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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have just attended my President's Run as postponed from last year to this month and which we changed the day from Thursday to the Wednesday due to the forecasted rain which did arrive as forecast. It was a relaxing drive south of Brisbane through Beaudesert for morning tea at the well set up tourist information centre. After that we drove down to the Canungra Hotel for lunch which was a great venue to finish the run at. Also, a new member Peter Bell and his partner from Nerang attended in their very original 1963 Humber Vogue which I believe came out of South Australia. This Vogue is one of the more original unrestored I have seen, so we will look forward to catching up again with you Peter!

If you get a chance check out the RGCCQLD Website which has been updated recently and let us know what you think. A big thank-you to Lachlan Pierce, Lyn Phillips and Clyde Northcott for all their hard work in getting it up to date. There is however some further work around events notification both on the website and the Club's Facebook page, so watch this space!

There is information regarding the July event where we will be driving our cars up to Stanthorpe on July 14 for three days for a winter event. If you would like to attend there is information in the newsletter and I would encourage you to contact the venue as soon as possible as it only has limited rooms available.

As I mentioned last month, we travelled to Auckland to pack up our Fiat Coupe 16V Turbo which we are importing to Australia in May. We also caught up with Jeremy Taggs who runs a business called Bespoke Glass which is a windscreen supplier for any make of vehicle. He can supply and ship new laminated windscreens all over the world and can custom make ones for hot rods and the like. We purchased a front screen for our Singer Chamois Coupe which as Imp owners know are different from the sedan ones. We also purchased a front screen for the Fiat Coupe as well as a spare just in case as these cars were never sold in Australia unlike New Zealand.

Jeremy also has a Hillman Californian rally car, a Hillman Hunter and a Commer Cob van which is now along with the Hillman Husky's are very sought after vehicles.

After we finished loading the windscreen and other parts into the Fiat we headed south to stay with our friends Peter and Barbara Crawford in Marton which is a small town thirty minutes out of Palmerston North. Peter is restoring an Austin A40 Countryman so we spent three days completing the interior and fitting the glass into it.

Peter has a really beautiful Mark 3 Humber Sceptre (probably one of the best examples I have ever seen) and a Sunbeam Imp. He has wrecked many Imps over the years and is now downsizing his spare parts, in particular his engine and gearbox parts.

So, we loaded up these parts into his trailer and took them up to the second-hand spares location in Tirau run by the Sunbeam Car Club of New Zealand. As I have mentioned before the Sunbeam Car Club of New Zealand under the direction of Ian and Ken do a great job saving scrapped Rootes cars for parts to members.

Until next month look forward to catching up at the May event.

Enough from me, if you have any suggestions, comments or questions please feel free to contact me directly at [elizabethkindy@westnet.com.au](mailto:elizabethkindy@westnet.com.au)

David Phillips.

**Don't Forget: Next Event**

**DAVID HACK CLASSIC - TOOWOOMBA**

**Meet at Plainland McDonalds 07:30 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

# UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Do you have an idea for a run or event? Please contact the Events Co-ordinator! Thank you.

Month	Date	Day	Event / Address	Address	Sponsor	Start
May	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Laidley/Lockyer Swap Meet	Laidley Showgrounds		06:30
May	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Warwick Swap	Morgan Park Raceway		06:00
May	16 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday to Monday	Humber National Meeting	Parkes NSW	Humber Car Club of Australia	
May	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	David Hack Classic	Toowoomba Airport	RGCCQ	07:30
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Ipswich Car Club Combined Run	Meet at Cameron Park, Booval	RGCCQ	09:00
July	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Mac's Bridge	Caboolture Aerodrome	TSOAQ / MX5 Club	07:00
July	14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Winter Overnighter	Stanthorpe Region – Multi-day event Booking by 28 April – see newsletter	RGCCQ	
Aug	TBA	Saturday	Rootes Roundup	Highvale	RGCCQ	
Sept	12 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday to Monday	Sunbeam National Meeting	Victor Harbor, South Australia	Sunbeam Owners Club SA	
Sept	14 <sup>th</sup> *	Sunday	All British Day	St Joseph's School Tennyson	RGCCQ	
Oct	TBA	TBA	Northern Run	North Brisbane / Sunshine Coast	RGCCQ	
Nov	TBA	TBA	Christmas Party	Somewhere nice and cool ☺	RGCCQ	
Dec	Nil	Nil	No Event			

➤ ITEMS IN BLUE: CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS

➤ ITEMS IN BLACK: EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

## REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE

This is NOT a complete list. If you can recommend another, let us know so we can add it to our list.

