

# Coffs Splutter

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**COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB  
INC.**

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**Graeme King and Andy Taylor, with the beautiful 1926 Star Vela at the Urunga Railway Centenary Parade form up.**

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## 2023-2024

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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.

*All articles appearing in "Coffs Splutter" are the sole responsibility of the author(s) as to matters of fact and veracity.*

## Star of Wolverhampton

**In recognition of having had two Star Cars out on events recently, here is a little information on this make:**

Star was founded by the Lisle family who like many other vehicle makers started by making bicycles, in their case in 1893 as Sharratt and Lisle. In 1896 this was changed to the Star Cycle Company. The first car was made in 1898 and a separate company, the Star Motor Company was registered as a wholly owned subsidiary of Star Engineering Ltd. The early vehicles were heavily influenced by existing car makers and the 1898 3.5 hp car was essentially a single cylinder Benz and often called the Star-Benz. One a week was being made in 1899[1]. Two cylinder models followed in 1901 with the 7hp and 10hp which used De Dion engines. In 1902, the first four cylinder product (20hp) appeared.

The Star Cycle Company run by Edward Lisle's son, also called Edward, had continued in business and in 1905 entered the car industry in its own right and produced a two seater called the Starling. To avoid confusion a new company, the Briton Motor Company was formed in 1909 and the products were badged as Britons. Manufacture continued until 1928.

The main Star company continued to make well engineered models up to the outbreak of war in 1914 adding a range of vans and trucks to the output and became one of the six largest British car makers[1].

During World War 1 the company made a large number of lorries for the army and did some work on aircraft engines.

Post-war car production resumed in 1919 with the pre-war 3014 cc 15.9hp and 3815 cc 20.1hp models and in the early 1920s they were making 1000 cars a year[1] from their cramped workshops.

In 1928 Edward Lisle sold the company to Guy Motors, who were also based in Wolverhampton, who wanted to add a range of cars to their heavy vehicle production. Production was moved to a new plant in Bushbury on the Wolverhampton northern outskirts near to the Clyno factory but profits were elusive and production was ended in 1932,.

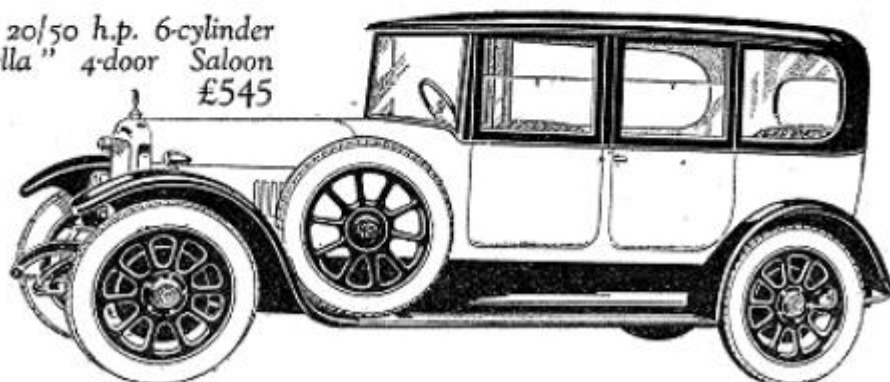
**A Period Advertisement from 1926 which lists the 20/60 hp 5 seater model which was called the "Vela". Model were names after star constellations.**

STAR Side-by-side valve Models				STAR Overhead-valve Models			
14/30	h.p.	2-seater	£410	12/40	h.p.	2-seater	£455
14/30	h.p.	5-seater	£425	14/40	h.p.	5-seater	£520
14/30	h.p.	saloon	£475	14/40	h.p.	saloon	£700
20/50	h.p.	5-seater	£495	20/60	h.p.	5-seater	£775
20/50	h.p.	saloon	£545	20/60	h.p.	saloon	£975

The Star Engineering Co., Ltd., Wolverhampton  
London Depot: 24 Long Acre, W.C.2

# STAR

The 20/50 h.p. 6-cylinder  
"Stella" 4-door Saloon  
£545





**RUN TO MOONEE SAT 3RD JUNE 2023.**

A glorious day greeted us for this outing. We went along Coramba Road, to East Bank Road to Bucca Road to Old Bucca Road then on to Moonee Beach. This is a fabulous drive through stunning countryside. Moonee Beach is beautiful spot to sit and enjoy the scenery and talk important stuff.

