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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



2025 has now almost passed and I am reflecting on the events we have run during the year which for those who attended I hope we hit the mark for you and hopefully will continue to do so in 2026.

Our final event for 2025 was our annual Christmas Party which we held at the Esk Grand Hotel last Sunday November 30.

It was great that over twenty members made the effort to travel up the Brisbane Valley on what turned out to be a very warm day with the temperature reaching around 36C. Thankfully, our host at the hotel Joe ensured we were located inside in the air-conditioning. This ensured that the conditions for our Committee Meeting and our Christmas Party were a lot more comfortable than the patrons having to sit outside in the sweltering heat. Also, it was really encouraging that our members who made the drive to Esk came early to attend the Committee Meeting and to contribute their views which we greatly appreciated. In particular Don Bell who is new member with a Hillman Minx made the journey from Logan, it was great to catch up. Also, some of our longer-term members were also present in Murray and Beth Gauld, John and Pauline Harris and Lawrie and Jean Bennett. Bruce and Dorothy Prasser also made the trip from Ipswich with Bruce commenting that we had four ex-Presidents of the old Sunbeam Owners Car Club of Queensland and two ex-Presidents of the Rootes Group Car of Queensland as well!

We have now set our Events Calendar for 2026 leaving in the events which worked well for us in 2025 and adding some new ones which hopefully will work well too!

We have added in two events located south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast hinterland and in September we will have three events for the month. These will include the NSW Sunbeam Nationals in Forster-Tuncurry on the NSW mid north coast and the Hillman Nationals in Wagga Wagga for those who would like to drive their Sunbeams or Hillmans south of the border. Both of these events will be worth attending: either the annual Sunbeam Nationals or the biennial Hillman Nationals. Unfortunately, they will be on the same weekend in September so we will be driving our Sunbeam Rapier down to Forster for the weekend.

Our 2026 Christmas in July will be in the Gold Coast Hinterland rather than Stanthorpe. We will visit our friends in Stanthorpe in early September for the Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Group annual car show and swap meet.

One of items we discussed at the Committee Meeting was the 2027 Rootes National Rally which our Club will be hosting in southern Queensland. It appears that there is some confusion on how this rally will work given that we are combining two rallies into one this year namely the Humber Nationals and the Sunbeam Nationals along with inviting the Hillman car clubs from interstate.

To ensure continuity of Rally numbers, under the umbrella of the Rootes Group Car Club of Queensland it will be the 49th Sunbeam Rally and the 24th Humber Rally, so there is no loss of continuity going forward.

So, in closing I wish all our members a very happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to catching up with you in 2027.

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

Australia Day Rally - Ormiston State School

See Flyer in this Newsletter

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
Jan	26th	Monday	Australia Day	Ormiston State School Wellington Street, Ormiston	RGCCQ	06:00
Feb	TBA	TBA	Fish n Chips Run	Sandgate		TBA
Mar	8th	Sunday	Annual General Meeting	Camp Hill Hotel	RGCCQ	TBA
Mar	29th	Sunday	Ormiston Swap + Bayside Lunch	Ormiston State School Wellington Street, Ormiston	RGCCQ	06:00
Apr	TBA	TBA	Springbrook Run		RGCCQ	
May	17th	Sunday	David Hack Classic	Toowoomba Aerodrome	RGCCQ	
June	3 rd	Wednesday	Combined Run Ipswich Car Club	Meet at Cameron Park, Booval	RGCCQ	08:30
July	TBA	TBA	Christmas in July	Fox and Hounds Pub – Mt Tamborine	RGCCQ	
Aug	TBA	Saturday	Rootes Roundup	Highvale	RGCCQ	
Sept	11 to 13		Sunbeam National Meeting	Forster-Tuncurry	RGCCQ	
Sept	TBA	Sunday	All British Day	St Josephs School – Tennyson	RGCCQ	
Sept	TBA	TBA	Stanthorpe Car Show	Stanthorpe	RGCCQ	
Oct	TBA	TBA	Northern Run	Sunshine Coast Hinterland	RGCCQ	
Nov	TBA	TBA	Christmas Party	TBA	RGCCQ	
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

