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**JUDY PHEMISTER — NEWSLETTER EDITOR**



# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Members,

Many thanks to all members and partners who attended our AGM and helped make it such a success.

A big welcome to our new member and new Club Secretary, Tom Craven, and congratulations also to Albert Johnson as Vice President, Mike Gosbell as Treasurer, and our two new Committee Members, Steve Woods and Bob Rushbrook.

All of the above new appointees will have full support from the outgoing incumbents whenever required, as they undertake their new roles.

Also, a big thank you to the other members who have remained in the positions they held last year, in support of our club. We still have one vacancy in the Management Committee which is not compulsory for us to fill, and we would also like a few members to help run the monthly meeting raffles.

The position of Webmaster is also vacant. Michael Guymer is currently keeping the website up to date and we would like to fill this position permanently for another year. Full training and support is offered.

As Club President, I am honoured to accept this position for another club year.

Our car club is therefore set to make our 23rd year a successful and rewarding one for our members and we have some good events in our calendar for September, October and November, including our car show on 15th October. Also our Christmas party is going to be something very special.

Our Events Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor, Judy Phemister, is presently recuperating from a recent illness. Club member Pat O'Carroll is assisting as Events Co-ordinator and club member Michael Guymer is assisting as Newsletter Editor, until Judy is back on deck. Many thanks to Pat and Michael.

We all miss Judy and wish her a speedy recovery. Russell has also been unwell and we look forward to having them both back in club activities very soon.

Well done everyone and I look forward to catching up at an event soon.



**Ian Ward  
President**

*Remember,  
newsletters from  
other car clubs can  
now be accessed via  
our website.*

*Have you  
refreshed your  
knowledge of the car  
club's "Emergency  
Procedures" on page 3  
of the car club website  
lately?  
We all should.....*

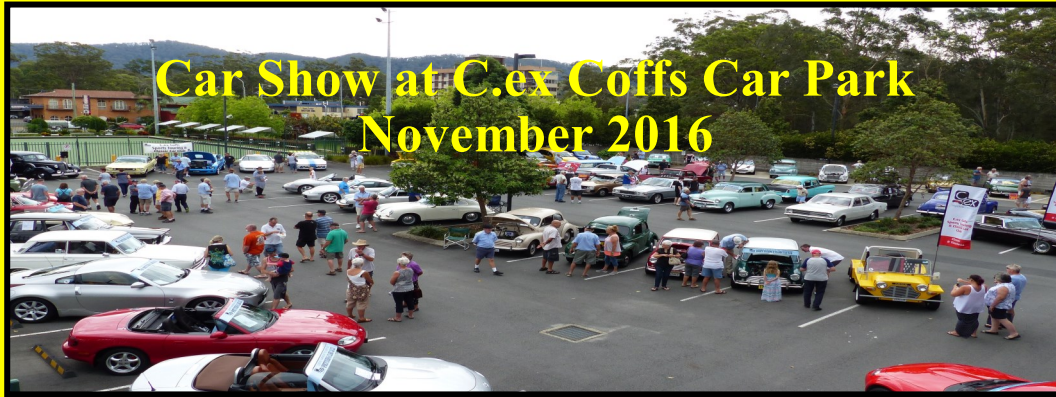
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<b>RAFFLE CO-ORDINATOR</b> <b>VACANT- Nominations Welcome</b>			<b>VACANT -Nominations Welcome</b>
<p>The following members will also attend and participate in Committee meetings.</p> <p>Judy Phemister Brian Carter Jeff Clancy Ian Reynolds</p>			

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	MONTH AND EVENT	CONTACT PERSON	RSVP DATE
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>				
2nd & 3rd	Sat/ Sun	<b>Rusty Iron Rally – Invitation run</b>	Make your own arrangements.	<b>NA</b>
4th	Mon	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00 pm GENERAL MEETING 7.00 pm</b>		
6th	Wed	<b>BYO Morning Tea Run Bellwood Park Nambucca Heads Depart Bonville Service Station 9:30 am</b>	This is a BYO event so no need to book, just turn up.	<b>NA</b>
				
17th	Sun	<b>Lunch Run to Golden Dog Glenreagh Depart Homebase 11am</b> 	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	<b>Sunday 10th Sept</b>
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>				
<b>TUESDAY</b> 3rd	Tue	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00 pm GENERAL MEETING 7.00 pm</b>	<b>TUESDAY DUE TO LONG WEEKEND</b>	
4th	Wed	<b>Morning Tea Anchors Wharf Depart Bonville Service Station 10am</b> 	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	<b>Wednesday 27th Sept</b>
15th	Sun	<b>COMBINED CAR SHOW AT C.EX COFFS REFER DETAILS ON PAGE 5</b> 	Jeff Clancy inbucca@gmail.com 0428 443 464	<b>Car entries must be advised by 2nd Oct</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>				
1st	Wed	<b>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</b> 	This is a BYO event so no need to book, just turn up.	<b>NA</b>
6th	Mon	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00 pm GENERAL MEETING 7.00 pm</b>		
19th	Sun	<b>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</b> 	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	<b>Friday 10th Nov Lunch Only</b>



