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Sports, Touring & Classic Car Club**

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President's Message



Greetings Members,

Well, despite the ongoing Covid and weather issues that hamper our activities, we have again been able to stage a very successful February, thanks to the good work by Judy.

Our BYO morning teas and lunches continue to be very popular with excellent attendances. The Alpaca Farm event unfortunately had to be postponed due to the weather, but a change to the Bellingham Butter Factory by our quick thinking Events Committee, proved a great initiative. The Ladies Morning Tea events are also proving very popular.

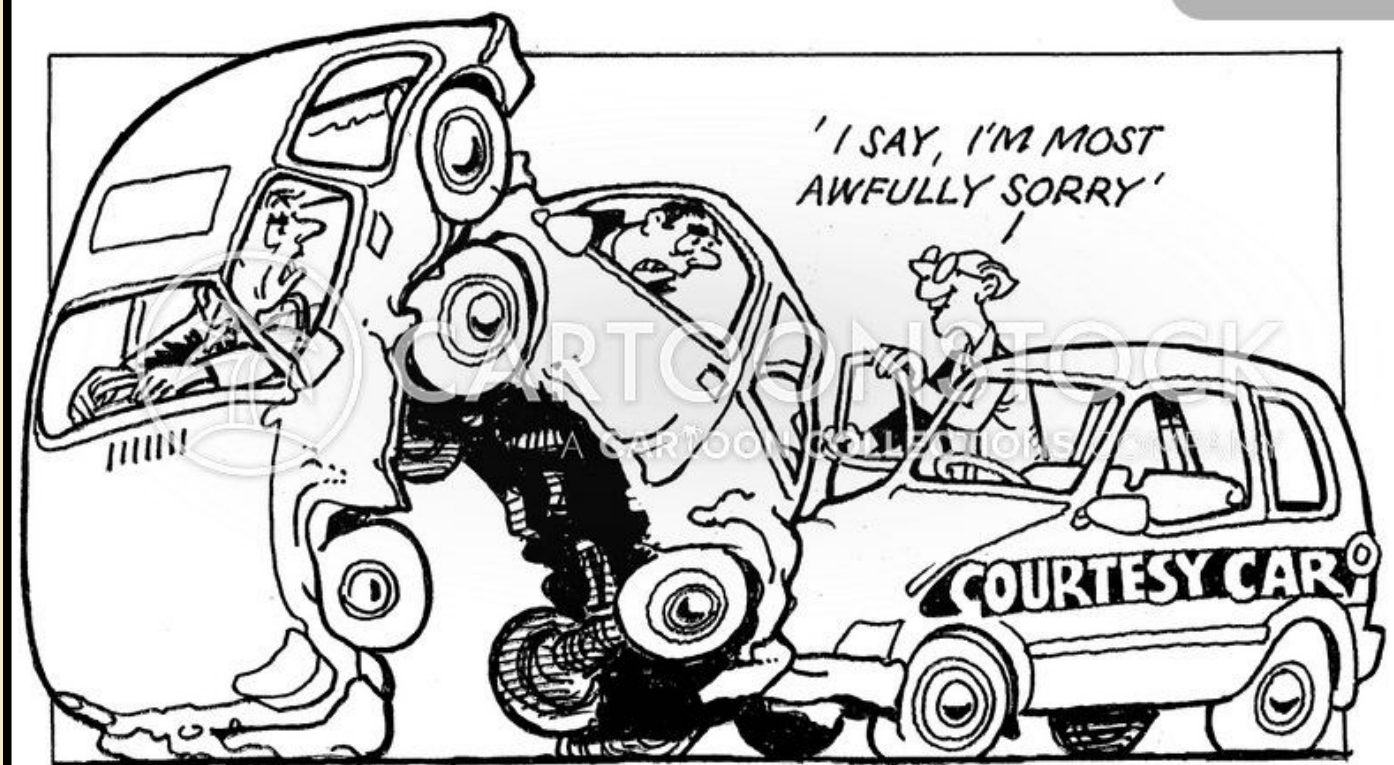
However, attendances at our last two General Meetings has dropped off a little and whilst there are reasons for this, particularly the recent storms etc, we encourage members to make an effort to support these meetings now Covid restrictions continue to ease and (hopefully), the weather improves.

General Meetings are not mandatory in relation to our C.ex Coffs Rules for Operations, we are only required to conduct monthly Management Committee Meetings. However, in terms of keeping in touch with our membership, these meetings provide an important forum for members to contribute to their club with suggestions and feedback. Lets aim for a good turnout at our April meeting and remember, partners are very welcome.

