

# Coffs Splutter

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COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.

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John & Lorraine Lansley, the subject of this month's feature story.  
*Photo taken at Nymboida Coaching Station, August 2008*

Merry  
Christmas



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2022-2023

*Life Members — Geoff Maunder, John Lansley, Des Drury, Bob Dixon & Keith Winkler*

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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 \$45.00 for a Single Membership, \$50.00 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.

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## The Lansley's Story

Our story with vintage cars starts in Sydney in 1971 when we purchased a 1928 Buick Sedan. Sounds good but we manhandled most of the parts into the shed by wheelbarrow! Sold the Buick in beginning of 1972 and purchased a Chrysler Tourer later in the year.

We moved to Coffs Harbour in 1973 for John to take a position as Sales Rep for Castrol (John's nick name was Sol...after the Castrol advertisement).

The Chrysler was too heavy for the company car to trailer to Coffs Harbour so we left it with a friend in Gosford. We eventually sold it in Sydney to be restored.

The Coffs Harbour Veteran and Vintage Car Club was started in 1974. We joined the club in 1975 just missing being foundation members. In 1976 we purchased an Austin Wasp from Club Member Alan Biggs. John worked for many hours – many days. After many months he finished it by the end of the year (it had a nick name – “Jaffa”). Because it was an old English car, John gained another nick name – “Noddy”.

At the Taree Rally that year, the Austin Wasp won first prize for best 1930 to 1940's car. 1977 and it is now Coffs' turn to have a rally and Lorraine was Rally Secretary with Geoff Maunder as Treasurer and John Budd as President, and John and other members on the committee. John bought a Whippet from club member John Moore.

1980 Lorraine was secretary of the club and John started work on the Whippet, which he sold later in the year. Newcastle was to hold the Bush Council Rally and we are on our way, but at Donnellyville, we were engaged in an accident in the Austin Wasp. We had to send it home on a trailer. We travelled on to Newcastle with club members.

1988 we purchased our first Model A tourer from Alan Biggs (ex Gerry Kent) both club members. Later in the year we used the car for Jeff and Jo's wedding. In 1990 we sold the A Model tourer. An A Model Tudor 2 door arrives from Sydney in a furniture van. John had to get into the car and start it so we could get it out of the van. In 1992 The Model A Ford Club held a National Rally in Western Australia. We went with the Ford Model A Club Qld Branch. We travelled by train called the “A Train” to WA and then drove back via the Nullarbor and Broken Hill. We sold the Model A to a member of the Brisbane Model A club in 1994.

1997 saw John as Club President. We purchased another Ford, this time a 1934 Ford V8. The Club needed a stand-in Secretary in 1998 and Lorraine said yes. In 2000 John was made a Life member of the club. Guess what...another Ford Model A, this time a 1928 ute bought from Bruce in Port Macquarie. 2001 was a big year as the Ute had its first club run. We went to NZ with the Model A Club of Australia with Bleasdale's from Port Macquarie. Then, sad to say, we sold the Austin Wasp to Warren Phemister.

In 2003 Lorraine and Bob Dixon took on the club magazine. About this time, John took on organising the raffles. About this time, we became good friends with the Poulterers from the Armidale Club. They asked us to go a Presidents run with them in 2007 and 11 runs later until 2019 when Covid put a stop to this event. The next car to be sent on its way was the V8 Ford. The club held the Hub Rally in 2010 with Alison as Secretary and Lorraine as Assistant.

The next car into the family shed was the Triumph TR4. Graeme Kane asked John to come with him to Brisbane to look at his new prospective TR4....Guess who came home with a TR4??

We had a lot of fun in the TR4, but by 2014, it was time for a change so goodbye to the TR4 and hello to the 1969 Torana which we found in South Australia. Lismore held a rally in 2015 and we went with the Torana. Oooppps...a B-double ran into us. Not his fault as we were on the side of the road and a car came out in front of him. He did not see us as his truck was so big.

Lorraine received an award at the Christmas party in 2017 and then was awarded "Member of the Year in 2018". During this time Lorraine and John have been on most committees. John was awarded "Stirrer of the Year" many times.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of members and their families and also other clubs over many happy years.

Lorraine and John.

