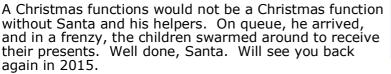




### Christmas Function, 14 December 2014 ....

Www hat a most enjoyable event. Member's, family and friends gathered at the Caboolture Historical Village at 9:30am and mingled and partook in some idle chit-chat while waiting for the 10:00am entry. After entry, members were quick to find a suitable park for their steeds before meandering to the Village Hotel, the venue for the function. After jockeying for a table and then settling-in, the program-of-events got under way very quickly. First-off was the 'money' raffle with a 'winner-take-all' scenario. Tickets were sold very quickly and with the Santa jar over-flowing with several hundred dollars, everybody was eager to get the draw under way. Lucky winner was Tony Steensen. Congratulations Tony, you deserved it.





Tony receiving his winnings from Cassandra Brown and daughter, Mia. Devin Pearce (President) and John Hogg (Vice President) in the background.



Krissy Kringle proved most interesting with some people keen to swap their 'not-so-desirable' gifts for better ones. Some crafty tactics were employed where a couple of the better gifts were hidden from view to prevent their forfeiture. Notwithstanding, it's all in the name of having fun, however organisers will be ever-so-vigilant next time to ensure there is no cheating!

Adjacent the hotel, the chainsaw sculpturer was busy on a project, the noise of which continually drowned-out the proceedings of the function. Everybody wished that he would go away, then as the sculpture took shape, peoples' attitudes changed for, surprisingly, the sculpture was the Crest of the Caboolture Regional Car Club. Who would have thought! Very thankful that nobody had told

him earlier to shoot through.

Lunch, which was provided by Tru Blu Catering, was with plenty of variety and most enjoyable. Once completed and the formalities over, people started to slowly move-on and explore the interests and displays of the Historical Village. Train rides were put-on for the children, while the big chil-



dren perused the cars and used the occasion for a Kodak opportunity.

In summary, a great event and gathering of Club members, family and friends for it brought everybody to-



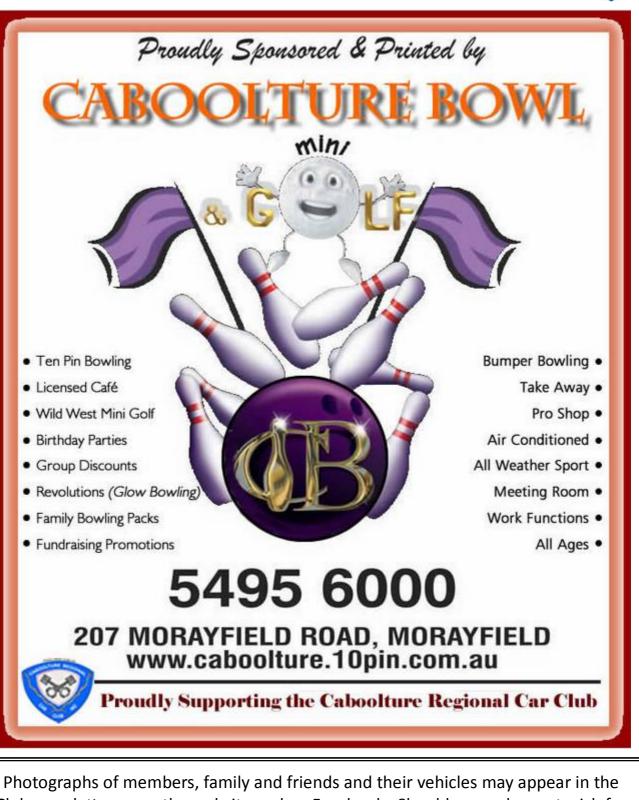
gether in a social and an enjoyable atmosphere.

Many thanks to Sue and Richard Droughton for their efforts and enthusiasm in organising the event and for using their contacts at the Caboolture Historical Village to secure the site for the Club. Lance H.

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Club newsletter or on the website and on Facebook. Should a member not wish for this to occur, the member should inform the Secretary in writting. Whilst every care will be taken to adhere to a member's request, no guarantee can be given.

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### <u>1<sup>ST</sup> April General Meeting ~ Change of Venue ....</u>

Please note that the April General Meeting will be held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre opposite the Historical Village and not at the usual venue. Please contact the Secretary for further information if required.

**From the Editor (elect)** .... Following the sudden resignation of the editor in December, 2014, I advised the President at an extraordinary committee meeting shortly thereafter that I would take over the role if another editor was not elected at the February 2015 meeting. In the mean time, I set about putting together the February newsletter which was pretty-much completed by the February meeting. As expected, nobody put-up their hand for the position, however there was an overwhelming indication from the floor that I should accept the position. I think it's only fair to say that whilst I am happy to take-on the role until the September AGM, it does burden me somewhat. I remain hopeful that the AGM brings good tidings. Lance H.





