just happens with little regard to the

local population or the environment! OH& S is just a thought!

Our group did a lot of travelling on the High Speed train system where we cruised at 300kph in great comfort ! Pity the beer was at room temperature! Getting on and off the train was a stressful experience where time is limited and the signage confusing, thank goodness for Tour Guides !

In Shanghai we sampled the Maglev Train . No wheels just travels on a magnetic field . Our sampler was from Shanghai Station to the airport and return where we reached 431kph . Absolutely amazing experience.

The Yangtze River Dam and Lock system for boating and freight movement also an engineering marvel. 1.2 million people were displaced after this Dam was built ! No questions asked ,it just happened!

Hong Kong

The new Airport for Hong Kong is built on an artificial Island in the New Territories as the old Airport on Hong Kong Island was deemed to be too dangerous. Our landing at Hong Kong on our China Airlines flight was a real belly flopper ! We walked away and that all that counts.

Cars of Hong Kong are still Right Hand Drive , a carry over from the British system and

they appeared older generally . Many Exotic cars were about showing how much wealth there is. Rolls Royce , Lamborghini, Ferrari, and Porsche's sighted, or should I say drooled over .

Our Holiday was an unforgettable experience! It was also great to get back home to the best Country by far, Australia!!!

Hicks Abroad

By Graeme Hicks



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Model of Vehicle: _____

Registration Number: _____

Entry Fee \$10 per weekend for as many cars as you can bring. \$ _____

Markets/Swap Meet \$20 (\$30 for 2 days) \$ _____

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Further Information please contact

Doug Davis 0428 663 414—Kim Dahl 0418 660 347

MARKET STALLS CONTACT HELEN SMITH 02 6642 3867

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Signature of Entrant: _____ Date: _____



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Saturday Featured Marque



Sunday Featured Marque



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Saturday 24th August
Judging from 1pm



2019 Jacaranda Rally

Friday 1st November—Sunday 3rd November

Agenda for Jacaranda

Friday 1st November—Meet and Greet in the Courtyard of the Crown Hotel, Prince St, Grafton @ 5.30pm for finger food, drink and a chat.

***Suggestion:** Following the Meet and Greet, Grafton Jacaranda Festival has activities such as River Light held on the banks of the Clarence River adjacent to the Crown Hotel.*

Saturday 2nd November—Static Display of motor vehicles to be held at the river end of Duke Street outside the Cathedral. Entry fee is \$10 and includes your morning tea. **Numbers are required for catering please.** Our Club BBQ will be on site.

Assembly of vehicles from 7.30am to 8.30am. Catch up with fellow car enthusiasts and view the display until 1pm.

Afternoon at your leisure:

***Suggestion:** Wander down to Market Square, Prince St, for food stalls and entertainment. At 3pm there is a pipe band competition!*

Street Parade: 5.30pm assemble at the Showground Prince St for 6pm start. Entrants for the parade must **advise when booking in at the Static Display** so they can be allocated a number for participation.

Saturday Night Dinner: Gather at Roches Hotel, Victoria St Grafton at 7.30pm

Sunday 3rd November— Assemble at Jabour Park, Minden Street South Grafton for a 10am departure for brunch at the Coutts Crossing Tavern, Armidale Road Coutts Crossing

***Suggestion:** The Jacaranda Fun Run starts at 7am from Memorial Park on the river if anyone is game for 2.5km, 5km or 10km run*

At the conclusion of brunch, visitors will depart for home.

Accommodation; The Abbey Motor Inn, 59-61 Fitzroy Street Grafton. Phone: 02 6642 6122

Visitors arriving early are advised that there is a FREE breakfast held at Market Square commencing at 6am on Thursday 31st October. This is a fore runner to Grafton's Jacaranda Thursday with Street Markets, Shop dress ups and entertainment. Thursday evening locally grown international singing group The McClymonts are performing at the historic, art deco, Saraton Theatre Prince Street (tickets selling fast)

Visit the Grafton Jacaranda Festival website for more information of what else there is to do while you're here.

<https://www.jacarandafestival.com/>

2019 Jacaranda Rally

Friday 1st November—Sunday 3rd November

ENTRY FORM

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Partner: _____ First Name _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Phone # _____ Mobile # _____

Email: _____

Home Club: _____

Veh. Make: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____ Rego. No _____

Rally Entry Fee \$10 Early Bird up to 29/10/19. No charge for extra vehicle. \$10.00 Includes FREE morning tea.

Late Fee \$5 _____

Friday Meet and Greet @ Crown Hotel No. Adults: _____ \$10 each _____

Saturday Night Dinner @ Roches Hotel No. Adults _____ \$25 each _____

Sunday Brunch Coutts Crossing Tavern No. Adults _____ \$15 each _____

Total _____

Please advise of any dietary needs.