The following attended

D an M Drury - Rover, J and L Lansley - Torana, B Milne - Wolseley, G Maunder - Triumph, J and L Bojarski - Triumph Dolomite, K an M Franklin - modern, H Murray- FJ Holden.

*Report by Hal "FJ" Murray.*



**Club cars enjoying an outing by the seaside**



**The Bojarski Dolomite at rest**



**Those lovely Norfolk Island Pines really do make a great spot to enjoy a cuppa under!**

## Urunga Railway Centenary – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June

In 1923, the railway reached the beautiful coastal town of Urunga and this was the focal point for celebrations 100 years a later. The Centenary activities occurred over two days with Saturday concentrating on the railway station and associated heritage and the Sunday being devoted to a street parade and display at the community markets. Rod & Ruth Holmes brought the Albion down from Dorrigo and were the mainstay of old car activity on the Saturday. As can be seen from the accompanying photos, they dressed in period costume and looked absolutely superb!

On Sunday we mustered in Urunga for the Parade. Fifteen club cars joined a horse drawn carriage, pipe band, bikes, scooters and a variety of other floats. After winding our way through the town we ended up down at the River where the markets were in full swing. A large crowd was in attendance and after the parade concluded we put all the cars on display where they received much interest. There were plenty of stalls, buskers and food outlets so it was easy to while away a few hours. Tony's Buick got to the end of the parade and then just cut out. He initially thought it was out of fuel but it had plenty. After cooling off for a while it restarted easily enough – maybe a bit of muck on the points? Special mention must be made of Graeme & Andy being out in the Star again. Fantastic to see it motoring again after being off the road for several years while major damage to the diff was repaired. Also nice to see Rudi, Yvonne and pups enjoying the Wolseley after recently acquiring it from Gordon Egan.

So concluded a great event for our club – it always fun to be involved in these community events!

Attendance: Rod & Ruth Holmes – Albion, Tony Carr – Buick, Graeme King & Andy Taylor – Star, Alison King & Andrew Winter – Model A Ford ute, Merv & Beth Kennedy – WW2 Jeep, Eric & June Andrews – Prefect ute, Kevin & Moira Franklin – Halflinger, Rudi & Yvonne Hombergen – Wolseley, Hal Murray, with Judy Riddel as copilot – FJ, Geoff & Leonie Maunder – Triumph, John & Lorraine Lansley – Torana, Col Sutton – MGB GT, Des Drury – Rover, John & Laraine Bojarski – Triumph Dolomite, Graham & Marie Davey – Sherpa, Jim & Wendy Fisher – Mercedes.



***Rod & Ruth Holmes and the Albion were stars of the Railway Centenary on the Saturday and these photos show why! (courtesy Urunga News Facebook page)***







*Tony's Buick is threatened with various devices from the toolbox and eventually decided to burst into life*



**COFFEE RUN SOUTH COFFS NURSERY THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2023**

Once again, a glorious day to take the old cars out and smoke up the tyres. This was the clubs first visit to this venue and a great spot it is. The seating was well spaced, not squashed together and the surroundings magnificent. This venue also offered the opportunity to check out the huge range of plants and products on offer. We enjoyed good coffee and food and great company.

The following attended, G and M Davey Subaru Sherpa, B Milne Wolesley, D and M Drury rover, J and W Fisher, T Carr modern, J Ryan modern, H Murray FJ Holden

Report by Hal "Tyre Smoke" Murray



*A hoard of desperately under-caffeinated club members descends on the venue*



*"Ok...smiley people on the left and thoughtful people on the right please!"*



## **Saturday Afternoon Run. 1st July – Urunga Reserve**

A total of 14 members assembled at the Urunga reserve, half going directly to the reserve, and half driving down from the airport meeting place. It was good to see Lyn Kane out and about again.

