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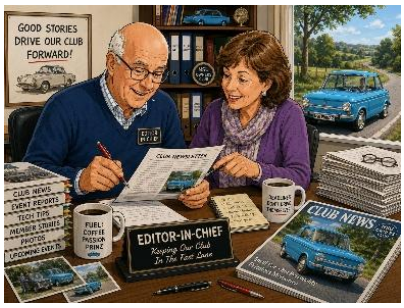
Changeover to new President for 2026/2027 – Graeme Kane

COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

2026-2027

Life Members — Geoff Maunder, John Lansley, Des Drury, Bob Dixon, Graeme Kane, Harry Smith (dec.), Jack Brain (dec.), Arthur Martin (dec.), Keith Winkler (dec.)

Editor's Desk



Hi from Marie and Graham everyone. We are the new editors of the Splutter Newsletter.

We have a strong interest in the wonderful people who make this club such an enjoyable community. We are looking forward to bringing you news, events reports, member stories, technical articles, historical features, and photographs that reflect the activities and spirit of our club.

Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee East Community Centre (30 Bruce King Drive, Boambee East) at 7.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

Club Fees: A joining fee of $5.00 applies. Annual fees are $45.00 for a Single Membership, $50.00 for a Family Membership, $15.00 for a Junior Membership and $10.00 for an Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1 January each year for the calendar year. However, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

Club Newsletter: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Coffs Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of $15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

All articles appearing in "Coffs Splutter" are the sole responsibility of the author(s) as to matters of fact and veracity.

Minutes **-Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club**

Thursday 2nd July 2026

Meeting opened: 7 p .m. **Attendance:** As per Attendance Book= 22

Apologies: Graeme Wright, Graeme Kane, Leigh Stephens, Gerry de Gabriele, Kevin and Moira Franklin, Graeme King, Max Eggins, Peter Albrech, Bo Henrichsen, Warren Humphreys and Jeff Humphreys.

Visitor: Richard Herder and Kegan

Minutes of last meeting the minutes as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the June 2026 meeting.

Moved: Hal Murray **Seconded: William Lagettie** **Carried**

***Guest Speaker*:** Ian Blow gave a talk about all the cars he has owned. He was introduced to cars by his dad who was a mechanic. He has owned and totally restored several cars including his Plymouth. Carol (his wife) was surprised he paid money for some of his cars as they were in such disrepair. Ian said he could look at a wreck and see the car finished in all its glory. Restoring the cars, for him, was a labour of love.

Business arising from May Minutes - Nil

Correspondence In:

- 16 Magazines
- Invites- Bay to Birdwood 31st December, MotorFest 2026 16th August, Grafton: Swap Meet 27th September Grafton, Bowraville Show and Shine 15th August, Sydney Antique Machinery Club 28th September, Parkes Swap Meet 17th October, Great Eastland Hub Rally Laurieton 23rd-26th October.
- Two non-members have parts/cars for sale but are unsure of make or prices I-William, Hal, Glen and Ian volunteered to help.
- Invoice Hall Hire
- Drive Lite

Correspondence Out*:*

- Reminder/s to members-Changeover Dinner, Runs, Magazine/s rollout, Timberfest
- Reply to Lakes Nursing Home , Collectors Fair , 2 sales inquiries followed up: Hal and William gave a brief outline of what was on offer.
- Insurance form to Timberfest.

Correspondence Accepted:

Moved: Barry Milne **Seconded:** Hal Murray Carried

Treasurers Report: -

Treasurers report was read to meeting by Acting Treasurer- Marg Murray

1. ***Motion:*** It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, and all accounts/expenses be paid.

Moved: L Lansley **Seconded:** William Lagettie Carried

Past Events

June

- Saturday 6th - no run scheduled
- Thursday 4th-Club Meeting
- Thursday 18th Coffee Run- Butter Factory-popular venue with 26 members attending

- Sunday 21st Wings and Wheels Grafton-2 members attended
- Sunday 28th CHANGEOVER Dinner-36 members attended. Congratulation to William Lagettie=Club Person Award, Graham Davey=Stirrer's Award and Geoff Maunder = Hard Luck Award.

