

Coffs Splutter

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**COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB
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**Brand new members, the Henrichsen's, displayed their beaut
1957 International AS110 at the Rotary Car Show last month**

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2025-2026

*Life Members — Geoff Maunder, John Lansley, Des Drury, Bob Dixon & Keith Winkler
(dec.)*

The President's Corner



Have you ever been pulled over by the police whilst driving your club car? It has happened to me twice and both times I'm glad I had filled out my car logbook before driving off.

This is a friendly reminder to members that it is important to carry the following documents when using your club car:

- Certificate of Approved Operations (this document specifies conditions of vehicle operation).
- Registration Certificate (your proof of legal conditional registration).
- Logbook (if in use which records usage days under the logbook scheme).
- Drivers Licence (valid licence for your vehicle type).
- Splutter Newsletter (paper or electronic which shows approved club runs).
- Club members contact list (this is handy if you break down on a club run).



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 Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1st 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.

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Rotary Car Show – 10th August 2025

The location of this display, undercover at the Plaza carpark seemed sensible but a cold wind blew through the venue all day! Our club put up a good show from the 1950's through to the 1990's. An entrance fee of \$10 cannot be begrudged as the money was being raised for a good cause: Rotary. It was the first time that Hans has had his vehicle displayed. It certainly seems an honest working truck. He told me he has restored the original wooden tray and added new wooden sideboards.

My guess is that there were about 70-80 vehicles on display. Some were highly modified and had very noisy motors that made the set up time uncomfortable.

No one in the club won a prize but there was quite an array of clubs represented including Grafton and Kempsey. All our cars got interested visitors.

Highlights for me were

1. An enormous white Lincoln Continental Mark 5 which its owners called "Shirley". Its interior accommodation was surprisingly limited despite its size. I was told it had 5 cigarette Lighters and ashtrays but no cup holders. The car spoke volumes about American society in the mid 70's.
2. Holden Sandman with all the extras: a crotched bikini hanging off the tailgate, a surfboard and condom packets!
3. A very modified VW Beetle with a big V8 under the bonnet , rear wheel drive with a very wide stance.
4. A Honda S600 Coupe dragster with a big V8 on Nitro and the bars behind to stop it flipping over backwards
5. A beautiful Black 1948 Buick Sedan
6. An EJ Holden with plenty of period accessories such as portable radios, picnic sets and time appropriate luggage on a roof rack
7. A 1973 VW Superbug. One owner, daily driver for 45 years with 350,000 on the clock

There was quite a constant crowd wandering through the exhibit despite the weather. I hope it was a success for Rotary.

Attendance

Gavin and Pauline Woodward	Chevrolet Corvette
Heinz Gress	Borgward Isabella Coupe
Des Drury	Rover V8
Gerry De Gabriele	Toyota Crown
Glen Miller	Holden FJ Ute
Hans Henrichsen (visitor)	International 1957 Light truck

Report & photos by Gerry DeGabriele (*and apologies to Gerry for failing to acknowledge your efforts for the Grey Fergie report in last Splutter – many thanks for your input!!*)



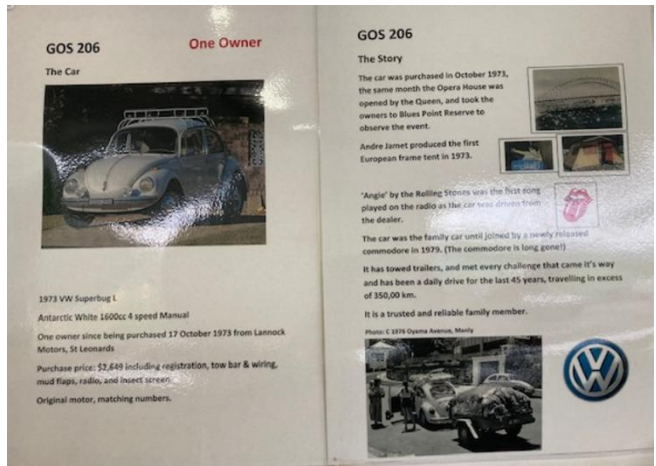
Our Club display looking smart



Coffs & District Sporting Car Club Display



1973 VW – One owner



1948 Buick



VW Superbug



Honda S600 Coupe dragster



Very tidy and original EJ Holden



Did this car remind Gerry of a misspent youth?? Holden Sandman "Shaggin Wagon"



Lincoln Continental (above) and Mercedes (right)

Sunday run to Bongil Bongil and Urunga - August 17th, 2025

A sizeable group met at the airport starting point, having a good chat until we left at 9:30, traversing the old highway to get to Bongil Bongil National Park.

