



GRAFTON VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CLUB INC.

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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Adventures on the Road: US Highway 66, popularly known as Route 66 is the United States of America's first all-weather highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles. Route 66 was established in 1926, and the entire route was paved by 1938. It originally ran from Chicago, Illinois, through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California before ending at the Pacific Ocean at the Santa Monica Pier (CA), covering a total of 2,448 miles (3,940 km).



As you know your editors had a short holiday to the USA. We took several days through California before going to Topock, Arizona. This is the start of Route 66 eastbound through Arizona. Our room overlooked the Colorado River, at the border of California, Nevada & Arizona.

The next day on to Oatman an old mining town populated by 98 humans and 500 burros. From there we continued travel on 66 through 3 more historic towns till our detour to the Grand Canyon, back to Williams then to Flagstaff. From there we left 66 and went south past Tucson for a catch-up with Wendy's brothers. Some pics of 66.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2025

Will the rain ever stop. Unfortunately Relay for Life had to be cancelled due to condition of the grounds. The event has been transferred to the Race Course, so if you plan to participate that is where to go.

Progress is being made to the renovation of the toilet/shower block, again with the continued rain there has been delays as well, but hopefully all will be finished sooner rather than later.

Same can't be said however for the camping area, wet weather is causing major delays but once dry it will be done and improved.

The team Aidan event staged last Sunday for Mother's Day went off extremely well, with a good roll up from Club Members and others. Well done to all involved in helping raise much needed donations in support of a great cause.

Last weekend I attended the Historic Racing event held at Morgan Park Raceway at Warwick. Great weekend with mixed results, but outstanding effort from Club Member Nick Fuller as a standout winner, in his very quick Toyota Corolla. If you want to see some great older cars including Holdens, Fords, Mini's etc. this is the type of meeting that you should attend.

MOTORFEST planning is progressing well, members get your cars ready for display, with Holden the Marque car for this year's event on the 17th August. Contact Dave Andrews for further information.

Other things to remember – **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** 28th May. If you can bring a plate or something that can be auctioned, please contact Graham Hicks on 0427007075. **BEEF WEEK** in Casino on 1st June. Leaving Jabour Park at 7.00am, always a great day with great selection of all types of vehicles. **CLUB MEMBERSHIPS** are now due before late fees imposed if paid after the 30th June. If paying by bank transfer or by internet banking please indicate your name for Laurie, just makes things a lot easier.

That's all for now, but if you have an interesting article or want to talk about your vehicle, contact myself or Wendy and get it into the magazine for all to share.

Kim Dahl.

President

Treasurer's Lament -- By Laurie Fitzpatrick - Treasurer

I have received a great response to membership payments, but unfortunately, I have three unidentified payments. Can anyone who has paid their membership and not received a receipt and card, please contact me via phone (0418 431 567). The details of the payments are listed below and have no record of the member's name or invoice number.

4/5/2025 Transfer from SAV 10560xxx Ref#1103164334 Membership	\$60.00
5/5/2025 Direct Credit BANK OF QLD – 0000027 (one digit missing)	\$60.00
11/5/2025 Transfer from SAV 10682xxx Ref#1105050808 Club fees	\$60.00
16/5/2025 Transfer from SAV 10598xxx Ref#1106454329 GVMVC	
	member ship \$60.00

I am unable to identify which member they are from and there are no further details available from the Bank. **Please ensure any payments have at least the Invoice number and preferably a name.**



2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are required to be paid before 30th June 2025.

- Members should receive an invoice for their fees, but fees can be paid for period to 30th June 2026 at any time.

Fees are to remain at present amount:

- \$60.00 per member which also includes any partner advised to us.
- An additional \$30.00 fee for postage provides the member with a paper copy of the monthly magazine. Remaining members receive magazine via email.
- Payments made after 30th June will incur a \$40.00 late payment fee and members are reminded that your conditional registration is only current if you are a financial member of the Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc.
- If you have not paid your membership by 30th June, you will be unfinancial, and any vehicle on Historic registration is considered unregistered.

TO REGISTER NOW, PLEASE USE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE



RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

GRAFTON VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CLUB

NAME..... PARTNERS NAME.....
FULL ADDRESS.....
TOWN..... POST CODE.....
PHONE..... MOBILE.....
EMAIL.....