July

- Meeting Thurs 2nd
- Sat afternoon run 4th. Red Rock Hal
- Coffee run 16th THE LINK. Glenn
- Saturday 25th Glenreagh Timber Festival. Instead of Sunday lunch run. Geoff (Geoff needs names by 13th July as each car needs an entry ticket).
- Sat/Sun 25and 26th Collectors Fair. Members should arrive before 9am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Storage-Graeme Kane is finalising.
- Richard Herder was nominated for membership.
  Moved: Marg Murray Seconded: Geoff Maunder Carried
- Magazine SPLUTTER: Graham and Marie are compiling the Splutter this year. They have asked that all articles be WORD documents, all photos be JPEG format and please email articles with attached files. Please don't send scanned documents or photos. If you have not had the story of your car included in past Splutter's please send in your story. Recipes from members will also be included.
- Supper Reminders:

July= Wendy Fisher	October=Alfie Hambling
August=Des Drury (alias Maureen)	November= Marg Murray
September=Brett Moppett	December=Bo Henrichsen
February=Graeme Kane	March=
April=	May=
June=	July=

Vehicle Movements: Nil
Fines: William Lagettie, those not wearing a badge and those who didn't attend Changeover Dinner.
Raffle Winners: Phil Bicknell, Hans Henrichsen, Greg Taylor and Des Drury

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th August

Guest Speaker August : Peter Lenard-Railway Historian

Supper for August : Des Drury **Meeting Closed at: 8.40 pm**

Acting Secretary: Marg Murray **Acting Chairperson: Geoff Maunder**

MY JOURNEY IN THE COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

By Graeme Kane (Life Member)

I first joined the Club (Coffs Harbour Veteran and Vintage Car Club) in early 1977 when Harry Smith was the President. At that point I did not have a vehicle.

Later that year I purchased a 1947 Malvern Star Auto-bike from Kevin Fogarty (Mud-crab).

The following year I purchased a 1948 BSA B33 500 single from Ray Minter in Tamworth. John Lansley (Sol) offered to help with the restoration. We dismantled it on my back terrace and that is where it stayed until I sold it 6 years later (my electrical business was going well and I had no time).

During this period with the car club, I was Secretary 1982/83, President – 1983/84 and Stirrer – 1983/84.

The club participated in a lot of rallies with our family attending these, as we were all younger in those days. Various members also started to attend the Toowoomba Swap which became a regular on the calendar for a group of us.

Towards the end of 1987 my business was taking all my time (working 7 days a week) and something had to give. So I made the decision to leave the Car Club.

Having retired, I rejoined the Coffs Harbour Veteran and Vintage Car Club in 2009.

Since returning I have served on the Great Eastland Rally Committee each time we have hosted it. I have also been on the Management Committee for many years. My official roles have included:

- President: 2024/25
- Vice President: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2025/26
- Secretary: 2010/2012
- Stirrer: 2012/13, 2016/17

Vehicles owned since returning to the car club have been 1934 Alvis Firefly fixed head coupe, 1960 Triumph TR3A, 1964 Triumph TR4, 1965 Triumph TR4A, 1968 Triumph TR5,

1976 Triumph Dolomite Sprint, 1974 Ford Escort MK1 RSI600 AVO. My current car is a Dolomite.












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Changeover Dinner Sunday 28th June 2026

Everyone arrived at the Sawtell RSL before 12pm as we all found our place to be seated down like last year. Once the clock was past 12 we all went to order our meals, but as we did we formed a large queue along with the other non-members of our club and patrons of the RSL.

Some of us, not particularly fond in waiting in the large queue, decided to order from the Cafe instead of the restaurant. Despite this large queuing obstacle we all managed to head back to our tables and eat our meals.

At around 1pm Outgoing President Graham took to the mic as he congratulated incoming president Graeme Kane along with congratulations on Life Membership. Incoming President Graeme then announced William Lagettie as the Member of the Year, Hard Luck Award to Geoff Maunder, and Stirrer's Award to outgoing president Graham.

John Lansley also came up to hand incoming president Graeme his Life Membership Certificate.

After this we all sat around the table, continuing to chat and dine until the clock hit a time sometime after two when the last of us were leaving, and I caught a lift home.

