

The Grille

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. Newsletter — January 2020

Congratulations to our Club person for 2019 Jim Leslie



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<u>Committee</u> Graham Benn 0411 491 473 Ken Norton 0403 521 468 Doug Davis 0428 663 414 Bob Purnell 0417 400 102 Graeme Hicks 0427 007 075 David Andrews 0467 723 737		

President's Report

A Happy New Year to all members.

The Christmas function was well attended and many thanks to Margaret Gallaher for her organization of the Event.

This Month's January Meeting has been moved forward to Sunday 19th January 2020 at 4pm.

The Committee has put forward a motion for members decision regarding the erection of a shed on the grounds of Jabour Park. The shed, if approved, will house equipment, such as car hoists & other associated gear. eg. lathe & drill press, welder, compressor etc for the use of club members.

The club's first run for this year is the Guyra Potato Festival on January 25th, leaving Jabour Park Club Rooms at 6.30 am led by Col Rose.

The club's canteen is due to have the floor tiled by month end, which will improve the cleaning.

The club requires volunteers to help out in the canteen on Saturday 4th April 2020, for the 'Relay for Life' Event being run over the Saturday & Saturday nights. Please advise me or Lorraine Lloyd now if able to assist.

The New Grafton Bridge walk day was a great opportunity to show our vehicles off to the public & also being the first vehicles to drive over the bridge.

The Tassie Tour participants are now getting excited as the event departs for Goulburn our first stop on 19th March followed by a further 13 days thereafter.

By Doug Clark

GRAFTON BRIDGE WALK

By Wendy Gibbs

Sunday December 8th

Our club displayed 33 cars, 4 motorbikes and a tractor. We met just before 7am in cool, Smokey over-cast conditions at the Through and Iolanthe Street roundabout in South Grafton for the official Bridge Walk. Drivers were then permitted to drive their classic cars onto the bridge approach. We had a great variety of vehicles.

At 8am the walkers started to cross the bridge. There were thousands of people. 98% of whom stopped to look at our cars and stop for chat. Really great public relations for the club.

The club bbq was fired up on the south side of the bridge and did a roaring trade. On the northern side of the bridge all the official tents were set up in the park. The Grafton Rotary Clubs, Kyle's Coffee and IScream were doing a great trade too.

About 12:30 we started our engines and drove across the bridge for the first time. What a great experience! The day was well organized and the weather cleared to a not too hot, bright day.





Geoff's Trip to Dunedoo

I had a run to Dunedoo in November. The selected route had to be changed due to the fires closing roads. Basically saw negligible stock from Guyra to Coolah, as the paddocks were bare and the dams empty. Continuous truckloads of hay were heading east on the Golden Highway

Dunedoo hosted its annual Tunes on the Turf music festival on the weekend, and the showground was chockers with campers. Obviously bought some money into the town.

The car ran a bit rough for a few hundred km, as the main bearing/bush in the distributor disintegrated. Got to use the windscreen wipers in a hail storm at Glen Innes. Got chased down and breathalysed by a lady highway patrol near Uralla. Getting back to the coast was also directed by which roads were closed with the fires at Nymboida and Gibraltar. Ended up a smoky run via Coffs Harbour.



By Geoff Howard

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You Went There In That

When you drive a Suzuki carry ute with a tiny slide on camper on the back the most frequent comments you receive are, is it a sandwich van - do you sell fish - looks like an esky - good around town ute - nice ladies ute - or just that funny utie thingy. The comment that stands out the most is - you went there in that. While crossing the Derwent river bridge in Hobart I was told by a Jaguar driver to 'get a decent car'. So naive. These comments don't really bother me, at least they have seen me and just make me more determined to show that you don't need three tonnes of steel with huge tyres, winches, lights that melt bitumen two kilometers away, every piece of recovery gear that a sales person can possibly sell you, high lift suspension, and who knows what else just to get around Australia and even to some of the more challenging places. Yes how about Cape York, Steep Point, Great Central Road, Mt. Sheiler, Great Sandy Desert, Lake Ayre and the list goes on. Yes I have been stuck twice so far, once in the great sandy desert and once on rainbow beach when I stopped to help a normal 4x4 who was bogged. Got him out and then he pissed off without a word of thanks or help for me.

The trip to Cape York was the first big one. I managed to obtain advice from several trusted people who unfortunately mostly said don't do it in that. Being someone who likes to prove a point I set out regardless. The trip was great up through central Queensland via Gregory Downs, Lawn Hill, Burketown, Normanton, Croyden, Chillingoe, Laura, Bamaga. I chose to use the development track to Cape York instead of the renowned telegraph track.