<u>Valentine's Day (Saint's day)</u>. Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the 'Feast of Saint Valentine', is a holiday observed on 14th February. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it is not a holiday in most of them. Many people in countries such as Australia celebrate Valentine's Day by giving flowers, chocolates, jewellery or other presents of all shapes and sizes to their loved ones or those they admire. How sweet and lovely!

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Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Queensland State Equestrian Complex on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

Opening. The President, Devin Pearce, opened the meeting at 7:34pm and welcomed those present. 1.

2. Present. As per the attendance book.

Apologies. Vince Blanchard, Kerri Tittor, Allan and Sue Adams, James Lock, Barry 3 Manks, Victoria and Mitch Lewis, Chris Dutton, Robert Jones, Kevin Huckel, Darren Chalk, Ross and Jan Carstairs and Alan Benson.

4. New Members. Michael Baldwin, Naosha Chalvatzis and Glenn Jackson.

Visitors. Waine Von Pein, Jan Tillack, Sean Collins, D. Smith, Glenn Jackson, W. 5. Pinky and Wayne?

Birthdays. Willy Hinds, Rod Constable, Carl East, Bruce Hartshorn, Tim Howe, Scott 6 Heard, Bevan Holding, Lu Racchi, Frank Van-Look and Carl East. The President congratulated the Vice President John Hogg on the birth of his grandchild.

Minutes of the General Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014. Confirmation and matters rising from the previ-7. ous minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014. Taken as read. *Moved* Jan Badham and *seconded* Carl Joester that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Carried.

8. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes. Nil.

Speaker. The President introduced the guest speakers from FW1 Cleaning Wax. Bhupi with two help-9. ers demonstrated their product that cleans and waxes your car. They donated two cans to be raffled; winners were: Robert Blake and Waine Von Pein.

Correspondence In. Resignation of the Treasurer; CRCC donations from 10 2010-2015; Change of Meeting Venue for April's Meeting; Top of the Town, Stanthorpe; Taylors Panels; FX-FJ Holden Club of Queensland; Change of Address, WEB-STA COM AU; Classic and Historical Automobile Club of Caboolture; Lockyer Valley, Showgrounds; Nambour Swap 25/07/15; Classic Car and Bike Rally 28/02/15; Queensland Historic Motoring Council Reports; Charity Day Morayfield Shopping Centre 17/02/15; Unit Plaques & Trophies under new ownership; Classic Car Restorations payment; Commonwealth Bank statement.

Correspondence Out. Secretary to Lance Haslewood requesting copy of his letter to the Queensland Department of Education, dated 18/01/15, requesting the hire of the Stanley River Environmental Education Centre (SREEC) for 03-05 October.

Junk Mail. Bizfur, Wide Span Sheds, Danny's Desks and Chairs, Australia Post and Empire Furniture. 12. Moved Jan Badham and seconded Cathy Kuhrt that the correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

13. Elections. Due to the resignation of the Treasurer, Newsletter Editor 1 and Show 'N Shine Coordinators 1 and 2, an election was held to fill the positions. The results were:

- Treasurer moved Cathy Kuhrt that Warren Pavey be Treasurer. Accepted by Warren. а.
- b. Newsletter Editor 1 – moved Cathy Kuhrt that Lance Haslewood be Editor 1. Accepted by Lance.
- Show 'N Shine 1 moved Cathy Kuhrt that Kevin Lewis fill the position. Accepted by Kevin. c.
- d. Show 'N Shine 2 - moved Cathy Kuhrt that Warren Pavey fill the position. Accepted by Warren.
- Motions accepted by show of hands. Congratulations to all. 14.
- 15. Executive Reports.
- President. The President reported that the Christmas party numbers were good, held at the Caboola. ture Historical Village. Australia Day also held at the Village but only nine cars turned-up. Devin putup a 3x3 margue flying the Club flag and handed-out brochures promoting the Club. Sending text messages as a reminder of the General Meeting well accepted. Over the Christmas break, the President read the last four years of the Club's Minutes, pretty good, had a happy family feeling and very proud to be associated with a club that donated to worthy charities. His ambition is to grow the Club and to generate funds for the Community. *Moved* Devin Pearce seconded Cathy Kuhrt. All in favour. Carried.
- Treasurer. The newly-elected Treasurer, Warren Pavey, reported that the b. Club is in safe hands and that the books were well-managed by the previous Treasurer. *Moved* Warren Pavey and *seconded* Lance Haslewood.