Attendance: Rudy and Evonne, Graham and Marie, Graeme and Lyn, Geoff and Leonie, Ian and Carol, Jim and Wendy, Gerry and Mary, Leigh and Carol, Hal and Marg, Glenn and Jenny, Judy , Rob , Max and Noelene, John and Larraine, John and Lorraine, Barrie, Des and Maureen, William and Jean, Eric and June, Kaye.

Alfie A Hambling

CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON AT SAWTELL RSL CLUB ON 28 JUNE



MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2026

William Lagettie



HARD LUCK TROPHY 2026

Geoff Maunder



STIRRER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2026

Graham Davey



LIFE MEMBERSHIP 2026

Graeme Kane

Would you like to have your vehicle on the front page of our newsletter? If you could give us a brief written history of your vehicle plus some photos, it would be great. If you find emailing difficult just bring your story and photos to the meeting.

Do you have a story, photo, restoration update, technical tip, road trip report, or club-related news to share?

The Splutter Newsletter is always better when it reflects the experiences and interests of our members. Whether it's a major project, a memorable drive, a piece of club history, or simply a great photo of your car, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for helping make our club newsletter interesting and informative for all members.

Marie and Graham

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Please send documents in WORD and photos in JPEG. Thank you.

RECIPE CORNER

COCONUT MACAROONS (Gluten Free)

Greatlakes Historic Car Club Rally 2016 donated by Lorraine Lansley

Ingredients:
1 cup coconut
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornflour Mix all together
1 large egg
1 t vanilla
Pinch salt Mix together
Add to dry mixture
Place spoonfulls onto baking paper on flat tray
Bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes or golden brown
Allow to cool on tray

(A lady on the catering table made these for John as they are gluten free. I don't know her name, but the macaroons have been to lots of club suppers and club runs).



CHVVCCC are the ONLY old cars invited to display

Only old cars with a ticket will be allowed entry

Entry via Bridge Street – First on Left from Nana Glen

Please arrive by 9 am to avoid traffic queues

Display parking is along the fence - same as previous years

Easy departure after 2 pm

I have advised we will have 15+ vehicles

Free entry for Car and driver. Passengers $12 at gate

Last year was huge and full day of entertainment

Names are required by July 13 for allocation of tickets

Tickets will be emailed to all attending after this date

Please email for your ticket to Geoff prior to this date

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Coffs Antique & Collectors Fair 2026

Retro & Vintage Antiques & Collectables

Including
Australasian Shelley Club
With Special Displays and Trading

Friday 24th July Early Trading **5.00pm to 7.30pm** *Open to everyone.* $25 admission includes Wine, Cheese and Lucky Prizes

Saturday 25th July **9.00am to 4.00pm** - Admission $10.00

Sunday 26th July **9.00am to 2.00pm** - Admission $10.00

3 Day Pass $35

Under 15 Free Lucky Door Prize - $200 Voucher

Exhibition Hall, Coffs Harbour Showground

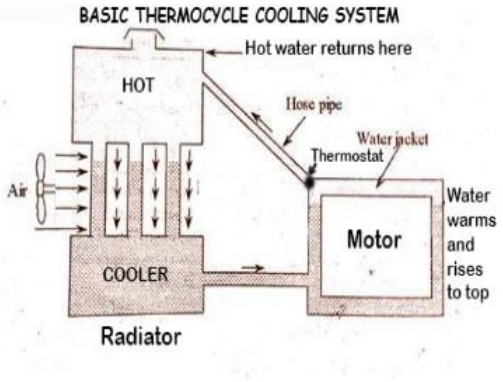
- *Trading* - Furniture, China, Glassware, Coins, Stamps, Dolls, Jewellery, Records, Tools & much more...
- *Displays* of Private Collections - Vote for Your Favourite
- Delicious Home Baked Lunches & Refreshments
- Vintage Cars Saturday. Vintage Farm Machinery Sunday.

