

The Polishers Rag

Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club
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June 2026

Dedicated to the life-long enjoyment of historic vehicles by enthusiasts on the Darling Downs

CLUB AWARDS



David Grant the winner of the Gymkhana Rally



Noel Campbell the winner of the Ladies Rally

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Web sites:.....
..... **www.ddvvmc.com.au**
..... DDVVMC Facebook page

Meetings: Visitors welcome
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the DDVVMC Clubrooms, 2 Rocla Court, Toowoomba.

Mailing address:
DDVVMC, PO Box 486, Toowoomba Qld 4350
Clubroom p: 07 4633 3181

Workshop
Workshop open
Monday nights from (approx) 7pm to 9pm
Wednesday afternoons from (approx) 1pm to 5pm.

Next General meeting
7.00 pm Thursday 11th June 2026

Next Management Committee meeting
7.00 pm Monday 15th June 2026

Next newsletter closing date
COB Friday 26th June 2026



Enjoy the Ride

By Trevor Hoffmann

Work is progressing well on the Hudson house [garage], The roof, walls, ceiling and electrical are almost completed. We are waiting for the roller door and the internal viewing window which will be 10mm thick glass. The flashing has to be completed and internal painting will have to be done.

August is coming around and the annual election of club officials has to be carried out. A nomination form for the executive is available and I encourage any member to apply to help with the running of this club.

The Presidents Rally is being held on Thursday 18th June and we will be meeting at the park in Hampton for morning tea at 9.15 am. We then proceed to a avocado packing shed at Ravensbourne. Lunch is at the Meringindan Hotel and numbers are required. So please advise numbers to me either by phone message or email.



Could all Club Members please wear your Name Tags to all club functions and meetings so all members and especially new members can introduce themselves.



Meeting times for monthlymeetings

June July August
7.00 pm

Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club Inc. (DDVVMC)

2026 - 2027 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION

For Election at the DDVVMC Annual General Meeting which will be held at the DDVVMC Clubhouse, 2 Rocla Court, Toowoomba on Thursday 13th August 2026. The AGM will be held immediately after the August general meeting which will commence at 7.00pm.

Nominations for Committee positions close on Wednesday 31th July 2026 Nominations are to be made by completing this form which is to be lodged with the DDVVMC Secretary, Richard Keylock by the closing date.

I, ……..being a financial member of the DDVVMC

Nominate for the position of …….

For the 2026-27 club year. Signed: ……

In support of the above nomination, I ……..

Also being a financial member of the DDVVMC hereby Propose this nomination.

Signed: ……

In support of the above nomination, I ……

Also being a financial member of the DDVVMC hereby Second this nomination.

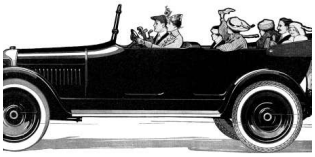
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Dated this …… day of …… 2026.

Received by the Secretary on ……. /……../……. at am/pm.

Signed:.....

Richard Keylock. DDVVMC Secretary



CRANKY CARBURETTOR RALLY REPORT

This run remains one of the best events on our yearly calendar. The Heifer Creek circuit is a wonderful drive in an old car and there's the added bonus of meeting like minded enthusiasts from both LAMA and Warwick clubs.

We usually get fifty of sixty cars and this year was no exception, I only photographed cars that I hadn't seen before and most of these were the very old variety.

Club members Stuart and Julie Westerman and Jim and Cathie Tanner took along their veteran Dodges. It was the first time I saw Stuart's 16. Stuart is a very early clubmember who lives in the Gatton area. He told me he started around 1972 with parts obtained from early Oakey member Keith Batzloff.
It was also the first big run for Jaymin McEwan's 1939 Dodge. He bought this car a few months ago from Brisbane as a very old restoration and has gradually sorted out some of the bugs.

The Warwick Club did an excellent job with some new games and their barbeque lunch was appreciated by everyone.

Unfortunately, we didn't win the trophy and LAMA was successful. This trophy has now changed hands fifteen times. We've won it six times, Lama 5 and Warwick 4.

It's our turn to organise the event next year.















Coming Events 2026

DDVVMC Rally Events

President's Rally

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Ben Tanner our Rally Director welcomes from club members any suggestions or ideas of places to go to or things to see.