Regards,

Ian

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PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL CHANGES SINCE LAST NEWLSETTER

DATE	DAY	EVENT	CONTACT	RSVP
		MARCH 2022		
7th Mar	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00PM GENERAL MEETING 7.00PM C.EX COFFS		
9th Mar	Wed	LUNCH AT THE GOLDEN DOG GLENREAGH Depart Homebase 11.00am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Mon 7th Mar
10th Mar	Thu	SAWTELL SURF CLUB CPR and Defibrillator Training Session 10.00am - 12.00pm	The Club Secretary cexcoffsstccarclub@gmail.com	
20th Mar	Sun	BYO MORNING TEA AT NAMBUCCA HEADS BELLWOOD PARK Depart C.ex Stadium, Stadium Drive at 9.30am	Ian Ward 02 66561029 ian921948@tpg.com.au	N/A
		APRIL 2022		
4th Apr	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00PM GENERAL MEETING 7.00PM C.EX COFFS		
13th Apr	Wed	BYO MORNING TEA AT BONGIL BONGIL RESERVE Depart C.ex Stadium, Stadium Drive 9.30am Bring Chairs	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	N/A
24th Apr	Sun	LUNCH AT THE STAR HOTEL MACKSVILLE Depart C.ex Stadium, Stadium Drive at 10.30am	Ian Ward 02 66561029 ian921948@tpg.com.au	Sun 17th Apr
		MAY 2022		
2nd May	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00PM GENERAL MEETING 7.00PM C.EX COFFS		
11th May	Wed	WAHGUNGURRY ALPACA STUD 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 judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Wed 4th May
14th May	Sat	LADIES BREAKFAST AT BEACHSTONE CAFÉ 2 BEACH WAY SAPPHIRE BEACH 9.30AM	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Sat 7th May
22nd May	Sun	BYO MORNING TEA AT WOOLGOOLGA FORESHORE (Near the Surf Club) Depart Repco Homebase 9.30am or meet there about 10.00am	Ian Ward 02 66561029 ian921948@tpg.com.au	

Ladies Breakfast at the Coffs Yacht Club Saturday 5th February 2022



Morning Tea at Bellingen Butter Factory Wednesday 9th February 2022



**Lunch at Valla Beach Reserve
Sunday 20th February 2022**



Phynn, Member No. K9





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

10th Kevin Ingersole

11th Charlie Smith

14th Lisa Connery

18th Sharon Ingersole

22nd Ian Reynolds

27th Gerald Banson

31st Alan Mattinson



Pisces



Aries



Welfare Watch



If you know of any member or partner who is not well or may need some support, please advise one of the Committee members so the matter can be addressed by the Committee.

Those we are aware of and are happy for the Editor to mention, will also be included in this section of our Newsletter.

**No reports received
this month**



Motor Vehicle and Motorsport News

We hope to make this section a regular feature in Idle Torque so we keep in touch with our members new cars and members motorsport activities.

If you have any interesting news or views, please send a copy to the Newsletter Editor.

Hillclimb

Early 2000 maybe??

GRAFTON

Grafton Sporting Car Club hillclimb results for Rd two of club series:

Class winners:

Class 1 Phil Redhead MGA 62.81, John Smith Fiesta 65.74; Class 3 B Veal Civic 55.13, B Pinkstone Corolla 57.10, R Owen GTI 57.59, B Saunders Nissan 58.71, L Veal Sprinter 58.76, N Contojohn Mini 59.04; Class 4 M Wright Kingswood 56.02, D Wright Kingswood 57.50, A Cant SLR 5000 61.33.

Class 5 S Sauer Escort 54.08, I Caterer 120 Y 57.43, B Harper Nissan 60.77; Class 6 M Jordan UC Torana 52.01, J Piggott XU1 Torana 52.31, G Diskin XU1 Torana 52.88, B Collman Commodore 55.50; Class 7 Steve Cremin Datsun Coupe 52.83, A Palmer Fiat 131 57.74.

Class 8 G Ford Escort 48.66, G Limbert Chev/Corolla 51.66; Class 10 D Willis Cheeta Mk 6 47.47, FTD S Pobjoy VW Special 48.02; Class 12 R Gillard MR2 51.81, P Gillard MR2 52.04, L Ryall Civic 54.71, J Payne Datsun 55.44, S Purnell Commodore 59.19, J Little Corolla 59.48; Outright FTD D Willis 1, S Pobjoy 2, G Ford 3.



