

Transmission

OCTOBER 2025



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

It's always interesting that as we grow older our days seem shorter and busier and now we have now reached the final months of 2025 before the busy Christmas season is upon us once again!

This month was the annual Northern Run which was organised by Gayle and Rob Heiner and which was a joint event with the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club with the Austin and Spite car club members also attending. Unfortunately, I had to work that day and missed a really great event, so hopefully we will make it in 2026. I also know Clyde attended a local event in his area which was the Samford Valley Classic Car Show where there were two other Tigers in attendance plus Clyde's blue Tiger. Looking at the photos on Facebook there was a great variety of cars in attendance plus \$3000 was raised for the Samford Rural Fire Brigade on the day. Well done to the Riley Motor Car Club which organised this event.

In mid-October I made a quick dash to New Zealand again for several days to arrange some repairs on our Maserati Spyder plus pick up a Humber Sceptre Mark 1 two tone green which will go with us to the New Zealand North Island in 2026. I have always found Humber Sceptres an attractive proposition with their well-appointed luxury interior. Plus, the instrument layout has to be the one of the best in all the Rootes models. This car has had four owners since being first registered in New Zealand in 1964 and is in very original rust-free condition. The interior space layout reminds me very much of the Humber Vogue which has great legroom for both front and rear passengers.

Also, we finally managed to register our 1996 Fiat Coupe 16V Turbo which we imported from New Zealand to Australia several months ago. Even though Fiat has not used asbestos in their cars for almost two decades we still need to arrange independent testing before Australian Customs would allow the car entry to Australia. The next step once the car cleared customs was to have it certified to Queensland Transport standards regarding ADR requirements. This meant replacing the perfectly functioning seat belts with new ones with the ADR number on it plus the front brake hoses. After that it was fairly straight for in obtaining registration to drive it with Queensland Transport.

I would also like to acknowledge the sad news on one of our life members Lorraine Fisher who passed on during the month. Lorraine was a stalwart in the Rootes Car Club for many years and made a massive contribution to our Club and will be sorely missed. R.I.P.

Our final event for 2025 will be our annual Christmas Party which we will hold at The Esk Grand Hotel (naturally in Esk) on Sunday November 30 from midday. It would be great if we could make the effort to drive up to Esk and we are looking forward to meeting you on the day. Off-street parking is available.

We are also looking at holding a Committee Meeting before lunch around 10am which all are welcome to attend as we are always interested in your views going forward into 2026.

We have endeavoured to make a variety of events in 2025 of interest for all members. However, we would really like to hear from you of which events we should add to our calendar in 2026 that would make you bring out and drive your cars.

Look forward to catching up at the Christmas Party in Esk at the end of November.

Enough from me, if you have any suggestions, comments or questions please feel free to contact me directly at elizabethkindy@westnet.com.au

David Phillips.

Don't Forget: Next Event

Committee Meeting from 10:00

Christmas Lunch from 12:00

Sunday 30th November – The Esk Grand Hotel.

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
Nov	2 nd	Sunday	Rebels Car Club Show n Swap	Rocklea Showgrounds	Rebels Car Club	
Nov	8 th	Saturday	Kingaroy Swap	Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy		
Nov	23 rd	Sunday	Beaudesert Swap	Beaudesert Showgrounds	Scenic Rim Motor Sports Association	
Nov	23 rd	Sunday	Rusty and Dusty Swap	Yatala Drive-In 100 Stapylton-Jacobs Well Road, Stapylton		
Nov	30 th	Sunday	Committee Meeting	Esk Grand Hotel 121 Ipswich Street.	RGCCQ	10:00
Nov	30 th	Sunday	Christmas Party	Esk Grand Hotel 121 Ipswich Street.	RGCCQ	12:00
Dec	Nil	Nil	No Event			

ITEMS IN BLUE: CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS

ITEMS IN BLACK: EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE

This is NOT a complete list. If you can recommend another, let us know so we can add it to our list.

Old Petrie Town, Petrie - Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

1st Saturday of month 7.30 am - Cars and Coffee - Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo

1st Sunday of month 7.00 am - Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops

2nd Sat of month 7.30 am - Coffee, Crunch and Chrome - Joes Diner - Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm

2nd Sunday of month 7.00 am Cars and Coffee - Spokes Café, Samford Village

Last Saturday of month 8.00 am Cars and Coffee - Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd.

Last Sunday of month 8.00 am Breakfast and Cars - Beenleigh Historic Village

2nd Sunday of month 10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel - Berrima St Wynnum

Wednesdays 5-8pm - Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East

**Last night, my wife
asked me if I'd seen
the dog bowl.
I said, "I didn't know
he could."**

R.G.C.C.Q.