Ph: 0427 379 253

email: rally.ddvvmc.1@gmail.com

Save the Date

Shift N Gears



Saturday 8th August 2026

Park up from 7am

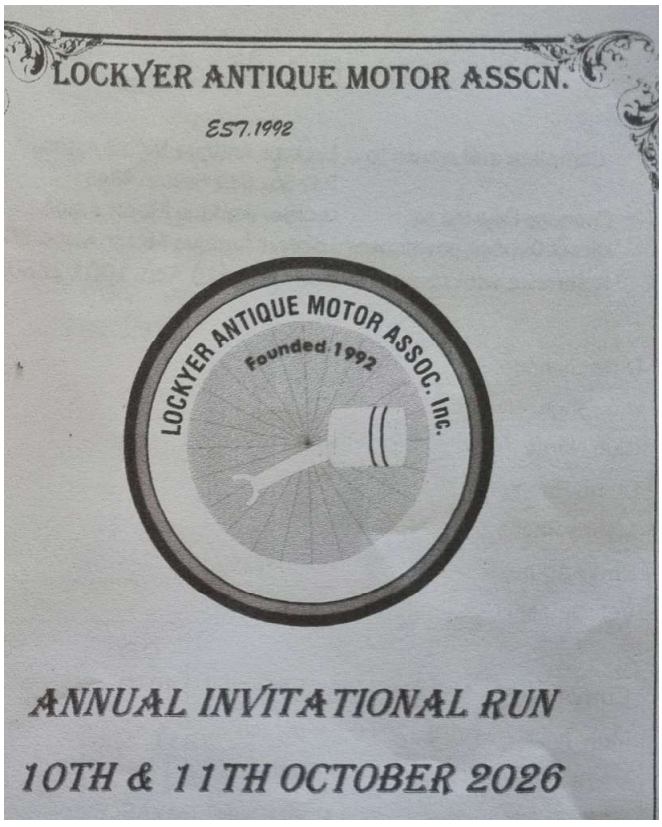
Crow's Nest Motor Enthusiasts Annual Show N Shine and Swap Meet

Further details to be announced shortly

Enquiries : crowsnestcarclub@mail.tidyhq.com









Please ensure your mobile phone is Turned off - Silent or Do Not Disturb whilst the meetings are in progress,



Annual Memberships are now due!

Membership of the DDVVMC runs from July to June each year. In order to remain a member of this Club and continue to receive all it's many benefits, including this wonderful magazine, please pay your $60.00 membership (there is no longer any discount for Country members).

Payment can be made in the following manner: -

Direct Deposit

Account Name: DDVVMC Club Account

BSB: 034 221

Account no: 530406

Reference: Your membership number
(eg: 2010110 Membership)
or surname and initial

Cash (Correct Amount in a named envelope please)

EFTPOS machine should also be available at the meetings, to pay with Credit Card

To the Membership Officer at the May or June General Meeting

Roy Hall
Membership Officer
Ph: 0407 650 706

CLUB WINNERS FROM THE DAVID HACK CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Len Kennedy best veteran car award



Rodney Kleinschmidt for the best British car award



Len and Rosemary Kennedy for the best participation award



HISTORIANS REPORT

When drivers' licenses were first introduced in Queensland over a century ago, Toowoomba beat Brisbane for a dubious honour.

At first there was no licensing for drivers of motor vehicles, then cars were registered, drivers were registered, and in January 1923 we got a system like we have today with the introduction of the Licence for the Drivers of a Motor Vehicle.

These licences didn't have photographs, but required physical descriptions of the driver, such as age, height, complexion, eye, and hair colour. The licence was valid for just twelve months.

When these licences were introduced, it took just days before Toowoomba had the "honour" of getting the first prosecution under Queensland's new drivers' licence laws. Brisbane's first prosecution was on the 23rd of January against a man who was found driving a motor car without a driver's licence, the fine being 10/- and 3/6 court cost. Brisbane of course claimed the honour of being first, but it was trumped by Toowoomba by eleven days. That's because on Thursday the 12th of January the first prosecution was quietly processed in the Toowoomba Police Court.

