

# Coffs Splutter

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**COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.**

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**Liz and Garry Diamond's 1931 Chevrolet**

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2022-2023

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**Club Meetings:** General Meetings are held at the Boambee Hall 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 \$30.00 for a Single Membership, \$35.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*All articles appearing in "Coffs Splutter" are the sole responsibility of the author(s) as to matters of fact and veracity.*



## Our 1931 Chevrolet

In December 1996 the car was purchased in Santa Barbara USA from Mr Bill Amon, more than likely Bill would have pass away by now he was retiring when he sold the car, that he had owned for many years

The car was purchased and imported to Australia by John De Brincat Sydney Chev club guy. Once in Sydney the car was on sold to Brian Brooks, Brian stated the car was in very good condition no rust and no rot in the timber the paint was original and looked good from a distance. The car went into storage for some time, it wasn't until 2003 Brian decided to start the restoration with intention of building a concourse car, the engine was removed and sent to Parry's in Sydney and the body was removed.

Brian's son in law hand sanded the complete car which took many hours as sand blasting wasn't the preferred option. There was only one small dent in the rear, that being repaired the car was sent off to spray booth in Penrith were his son in law painted it.

Brian had a job offer to work in QLD. Corey [Brian's son in law] was left to carry on completing the works i.e. chroming and reassembling and internal upholstery.

That being the case Brian was concerned all the paint pieces would be left lying around for some time and could be lost or damaged. Brian approached a friend Dave Perry who had restored many cars previously for himself and others, Dave and Corey went on to near complete the car.

In 2005 the car was almost complete when the car was floated to GM day at Penrith for a static display. It received best post vintage of the day and went on to win several concourse events. Brian rarely drove the car and only on special events as he was concerned about causing damage. Later he decided to sell the car to Michael Ferguson in QLD. Earlier this year we decided we would like a sedan to add to our collection and rang a few people seeing if there were any available. Michael called me back saying he might consider selling the coach and the rest is history yet to be written. *Liz & Garry Diamond*



## VALE – MARGARET WEAIRE

In loving memory of  
**Margaret Irene Weaire**  
16.05.1950 – 30.09.2022



Club members were very saddened to learn of the passing of Marg Weaire. Marg will be remembered as a popular member who did much work on behalf of the club. Her approach to club life is possibly best summed up by recalling that she won the “Club Member of the Year” trophy in 2016 and followed that up with the “Stirrers Award” paddle in 2018!

Marg and Graeme initially joined the club with a 1946 Chev Truck before acquiring and restoring a 1974 Holden One-tonner (a bit more practical for club runs!). Both these vehicles had a connection to Marg’s family. The club offers sincere condolences to Graeme and family.



*Club member of the year 2016*



*Stirrer of the year 2018*





## Run to Mullaway and Amble Inn Corindi – 18th September

An excellent day on Sunday 18 September was spent travelling to Mullaway for morning coffee and on to the Amble Inn at Corindi. The weather was perfect. The group first assembled at “Jan’s” Store Mullaway for those picking up the best coffees and cakes on the Northern Beaches. Jan’s husband Wal is a VW Combi fanatic and had two of his pristine Combis either end of the grassed area to the front of the store. He then marshalled the arriving cars onto the grass where many photos were taken. A total of 10 cars attended the day. A hit for the local surfers, was Brett’s Mustang, when he gave the V8 engine a few rumbling squirts.

The group then moved on to the Mullaway Beach picnic area where numerous lies were told. It was also Lorraine’s birthday which included a cake, which all enjoyed. Most of the group walked up onto the Mullaway Headland and observed one of the great local views. We were very lucky to see both a pod of dolphins frolicking in the waves right on the headland, and several whales somewhat further out, breaching and spouting. A member commented that time could be spent on the Mullaway Headland every Sunday for coffee! Following coffee, we all moved on to the Amble Inn for lunch. The Inn was surprisingly uncrowded for a Sunday, and our group of 20 enjoyed the lunches and further discussions

*Graeme Wright.*



*Graeme’s MG & Brett’s Mustang*



*The cars wait patiently while the owners enjoy afternoon tea*



*The Fishers’ Merc*



*The Birthday Girl cuts the cake!*





*CHVVCC Members doing what they do best – chatting & eating!*

### ***CLUB REGALIA***

<i>Item</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>CHVVCC Car Badge (2 holes)</i>	<i>\$15 ea.</i>
<i>Car Badge blue</i>	<i>\$ 5 ea.</i>
<i>CHVVCC Club Ribbon</i>	<i>\$10 ea</i>
<i>Name Bade</i>	<i>\$ 1 ea</i>
<i>CHVVCC Stickers</i>	<i>\$ 0.50 ea</i>