Old Petrie Town, Petrie-Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

1st Saturday of month 7.30 am - Cars and Coffee -Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo

1st Sunday of month 7.00 am - Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops

2nd Sat of month 7.30 am - Coffee, Crunch and Chrome - Joes Diner - Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm

2nd Sunday of month 7.00 am Cars and Coffee - Spokes Café, Samford Village

Last Saturday of month 8.00 am Cars and Coffee - Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd.

Last Sunday of month 8.00 am Breakfast and Cars, Beenleigh Historic Village

2nd Sunday of month 10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel -Berrima St Wynnum

Wednesdays 5-8pm - Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East



## JULY EVENT – WINTER OVERNIGHTER



Come along to Stanthorpe for some winter air over three nights in July.

Your club has pre-booked 6 cabins at the Granite Belt Retreat and Winery for the nights of Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th of July on a \$411 stay 3, pay for 2 deal. Includes 3 nights accommodation, daily breakfast and antipasto platter for two. More information on the venue is at [granitebeltretreat.com.au](http://granitebeltretreat.com.au)

More accommodation is available but **bookings must be secured by this coming Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Relax in your cosy timber cabin, warm your toes in front of your private log fire, enjoy peaceful walks on nearby trails or explore Girraween National Park. Rob and Gayle Heiner have organised daily events including shed visits and winery tours - bring your Rootes vehicle and make the most of this beautiful part of Queensland.

The resort is located at 146 Glenlyon Drive, Stanthorpe, Queensland

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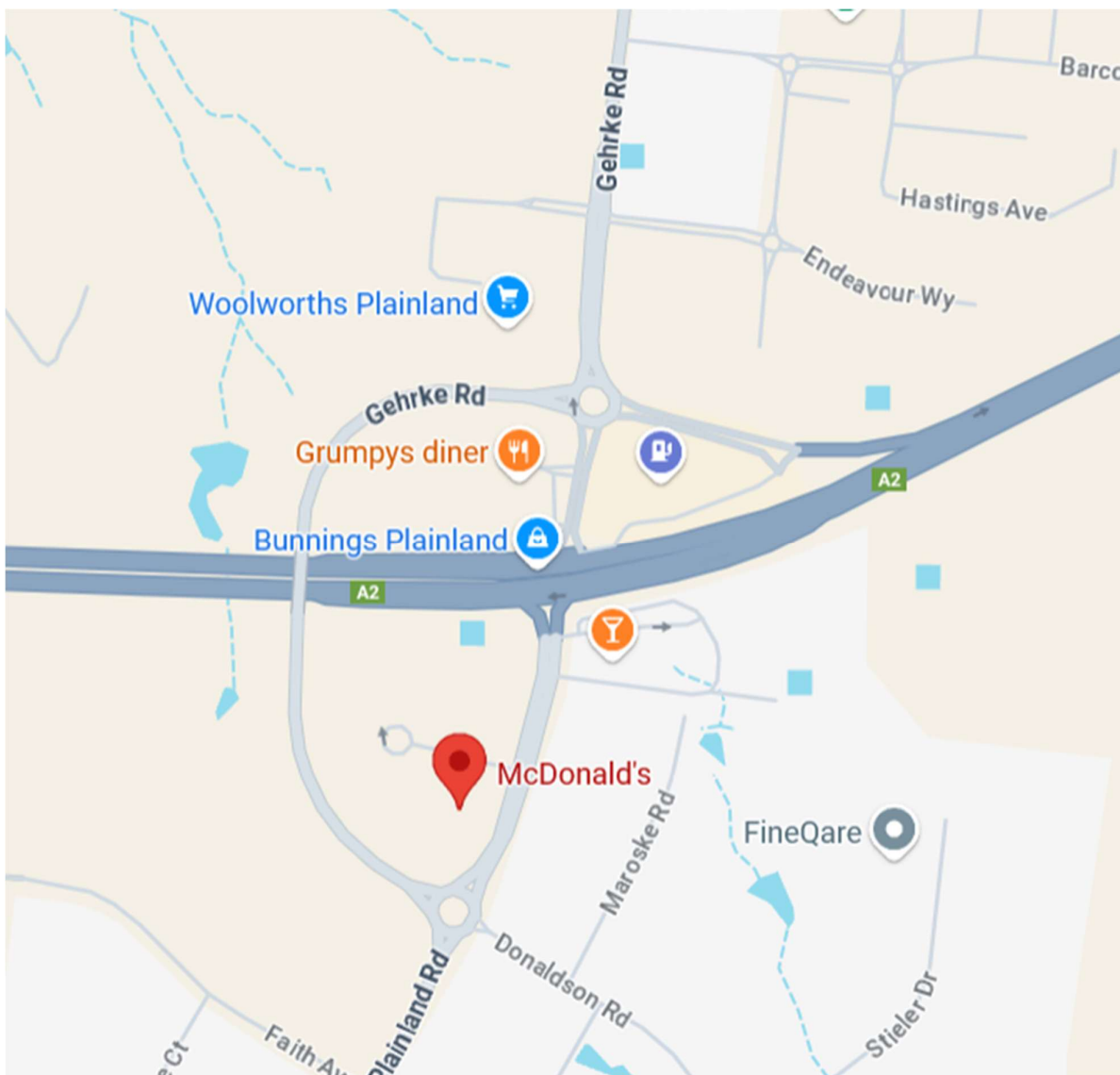
# R.G.C.C.Q. MAY EVENT David Hack Classic - Toowoomba

