

# CRANK CASE



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## **NOVEMBER 2023**



**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

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## **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
Number Plate Bars ("IAMC INVERELL")	NA
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](mailto: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**

## NOVEMBER

- Sunday 5th - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning - Freckles Coffee Shop 9am to 11.am
- Tuesday 14th - Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm
- **TUESDAY 14TH - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Community Hall commencing 7.30pm**
- Thursday 16th - Lunch Australia Cafe, Corner of Otho and Evans Streets, 12.00 for 12.30pm

### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

- **SATURDAY 25TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMUNITY HALL 12 for 12.30**  
**Cost members \$10**  
**Names in before 19th November please**  
**Lyn/ Laurie or Pam**
- Wednesday 29th - Wednesday Wanderers lunch, Commercial Hotel, Warialda departing the clubhouse 11.00am



## 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



## **OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST-**

### **NOVEMBER –**

- **Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th** Armidale Machinery Rally. Further information, contact Laurie Campbell. 0427230017
- **Saturday 18th** - Car Boot Sale and Swap Meet, Cars and Collectables, Bundarra Showground. 9am to 5pm. Cost \$10 - cash only, pay on the day. To book a stall or for more information Kate 0409278468

### **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

## EDITOR'S RUMBLINGS NOVEMBER 2023

It would be good to have the enthusiasm and energy of our younger years because life certainly seems more hectic. Having returned from the Gold Coast on Sunday we were able to attend life member Gwen Dodd's funeral on Monday. It was wonderful to see how well regarded she was by the number of attendees.

The reason for mentioning the Gold Coast was to relate the change of types of vehicles being driven there. Quite a few Crankcases ago, I mentioned the prominence of late model Mercedes, BMW, Audi and Jaguars which stand out amongst the look alike small Asian cars. This was in addition to the large 4-wheel drives. This trip we could not help noticing the large number of Tesla EVs. The other makes of EVs seem to blend in with other modern small vehicles and not identifiable.

Looking back, people were worried about the silence of these EVs and people not hearing them approaching, but there is no difference because all modern cars are quite silent these days. That is, there is no need to play a recording of an exhaust note to warn of an EV approaching.

It is worth reading the story of the first woman to travel around Australia in an EV and two links below relate stories of two women who have done this trip independently.

<https://tinyurl.com/solonontesla>

<https://tinyurl.com/solo80days>

EV sales have reached 35% of SUVs (suburban utility vehicle) having doubled in the last year, with Qld and NSW leading the charge. The Tesla Y was the highest selling SUV in Australia in September, and SUV seems to have replaced the station wagon in name. The Percentage of overall vehicle sales for EVs in Australia is around 4% and figures are changing monthly.

**Lithium Batteries. How big is the risk? It might be worth checking with your Home Insurer before making your own decision.** <https://www.bitchute.com/video/MW2jZHGJNiMj/>

**Stop Press** [Australia High Court of Australia rules Victoria's electric road-user tax unconstitutional](#)

### Letter to the Editor:

*Hi Bob,*

*It's a shame to see so many organisations struggling to fill committee positions. As well as being Secretary of the AMVCNSW I'm president of U3A Nepean Blue Mountains, which before Covid had 1500 members. A couple of years ago our U3A Secretary resigned, and we had no nominations at our AGM, despite having so many members. I emailed all members after the AGM to tell them our constitution, and the Dept of Fair Trading, say that we MUST have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. So if no-one volunteered to fill the Secretary's position within 30 days I would start proceedings to close our U3A. I got a volunteer by reply, and she has been very happy doing it since. I think people look both ways waiting to see if someone else will volunteer before they do. Late last year our U3A Treasurer resigned due to illness, and I again emailed all members asking for a replacement. I was amazed to receive 14 offers! You can't pick it can you?*

*Good luck with your recruitment.*

David Davis

Secretary, AMVC NSW Inc

**Now** is the time to consider giving the club the benefit of your knowledge and experience by taking a position on the management committee. Nomination Form at back of Crankcase.