*Artist's impression of what  
YOU could look like in your  
club regalia!*





## COFFEE RUN - SOUTH WALL, October 1 2022

The following attended this run: L and C Stephens modern, J and W Fisher smoking hot Mercedes Coupe, H Murray FJ Holden

The weather forecast for this day was rain save for between 1 pm to 4 pm which was supposed to be cloudy but no rain. Five fearless, tough, brave, and resilient members defied the conditions to come along for a walk on the southern breakwater wall and a chat. Well, the wall was closed as the waves were coming over the wall, very soft. However, we did have a drink and a very pleasant chat. After admiring the scenery, we had a bit of a wander around for about half an hour until the rain came along. Discretion being the better part of valour we pulled the pin and legged it.

*Report by Hal "Mr Resilience" Murray.*



*The fearless, the tough, the brave.....the slightly foolhardy??*



*Club cars brightening the South Wall carpark on a dull day*

## **Brisbane to Broome Veteran Car Run - Part 1**

Much of Australia was opened up by motor car in the period prior to WW1. A century on and there are events that capture the pioneering spirit of these intrepid early motorists, albeit sharing with roadtrains rather than horses. In 2012, an event for veteran vehicles was held from Perth to Sydney. Shortly afterwards, plans were made for another event from Adelaide to Darwin. In 2013, Alison and I purchased a 1911 Hupmobile with this trip in mind. Unfortunately, while we had thought the restoration was 95% complete, there was a lot more work required to get the Hupmobile on the road and we were unable to have the car ready for the event in 2014, a disappointing turn of events. When we heard that plans were afoot for a 3<sup>rd</sup> long distance run from Brisbane to Broome, we were very keen to be a part of it. For various reasons, the Brisbane to Broome run, first talked about in 2014, didn't happen until 2022. Plenty of time to get ready and much work was done to get the Hupmobile running sweetly and reliably. We also put a lot of thought into how we would like to do the trip (and other rallies) with simplicity and weight minimisation being uppermost in our minds. We purchased a 4WD dual cab ute and pondered how to set it up, and what modifications we wanted for the trailer. Deadlines are interesting things...they can seem very far off and then, all of a sudden, you realise they are hurtling towards you at great speed with much to do! So, we put a canopy on the ute to contain our camping gear and a frame and canvas cover on our dual axle trailer, and decided we were ready.

Plans took an interesting turn when, three weeks prior to the event, we were contacted by a gentleman who had found out about the run and wanted to come along. We had a spare seat, so we welcomed our new friend Keith into our little team, making sure we had room for his gear as well. And on the 14<sup>th</sup> July we were ready to set off on our great adventure.

Despite being called the 'Brisbane to Broome', we actually departed from the Caboolture Historical Village. Most of the rally participants were camped here with around 50 veteran vehicles, half cars and half motorbikes, and all at least 100 years old. We met up with a few old friends and introduced ourselves to plenty of new ones while making last minute preparations for this slightly insane undertaking.

And then we were off! Keith jumped into the passenger seat and, with Alison driving the modern car and trailer, we headed through to Yarraman. This was a real test for our little Hup and we doubled the cumulative distance we had previously driven in it. Apart from some problems with the throttle linkage disconnecting from the carburettor a few times, the little car ran well and climbed the steep Blackbutt Range with no problems, albeit quite slowly!

Any thoughts of settling into a rhythm on day 2 were dashed when Alison jumped ship for a ride in a 1912 Overland on the way to Miles, with the team reunited for day 3 to Mitchell. Here we need to change the beaded edge front tyres, an interesting learning for the local Tyrepower bods who sensibly decided to leave us to it with access to their tools. The commencement of rain meant we left the car on the trailer and as it eased by Augathella, the Hup took off the next day in only a heavy, damp mist but it was very cold travelling in the completely open Hup.

By Blackall, things were looking up on the weather front. However, other aspects of the day weren't so positive. After lunch, the Hup threw an expensive brass hubcap into the long grass. Despite a good hour with all 3 of us searching (and some assistance from a 1911 Brush), it was never to be seen again. However, as luck would have it, a friend in Caboolture had given us a Hup hubcap 3 days earlier – it didn't match but it did fit! On reaching Blackall, the recent rains had turned our intended camp site into a quagmire. Reversing the trailer out resulted in a jack knife of the trailer with damage to the tool box



mounted at the front of the trailer. We retreated to a motel for the night to lick our wounds and repair the damage with a bit of duct tape...

