

# Transmission

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Official Magazine of the

**ROOTES**

GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc

(Incl Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam, Singer, Commer & Karrier Vehicles and Clubs in Queensland)

*Just one of the many benefits of membership*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As with last month September has been a busy month for us as we have travelled in the Sunbeam Rapier for a southern trip to the Sunbeam Nationals at South Australia's Victor Harbor.

Before we headed south, we caught up with one of our members Garry Ellis at the annual Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Group car club car display and swap meet.

There was a great selection of cars inside the main building and the one that grabbed my attention was the Citroen Ami 8 from the 1970's: a really unusual car. Plus, Garry displayed his Mark 3 Humber Super Snipe and his very original Commer truck.

The Club put on a great display with over thirty different categories being judged by Garry and his team, a great effort and day for all the car owners and the public who attended in large numbers.

The next day, Sunday we caught up with Ray and Gill Sanders from New Zealand for the drive for our first nights' accommodation in Tamworth.

On Monday we headed to a small town called Nundle which has a wool spinning mill which is still operational using hundred-year-old spinning and dyeing machines; well worth the short detour on the trip south of Tamworth.

That afternoon we took the short cut road from Quirindi to Dubbo and unfortunately with the numerous concrete causeways my rear exhaust bracket and exhaust came off. With a quick temporary repair, we limped into Coolah where the local mechanic fixed my bracket and exhaust to allow us to make Dubbo in fading light.

On Tuesday we visited Dubbo Zoo and the four of us hired one-speed push bikes which is the best way of seeing the numerous animal displays - a fantastic zoo.

Headed to Forbes that night and enjoyed the 2 for the price of 1 meals at the Forbes Inn Hotel, great value and meal if you ever stay there on a Tuesday night.

Leaving Forbes, we headed to Grenfell and Young with the rain increasing as we headed towards the Victorian border. We just missed a small tornado by less than an hour and stopped at the Junee chocolate factory for lunch and also visited a small car collection of mostly English and Australian Fords, although there was a Humber Vogue and Hillman Minx stored at the back of the display shed.

We stayed in an old gold mining town just outside Albury called Chiltern. We didn't realise that the main train freight line was only 100 meters away unfortunately.

On Thursday we decided that some retail therapy was required for Lyn and Gill, so we detoured to Bendigo and after a few hours needed to hit the road for our final night's stay in Horsham before the drive to Victor Harbor on the Friday.

I have always found that the journey to any car Nationals is in many ways part of the great adventure in travelling there. We travelled over 1500 miles in five days in the great company of Ray and Gill Sanders, and no we did not travel the furthest as the WA contingent drove their Sunbeam Alpines across the Nullarbor Plain for a total distance of over 2000 miles.

Clyde Northcott also made the trip with his Sunbeam Tiger joining the Sunbeam Tiger boys from NSW in their trip to South Australia.

I know Clyde will have more to report on this great event. Once again with over 100 attendees and 50 cars on display Paul Heuer and his team ran a faultless Nationals. This raises the bar once again for all of us to aspire to going forward.

Also, please note the Christmas Party date – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Esk Hotel. Details to follow.

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**

**Northern Run – Sunshine Coast Hinterland**

**09:00 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

# 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
Oct	1st	Wednesday	Northern Run	North Brisbane / Sunshine Coast	RGCCQ	09:00
Oct	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Samford Valley Classic Car Show	40 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale	Riley Club	09:00
Nov	30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Christmas Party	Esk Grand Hotel 121 Ipswich Street.	RGCCQ	TBA
Dec	Nil	Nil	No Event			

ITEMS IN BLUE: CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS

ITEMS IN BLACK: EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

## PARTS CLEANOUT

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 09:00**

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**R.G.C.C.Q.**

**OCTOBER EVENT**

**Mid-Week Northern Run**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**Meet at BP Service Centre Caboolture Northbound**

**09:00 Departure**

Our group will depart the BP at 9.00 a.m. for a run directly to the Maleny Clubhouse for morning tea provided by the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club. After our morning tea we will go on a touring run organised by the Maleny club and then return to their clubrooms for a shared lunch. After the successful event last year, the Austin club will again be joining us. Also, this year the Sprite club will be attending the event. Rootes members come along and make this Northern Run even more successful this year.

What to bring:

A SHARED LUNCH - To be placed on the table for all to share. Camp chair.

Rob Heiner: 0408 351 249



# R.G.C.C.Q.

## SEPTEMBER EVENT

### Sunbeam Nationals – Victor Harbor S.A.

As you would have read in David's report above, the Sunbeam Nationals were exceptional. A very well-run event by an accomplished committee ensured the many attendees had a most enjoyable and memorable time. National events really are a good time – it's an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones, share and learn from other's experiences, brainstorm technical and mechanical challenges and of course explore parts of Australia you might not have seen before. For me personally the 2025 Nationals ticked all of those boxes and I enjoyed the level of camaraderie and club support on display when needed the most. Here are some photos from the road and the event for your enjoyment – I'd strongly recommend looking at the 2026 Sunbeam Nationals which are going to be at Forster Tuncurry (NSW) over the weekend of 11-14 September.