*Poem written by a friend after the Austin Wasp "incident"*

TO THE LANSLEY FAMILY  
THIS IS JUST A NOTE TO SAY  
YOUR FRIENDS WERE WITH YOU YESTERDAY  
ALTHOUGH WE HAVEN'T DINGED OUR CAR (TOUCH WOOD)  
REMEMBER BEHIND YOU, WE WEREN'T FAR  
WE SAW THE CRASH AND HEARD THE TEAR  
THE THOUGHT OF YOU HURT, WE COULDN'T BEAR

WE'VE BEEN AWAY TOGETHER ON MANY A RALLY  
HARRY, ROMA, MICK AND SALLY  
AND ALL THE MOB THROUGH THE TIME  
BUT CAN'T PUT THEM – IT DOESN'T RHYME

WEVE BEEN GOOD MATES FOR MANY YEARS  
SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH FEARS AND TEARS  
IT CUTS US UP TO SEE YOU SAD  
BUT GOOD TIMES I'M SURE WILL FOLLOW BAD  
YOU'VE LOTS OF FRIENDS WHO FEEL FOR YOU  
AND REALLY HATE TO SEE YOU BLUE

OUR HEART FELT WARMTH TO YOU WE SEND  
NEVER SAY DIE, ONLY BEND  
IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL THE DAY  
YOUR LITTLE JAFFA WILL BE ON ITS WAY

WE'LL HAVE A PARTY AND FRIENDS COME TOO  
BRING THE WINE, ANY EXCUSE WILL DO  
ALAS MY FRIEND MY PROSE IS THROUGH  
I BLOW A KISS AND SAY 'ADIEU'



**Some club vehicles of the Lansley's over the years**



**Clockwise from top left:** 1934 Ford V8, Model A Tourer, 1971 Mini, 1928 Ute (still in the shed), Triumph TR4, John bringing home the hardware with the A Model!



## WOOLGOOLGA CREEK RESERVE run Saturday 3 December 22

As a result of the recent heavy rains, Max Eggins who lives close by, completed a check of the Reserve and the road during the week prior to the planned visit. It was reported as open. Saturday morning however was very wet in Woolgoolga, and in addition, it was noted that the Council website had the Reserve listed as “temporarily closed”. An early morning reconnaissance was therefore conducted. The Reserve was open, however the road was extremely muddy with large pools of water. Warnings were given!

As it transpired, by afternoon and in brilliant sunshine, the pools of water had disappeared and there were only a few sections of mud remaining. As I had conducted the reconnaissance and based on those findings, I elected not to take a club car. That turned out to be unnecessary.

On the day, we had ten attendees with four club cars and a couple of late models. There were no other people present when we arrived and therefore the sites picnic table structure became the base for the afternoon. Good food and drink were consumed and several of the world’s problems resolved. Following sustenance, a group headed out on the 1.8km climb to the waterfall. Although no water was noted flowing at the picnic area, this was not the situation at the seven creek crossings. There were no completely dry paths at any of the crossings, and as a result before long there were a number of wet feet as stepping stones were missed.

It was a perfect day in the rain forest with various birds and a goanna to keep us company. All walkers made it to the waterfall and the view was impressive. On return to the picnic area it was noted that Hal was trying to smuggle out some of the wildlife. It appeared that Margaret was also in on the illegal trade. Both had acquired leeches during the walk, and one had made quite a feed on Hal’s leg. That evening whilst watching the news, I felt a movement on my left leg. Don’t get excited, it was one of Hal’s leeches, soon dispatched with a teaspoon of pink Himalayan rock salt. The following morning, I was advised that Leigh had also smuggled a leech out of the forest.

It was a very pleasant day in great weather. Those attending were:

- Andrew and Alison                      A Model Ford
- Des    Rover 3.5
- Leigh and Carol                              MG B
- Bob and Ronis                                Modern
- Hal and Marg                                 Modern
- Graeme Wright                                Modern

Graeme Wright.

**Red’s outnumber  
The Blue!...club  
cars at Woolgoolga  
Creek Reserve**





**Well practiced afternoon tea-ers getting in more practice**



**Prospective member came to check out club proceedings**



**One of 14 creek crossings in progress!**



**Evidence of nefarious wildlife smuggling operations!**



**Intrepid club members at the Falls (including Hal who took the photo!)**

## From the archives...

Just for interest, I thought I'd dig out a photo of the last intrepid group from our club to walk up to the Woolgoolga Creek Falls. This was on 1 October, 2016. Pictured L to R: *Trish & Graham Lovegrove, Andrew Winter, Alison King, Barry Milne, Geoff & Leonie Maunder.*



## REGO DAY, SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Despite absences and illnesses, this years Registration Day, held at Grant Rigby's workshop in Lawson Crescent, was once again an efficient and well run affair. Many thanks to Grant for use of his establishment and Graeme King, Andy Taylor, Hal & Marg Murray plus of course our fabulous team of inspectors for making the day run so smoothly.