Members are encouraged to dig through their archives and see what stories from the past may be interesting to include in future editions of Idle Torque.

WHO WILL REMEMBER THE HOLDEN STORY

1. The Holden company didn't build a car until 92 years after it opened for business

Holden started life as J.A. Holden & Co, a leather and saddlery making business in Adelaide. The year was 1856. The company merged with a carriage maker in 1885 and started trimming and repairing motor vehicle interiors in 1910.

It wasn't until 1914 that Holden built their first car body. In 1936, the company began planning to build its first all-Australian car, but WWII put those plans on ice. The first Holden car finally came to fruition in 1948.

2. The first Holden car was called "The Holden"

The first proper Holden car was the 48-215, which was built upon a pre-war Chevrolet design that never made it into production.

In 1948, 400 guests gathered to see Prime Minister Ben Chifley unveil the new sedan, a cream Holden 48-215, the first off the production line.

While the company did consider giving it a model name, with suggestions like "Woomerah", "Emu" and "Austral" in the mix, in marketing materials it went by "The Holden".

3. Holden trams?

Holden has led a varied and storied life. The company has made everything from golf-club heads, fruit-packing cases, horse saddles, filing cabinets, torpedo engines and even trams.

4. The Holden Lion was born in 1928

The famous Holden lion didn't make an appearance until 1928. Holden hired sculptor George Rayner Hoff to create the logo.

Hoff used an ancient fable as the basis for his work, opting for when man observed a lion rolling a stone around and decided to invent the wheel. Hoff's other work includes the ANZAC war memorial in Hyde Park.

Before the illustrious lion, Holden's logo depicted a winged worker kneeling in front of its factory.

5. Holden, list of firsts

Holden leads the way in Australian firsts for car design. In the 1960s, the car maker became the first domestic market manufacturer to fit seatbelts. To demonstrate the strength of these lap belts, marketers suspended a Holden from a crane by a single strap. Underneath, a second car hung on a seatbelt. Unfortunately, the crane driver got a bit erratic and a steel buckle split. The topmost car fell onto the lower one, squashing it in the process.