It is with great sorrow we confirm the passing of Inverell Antique Motor Club's Public Officer, Graeme Page. Graeme was found deceased by his brother Malcolm on the morning of Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Graeme's Funeral was held at the Inverell Crematorium Chapel at 10.30am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

*Graeme Tampion*







## VALE GWEN DODD

A popular I.A.M.C. member, Gwen Dodd who turned 90 on 2<sup>nd</sup> April passed away suddenly on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

Earlier this year Gwen had moved to Kempsey to be closer to her family as she was finding living alone in Inverell difficult. Many IAMC members attended Gwen's funeral.

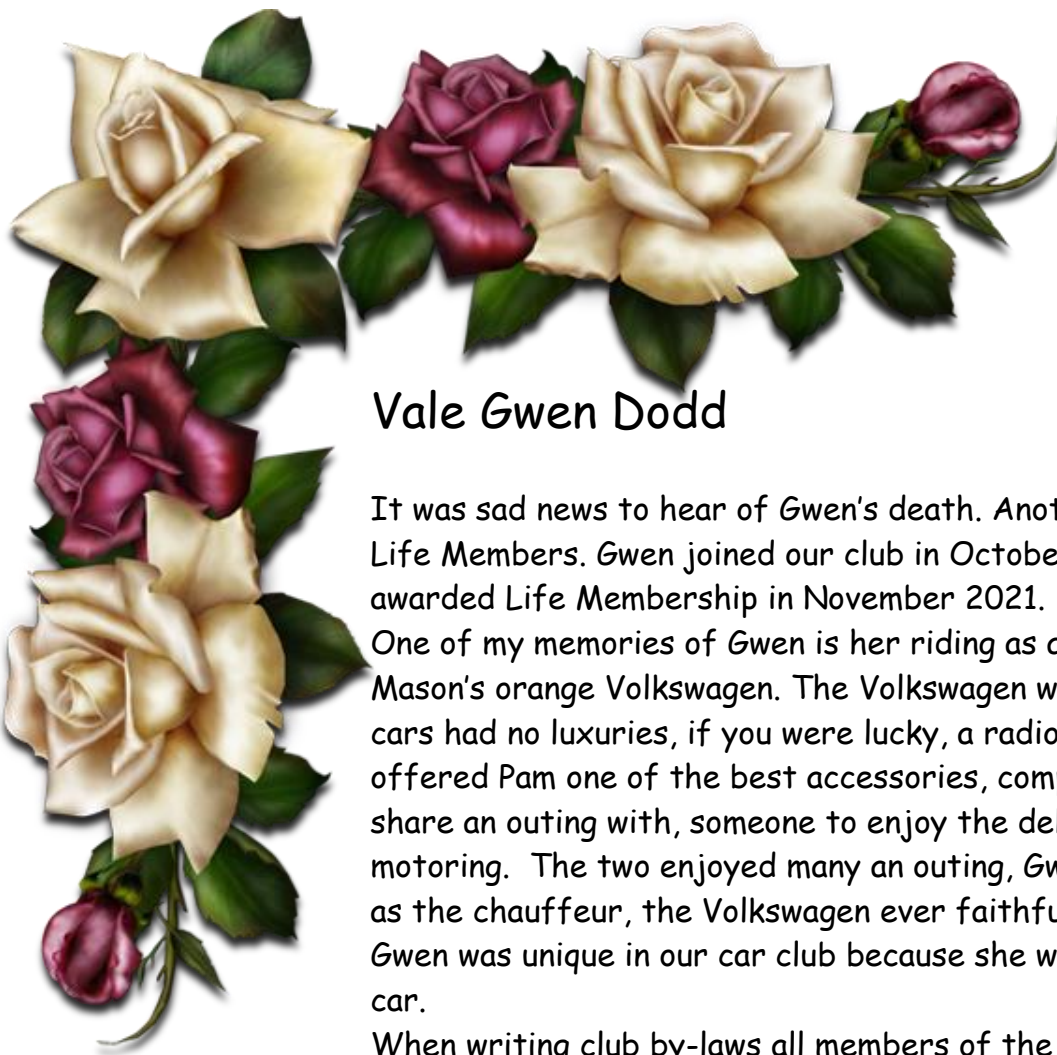
For some years Gwen enjoyed the car club outings with David and I and then it was Gwen and I.