Enquiries to Fair Secretary: Ingrid Gardiner 0409 860 637

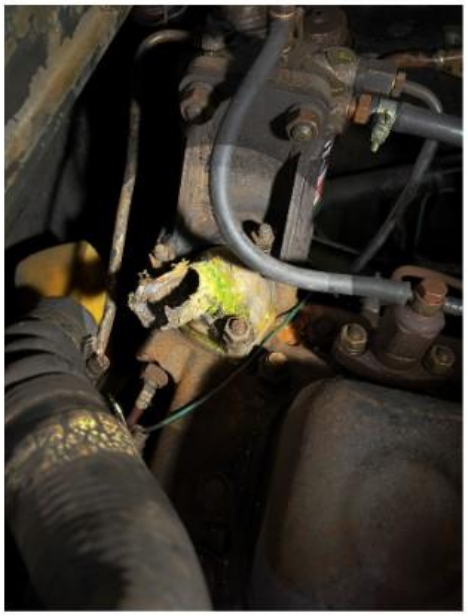
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Windscreen Washer Problems on our London Taxi

We were motoring along Hogbin Drive on our way to a CHVVCCC Coffee morning at a sedate 30 mph in the cab. Near the Bangalore bridge, water appeared on the driver's windscreen glass. Quick thinking was required as I don't have a screen washer on the Cab, maybe I should pull up and investigate. Pulling off the road and lifting the bonnet revealed fluid exiting the radiator hose at the Thermostat
Housing. This was odd as the cooling system is a non-pressurised Thermosyphon system with has no water pump or radiator pressure to push water out with any force. Guess it was air flow from the fan.



A Thermosyphon system relies on the principal that heat rises and cold falls. The Cab motor doesn't have a water pump to circulate the water so there is no ressure in the radiator, just relying on science to circulate and cool the hot fluid. In non-technical terms: As the water heats in the motor, hot water rises to the top and flows through the thermostat to the highest point, the top of the radiator. The water in the radiator is cooled by airflow and sinks to the bottom where, being cooler,it returns to the motor to continue the cycle. Very simple but it works.



As there was no quick fix, I called NRMA for a recovery truck to come and take Cab home. Graeme and Lyn Kane came along on their way to coffee and after a short discussion, they took Leonie to coffee while I waited for the truck. About an hour later the Cab was home in the shed and I was on my way to coffee in the modern vehicle. Lucky a slice of passionfruit sponge was still waiting for me.
Removing the radiator hose from the housing revealed severe corrosion of the outlet pipe – As water was spurting out the end of the hose there was no indication of what it was otherwise covering up and out of sight……. - nothing visible to fix. Replacement housing required. After spending several days and many hours the computer and phone, Motorclan UK advised they list them at £15.38 (approx. $31.00) plus VAT however they were currently out of stock and had no idea if they were getting any more in. SO…. NO Thermostat Housings available world-
wide. I continued to email and phone many companies and contacts in Australia, Europe and England with no luck until Matthew at ASAP Supplies, Tamworth UK, advised he had found a new housing off an Austin Canal Boat motor which were the correct dimensions.

After double checking the dimensions, I agreed to purchase the one he had available (new) at £135.00 but the company would not export to Australia. After him sent me a photo of all dimensions measured with a micrometre, I agreed to purchase and have it sent to a friend living near Heathrow to post to me. The housing is the same as a lot of BMC motors, three holes and domed. My Wolseley is the same design however they are slightly smaller and it's not possible to fit them. Eric found one for me in Kempsey and I was "over the moon" that he had success however it wouldn't fit. One hole was slightly out of alignment and again not possible to enlarge any fixing holes. Would have been great for $12.00 with gasket. Anyone who requires a new Thermostat Housing for a Datsun Bluebird or Stanza, 3 stud – 1978 on, I have one and only $12.00.