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- c. <u>Run Coordinator 2.</u> Reported as Run Coordinator 1 (Vince Blanchard) was an apology with Robert Dalton suggesting the following: a) Breakfast run to Woodford. b) Day Runs on Australia Day, Swap Meets, Show 'N Shine, Clean-Up Day, Harry's Diner. c) Overnight Run Tambourine. d) Hazeldean (two-day). The objectives of these runs is for families, children should be free, vehicle run, mingle, snacks and have a purpose. Dates to be ascertained. *Moved* Robert Dalton and *seconded* John Hogg.
- d. <u>Editor, Membership, Webmaster.</u> Lance spoke about the website and Facebook and encouraged everyone to get involved with them. Eight non-claimed Club shirts have been claimed and will bring balance and sizes to next meeting to determine their disposal. Australia Day at Samford very good. Will be ordering more caps, plus bucket hats, stickers and will enquire about the purchase of sew-on Club patches. Lance outlined the costs of the web site and said that the hosting and domain accounts were due at the beginning of March. He would pay and claim reimbursement. *Moved* Lance Haslewood and *seconded* Cathy Kuhrt.
- e. <u>Swap Meet Coordinator.</u> Cathy Kuhrt said there would be a meeting in the following week at the Caboolture Showgrounds to go over things. Our newsletter sent to Morayfield Shopping Centre. Cyril Bates will display his car in the Centre on 11 to 13 June 2015 to promote the Swap and Show 'N Shine which is to be held on 20 June 2015. Need volunteers for gates, swap etc. Brian Bates at Caboolture Bowl has kindly offered to make a donation for the Swap Meet. *Moved* Cathy Kuhrt and *seconded* Tim Calkin.
- f. <u>Show 'N Shine Coordinator 1.</u> Kevin Lewis reported all going smooth but need six more sponsors and someone to judge the cars. Trophy World helping with prizes. Music still to be determined. Kevin requested that the Club go ahead and purchase the trophies and music etc. *Moved* Kevin Lewis and *seconded* Tim Calkin. All in favour.
- 16. <u>Coffee Break.</u> The President adjoined the meeting at 8:45pm. On return the raffles were drawn with five prizes given.
- 17. <u>General Business.</u>
- a. <u>Donations.</u> The Treasurer spoke of the donations list as mentioned in Para 15a; SES, Friends of the Street etc., and that the Club have funds available. At this point the Treasurer had to leave the meeting as it was his wife's birthday.
- b. <u>Angel Flight Donation.</u> Lindsay Bell from Angel Flight presented the Club with a plaque in appreciation of its 2014 donation.
- c. <u>Aussie Day, Lakeside.</u> Denis Seidel called for interest to attend the Fair Dinkum Aussie Day at Lakeside Raceway on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. Meet at BP South at 7:00am for a 7:30 departure. The event is all-Australian cars only. Check Facebook and the web site..
- d. <u>Ideas Put Forward.</u> Look at high schools to have a program to enable a student to qualify for scholarship to get cars on road or donate to a school program for apprenticeships or work with young people. Bandt King and Cathy Kuhrt will try to locate Friends of the Street people. Leukemiaa Foundation Wamuran Men's shed will help with BBQ contact Jane McMillan. Sean Collins, Chaplain at Morayfield State School, contact Julie Hose.
- e. <u>Caboolture Hospital Donations.</u> Rosina Bright spoke about donations that the Club have given to Caboolture Hospital. Requests for Club to consider donating three resuscitation beds for the recovery room, otherwise patients get transferred to other hospitals. Rosina is looking into updating the Club's first aid kit.
- f. <u>Swap Show & Shine.</u> The President and Cathy Kuhrt showed a map of the showgrounds area. Entrance on foot; \$5.00 per person, electric signs; \$50.00. SES help set-up Friday night 3:00pm – 8:00pm, 19th June 2015. Member set-up 2:00pm. Need volunteers for ticket booths and judge for People's Choice. Know of any other sponsors please see Devin.
- g. Boys Brigade. Graham Pitts contact, \$10.00 at Gate. Free sausage. \$4.00 bacon & egg.
- h. <u>Christmas Function/Coordinator.</u> Richard Droughton, Christmas Party Coordinator, spoke about the venue for last year's Christmas function held at the Caboolture Historical Village. This year's venue discussed and dates to be considered are 20, 27 November or 4 December. *Moved* Richard Droughton and *seconded* Doug Appleton. All in favour.
- 18. <u>Next meeting.</u> There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 9:50pm and thanked all for their attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at 7.30pm.

Janette Badham Secretary 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Samford Museum Australia Day Run, 26 January 2015 .... Noel and Rosemary

were the first to arrive at BP South followed by yours truly. Time for a quick coffee and a light brekky at Maccas before the others arrived. Come 7:30 am there was a good roll-up, however the departure was delayed 30 minutes to await a late-comer. This was no big deal as it gave extra chatting time.