*The thoroughness of our inspectors is well illustrated here as Carol Horner's Lotus gets a full check over!  
(Photo Graeme King)*



## COFFEE RUN OLD BUTTER FACTORY NOVEMBER 2022

The following 18 attended this run: L and C Stephens modern, G Weaire, G and A Wright TF MG, H and M Murray Holden Gemini, A Hutchings Mercedes, P B S and H Heelis FC Holden, I and C Blow Plymouth Cranbrook, G Weaire HQ Holden 1 tonner, J Riddell modern, T Carr modern, S Johnson Austin Healy Sprite. A pleasing variety of old cars was on display and attracting plenty of attention.

A glorious sunny day greeted the intrepid adventurers for this run. And a great run it is out to the picturesque Bellinger Valley to the old Butter Factory. The countryside was green and lush. The coffee and food were great and was enjoyed along with the stimulating company. Often it was good luck getting a word in edgeways and the odd tall tale was told.

*Hal "Tall Tale" Murray.*



**The TF of the Wrights at the start**



**...and the Heelis' FC Holden**



**Ian and Carol Blow's Plymouth Cranbrook Ute at the Butter Factory**



**Two views of the happy group**

## **Minutes Monthly General Meeting Thursday 1st December 2022**

**Meeting opened: 1907**

**Attendance:** As per Attendance Book

**Guests:** Nil

**Apologies :** G Campbell, G and L Kane, G and L Maunder, M Eggins, P Bichnell, A Carroll.

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

Moved: H Murray

Seconded : L Stephens

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

**Correspondence In for November:**

- Letter from Andrew McIntosh re estate sale of vintage gear at Albury, 26/11/2

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

**Emails In**

10/11 Country Motor Australia, Newsletter, 10/11 OTHR Newsletter, 10/11 Cex Coffs S&T Car Club – Proposal to progress joint car show/ Need a meeting date. G Maunder to arrange., 11/11 CeX ST&C Car Club Newsletter, 15/11 CHMC 2022 half yearly meeting minutes, 20/11 For sale notice-Lotus Europa from Carol Horner, 20/11 The Australian Motorlife Museum Newsletter, 17/11 WALCHA Truck and Machinery Show 18-19/2/23, 22/11 Latest Retro Autos now on line, 20/11 Vintage and Classic Car Hub seeking 1950;s sedans for corporate work, 30/11 Andy Carroll apology.

**Correspondence / Emails Out:**

- Nil

Moved: Graeme King

Seconded: J Bojarski

Carried

**Treasurers Report:**

The interest-bearing deposit will mature in December. It will be rolled over at the best available interest rate. The treasurer has only just arrived back in Australia. Full update will be available at the next meeting.

Moved: J Ryan

Seconded : M Franklin

Carried

**Event Reports:**

**October**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Urunga; Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Bellingen Old Butter Factory

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Rego Day. Ran without incident. Thanks go to Grant Rigby for the use of his facilities.

**Coming Events**

**December**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Woolgoolga Creek Reserve BYO Afternoon tea Graeme Wright 0408245113

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Members Christmas Party at the Greens, for lunch. Nana Glen

110 Orara Way. A sign will be on the gate. Bring your own chair, plate salads and drinks.

**January 2023**

**Sunday 1** Sawtell Fun Day.

Form up in Elizabeth St at 9.00 am. Parade starts at 9.15 am. We will be up front behind the pipe band.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** The Nyanggan Gapi Café' Hogbin drive Toormina. This is the Link Café Gerry DeGabriele 0402469160

**General Business:**

1 2023 Swap meet, passed over to February meeting.

2 Club Xmas party numbers required

### **Special Resolution On Notice**

Notice of special Resolutions/s in accordance with our current constitution at our December 2022 general meeting. To pass, a Special Resolution requires a majority of 75% of eligible members voting for the motion.