I did have a second option after discussion with Leigh of having him fabricate a suitable housing and pipe outlet to sit on the top of the block, but my choice was to have it looking as original if possible as the fuel filter bracket bolts off the top of the housing too. Now I had a part on the way, I proceeded to remove the old housing. Several articles warned of breaking studs off level with the block when removing rusty nuts so I repeatedly saturated the nuts with 'Shift Ya Bastard' for several days then finally with 'BLASTER since 1957' penetrating catalyst (REPCO) for a couple of days before slowly removing the nuts a fraction of a turn at the time and by reapplying Blaster repeatedly I was able to remove the three nuts from the studs without breaking any. The catalyst had also seeped down the housing holes dissolving some of the corrosion around the studs. However, the housing would still not move, and I wasn't prepared to use brute force. Eric offered to bring his gas torch to apply a bit of heat however before he arrived Hans turned up to look at my native bee hives being split and he brought his gas canister with him. Some heat and gentle persuasion had the housing removed in one piece with no damage. Eric arrived just after we had removed it. With the housing off, I needed to clean the old gasket off as well as clean the stud threads to allow the new housing and nuts to be fitted without drama. As the UK supplier was out of stock of gaskets, I said "send it anyway, I'll sort out the gasket". Leigh did an expert job of fabricating a replacement gasket which was superior to the one to be supplied "at some time". I replaced the thermostat which had oxidized to a point of nonexistence apart from the non-steel bits. (replacement from Repco). The new housing was fitted with aviation gasket cement (non-hardening) without drama which just left the final obstacle, the hose. The old outlet was at an angle of about 30 degrees while the new one was horizontal, and it was obvious the old hose was no use; thus, the next drama was finding a suitable replacement. After checking several outlets for something that may fit, Pirtek advised me to check



