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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope all members enjoyed a great Christmas with family and friends and we can all now look forward to a more normal 2023, following the impacts of the Covid-19 epidemic and La Nina weather conditions.

Now, I know you are all working diligently on your New Year's resolutions and if you are struggling for ideas, here are a few suggestions, in addition to the usual ones of getting more exercise and eating healthier, which we never seem to keep.

- 1. Visit a place that you have not been to before and explore its beauty.**
- 2. Indulge in kind acts, help people and be a friend.**
- 3. Spend quality time with your family.**
- 4. Buy an old Mercedes.**

Our club had a great December with a very successful Christmas party on the 10th and our final event of the year celebrated on 18th, with a morning tea at Red Rock.

The Sawtell Fun Day on New Year's Day was also a great event. Our club was well represented with Russ & Judy displaying their Morrie, Moke and Holden, Dick and Tony in their Morries and Mike in his Austin. A true display of Muscle Cars.

Looking forward, we have the Link Café on 11th January and the Buffalo Farm on 22nd January.

Happy motoring, IAN WARD PRESIDENT



EVENTS CALENDAR

		JANUARY 2023		
11th Jan	Wed	Morning Tea The Link Café Meet there at 10am - 631 Hogbin Drive Toormina	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	4th Jan
22nd Jan	Sun	LUNCH – Eungai Creek Buffalo Farm. Meet at new start point 340 Pine Creek Way Bonville 11am.	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	15th Jan
		FEBRUARY 2023		
6th Feb	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM. GENERAL MEETING 7PM		
8th Feb	Wed	Coffee Run Sapphire Nursery 16 Wakelands Road Sapphire. Depart Repco Homebase 9.30am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Wed 1st Feb
19th Feb	Sun	BYO Breakfast Boambee Reserve. BYO everything. Commencing at 8am. Meet there. \$7 / car entry, cash or card	NA	NA
		MARCH 2023		
6th March	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM. GENERAL MEETING 7PM		
8th March	Wed	Morning Tea run to Grafton Brewhouse Café 170 North Street. Depart REPCO Homebase at 9:30am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Wed 1st March
19th March	Sun	Lunch Run to Ulong RSL. Depart Repco Homebase at 10:30am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Sun 12th March



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Another great roll up of members and partners for the annual Christmas luncheon held in the Norm Jordan pavilion. Members enjoyed a variety of fresh local food, some games and plenty of lucky door prizes thanks to our sponsors C.ex Coffs, REPCO, autObarn, Seabreeze, Tint-a-Car and Michael and Sandy Guymer. Thank you all for the support of our club.





Presentation of Awards

Most runs attended – **Bob Rushbrook**
Most runs attended in a Club Car – **Ian Ward**



Hope for the Homeless Donation

After a successful Breakfast fundraiser we were able to donate 5x\$50

vouchers to be given to needy families through

“Hope For the Homeless “ Organisation



RED ROCK 18TH DECEMBER



**Sunshine, fresh air,
great company,
picturesque
location— a recipe for a
great morning to get the
cars out for a run up to
Red Rock.**



1980 Leyland Moke

Our father son Moke project began when we found a genuine 1980 Californian moke in a paddock at Glenreagh. We also found another moke in Armidale but when they came back from the sand blasters they were totally rusted out.

After a further search for a moke we found a good body. after an investigation, it was discovered that the moke came from Lord Howe Island which was used as a hire car. We then purchased the car in November 2008 and started restoration under very tight budget.

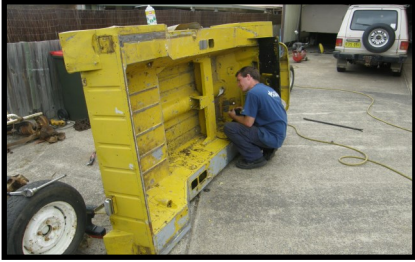
With every nut, bolt and washer removed, it was painstakingly paint striped back to bare metal. The underside of the floor and guards were soda blasted which was more cost effective than paint stripper, and far easier. There were only two areas of rust evident, in the floor near the battery compartment and on either side of the windscreen. New panels were made and welded in place. The entire car was etched primed then painted in **Devil Yellow** two pack. It was essential that we retained the rough details of the car, leaving the spot weld indentations and rough welds showing through the paint as per original.

Both the front and rear sub frames have been completely stripped and powder coated along with all suspension arms. They have been reassembled with new bearings, seals and rubbers. All nuts and bolts in the entire car have been replaced with stainless steel. Any parts that cannot be replaced with stainless have been nickel plated using a home plating kit. You can get carried away with one of those. We have even plated the brake springs.

Although originally the car had a hard top, we opted for the real moke experience using the rollbar with the topless experience. The rollbar, windscreen surround, side screens, dash panels, front grill and wheels have all been powder coated silver and white. Powder coating gives the advantage of a tough, durable yet professional finish. The current engine is actually from the Armidale moke and will be used as a club car. It has low mileage and was only been cleaned and repainted, though carby, dizzy etc have been rebuilt with new parts for reliable operation. Both seats have been renewed and despite their appearance they are quite comfortable. The car is far from finished and many more hours of Moking fun still is still to go. Thank you for taking the time to admire our car.

Ian and Russ Phemister

Member Car Profile – RUSS PHEMISTER -1980 Leyland Moke





**Great Morrie get
together for the parade
down First
Avenue Sawtell.**



**Luckily the rain
held off for most of
the morning.**



The Vintage ,Veteran and Classic Car Club had cars on display for the public to admire after the parade.



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