04:45 5G

Q Narrandera, NSW

**8.1°**  
Feels like 4.2°

5° 16°  
Min Max

0-1mm  
Rain

Partly cloudy.



<b>Coffin Bay Oysters</b> (GF / C)			
3 x Natural	13.9	3 x Kilpatrick	16.9
6 x Natural	25.9	6 x Kilpatrick	29.9
12 x Natural	44.9	12 x Kilpatrick	49.9
<b>Tomato Bruschetta</b> (Ve Available)			
Roasted cherry tomatoes with red onions, fresh basil, garlic and bocconcini on toasted Turkish bread with tomato spread, fresh dressed rocket and balsamic			
<b>Korean Fried Chicken Wings</b>			
Tossed in a Korean gochujang & ginger sauce			
<b>Salt &amp; Pepper Crocodile</b>			
Served with house-made local quandong relish			
<b>Pork &amp; Chive Gyoza Dumplings</b> (V)			
Steamed dumplings served with a choice of soy chilli sauce or sweet soy sauce			
<b>Beetroot &amp; Goats Cheese Arancini</b> (V)			
Served with mint crème fraîche			









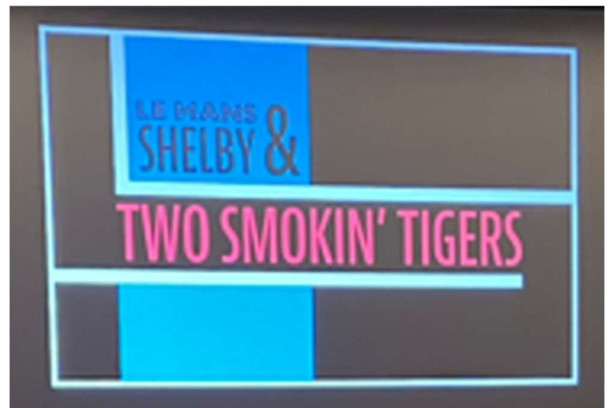


For a glimpse at some of the cars that attended the 2025 Sunbeam Nationals and were at the excellent Gilberts Motor Museum in Strathalbyn please use the link below. (I'll let you decide if the opening scene is the best – Ed 😊)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzWLFDOxwhU>







**2025 SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING****Victor Harbor, South Australia****Interclub Perpetual Shield Results**

The Interclub Perpetual Shield is awarded to the Club attaining the highest aggregate points of the three top scoring Sunbeams entered, from all classes.



	<i>Club</i>	<i>Reg No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Total Points.</i>
<b>1st</b>	<b>SOC - NSW</b>	02236F	Joseph Kandalaft	<i>Tiger</i>	82	233
		56015E	Jim Archer	<i>Series Alpine</i>	77	
		29427J	Len Shute	<i>Pre-1958</i>	74	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>STCC - VIC</b>	023H85	Bruce Dickey	<i>Pre-1958</i>	80	222
		5132H4	Colin Gow	<i>Series Alpine</i>	74	
		1600H2	Darrel Misso	<i>Tiger</i>	68	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>SCOC - SA</b>	SV1963	Julie Ford	<i>Venezia</i>	78	202
		PIP059	Donna Heuer	<i>Series Rapier</i>	63	
		SUN065	Peter Fuss	<i>Tiger</i>	61	
<b>4th</b>	<b>SCC - VIC</b>	6058H1	Norm Austin	<i>Tiger</i>	72	198
		0804H1	Ross Nye	<i>Series Alpine</i>	66	
		CH5392	Ian Andrew	<i>Series Rapier</i>	60	
<b>5th</b>	<b>SR - WA</b>	ALPINE5	Darryl Penley	<i>Series Alpine</i>	68	68
<b>6th</b>	<b>RGCC - QLD</b>	SUN63	David Phillips	<i>Series Rapier</i>	58	58

**2025 SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING****Victor Harbor, South Australia****TROPHY WINNERS**

<i>2025 Sunbeam National "Show &amp; Shine" Categories</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Reg'n No.</i>	<i>State/Club</i>	<i>Points</i>
<i>Pre 1958 Sunbeam</i>	<i>Alpine MkIII</i>	Bruce Dickey	023H85	STCC	80
<i>Series Rapier</i>	<i>Series 2</i>	Donna Heuer	PIP-059	SCOCSA	63
<i>Series Alpine</i>	<i>Series 1</i>	Jim Archer	56015E	SOCNSW	77
<i>Tiger</i>	<i>Mark 1</i>	Joseph Kandalaft	02236F	SOCNSW	82
<i>Post 1968 Sunbeam</i>	<i>no entries</i>				
<i>Interclub Perpetual Shield *</i>		Kandalaft, Archer, Shute		SOCNSW	233
<i>People's Choice</i>	<i>Alpine MkIII</i>	Bruce Dickey	023H85	STCC	19 votes
<i>Best First Time Restoration</i>	<i>Venezia</i>	Julie Ford	SV1963	SCOCSA	78
<i>Best Presented Sunbeam (Auto Surplus)</i>	<i>Tiger Mark 1</i>	Joseph Kandalaft	02236F	SOCNSW	82
<i>Pride of Ownership (David Craw Trophy)</i>	<i>Talbot 80</i>	Stewart Family	CH3787	SCCV	
<i>Hard Luck Story</i>	<i>Alpine V8</i>	David Townley	22393E	SOCNSW	
<i>Longest Distance travelled in a Sunbeam**</i>	<i>Alpine Series 2</i>	Anthony Robinson	DR-NO	SR WA	2784km
* "Interclub Perpetual Shield" is awarded to the club attaining the highest aggregate points of the three top scoring Sunbeams entered, from all classes.					
** Must be driven, not trailed etc.					