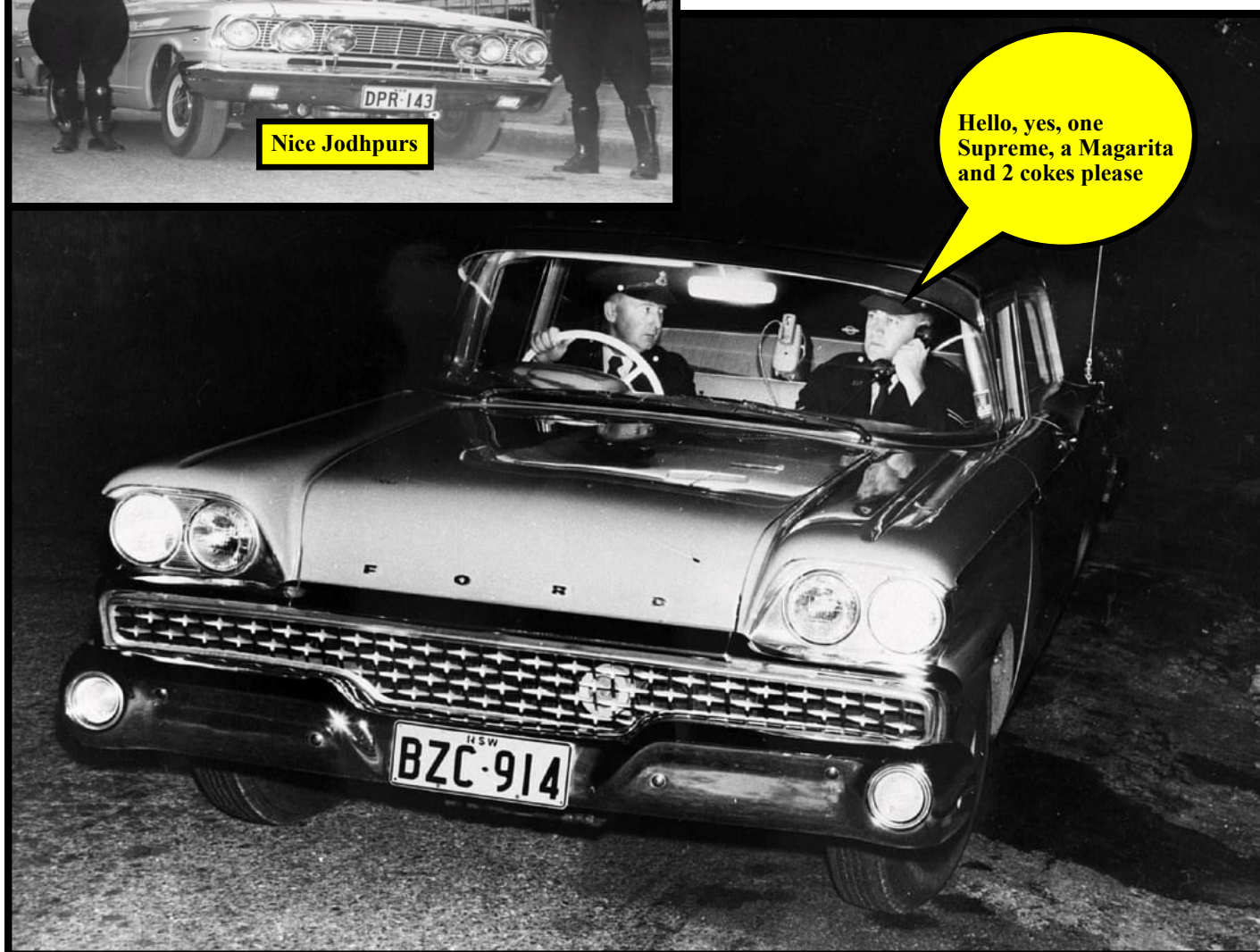
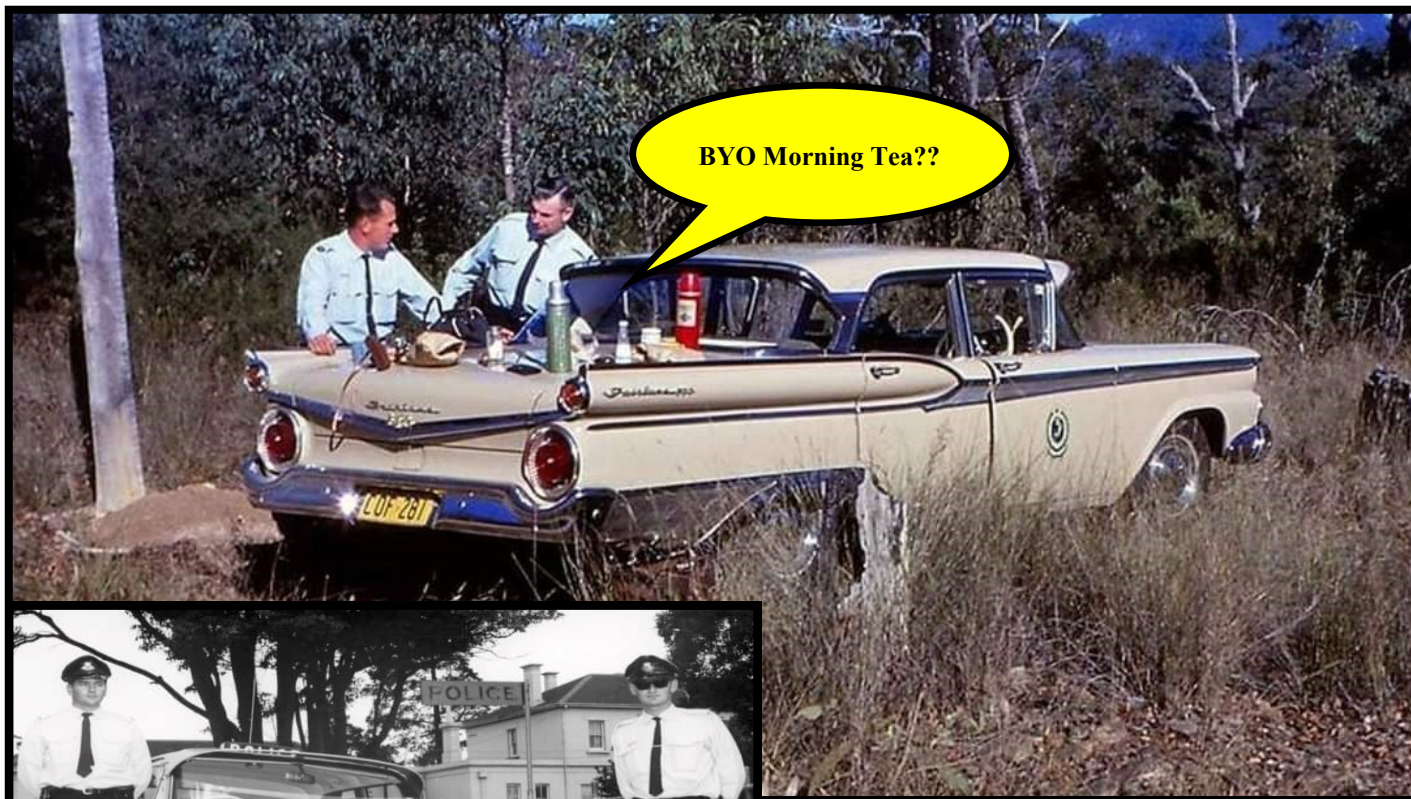
The 1993 Commodores were the first cars fitted with an airbag. The 1981 models featured the first trip computer and cruise control on an Australian-built car. In that same year came the Holden Rodeo, the company's first 4WD model as well as the TE Gemini, the first locally produced diesel passenger car. In 1986, Holden introduced the first turbocharger and 1995 laid claim to the first superchargers.

