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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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**C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring  
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The Club holds a General Meeting each month and the August meeting is preceded by the AGM. Ten (10) General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at C.ex Coffs at 7.30pm, except for October when the meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, due to the public holiday. Two (2) other General Meetings are then held, one at Cex Urunga (usually in June) and one at C.ex Woolgoolga (usually in November). These meetings are held on a Sunday morning with a car display and followed by a luncheon.

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# President's Message January 2020



Hello Members,

I trust you have enjoyed the festive season and being reunited with family which with many of us, only happens once a year at this time, but not forgetting the real reason for the Festive Season which is so often overlooked these days.

During December I “inherited” a couple of events from the previous events committee which perhaps didn't go as well as I would have wished. Firstly on December 7<sup>th</sup> we had the ‘Dick's Shed’ get together which was originally meant to be a more elaborate affair with videos and the big screen plus food but was scaled back to a basic gathering for those who hadn't been there before to look at some old racing cars etc. Nevertheless some 20 members turned up and we had quite a pleasant morning having a bit of a natter amongst ourselves and partaking of the coffee etc Russell had provided.

The highlight of that day though was the ladies get together that Judy had organised with a visit to the Botanic Gardens and lunch at The Shearwater which Judy will undoubtedly report on elsewhere in Idle Torque but I was very pleased to learn that 20 ladies attended and had a most enjoyable morning so I hope they can do it again sometime.

Then on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> we were to have a BYO lunch at Woolgoolga Foreshores starting at 10.30 but by 11am only 10 had arrived so 6 of us went to a coffee shop for coffee/lunch while 4 who had brought their lunch stayed at the foreshores. Imagine my surprise when we returned to find a happy group of about 20 at the foreshores enjoying their BYO lunches. The moral of the story is that I should have changed the arrival time to about 11.30 in time for lunch so my apologies to everyone for making such a mess of the arrangements.

Looking forward to another exciting year of club activities and enjoying the company of all you great people.

And remember, *“we are more than just a car club.”*

**Dick Willis, President**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Tony Goninan
11th	Glen Stanford
24th	Kevin Quinn
25th	Ted Van Styn
28th	Michael McLennan

***If you would like to be added to our member's birthday list, please let the Newsletter Editor know your birth date (day/month only required)***

## Monthly Meeting of the C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring and Classic Car Club

**Held at:** C.ex Coffs Club, Coffs Harbour

**Date:** 6 January 2020

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.30pm

**Chairperson:** Dick Willis

**Present:** 34 Members as per attendance book plus partners

**Apologies:** Grant George, Graham proctor, Warwick Thomson, Deno Accadia, Sandy Guymer, Bill Denham, Kevin Quinn, David Kennedy, Phil Carmichael, Peter Titmus and Margaret Clare.

**Visitors:** Nil

**New Members:** Patrick Mathon

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairperson moved that the minutes as printed are accepted as true and correct.

Seconded: Charlie Smith

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Nil

### CORRESPONDENCE IN: Pat O`Carroll

1. 5 X Car Club Newsletters.
2. 5 X product updates from Rare Spares
3. A flyer was received from the Nambucca Lets Rock & Roll Club for a Show and Shine they are having on Sat 15 Feb 2020.
4. 3 Updates were received from the Southern Motoring Assoc concerning H and D plate registrations.
5. A newsletter was received from the Westpac Rescue Service.
6. A Membership Application was received from Patrick Mathon.

### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Membership information was sent to two prospective members.
2. An email was sent to a member requesting that they transfer their H plated vehicle to a D plate.

The Secretary moved that the correspondence be received and adopted.

Seconded: Judy Phemister

### TREASURERS REPORT: Kevin Ingersole

Members viewed a Power Point Presentation depicting the clubs` financial position.

The Treasurer moved that the accounts as presented are accepted as true and correct.

Seconded: Tony Goninan

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Dick Willis put to the meeting that all funds raised from the February meeting raffle be donated to a Bush Fire Fund. The February meeting was chosen as it would be likely that there would be more members in attendance at that meeting. The suggestion was supported by Judy Phemister and seconded by Cynthia Darrington and carried by unanimous vote of the members.

2. Tony Goninan asked if it was possible for members be issued with an annual membership card. He has offered to look into the work and costs involved in issuing a card.

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT- Judy Phemister, Tony Bennett**

Judy Phemister reminded members that it is important to notify event organisers by the RSVP dates of their intention to attend events.

Judy also gave a detailed run down of coming events.

**Watch for details listed inside Idle Torque and book in early.**

### **EDITORS REPORT: Michael Guymer**

Michael said the next edition of Idle Torque was ready to go and was just waiting on input from the President and Secretary.

### **WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT: Mike Gosbell**

Mike let the members know he had a report that John Stephens was back on the sick list. Also Toni Goninan and Dick Willis have operations coming up.