At Bongil Bongil, we mused away amongst ourselves for a good two hours, with fellow members Jim Fisher, and Graeme and Lyn and Alan and Chris arriving in their respective cars while we were there to join in on the conversation. While we chatted, Lorraine spoke in the times gone by days kids used to come along with the members on runs and meetings, but they are now occupied with after school sports. Jim told us the tale of how he came across his Mercedes for free, and why that influenced him to join our club and put the car on historic rego. A bit before we headed off, Gerry and I also took the time to take a nice walk along the Bonville River on one of the trails. We were lucky to be able to see an Australian Black Grebe Bird down by the river, sitting on a fallen tree trunk in the water.

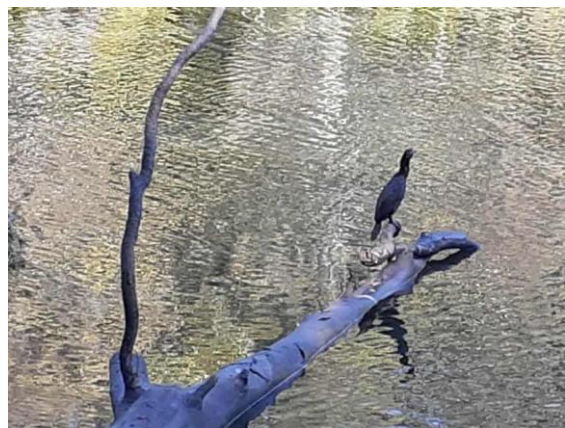
At 11:30am, most headed off down the old highway to get to Urunga CEX Club, making it in good time. John was lucky to not have the Torana go into the river and become a car wreck as it nearly rolled down the hill. No wonder we need handbrakes in our cars! We headed inside and ordered our meals, enjoying them with pleasure as they came after a short wait at our tables. During our chats, I spoke of my recent article of the northern trip, and of the particular cars seen while we were up there, like the Datsun and Ford. We delved into why the Datsun had its particular model numbering. We also spoke on the ethics of using a defibrillator and of the benefits. After a good day of socialising, we left at 2pm. Thank you to Gerry for organising it all.

Report by Roving Reporter Alfie A. Hambling

Attending Members and Cars: Gerry - Toyota Crown, Jim - Mercedes, Graham - NSU, Graeme and Lyn - Triumph Dolomite Sprint, Hans and Bo - International, Barry and Marjorie - Citroen Dyane, John and Lorraine - Holden Torana, Allan and Chris - Triumph Dolomite Sprint, Judy (At Airport) - Modern, Myself - Accompanying Passenger.



At the Starting point...Hans and Bo's Ford truck



Grebe on fallen log at Bongil Bongil NP



The Assembled Group chatting at Bongil Bongil



*The Kane's and Southgate's
Dolomite Sprints parked together*



European car section! Citroen & NSU



The Crown and the Torana at Bongil Bongil



At Urunga CEX Club – members enjoying the convivial environment

COFFEE RUN COFFS COAST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. 21st August 2025

The weather was dreadful with heavy rain, however the above tough, resilient, and determined members braved the conditions to come and have a great morning. G Davey had everyone in stitches with his adventures while on holidays in France, if you want a good laugh ask him about it. No photos as the organizer ribs were to sore from laughing to remember to take photos. An excellent morning was had by all.

The following attended, B Milne Wolseley, G and M Davey modern, J and W Fisher modern, G Campbell modern, H and M Murray Modern. *Report by Hal 'Sore ribs' Murray.*

Coffs Antique & Collectors' Fair

Our Presidents take on the event: Thank you to the members who once again took time out from their busy weekend to support the Coffs Antique & Collectors' Fair. We may have been a small group, but we still attracted a good amount of public interest and club membership inquiries.

Special thanks to Steve for providing a great spot for us to sit together under the canopy of his Camper and the large plateful of delicious scones. *Report by Graham Davey.*

Gerry's take on the event: Although 13 members put their hands up for this event only 7 cars attended, I am told that 7 cars were the usual number to attend. Unfortunately, because Andrew was away the Veteran Taxi was not available.