Led by Noel and Rosemary in their blue HR ute, we headed-off on the most direct route to Brendale where Bob and Narelle Farmer and Murray Izard were waiting. No time for milling, so on the roll once again to Samford via Eatons Crossing, this time with me leading. Being caught behind a stock FJ, the run from Brendale to Samford was at a slow pace which was good as it kept the group together.

Normal congestion greeted us at Samford and getting into the venue was a little slow. Unfortunately due to the relatively small area in which to park and with it being already two-thirds full, CRCC members were dispersed over several locations, but everybody was well-placed and not hemmed-in which made our 11:00am departure easy.

With the sun bearing-down and little shade on the oval, we were thankful that a member had brought a gazebo which was hastily erected and gave some relief from the heat. It wasn't long before the 11:00am departure approached, and with everybody watered and fed compliments of the vouchers provided by the museum, we pulled-stumps and headed-off to the Pitstop Café at Ocean View for lunch.

The run to Ocean View was as casual as the trip to Samford, however, I'm led to believe that a couple of members inadvertently took a wrong turn at Dayboro and were not seen again. They may have finished-up at Petrie. Whilst I do not know the circumstances, it is always in one's best interest to keep-up with the group and not lag behind.

Enroute to Ocean View, the weather quickly changed with storms buildingup to the west. I think we were all a little nervous as storms can be very unpredictable, however, they were fizzers. Plenty of cloud and a light sprinkle.

Lunch was a social affair where everyone mingled, chatted, ate and hydrated. As the afternoon wore-on people started to depart with some

heading back towards Dayboro while others towards D'Aguilar.

In summary .... a nice relaxing, day with a combination of driving, socializing and consuming. No better way to spend Australia Day 2015. *Lance H.* 

**Committee Reshuffle:** Unfortunately, the Club received several resignations in December which required some reshuffling and 'hiring' to fill the vacant positions. Resignations included the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and the two show 'n shine coordinators. **Ed Roberts** (Secretary) was in his second term on the committee and during this time he had done an excellent job, not only in his role as Secretary, but also offering his time in assisting the Club in other capacities. **Col Jurkiewicz** (Treasurer) was a long-term member of the committee whose relaxed but professional approach earnt him respect and esteem. He will be sorely missed. Col served approximately five years as Treasurer. **Victoria Lewis** (Editor) was in her second term on the committee and did a great job in ensuring that the newsletter was published in a timely and efficient manner.

The Committee and members of the Caboolture Regional Car Club sincerely thank the above members for their efforts and contribution to the Club during their term on the committee. It is emphasised that all positions on the committee are purely voluntary and that members do have other commitments and priorities. Sometimes these commitments and priorities prevent members from effectively fulfilling their roles and therefore they must give way to these needs.

The following members have either volunteered of have been elected into the vacant positions. They are: Secretary (Jan Badham), Treasurer (Warren Pavey), Editor (Lance Haslewood), Show 'N Shine Coordinators (Devin Pearce, Kevin Lewis and Warren Pavey). Thank you to these individuals for taking-on these responsibilities.

A special thanks to the President, Devin Pearce, who was quick on the ball by convening an Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting to resolve some urgent Club business and to fill the vacant committee positions.



### Run suggestions will be considered ....

Do you have a run destination in mind? Perhaps an overnighter somewhere or to a place within reasonable distance which the Club has not visited before. Then please pass your ideas onto the run coordinators, Vince or Rob for consideration.

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### What's Up The Road ....

Sun 15 Feb. Mt Nebo. Late breakfast/early lunch at Café Boombaba. Meet BP South at 8:00am for a 8:30am departure. <u>Club</u> <u>run.</u>

**Sun 01 Mar. Fair Dinkum Aussie Day, Lakeside.** Meet BP South at 7:00am for a 7:30am departure.

**Sun 15 Mar. Kenilworth.** Visit the Kenilworth Cheese Factory followed by Lunch at the Kenilworth Hotel. Meet BP North at 8:00am for a 8:30am departure. Further details TBA. *Club run.* 

#### Regular Optional Runs.

**Each Thursday Night:** Rick's Garage & Diner, 14-16 Margaret Street, Palmwoods. 5:00pm to 10:30pm. Make own arrangements.

#### Each Friday Night:

- <u>Petrie Markets</u>.
- <u>Munch Inn.</u> Corner Beaudesert Road and Elizabeth Street, Acacia Ridge. Meet BP South Caboolture at 5:15pm for a 5:30pm departure. Petrie Markets. Meet BP South Caboolture at 6:30pm.