# Samford Valley Classic Car Show

Sponsored by the Riley Motor Club Queensland

All proceeds to support the Samford Rural Fire Brigade.



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Samford Showgrounds 40 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale.**

Display vehicles in from 9am,

Public from 10am to 2pm.

Bring your classic cars, trucks or motorcycles and spend a few hours with fellow enthusiasts.

Food & drinks available on site. Display vehicle **\$5 donation** per car inc. passengers to S.R.F.B.

Visitors **\$5 donation** per car inc. passengers to S.R.F.B.

Walk-in visitors **\$5 per head.**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO SAMFORD**

**CASH ONLY**

**RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

Contact Michael 0407 759 634 or Trevor 0407 717 853





# ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC



## 2025 MEMBERSHIP

Postal: Please fill out this form and forward with your cheque or money order payable to: ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc. Send to RGCCQ Inc C/- PO Box 504, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Online: Please fill out this form, pay by EFT and email the completed form to [rgccqld@gmail.com](mailto:rgccqld@gmail.com). Please include your surname in the transaction field.

Suncorp Internet Banking (Rootes Group Business Premium)

**BSB 484 799 Account 481 960 636**

This will renew your membership and update any changes to your address, cars, etc.

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Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email address: .....

Phone No. .... Mobile No. ....

Please list all your Rootes Group vehicles.

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I enclose a cheque / money order for Standard Membership \$45.00 ☐

## Club Regalia – Stock up For 2025 and beyond!

Your club has a good collection of Regalia items for sale – perfect indulgences!  
Prices as shown, freight extra. Come along to an event and save on freight!  
Contact your Club Regalia Officer Clyde Northcott by email at [korbenstrategic@bigpond.com](mailto:korbenstrategic@bigpond.com)

### Polo Shirt with pocket –



Sizes L (4 available), XL (1 available).

Made from “Podium Cool” fibre especially designed to absorb body perspiration into the fabric surface where it is evaporated leaving the wearer fresh and cool. Limited availability means wearers will enjoy exclusivity! Price: \$25.00 each or 2 for \$40.00

Note – sensational male model not included



### Bucket Hat (5 available) Baseball Cap (8 available)

One size fits most – most who don't want skin cancer.

Price: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$20.00



### Window Transfers.

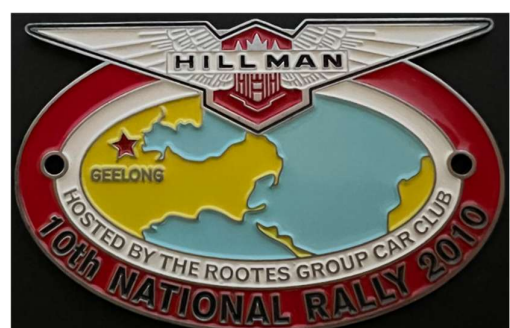
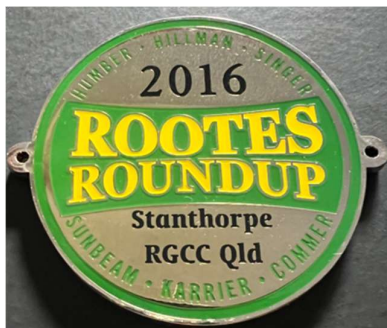
Self-adhesive “stickers” designed to affix to the inside of a window – whether that's your shed door, car window or trophy cabinet.  
Wear your Rootes addiction with pride!

16 Available – 80mm diameter. Price: 2 for \$8.00

28 Available – 86 mm Square. Price: 2 for \$8.00



High Quality **leather key ring** with enamelled plaque and brass ring. 12 Available. Price: \$10 each. Heavy (100 grams each or 10 per kilo!), quality **plaques**. Both sides of a single item shown below. Perfect badge bar or shed art – also proven to work as a coaster. 5 Available. Price: \$5 each or 4 for \$15.00



**Enamel badge** – 80mm W x 52mm H. 1 only, \$5.

**Sticker** – 72 mm diameter. 6 Available 2 for \$8.00

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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



## 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.

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## 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

(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.

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

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Hill 2880. Phone 08 8088 5843

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

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Thirlmere (SW Sydney). Phone 02 4683 0643 /  
0478 047 690

(NSW) Alan Lindsay "Winamie" 595 Rocky  
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588 083

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(Any errors or omissions please let us know, and we'll fix  
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