Twenty-one year old, Mr. Roland Richard Carey of Stuart Street, Toowoomba, was fined

5/- and 3/6 costs for driving a motor cycle without having a driver's licence.
Thus Toowoomba beat Brisbane by nearly a fortnight.

Carey went onto become one of the most troubled Queensland drivers in those early days, and you've got to wonder why he persisted driving at all.

In 1934 he was heftily fined £4 for travelling over the speed limit at between 30 and 32 miles an hour down Margaret Street. That's under 50 kilometres per hour and much the same limit as today.
In 1935 he was fined 5/- with 6/- costs, for failing to have affixed to his motor vehicle the current registration labels.



In 1937, Carey was driving a meat van for his employer, the butchers Samuel Watson and Sons. The van was a Chevrolet one ton truck, with S. Watson and Sons painted on the side, and fully laden with 12cwt or 610kg of meat from the firm's slaughter yards.

Coming the other way was a 14 hp 1937 model Vauxhall car driven by William Cossart who was a nurse at the Willowburn mental hospital. The two vehicles collided on the corner of West and Hill Streets. Roland's van ran off the road, narrowly missed a tree, and struck a fence.
Meat was spilled all over the road. The front part of the van was so seriously buckled that today it would have been a writeoff.

In 1938 the mental hospital nurse sued Carey, or more specifically his employer, claiming that Carey drove the Chevrolet van so negligently and unskilfully that he alone caused the accident. The judge agreed and judgement was given against Roland for damages together with court costs of £52/9/6.

Even just adding up these few incidents, Carey's driving had cost around $30,000 in today's money.
Carey's driving woes continued. In 1954, his son George and his wife Nellie were taken to the Toowoomba hospital after the car in which they were travelling overturned on the corner of Ruthven and Margaret Streets.

Come 1965, Carey was aged sixty-four years old – forty-three years after he claimed Queensland's first drivers' license conviction – when he was fined for failing to give right of way. He was battling Queensland's driving laws to the bitter end.

Roland Richard Carey passed away in 1987 aged eighty-six, not from a traffic accident, but from natural causes.





2026 MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Stories are starting to come in for new vehicles to add.

If you have a new vehicle that you want included, please contact David Grant on 0448 345 644 or johnnyrudge@gmail.com

Also, some vehicles have moved on, so let me know if you no longer have a vehicle which was in the 2023 edition of the book.

We will try to capture photos of the vehicles on some of the coming rallies, but you are also welcome to submit your own photos. Remember to include one with both vehicle and owners/ guardians.

One of the jobs of Membership Officer is to keep a list of owners vehicles, so even if you don't want your vehicle in the book, Roy Hall would still like an update.







FROM THE LIBRARIAN - JOE CIANTAR

FROM THE LIBRARY
In Restored Cars No. 296
American Automotive Industry 1893-1948, Part 18
The Sunbeam Rapier Coupe 1954-1964
National Corvette Museum, USA, Part 3
The Ford Farm
Historic Winton Competition Winners
Yesteryear Motoring Pictorial
American Auto Scenes Part 1
Railcars in Australia
Oakland Advertising, August 1 1928
The Hot Rod and MG Connection
1936 Cord 810 Sedan
Ballarat Swap Meet 2026, Vic
1948 Mercury Cub Convertible
1932 Ford Highboy Roadster
1949 MG TD? Sports Car
1959 Holden FC Three Door Panel Van
1923 Australian Six Tourer
1911 Ford Model T Touring Car
1952 Ford Crestline Victoria
Wheatland's Agricultural Machinery Museum, Vic
Auto Art, Jaguar
1934 Chrysler CB Series Custom-Built Limousine
Is There an Old Car in Your Future
Museums & Collections in Australia & NZ
National Car Club Events
Clubs
Swap Meets
Early-Dodge Car Crossing a River 1924 Photograph
Restoration Tips and Techniques
Open Top Motoring Photographs
1963 Falcon XM Police Divisional 'Divvy' Van
1966 Country Squire Station Wagon
Models, Glenn Rewell's Metal Sculptures
Presenting your 1939 Auto
USA Trip 1966, Part 23
Readers Cars





THE HUDSON VERANDAH EXTENSION

By the time this article is published, the project could be completed but I doubt it.