**Each Sunday:** Bribie Island Hotel Cruise 'N Show 'N Shine and Indoor Retro Markets. Gold coin entry. Prizes which include fuel vouchers, cash, hampers food and drinks. Supporting the Endeavour Foundation. 29 Sylvan Beach Esplanade. 9:00am - 1:00pm. Lacey on 0468 634 037.

**<u>Each Saturday and Sunday</u>**: Esk, Nanango, Kenilworth, Gympie, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Beachmere, Bribie Island. Run to be organised prior to the event by an appointed run organiser.

**<u>1st, 2nd and 4th Friday:</u>** Harry's Diner, Newmarket Road, Newmarket (Brisbane). Meet BP South Caboolture at 6:30pm. Enjoy the many different makes and models of 'Old Skool' and modern cars which congregate at Harry's Diner each Friday evening. Excellent dining also.

**<u>1st and 3rd Friday</u>**: Annie's Diner, 405 Elizabeth Avenue, Kippa-Ring. 5:30pm-8:30pm. Great food, music, award-winning coffee and the best milkshakes in town.

**<u>3rd Friday:</u>** Auto One Kawana, 6:00pm till late.

**<u>1st and 3rd Saturday</u>**: Redcliffe, Scarborough or Sandgate Cruise. Meet BP South Caboolture at 7:15pm. Destination to be decided on the night.

**<u>1st Saturday:</u>** 'Old Skool Cars N Street Machines', Woolworths Car Park (opposite Masters), Morayfield Road Morayfield. 5:00pm to 8:30pm. \$5.00 for entrants.

**Last Sunday.** Ningi Plaza Car Show. Around 1:00pm - 5:00pm. Event not held January. Nil cost to entrants.

**<u>2nd Saturday</u>**: Zone Car Show. Zone Shopping Centre carpark, 743-757 Deception Bay Road, Rothwell. 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Inquiries Tina 0423 928 993.

Last Saturday. Masters, Northlakes. Pre-1980 vehicles. 5:00pm.

**1st Sunday.** Poison Kandy Klothing and Memorabilia. Hotrods, Muscle Cars, Motorcycles and Car Enthusiasts. 8:00am to 10:00am. Shop 10, Frizzo Road, Palmview. Next to the Aussie World.

**<u>2nd Sunday</u>**. Happy Valley Caloundra for Breakfast. BYO food, drinks and chairs. Meet 'Big Fish' at 7:30am for a 8:00am departure. Happy Valley is the hubbub hanging over Caloundra's Clark Place Park, on the shores of Bulcock Beach.

Thinking of contributing to the newsletter, or perhaps you would like to have a go at writing one? Submissions to be sent-in by the first Wednesday of the month, please. Remaining hopeful!



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**HOLDEN** 'Dashing through the dirt in a rusty Holden ute' was the call that replaced the traditional Christmas anthem of a 'one-horse open sleigh'. Just goes to show how highly regarded Holden is. In 1949, the first all-Australian-produced automobile was sold for just £316 (\$632). A bargain these days, but at the time it was equivalent to 94 weeks wages for the average Aussie worker. Still, 18,000 people signed-up and paid a deposit before even laying eyes on the sturdy metal beast. The Holden was the quintessential Aussie car, before 1978 saw the Commodore roll into our driveways and we've been hooked since. Sales even held-up as America's Ford

and the Japanese auto companies sent their models to our shores. However, all that glistens isn't gold; General Motors said it will cease onshore Holden production by 2017. Best focus on those golden years....

Joke of the week from Cyril .... Two female teachers take a group of students from Grades 1, 2 and 3 on a field trip to Flemington Racecourse during Melbourne Cup week. When it is time to take the kids to the toilet, it is decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys with another. The teacher assigned to the boys is waiting outside the men's toilet when one of the boys comes out and tells her that none of them can reach the urinal. Having no choice, she goes inside, assists the little boys with their pants, and began hoisting them up one-by-one, and even directing the flow away from their clothes. As she lifts one boy up, she can't help but notice that he is unusually well-developed. Trying not to show that she is staring, the teacher says, "You must be in Grade 3?" "No ma'am", he replies. "I'm riding Black Caviar in the next race, but I really appreciate your help!"

**Unclaimed Shirts:** For the last year or more I (Membership) have been talking about a quantity of Club shirts which have been unclaimed by past members, some of which are several years old. The question is, what is the Club going to do with these shirts? At the December meeting I advised that I would write to each of the owners advising them that their shirt/s remained unclaimed and if not collected by the 4th February General Meeting, they would be disposed of at the discretion of the Club. I'm please to say, that as a result of these letters, I able to pass-on several shirts to their owners, however, a



quantity still remain. These shirts will now be made available to members and a determination on how this will be done will be decided at the March meeting. The quantity and sizes of these shirts are as follows: 1 x S, 2 x M, 2 x L, 2 x XL, 1 x 2XL, 2 x 3XL, 1 x 6XL and 1 x Size 14 Singlet. Total 12.