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club

PRESENTS

RACQ Batteries



Australia Day Event

Monday 26th January 2026

Ormiston State School



Car Club entry for display from 6am - via Wellington St

Gates open for public at 7am

Bring Your Own chairs & cups

Complimentary Breakfast, Tea & Coffee from 7am to 9am

Buy a raffle ticket and support Sailability - drawn at 10.00am

Enjoy the display of vehicles - Historical, Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Hot-Rods,
Trucks, Bikes & Military - until 10.30am

At 10.30am start one of the optional navigation runs
through the Redlands Coast

BYO lunch to have in park at completion of your chosen run

School gates close at 12 noon

Contact: Steve 0411 516 122



**Drones & Social Media not permitted unless
permission given by BVRC committee**

NO Dogs, Smoking or Vaping allowed on school grounds



R.G.C.C.Q. NOVEMBER EVENT



Christmas Party at The Esk Grand Hotel

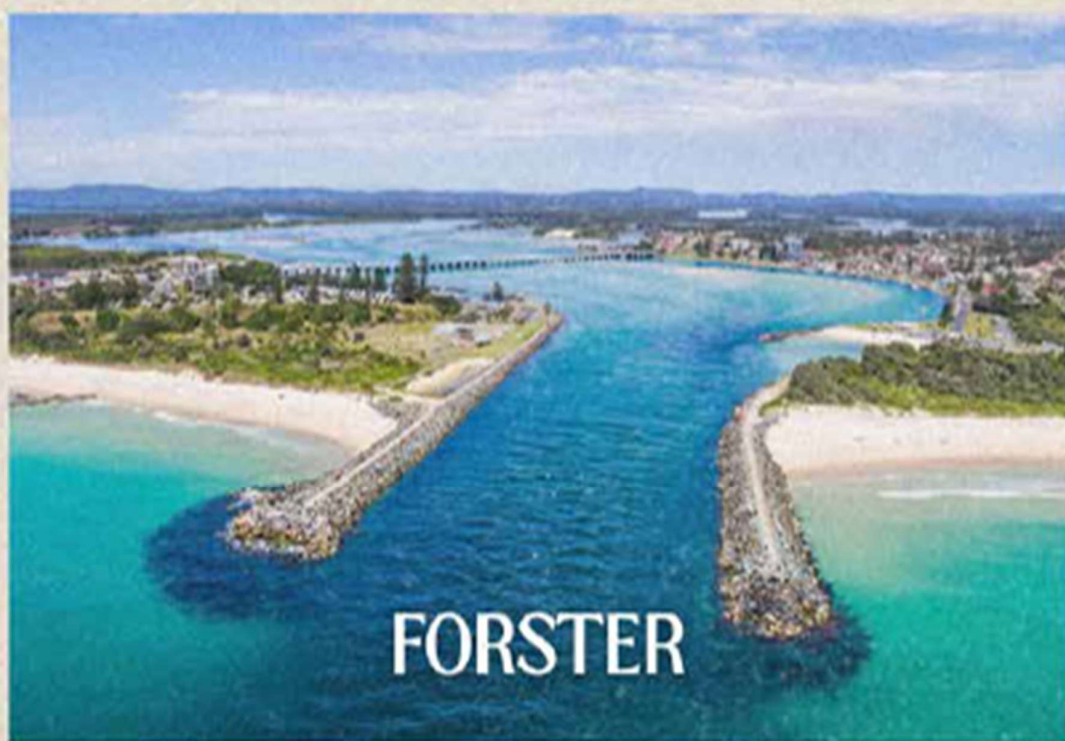


48TH SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING

September
11-13th 2026



Sevan Apartments
Forster



REGISTRATION PACKAGE

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

Coming
Soon!



ROOTES RAMBLINGS NOVEMBER 2025

Well very shortly we will all be singing Jingle Bells again so I hope you have started / thought about / completed your Xmas shopping. Completed you might ask, already, but yes two of my friends have already finished theirs. I'm afraid I leave mine 'til later and then am wrapping presents at one a.m.!!! There is always lots of commentary about Xmas – too commercial, expensive, etc., but it is what you make it and the rewards of getting together with family and or friends make it a wonderful time of year. From Nola and myself a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