Weather was fine, cool and windy. There was a constant small flow of interested members of the general public. Steve opened the camper and spread out the car's awning. We had morning tea and scones by his vehicle. A great treat! I was very impressed by Steve's restoration of his van. It is very functional as a camper and a credit to him and a great addition to our club's vehicle entourage.

The Collectors Fair was well patronised and Ingrid Gardiner, the organiser, was grateful for our contribution.

Attendance: Gerry -Toyota Crown, Heinz -Borgward Isabella, Geoff -Austin Cab, Des-Rover, Steve-VW Camper & FC Holden, Marie & Graham-Subaru Sherpa, Judy-modern, Ronis & Bob-modern.

Photos by Graham and Gerry.





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

Thursday 4th September 2025

Meeting opened: 7.00 pm.

Attendance: As per Attendance Book=

Apologies: Nil

Visitor: Hans & Bo Henrichsen – They have attended the mandatory number of events and were unanimously voted into the club and welcomed by acclaim. Welcome Hans and Bo!

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the August 2025 meeting.

Moved: Glenn Campbell **Seconded:** Barry Milne **Carried**

Guest Speaker: Nil

Business arising from August 2025 Minutes/AGM: -Defibrillator – see General Business

Correspondence In:

- 17 Magazines
- **Invites:** Wauchope Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Club Show 4th & 5th Oct, Aussie Crome Showdown Sun 7th Sept Rocklea, Sandown Revival 17-18th November Geelong and 17-18 Jan Sandown Melbourne.
- Membership enquiries x 1, selling car parts x 1,
- Drive NSW seatbelt requirements (already sent to all members)
- Invoice- \$50 – Boambee East Community Hall Hire for Aug 25
- CHMC AGM and Delegates Meeting Agenda – Meeting to be held at Cowra 25th October.

Correspondence Out:

- Reminder to members: Re event arrangement
- Email enquiries response

Business arising from correspondence-

Motion: It was moved that the A/secretary report be accepted

Moved: Andrew Winter **Seconded:** John Lansley **Carried**

Treasurers Report: -

Treasurers report was read to meeting by treasurer Pauline Woodward.

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

Moved: Pauline Woodward **Seconded:** Brett Moppett **Carried**

Events Reports

Past Events

AUGUST

- Saturday 2nd Afternoon tea -Woolgoolga Lake Hal-Cancelled due to bad weather
- Sunday 10th August Rotary Car Show—Gerry reported it was cold and blustery but around 100 cars attended.
- Sunday 17th Run to Urunga – Lunch at Ex Services /Gerry (gdegabriele@gmail.com)
- Thursday 21st Coffee Run to Coffs Harbour Wildlife Sanctuary /Hal – cold & wet!
- Friday 29th-Sunday 31st -Coffs Antique and Collectors Fair - Good event – Steve's Kombi Kamper a hit as were the scones!!

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 7th Rusty Iron Rally-Gerry/Graeme
- Sunday 17th Run to Urunga – Lunch at Ex Services /Gerry (gdegabriele@gmail.com)
- Thursday 18th Coffee Run Marion Grove car display/Coffee Donovan's
- Sunday 21st-Lunch Bowraville Pub-Glen

OCTOBER

- Thursday 2nd Club Meeting-
- Saturday 4th Col Souths model Railway/Jim
- Thursday 16th Coffee Run Sandy Beach House/Hal
- Sunday 19th-Lunch Diggers Club Woolgoolga/Gerry
- Great Eastland Hub Rally 17th -20th October. Entry forms have been circulated. Several members indicated intentions to attend the rally.

