

CRANK CASE



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Meeting Rooms for the IAMC - The Jack Gaukroger Memorial Hall, Macintyre Street Inverell

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Club Information: Meetings are to be held on the Second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm. Venue is the IAMC Inc. Club Room "Gaukrogers Memorial Hall" (Homes for the Aged Community Hall), Macintyre Street Inverell. [PDF Map and photos of where to find us.](#) You can also search Google for Inverell AMC and ask for directions

Magazine Articles: All articles, photos and advertisements are very welcome. Please send them to the Editor's email address: crankcase.iamc@gmail.com or The Editor, PO box 96, Inverell 2360 NSW

Club Property for Sale:

Maroon Caps with embroidered badge.	\$12.00 each
Bucket Hat with embroidered badge	\$12.00 each
Cloth Badges, embroidered.	\$ 4.00 each
Windscreen Sticker	\$2.00
Enamel Lapel/Hat Pins (make great cuff links)	\$10.00 each
IAMC Car Badges (see for sale items at back of magazine)	\$10.00 each
Stubby Holders	\$10.00 each

Don't forget to carry the required paperwork e.g. Membership receipt, license(s), Rego. Certificates, RTA Certificate of Approved Operation, the Log Book (if on the 60-day option) and a copy of the latest issue of the Club magazine/Events whenever you drive your Historic registered vehicle on a public road.

Please note that the deadline for stories/articles is seven days before the General Meeting.

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

Pam Mason 02 67232912 moomovers2@bigpond.com

The time given for outings is departure time and not arrival at the clubhouse.

Changes can happen, so when going on a run, if unable to meet at the clubhouse prior to departure, phone Pam 67232912, Graeme 0426430787 or Lyn and Laurie 0427230017.

This applies especially to out of town members.

Please check that Suzanne has your correct email address as you will be notified of changes.

2023

DECEMBER

- Sunday 3rd - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning -The Bridge Coffee Shop, corner of Otho and Byron Streets, 9am to 11am.
- **SUNDAY 10TH - INSPECTION DAY, BRIDGESTONE TYRE SERVICE. 8AM TO 11AM**
- Tuesday 12th - Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm
- Tuesday 12th - General Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm
- Thursday 14th - Lunch at the **AUSTRALIA HOTEL, BYRON STREET**, 12 for 12.30pm
- Sunday 17th - Shakedown run and afternoon tea at Deb's Place, Lake Inverell Drive, departing the clubhouse 2.00pm
- Wednesday Wanderers run cancelled for December

2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY

- Sunday 7th - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning -The Bridge Coffee Shop, corner of Otho and Byron Streets, 9am to 11am
- Tuesday 9th - Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm
- Tuesday 9th - General meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm
- Thursday 11th - Lunch at the SPORTIES, Glen Innes road 12 for 12.30pm
- Sunday 14th - Shakedown run to Goonoowigal, BYO afternoon tea, departing the clubhouse 2.00pm
- Friday 26th - Australia Day - Inverell. Victoria Park, comencing 7.30am with BBQ breakfast, gold coin donation.
- Friday 26th - Australia Day Celebrations to be held in Delungras ANZAC Hall and Park. IAMC members with their cars are invited to attend, assemble at the Eastern end of Railway Street for the parade commencing at 10.30am.
- Saturday 27th - Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival and Show and Shine - departing the clubhouse at 9am. For those involved in the Show and Shine it could be earlier.
- Wednesday 31st - Wednesday Wanderers Run to Tingha and lunch at the hotel departing the clubhouse at 11.00am - to be confirmed.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST-

2024

- **JANUARY - Saturday 27th** Guyra Show and Shine held in the main street, in conjunction with Guyra's iconic Lamb and Potato Festival. Contact John 0428 879 652
- **FEBRUARY - Saturday 10th** North West Rally Meeting to be held in **BINGARA at 1.30pm in the RSM Club, 46 Finch Street.**
- **MAY - 11th** Motor Show Museum, Rifle Range Road, Inverell

EDITOR'S RUMBLINGS DECEMBER 2023

At this time of year we socialize with friends and family, and our Christmas party was not to be missed. After looking forward all year, we were not disappointed thanks to Lyn and Laurie, Shirley and Aileen. Pam has a report and Suzannes photos tell the story. Where would we be without these capable people?



This addition also has the next instalment of Ron's travelogue and a report on the Coffee Morning from Lyn.

With many of us travelling to visit families, safety should be uppermost, not to mention the proliferation of speed cameras, highway patrols and unsafe drivers.

