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<p>The following members will also attend and participate in Committee meetings.</p> <p>Judy Phemister Brian Carter Jeff Clancy Ian Reynolds</p>			<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; background-color: yellow;"> <p><i>“More than just a car club”</i></p> </div>



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Members,

September 2023 will be remembered as a very sad month for our club with the passing of one of our most respected members, Kevin Ingersole.

Our sincere condolences go to Sharon and family as we share in his loss and our club will be on hand to provide any assistance and support we can.

The large attendance of club members in club attire and classic cars at Kevin's funeral was testimony to Kevin's popularity amongst his fellow members.

Our two events in September, morning tea at Nambucca Heads and lunch at Glenreagh, were both well attended and capably co-ordinated by our relief Events Co-ordinator, Pat O'Carroll.

Our planning for the Combined Car Show at C.ex Coffs on 15th October is progressing well and shaping to be a very successful event.

Also, planning for the Christmas party at The Link Café Toormina is under way and the Committee is working hard to provide members with a great lunch, at a unique venue, with lots of activities and at a very affordable cost.

Please refer to the notice on page 11 and book early as numbers are limited.

Safe motoring.

**Ian Ward
President**

Two of the cars which will be on display in the C.ex Coffs Club rear foyer from Sunday 1st October, leading up to the car show on 15th October



1928 Singer 8 Junior



1954 Austin A30

Tribute to Kevin Ingersole

Our car club member Kevin Ingersole passed away on Friday 15th September 2023 and our thoughts are with Sharon and family as we all share in his loss.

Kevin was a dedicated long term club member and an active member on many of our club committees. He was individually responsible for the introduction of several changes to our administration which ensured we kept pace with change and had the technology to help manage an increasing membership efficiently.

Kevin was a keen motoring enthusiast and will be fondly remembered driving the camino gold MGB, and most recently his Saab 900 Turbo. He will be sadly missed but we can all feel blessed to have shared his company over many years,

It was the club's practise in the past to request members to provide a "Member Profile" for inclusion as an article in our car club newsletter and I couldn't recall if Kevin had ever provided one. Searching our extensive club archives, I was surprised to find how quickly and easily I found Kevin's profile from 10 years ago, almost as though I was meant to.

I have therefore reproduced Kevin's member profile on the next page which appeared in the October 2013 edition of our club newsletter. I know reading the profile will bring back many fond memories of Kevin to members who knew him well and be a very interesting and entertaining read for our newer members.

Michael Guymer



Member Profile - Kevin Ingersole October 2013

My interest in motor vehicles started early on in life. At age 12 I used to sneak out of my bedroom window at 3:00am to go help the milkman who taught me to drive his Austin A40 Ute while we took it in turns to drive up the centre of the road and running out either side to deliver the milk bottles to the front doors. Lots of hill starts practice early on in life! By 13 I was pretty good at occasionally sneaking my old man's Rover 75 down the driveway after the milk deliveries and enjoying a short local drive and getting it home again without waking him or Mum up, nice quiet engines in those old Rovers. Unfortunately, we moved to Melbourne to a house with a rather steep driveway and so ended my occasional early morning drives in fine English vehicles.

My first car was an Austin 7 Tourer that I bought with one of my mates for 4 Pounds when I was 16. It needed a lot of work, and we sold it after a stunning offer of 50 Pounds. It turned out that it was an extremely rare model and was eventually re-sold for 250 Pounds. My last illegal act before getting a driving licence was during the Boy Scouts World Rover Moot in Melbourne when with a group of three friends in Scout uniform, we set off for a drive down to the beach in an old registration expired Morris 840 with a dead battery. We came to an intersection where the traffic lights had failed, and which was under the control of a big burly policeman, and we had pole position on the grid. As soon as he signalled to go, I stalled the car. Out piled my passengers and the very obliging officer stopped the rest of the cars and came to help with a push start and waved us on our way. After that I decided to go straight!

Cars – there've been a few. Like lots of blokes my age, when we were young, we bought old English and early Holden cars and learned lots about maintaining and rebuilding them with parts from the motor wreckers. And like many others, I spent a small fortune hotting up my 48 Series Holden – a great car for our Anglesea to Lorne Great Ocean Road unofficial time trials. (How did I ever survive those days?).

My interest in motor sport was fostered by Donald Kinsley Thompson who was head of CAMS for many years. I worked in the same office as he in BHP when I was in my early 20s. I joined the Light Car Club of Australia and the BP Car Club of Victoria and was involved in motorkhanas and the navigator trials that were so popular in the late 60s and early 70s. Those were the days! No advanced knowledge of where you were going – at the start you were handed a set of route instructions, grid references for control points, pulled out your army survey maps and off you went, thundering off into the dust and darkness often finishing in the early hours of the morning. My Peugeot 404 was fun to drive but I eventually switched to navigating – much more competitive cars were available to me then however after rolling in a Hillman Hunter GT one night driven by a guy trying to emulate Andrew Cowan (who won the London to Sydney in a Hunter GT) I decided that I would retire before serious injury occurred.

Now, onto cars I've had over the years– the good, bad and the ugly.

The Best – a tie between a 1986 Saab Turbo 5 speed and a 1999 Subaru WRX - both very good point- to- point cars and exciting to drive. Honourable Mention – a 1997 Land Rover Discovery 3.9L V8. Simply unstoppable in the bush and never missed a beat in 220,000 km. The Worst – a Rover 3500 SE hatchback. A beautiful looking car, superb inside, but English reliability at its worst. The ugly – well maybe not really ugly but truly dead set boring – a Datsun 260C.