General Business:

1. Rego Day – to be held at Mylestom. President Graham has checked the site, and the concrete slab (used for the vehicle inspections) has a pile of sand on it (from its use a flood sandbag fill station). He has contacted council who confirmed sand will be moved soon. This will need checking by the rego team prior to Rego day.
2. Defibrillator. Graeme King & Greg Taylor gave an introduction to a defibrillator unit ("*A jump start kit for drivers and passengers*". G. King pers comm!). Note this was NOT in any way a training session. A discussion was held on the pros & cons of the Club acquiring a defibrillator. The big pro is the obvious lifesaving potential of such a device. Cons raised included cost of initial purchase plus ongoing maintenance costs, who will take responsibility for it and bring it to all runs?, a lot of venues we visit already have one (including our meeting venue), training and confidence to use it in an emergency. President Graham suggested looking into Government grants available for clubs and organisations to purchase a defib. CPR training was raised as being worthwhile and the option of getting some CPR / First Aid training to be held at a meeting will be investigated.
3. Xmas lunch is booked for Sunday 21st December at the Sawtell RSL. Members confirmed from the floor that they were generally happy with these arrangements.
4. Lorrain Lansley kindly presented our Roving Reporter, Alfie Hambling, with a digital camera. Happy snapping Alfie (once you get the battery charged up!!)
5. John Bojarski reported he had visited Peter & Beryl Heelis recently and both were doing well. They even remembered how to say his name correctly! Member also reported that Hewy is home and doing OK.
6. Alfie passed his Safe Driving Course – well done Alfie!!

Vehicle Movements: Nil

Raffle Winners: 1. Hans Henrichsen 2. Russell Porep 3. Graeme King

Next Meeting: 2nd October 2025

Guest Speaker: Highway Bypass presentation

Supper for October: John Bojraski / Russell Porep **Supper for November:** Brett & Sharon, Bo Henrichsen

Meeting Closed at: 8:10 pm

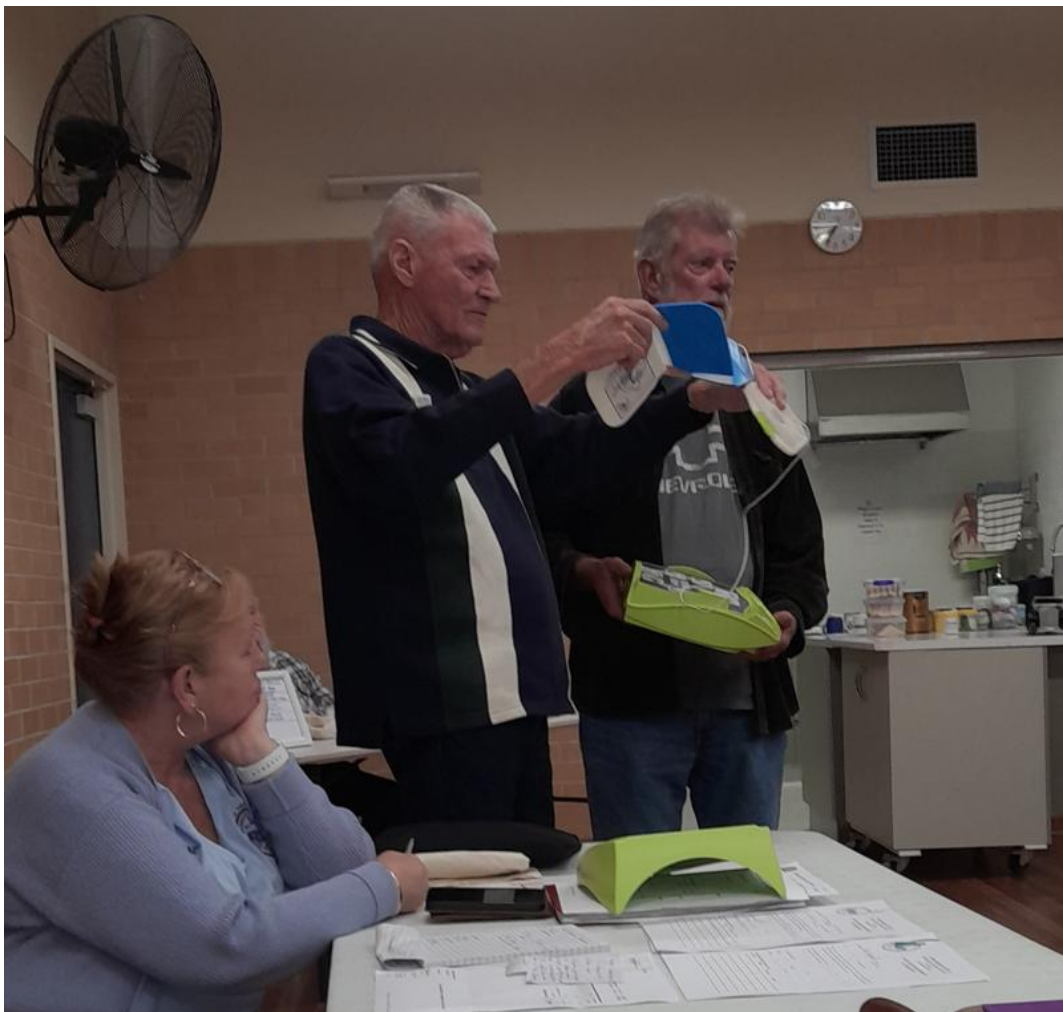
Secretary (Acting): Andrew Winter

Chairperson: Graham Davey

Meeting Happenings!