The annual membership fee of \$60.00 dual, for NON-EMAIL members a postage fee for the newsletter of \$30.00 applies. The renewal form along with payment must be returned to the Treasurer prior to the 30th June, or a late fee of \$40.00 will be charged. Annual membership is from 1st July to 30th June of each year. **Members not renewing** their membership by the due date will be classed as un-financial and will not qualify for Historic Registration.

VEHICLES ON GVMVC REGISTRATION (H plate or Conditional plate)

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NOTE: The only vehicles accepted for Club registration, are those listed on your renewal form. If you intend to add any vehicle under historic registration, you must inform the Club within 7 days and be bound by the current rules and regulations as set by Transport New South Wales.

ALSO: Any vehicle that has had a Pink Slip Inspection must as well be inspected by an authorised Inspector of the GVMVC before renewal is granted.

I agree to be bound by the Rules of the GRAFTON VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CLUB

SIGN HERE..... DATE.....

Payment to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 523, Grafton NSW 2460...OR

Direct Debit Account: Full name: GVMVC-Bank BCU- BSB 533 000 A/C 32857631 and email this form to Treasurer: Bank Reference: Name and Membership.

IN THE LAST MONTH



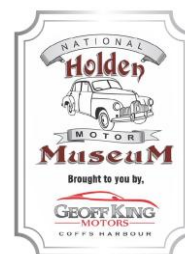
Chatsworth Island & Brooms Head

At 9:00am on Thursday 24 th April members departed Jabour Park, South Grafton and travelled as a group to the Chatsworth Island Coffee Shop for Morning Tea and latter on to the Brooms Head Bowling Club for a pleasant lunch. There were smiles all around as Members praised the General Store Coffee Shop for its great coffee and the Bowling Club for a lovely Chinese meal.



Holden Museum, Coffs Harbour, for Mourning Tea and Coramba Hotel for Lunch.

On Thursday morning 14 vintage & classic cars departed Jabour Park carrying 22 enthusiastic GVMVC members for a casual drive down the Pacific Motorway to the National Holden Museum and National Cartoon Gallery in Coffs Harbour.



Group briefing from El Presidente before hitting the road!

Most of the member's cars found their way to the Museum without getting lost ☺ We were greeted at the Museum by volunteer, Steve Little, who gave us a very

informative rundown of the Museum/Gallery and Bunker's history. The Bunker is a very important part of our local WW2 history. GVMVC members then had a wander through the downstairs Cartoon Gallery, having quite a few chuckles at the funny cartoons on display as part the current exhibition titled: Artificial Irreverence - A cheeky look at technology through cartoons. Fortunately, not all of the 20,000+ cartoon collection were on display! Then onto the impressive display of rare and interesting Holden cars provided by Geoff King.

Bruce sharing his extensive knowledge of Holden cars with some of the group.

These include some of Peter Brock's race cars as well as some original Police cars and rare production Holdens.



We enjoyed a break with coffee and sweets at the onsite café before grouping downstairs for a group photo.



.... then on to the Coramba Hotel for lunch

Most of the members then drove on to the Coramba Hotel for a delicious lunch, and a long chat, before making their own way home. This is a great venue for a group lunch and the food was delicious.



It was good to see some new faces joining us for a great day out. Everyone had a good day, with lots of laughter and camaraderie in the group. We hope to see more members at our future GVMC Cars'N'Coffee runs and club events.

Thank you to Kim Dahl for organising our day out.

Cheers, Irwin

Team Aidan – Show and Shine

On Sunday 11 May 2025 the Show and Shine

This Car Show was held at Grafton Racecourse on Mother's Day, in conjunction with GVMVC. Its purpose is to raise awareness and funds to support Cancer patients travel. The report is over \$15,000 was raised. Go Team Aidan.



A couple of showers did not deter 88 vehicles.

2 Trucks, a dozen Bikes & 70 Cars of a Wide vintage who came along to support this Worthy cause. Thank you to our members who bought their car out for the day.

A couple of pics of the vehicles.
And a Drovers dog.



A Special Thank you to Team Aidan and the GVMVC Volunteers who help to make this such a successful event for all.