**07:30 a.m. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Meet at Plainland McDonalds, 64 Laidley - Plainland Road, Plainland**

**Arrive at 07:30 a.m. for an 08:00 a.m. departure**

**Event gates open from 08:30, it is a 45 minute drive from meeting place to Event.**



**If coming from Brisbane, exit to the left then right into Maccas.**

**There is an Ampol fuel station on opposite side of highway via overpass.**

**See official flyer on next page.**

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Rotary   
Club of Toowoomba North



**8:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**AEROTEC HANGAR Spitfire Street  
TOOWOOMBA CITY AERODROME**

**Exhibitors: \$20 per vehicle (gate open 7:00 am)**

**Public: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under FREE**

**Family: \$40 (2 adults & teenagers)**

Registration and entry available at the gate or online via Try Booking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CWLZT> or QR code



**Note** refunds will not be offered for online payments if you do not attend

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# R.G.C.C.Q.

## APRIL EVENT

### President's Southside Mystery Run

We bought this event forwards by one day as the Thursday forecast was dismal (they were right!) but Wednesday was perfect. Sunny and cool enough and thankfully the roads were fairly quiet all day. We met up at Acacia Ridge and caught up with John and Pauline Harris – John still recovering from recent surgery which has curtailed only his driving while he makes a full recovery –then we headed south.



After about 50 minutes we pulled in to the Beaudesert Visitors Centre and got some nice under-tree parking. There was a bus tour there and I spent a happy few minutes talking with an ex-UK lady Alpine owner who claimed to have driven her Alpine in all weathers with the roof down. Wasn't enough to convince me to leave the hardtop at home though – it's a Qld blazing sun thing....





The Visitors Centre does a good line in coffee and Devonshire teas and after a while we heading south again in to Beaudesert township before cutting north and east. The conventional (boring) route is to head further north then take the main road; our tour guides took us the much more scenic route through Biddaddaba and Wonglepong and we emerged at Canungra for lunch at the Canungra Hotel. An interesting drive through varying scenery and a short gravel section – the gravel bit was a small price to pay for being able to enjoy the otherwise quiet roads.







At Canungra we were joined by new members Peter and Trish Bell with their recently purchased Humber Vogue. Peter reckons it's the second slowest vehicle he's ever owned but having recently been re-commissioned the car's run to Canungra was a good shake-down. We look forward to seeing more of this car and hearing how Peter improves it and gets it back to perfect condition.

After a rather nice lunch and some drinks it was time to head off home. I hadn't noticed the gathering clouds and we endured a short shower before having a fairly clear run back to Brisbane – yes, with the roof on! A very enjoyable day – it's always good to give our old machines a good run in the country. Thanks to David and Lyn Phillips for organising the run and to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day.



## ROOTES RAMBLINGS APRIL 2025

Well, here we are in May and the Federal election is upon us and I'm sure after what seems like a six month campaign we are all well and truly over it. But we live in the best democracy in the world and this is the way to keep it that way. Let us hope that our elected officials do their best for the Country!

I must say I am enjoying these runs lately as they take us to places I didn't know existed and I catch up with lovely people!!! The President's Run via Beaudesert to Canungra was very enjoyable. What a great decision to bring the day forward as we had a beautiful day for the run and as expected it poured with rain on Thursday! The countryside looks wonderful after all the rain and the views were terrific.

It was a good length too and gave my old beast, the car I mean, a chance to stretch its legs as I tried to maintain contact with a flying Tiger, a rampant Maserhumber (driven by Lyn Senna!!) - I'm sure that's what Bob Otto said!!!) and a mighty Mazbeam 6 driven by Bob Piastrini!!! On arrival at Canungra, we met Peter and Trish in their Humber Vogue which Peter has just managed to get back on the road after many owners and very little use – great stuff. We had another pleasant drive home, thanks Clyde, and just managed to garage the S.Snipe before the rain came. Thanks to David and Lyn for organising the day.