Special Resolution Motion: We (the members) agree to change our name from *Coffs Harbour Veteran and Vintage Car Club Inc* to *Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club Inc*

Moved G DeGabriele

Seconded H Murray

Various members spoke regarding this motion.

**Vote** Present 31, Ayes 21, Nays 6, Abstained 4. The motion was deemed by the chairperson to have not achieved the 75% needed to pass the motion. Motion denied.

**Vehicle Movements:** nil

**Next Meeting:** February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

**Supper for February:** Not assigned. **Raffle** H Murray, S Heelis, G DeGabriele, J Riddell, B Moppett

**Meeting Closed at:** 2010

Chairperson – Graeme King

A/Secretary – Hal Murray

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### **Postscript to the Minutes from President Geoff Maunder**

When I read the minutes of the December meeting, I felt that the interpretation of the vote count was incorrect. I reread the Department of Fair Trading guidelines on special resolutions, which confirmed my understanding of the rules: <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/associations-and-co-operatives/associations/running-an-association/resolutions>

The Dept of Fair Trading wording outlines that a special resolution will be passed if:

- the conditions imposed by Fair Trading, if any, are met,
- a quorum\* of members required by the constitution is present, if the special resolution is put to members at a meeting, and
- it is supported by at least three-quarters of the *valid votes cast* in person or by proxy, if proxy votes are allowed by the constitution (our constitution does not allow for postal or proxy votes).

The conditions above were met at the December Meeting;

1. 21 days notice was given to members,
2. a quorum of members was present – 25% of voting members, and
3. the Special Resolution was supported by at least three-quarters of the valid votes cast in person.

I required clarification of the term **valid votes** as the count was 21 for, 6 against and 4 abstentions.

In total 27 people voted, 21 for and 6 against giving a result of 77.77% voting for the motion.

I phoned Dept of Fair Trading to clarify the abstentions and my enquiry was passed on by Sonia to a “Subject Matter Expert” whose response was that abstentions are not considered and the total number of valid votes is 27 meaning the motion was passed.

The minutes will be amended at the next opportunity which will be the February meeting.

I realise this may not sit well with some members and others may be delighted.

The vote was taken, eligible members cast their vote and the motion was passed in the affirmative.

**It is now time to move on** and, as someone who shall remain nameless said, something like “Lets make CHVV&C Car Club GREAT again”.

We are, and always, have been a social club with members helping each other out with mechanical and technical assistance as well as checking on wellbeing and state of mind thanks to Covid so let us put this issue to bed and get back to what we have done so well since July 1974 when the club was formed.

**Geoff Maunder**

***President and founding member***

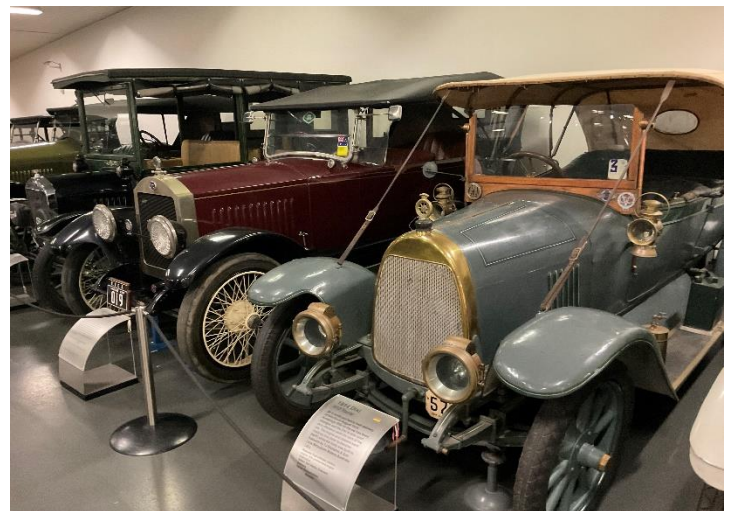
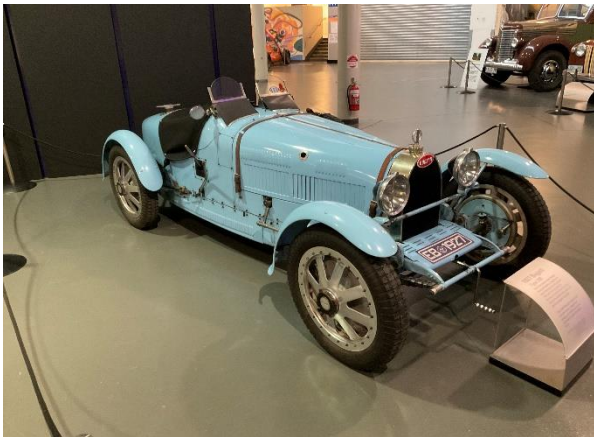
## National Motor Museum Birdwood (South Australia)