It would seem that the government 's position on EV's has not changed or will be in the foreseeable future which means that EV's will continue to pay no road tax which we all pay via the tariff on petrol. Additionally, the incentives to buy EV's will remain. This means that each one of us is supporting the EV industry whether we want to or not; just doesn't seem fair. As a result of these incentives, we now have at least 19 Chinese EV brands on the market and 11 from other countries. ICE's in the second quarter of this year made up 72% of sales, hybrids, 14% and "EV's" 13% which shows that about 27% of the market are given incentives to buy these electric vehicles. Interesting, isn't it? On the other side of the coin are all the technological advances which have been developed to make these EV's happen which has flowed across into our daily lives. Just as the scientist said in his talk on the value of space travel, there are hundreds of items that we use daily that were developed so we could go into space, such as memory foam, anti-corrosion coatings, cochlear implants, insulin pumps, water filters, scratch resistant eyeglass lenses and the soles of your joggers are just a few. The same applies in the motor industry through Formula One but sometimes even with a long list of innovations some companies just did not survive.

One company which had an amazing list of innovative firsts just disappeared. Automatic spark advance: 1899, first car to have H pattern gearshift: 1900, a steering wheel: 1901, spiral bevel differential gears: 1913, world's first volume production V12: 1915, first production car to use aluminium pistons: 1915, first volume production straight eight: 1923, hypoid rear axle: 1926, air-conditioning: 1939, power windows: 1940, direct drive lockup torque converter: 1949, four wheel torsion bar suspension: 1954, twin traction limited slip diff: 1955 and power door locks: 1956. Yes, this company was Packard. Let us hope this does not happen to Ford. I hope they listen to their customers, a Mustang in my books can never be an electric vehicle!!

On our various runs in other Clubs that I have been on just lately we have had a spate of tyre failures not due to punctures so I thought I would write a brief reminder that tyre wear is not the only indicator of tyre condition. Before you ask there is nothing in the Transport "Act" that says that once the tyre is x years old it must be changed.

As you know, tyres are made of various types of textile, and steel and rubber compounds that have properties that evolve over time. As the rubber in a tyre gets older and is exposed to the elements, the strength of the bond between the rubber and the steel belt is reduced. When an older tyre is put under load, cracks in the rubber will begin to form. These cracks may appear on the surface but also form out of sight within the structure of the tyre.



Eventually, the cracking can even cause the steel belts in the tread to separate from the rest of the tyre. This was a huge problem for early steel belts which has been largely fixed but I did experience it myself just lately with bubbling / delamination in the tread with a 7 year old tyre that still looked perfect. Sadly, tyres are a lot like us, we still age even if we don't do anything and so do the tyres. Unlike the tyres of yesteryear made with real rubber and textile belts, the modern tyres have a much more complex chemical structure which tends to devolve with age and so for instance your perfect looking spare tyre in the boot still with the nipples on it which you bought only yesterday, (15 years ago or more!!) has still aged. The next question is probably how do you tell how old your tyres are if you don't have the docket?

In Australia since 1988, there is a stamp on the sidewall which tells you. It is in the shape of a 400 metre running track about 50 mm long and contains only four numbers. The first two indicate the week of manufacture and the second two show the year. Hence as in the photo, 0324 indicates the third week of 2024. Yes, tyres are expensive but they are the only part touching the road and if it is a front tyre and it just lets go at 80kph, it may not end well. I hope this has made you all think.

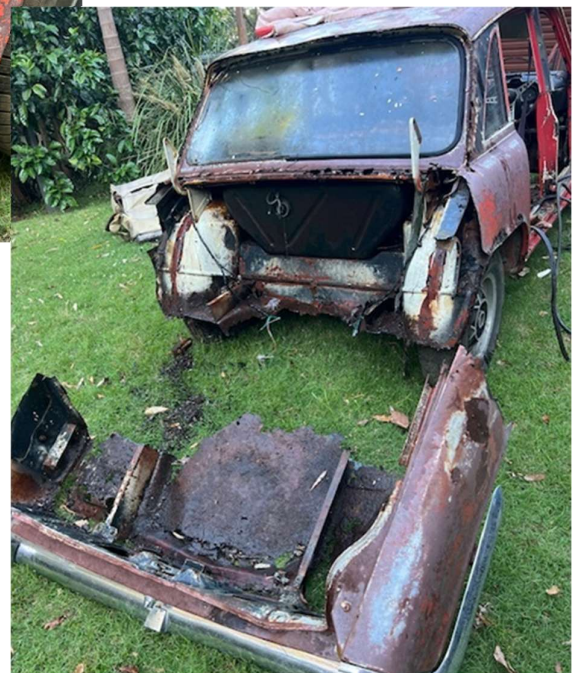
Well, it was a great Xmas lunch at the Esk Hotel and with 21 attendees there were plenty of folk to talk to. The meals were well presented and arrived quickly and the manager was very happy to accommodate us. If you are up for a drive Esk is a great place to visit especially during the week. At the moment, after all the rain, the countryside is just picturesque and coming back over Mt Glorious rewarded us with some beautiful scenery – a very good day.