We had a good run into Longreach the next day and checked in to the biggest caravan park I've ever seen...something like 300 sites and it was completely full with the overflow area also in use! Luckily there was a bit of a grass for our tents. We had a lay day in Longreach and were able to check out the Qantas Museum and the beautiful Thompson River. The following day we headed to Winton. Alison hitched a ride in a magnificent Rolls Royce Silver Ghost and we visited the first class Dinosaur Museum along the way.

Julia Creek was the destination for the next day and the Hup ran beautifully in the morning. By early afternoon, it was getting pretty warm and the Hup began to cough and splutter. We stopped a few times to try and solve the problem but she ran worse and worse. Finally, at the edge of Julia Creek, she stopped completely. Removing and completely disassembling the carby by the road side failed to reveal any issues. She restarted and we made it the final 500 m to the caravan park. Further head scratching and it was suggested the fuel may be vaporising in the fuel line with the heat. We wrapped the fuel line in aluminium foil to reflect any heat and never had any problems again, even in the much hotter temps of the Kimberley.

Another worry was the significant wear on our very new tyres after only a few days driving. Again, with some expert help we worked out the wheel alignment was badly toed in. You can't adjust this on the Hup so the tie rod had to be bent. This rectified the problem and the little car really responded. The next day its cruising speed and hill climbing were noticeably improved. Off to Mount Isa with the Hup going beautifully – very happy that we finally had it sorted. But Alison wasn't feeling so well. Broke out a COVID RAT and as the test line slowly put in an appearance, we had a bit of a sinking feeling.... TO BE CONTINUED



*Team Hupmobile at the start*



*Beautiful Rolls Royce Silver Ghost at Caboolture*



*Alison with Rod Cripps in his 1912 Overland*



*.....and searching for a lost hubcap in 1911 Brush!*





*Rally organiser John on his DKW motorcycle      Thirsty 1909 Darracq, Wellshot Hotel, Illfracombe*



*1917 American La France – the biggest car on the rally!*



*Dinosaur attack!, Winton*



*Plenty of wide open roads in Western Qld!*





*Rustic garaging arrangements at Winton*



*Beautiful V-twin Pope motorcycle at Tambo, W. Qld.*



*Sunrise, camping at Julia Creek*

## **Minutes Monthly Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Meeting opened: 7:04pm**

**Attendance:** As per Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Merv and Beth Kennedy, Tony Carr, Kevin and Moira Franklin, Eric and June Andrews, Barrie Milne, Graeme King and Andy Taylor, G Weaire, Grant Rigby, Lesley Carroll, Ian Blow

**Guests:** Ed De Gabriele (Gerry's cousin with Morris Minor)

**Minutes of last meeting:** That they represent a true and correct record

Moved: H Murray

Seconded:

G Kane

Carried

**Business arising from August 2022 Minutes:** Deal with items in General Business

**Correspondence In for September**

**Several Magazines emailed in and distributed to Members**

**Emails In**

- Condolences for Graeme Weaire and family from:
  - Kevin and Moira
  - Andy and Lesley
  - Catherine and Merv Kennedy
- NSW Government re changes in Incorporations Regulations
- Council of Heritage Motor Clubs re RMS Registration Update

**Correspondence In:**

- Invitation to Dungown Village Fair 15-16 October. Similar to Rusty Iron Rally. Same weekend as Buffalo farm run.

**Emails Out:** nil

Moved: H Murray

Seconded: G Kane

Carried

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Balance c/f 31/8/2022 \$6852.19

**Income**

Raffle net of fines and supper \$39.00

Membership subscriptions \$50 \$6941.19

**Expenses**

Raffle prizes \$63

Liability insurance \$207.35 \$6670.84

Cheque account balance at 30/9/2022 \$6670.84 (available funds)

Interest bearing deposit rolled over on 16/6/2022 \$11,720.59 (matures 14/12/22)

Moved that pro rata insurance be paid G Kane seconded D Drury Carried.