Mrs L presenting Alfie with the digital camera



Graeme and Greg showing the meeting a defib unit. It was noted that they neatly sidestepped the question about whether bras need to be removed before applying the pads!

Gerry has been travelling again and supplied your editor with some great photos of some of the vehicles in the Australian Motorlife museum at Kembla Grange near Wollongong after a recent visit. Here is a selection, with more to come in subsequent Splutters!:



1911 HUPMOBILE

Many car body builders originally built horse drawn carriages and buggies. You can see many similarities between this car and a buggy.

FAST FACTS

COUNTRY
USA

MAKE
Hupmobile

YEAR
1911

ENGINE
2500cc
3 speed gearbox

The company built a variety of cars between 1908 and 1941, when production ceased. Particularly for the first half of this period, 'Hupps' were a very popular vehicle in Australia.

This car has a four cylinder 2500cc engine with a three speed gearbox. It superseded a model with a two speed gearbox.

The body on this car is by Steenbohms of Sydney. This car is the long wheel base model.

Between November 1910 and January 1912 a Hupmobile completed an around the world promotional tour of 48,600 miles (78,215 kms) crossing 26 different countries.

This car has been in the same family ownership since 1956, having been restored by this family.

This car is kindly on loan to The Australian Motorlife Museum.



1900 Locomobile Steamer

SPECIFICATIONS

Engine: Two-cylinder with 35cm 80 litre boiler (14" and 21 gallon)
Horsepower: 3.5
Transmission: None
Range: 32 kms per tank of water (20 miles)
Weight: 385kgs (850 lbs)

Style No. 2, \$750, F.O.B., Bridgeport, Conn.

Old Veteran Rally: Alison and Andrew had a sojourn to Queensland recently and joined the Queensland Veteran Car Club at their Oakey Rally. We were invited by some friends who live in the area who had just acquired a 1911 Hupmobile similar to ours and we had a lovely few days exploring the rural roads of the area (not far from Toowoomba). Here are a few photos:



1910 Renault



1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile



1909 Maxwell



1910 Buick



1909 Sizaire et Naudin



1917 Maxwell



1912 Overland Opera Coupe
Steamer



1908 Clement Talbot



1901 Locomobile



The two Hupmobiles

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):

SEPT 25		
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Run – display cars at Marion Grove, Toormina, and have coffee at Link Café' (adjoining)	Gerry 0402 469 160
Sunday 21 st	Bowraville Run – Morning tea at Mackay Park then museum visit followed by lunch at Bowraville Pub	Glenn Campbell
OCT 25		
Saturday 4 th	Sat afternoon run to Col South's Model Railway Exhibit then Mullaway Headland	Jim Fisher
Thursday 16 th	Coffee Run to Sandy Beach House	Hal Murray
Friday 17 th to Monday 20 th	Great Eastland Hub Rally at Armidale – see Secretary for entry forms or contact Armidale Club contact: judi.pearce@gmail.com 0403 432 550	
Sunday 19 th	Diggers Club Woolgoolga with morning tea at Woolgoolga Lake	Gerry 0402 469 160
NOV 25		
Saturday 1 st	Afternoon Run – Visit Winters Shed	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 6 th	Club Meeting	Graham Davey
Sunday 16 th	Rego Day – Venue TBC – Mylestom?	
Thursday 20 th	Coffee Run – Idle Inn at Nana Glen	Hal Murray
DEC 25		
Thursday 4 th	Club Meeting	Graham Davey
Saturday 6 th	Sat afternoon run to Moonee Foreshore	Glenn Campbell
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Run – Butter Factory at Bellingen	Leigh Stephens
Sunday 21 st	Christmas Lunch at Sawtell RSL	Gerry 0402 469 160