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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 2023

This edition of our newsletter "Idle Torque" is edition number 250 which is another great milestone for our car club. Our "Keeper of the Flame", Russell Phemister, has every copy of our newsletter since its inception, in March 2001. A copy of the first President's Report has been included in April Idle Torque to celebrate and highlight the longevity of our car club.

Attendance at General Meetings has declined as a direct result of Covid-19 and a long period of unfavourable weather. Now we have some normality back in our day to day lives, we would like to see a return to the attendance numbers our club experienced in the past.

March events commenced on 5th with a run to Ulong for lunch at the Ulong Ex-Services Club. It is quite a while since we have held an event at this venue and members who attended commented very favourably regarding the renovations to the club and the high quality of the meals and service. This was a longer run than recent runs and one which was enjoyed by all, particularly those in club cars.

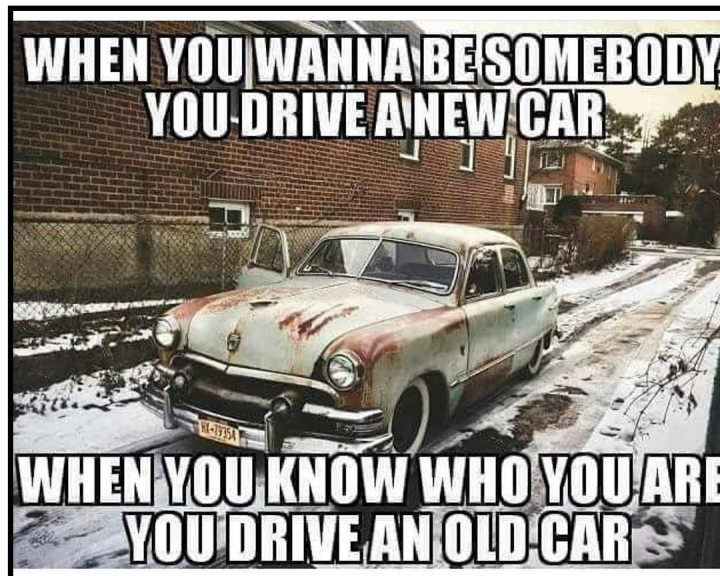
A Ladies Breakfast was held at the Dark Arts Café in Coffs Harbour on the 18th. These events are very popular and Judy continues to provide the ladies with a variety of interesting venues.

On 22nd, club member Graeme Basset and partner Graeme Brindley hosted a morning tea at their home, Villa Bellagio in Coffs Harbour. Many thanks to our hosts for welcoming our club into their home and enjoying their lovely gardens with a great morning tea.

More interesting events have been planned for April and members are advised to RSVP early, where required, to avoid missing out.

Happy motoring and hope to see you at an event soon.

Regards,
Ian Ward
Club President



A bit of history with the very first Presidents Report from Barry Tighe back in March 2001.

COFFS EX-SERVICES SPORTS, TOURING AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

NEWS LETTER No 1
March 2001

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our inaugural meeting was held at the Ex-Services Club on 5 February when it was unanimously decided to proceed with forming the Coffs Ex-Services Sports, Touring & Classic Car Club. A Constitution was finalised and a committee for the new Car Club elected.

You will be interested to know that since the formation of the Club we now have 30 financial members and this is still growing. Remember if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining please give them an application form or invite them along to our next meeting. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (or as advised otherwise) at 7.30 at the Ex-Services Club.

I would like to thank the Coffs Ex-Services Club for accepting our Club as an Intra-Club. I am sure all Car Club members are very pleased with this arrangement, having the use of the meeting room and also the other facilities of the Ex-Services Club makes it all the more enjoyable. On our first official club outing we met for coffee prior to the run in the new Coffee Lounge and this proved to be a most welcome start to the day.

As this is our first Newsletter it is a little light on articles. Your contributions to this Newsletter would be most appreciated - so if anyone has something of interest to go in the newsletter please give to Russell our Editor. Any ideas and suggestions would also be very welcome. We would like to start a classifieds section so if anyone has any cars, bits and pieces etc. to sell please let us know.

Don't forget, as discussed at our last meeting, if you have and ideas for a Club logo - please let us have them.

Also if anyone knows of any business that might agree to donate items for our monthly raffle they would be more than welcome. This is a way of boosting club funds and we need your help if we are to succeed. Thanks Mick for donating the raffle at the Taylor's Arm run - we raised \$52 for the Club and the prize of a First Aid Kit was won by Bob Humphrys - congratulations Bob.

You will see that included in this newsletter is a list of names and addresses of interested and current financial members. If there are any changes or updates please let the Committee know so that the list can be kept up-to-date. Can you please ensure you are financial as June wants to purchase the Club badges.