Among the V, V and C cars were an immaculately restored blue Chevrolet owned by Gary and Liz Diamond, and a recently restored Vauxhall Viva owned by Eric. Hal's reliable Holden and Max's Rover made up the number of old cars.

It was a chilly day, so a camp was set up in a sunny spot for the afternoon get-together. The two Carols, Wendy, Liz and Lyn wandered off to the Urunga art gallery, and on their return the two Carols and Wendy, joined by Hal walked to the end of the boardwalk. By the time they returned it had got cold, and the meeting had broken up.

**Attendance:** Jim and Wendy Fisher – modern, Eric and June Andrews - Vauxhall Viva, Hal Murray – Holden, Leigh and Carol Stevens – modern, Carol Horner – modern, Garry and Liz Diamond – Chevrolet, Max Eggins - Rover 3500, Graeme and Lyn Kane – modern, Tony Carr – modern

*Report and photos Jim & Wendy Fisher.*



**The Andrews' Viva looking great**





**What a beauty! Garry & Liz Diamond's Chev**



**A relaxing scene indeed!**





## August:

- Thursday 3rd- Club Meeting.
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup>-Beachstone/Jim
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>-Idle Inn /Hal
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>- Dorrigo Pub/ Gerry

## General Business:

1. Update on Sick List: Barry Milne and Maureen Drury
2. Report on combined car display with CEX in Oct-progressing well. Probably will be held the weekend after the long weekend in Oct.
3. Request refund from Show Ground for Swap Meet deposit
  - a. **Motion:** *In light of our swap meet being cancelled for 2023, the club seeks reimbursement of the deposit paid to the showground committee.*  
Moved: Graeme Kane                      Seconded: John Lansley                      Carried
4. Ideas for guest speaker in August: Please contact Geoff with your ideas.
5. Badges- Contact Hal if you want a club name badge ph 0448 883 244
6. Placards- Contact Tony Carr
7. Hub Rally 2024 Committee- volunteers?- Discussion postponed until August meeting.
8. Max Eggins was presented the HARD LUCK STORY trophy for 22/23.
9. Phil Bicknell bought up the issue of whether or not there is a need to record club runs in log books. There was a short discussion and Geoff said he would do some research on the matter and report back to the members.
10. Guest : David Scherr. David lives in Brisbane and has a 1971 Datsun 240Z on SA registration housed at Sawtell where his mother lives. He spends considerable time in Sawtell and wishes to H register the car as soon as he completes membership requirements, probably September meeting. He comes to Sawtell frequently and is keen to join in our runs.
11. **Motion:** *The signatories for the BCU account No 39278 are at present Geoff Maunder, Janice Ryan and Graeme King. I move that Graeme King is to no longer be a signatory and be removed. In addition Marg Murray (Secretary) and Hal Murray (Assistant Secretary) be added as signatories. This will mean four signatories and any two to sign.*  
Moved: Leigh Stephens                      Seconded Jim Fisher                      Carried

**Presentation by Graeme King:** Graeme gave us a brief outline of the history of state forests and the development of the 1916 Forestry Act. We learnt that Bongil Bongil is a regrowth forest and Graeme was personally involved in the replanting. He outlined the cycle of logging and regrowth in state forests. Also emphasising that there is no logging of old growth forests. We are all looking forward when Graeme returns to talk about Marine Rescue!

**Vehicle Movements:** Zeno Baston 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Raffle Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Max Eggins 2nd Tony Carr 3rd John Williams

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 3rd August

**Guest Speaker:** Please call Geoff with your suggestions.

**Supper for August:** William Legette, Leigh Stephens

**Meeting Closed at:** 7.50pm

Secretary – Marg Murray

President – Geoff Maunder

**CARS for SALE**

**1928 Willys Whippet 96A tourer** Motor overhauled by Jack Brain. Comes with some spares

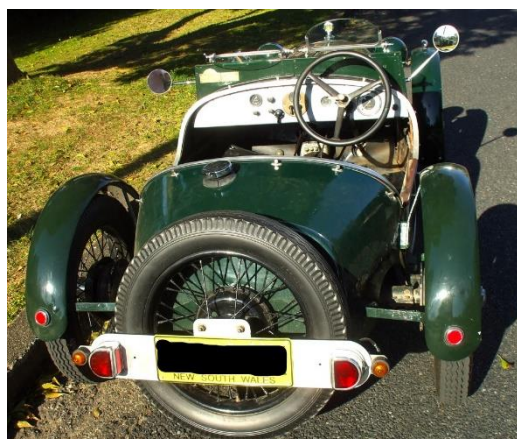
**\$20 000.** Contact Arthur 6655 1897



**1934 Austin 7 Special**

4-speed gearbox, coil ignition, S/U carb, lowered suspension Full rego and pink slip (expires late Oct 23).