She was always keen to go on trips away or shakedown runs and her first question was "what time are you picking me up". On several occasions while in a parade in the VW Beetle, Gwen would be waving her flag and say "I feel like the Queen!"

Receiving Life Membership of the IAMC was a surprise and a great thrill for Gwen and she wore her badge with pride. Gwen always liked to do the wiping up after our cuppa at the meetings, she enjoyed the company of her car club friends and will be fondly remembered and missed by us all.

Pam Mason





## Vale Gwen Dodd

It was sad news to hear of *Gwen's* death. Another one of our clubs Life Members. *Gwen* joined our club in October 2008, and she was awarded Life Membership in November 2021.

One of my memories of *Gwen* is her riding as a passenger in Pam Mason's orange Volkswagen. The Volkswagen was from an era when cars had no luxuries, if you were lucky, a radio was fitted. *Gwen* offered Pam one of the best accessories, companionship, someone to share an outing with, someone to enjoy the delights of classic motoring. The two enjoyed many an outing, *Gwen* riding shotgun, Pam as the chauffeur, the Volkswagen ever faithful.

*Gwen* was unique in our car club because she was a member without a car.

When writing club by-laws all members of the club had to be included and so care was taken not to create rules that excluded her enjoyment and participation. She was a regular attender at meetings and events, a willing participant, often assisting with social activities. The club needed more members like *Gwen*, people who to the best of their ability gave of themselves for the enjoyment of others. *Gwen* small in stature, big in heart.



*Geoff Boland*

### **November 2021**

#### **Gwen Dodd Life Membership Nomination**

*Gwen* has been a member of our club since October 2008. She attends every general meeting and event that she is physically able to.

The Inverell Antique Motor Club needs more members like *Gwen*, she is always willing to lend a hand when asked and assist with social events when required.

As an organising committee we are involved in the club in order to benefit people like *Gwen*. When we are writing by-laws and organising events we have to consider how a person without a concessionally registered can enjoy the benefits of our organisation. Whilst we are a car club, we do not want to exclude people who have an interest in historic vehicles and enjoy the social activities along with their friends.

*Gwen* in my opinion is well deserving of Life Membership and I wish to nominate her for recognition in this way.



# PROGRESSIVE LUNCH Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Members met at the clubhouse and a catch up was enjoyed before leaving for Shirley Ting's home in Short Street for a delicious morning tea. Lyn was there to help Shirley. It was easy to see that Shirley is a keen gardener and a good cook! After spending some time eating, drinking and chatting we drove to Lake Inverell to see the sculpture, made and erected by Rob Day from Gilgai, I believe. Unfortunately it doesn't have a plaque.

Bob Ausburn was driving his 1929 La Salle with Warwick Gardner as front seat passenger and Suzanne and Pam Vincent in the "dickie seat" - that brought memories back for some. Once again Bob and Suzanne were smartly attired in period costumes. We travelled out to Linda and David Ashenden's where we were treated to lamb on the spit, delicious salads, made from mostly home grown produce and other tasty treats. Once again Lyn was there to help.

After our lunch we were entertained with music on the piano by Lesley Moore. Unfortunately some of us had to leave to prepare for the next course. On arrival at Staggy Creek Sue Bailey from the tennis club had things set up for us. Having had a phone call from Darryl and Gloria Culhane on Friday I invited them to Staggy Creek to meet up with car club friends. Darryl is not well and no longer drives, which must be very difficult after being so interested in cars and involved in the IAMC and clubs down South after moving from Inverell to Berrigan. Darryl was Editor of The Crankcase prior to moving South.