ANZAC Day has come upon us again and we pause for what seems just a few brief moments to thank all those men and women who have given so much that we can live in our wonderful country. This year I have chosen a couple of stories which show that even in the worst moments and conditions our Australian humour shines through with these words from my Dad's memoirs (Colonel J.M. Grant MC. VD.) from WW1 in Egypt and on Gallipoli.

*"Looking back now a number of funny incidents come to mind which happened during our training in Egypt and during our stay on Anzac. Major F.A. Hughes popularly known as Gus, who commanded the 7th Battery AFA from Queensland was a very popular officer with a keen wit and quick repartee and anyone trying to take a rise out of him had to be pretty smart. One day his Bde ( Brigade) Commander, Colonel Rosenthal took all his Battery commanders out into the desert to explain to them all on the spot the details of a night scheme that he had planned for that night. After riding for many miles out into the desert which consisted of rolling sand dunes with absolutely no landmarks of any kind whatever, he pointed out certain positions which the batteries were to take up that night, leaving camp at midnight and to be in position ready for action at dawn. Maj Hughes realised that this was almost an impossibility as it would have been hard enough to return to the exact spot even by daylight, so calling his orderly and handing him his pocket torch he ordered him to unobtrusively drop out of the cavalcade and remain on the spot facing the direction the party took on its return to camp. He was to remain there till the battery arrived in the vicinity, flashing his torch at intervals after midnight to guide them to the spot. On the arrival of the Bde Commander at daylight, the only Battery in position was the 7th Bty, Maj Hughes. The Bde Commander called all Battery Commanders in for a talk and told them how disappointed he was at their failure to find their positions and indicated that their night marching training needed brightening up. He then called on Maj Hughes to explain the method by which he located the correct Position. On hearing Gus's simple explanation the other Battery Commanders nearly fell off their horses with laughter but the Bde Commander nearly had a fit with rage. At another artillery scheme Maj. Hughes battery was to take up a position to defend an imaginary beach against an imaginary enemy landing. The imaginary sea being indicated by a line on the map. All went well till at lunch time when the scheme was called off for an hour and Hughes decided to move his Battery out of the hot sun to the shade of a clump of palm trees not far away in the imaginary ocean. Their lunch was interrupted by an angry Bde Commander asking Hughes "Didn't he know that he was half a mile out in the sea" - Hughes replied "Yes certainly Sir, but the tide is out." On account of the smallness of the area within our lines at Anzac, units were much closer to each other than they were later on in France and it was possible to meet and get to know the officers and men of the different units and see more of them than was possible in France later on. There were several very outstanding men who came away as Padres with the different units and of the ones I was lucky enough to come in contact with and for whom I have the greatest respect and admiration for was Padre Dexter DSO MC, C of E., Padre McPhie, Presbyterian, Padre Father Fahey, RC and Captain Mc Kenzie of the Salvation Army, better known as Fighting Mac. Padre Dexter as he used to say in his unregenerative days was a Captain in the Mercantile Marine and at one time used to run pilgrims across the Red Sea on their way to Mecca. The trip only took a day or so but when the pilgrims found out that their passage money did not include food and water their anger rose hour by hour and the ship generally arrived in port with the white crew on the bridge and upper deck with steam hoses rigged and ready and a howling mob of fanatics below threatening murder. However, they were so hungry and thirsty that they could not get ashore fast enough when the ship berthed.*

*Padre Dexter also served in the Boer War as a trooper and won the DCM and it was after this that he joined the Church. For his work in France, he was awarded the DSO. Father Fahey was attached to the 11th Bn and came from Coolgardie. He was very well liked by the tough miners who made up a large percentage of that Battalion. One day shortly after the landing he came down to 3rd Bde HQ together with some other officers of the Bn and during the conversation Gen McLagan suddenly said, "by the way Padre, what's this I hear, about you carrying a rifle on the day of the Landing". "No No not me Sir "said Father Fahey not batting an eye. "Yes yes said the General laughing." "Well Sir said Father Fahey with a broad grin, I was firing at a thousand yards and it was God's mercy if I hit anyone."!! Everyone laughed including the General and the matter ended there. Later on I got to know him very well and thought a lot of him. He was well liked by all classes and creeds as they were all one to him. He was invalided to England and I never saw him again except for meeting him on one occasion by chance at our HQ in a French village called Sailly sur Lys. He looked very surprised at seeing me and then grabbed me and kissed me saying I was told you had been killed. We had a happy chat and then he had to leave and I never saw him again."*

To those who returned and to those who never returned from all our conflicts, We Will Remember Them. As a sobering thought I learned today, there are 103,000 names on the Roll of Honour at the National War Museum and the average age is 23years! Nothing more needs to be said and we thank the men and women who continue to uphold that tradition.