## ***COMBINED CAR SHOW***

Sunday 15th October 2023  
C.ex Coffs Car Park  
9.00am - 2.00pm  
Free Entry

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& Classic Car Club*

*Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage  
& 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](mailto:inbucca@gmail.com) Mobile: 0428 443 464

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

**CAR DISPLAY CARDS ARE AVAILABLE, DETAILS PAGE 6**

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](mailto:theguymers@bigpond.com)

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Touring & Classic  
Car Club***



**Make**

**Model**

**Year**

**Engine Capacity**

**Transmission**

**Comments**





*Some planning is already underway to make our 2023 Christmas party a very special event.*

*don't miss out!*

*Members can expect confirmation of the date and full details very soon.*

*Proposed dates are Saturday or Sunday 25th/26th November OR 2nd/3rd December.*



**Mark  
Your Calendar!**

**2023 AGM AT C.EX WOOLGOOLGA**  
**Sunday 20th August**





## FORD FALCON GT-HO Phase IV

Ford developed the HO series further with the XA Falcon, and were ready to produce the Phase IV to homologate the car for Group E Series Production Touring Cars racing, including the 1972 Hardie-Ferodo 500. On Sunday, 25 June 1972, the front page of the *Sun Herald* set off a chain of responses from the New South Wales Minister for Transport, Milton Morris, who called for the ban of these supercars just three days after the news article.

On Thursday 29 June, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) announced that the end of the current Group E Series Production Touring Cars regulations, which would be replaced by new Group C regulations for 1973. Group C allowed modified versions of road cars to compete, removing the need for manufactures to develop road-going race specials.

The following Sunday, 2 July, Ford announced the cancellation of the Phase IV program. At this stage, one production car had been sent down the line, and three XA GT sedans were in various stages of construction to Phase IV specs at Ford Special Vehicles, Ford's internal race division. Only one of these cars was ever used in competition, with one sold to rally driver Bruce Hodgson, and eventually was destroyed in a crash in 1981. The car has since been rediscovered and is undergoing restoration. The other two are in the hands of collectors, with the Gibson car in Queensland, while the car intended for Allan Moffat is in Sydney and sold at auction for \$2 million in 2018, setting a record for an Australian sport sedan car.

The sole production-plated car as the only legitimate Ford factory Phase 4 was not sold until the following year, by Jack Brabham Ford, to a Sydney, Australia-based owner, who then had the car resprayed from its original Calypso Green to Zircon Green. The car went through a number of owners until the current owner had the car restored to factory specifications, in a build documented by an Australian Fords publication.



In late 1971, well prior to the Evan Green article being published in Sydney in mid 1972, a magazine had shown a Ford Falcon GTHO Phase III being driven (legally) at over 225 km/h (140 mph) on a Victorian public highway. At the time, Victoria had no maximum speed limit, so there was technically no fault in this as long as the drivers were driving safely in the eyes of the police. But concerns about potential public and government backlash shown by the publishers at the high, but not illegal speed of the car on the open highway in 1971 – saw the magazine photo actually altered to show a more publicly acceptable speed of slightly over 100 mph.

# Photos Gallery

The new Mercedes Benz S-Class sedan.  
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**Our President is very keen on this Mercedes accessory**



**Vehicle on Victorian Club Permit spotted in Coffs  
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**MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023 @ C.EX WOOLGOOLGA**

**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

President Ian Ward opened the meeting at 11.00am and welcomed members and partners and guests

**ATTENDANCE**

28 Financial members attended and 10 partners/visitors all names recorded in the attendance documents

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from members, Gary Addison, Mick Alexander, Brian Carter, Rob Chapman, Andy Gibson, Tony Goninan, Alan Peterson, Judy & Russ Phemister, Dan Power, John Montgomery

**VIDEO THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

A video was shown of the photos taken at the events held since the last AGM in 2022

**PRESIDENT PRESENTS REPORT OF THE PAST YEAR**

The President thanked Judy Phemister and the events committee for organising some of the great events held throughout the year and reminded members that she was currently in hospital and would remain there before convalescing at home. Pat O'Carroll would take over the organising of the events in Judy's absence

Thanked Pat Mathon for his work as the Registration administrator in the inspection of new members classic vehicles to determine their eligibility to the HVS/ CVS Scheme

Michael and Sandy Guymer for their continued support throughout the year

He advised that members had attended 10 morning teas, 11 lunches (which included Christmas in July and the Annual Christmas Party) 3 early breakfasts (one Ladies Breakfast)

A special thanks to Dave and Penny Norton, Joe and Marthese Baiada, and Graeme Bassett for hosting the members at their properties

