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# President's Message



*Hi Fellow Members,*

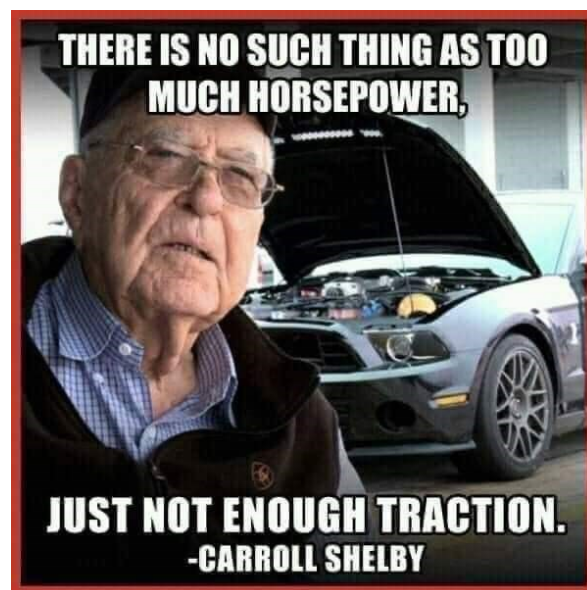
*Our club enjoyed another very successful month in April by staging two well attended events, a morning tea at Bonville Reserve and a nice lunch at the Star Hotel Macksville.*

*May is looking good also with a run to the Wahgungurry Alpaca Farm at Lower Southgate on 11th, a Ladies Breakfast at Beachstone Café Sapphire Beach on 21st and a Coffee Run to Woolgoolga Reserve on 22nd.*

*Unfortunately due to Covid, I was unable to attend the New South Wales Historic Motoring Association (NSWHMA) Roadshow on Monday evening, however I have received excellent feedback regarding this presentation. The Committee will provide an update at our June members meeting for the benefit of those members who were unable to attend.*

*Please remember to keep a close watch on the welfare of your fellow members and report any matters of concern to the Committee so they may consider if any assistance is required.*

*Regards,  
Ian*





## Morning Tea at Bongil Bongil Reserve Wednesday 13th April 2022





**Lunch at The Star Hotel Macksville  
Sunday 24th April 2022**







## ***MAY BIRTHDAYS***

**12th Michael McLennan**

**19th Gary Addison**

**20th John Hartley**



**TAURUS**





**Feeling sick or just need some help???**  
**Please contact a Club Committee Member**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT	CONTACT	RSVP
		<b>MAY 2022</b>		
2nd May	Mon	<b>HISTORIC MOTORING ASSOCIATION (NSWHMA) COFFS HARBOUR ROADSHOW CEX COFFS 7.00PM - 9.00PM</b>		
11th May	Wed	<b>WAHGUNGURRY ALPACA STUD</b> Enjoy a unique experience sitting in the paddocks with the Alpacas enjoying morning tea along Clarence River Lower Southgate Gold Coin Donation Depart Homebase 9.30am	Judy Phemister <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a> 0407937327	<b>Wed 4th May</b>
21th May	Sat	<b>LADIES BREAKFAST AT BEACHSTONE CAFÉ 2 BEACH WAY SAPPHIRE BEACH 9.30AM NOTE CHANGE OF DAY</b>	Judy Phemister <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a> 0407937327	<b>Sat 14th May</b>
22nd May	Sun	<b>BYO MORNING TEA WOOLGOOLGA FORESHORE (Near the Surf Club)</b> Depart Repco Homebase 9.30am or meet there about 10.00am	Ian Ward 02 66561029 <a href="mailto:ian921948@tpg.com.au">ian921948@tpg.com.au</a>	
		<b>JUNE 2022</b>		
6th Jun	Mon	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00PM GENERAL MEETING 7.00PM C.EX COFFS</b>		
8th Jun	Wed	<b>MORNING TEA PERRY'S LEMON MYRTLE FARM</b> (2014 Taylors Arm Road Taylors Arm) \$5 per person, including information talk and opportunity to shop and purchase products  <b>FOLLOWED BY.....</b> <b>LUNCH AT THE PUB WITH NO BEER</b> (Taylors Arm) Depart C.ex Stadium in Stadium Drive at 9am	Judy Phemister <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a> 0407937327	<b>Wed 1st Jun</b>
19th Jun	Sun	<b>MORNING TEA AT CORAMBA PUB</b> –depart Homebase at 9:30 for a short drive out to Coramba. Hot or cold beverages with a small selection of Pastry's/scones Cost to be advised	Ian Ward 02 66561029 <a href="mailto:ian921948@tpg.com.au">ian921948@tpg.com.au</a>	<b>Sun 12th Jun</b>
25th Jun	Sat	<b>INVITATION RUN COUTTS CROSSING SHOW &amp; SHINE</b>	Refer to the flyer on page 13	

## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT	CONTACT	RSVP
		<b>JULY 2022</b>		
4th Jul	Mon	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00PM GENERAL MEETING 7.00PM C.EX COFFS</b>		
6th Jul	Wed	<b>MORNING TEA AT BOWRA HOTEL</b> <i>(Inside by the fire)</i> Depart C.ex Stadium in Stadium Drive at 9am 	Judy Phemister <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a> 0407937327	<b>Wed 29th Jun</b>
10th Jul	Sun	<b>COFFS HARBOUR VINTAGE &amp; VETERAN “SWAP MEET “– REFER TO BROCHURE</b>	<a href="mailto:chvvcc@gmail.com">chvvcc@gmail.com</a>  Geoff 0435622394	
24th Jul	Sun	<b>CHRISTMAS IN JULY</b> <b>NEW VENUE – CROWN HOTEL GRAFTON</b> <b>DETAILS TO COME</b> 		<b>Fri 15th Jul</b>
		<b>AUGUST 2022</b>		
1st Aug		<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING C.EX WOOLGOOLGA</b>		
10th Aug	Wed	<b>NOT TO BE MISSED!!!</b>  <b>REMEMBER WHEN COTTAGE AND MUSEUM</b> Light luncheon and viewing of this unique 100-year-old cottage and memorabilia. 28 Eatonville Road Waterview Heights (South Grafton) Depart Repco Homebase at 9.30 Cost to be advised	Judy Phemister <a href="mailto:judenruss72@gmail.com">judenruss72@gmail.com</a> 0407937327	<b>Fri 3rd Aug</b>
21st Aug	Sun	<b>BYO MORNING TEA MYLESTOM</b> Depart C.ex Stadium in Stadium Drive at 9:30 am	<b>TBA</b>	



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# Alfesta - Alfa Romeo Owners Club Nationals

C.ex Coffs Car Club member Mark Edmonds and partner Wendy provided some photos of the above event which was held at Port Macquarie over Easter.

Mark and Wendy are both Committee members with their Alfa Romeo car club and were very involved in the organisation of this event, which was two years in the planning.

The event attracted over 102 attendees (plus day trippers for a couple of the activities) and 61 cars were parked on Town Green on Saturday. Mark reported the weather gods smiled and it was a very successful event, which is clearly evident from the photos.

***Many thanks to Mark and Wendy for providing this report and the photos. EDITOR***





## 1928 Russell Morris MK1

At the age of 17, Geoff Russell started construction of what would be one of the best Australian Specials, to be built and raced using pre-WW2 parts.

The motor came from Geoff's first car, a 1928 Morris Cowley, of 1500cc and fitted with a Roots Supercharger taken from a 1927 Alvis. The car also ran using a 1928 Morris Oxford motor of 2000cc using twin SU carburettors. The gearbox, diff, steering, brakes, front & rear suspension came from a 1926 Lancia Lambada.

Geoff built the chassis for this car using 2 1/4 inch seamless steel tube, that he purchased from a recycling yard in 1944. The body came from a 1929 Frazer Nash Ulster, as well as the trim & instruments.

The car was road registered in Victoria & driven to race meetings in that state as well as NSW.

Geoff Russell passed away in 2018 at the age of 91 when he still owned his great pre-war car and it is now owned by his daughter, Katharine Wiltshire.

It is now maintained and driven at historic race meetings by our car club member Mike Gosbell.

*Many thanks to Mike for proving this very interesting story. EDITOR*



## SPEEDS ON THE FLYING $\frac{1}{8}$ MILE

Representative speeds for the various models give some idea of the high revs sustained down the sloping Conrod straight.

Holden GTS	.. .. .	127.47 mph	
Falcon GT	.. .. .	125.34	, ,
Studebaker V8	.. .. .	119.04	, ,
Alfa Romeo GTV	.. .. .	116.27	, ,
Falcon V8	.. .. .	114.94	, ,
Valiant V8	.. .. .	114.21	, ,
Morris Cooper S	.. .. .	107.74	, ,
Citroen Pallas	.. .. .	107.39	, ,
Fiat 124 Coupe	.. .. .	105.63	, ,
Hillman Gazelle	.. .. .	105.38	, ,
Fiat 125	.. .. .	104.89	, ,
Datsun 1600	.. .. .	103.68	, ,
Holden 186S	.. .. .	99.11	, ,
Toyota Corolla	.. .. .	96.35	, ,
Hillman Arrow	.. .. .	96.35	, ,
Morris 1100S	.. .. .	95.13	, ,
Hillman Imp GT	.. .. .	92.02	, ,
Datsun 1000	.. .. .	90.54	, ,
Cortina 1300	.. .. .	87.38	, ,
Morris Mini-Deluxe	.. .. .	79.64	, ,



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