Cyril Bates with his FJ ute, Tony Steensen with his HQ Monaro and Bevan Holding with his 1960 Chev.

Australia Day Celebrations at the **Caboolture Historical Village.** 

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### QHMC Bulletin 1-2015 SIVS Registration Scheme

27th January 2015

#### To: QHMC Club Delegates and Affiliated Clubs

Subject: SIVS – the current position

# The following statement is to clarify the QHMC's position on amendments to Queensland's SIVS registration scheme.

Early 2014, the QHMC and other groups that comprise the Motoring Organisation and Car Club group (and regularly meet with the Department of Transport and Main Roads), discussed the matter of changes to the SIVS scheme and the possibility of adopting an optional logbook system along the lines of that currently in use in Victoria.

DTMR investigated the proposal and produced a plan and costings for such a scheme for consideration. It was proposed to operate in conjunction with the current SIVS arrangements. This was put to a vote of all QHMC member clubs, however it failed to receive majority support and as a result DTMR decided to withdraw the proposal.

#### **Pertinent points**

The decision not to pursue the matter further was made by the 2013-2014 QHMC Management Committee. The current committee is aware of the reasons for this and is fully supportive of the decision.

The current committee is not lobbying for change to the SIVS requirements, nor is it a current topic of discussion.

The QHMC constitution is very clear that majority support is required before such matters can be pursued. Given there have been no significant changes to the issue which may alter the outcome of any discussions; there are no current plans to revisit this matter.

Any member club can have this issue reconsidered by the QHMC committee by submitting a detailed written proposal outlining the proposed changes, a business case supporting the change and an indication that, if put to a vote of member clubs, there is a reasonable prospect of achieving majority support, and how this was determined.

QHMC can provide information on the costings and mandatory requirements set out by DTMR in its proposal. The decision to take such proposals to a vote of QHMC member clubs will be entirely at the discretion of the management committee.

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Christine Stevens PRESIDENT Queensland Historic Motoring Council (Inc.)

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recently I made contact with Aussie expatriate John Coulman who lives in Los Angeles, USA. John has a 4.2 Hatch which he purchased from an American owner. Here's what John had to say ...

Hi Lance, yeh I'm an Aussie. Used to live in Latrobe Valley town of Churchill, about 90 miles SE of Melbourne. OK, so one day I'm reading the newspaper here in LA and there's an ad for a 1973 Holden SS in there. Well I call and this guy who is an American, says he has a Holden for sale. I slide on over and it's a 1976 SS Torana Hatch. I was thinking it was a HQ SS Monaro because it was in the ad as a 1973.

It seems he had lived in Adelaide for a while and brought some Aussie cars back with him; the Torana, plus an E48 Hemi Charger. He needed some

money and was selling the 4.2 SS Hatchback. When I saw it I was kind of taken-back; why was it listed as a 1973? Turns-out he had altered the VIN tag so he could register it without smog. If you don't know, smogging a car is a big deal here in California which has the strictest anti-polluting laws in the country. But anything pre-1974 is exempt from smog laws. Anyway, I bought the car and felt young again!

When I was 19, I had an A9X that was tricked-out by the Brock workshops in Melbourne. Shit did that thing go!!!! Wish I still had the A9X, but like most, I sold it to get money to buy a house. The kid who bought it from me smashed it up and suffered severe brain damage as a result of the accident. He had owned the car just two months. A complete waste of youth and machine.

Anyhow, there are lots of Aussie cars over here in the USA, mostly muscle cars; XA/XB GT Falcons, Chargers, Monaros, Commodores (Clint Eastwood has a 1984 Brock VK SS), but I know of only two Toranas. There are also many utes and early body-styles that are unique to Oz. I've even seen a HX Sandman Panel van getting about.

You kind of get odd looks driving around in the Torana. Oddly, some people know what it is but most think it's a Chevy Vega with bolt-ons. Some comments are, "Is it a Japanese Nova, or a European Vega?" (dumbarses, these Yanks. No idea at all!). But it's the right-hand drive (RHD) that gets them! They just can't work that one out.

I have another RHD car, a 1963 Chevy that I've had for about 35 years. It was a US Consulate car from Melbourne which was especially imported for the Consulate. They used it until 1965 when it was sold at public auction to a car dealer from Traralgon, Victoria. He drove the Chevy until he put a rod out of the block in 1975, bought it in 1978 and restored it over about three years, then shipped here to the USA in about 1994. It is a 1963 Imapla sport sedan, 409ci, four-speed, LSD, p/windows, p/steering, p/brakes, aircon and a special radio. There were just six of these cars made, and a very fast car as well.