### **REGISTRARS REPORT: Bob Fairclough, Albert Johnson, Tony Goninan.**

Bob reported two members vehicles had recently been reregistered on H plates. He also advised he had received advice from the Southern Motoring Association that vehicles must be registered correctly either on H or D plates otherwise they would be considered by the RMS as unregistered and hence uninsured.

### **MEMBERS SPOT**

Tony Goninan gave a report on the cricket at the Sports Stadium, 8,000 people attended and it was well organised. The big test will come when the Elton John concert is held.

Dick Willis mentioned that he was recently looking at some of the clubs old membership lists and vehicles owned by the members 20 years ago. It was noticeable that when the club started members owned predominantly English vehicles, how times have changed.

Dick also let the members know long time member Phil Carmichael would soon be leaving the area and that the clubs members wished him well with his new venture on the Central Coast.

### **RAFFLE WINNERS: Co-ordinator,**

Bob Fairclough, Daphne Lee, Robert Partridge, Ian Reynolds, Leo Goodfellow and Pat O'Carroll

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.**

### **POST MEETING ENTERTAINMENT**

Members were shown DVDs of recent events plus two from Tony Goninan's trip to the USA.

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# DECEMBER RUN REPORTS

## COFFEE RUN TO COFFS SURF CLUB 4TH DECEMBER 2019

Some 24 members attended the Coffee Run to the Surf Club on a warm and humid morning. The members were well looked after with good service, goodies and excellent coffee. It was a good chance to relax with plenty of talk and banter with everyone enjoying themselves.

Some 4 “H” plated vehicles were used on the run.

**WARWICK THOMSON**

## LADIES LUNCH AND BOTANIC GARDENS WALK 7TH DECEMBER 2019



Although the smoke haze prevented several of the ladies from doing a walk in the Botanic Gardens, those that did enjoyed a wander through the sensory garden, along the paths, admiring the roses and very unusual trees and spotted a baby kookaburra watching us from the safety of the branch.

We met up with others at the venue overlooking Coffs Creek. Good company and conversations on many topics kept us all entertained while enjoying a variety of delicious lunches and desserts.

The consensus was that we should do this more often – so we will!

See you at the next event.

**JUDY PHEMISTER**

## COFFEE RUN TO SILVIO'S CAFÉ 18TH DECEMBER 2019

A very enjoyable morning tea at Silvio's with 30 people turning up. There were some very nice bacon & egg rolls, scones, raisin toast etc served up with coffee and tea. Added to the normal car club chat there was some amazing views of passers by showing their tattoos.

This was the last coffee run until new year so have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**PETER TITMUS**



## 3 MONTHLY CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	DAY	EVENTS	CONTACT	RSVP
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>				
6th	Monday	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b>		
8th	Wednesday	Tour of Blueberry Plant / Coffee at Secret Garden	Tony Bennett	Fri 3rd
19th	Sunday	Scotts Head Bowling Club - Lunch Run	Russ Phemister	Sun 12th
22nd	Wednesday	Anchors Wharf - Coffee Run	Judy Phemister	Sun 19th
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>				
3rd	Monday	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b>		
5th	Wednesday	Bellingen Butter Factory - Coffee Run	Tony Bennett	Sun 2nd
19th	Wednesday	Nambucca Boat Shed - Coffee Run	Kath Gosbell	Sun 16th
23rd	Sunday	Ulmarra Hotel - Lunch	Albert Johnson	Sun 16th
<b>MARCH 2020</b>				
2nd	Monday	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b>		
14th	Saturday	REMEMBER WHEN - Museum Grafton	Judy Phemister	Sat 7th
18th	Wednesday	Raleigh Winery - Coffee Run	Graham Proctor	Sun 15th
29th	Sunday	Presidents Day - Boambee Reserve	Dick Judy Tony	Sun 22nd

**If you attend a Club Run in a H/D plated car  
it is YOUR responsibility to ensure you are entered in the Runs Book**

Members with H/D plates must attend five (5) club runs per year (August to July) in their H/D plated vehicle for the club to sanction the renewal of their H/D plates. Members with multiple H/D plated cars may attend the five (5) runs in any of their H/D plated vehicles. New members must attend four (4) club runs or club events before applications for H/D plates will be considered for approval by C.ex Coff's Sports, Touring & Classic Car Club.

**Note: Club monthly meetings do not count as runs or events for this purpose**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Invitation Events</i>	<i>Contact</i>
15/2/20	Summer Beach Hop – Jetty foreshores 3pm—9.15pm <a href="mailto:coffspetrolhead@yahoo.com">Email: coffspetrolhead@yahoo.com</a>	Stewart Copeland 0407706299

### **Invitation Events:**

*NB These events are not organised through the clubs Events Committee but are recognised as official club runs. Members attending these events in H/D registered vehicles do not need their logbooks filled out **but** do require proof that they are attending an official "invitation club event". This can be done by carrying a hard copy of the event advertised in Idle Torque or an electronic copy on a device.*

*The simpler option is to simply fill out your logbook (after all the majority of us do not use 60 days), which takes out any doubt that you are complying with the logbook trial regulations.*