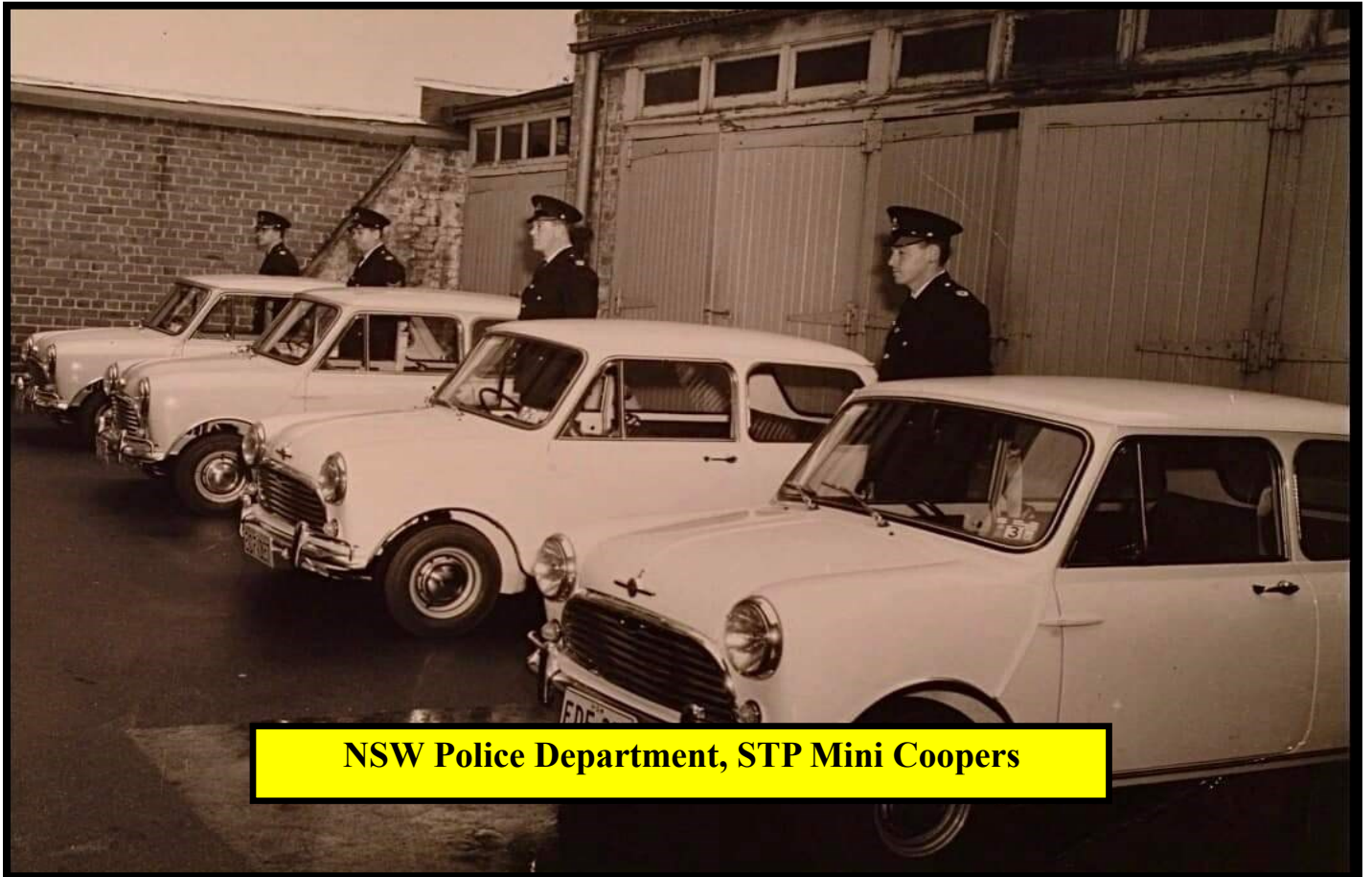
6. Delving into alternative energies

Peter Brock was an incredibly successful racing driver, with nine Bathurst 1000 wins. He had a close relationship with Holden until he pushed for the use of an energy polariser. The crystal/magnet device supposedly aligned a car's molecules and even absorbed impacts from bumps and lowered cabin noise. Failing to see any results from the crystals, Holden parted ways with Peter Brock and turned to competitor Tom Walkinshaw to create HSV.



POLICE FORD FAIRLANES





NSW Police Department, STP Mini Coopers



1970's Police pursuit vehicle used to chase down slower vehicles

Considering the ever increasing number of Mercs in our club, it wont be long before we see one of these in our ranks



Top rally Renault on show

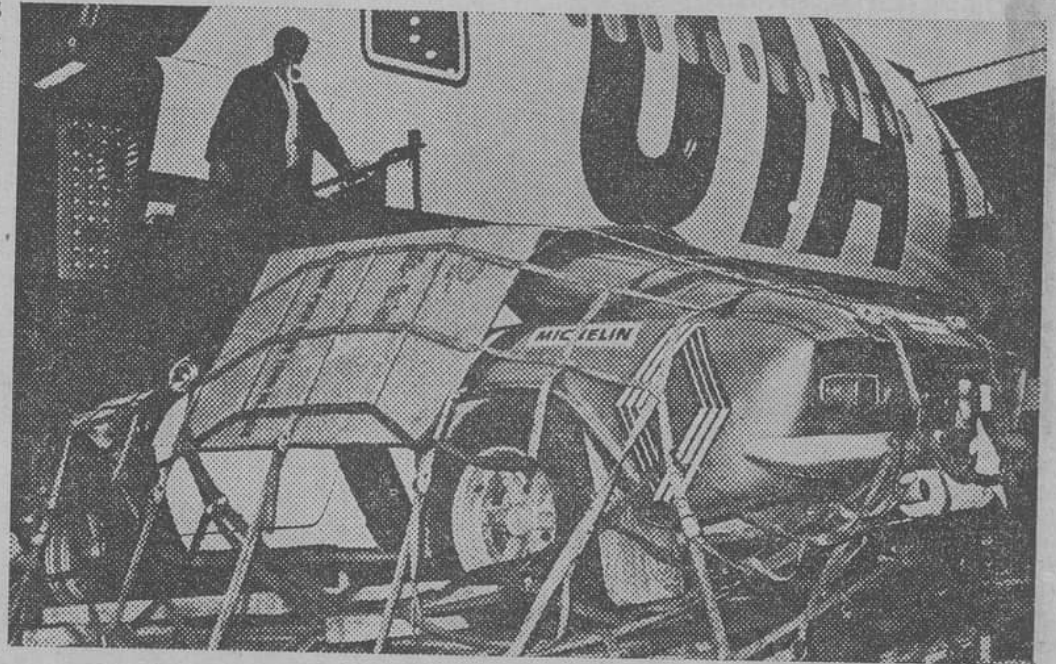
ONE of the world's best and most famous rally cars arrived in Australia recently to be shown at a number of motor shows and to possibly compete in some Australian events.

It is the 1,796cc Renault Alpine A110 which won the 1973 World Rally Championship.

A 140mph glass-fibre coupe, it is almost 2ft shorter than a Renault 12. It is based on modified Renault 12 and 16 production parts.

It is strictly a two-seater designed with the sole purpose of winning rallies, which it did last year, taking out seven of the 13 world title events.

Already on show at the Adelaide Motor Show, the Alpine will be seen at the Melbourne International Show (March 7 to 16), the Brisbane Motor Show



The world-championship winning Renault Alpine being unloaded from an aircraft at Sydney Airport.

(May 4 to 11) and the Sydney Show in August-September.

There is a good chance that it will show its championship-winning form in

Australia. Renault Australia is currently investigating a competition program of rally and rally-cross events for it to start in in Australia this year.

Two likely events would be the International Southern Cross Rally in October and the International Rally of the Hills some weeks later.