There were 11 General meetings throughout the year attended by an average of 21 members, and 16 visitors

On a sad note, the club lost popular member Grant George in January after a long illness

**MINUTES OF THE 2022 AGM AND BUSINESS ARISING**

The secretary advised the last AGM was held at the C. ex Woolgoolga on Sunday 14 August 2022 and a copy of the minutes was published in the July Idle Torque

The secretary advised that there was no business arising and moved that the report be accepted

**MOVED Jeff Clancy    SECONDED Mike Gosbell**

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Retiring Treasurer Ian Reynolds presented the annual financial report for 2023 and noted that the club was in a sound position and moved that the report be accepted

**MOVED Ian Reynolds    SECONDED Mike Gosbell**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REMOVAL OF BY LAW 5**

The Secretary related the history of this By Law in that it imposed a three-year tenure on any committee member and that member could not be re-elected to a committee position until after an absence of one year, by removing this law it was hoped to negate the current turnover of responsible officials. The members at the Sept. 2022 general meeting discussed the matter and the motion to remove the law was carried, C. ex Board approval was sought and granted in Jan 2023 (ref email Jeff Cox 16 Jan 2023)

The Secretary called for any further discussion, there was no further discussion from the members, the secretary called for a show of hands for approval, all members present approved with no dissention



## CHANGE OF TIME FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

The secretary advised that the club had received an email from member Kevin Quinn suggesting that the club meetings be moved to a day time slot so the members from distant locations could conduct their business in the city and then attend the meeting. There was considerable discussion from members both for and against the change and any compromising of the meeting time and venue and it was decided to defer the matter to a later general meeting to allow all members to be advised of the matter

## INVITATION TO DISPLAY CARS

The secretary advised the the club had received an invitation to display cars at the opening of the new Council Chambers in Gordon Street on sat 16 Sept, three members showed an interest

## THE ELECTION PROCESS

The President welcomed Dick Willis to take the Chair to conduct the election of officers

### RETURNING OFFIER **Dick Willis**

*Welcome everyone to the C. ex Coffs Sports Touring & Classic Car Club 2023 Annual General Meeting.*

*My name is Dick Willis, I am a financial member of the C. ex Coffs Sports Touring & Classic Car Club and have been appointed as the Returning Officer for the 2023/2024 Committee elections. As Returning Officer, I am not eligible to be nominated for any positions in this election.*

*I would like to thank the outgoing Committee and Officer Bearers for their contribution to our club over the past year. Two members of the 2022-2023 Committee gave prior notice they would not be standing for re-election in 2023-2024 and I would like to especially thank them individually for their contributions also. They are Jeff Clancy our Club Secretary/Vice President and Ian Reynolds our Club Treasurer. Our appreciation to Ian for his excellent service as Treasurer over the past 3 years and to Jeff for stepping up into two very important roles for 12 months which ensured the continuation of our club.*

*I now direct all existing Committee Members to stand down and I declare all positions vacant.*

*The July edition of our Car Club Newsletter, Idle Torque, was emailed to members and included;*

- *The Notice of the 2023 AGM and the AGM Agenda*
- *The Committee Nomination Form.*
- *The Minutes of the 2022 AGM 14TH August 2022*

*The Car Club is required, under the C. ex Coffs "Rules for Operation", to fill the following minimum number of positions in order for the Car Club to operate as a Sub-Club of C. ex Coffs. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 4 other Committee Members".*

*Before I announce the nominations received, I ask for any further nominations from the floor.*

*Nominations as received were then shown on a slide and nominations were received from the floor*

#	POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY
1	PRESIDENT	Ian Ward	Michael McLennan	Sandra Guymer
2	VICE PRESIDENT	Albert Johnson	Mike Gosbell	Ian Ward
3	SECRETARY	Tom Craven	Pat O'Carroll	Ian Ward
4	TREASURER	Mike Gosbell	Ian Reynolds	Ian Ward
5	COMMITTEE MEMBER	Bob Rushbrook	Cynthia Darrington	Mike Gosbell
6	COMMITTEE MEMBER	Patrick Mathon	Brian Carter	Russell Phemister
7	COMMITTEE MEMBER	Steve Woods	Mike Gosbell	Ian Ward
8	COMMITTEE MEMBER	Vacant		

*As the required positions have been filled, I declare those members duly nominated as elected and empowered to form a Committee. Please join me in congratulating these members.*

*The Committee and past Committee are to meet to review the vacant position and are empowered to make appointments to any vacant positions.*

*Thank you for your attendance and participation in the 2023 AGM I now move that the 2023 AGM election process be accepted as completed in terms of the C.ex Rules of Operation and ask if there are any objections from the members.*

*There being no objections I move that the election process is completed.*

**MOVED Dick Willis**

**SECONDED Sandy Guymer**

### **MEETING CLOSED**

*The President thanked Dick for his presentation and congratulated those new members elected.*

*The meeting closed at 11.45 am*

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