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>SCOTTS HEAD BOWLING CLUB LUNCH RUN</b>
When	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Where	Morning Tea at Bellwood Park Nambucca Heads followed by Lunch at Scotts Head Bowling Club
Depart	McDonald's South at 9.30am
Expect	A nice drive down the highway, turn left at Service Centre towards Nambucca, take the second exit Riverside Drive to Bellwood Park for a leisurely BYO Morning Tea. We then head back on to the highway and head South towards Macksville to Scotts Head Road. Follow this to CLUB SCOTT'S - 26 West St Scotts Head , our venue for lunch.
Bring	Morning Tea, chairs, \$\$\$ for lunch
RSVP	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Contact	Russ Phemister <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a> or 0409525077
Brief Comments	A nice drive to get the cobwebs out of our cars. You will have time to walk around the boardwalk at Nambucca and we will have a cruise around Scotts Head beaches before lunch.

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>ANCHORS WHARF CAFE COFFE RUN</b>
When	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Where	Coffee Run to Anchors Wharf
Depart	McDonalds South at 9.30am
Expect	Drive down to Urunga for morning Tea at Anchors Wharf
Bring	\$\$\$ for morning tea
RSVP	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Contact	Judy Phemister 0407937327 or <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a>
Brief Comments	A short run down to one of our favourite coffee spots on the Kalang River

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>BELLINGEN BUTTER FACTORY COFFEE RUN</b>
When	Wednesday 5th February
Where	Bellingen Butter Factory
Depart	McDonalds South at 9.30am
Expect	Scenic drive to Bellingen with morning tea at the famous Old Butter Factory
Bring	\$\$\$ for morning tea
RSVP	Sunday 2nd February
Contact	Tony Bennett 0400 919 120 or email <a href="mailto:tbennett1957@hotmail.com">tbennett1957@hotmail.com</a>
Brief Comments	Plenty of shopping options for the ladies at the Factory and in Bellingen Town



## SIZE MATTERS

For those members whom attended the January meeting, you would recall Tony Goninan presented videos of his recent trip to the USA (all car shows obviously).

On one video, Tony made special mention of a certain VW Beetle and to watch out for it, but unfortunately the VW Beetle failed to appear.

Well, the mystery has been solved as the Big Beetle has been found in another one of Tony's presentations and will be shown at the next meeting. In the meantime, below is a photo of the "BIG BUG".

**EDITOR**





Pat O'Carroll sent me the image below which I believe came from Phil Carmichael's archives?  
Pat has some others which will be published in future editions of Idle Torque.  
**EDITOR**







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**Dick Willis 0427 400158. [willisrg@smartchat.net.au](mailto:willisrg@smartchat.net.au)**



## Also For Sale

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**Dick Willis: 0427 400 158.**



# Car Club Regalia

*Refer to the Website for images of all regalia  
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For all other regalia contact  
**Russ Phemister** 0409 525 077



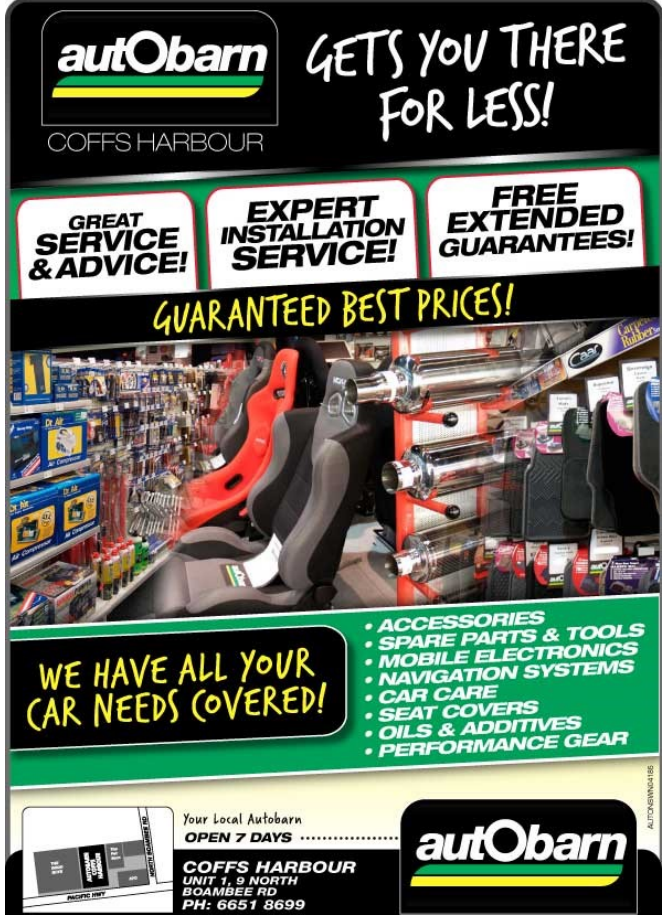
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