The Telegraph Track is considered one of the ultimate 4x4 challenges. Sometimes I do know where not to venture. I did on one occasion deviate to the telegraph track and met up with some "proper 4x4" that were attempting to destroy themselves by travelling through sections where it was totally unnecessary to do so. One section they bashed through a metre of water over rocks the size of footballs while I carefully drove around the edge in about 100mm of water. This was in the area of fruit bat falls.

I camped at Morton Telegraph Station and as usual the ute and the camper did not go unnoticed along with one of my small gas bottle camp fires. At the time this meant nothing but was to my savior on the return trip. The remaining trip north was uneventful except that my choice of roads may have avoided some extreme 4x4 work but not the thousands and thousands of large corrugates. 13 inch wheels and corrugates do not mix.

Many hours were spent in second gear at less than 20kph. I assisted a near new Nissan 4x4 with a blown turbo and saw him on his way behind a local Toyota workmate ute loaded with king prawns back towards Cairns. I later heard his repair bill was in excess of \$5,000.00 (just out of warranty). This guy had followed me on a previous day through an area called palm hill just in case I ran into trouble. Ha ha. The rest of the trip north, although interesting, was uneventful. Once at Cape York I carefully parked the ute (illegally) on the beach a few hundred metres short of the very tip. I took the mandatory photos and headed back. Just north of the Moreton Telegraph Station the fun began.

Firstly, I sheered off one shock absorber which made driving on extreme corrugates very interesting, on several occasions ending up facing the wrong way. Things did improve when the second shock broke off, at least it stayed a little bit straighter at this point provided you were under 20kph. The shocks were the only after market modification on the ute. I returned to Moreton Station where after convincing the owner I had a reasonable idea of workshop repairs he allowed me to use his workshop on the condition I allowed no one else in. Unknowingly I unloaded one of the workman from the station before he could prove who he was.

I made the necessary repairs in what was a very basic workshop and then commenced to thoroughly clean the shop, sharpen all drills and make the place as tidy as I could. The owner came to visit when I finished and was astounded. I asked him how much for the use of the shop expecting him to say at least \$250.00 but would not have been surprised at \$500.00. However, he said stay the night and we will see you tomorrow. The next morning I approached him and he said I would have to pay the camping fees of about \$20.00 as he was only the manager but for the use of the workshop he said he would exchange this for my small fire place. The fire place cost me about \$15.00 to make. So you can see I was very happy and it shows doing the right thing pays off. I was invited back whenever it suited me.

An alternative to return from Cape York to Cairns was via a barge which was definitely recommended however, I found the booking of this barge, from the northern end was impossible and after the visit to the guys workshop, maybe I had a better experience returning the overland way.

It took several more weeks via eastern Queensland to return to Grafton, a low point being at a Bundaburg camping area where some scumbag pinched my tea towel. Not bad for this to be the lowest point. Ha ha.

After two months I was back home, the little utie thingy looked a bit worst for the wear but had many more similar trips ahead of it.



Doug Davis



Grille Market



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Christmas Party Sunday 15th December



On Sunday 15th December 2019 we held our annual Christmas party at the South Grafton Bowling Club with approx. 51 club members attending.

A special thank you to Margaret Gallaher for organising this special event. A job well done. We would also like to thank the staff and volunteer ladies in the kitchen for supplying us with a lovely baked dinner followed by a delicious dessert.

The club person of the year trophy was presented by Doug Clark (President) and was awarded to club member Jim Leslie.

To be eligible for this annual trophy all you need to do is attend club outings, breakfast runs and club activities. This is based on a point system. 1 point for attending outings with a modern car, 2 points if you attend outing with your club car and 3 points if you stay overnight at an outing.

A great day was had by all and looking forward to another great year ahead.

By Lorraine Lloyd



"Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley!"