COMING SOON

Sun May 25, 2025, 3:00pm - 6:00pm GVMVC Monthly Meeting (3:00pm)

General Meeting and BBQ at Jabour Park Club facilities. Meeting to be followed by sausage and sizzle for attendees.

Wed 28 May 2025, 9:30 – 12:00 pm Biggest Morning Tea hosted by GVMVC

Members and Friends please come along to Jabour Park at 10am on Wednesday 28th May to help us raise money for the Cancer Council.

We will be holding an Auction during the morning and if you can help with some items for the Auction, or if you need any more information, please call:

Graeme Hicks at 0427 007 075



Sun 1 Jun 2025, 7:00am - 4:00pm Casino Beef Week - Show'n'Shine

Meet at Jabour Park for an early departure at 7am.

Pick up north Grafton members at Junction Hill and then on to Casino for the Show'n'Shine in the main street at Casino. This is traditionally a big event with a vast range of cars on display. Plenty of food and drink at the cafes and pubs in Casino. Members make their own way home after the event.

Contact Doug Clark on 0427 665 200 and let him know you're joining the group for the day.

Thu 12 Jun 2025, 9:00am - 4:00pm Cars & Coffee - Moonee Beach & Mylstrom

Members depart Jabour Park, South Grafton @ 9am and travel as a group to Moonee Beach for morning Tea on the water's edge. Then we travel as a group down sections of the old Pacific Highway to the North Shore Bowling Club, Mylstrom for a scrumptious lunch. Members then make their own way home following lunch.

Please contact Sue (0402 806 812) before Tuesday 10th June so she can arrange bookings.

Sun 22 Jun 2025, 8:00am - 3:00pm Wings & Wheels Show'n'Shine, South Grafton

The annual Wings and Wheels Show'n'Shine organised by the South Grafton Aeroclub.

Contact Bob King on 6642 4227 for additional information.

Sat 26 Jul 2025 Christmas in July

Christmas in July allows GVMVC members to join for an enjoyable and festive weekend. This year the maximum number of members has been locked in as all 17 rooms have been booked.

Those who have signed up for this event need to pay the \$300 cost following the instructions below.

Payment Details: Money to be Deposited into the Club Travel Account:

BSB: 637000 Account #: 725798644 Reference: Your Surname

On July 26, Members will meet in Jabour Park and travel as a group to Heritage Hotel/Motel in Dorrigo. We will stop for morning tea and lunch. The Christmas celebration will include an Ugly Christmas jumper. The group will then return on Sunday, July 27. More details to follow in next month's magazine.

Contact: Robyn Dunstan (0427 565 155)

Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club Inc. *July 2025*

Xmas in July 2025 Saturday 26th July, Venue is Heritage Hotel/Motel Dorrigo NSW

Accommodation is \$ 170.00 per Room, with ensuite. There are 15 Rooms booked for this Event.

We have also booked our Meal \$45 per head. Includes a Full Buffet of Seafood Plus traditional Xmas Fare.

Please if you are interested, please contact Robyn 0427 565 155, There has already been a lot of interest.



Sun 17 Aug 2025

Motorfest 25

Contact: David Andrews

0467 723 737

MOTORFEST 25

Sunday, 17th August 2025

Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, Etc.

FEATURED MARQUE: HOLDEN



Jabour Park, Minden Street, Sth.Grafton

Camping, Entertainment, Markets.

Judging from 9am to 11am

Entry Fee \$10 for any Vehicle

Spectators – Gold Coin Donation



General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 27 th April 2025

Held at Jabour Park South Grafton.

Meeting Opened 3.02 PM

Chairman Kim Dahl

Apologies Gramame Hicks, Sue Blake, Ian & Robyn Dunstan, Lyn Luscombe, Mak Maddrell.
m/s T. Raven, D. Clark they be accepted.

Attendance 42 as per attendance Book.

New members Abel Burchell – '74 Holden one tonner
Jim Colnan – Ariel NH 352 motorcycle
Joshua Lentfer – '94 Rodeo
Dan McDonough – '36 Morris 8
m/s T. Raven, D. Andrews they be received.

Visitors Nil

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read.
m/s P. Arnall, D. Clark they be accepted. Carried.

Treasurers Report The report was presented by the treasurer.
Moved L. Fitzpatrick, Second I. Perring that the report be accepted.
Carried.