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	MONTH AND EVENT	CONTACT PERSON	RSVP DATE
OCTOBER 2023				
TUESDAY 3rd TUESDAY	Tue	COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00 pm GENERAL MEETING 7.00 pm		MEETING IS TUESDAY
4th  Wed	Wed	Morning Tea Anchors Wharf Depart Bonville Service Station 10am	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Wednesday 27th Sept
15th  Sun	Sun	COMBINED CAR SHOW AT C.EX COFFS REFER DETAILS ON PAGE 7	Jeff Clancy inbucca@gmail.com 0428 443 464	Car entries must be advised by 2nd Oct
29th  Sun	Sun	Falcon GT Classic Car Touring Group Display Ganderton Carpark Woolgoolga 11.00am - 2.00pm	Invitation Event	
NOVEMBER 2023				
		Morning Tea at Morgo Street Park Urunga BYO or buy from local cafes Depart Bonville Service Station 10.00am Bring a chair, blanket, sunscreen etc	This is a BYO event so no need to book, just turn up.	NA
6th Mon	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00 pm GENERAL MEETING 7.00 pm		
		BYO Morning Tea at Ulmara (in the River Street park) Followed by Lunch at Yamba Shores Tavern If you cannot make the lunch why not just come for the morning tea Depart Homebase 9.30am	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Friday 10th Nov Lunch Only
DECEMBER 2023				
3rd  Sun	Sun	THE "BIGGER THAN BEN HUR" CHRISTMAS PARTY <u>REFER PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS INCLUDING HOW TO PAY</u>	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Wednesday 15th Nov
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COMBINED CAR SHOW

Sunday 15th October 2023

C.ex Coffs Car Park

9.00am - 2.00pm

Free Entry

*C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring
& Classic Car Club*

*Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage
and Classic Car Club Inc.*

*Coffs Harbour & District Motorcycle
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**Please note car entry details must be advised
to Jeff Clancy by 2nd October.**

Email: inbucca@gmail.com Mobile: 0428 443 464

**SPACES HAVE NOW BEEN LIMITED DUE TO SOME ADDITIONAL
RESTRICTIONS APPLIED BY C.EX COFFS, SO IF YOU WISH TO DISPLAY
YOUR VEHICLE YOU NEED TO CONTACT JEFF CLANCY URGENTLY.**

CAR DISPLAY CARDS ARE AVAILABLE, DETAILS PAGE 9



2023

HISTORIC CARS AND MOTORCYCLES at C.ex Coff's

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER
CASTLE STREET CARPARK 9AM - 2PM

C.EX COFFS SPORTS, TOURING & CLASSIC CAR CLUB
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If you wish to have a Car Display Card prepared for the Car Show on 15th October please email the information below to Michael Guymer theguymers@bigpond.com

***C.ex Coffs Sports,
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Car Club***



Make

Model

Year

Engine Capacity

Transmission

Comments

**A DISPLAY IN THE FOYER OF THE C.EX COFFS CAR CLUB
PROMOTING OUR UPCOMING CAR SHOW**



We are seeking volunteers to assist as parking attendants at the car show from 7.00am.

If any members can assist, could you please contact the car show co-ordinator.

Jeff Clancy Email: inbucca@gmail.com Mobile: 0428 443 464



CHRISTMAS PARTY



**Sunday 3rd December
The Link Café 631 Hogbin Drive Toormina
Next to Cutlers Tyrepower
11.00am – 3.00pm**

Members, partners, family, and friends all welcome

Christmas style lunch, ham, chicken, salads, desserts etc

Tea, coffee, cutlery, crockery all provided

BYO drinks, alcohol allowed

Tables of 8 so book a group now, dress up is optional

Decorate your table and bring your own nibbles

Games, Prizes and Mr Music (Russell Phemister)

No cleaning or washing up, just come along and enjoy the day
Numbers are strictly limited to 60, so book early

Payment by **direct credit** and **RSVP** to Pat O'Carroll by **15th November**
BSB 533000 Account Number 10652729
Surname must be shown in the reference field

If you cannot pay direct, please contact the Club Treasurer



Noticed this in the Sep/Oct/Nov edition of C.ex Coffs Xcite magazine but could not find any further information on the Internet etc.

The C.ex Woolgoolga Club back entrance is via Ganderton Street so I am assuming the display is in the club's rear carpark??



An Irishman, visiting Australia, decided to buy a cheap old bomb and go touring around this great country of ours. However, not long into his big trip, the old car began to cough and splutter, backfire and carry on. The Irishman limped the car to the nearest town where the local mechanic was able to look it over. After checking the motor over for a few minutes, the mechanic turned to the Irishman and said "No major problems, just crap in the carburettor". "Oh" says the Irishman "How often do I have to do that??"

Car Club member Steve Woods and friend Dave Goodwin from the Gold Coast heading to Canberra in their MG's for the Pre-War MG Rally.

Pictured below with club member Dick Willis outside Dick's shed are three lovely MG's Steve Woods MG (44974 H) Dave Goodwin MG (OTA 037) and Dick Willis MG (44073 J).



FOR SALE

2 HK Holden front mud guards.

These guards will need rust panels in the sills.

There are no dints in the other areas, pick up in Coffs Harbour. **\$25 each**

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