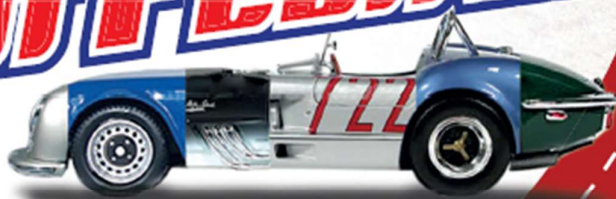
I look forward to seeing you out on the next run,

Regards, Adrian



# 2025 MAC'S BRIDGE

# Classic Car & Aircraft Festival



**SUNDAY JULY 6 | 2025 | CABOOLTURE AERO CLUB**  
**Aerodrome Road, Caboolture**

(see reverse for location map and directions)

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TRIUMPH SPORTS OWNERS ASSOCIATION QLD, MX5 CLUB QLD and CABOOLTURE AERO CLUB are organising the 2025 event with a larger display of classic aircraft and a new food court featuring an undercover seating area adjacent to vans offering a variety of menus and drinks.

Three awards for "Presidents Choice" will be presented at 11:00am.

## FURTHER ENQUIRIES

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PEARCE BOWMAN - pearcebowman@gmail.com

## ENTRANCE FEES

DISPLAY CAR - \$20 PER CAR

VISITORS (INCLUDING PARKING) - \$15 PER CAR

Payment is available at the gate via cash or eftpos.

Tickets for entry via the express lane can be purchased from the link below.

## GATES OPEN

DISPLAY CARS - 7:00AM

VISITORS - 9:00AM



## TICKETS

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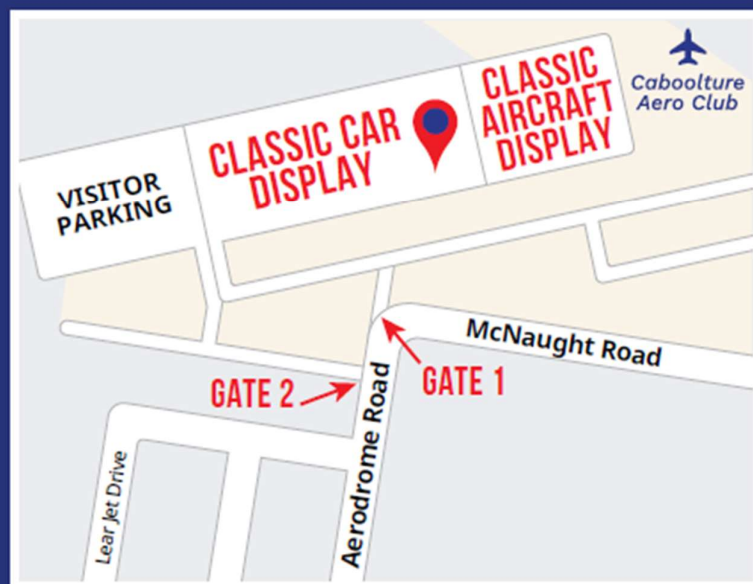
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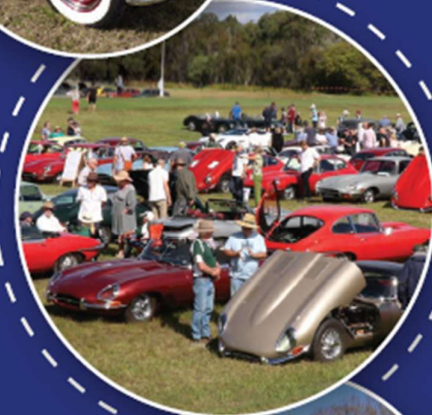
### DIRECTIONS

PLENTY OF OFF-STREET PARKING  
AVAILABLE FOR VISITORS



From BRUCE HIGHWAY, take Bribie Island off ramp (exit 152A) and proceed towards Bribie, keeping in left lane. Take the left turn at the first set of traffic lights, keeping in the right hand of the two left turn lanes.

After the turn, keep straight on along Aerodrome Rd until you reach the airfield and follow local direction signs.