Moved: J Ryan

Seconded :

G Kane

Carried

**Presentation by** Graeme Wright on Route 66

**Event Reports:**

**September** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Rusty Iron Rally. Gary Diamond attended and indicated that gum boots would have been appropriate given the rain and mud.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Combined Run and picnic lunch with Taree Club

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Amble Inn for lunch

**October** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> South Wall

**Coming Events**

**October**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> invitation to Dungowan Village Fair, same weekend as Buffalo farm.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Eungai Buffalo Farm for lunch. Gerry. 10 so far. Let Gerry know by Monday if you are attending

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee at Idle Inn Nana Glen Jim



Weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> Great Eastland Rally  
 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show at Boambee East Community Centre. 10:00 to 12:00 Take your coffee and chair Gerry  
**November**  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting - Andrew Winter, Guest Speaker on Brisbane to Broome Veteran Car Run  
 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Urunga Reserve opposite Police Station Gerry  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Old Butter Factory Bellingen Hal  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Rego Day location still to be finalised. Will be notified.

#### **General Business:**

1. New Magazine Editor is Andrew Winter. Please forward your reports and Splutter articles to him.
2. \$200 for flowers to be put on M Weaire's coffin. G Kane to organise.
3. New Magazine Editor is Andrew Winter. Please forward your reports and Splutter articles to him.
4. Rego Day 20<sup>th</sup> November. Location still to be finalised, members will be notified.
5. 2023 Swap Meet. This is yet to be finalised, perhaps later in the year or not at all? Race Course – possibly not enough room and would need to be lined. Stadium Car Park. Wouldn't need to line out. Existing has approx. 216 car spaces (double spaces=108 sites plus allows for a few triple spaces plus the new area to the north, size unknown. There is 160 car park spaces in southern end of car park. 2 phone calls to contact. Hasn't replied to messages yet. Called Council and car park is available at \$360 per day. Bookings can't be made until November. At present there are times available Sep 17, 24 and most of Oct. New Car park to north is available also included in cost. Possible use of hockey field car park but have not checked size. Maybe sites booked and prepaid. Still have Insurance to sort out. If PC Lions sponsor the event, we can use Lions Market insurance. Approx cost is about \$550 plus charges. Club Insurance. PL Renewed as of Wednesday. Balance in progress with Gallagher Insurance – Our contact Lisa Brock. Invoices not yet received. Email received today from Lisa.
6. Regulations regarding Club Runs. Participants should go to and from runs via the nearest direct route. If you intend to make some diversions, you must use the log book as Club runs are considered from garage starting point and on the run as Club approved then directly to finishing point (home or garage location) – NO deviations to go shopping or visit friends. If you are not legally entitled to have the vehicle on the road, you are not registered AND not 'green slip' insured. Also CHECK your Insurers conditions of Vintage Insurance. Shannons limited use is no more than 2 trips per week and NRMA is 9000 Km per year.
7. Some aspects of our constitution may need to be changed to accommodate changes to government rules, A Winter to look into.
8. Thank you plaque from Taree Club
9. Club Shirts. Gerry has contacted Stitch Effects at Northside. They will digitise the club logo for \$75 - **Moved** G. DeGabrielle that we pay \$75 for the logo to be digitised. Seconded G Kane - carried
10. New member, the Coramba Bush Fire Brigade with a very old Land Rover that was used in the early days. Restored by J Bojarski.
11. Christmas party Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> details to be finalised at next meeting.

**Vehicle Movements:** nil

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Guest Speaker Andrew Winter slides and talk on Brisbane to Broome Veteran Car Run

**Supper for November:** J Williams and B Moppett.

**Raffle** H Murray, L Lansley, J Williams and J Ryan

**Meeting Closed at:** 9 pm

Acting Secretary Hal Murray

President – Geoff Maunder

## COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB

All depart from Urara Park in  
Elizabeth Street, Coffs Harbour

- 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 departs **9.30am**.

If you are not meeting at Elizabeth Street or you are going to be 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 times.**
- **H registered vehicles should carry a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.**

### CLUB EVENTS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

#### **CLUB APPROVED EVENTS. NO LOGBOOK ENTRY REQUIRED**

OCTOBER		
Saturday 01	South Wall Coffs Harbour BYO Afternoon Tea	Hal 0448 883 244
Thursday 06	Club Meeting 6:45	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 16	Eungai Buffalo Farm – lunch	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 20th	Idle Inn Nana Glen	Jim 0481 131 551
Sat 29th	Quilt show display, Boambee East Community Centre. 10:00 to 12:00. Bring coffee & chair	Gerry 0402 469 160

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 03	Club Meeting 6:45	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 05	Urunga Reserve (Opposite Police Station) – BYO	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 17	Old Butter Factory – Bellingen – Coffee Run	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 20	Registration Day	Geoff 0435 622 394