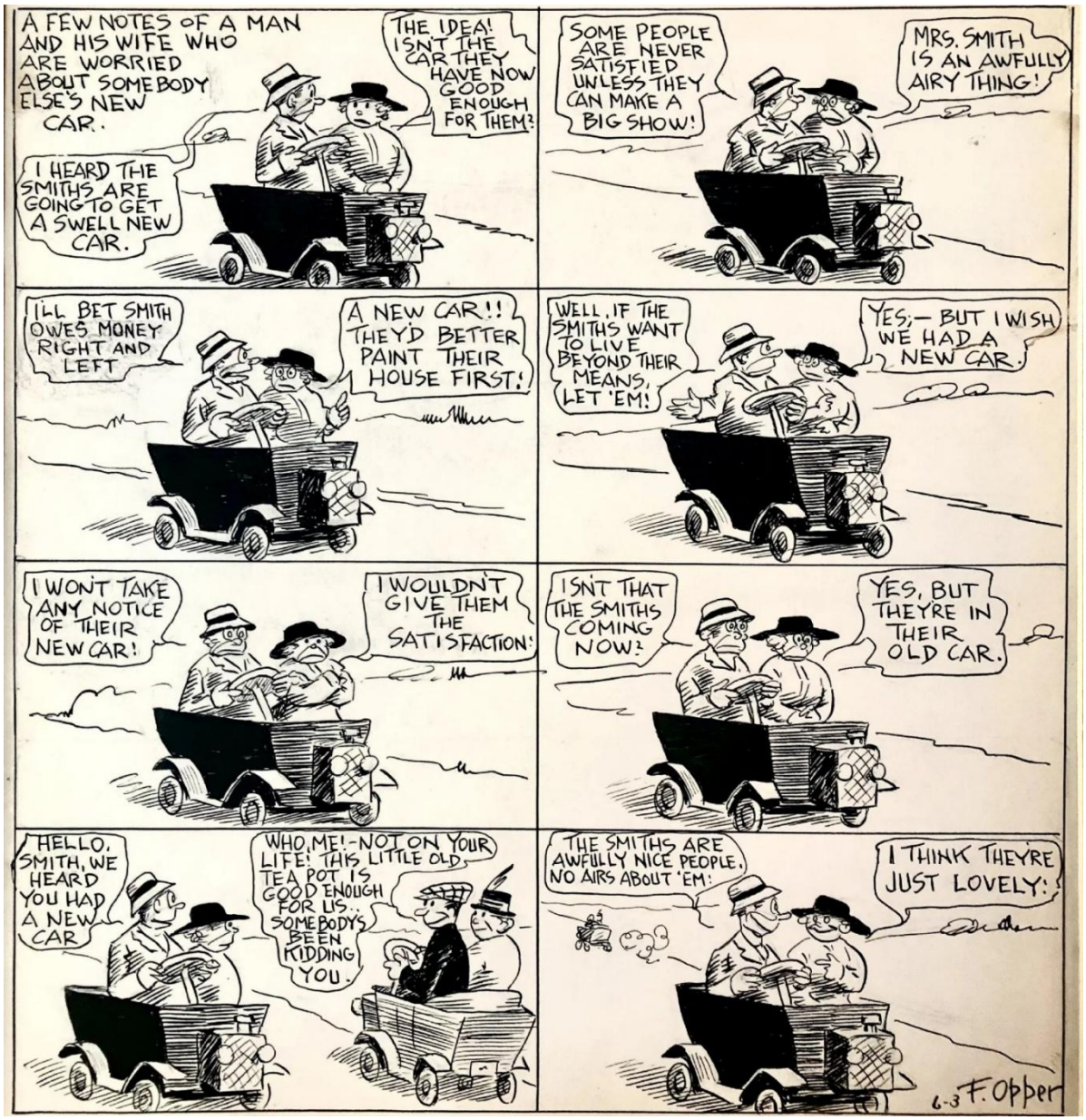
Housing off - Thermostat in place

Job



Supercheap. They have a couple of bins of all sorts, sizes, lengths and bends. I found one that may do the job. All it required was about 40cm cutting off one end, apply a slight bend that the hose handled without kinking and fitting to the same size pipes on either end. Then to add the missing coolant and run the motor for about half an hour to check there were no leaks then a logbook run up the highway for the Sunday paper and back home the long way. All is normal again. Many thanks to Leigh for making the gasket and offering to fabricate a suitable replacement, Eric for going out of his way to find a housing and Hans for assisting removal of the old housing.

Geoff Maunder



MORNING TEA AT THE BUTTER FACTORY, BELLINGEN. June 18th

After a cold morning, the sun came out, and it was a pleasant change from the past days of rain and cloud. There was a delay arriving at our destination due to road works on Waterfall Way, but those attending from the North were not too far behind the locals already seated.

A total of 26 members on 4 tables enjoyed coffee and food with good service, and it was good to see some new faces. Lots of discussions took place, and a few people toured the adjoining craft shops and gallery. The meeting broke up just before lunchtime.

Jim Fisher

Attendees: John & Lorraine, Jim & Wendy, Eric & June, Glenn, Gerry, Barrie, Kevin & Moira, Graeme & Lyn, Hal & Marg, Leigh & Carol, Geoff & Leoni, Alfie, Ian & Carol, John & Veronique, Warren & Violet.









COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour (100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- 1st Saturday outings depart 1.30pm. Please take afternoon tea.
- 3rd Sunday outings depart 9.30am. Please take morning tea and lunch.
- 3rd Thursday coffee runs depart 9.30am.

- Please check individual run details for any variations. If you are not meeting at the designated start or running late, please notify the run organiser, just in case there is a change to the run plan, or the club needs to provide café attendance numbers.
- Please drive with consideration to other road users (so we do not create queues behind us).
- Leave a reasonable distance between vehicles.
- When coming to a turn, ensure the car behind you is aware of the turnoff.
- H registered vehicles must have the "Permit to Operate" in the vehicle at all and a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.

UPCOMING APPROVED CLUB EVENTS (no Log Book entry Required):

	JULY 26	
Thursday 2nd	Club meeting Boambee East Community Centre 7pm	Graeme Kane
Saturday 4th	Red Rock	Hal Murray
Thursday 16th	Coffee Run THE LINK	Glenn Campbell
Saturday 25th	Glenreagh Timber Festival (Instead of Sunday lunch run)	Geoff Maunder
Saturday 25th	Coffs Collectors Fair (Coffs Showground) 8:45-4pm	
Sunday 26th	Coffs Collectors Fair (Coffs Showground) 8:45 – 2pm	
	AUGUST 26	
Saturday 1st	Bongil Bongil	Gerry de Gabriele
Thursday 6th	Club meeting	Graeme Kane
Sunday 16th	Lunch at Urunga Golf Club (Meet at Mylstom)	Jim Fisher
Thursday 20th	Coffee Run Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre	Hal Murray
Friday 28th	Car display at The Grange 2pm	Gerry de Gabriele
	SEPTEMBER 26	
Thursday 3rd	Club meeting	Graeme Kane
Saturday 5th	Rusty Iron Rally	Geoff Maunder
Thursday 17th	Botanic Gardens	Glenn Campbell
Sunday 20th	Lunch at Woolgoolga Brewery. (Meet at Woolgoolga Lake.)	Graeme Kane

The NSW Ambulance has a webpage with a map showing publically available Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units: https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/goodsam/locate-an-aed