Sweets and afternoon tea were served and after we thought we couldn't eat anything else, John Irwin produced chocolate coated ice creams on sticks!

Thank you to all who made the day so successful by attending and a special thank you to those who did the cooking and worked hard - I don't think anyone would have gone home hungry, some of us just tired!

*Pam*

Those who enjoyed the day -

Laurie Campbell	1984 Ford Lazer	Harry & Ann McNaughton	1973 Morris Marina
Gordon & Coral Latter	Mercedes 380 SE	Phil & Dorothy Myhill	1958 Austin Lancer
Prue McGee	Mercedes	Richard & Beth Farrell and Shaun	1936 Plymouth
Graham & Beth Tampion	1984 Jaguar XJ6	John, Ann and Jacinta Irwin	1989 Range Rover
Bob & Suzanne Ausburn	1929 Cadillac LaSalle	Ron Thorp & Christa and later Tony King	1974 Citroen Special
Warwick Gardner & Pam Vincent			

Lyn Campbell, Shirley Ting, Margaret Worgan, Pam Mason, Tim and Judy Salmon, Lesley Moore, David and Linda Ashenden and Linda's Mum, Sue Bailey, Gloria and Darryl Culhane - Modern



More photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/rKa8Cuf1J2DQFsms7>

## EMMAVILLE FETE 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023

On Saturday 21st of October, 2023, a handful of members travelled to Emmaville for the Vegetable Creek Hospital Fete. It was a very pleasant day for a drive in the country. When we arrived we were surprised to find about 1,000 people attending the Fete. There were several stalls displaying goods for sale, face painting and a very busy Food stall providing much needed hamburgers and sausage sandwiches. Local MP Adam Marshall opened proceedings. Following a request from the Organisers to our Club for a show of Antique cars, it was a shame that only one car attended.



Those who Attended were :

Graeme & Beth Tampion    1984 Jaguar XJ6

Pam Mason and daughter Sue plus    Modern  
Margaret Worgan and Des Bowlay

**The following day, Sunday 22nd October**, following a request from a Local Lions Club for Antique cars to attend an Open Day at the Pioneer Village, the same and only Club car attended the Village to wave the Club Flag.

It was very disappointing turnout from a Club with over 100 members and over 100 cars.

Graeme T.

## WEDNESDAY WANDERERS BUNDARRA CAFÉ 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

The Late Lunch

A smaller contingent of members than usual met at the clubhouse on Wednesday 25th October for our regular Wednesday Wanderers lunch run. The destination on this occasion being the Bundarra Cafe which is a recent addition to the town's attractions. Laurie and Lyn Campbell led the way in their Ford Laser, followed by Ron Thorp and Christa Masson in the Triumph Dolomite Sprint, then Tim and Judy Salmon in their modern mobile, Gordon and Coral Latter in their Mercedes 380se and then Bob and Suzanne Ausburn in their Jensen Interceptor.



Arriving at our destination just before midday we were directed to an outdoor gazebo which proved to be a comfortable venue on a hot day. An extensive menu was perused and choices made and we settled in to await the arrival of our selection. By 1 pm we had solved most of the world's problems and the lack of sustenance was starting to become a priority. Some liquid refreshments helped and at 1.15 pm some food materialised for a couple of our more fortunate fellow travellers.

The charming young waitress did her best to deliver the rest of the orders and by 1.30 pm our hunger pains were finally getting some reprieve. As there were just ten of us to be served during that time it was just as well we did not have a larger turnout on the day.

Possibly the extensive choices which led to everyone ordering something different did not help however, a one-and-a-half hour wait for a toasted sandwich was a bit slow. The object of our Wednesday lunch run is to go to a variety of venues via an interesting route and exercise our special vehicles as well as enjoy the company of fellow members. As always, this event was no exception.