As I've said it's been a great year and I would like to thank firstly the Committee members for all their work this year, it's been a pleasure to work with you. Secondly, to all those who hold positions, thanks for a job well done and thirdly to all of you members who make the Club such an enjoyable place. Have a wonderful Xmas wherever and with whom you will be.

Enjoy your driving, regards **Adrian Grant**

RUST, SADNESS but a GOOD HARVEST

Even in its absolute end of life state there were many good and useful parts harvested from this free donor car. It's always sad to see a car get to this state but it really was absolutely beyond economical repair.



Clyde Northcott.



BOOKING FORM / DEPOSIT

18th National Hillman Rally -

Wagga Wagga 11-15 Sept 2026

Hello friends,

We are pleased to provide a booking form and deposit details to register your interest in attending the 18th National Hillman Rally to be held in Wagga Wagga September 11-15, 2026. We are still establishing rally costs and will provide final details as soon as practicable.

To ensure your place at the 18th National Hillman Rally 2026, please complete and return this form, with completed vehicle details and payment of \$100 **per person** to:

emaisiejohnson@gmail.com or to 3 Little Place, Flinders, NSW 2529.

(preferred method of payment is by direct deposit)

ENTRANT/S:

Name/s (Please clearly print each person's name)

CONTACT DETAILS:

Email Address: <i>(please write clearly)</i>	
Mobile Phone Number(s):	
Home Phone Number: <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Postal Address:	

VEHICLES (if known): * e.g. 'Series I' or 'Mark II' or similar

Make	Model	Mark / Series *	Year	Body Style	Registration #
Hillman/Rootes Club:					

PAYMENT DETAILS: (Please indicate payment amount and method)

- ☐ I / we have paid \$100 / \$200 (or other amount)
- ☐ Direct deposit has been made to Acct Name P Johnson & J Wilson BSB: 732 681 Account No: 650 829
- ☐ My / our surname & initials have been entered in the comment field.
- ☐ Please find enclosed a cheque paid to P Johnson & J Wilson

Club Regalia – Stock up For 2026 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

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!

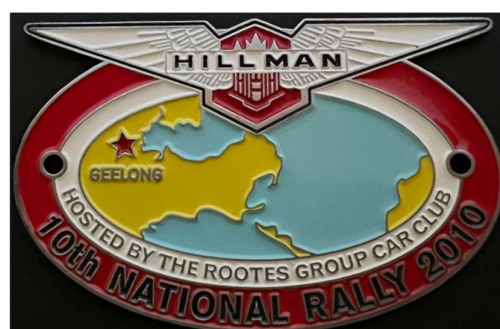
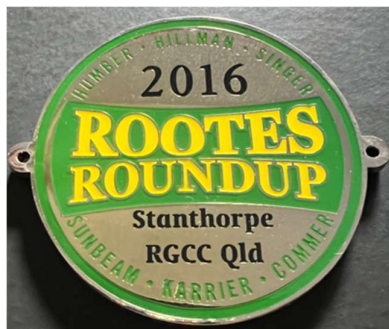


16 Available – 80mm diameter. Price: 2 for \$8.00

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

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

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

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

(NSW) Alan Lindsay "Winamie" 595 Rocky
Range Road Delegate (SE NSW). Phone 0428
588 083

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(QLD) Adrian Grant. The Gap (W Brisbane).
Phone 07 3300 3955 or 0434 383 055

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Daylesford). Phone 03 5348 7692

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Gooseberry Hill (E Perth). Phone 08 9293 2674

Their contact details are listed here free of charge as a club
service as part of their own club membership.

(Any errors or omissions please let us know, and we'll fix
next issue..)

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Rootes parts and mechanical services.
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email: rootesro@outlook.com
- **CARB TECH:** Paul White at Redcliffe 0417 713 662
can service most makes of carburettors on Classic
Cars
- **Frank Schoenberger:** manufactures most rubber
products for Rootes Cars.
www.rootesautoparts.com



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