With most business taking a break, this period is a quiet time to spend on restorations and maintenance. A few words and photographs of your project would be good for the Crankcase.

Our bionic man, Warwick Gardner, is back from Brisbane with his third knee replacement. He hasn't three legs, but this replacement has been done under warranty and the other one will be done next year, also under warranty. We Wish him a speedy recovery.

PRESIDENTS REPORT AGM NOVEMBER 14TH 2023

It is a great loss that David Wilson is not here to give this report on the hi-lights of the past year.

The AGM was followed later in the month by a very festive Christmas party at the club rooms, complete with table decorations, thanks to Lyn and her social committee.

The new year brought many events including

- The watermelon day
- The swap meeting
- A visit and barbeque with the Gold Coast Antique Auto Club
- The hosting of the NW rally
- Phillip and Dorothy Myhill Mother's Day and machinery display
- Later in October a progressive lunch

The committee takes care of formalities, but the important activities are organised by the events and social committees. We therefore owe Pam, Laurie, Lyn, Shirley and Caroline and helpers a big thank you for the past year.

ATTENTION.... all members

The AGM was 14th November, 2024. Sadly only 24 members attended for the start of a new club year. Please be advised, Membership is NOW due. \$25.00 per person and if you wish to have the Crankcase posted, an extra \$15.

Payment can be made by direct deposit to

BSB 932 000 Account 770844.

If mailing: PO BOX 96, Inverell, NSW 2360

Or can be paid by cash at club meeting on Tuesday 12th December 2023

Membership should be paid before 31st December, not when your car is due for rego. Payment receipt can be collected at monthly meeting.

When paying by direct debit, PLEASE remember to put your name with payment.

Thanking you,

Sue Grant

Treasurer 2024 Ph: 0419180453



FROM THE LIBRARIAN



INVERELL ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC. was formed in 1979 by a group of 7 vintage car enthusiasts. Since then, we have grown in number exceeding 100 members.

Over the years we have lost many members, friends, mates and enthusiasts. As Librarian, I am trying to put together a record of these members. I have started a folder of photos and information on each member. If you have any names and dates, you would like to add to the folder please let me know. The list is long and I have 30 entries of names and funeral service sheets. I know I have missed some.

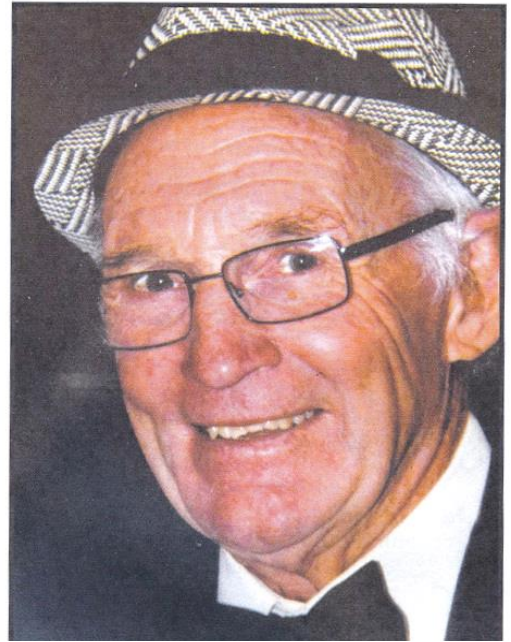
At the club Christmas party held on the 25/11/23 a sample of the folder was passed around to the members present. If you were not at the party, ask someone who was there about the folder.

Contact info is 0408 216 212 or Home: 02 6724 8445
or 63 Inverell St Delungra 2403

Harry McNaughton

David Brandon Wilson

Born 18th November, 1938
Passed Away 10th August, 2023



*Photo: David Wilson Founding President
Longest serving Committee Member*

VALE Graeme John Page

Another month has passed and the club has lost a valued member and friend. Graeme passed away on the 29th October 2023 at a relatively young age after 30 years as a club member. For 22 years of this membership, he was an office bearer having held positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Swap Meet Co-ordinator and Public Officer, often for consecutive years.