That's all we need..... even our tyres are infected.



A good idea not capitalised on.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

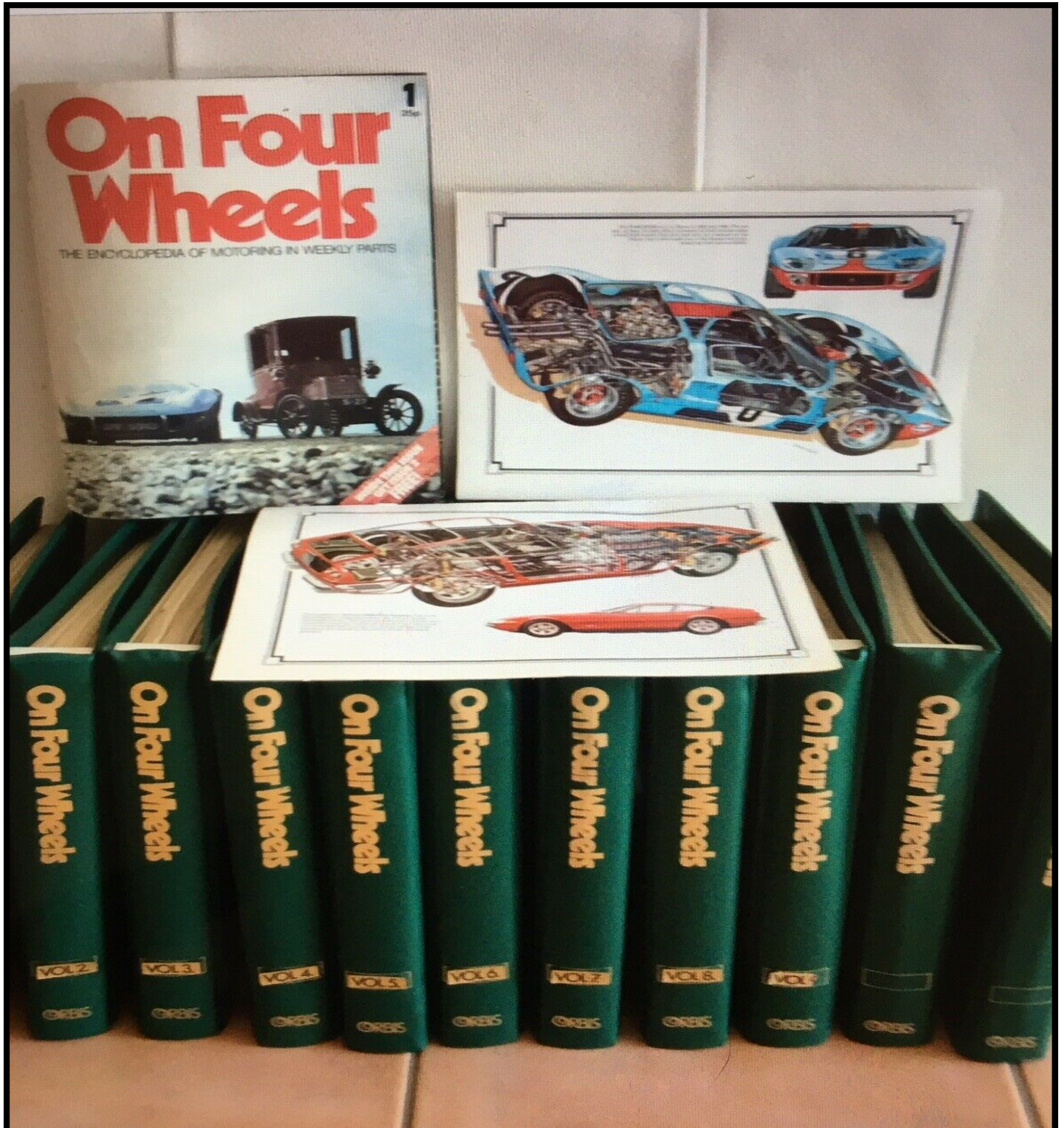
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C.ex Coffs Sports Touring & Classic Car Club

COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 7th March 2022 @ C.ex Coffs

MEETING OPENED

President opened meeting 6.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Ian Ward, Michael Guymer, Brian Carter, Mike Gosbell, Jeff Clancy, Ian Reynolds, Judy Phemister

APOLOGIES

Albert Johnson, Patrick Mathon, Sandra Guymer, Kevin Ingersole

SECRETARY - PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

Secretary advised there was no business arising.