Coming Events 8/5 Cars and Coffee
Racecourse 11/5
Relay for Life
Big Morning Tea 28/05
Beef week – 1/6
Motorfest

Past Events Chatsworth – 7 cars

General Business Work on showers and Toilets started.
Caravan Park stalled due to weather.

Meeting Closed 3.34 PM Next meeting Sunday 25 th May 2025 3.00pm

Attention Members

Members vehicles can be displayed on the Club Website. To have your pride and joy displayed, please send photos and short story to the club email.

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA

All welcome to join our Wednesday morning tea to meet new and old members. A light luncheon is served to those willing to work in maintaining our unique club.

CLUB NAME BADGES

Name badges are available to order from Kim Dahl at \$15 per badge, which includes Club Logo and your name.

PHOTO GALLERY

Have you noticed all the great photos on the Club Room walls? You too can have your car immortalised on the wall for \$15. Contact Kim Dahl to arrange a photo shoot.

INSPECTION FEE

All Club inspections of vehicles carried out by 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 agree 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.

CLUB APPAREL

Look the part when on Club Outings with any of the following Club apparel, on sale at the Club Room.

Sew on Patch \$8.	Polo Shirt \$40.	Dress Shirt \$45.
Car Grille Badge	Number Plate Surround	Caps and Bucket Hat
Jackets \$70		

Disclaimer

The information in this Magazine is supplied as a service to Club Members. Articles and other topics of interest are always welcomed and encouraged. The opinions expressed in the Newsletter are those of the Authors alone. Neither the Club nor any of its Officers accept any responsibility for the accuracy of the statements expressed.

Please Note:

If you are planning on attending an outing, please contact the organising person so the appropriate arrangement can be made for organising and catering, etc.

FOR SALE

**1983 Mitsubishi Sigma
Astron 2.6L, 4 Cyl Motor, AUTO
50000 on Meter (genuine km)
Good Condition \$3,000
Contact: Barry 0427 937 855**



FOR SALE

**1986 Mercedes 230E Recently resprayed
Contact Peter 0428 415 895**

FOR SALE

308 V8 motor Holden -black

**Turbo Bolt pattern. Electronic ignition. Radiator. Power Steering pump. Alternator. Carby (needs reconditioning). Motor has been in storage for a few years. Reconditioned heads & top end. New cam, lifters etc. Balancer. \$1000-00 or Best offer. Pick up Grafton.
Contact Brian at 0434 163 655. Leave message if unanswered.**

FOR SALE

1974 Jaguar XJ6 Series 2 -- Club Rego Current. \$14000



Long History of GVMVC owners. Very attractive red colour with maroon upholstery. Running and driving really well, with all the Jaguar characteristics. Short wheelbase model which is great for storage and parking. Well maintained and serviced. Recent major work includes reconditioned cylinder head, new brake callipers and pads, and air conditioning refurbished.

Contact Geoff at 0407 226 622

FOR SALE

**HJ 202, 3 SPEED RUNNING GEAR WITH BODY
Cheap: Contact Daniel Smith 0427 186 797**

Editor's Notes:

Articles Wanted. If you have a yarn to spin, a place on the road to explore, or an item to buy or sell, contact us:

Pat Richardson 0476 445 220 or zoomtopz@hotmail.com

Wendy Richardson 0476 229 698 or wburke8800@gmail.com

Articles and reports to be in by 15 th May. Thank you.

Upcoming Events 2025

Date	Club Event	Contact
Sunday 25th May 3pm	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow meeting.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 1 st June	Cassino Beef Week display	
Thursday 12 th June	Morning Tea: Moonee Beach Rundown sections of old highway to North Shore Bowling Club. Mylstrom for lunch	Irwin and Sue: 0402585720
Saturday 26 th - Sunday 27 th (overnight)	Christmas in July	Robyn: 0427565155
Sunday 27 th July	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 17th August	Motorfest	Dave Andrews: 0467723737
Sunday 31st August	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 28th September	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 26th October	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	
31st October 1st and 2 nd November	Jacaranda.	Doug Clark: 0427665200 Tom Raven: 0419888902
Sunday 30th November	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	
December	Christmas Party -TBA	