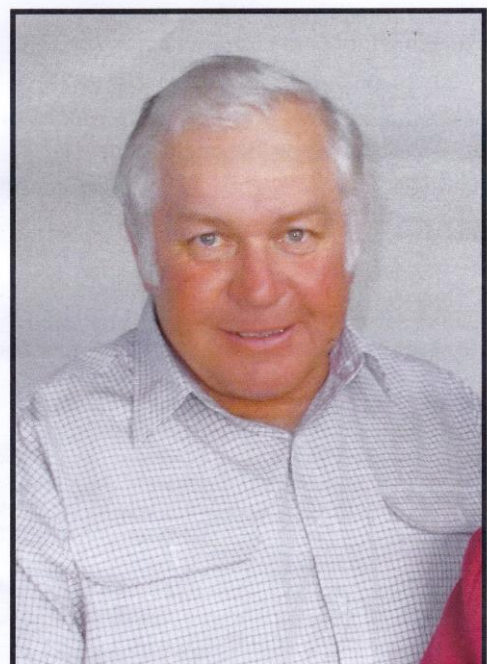
Graeme's work was meticulous, and this will be a loss to the club.



Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving to Honour The Life of

Graeme John Page

Born 16th September, 1951
Passed Away 29th October, 2023



RON'S HAVE A CHAT & COFFEE MORNING Sunday 5th November 2023

BREAKFAST AT FRECKLES Only 11 turned up at Freckles for breakfast but it is better than none. We had time to have a bit of a yarn with members present. Then the orders started to come so there was less talking and more eating whatever was ordered. Then with eating over there was more talking about the Christmas lunch and when they should pay, before or on the day. It will all be talked about it at the AGM. Hope everyone enjoyed what they had today, next time I will order small pancakes as the others were a little big but they went down anyway. I hope more members will come to the next morning tea no matter where we have it. So come along to these mornings as it is a chance to catch up with those who attend.



Lyn

Gordon & Coral Mercedes | Richard 1929 Packard
Laue & Lyn, Tony, Prue, Shirley, Ron & Christa – Modern, Aileen - Visitor



I.A.M.C. CHRISTMAS LUNCH HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2023.



Members and friends attended a Christmas lunch at the Community Hall on Saturday 25th November, 2023.

Lyn, Laurie and Shirley had prepared the food, set up and decorated the hall and tables with amazing decorations, once again made by Lyn. Aileen Roberts made the tasty plum pudding.

Thank you to these special people who worked so hard to make the lunch an enjoyable event for all who attended.

Pam

Those who attended –

Harry & Ann McNaughton Vauxhall Victor | Suzanne & Bob Ausburn 1963 Jaguar Mk II
Ron Thorp & Christa Masson Dolomite Sprint | John and Ann Irwin Range Rover
Coral & Gordon Latter, Judy & Tim Samon, Margaret Worgan, Richard Farrell, Sue Bailey, Pam Mason,
Val George, Ross Connell, Aileen & Doug Roberts, George McMullan, Tony King, Eslyn & Rod Johns,
Warwick Gardner, David & Linda Ashenden & Linda's Mum, Shirley Ting, Lyn & Laurie Campbell



More Christmas Lunch Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/T7WvN51GZLjjQgsu5>



WEDNESDAY WANDERERS – WARIALDA 28TH NOVEMBER 2023

Only 10 people participated in the run to the Commercial Hotel but that was OK. We all enjoyed the lunch we had and some of us returned home with leftovers as the meals were too big to eat. A lot of chatting was accompanied by a lot of eating. Soon lunch started to come so less talking and a lot of eating. Later it was time to say goodbye and head home. There were no break downs which was good. I would like to say thanks to those 10 people.

The BIG 10 PEOPLES names are:

Laurie & Lyn, Freckles and Tony
 Harry & Ann
 Tim & Judy

Lazer
 Humber
 Modern

Ron & David
 Rod

Mazda
 Triumph

Lyn



Larger Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/T8SAqJn1GebW35cb9>

Letter from London - continued Page 2

After a day's rest from driving Ron and I set off in the Porsche 911 to visit Richard and Jackie Mack who live in Norwich some 110 miles away. Richard is the Spares Officer of the Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club with whom I have been corresponding about some vital parts for the Triumph Gloria restoration.

The Waze navigator faithfully guided us via highways and byways to our destination.

We knew that we had found the right place when we spotted a magnificent Triumph Gloria in the driveway. Richard and Jackie greeted us warmly and invited us to have lunch with them. Richard showed us around his workshop which contained numerous machines which Richard uses to manufacture and repair parts for clients in need of his expertise. Richard also showed us his collection of classic motorcycles which he and Jackie have enjoyed for many years.

The required parts were waiting for us, so after a very nice lunch, Richard invited us for a ride in his Gloria which reminded me of my younger days when the Gloria was my everyday transportation.