*Ron Thorp*

More Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4bsCNpVQsoMpJE7t5>



## LETTER FROM LONDON - Page 1

It has been four years since I last visited my son Ron who lives in London. Ron, who has inherited some of my passion for interesting motor vehicles provided me with an incentive which I was unable to refuse, namely the opportunity to attend the annual Goodwood Revival.

This is an attraction which I have previously experienced however, this year it included a number of special events which were of particular interest. In addition, Ron had invited Phil and Marta Redhead who were part of my support team during my racing career as well as being lifelong friends. We flew to London on the same flight and spent the following two weeks as guests of Ron and his wife Chom in the suburb of Acton. Ron's personal cars are a Porsche Cayenne, Porsche 911, Jaguar E-type and a replica Cobra.

The first event we attended was a meetup with the Hot Rod fraternity at the Ace Cafe, not far from Ron's home. This is a popular venue for many car and motorbike enthusiasts, some of whom were part of the crowd on the evening. Ron had purchased tickets and passes for the three days at Goodwood which was just as well as each day was completely booked out well before the event.

The trip to and from Goodwood of approximately 75 miles each way, would take us about two hours in the Porsche Cayenne depending on traffic conditions. The Waze navigation system selected various routes each day which made it interesting as well as getting us there in a timely manner.

Events at Goodwood are restricted to vehicles made prior to 1966 as well as the support vehicles. In addition, all personnel are dressed in period clothing as are many of the spectators. Apart from the races, there are hundreds of other attractions and exhibitors, which is more than one can take in during the three days. Each entrant is allocated a covered portion of the extensive pit area which is open to the public who can inspect the fascinating array of competition vehicles at close quarters.

Space does not permit me to go into detail about the events which are arranged to accommodate various makes and year models such as motorcycles, racing cars, sports cars, saloon cars as well as races for Ferrari, Porsche and Cobras.

Spectators are accommodated in huge grandstands around the circuit as well as numerous viewing points. It is just as well that ticket numbers are limited as the thousands of visitors leave little space for more people. Commentary can be heard in most venues as well as through a radio which rests on your ear and comes as part of the spectator package.

Parking is arranged so that ticket holders in pre-1966 vehicles are in a dedicated area away from the later models. You could spend hours looking at all the interesting modes of transport in the car parks.

After each day we would arrive home weary but looking forward to the next exciting episode so after three days we were ready for a quiet time and a rest.

To be continued.....

*Ron Thorp*

## 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



BUNDARRA TREASURE HUNT Inaugural



AND SWAPMEET  
CARS AND COLLECTABLES

**Sat 18th November**  
**9am-5pm**  
**BUNDARRA SHOWGROUND**

**FREE**  
ADMISSION

Stall Cost: \$10 Cash only pay on the day

To book a stall or for more info contact:  
Kate 0409 278 468

**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**



## November Birthdays

Janice Green

Shirley Mould

Chris Walker

Alan Ryan

**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 [landlcampbell@bigpond.com](mailto:landlcampbell@bigpond.com)

Thank you Lyn

# Inverell Antique Motor Club Inc.

## Nomination Form



I hereby wish to Nominate:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Member's name)

For the position of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (IAMC Position)

Date of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Mover's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Must be a financial member of the IAMC Inc)

Mover's Signature:

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Seconders Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Must be a financial member of the IAMC Inc)

Seconders Signature:

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If elected I am willing to accept the above position for the 2023 -2024 year.

Nominee's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Must be a financial member of the IAMC Inc)

Nominee's Signature:

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She who must be obeyed



**SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER- CHRISTMAS PARTY  
COMMUNITY HALL 12 for 12.30**

**Cost members \$10**

**Names in before 19th November please Lyn/ Laurie or Pam**

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



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