NOVEMBER EVENT

Christmas Party

Sunday 30th November 2025

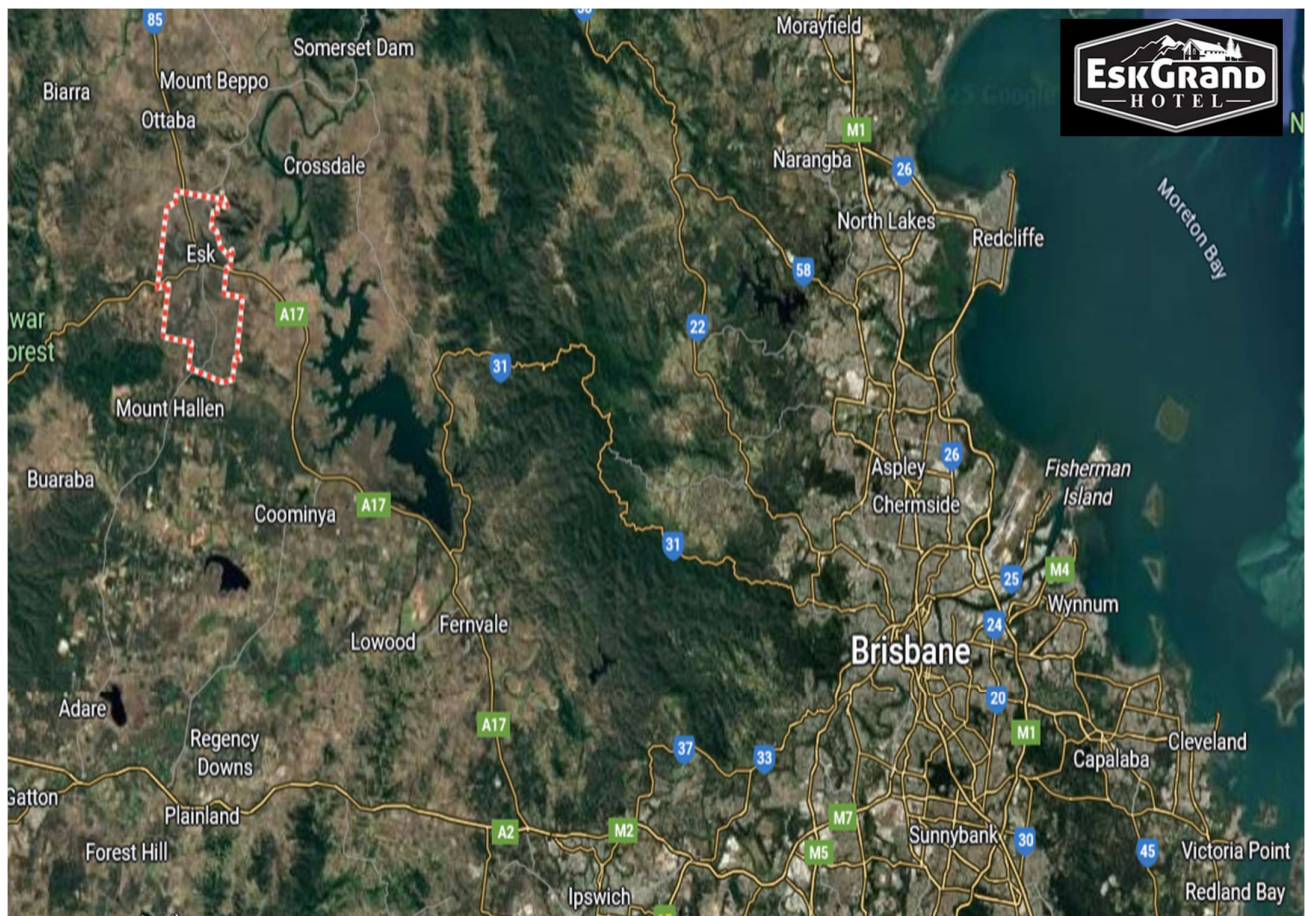
The Esk Grand Hotel – 121 Ipswich Street, Esk

10:00 Committee Meeting (all welcome)

12:00 Christmas Lunch

For images of how the team here have worked hard to make their venue car club friendly and to view the menu, please visit <https://www.grandhotelesk.com>

There are many good, scenic roads on the way to Esk. Perhaps consider getting away early and doing a lap of Wivenhoe Dam through the pretty Brisbane Valley and surrounds.