**\$19,500 o.n.o .** Phone Martin on 0473 857 874





## *Blast from the Past!*

*In the lead up to the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary so, here is more photographic history of the club – this month, we take a look back 10 years to the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Specifically, the cake!!*

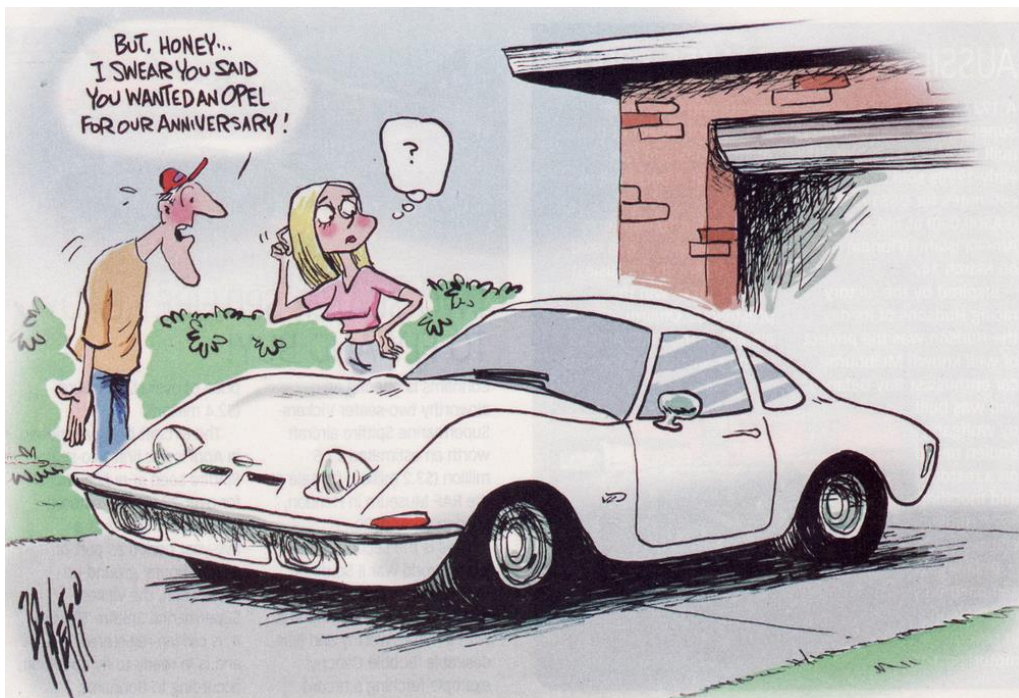


*The cake decorated in club colours*

*John Bojarski, Geoff Maunder and Leigh Stephens do the honours with the knife!*

### **CLUB REGALIA**

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



## COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour  
(100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use  
northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- 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 the designated start or running 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**

JULY 23		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Urunga Reserve	Jim 0481 131 551
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mullaway for coffee then Amble Inn for lunch	Hal 0448 883 244
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee run to Bellingen Butter Factory	Leigh 0413 481 361
AUGUST 23		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sapphire Beach	Jim 0481 131 551
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Run to Idle Inn, Nana Glenn	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Run to Dorrigo – Morning tea at Thora Reserve, Lunch at Dorrigo Pub	Gerry 0402 469 160
SEPTEMBER 23		
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday Afternoon Run TBC	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Garry Diamond's Chevrolet @ Way Way Then lunch @Scotts Head Bowlo	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Run TBC	

October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Great Eastland Rally, Tamworth. See  
Secretary for Entry Forms!