Minutes accepted - Brian Carter

Seconded - Ian Ward

SECRETARY'S REPORT

NSWHMA Roadshow - proposed date Saturday 9th April, we are the "Host" club, Room Hire cost included in our 2022 Club Grant.

CPR & Defibrillator "Awareness" Training - Sawtell Surf Club, Thursday 10th March 10.00am - 12.00pm, 15 car club members registered.

Sawtell Surf Club Donation \$250 proposed by Secretary and approved by Committee.

Car Club "Message" cards - new stock purchased.

Display Cabinet - details updated by Secretary but new "theme" now needs to be considered.

Asset Register - to be updated by Secretary and audited to verify location of all equipment and electrical tagging.

Bigpond email issues identified - Secretary to check for any ongoing problems.

Welfare Issues - no cases were reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Report February 2022 presented.

Club Grant 2022 - Room Hire invoice has been received and no other requests were tabled.

Application needs to be submitted by August.

ITEMS SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY

Mike Gosbell raised an issue regarding the latest email received from NSWHMA relating to the "List of Approved Options, Accessories and Safety Items" on the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) website and tabled copies of the original communications received by our club.

Secretary to follow up with NSWHMA to seek further clarification of the communications tabled at the meeting by Mike and report back to the Committee, prior to the proposed NSWHMA "Roadshow" 9th April 2022.

ATTENDEES OPEN FORUM

Jeff Clancy opened discussion regarding the flying of flags at club events. It was decided the club would fly the Australian flag at club events and Jeff has donated an Australian flag and a State NSW flag to the car club. Thanks Jeff.

Jeff also suggested a car run to the Dorrigo Train Museum be considered by the Events Committee as a future event.

Judy presented the March, April, May events calendar and has identified a good mix of events.

MEETING CLOSED 7.00pm



C.ex Coffs Sports Touring & Classic Car Club

GENERAL MEETING
Monday 7th March 2022 @ C.ex Coffs 7.00pm

PRE-MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

Two great videos were unable to be played due to technical issues and will be held over until the April meeting.

OPEN MEETING

President opened meeting at 7.05pm.

ATTENDANCE

20 members in attendance and 8 apologies, as per register.

APOLOGIES

Albert Johnson, Bob Harris, Patrick Mathon, Tony Goninan, Dave Norton, Anthony Dingle, Grant George, Sandra Guymmer.

INTRODUCTIONS - NEW MEMBERS AND/OR VISITORS

New member, Philip Richards, was welcomed into the club and presented with his name badge and a badge for his partner, Lisa.

Philp has a Holden Sandman Panel Van.

No visitors were in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

Secretary advised the last General Meeting was held on 7th February 2022 and a copy of the Minutes was published in the February edition of the Club Newsletter. Secretary advised there are no Minutes arising.

SECRETARY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING BE ACCEPTED.

SECONDED BY BRIAN CARTER.

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

Secretary reported the following communications.

Other Car Club Newsletters

C.ex Coffs - various emails

HMANSW - various emails

Several memberships Enquiries and Applications processed - 5 new members joined since June 2021

SECRETARY MOVES THE CORRESPONDENCE BE ACCEPTED.

SECONDED BY JUDY PHEMISTER.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer presents the Financial Report for February 2022.

Treasurer noted the 2022 Club Grant application needs to be submitted by August 2022. Apart for the club's annual Room Hire cost, no other funding requests have been identified.

TREASURER MOVED THE FINANCIAL REPORT BE ACCEPTED.

SECONDED BY MIKE GOSBELL.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Secretary reported on the following matters;

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Welfare Watch - no reports received.

OFFICE BEARER REPORTS

Events Committee

Judy presented March, April and May events.

Registrars

Both Registrars were absent

Webmaster

Webmaster was absent. Secretary reported regarding uploading the last 3 club newsletters to the Website, subject to Office Bearer's personal contact details being removed. This will be adopted.

Newsletter Editor

Newsletter Editor was absent but provided prior advice that the March newsletter would issue in a few days.

Publicity Officer

Publicity Office did not have anything to report.

MEMBERS SPOT

Andy Gibson made a passionate plea for welfare support to be provided to Steve Woods. Apparently, this request relates to Steve's efforts to assist with repairs to Andy's Studebaker. The Committee is serious about our members welfare and will be following this matter up to ensure Steve receives the appropriate counselling and any other assistance required.

CLUB RAFFLE

Thanks to Cynthia and Bob for running another great raffle.

CLOSES MEETING

President closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

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