After the March Management Committee meeting, the building committee met with our builder Victor DiRuggiero. He was most interested in the provision of glass by Alan Lowe. Many builders have to order windows well in advance but Alan can provide them on demand. This mainly applies to the external windows as the large picture window won't be installed until the external walls are completed.

A building contract was signed that day and a 5% deposit (around $1700) has been paid.

Since that time, plans have been sent to the certifiers and the necessary building form should be complete. This has been a joint effort between ourselves and the builder. We will have to pay the certifiers a fee of approximately $1700 once they have prepared everything required for work to begin.

Victor hasn't given us a definite start date but plans to order materials. He indicated he will firstly start on the ceiling. This will be made of an insulated sandwich type panel. He also told us that he has lost two experienced tradesmen this year. He may do our job in conjunction with other jobs he currently has.

A question came from the floor of the April general meeting regarding completion. This is very difficult to predict.

Hopefully work will have begun by the May general meeting.











"Mel of Felton wishes to sell her elderly Mum's 1976 Holden HX 50th Anniversary Model, Kingswood Sedan. Her Mum and late Dad were the second owners. It has Power steering, but the air conditioning has been disconnected. $5,800 has recently been spent on suspension parts replacement, exhaust replacement and new rubbers. It has a 202 engine with 426k on the clock. It runs well. There were only 500 of this model made. It has exterior and interior trim similar to the Premier model. There is a couple of small areas of rust, and interior is in good condition.

Expressions of interest to Brian at 0408876054.



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Dodge D100 - 1975 model. This pickup was my vehicle for my coast-to-coast trip around the USA in 2012. It's fitted with a Slant 6 225ci engine and automatic transmission, but I have all the necessary parts to change it to a V8 (318 or 360) and a manual transmission if so desired.

It had been repainted not long before I bought it, but the clear has been affected since then. There is some rust repair work to be done to the floors of the cab.

It has an independent front suspension (by double wishbones) and disc brakes, 11" x 2.5" drums on the rear where there's a Chrysler 9¼" final drive. It is left hand drive and can be registered as such, I can guide the buyer on what's needed to prepare it for compliance.

Phone Ray Bell, 0414 857 721 for further information.





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FOR SALE

For sale: a Bilstein front/rear suspension kit for Chrome Bumper MGB.

This kit would suit a person who is adept with vehicle mechanical procedures or has access to such a person.

The front kit is a very much improved suspension system for an MGB and works well as a complete system upgrade with the rear shocks.

These kits were both fitted to my MGB but, they were soon removed, powder coated, and have been resting for a considerable time. At present there is no sign of any leaking from the seal of any of the shock absorbers.

Some minor parts of the kit have been mislaid.

I intend to sell the kits as a "complete" system. If you are interested please contact me on 0402 553 867 to discuss further details.

PRICE: Make an offer Arthur Johnson Ph: 0402 553 867







Front Suspension

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Dodge AT4 329 dually, slant 225 motor, needs some work, make classic tow vehicle or cool daily driver or weekend cruiser $4,750 **Mandy Laird PH: 0417075819**



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The number below the ad is the number of editions left. Editor



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Sewing, crafting & good company, Itch 2 Stitch meets at the clubrooms once a month for a day of sewing & creativity.

Starting at 9 am, BYO morning Tea and lunch

Monday June 15th

For further enquiries: Marion Chapman

m: 0438 359 235

JP service for members

Bob Chapman 0427 539 394

Michael Robinson 0409 340 986

Keith Lawrence 46 370 949

Andrea Mathies 0407 768 575

Any non urgent JP business for club members could be arranged for the monthly club meetings.

Direct deposit details

Account name	Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club Inc Cheque Account or DDVVMC Club Cheque Account
Account no.	530406
Bank	Westpac, Ruthven St, Toowoomba
BSB	034221
Reference	Your membership no. & purpose (eg: March rally)

DDVVMC Merchandise

40 yr car decal	$2	Toowoomba City Centenary Rally Grille Badge	$5
Cloth badge 70mm x 45mm	$2	DDVVMC Metal Car badge	$32.50
Club shirts	Visit Totally Workwear in Prescott Street to purchase your shirt, and get the club logo embroidered on.		

See the club Librarian for any of these items.

To all of our club members having a Birthday in June



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