Indemnity: I declare that each vehicle being entered and driven in this event is on full or historic registration. I agree that the Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club will in no way be held responsible for any loss or damage to vehicle/vehicles, parts, accessories or personal effects. The Entrant and any passengers hereby waive the right of action at law against the Committee, organisers or agent.

Signature of Entrant: _____ Dated: _____

Please return this entry form to G.V.M.V.C. P.O. Box 523, Grafton. 2460 by 31st October 2019

Further Information can be obtained from:

Kim Dahl 0418 660347

Doug Clark 0427 665 200

Ken Norton 0403 521 468

Membership Renewals Now Due

GRAFTON VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CLUB

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EMAIL.....

The Annual membership fee of (\$70 Dual or \$60 Single) must accompany this renewal form and be returned to the Treasurer prior to June 30th 2019. This year we have introduced a \$10 discount for those members who receive the newsletter by email (\$60 Dual or \$50 Single). Annual membership is from 1st July to 30th June each year. Members not renewing their membership by the due date will be classed as un-financial (Clause 4) and will not qualify for Historic RTA Registration

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Grille Market



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Modern Cars – My experience

By Peter Arnall

About 4 years ago I bought a 2002 BMW 745Li, the flagship of BMW at the time it was new and in 2002 sold for \$207,000. This car has 64 individual ecu's (computers) in it. I assumed at that time I was buying a quality vehicle, even if it was a few years old. All was good until about a year ago when I started getting all manner of error codes and car was going into limp mode and reduced power. I had a diagnostic tool and managed to clear the codes only to have them re-appear the next day or so. I contacted a local auto electrician who boasted that he had the best diagnostic tool in town and could fix BMW's. A month later he admitted defeat.

I decided to find a BMW specialist and had the car transported to The Gold Coast. The Gold Coast boys tried all manner of things, without any luck with the same faults re-appearing. I was told by many BMW people that the engine management computer was bullet



proof and that no one had heard of a faulty one. As a last resort and after having the car for four months, a second-hand replacement computer was purchased and was sent to Sydney, with my original, to have all the original data downloaded so that things like keys would work and that the Vin numbers and other details would be right. Two weeks went by and no computer.

It turned out that the computer was sent to Tasmania, a firm with the same name. The computer finally was installed, and all worked. The Gold Coast firm had the car for five months in the end and it has been almost a year since the first error codes started to appear. I have now done about 800km with the new computer, without a fault or error code. This car is a pleasure to drive with power to burn and a very high comfort level. The question is, what do I do now, keep it or sell. One thing is certain, when modern cars have problems, they can be big ones.



Coming Events

August Coffee Run

Thursday 8th

Leaving Jabour Park at 9:15 for a visit to the Department Primary Industries at Trenayr. They are putting on working dog trials show just for us.

BYO morning tea

Graeme Hicks 0427 007 075



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2019 Coming Events

July	Sun	28th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Aug	Fri, Sat	2,3,4	Dodge Rally		Tom Raven	0419 888 902
	Thurs	8th	Coffee Run	Jabour Park at 9:15. Visit to Department Primary Industries at Trenayr. View working dog trials. BYO morning tea	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
	Sun	29th	Annual 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	Margaret Galaher	
	Sat	2nd	Jacaranda Rally	Car Display, Dinner & Trivia		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	Sun	15th	Christmas Party	Sth Grafton Bowling Club	Margaret Galaher	0428 108 127

Editors Job available

We're off travelling next year for an extended period.

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.

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General Meeting Minutes
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 30th June 2019
Held at Jabour Park South Grafton.

Meeting Opened 3.16 PM

Chairman Pres. Doug Clark

Apologies Brad & Kylie Bennie, Jenny Porter, Michelle and Danny Thornton, Ken Norton, Dave and Judy Andrews, John and Helen Smith

Moved B. Bourke, Seconded R. Parmenter that apologies be accepted

Carried

Attendance as per attendance Book. (44)

New Members New members.

Adam Michael '79 Kombi

Moved K. Dahl seconded R. Parmenter that new members be accepted.

Visitors Brett Davis, Brad Lutte

Minutes Minutes of meeting held 26th, May, 2019 were read.

Moved R. Purnell, Seconded E. Christensen that Minutes be accepted as read.

Business Arising NRMA insurance cover

Treasurers Report As per Treasurer's Statement.

Moved L. Fitzpatrick Seconded, R. Parmenter that report be accepted. Carried.

Coming Events as per The Grille.

Christmas in July 26/7 Criterion Show

Coffee Run – 10/7 Widdon Maclean

V.P. Mystery Run.

Past Events

Cooli Rocks

Lune Lunch Run

Grafton Wings and Wheels.

General Business

Graham Wood – Pearsons Transport – Grafton.

Gave a presentation on the operation of Pearsons Transport out of the Grafton Base. A very interesting talk on a modern trucking company.

Meeting closed 4.30 pm

Next meeting 28th July 2019 3.00pm



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