2019 Coming Events

Jan	Sun	19th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat			
	Sat	25th	Guyra Potato Festival	Leave Jabour Park 6.30am			
February	Sun	9th	Club Run	Lunch at Ulong Pub - Worth the drive	Robyn & Ian Dunstan	0427565155	
	Thurs	20th	Coffee Run	Idle Inn Nana Glen			
	Sun	23rd	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat			
March	Fri	6th	Coffee Run	Clog Barn - Coffs Harbour	Robyn & Ian Dunstan	0427565155	
		19-30th	Tassie Tour booked out				
	Sun	29th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat			
April	Sat/Sun	4th - 5th	Relay for Life	Jabour Park - Canteen Volunteers required	Doug Clark	0427665200	
	Sun	19th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat			
	Thurs	23rd	Coffee Run	Grafton 10 Pin Bowling			
	Tues/ Wed	28th/29th		Maclean Show			
May	Sun	3rd	Club Run	Hat Head Rally	Details next Magazine		
	Fri/Sat	15th/16th	Presidents Run	Gold Coast	Doug Clark	0427665200	
	Sat	30th	Club Run	Casino Beef Week	Kim Dahl	0418660347	
	Sun	31st	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat			
June	Frid Sat Sun	5th-7th	Cooli Rocks	Coolangatta			
	Fri	12th	Coffee Run	Hardwood Pub			
	Sun	21st	Club Run	Wing & Wheels South Grafton Aerodrome- Date to be con-			
	Sun	28th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat			

This is the preliminary calendar for the coming year.

All dates and activities are subject to change.



2019 Coming Events

July	Fri	10th	Coffee Run	Breakfast Ulmarra Pub		
	Sat/Sun	18th/19th	Club Run	Christmas in July - Ballina Bangalow- to be confirmed	Kim Dahl	0418660347
	Sun	26th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Aug	Fri	7th	Coffee Run	Santus Brewery - Townsend		
	Sat/Sun	22nd/23rd	Motorfest			
	Sun	30th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Sept	Fri	4th	Coffee Run	Secret Location - Morning Tea at Ja- bour Park followed by a short mys-	Ken Norton	0403521468
	Sun	20th	Club Run	Summerland House		
	Sun	27th	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 3pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Oct	Fri	9th	Coffee Run	Cartoon Bunker Coffs Harbour		
	Sun	25th	Club Run	Observation Run	Wendy Gibbs	0458427332
	Sun	31st	General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Nov	Fri	6th	Jacaranda Rally			
	Sun	22nd	Club Run	Mooball - Moo Moo Café	Robyn Dun- stan	0427565155
			General Meeting	Jabour Park Minden St, South Grafton 4pm. Stay for a sausage sandwich, tea, coffee and a chat		
Dec	Sun	13th	Club Run	Christmas Party		



MOTORFEST 2020

22nd and 23rd August

Preparation has begun for this year's Motorfest. and a meeting has been set down for Tuesday 4th February at 7pm at the Jabour Park Club House.

All members and friends are invited. The meeting will start with a discussion on all the positions necessary to make the event successful. These positions are listed below.

On completion of a description of each of these positions, volunteers will then be asked to fill the vacancies. Once an offer to fill a position has been accepted, it is then up to that member to carry out the duties necessary at their discretion and hopefully put forward many new ideas. Follow up meetings approx. 4 will be held prior to Motorfest and dates will be set for these at the first meeting.

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Ground Maintenance
First Aid
Security

If you are interested in any of these positions, or have advice on these positions, please attend the meeting or phone Doug Davis 0428663414.

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 Arnull 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 Arnull.

parnull1@bigpond.com or Phone Peter Arnull 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.

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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 24th November 2019

Held at Jabour Park South Grafton.

Meeting Opened 4.00 PM

Chairman President Doug Clark

Apologies Chris Hale, Ken Norton, Graeme Hicks, Di Lambert,
Moved G. Benn, K. Dahl Seconded T. Raven that Apologies be Accepted
Carried

Attendance 30 as per attendance Book.

New Members Joanne Worboys
John Mclean
Garry Maher
John Boyle
Jamie Mansfield
Michael Stack

Moved D. D. Andrews Second I. Dunstan that new members be accepted.

Visitors Nil

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read..

Moved. I. Dunstan Seconded C. Rose that Minutes be accepted as read.

Business Arising Discussion on future donations.

Treasurers Report As per Treasurer's Statement.

Moved Laurie Fitzpatrick Seconded Doug. Davis that report be accepted. Carried.

Coming Events as per The Grille.

Past Events

Jacaranda Rally
Report given – successful format

General Business

Report given on the progress of new shed.

Bob Purnell raised the proposed plaque to Rex Gow. President replied that he had spoken to Rex and had suggested that the new shed be named after Rex.

Meeting Closed 4.50 PM

Next Meeting Sunday 19th January 2020 4PM



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