## My Classic Journey – Pt 8

After driving the Series 2 Humber Super Snipe for the next twelve months I really had to make a decision on whether I should keep it and the Humber Vogue for my every day drive. Where I parked under my place of work which in those days was Suncorp I only had a very small and tight car space so the decision was made to sell the Super Snipe. This happened very quickly and the new owner came down from Bundaberg, did the deal and drove it home on the same day with no issues. I have not seen that car since then so I would assume it is still in the same location.

I continued for several more years driving the Vogue which in spite of being an automatic turned out to be a reliable mode of transport driving to and from work.

One day I was driving along Ipswich Road near Five Ways in Woolloongabba when I spotted a car for sale at the back of a second hand dealer's lot. I drove in for a better look and the car which grabbed my attention was a later 1997 Alfa Romeo Sud Sprint (the one with the galvanised body). These Alfa's were the last of Sud coupe bodies just prior to the launch of the very successful Alfa 33 in Australia. Naturally, it was red (what other colour should an Alfa be!) and I in a moment of madness perhaps traded in the Vogue for the Alfa Romeo. I must confess I did have an interest in Alfa Romeos due to the fact that my father when he lived in Hong Kong purchased an Alfa Romeo 75 two Litre twin spark in 1997. I suppose I was smitten by the Italian car bug back then, even though the 75 had some really interesting electrical quirks due to the high humidity of summers in Hong Kong. I do remember opening the electronic sunroof and attempting to close it unsuccessfully when a summer storm suddenly hit us off the South China Sea. The water in the cabin did not help the dodgy electronics and my father in frustration traded it in for a Mazda 323 Astina which proved for the remaining duration of his time in Hong Kong to be a very reliable car.

Anyway, back to the Alfa Sud Sprint which proved to be a very reliable and fun car to drive and was one of the best front drive handling cars I have ever owned. That is until the Fiat Coupe I bought a few years ago, but that story is for a later edition of my car journey.

The Alfa Sud Sprint was a really fun car for the next few years, however I was now smitten by the Italian car bug and really wanted to buy a car which not only would handle well but would have more horsepower. I was using an Alfa service garage on Lutwyche Road and from time to time would have cars on consignment for sale from their customers. At this point in time there were two Alfa Romeo GTV6's for sale and the one that stood out was a 1987 model with a full grand prix body kit on it which looked pretty amazing to me at the time. The GTV6 had the legendary Busso V6 motor which according to Jeremy Clarkson of Top Gear fame was one of the all-time great engines which was originally developed for the Alfa Romeo 6 sedan (never a great selling vehicle). It was developed initially as a 2.5l V6 and over the next quarter of a century expanded out to a 3.2l V6 with the last Alfa Romeo model being the Alfa GT which finished production in 2010.

Unfortunately, Fiat at this point in time was experiencing financial pressures and GM came along and invested heavily in the company with the plan to takeover Fiat. Unfortunately, they jointly developed a new V6 which used Holden Commodore engine components which were put into the very beautiful Alfa Romeo Brera and the Alfa Romeo 159. Great looking cars but the V6 engine used experienced many issues and was not a patch on the old Busso motor.

Thankfully for the Fiat Group the GFC hit and GM experienced its own financial issues and the vision of GM taking over the Fiat Group faded into the sunset so as to speak. How Fiat benefitted from the GFC is really a story for another time, but needless to say they benefited from the GM investment which allowed them to ultimately takeover the Chrysler Group in the USA. This gave them access to the technology in the Chrysler 300 series and Jeep models, and an access point with existing models into the USA market.

Enough for history at this point in time and I will continue my Alfa Romeo and Italian car journey next month.

To Be Continued. **David Phillips.**

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Your club has a good collection of Regalia items for sale – perfect indulgences!  
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Price: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$20.00



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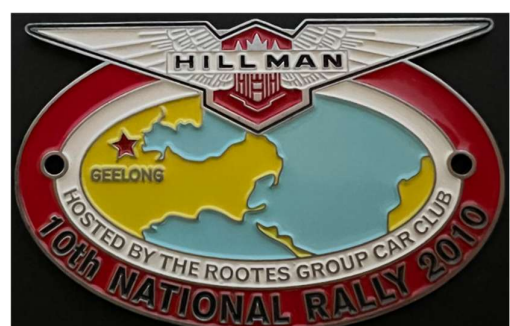
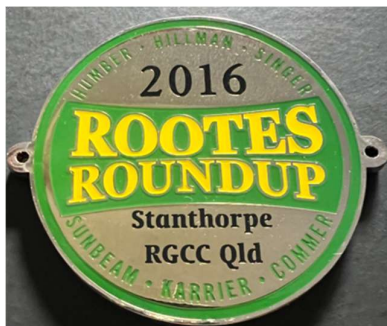
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**Club meetings are usually held as published in the Events Calendar. Friends and prospective members are ALWAYS welcome. The next scheduled Committee meeting is at a date to be advised.**