VALE LORRAINE FISHER

Sadly, Lorraine passed away recently at the age of 91 years. She was Member number 61. She was a joint member with her Mother Maud and after Maud passed away, she continued by taking on active roles as one of the three Musketeers: Lorraine, Lesley Fenney & Jean Bennett who were always here to help with club activities. Please see the below OBE which was issued in the magazine in 2014. She was made a life member in 2015.

O.B.E. Well deserved.



At our Annual General Meeting long time treasurer Lorraine Fisher handed over the books after 16 years in the job.

The Humber Car Club of Queensland was formed in September 1980 and Lorraine joined the club in May 1982 with her mother Maud.

Later in the year she was appointed Social director and organized many suppers and cups of tea with her large teapot which she brought along to every meeting. She was a willing helper at the 1984 National Rally which our club hosted in Dubbo, again in 1994 at Tamborine and 2005 with the Rootes Roundup at Warwick.

In 1995 she was appointed President, a position which she held until 1998. During this time she went to the National Humber rally in Perth in 1996 and it was a memorable time spent with some of us and Sydney club members. Every 2 years when we meet up with our friends from the Sydney club Jack Stunnell always asks "How is the lovely Lorraine".

In 1998 she went from President to Treasurer and has been in that position until now.

If there were any functions organized Lorraine was always at the forefront running raffles etc and how many people remember the Peanut brittle debacle? (could Lorraine ever forget it ????)

At the 1988 Expo Lorraine's beautiful Series IV Snipe was on display along with 2 other cars from the club and they were admired by thousands who attended that day.

Lorraine will be celebrating her 80th birthday in May so now she can claim her O.B.E. (Over bloody eighty) award.

Congratulations Lorraine and thank you for all your hard work over the last 32 years and we look forward to seeing you at many outings and meetings in the future.

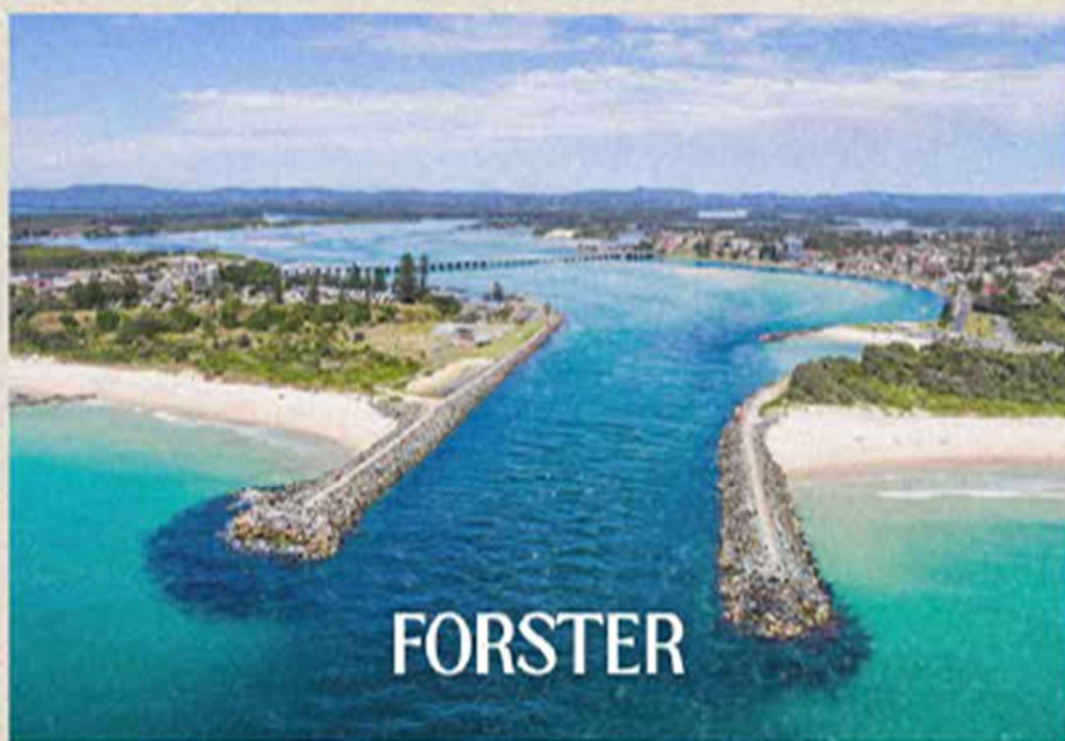
With thanks to Lawrie and Jean Bennett.

