

# The Grille

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. Newsletter — May 2020



## The finished shed



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## President's Report

It has been a difficult time for our club in lock down restricting the use of our vehicles.

The committee has decided to defer the Motorfest for this year as there would be no guarantee that the event could be held.

At this stage the Jacaranda Festival Committee are hopeful that Jacaranda will go ahead and being the case the Saturday Static Display in Duke Street will be held.

The committee has decided, subject to the coronavirus allowance, to hold a member's day on Sunday 29th November 2020. The day is to encourage all members to bring their vehicles and view the club facilities and newly erected shed with equipment available to all club members. A sausage sizzle will be run by the canteen and free of charge to all members. Further information will follow in the October Grille.

On a sad note we advise of the passing of club member John McFarlane . On Friday the 29th May there will be a guard of honour with club vehicles at Maclean cemetery on Brooms Head Road around 11.30am with assemble to take place at 11.15am at cemetery. If you would like to pay your respects and take part in this guard of honour please contact Laurie Fitzpatrick of 0418431567.

**I am calling for expressions of interest for the 2021 run to Tasmania in March. If you are interested call Doug Clark 0427665200 or Lorraine Raven 0419888902.**

Doug Clark

President.

# Renovations to the kitchen

During the break the clubhouse kitchen has undergone a renovation. Some of the changes have been a new tiled floor, new wire shelves and a new utensil hanging rack, A new stove has been purchased as well. Please see the attached photo showing the progress .



I Would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the car club to wish two members of our club who have not been very well during this quarantine shutdown period the very best for a speedy recovery



# Progression of the Shed

During our shutdown, the building of the new shed has commenced. To follow the progress I have attached some photos of the various stages of construction.



# Progression of the Shed



# New Shelters For Camping Area

The club has recently obtained some new shelters for the camping area. Jim Leslie, Kim Dahl, Ken Norton and Doug Davis recently drove to Alstonville to pick up the new shelters. The club would like to thank Jim Leslie for the use of his truck and Brett Wilkins for the use of his crane truck.





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Contact Malcolm

Mob. 0427750334 or 0476139737



## **WANTED**

### **OTHER CLUBS PLEASE SHARE**

1927 Chev 4 Head or 1928 Chev 4 Head

With exhaust manifold.

**Contact Bob Purnell 0417400102**







## New Book Review

### Bondi to the Baltic

“**Bondi to the Baltic**” by John McCombe tells the story of an extraordinary vintage car journey halfway across the world. The small convoy comprised a 1920 Dodge Tourer and a 1927 Willys Whippet and they covered an astonishing 20,000 kilometres in two stages in 2014-15.

John McCombe, one of the eight adventurers, has written a book describing the amazing trip from its genesis in the garages of Sydney and Perth across the countries of the old Silk Road to its culmination near Helsinki, Finland.

There are plenty of details about the cars: how they were adapted to the conditions they would face, innovative solutions to problems with the engines and wheels, and the way they attracted the attention of other drivers, journalists, immigration officers and policemen as well as curious bystanders.

But it’s not just a story of cars with character. With a sense of perspective and history John weaves in other features of a great road trip – heart-warming encounters with locals, tensions with border force personnel, and fascinating cultural experiences. The generosity of the people they met all along the way obviously humbled the travellers and challenged many of their pre-conceived ideas about other countries.

The book is full of glorious photos of the cars as well as scenes from the exotic places they drove through and people they met along the way.

This is a ripping yarn, told by a born story teller with a laconic style and a dry wit.

It would make a great gift for anyone interested in vintage cars, adventure stories and the wonderfully diverse world we live in.

“**BONDI TO THE BALTIC**” by John McCombe can be bought online at Wild Dingo Press (priced at \$32.95).