I think my Torana must be the most photographed in the world. Every Aussie that comes into work for parts sees it and takes a snapshot, or when I take it to a swap-meet, like Pomona or Longbeach the Aussies go nuts. It's 60 questions time!

I've even been stopped on the freeway by a van load of drunken Aussie tourists. Well it's great to hear from a fellow Aussie and Holden enthusiast, hope we can help each other and that I haven't bored you too much.

Thanks,

John Coulman

Seen on a service station sign: 'Come in! Let us shock, tyre, brake and exhaust you!'

hen I go to my local Repco store to get oil and a filter for my Torrie, I buy my wife a bouquet of flowers on display near the checkout counter. During one trip, some women in the queue behind me were oohing and aahing about a husband getting flowers for his wife. "How often do you do that?" one asked. Before I could answer, the checkout girl, more familiar with my routine, said, "Every three months or 5000 kilometres – which ever comes first."

he policeman couldn't believe his eyes when he saw a woman drive past him on the freeway, busily knitting. Quickly he pulled along side the vehicle, wound down his window and shouted, "PULL OVER!" "No", the woman yelled back cheerfully. "Socks, actually."

A policeman on his horse says to little girl on her new bike, "Did Santa get you that nice bike?" "Yes." she replies. "Well tell Santa to put a reflector light on it next year," and fines her \$5. The little girl looks-up at the policeman and says, "Nice horse you've got there. Did Santa bring you that, too?" The policeman chuckles and replies, "He sure did!" "Well", says the little girl. "Next year, tell Santa that the dick belongs under the horse and not on top of it!"



## <u>Air or Nitrogen</u>

Using nitrogen in lieu of air tyres is not new. It has been used in the aviation industry for many, many years, and in more recent times, the motor racing industry. The use of nitrogen is extremely popular in the USA and in Europe where it is used extensively in heavy transport, agricultural machinery and domestic vehicles.

Nitrogen is a completely inert, non-combustible, non-flammable, non-corrosive, and environmentally friendly gas. Unlike air, which when compressed produces heat and moisture, and is affected by pressure variations due to fluctuations in outside temperature, nitrogen does not.

An example of pressure variations associated with air is that on hot days tyre pressure will increase, and on cool days tyre pressure will decrease. Similarly, as the tyre temperature increases due to friction while driving, so the pressure in your tyres also increases.

In addition to the above, air also expands with altitude and for this very important reason it is not used in aircraft tyres.

It has been determined, although some will not agree, that tyres filled with nitrogen from the outset will give 25-48% longer life and will be more fuel-efficient. This is because tyres will maintain a constant pressure and therefore will give better handling. Goodyear Tyre Company in the USA states that nitrogen used in tyre inflation in automobiles will not only save drivers fuel but would make their driving safer.

Tests revealed that fuel mileage dropped by as much as 10% when a tyre is under-inflated. With radial tyres, it is difficult to know that your tyres are under-inflated by just looking at them. With nitrogen in your tyres, this would not happen as nitrogen maintains a constant pressure under all conditions.

**Nitrogen is now available to the Australian** motoring public and can be bought at most major tyre outlets. There are also some mobile services in operation. Those considering changing to nitrogen will need to consider the price which is in the vicinity of \$20.00 per tyre. This may appear expensive, but when considering the benefits such as longer tyre life, better handling and improved economy, the expense may be worth it.

Did you know that the composition of air is about 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen.



**Did you know** that Australia Day (26th January) is a day to celebrate the past, present and future of our country. It is a commemoration of the day that members of the First Fleet landed in Sydney Cove in 1788, as well as a celebration of all the achievements of our country. At its core, Australia Day is driven by communities who celebrate everything they love about living in Australia and about being Australian.

**Talkative Parrot:** A drunk driver in Mexico City probably wishes he'd left his pet parrot at home the day the police pulled him over at a RBT check stop. It's possible that Guillermo Reyes may have been able to fake sobriety, but his parrot blew his cover by saying, "He's drunk, he's drunk." Initially the police thought that there was somebody in the back seat but on closer inspection they found the parrot. Figuring the bird knew his master and was 'parroting' the truth, the officer tested Reyes for alcohol and he was found to be impaired and was promptly arrested for drunk driving.

**2015** Club Christmas Function. The proposed dates for the 2015 Club Christmas Function are 20 and 27 November and 04 December. The venue has yet to be decided although some prefer a park environment or perhaps a hall where attendees are not separated. The Caboolture Historical Village has such a hall. Topic for discussion and determination at the March general meeting. Coordinator for the event is Richard Droughton.