48TH SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING

September
11-13th 2026



Sevan Apartments
Forster



REGISTRATION PACKAGE

[HTTPS://WWW.SUNBEAMCARNSW.ORG.AU/](https://www.sunbeamcarsnsw.org.au/)

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Soon!



R.G.C.C.Q.

OCTOBER EVENT

Northern Run – Sunshine Coast Hinterland

Wednesday morning was wet on the Sunshine coast, so I departed Cooroy with the top up. The weather cleared on the drive to the Caboolture BP, which was the advertised meeting place for cars travelling north from Brisbane. The only members to arrive were Adrian and Nola. I was expecting to see their big beautiful black Humber but this was not to be as Adrian is still recovering from his major knee surgery. Instead of the Humber he came in his newly purchased late model Mustang. With Adrian's knee problems he preferred the automatic Mustang.



Leaving the BP, we had a quick drive via Landsborough to arrive at the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Clubhouse for morning tea with other members from the Austin, Sprite and Maleny clubs. The only other Rootes enthusiasts were Tony and Dennis Allen who drove up from Nambour in their Jaguar, stating that with the chance of rain he didn't want to get his Hillmans wet. That's what I like to hear. Rootes vehicles weren't designed to use on a wet day - if in doubt take the Jag. There were about 50 cars on display and the quality was impressive.

After a delightful morning tea which was provided by the Club's lady members, we departed on a fun run through the Maleny Hinterland. We returned to the clubhouse for a "shared plate lunch" which was delicious and plentiful. The Maleny BRHCC is a well organised club and the members are friendly and outgoing.

There are plans to hold a similar event next year.





Rob Heiner.

ROOTES RAMBLINGS OCTOBER 2025

Well at last, I can give a definitive answer and yes spring has sprung. My Liquid Amber tree burst into leaf on the 15th of September and is starting to look absolutely beautiful. While I am on this arboreal vein, my Jacarandas and Poincianas have now dropped all their leaves which means that very shortly we will be covered in purple blossoms followed by the red of the Poincianas as we head into November. This of course means that in no time at all it will be Xmas again. Doesn't it just seem like we had our last Xmas parties etc. just last week!! Never mind this is a great time of the year to be out and about in our cars before it gets too hot and the longer afternoons are great for exercising our old beasts.

I'm looking forward to "The Northern Run " as organised by Rob Heiner. I missed this run last year as I was in New Zealand and heard how good it was so am keen to be there. Not sure which car I will take as my recovering knee will dictate whether I can push the clutch in on the Humber which I am sure is feeling a bit neglected as it is now 15 weeks since it has had a run. I have checked the battery though and it was surprisingly still well charged – soon, I hope. The area around Maleny is always very scenic and it will be good to see some other cars.

If you are taking your 2023-25 Mazda on the run, petrol CX70, 80 and 90 be aware that these are being recalled to fix an incorrect fuel gauge reading. In other words: it may show fuel in the tank but it is actually nearly empty which of course could be a problem when driving, really!!! As Mazda said, "If the fuel tank becomes empty whilst driving, it may lead to a sudden loss of motive power, increasing the risk of an accident, causing injury or death to vehicle occupants and/or other road users."!!! Would not be much fun if you were doing 110kph on the freeway and it suddenly lost its motive power! I am always impressed by the company speak used to describe their problems.

While I'm on the subject of recalls, Ford is recalling 7,000 Mustangs produced between 2022 and 2025 as the "Body Control Module may be susceptible to water ingress. As a result, the front and rear side lamps, tail lamps and licence plate lamps may not operate as intended. Lighting features not operating as intended may reduce the driver's visibility. Additionally other road users may not be able to see the vehicle in dark conditions which may cause injury or death." Once again, another impressive problem description I feel.

Another electrical problem is the one concerning EVs which now make up 8% of the sales figures and the Government hoping for much more in the future. Comparable insurance figures show that EVs are more than 43% more expensive than their petrol counterparts to insure. Surprisingly, according to popular wisdom this is due to battery fires, but insurance figures show that there have only been 10 battery fires in Australia. Where the expense comes in is in the repair of EVs. which take at least 25% more time as workshops proceed warily. Often the battery is damaged and has to be replaced at between \$10-20000 depending on the make and model. The battery needs to be disarmed before you can work on the car so there isn't live electricity flowing through the car that could kill them. This is not just a matter of a switch here and there but following a procedure that makes sure the huge amounts of electricity stored are correctly harnessed. I also see a report that said that after two years the price of some EVs had dropped to just 54% of their purchase price. In contrast vehicles such as the Ranger and similar were still at about 78%. Just a thought before you make your next purchase and Porsche apparently have decided to revert back from their original position of an electric only future to one including ICEs, a decision which is reputed to have cost them 8 billion dollars.!! Never mind I'm going to stick with my Mk2 Super Snipe.