I look forward to seeing you all at the run to Ebor on 25 March if roads are ok. **SEE BACK PAGE** - let's hope the rain has stopped by then!

Barry Tighe.

EVENTS CALENDAR

		APRIL 2023		
3rd April	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM. GENERAL MEETING 7PM		
5th April	Wed	MORNING TEA GRAFTON at Brewhouse Café 170 North St Grafton. Depart Repco Homebase at 9:30am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Wed 29th March
16th April	Sun	BYO Lunch Valla Beach Reserve Ocean View Drive Valla Beach .BBQ's available at the re- serve. Bring picnic chairs. Depart 340 Pine Creek Way Bonville 11am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	NA
		MAY 2023		
1st May	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM. GENERAL MEETING 7PM		
10th May	Wed	MORNING TEA BELLINGEN OLD BUTTER FACTORY. Depart Bonville Service Station 9:30am	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Wed 3rd May
20th May	Sat	LADIES BIGGEST MORNING TEA St Johns Anglican Church McLean Street Coffs Harbour 10 am. Please bring a very small plate of food to add to the share table for morning tea. A donation will be collected for Cancer Council	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Sat 13th May
21st May	Sun	DORRIGO – Lunch at Dave and Penny Norton's . Depart Bonville Service Station at 11am for the run up to Dorrigo for Pumpkin Soup lunch. All provided.	Judy Phemister judenruss72@gmail.com 0407937327	Sun 14th May Limit 30



JUNE EVENTS : Morning Tea Raleigh Winery Wednesday 7th

Lunch at STAR Hotel Macksville Sunday 18th

ULONG EX-SERVICES CLUB



5th March 2023



A few brave
members
ventured up
the mountain
road in Club
Cars





Picturesque views from the balcony of Rosie's Bistro. Plentiful servings ,Superbly cooked.





Ladies Breakfast

Even though numbers were down a little, the 9 ladies that attended the breakfast at Dark Arts found plenty to chat about while they enjoyed the unique atmosphere and great coffee and food served. A **Biggest Morning Tea** and **Melbourne Cup** get together are being planned.



Villa Bellagio

22nd March



Entertained in style .Many thanks to our hosts Graeme Bassett and Graeme Brindley



1958 Jaguar 3.4ltr Special Equipment Saloon.

“MK1”

MIKE GOSBELL

The history on this very special car is very vague to say the least!

On July 27th, 2013, I purchased the car (in Melbourne) as a rolling shell, + 30 odd boxes of parts, motor in pieces, gearbox, external chrome, woodwork, front & rear seats, driveshaft. The car was loaded onto the trailer, with all the rest of the parts **filling** my long wheelbase, high roof Ford Transit Van.

I then asked the current owner, what was the history of what I was purchasing????

Well, he said this is how I purchased the car 30 years ago!

There was a car restoration company closing its doors & they had 3 Jaguars they wanted to sell, so I purchased all 3 cars. I restored 2 of them but was keeping the best for last, but now I am over 80 years old & it's time to let someone else finish the job. Restoration on the body did not start until August 2014, when it was taken to my panel beater spray painter. The car was stripped to bare metal by hand, and there were only 4 small areas where rust was detected. These areas were cut out and new metal put in place. Once this work was carried out the car was etched primed and primer filled and left to sit for a period of time. The car was then finished in the original Cornish Grey two pac paint. All this work had taken close to 3 years, so it wasn't until 2017 when I was able to get work progressing once again. At this stage my trimmer was able to make & fit the new hood lining, allowing the front & rear windcreens to be fitted.

I was then able to make & fit new door cards & have my trimmer finish the arm rest's. The front & rear seats were stripped fully allowing new hard foam to be fitted & shaped. Work slowly progressed on the interior with the fitting to the timber trim, new red Colony leather hides were purchased ready for the trimmer to finish the seats.

The mechanical restoration now started in earnest. The bottom end of the motor had been fully rebuilt, with only the head & timing gear requiring work. The gearbox was also found to be fully rebuilt; new brake lines were purchased in the UK & the balance of the brakes were rebuilt by local firms. The electrics starting with a new wiring harness, all the gauges had been re-built. I managed to find a local auto-electrician to complete all the work at my home. The new exhaust system was manufactured locally from stainless steel, with many trips back & forward getting it all correctly in place.

A lot of credit in the restoration of this car goes to many local trades people, partially my painter-panel man & motor trimmer in both cases this car was their last job undertaken before their retirement.

It has also been a 10-year labour of love to get this car back on the road, after its 50-year holiday.

Hopefully it should be motoring for at least the next 50 +++ years.

Mike Gosbell





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