#### FEBRUARY 2015

#### **TAPPET CHATTER**



# <u>The Caboolture Regional Car Club</u> welcomes the following new members:

<u>September 2014</u>

BRODIE DEDOES, I 968 CHEV IMPALA.

JOHN JEFFREY, 1968 FORD MUSTANG.

Philip Barnes, 1987 Ford LTD, 2002 Ford Falcon. <u>Tim Calkin</u>, 1970 Holden Torana LC, 2007 Holden Club Sport.

#### <u>November 2014</u>

JAMES LOCK JR, 1969 FORD FALCON XW.

Doug Appleton, 1958 Ford Customline, 1981 Chev Corvette, 1988 Jaguar XJS12.

David Spencer, 1978 Corvette.

MICHAEL WHYTE, 1971 CHEV IMPALA WAGON.

PETER SCOTNEY, 1978 HOLDEN KINGSWOOD.

#### <u>DECEMBER 2014</u>

CLAIRE STRICKFUSS, 2013 KIA SPORTAGE.

<u>John Westhuis</u>, 1956 Holden FE Sedan.

#### <u>February 2015</u>

Michael Baldwin, Ron Anderson, 2002 Holden Monaro.

Naosha Chalvatzis, 1975 Holden HJ, 1984 Renault Fuego, 1986 Volvo 360.

Glenn Jackson, 1947 Dodge Ute, 1956 Holden FJ.

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**Lindsay Bell** from Morayfield Lions Club and representing Angel Flight made a surprise visit to the Club's February General Meeting to present a certificate-of-appreciation to the Caboolture Regional Car Club for its contribution to Angel Flight. It was in 2014 that the Club made a donation in support of this organisation. The certificate was accepted by CRCC President Devin Pearce.

#### <u>A little about Angel Flight .....</u>

A ngel Flight Australia is a charity that coordinates non-emergency flights for financially and medically needy people. All flights are free and assist patients or compassionate carers travelling to or from medical facilities anywhere in Australia. Angel Flight, launched as an Australian charity in April 2003, is the initiative of Bill Bristow AM, a successful businessman, experienced pilot and very proud winner of the Australian of the Year Award -Queensland 2005.

In 2009, Bill was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for service to rural and remote communities through the establishment of Angel Flight Australia and as a supporter of charitable organisations.

#### January

- 01, Carl Talboys. 04, Phil Gannon.
- 11, David Spencer.
- 14, John Dickson.
- 16, Mark Booth.
- 20, Dennis Seidel.
- 21, Frank Craig.
- 23, David Glastonbuty.
- 23, Col Jurkiewicz.
- 24, Ron Anderson.
- 25, Tony Gillard.
- 26, Greg Jarvis.
- 25, Troy O'Brien.
- 26, Steven Ryan.
- 26, Andre Stimmler.

28, Jason Brown.28, Darren Chalk.28, Wayde Williams.29, Steven Smart.30, Allan Adams.

### February

- 03, Carl East.
- 05 Bevan Holding.
- 07, Frank Van Look.
- 09, Tim Howe.
- 15, Willy Hinds.
- 19, Scott Heard.
- 18, Bruce Hartshorn.
- 22, Lu Racchi.
- 26, Rod Constable.

**TAPPET CHATTER** 



**Volunteers needed** .... Volunteers are required to help with the Club Swap, Show 'N Shine. This is a big event which requires considerable preparation, organising and ground-work particularly on the day. Please contact the coordinators if you can offer assistance.

**Car provided for Club display** .... As a promotion for the Swap, Show 'N Shine, the Club displays a member's car in the Morayfield Shopping Centre for three days generally in the week leading-up to the event. The dates will be Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June inclusive. Cyril Bates has kindly offered to display one of his cars for this period. Members are requested to assist with the display by handing-out swap and show 'n sine material as well as promoting the Club. A roster will be published in the newsletter and on the web site in due course.

### <u>2014-2015 CLUB MEMBERSHIP</u>

Just a gentle reminder that your Club membership is due by 30th June. Please note that it is a Club requirement that members complete a 'Membership Renewal Form' when renewing their membership as

this ensures that Club records are kept up-to-date. <u>A partially completed form will not be accepted.</u> The renewal fee is \$20.00 single and \$30.00 dual. The completed form and accompanying payment is to be presented to the Treasurer or Membership Officer. Payment method preferred is money order, cheque or cash.

No electronic transfers please.

A current membership list may be found in the 'Membership Section' of the web site (www.crcc.com.au).

**Wanted: HQ GTS Monaro.** Willing to pay good money for the right car. Contact Steve on 0410 148 631.