I didn't get to the All British Day as it would have been a walk too far for my knee but I did have a spy from another camp take some photos for me. There was a reasonable roll up of Rootes cars with the Singers well represented but unfortunately a number of the usual attendees were absent due to other commitments. I was also looking forward to going to the car show at the Riley Clubhouse at Samford this year but sadly my knee said "Not ready yet" so I will make a note for next year. It was well attended with a large number of cars. Perhaps we can go along as a group and make a display.

Roll on some time between when I started writing to now and as a result, I would like to thank Rob Heiner for our invitation to the Wednesday run organised by the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Car Club. It was a cracker. They have a great Clubhouse as you enter Melaney and we had a very nice morning tea there and then went on about an hour run west of Melaney through some very scenic country which was just beautiful. Nola and I are going to go back and do the run again with a few add-ons because it was just so good. We came back to the Clubhouse for a shared plate lunch and a very pleasant chat to a number of the members. There were about 30 cars there of all types but sadly only two from us. It was a great run and an easy day. Hopefully they will do it again next year. Thank you, Rob, great day.

On a sad note I would advise of the passing of Lorraine Fisher, one of the stalwarts of the Club. I first met Lorraine when I was about seven when I was invited to her brother Cliff's birthday party in about 1956 when I was in Grade two perhaps!! So, it was quite a surprise to meet her again in 1993 when I went to a Humber Club meeting at her house at Ashgrove and realize who she was after all that time. She was a past President and later became Treasurer for many years. Lorraine was an extremely able person with a quiet confidence in everything that she did, a very gracious lady. Rest in Peace Lorraine and thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Esk Hotel for Xmas lunch,

Enjoy your driving, regards **Adrian Grant**

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ALL BRITISH DAY 2025





Photos by **Adrian Grant**.

Samford Valley Classic Car Show

Sponsored by the Riley Motor Club Queensland

Another beautiful day to take the Tiger out for a (short) run. I rolled up at the nominated forming up time of 9 to find the paddock already quite full. When will I learn? Still, the Riley crew had me paid up and parked up in no time at all and it was off to cash in the voucher for a morning coffee then catch up with some of the other attendees. It was nice to see one Hillman, two Alpines and another two Tigers there. One Tiger is a member's car and the other is part of a private collection which your club visited some years ago. I believe the Riley Club raised \$3000 for the local rural fire brigade and the event attracted more than 200 cars. A very nice day for all.





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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 2026 and beyond!

Your club has a good collection of Regalia items for sale – perfect indulgences!
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Contact your Club Regalia Officer Clyde Northcott by email at korbenstrategic@bigpond.com

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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.

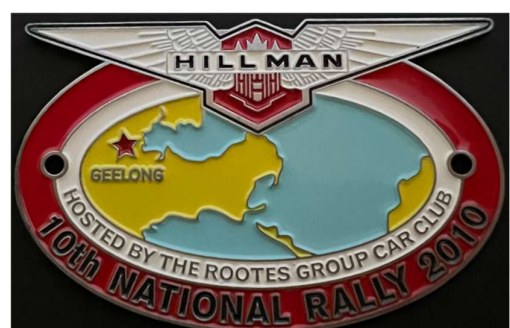
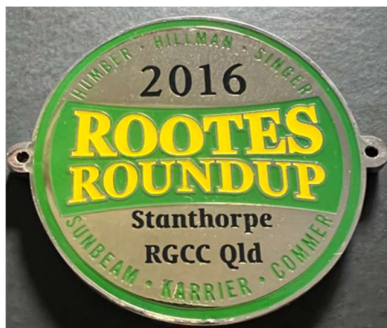
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Club meetings are usually held as published in the Events Calendar. Friends and prospective members are ALWAYS welcome. The next scheduled Committee meeting is at a date to be advised.

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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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

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Some of our club's members offer services that may assist you with your Rootes classic.

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(Newcastle). Phone 0414 619 108

(NSW) Jack Harris. 218 Duff Street, Broken
Hill 2880. Phone 08 8088 5843

(NSW) Roger Foote, Eastwood (Sydney).
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(NSW) Denis Boyle. 51 Shelleys Lane,
Thirlmere (SW Sydney). Phone 02 4683 0643 /
0478 047 690

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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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