## MEMBERS: CREATE YOUR OWN IMPROMPTU EVENT

LEAD OTHERS TO A FAVOURITE SPOT OF YOUR CHOOSING. ENJOY THEIR COMPANY  
IN THE CLASSIC CARS

REMEMBER TO CARRY A COPY OF THE IMPROMPTU EVENT WITH YOU WHEN  
DRIVING TO AND FROM ANY EVENT





## 47th Sunbeam National Meeting 2025



**A Victor Harbor Encounter**  
**September 12th – 15th 2025**



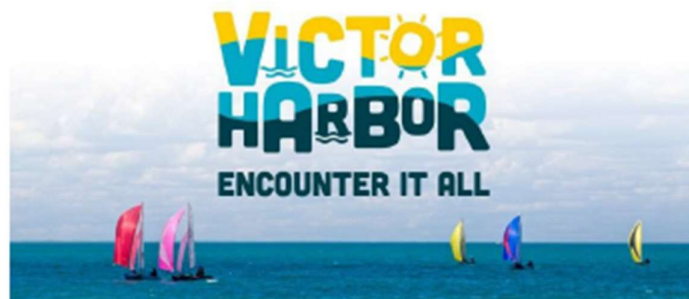
Phone: 0417 458 736

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web: <http://www.sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au/NationalsSA>

register: Post to PO Box 112, Glenside SA 5065,  
or email to [nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au](mailto:nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au)





**We look forward to your company at the 2025 Sunbeam Nationals in Victor Harbor, South Australia**

The Sunbeam Car Owners Club of South Australia is delighted to host the 2025 Nationals and has selected the Fleurieu Peninsula city of Victor Harbor as the venue for the annual gathering.

Victor Harbor enjoys fine daily weather and pleasant evenings in spring, perfect for motoring and outdoor activities. These are very good reasons for selecting September 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for our annual gathering.

Our program is designed to include only a few of the best experiences that the Fleurieu can offer, with an opportunity to extend your stay and participate in other features of the area.

We have found a comfortable balance in our program to provide you with time to indulge your motoring passion, mixed with a level of organised social activities but with free time to follow individual interests. You can choose your own level of culinary experiences to fit with your preferences and budget in comfortable and affordable accommodation.

It is now time for you to make your bookings and pay your deposits. You can do this by completing the Registration Form in this publication and posting it to us, or you can email it to us. You can then electronically pay your registration deposit or fees in full. Please note that cheques can no longer be accepted.

You will also need to book your accommodation directly with the McCracken Country Club.

**\*Please refer to important booking details in the "Accommodation Booking" section.\***

On behalf of the Sunbeam Car Owners Club of SA Inc and the 2025 Nationals organising committee, we look forward to your company at Victor Harbor.

Paul Heuer  
National Meeting 2025 Chairman



**We thank The Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc for their support.**

## 47<sup>th</sup> Sunbeam National Meeting – Victor Harbor – 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Name preferred for your name tag

Booking in the name of		
Address		
	postcode	
'phone	preferred daytime	mobile
email		
Club		
Names of other persons attending (name preferred for their name tag)	1.	2.
	3.	4.
Driver/Vehicle Details	Driver	
	Make	Model/Year
	Colour	Reg'n
Do you wish to enter your Sunbeam for judging? If yes, indicate which category.		
	Pre-War	Series Alpine
	Mark Alpine	Tiger
	Talbot	Rapier
	Post 1968 (include model)	
Do you have any dietary requirements?		
Do you have any disability or other special access needs?		
Office use only	Date entered to database _____ Deposit rec. _____ Balance rec. _____	

Complete and post this registration to PO Box 112, Glenside SA 5065.  
 EFT your payment of \$280pp in full, or deposit of \$100pp to BSB 805 005, Account 100257162 (Sunbeam Car Owners Club of SA Inc) Please include your name and state as the transfer reference.  
**DEPOSITS REQUIRED BY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025, FINAL PAYMENTS BY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CHEQUE**  
 Arrangements for other payment instalments can be made on request.  
 You can also scan and then email your registration to [nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au](mailto:nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au)  
 A copy of this Registration Package and form can be found at <http://www.sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au/Nationals-SA>



## Club Regalia

See the special promotion in this newsletter. Get in quick – or miss out 😊

## Impromptu Events / COVID

Financial / Current Members – create your own impromptu event.