The return trip to Acton was as enjoyable as the outward journey as Ron guided the 911 down the motorways at a comfortable 80 mph and through the narrow streets back to his home.

The roads in the UK range from magnificent four-lane motorways to narrow country lanes which are not much wider than your car. The streets in suburbia are quite narrow as they were designed for horse-drawn carriages and the houses are close to the road. Both sides of most streets are lined with parked cars as very few houses have car accommodation. Consequently, the remaining road is only wide enough for one vehicle which makes passing rather tricky. Remarkably traffic normally proceeds without contact with parked vehicles. In fact, we did not witness any accidents anywhere during my stay or any evidence of road rage in spite of the hectic traffic movement. Instead, drivers were considerate and courteous in conditions which would make many Aussies freak out. I was pleased that Ron did all the driving as his insurance did not cover drivers over eighty. Such is the benefit of advancing age.

To be continued.....

Ron Thorp



Just for Laughs

A Lawyer and the Pope died at the same time; both went to heaven.

They were met at the Pearly Gate by St. Peter who conducted them to their rooms.

The Pope's room was spartan with a bare floor, an army cot for a bed, and a single bulb for light.

They came to the Lawyer's room.

It was huge with wall-to-wall carpeting, king sized water bed, indirect lighting, a colour TV, a stereo, a Jacuzzi, and a fully stocked bar.

The Lawyer said, "There must be a mistake. This must be the Pope's room!"

St Peter said,

"There's no mistake. This is your room. We have lots of Popes, but you're our very first Lawyer!"



THE LADY DRIVER



Olive King



At the beginning of WW1 many women who knew how to drive volunteered to go overseas to serve as ambulance and truck drivers or mechanics. They delivered medical supplies, transported patients to hospitals and drove through artillery fire to retrieve the wounded from the front lines.

One such woman was Olive King who was born into a privileged family in Sydney. She had an interest in motoring including mechanics and rally driving. In England when war broke out, Olive went to Belgium with her own ambulance. In 1915 she was sent with her ambulance to France and then on to Serbia where a hospital was established near to the Greek border. Later she joined the Serbian army as a driver, working tirelessly, sleeping rough, often required to do mechanical repairs, and narrowly escaping capture on more than one occasion. Olive put her energy into the Girl Guides Association, after the war.

In America the National League for Women's Services had formed a Motor Corps division in anticipation of America entering the war. The Motor Corps was to provide auxiliary assistance to the armed services, through the Red Cross. No woman qualified to help was turned away from the Motor Corps. The Ford Motor Corporation donated 107 ambulances to the Red Cross, some directly to the Motor Corps.

Young Girl Scouts were earning their Automobiling badge by 1916 which included training in mechanics and first aid.

In 1916 the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry corps finally won the battle to become the first women ambulance convoy to work for the British army. That same year, no doubt for the same reason the FANY were sanctioned by the British (the need to free-up more men for the army), the Voluntary Aid Detachments motor ambulance convoy was established. In 1917 the British Women's Auxiliary corps was set up, including women drivers and mechanics.

On the front lines, women drivers played a vital role in keeping soldiers equipped with ammunition, as well as administering first aid.

Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie developed mobile radiology units, training 150 women to take x-rays on the battlefields to diagnose bullets, shrapnel and broken bones, before transporting the patient to hospital. Marie had never driven but set about learning quickly to enable herself to lead her fleet of 20 "Petites Curies" mobile x-ray vehicles to the front lines.



Irene Hill VCCA(Q)

WANTED

Genuine Baker Electric Tail Light

Please contact Bob 0438554791



CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE.

When ordering the Stubby holders for the recent North West Rally Packs, I ordered extras for members to purchase for themselves and friends and relatives. They are For Sale at \$10.00 each and can be obtained by just contacting me at Meetings or outings etc.

Graeme Tampion



Show N Shine 27th Jan 2024



Held in conjunction with
Guyra's Iconic
Lamb & Potato Festival
in the Main Street Guyra
Contact John Chaffey
0428 879 652



December Birthdays

Eslyn

Virginia

Janice

Hope everyone enjoys their day and have many more. Lyn

DON'T FORGET IF I DON'T HAVE YOUR NAME YOU WON'T GET A BIRTHDAY WISH. so please send it to me on landcampbell@bigpond.com

Thank you Lyn



December

2023

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She who must be obeyed

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER - INSPECTION DAY
BRIDGESTONE TYRE SERVICE 8AM TO 11AM**



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