On a recent trip to visit our son and his family we had the pleasure to visit the Birdwood Motor Museum. The museum originally started in 1964 as the Birdwood Mill Pioneer, Art and Motor Museum. It was located partly in The Old Birdwood Mill, which today still has a small display. The museum was bought by the South Australian government in 1976. It is the largest motor museum in Australia.

The museum spans over several galleries.

There are over 400 motor vehicles on display, including some that are historically significant. A small number of the vehicles are in pristine condition, while others are well-used, or waiting for restoration. There are a variety of permanent exhibitions and changing exhibitions that bring new displays and ideas into the museum.

*Graham Dave*



## CLUB REGALIA

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

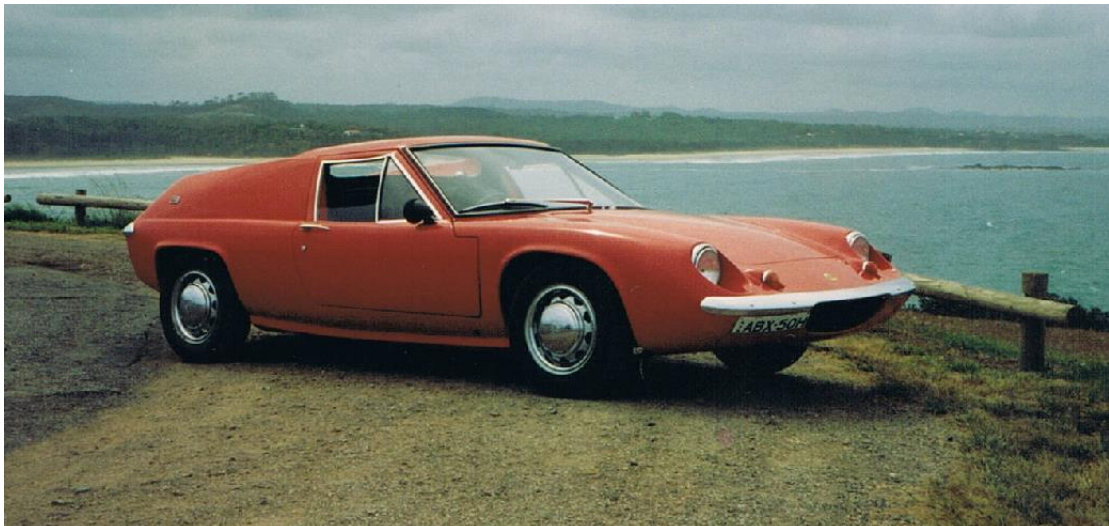
*Did you recognise the street in last month's Splutter? It was, of course, First Avenue in Sawtell taken around 1960. Now...where was this iconic Coffs Harbour location? Answer in Feb 23 Splutter!*



*(Image from Coffs Local History – remember when Facebook page)*

### **FOR SALE**

1969 LOTUS EUROPA S2  
RENAULT TS16 engine 4speed gearbox  
Workshop Manual  
Older Restoration  
Same owner many years  
\$25,000 contact Carol 0408 603 818



## 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**.
- Please check individual run details for any variations.

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.**

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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

DECEMBER 22		
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party at Col & Annette Green's property, Nana Glenn	Geoff 0435 622 394
JANUARY 23 (Note: No meeting in January)		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sawtell Fun Day	Geoff 0435 622 394
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Nyanggan Gapi Café, Hogbin Drive, Toormina	Gerry 0402 469 160
FEBRUARY 23		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat Afternoon run - Jetty Foreshore	Leigh 0413 481 361
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Run - Nourish Café Valla	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch at Woolgoolga Brewery	Gerry 0402 469 160
MARCH 23		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon run to Bongil Bongil Picnic Area	Jim 0481 131 551
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Run – Beach House, Woolgoolga	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch at Ulmarra Pub	Gerry 0402 469 160