Lead others to a favourite spot of your choosing and enjoy their company in their classic cars.

Remember to carry a copy of the impromptu event approval with you when driving to and from any event.

It is also wise to carry a printed copy of the invitation / newsletter excerpt / webpage of any event you are travelling to and from in case you are pulled over for any reason.

The Management Committee recommend the following advice be offered to our members who may be contemplating taking part in Club activities in the future:

The Club's website has an Application Form that when fully completed is automatically sent to the Events Manager.

His job will then require resending the Application as an email to ALL members.

Accordingly, the Application will require a start time and those members wishing to take part in the Event will need to phone the Applicant to obtain the requisite details.

It is anticipated that these Impromptu Events will often take place during mid-week outside of the regular Club events.

You will be asked to obtain the names of attendees and for them to sign an attendance sheet.

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/World-of-Rootes-Group-Cars> (Over 3000 photos)

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rootes-Group-Buy-or-Sell-Cars-and-or-Parts>

### WEARING OF SEAT BELTS—CLASSIC VEHICLES

The government camera scheme to detect wearing of seatbelts has been clarified by the Transport Main Roads with respect to wearing them whilst in a Classic car built prior to 1969 (when seat-belts were not installed when manufactured). A representative of the TMR has stated that all photos taken are cross-referenced with the vehicle registration details and if the vehicle is prior to 1969 and NO belts were fitted, NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD OCCUR—THE PHOTO WOULD BE DISMISSED.

However, if a photo was inadvertently processed and a summons was issued, contact TMR and they will deal with it in your favour.

## DISCLAIMER

Readers of this magazine are advised to use caution in following any technical or other advice that may be given in any article, as the Club and committee cannot accept responsibility for its accuracy or reliability. The views expressed by correspondents do not necessarily represent the views of the Club

**Don't Forget: Next Event**

**DAVID HACK CLASSIC - TOOWOOMBA**

**Meet at Plainland McDonalds 07:30 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

# HUMBER HOSPITALITY

A service offered by all Australian Humber car clubs, including ours.

A volunteer service of "tea and sympathy" (followed by help where possible) for members experiencing vehicle breakdowns while travelling interstate.

Please use this service responsibly and call for assistance only where you and / or the Automobile Road Service are unable to rectify the problem.

(ACT) Rod Calvert. Farrer. Phone: 02 6286 4035

(NSW) Bruce Carpenter. Maryland (Newcastle). Phone 0414 619 108

(NSW) Jack Harris. 218 Duff Street, Broken Hill 2880. Phone 08 8088 5843

(NSW) Roger Foote, Eastwood (Sydney). Phone 0448 HUMBER

(NSW) Denis Boyle. 51 Shelleys Lane, Thirlmere (SW Sydney). Phone 02 4683 0643 / 0478 047 690

(NSW) Alan Lindsay "Winamie" 595 Rocky Range Road Delegate (SE NSW). Phone 0428 588 083

(QLD) Lawrie and Jean Bennett. Carina (E Brisbane). Phone 07 3398 5062

(QLD) Adrian Grant. The Gap (W Brisbane). Phone 07 3300 3955 or 0434 383 055

(QLD) Max Webster. 576 Drayton Connection Rd, Finnie (Toowoomba). Phone 0418 716 268

(VIC) Bob Kennedy. Glenlyon (near Daylesford). Phone 03 5348 7692

(VIC) Keith Willimott. Watsonia (NE Melbourne). Phone 03 9435 6354

(WA) Brian and Rosemary Phillips. Gooseberry Hill (E Perth). Phone 08 9293 2674

(SA) Winston Bryant. Blakeview. (near Gawler). Phone 0403 024 385

## MEMBERS OFFERING SERVICES

**Some of our club's members offer services that may assist you with your Rootes classic.**

Their contact details are listed here free of charge as a club service as part of their own club membership.

(Any errors or omissions please let us know, and we'll fix next issue..)

- **John Harris (Rootes Rochedale)** can assist with Rootes parts and mechanical services.  
Phone number (07) 3341 5555  
email: [rootesro@outlook.com](mailto:rootesro@outlook.com)
- **CARB TECH:** Paul White at Redcliffe 0417 713 662 can service most makes of carburettors on Classic Cars
- **Frank Schoenberger:** manufactures most rubber products for Rootes Cars. [www.rootesautoparts.com](http://www.rootesautoparts.com)
- **Michael Pyne:** has a Tilt truck towing business 0438 717 665 email: [mvptow@gmail.com](mailto:mvptow@gmail.com)