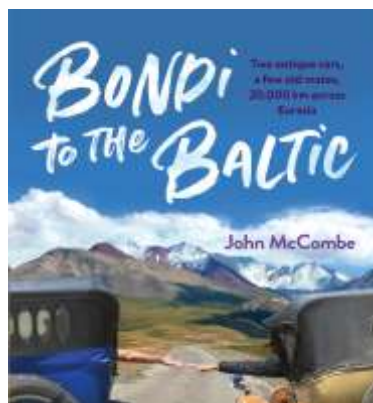
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Story was provided  
by Ian Neuss





# 2020 Coming Events

Aug	Fri	7th	Coffee Run - Sanctus Brewery Townsend	John Porter 0427 362 211
Aug	Fri/Sat/Sun	21st/22nd/23rd	<b>DEFERRED</b> MOTORFEST <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	Doug Clark 0428 663 414
Aug	Sun	30th	General Meeting - Jabour Park - 3.00pm	Doug Clark 0427 665 200
Sept	Fri	4th	Coffee Run - Morning Tea @ Jabour Park followed by a Mystery Tour	Ken Norton 0403 521 468
Sept	Fri/Sat/Sun	11th/12th/13th	President's Run - Gold Coast Details to follow	Doug Clark 0427 665 200
Sept	Sun	20th	Swap Meet - Maclean	Bob Gray 0417 190 860
Sept	Sun	27th	General Meeting - Jabour Park - 3.00pm	Doug Clark 0427 665 200
Oct	Fri	9th	Coffee Run - Coffs - Bunker Gallery Morning Tea provided	Ian Dunstan 0427 565 155
Oct	Sun	25th	Observation Run from Jabour Park. Return for monthly meeting @ 4.00pm	Wendy Gibbs 0458 427 332



# 2020 Coming Events

Nov	Fri	6th	Jacaranda Rally	
Nov	Sun	22nd	Club Run - Mooball - Moo Moo Café	<b>Ian Dunstan</b> <b>0427 565 155</b>
Nov	Sun	29th	General Meeting - Jabour Park - 4.00pm	<b>Doug Clark</b> <b>0427 665 200</b>
Dec	Sun	13th	Club Run - Christmas Party Yamba Shores Tavern	<b>Kim Dahl</b> <b>0418 660 347</b>

**This is part of the preliminary calendar for the coming year. Due to the coronavirus all dates and activities are subject to change.**

## Spot The Error



Spot the error.

This sign was recently placed on the campers gate due to the shut-down.

It has since been corrected.

Don't give up your day job Kim Ha !  
Ha!

# 2020/21 Membership Renewal Form

GRAFTON VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2020-2021

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The Annual membership fee of \$60 Dual or \$50 Single, for NON E-mail members a postage fee for the newsletter of \$10.00 applies .

The renewal form along with payment must be returned to the Treasurer prior to June 30th 2020. 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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# 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 Arnall 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 Arnall.

parnull1@bigpond.com or Phone Peter Arnall 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.

## 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
Dress Shirts	\$45
Polo Shirt	\$30
Caps & Bucket Hats	\$15

And don't forget your car...

Grille Badge	\$25
Number Plate Surround	\$25

## Club Room Wall Photos

There is still plenty of space to have a photo of your car hanging in our Club Room. It only cost \$15.

Cath up with Kim Dahl at the next meeting to have your happy snap taken.

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## In a Time Long, Long Ago

Back in February, the Taree Motorcycle Club held a rally at Halidays Point , just north of Forster. The rally was based at the Halidays Point Caravan Park. All this seems light years away now. For those who are not familiar with motorcycle rallies the format is roughly this. There is a short ride on the Friday with a sausage sizzle that night. Saturday brings the main ride, starting around 9.30am with a catered lunch stop and a return by about 3.00pm. This ride can be up to 300km. There is a dinner and presentation at night and usually raffles. The dinner is all over by about 9.30pm. Sunday brings a short ride starting about 9.30am arriving back about 11.30am to allow people to pack up and early BBQ lunch. Most head home between 12 and 1.00pm. This year there were about 100 classic bikes and we had perfect



Chev at Tuncurry car park. (I wonder if the surfboard ever comes off)



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