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Happy Valentine's Day

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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

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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 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.

2024

FEBRUARY-

- Sunday 4th - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning -Freckles Coffee Shop, 9am to 11am
- Tuesday 13th - Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm
- Tuesday 13th - General Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm
- Thursday 15th - Lunch at the Chinese Restaurant, Oliver Street, 12 for 12.30pm
- Sunday 18th - Shakedown run, Water Melon Day, departing the clubhouse 2.30pm
- Wednesday 28th - Wednesday Wanderers run to Bingara and lunch at the Hotel, departing the clubhouse at 11.00am.

MARCH

- Sunday 3rd - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning - Riverside Restaurant, Tourist Information Centre, 9am 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 Cafe, corner of Otho and Evans Streets. 12 for 12.30pm
- Sunday 17th - Shakedown run To Mt. Topper Winery Tingha, departing the clubhouse at 2.00pm
- Wednesday 27th - Wednesday Wanderers Run to Coolatai and lunch at the Hotel,
DEPARTING THE CLUBHOUSE AT 10.30AM

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST-

2024

- **FEBRUARY - Saturday 10th** North West Rally Meeting to be held in **BINGARA at 1.30pm in the RSM Club, 46 Finch Street.**
- **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th** - Walcha Antique Machinery and Truck Show.
- **Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th - Inverell Show**
- **MARCH - 10th Inverell Transport Museum Swap Meet**, Rifle Range Road, Inverell
- **MAY - 11th , Inverell Transport Museum Motor Show**, Rifle Range Road, Inverell



EDITOR'S RUMBLINGS FEBRUARY 2024



If we keep our eyes and ears open we will pick up news relating to number plates and cars being sold at auction in Australia and around the world.

The first "Q" plate in Queensland Q1 was issued to James Thomas Maguire of the Maguire hotel empire in 1921 and registered to a Crossley. The last Q plate Q687616 was issued in 1955. There were various iterations of plates prior to 1921. The great Queensland auction was held in 1985 with 175 plates being sold and Q1 was purchased by Stefan Ackerie, the hairdresser, whose establishments had rainbow entrances. The purchase price made the evening news and from memory was \$100,000 which seemed like One million dollars at the time. This plate recently sold at auction for \$5.65 million.

The first plate issued in Australia was NSW 1 and acquired by the New South Wales police commissioner, Inspector General Gavin Thomas. This plate was also recently sold by Lloyds auctions for \$11.5 million for the first time after its original issue in 1910.

Another gem in automobile history is being put up by Bonham's Amelia Island auction this month. This 1904 Napier race car named "Sampson" has significant Australian history, being rebuilt using the original 15.6 litre engine with meticulous attention to detail by Bob Chamberlain in Western Australia and later exhibited at the York Motor Museum. For some Sampson history click the link. <http://tinyurl.com/sampsonauction>



This photo shows a friend of ours, John McLean driving Sampson in Western Australia where it was rebuilt.

Napiers also feature in the "Lady Driver" from Irene Hill in this Issue.

SHAKEDOWN RUN – DEB'S PLACE Sunday 17th Dec 2023

It was a shame that only seven people participated in the run for afternoon tea. Runs are a great time to meet with other members whom you don't see from one month to the next. Shakedowns are mostly short runs, so bring out those old cars to keep them working. It was a bit hot but there was plenty of shade and the owner had a mister on to stand under if we got too hot. I would like to say a BIG thank you to the people who attended.

Laurie & Lyn

Richard, Shaun & Margret

Gordon & Coral

Lyn

RON'S HAVE A CHAT & COFFEE MORNING Sunday 7th January 2024

It was great to see people come to have breakfast or morning tea or whatever. Getting orders was a bit hap hazard at one stage because the girls would come to your table to get your order but not go to the front of the cafe. Well with that sorted out the girls came and got the orders. Then it was time to catch up with other members. I had a joke with Tony asking him if he had his wallet on him and he took it as it was meant, a JOKE. Well then some of the first orders started to arrive. With that happening there was less talking and more eating while it was hot. All too soon it was time to pay and go home or do some shopping. We arrived home only to get a phone call from Harry. After getting him sorted it was time to go home again.



Members who attended

Dave & Linda	1991 Toyota Soarer Coupe	John & Ann	1989 Range Rover
Ron & Sue, Prue	1978 Mercedes Benz 280	Ron & Christa	1952 Bristol
Beth & Graeme, Gordon & Coral, Tony, Harry & Ann, Laurie & Lyn			

Thanks to the members who came. Lyn



February Birthdays

Suzanne Ausburn

Mal Pomfrett

Gary Woods

Joy Woods

Judy Salmon

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

SHAKEDOWN RUN TO GOONOOWIGAL 14th January 2024

It was a nice day to go on a run and not too far for the old cars. It is a shame more members don't participate on these runs. The 13 who turned up all enjoyed the time catching up with other members. After assembling at the Club Room it was time to head off for a drive to Goonooowigal Park. Then time to put on the nose bag as some say, not much talking was had, everyone was busy eating all the goodies. Afterwards there was a lot more talking about a lot of nothing as some would say. It was great and some had a good old laugh at what was said. Thank you to Keith for bringing some of his veggies for anyone who wanted them. Eventually it was time to pack up and head for home. Hope everyone enjoyed the time we all had together. It was a great afternoon tea.

Harry & Ann McNaughton Vauxhall Mal Pomfrett Holden Ute
Keith McGann Nissan Len & Ester Buttsworth Chev
Richard & Beth, Margaret & Shaun, Tim & Judy, Laurie & Lyn & Freckles - Modern

Thanks again to those who came. – Lyn

INVERELL AUSTRALIA DAY January 26th 2024

On a pleasant Friday morning, a smaller crowd than usual gathered in Victoria Park for Australia Day celebrations in Inverell.

This year an interesting Australia Day address was given by Ambassador John Wearne AM, a former Bingara resident.

Musical entertainments by a didgeridoo performance, songs by the Danthonia Youth Choir, the National Anthem by Prudence and Florence Black were enjoyed.

Presentations to our young citizen of the year Sophie McWhirter and citizen of the year Zoe Hannam were made.

The Lions Club members had been up bright and early to cook a delicious breakfast.

Further formalities were carried out before the ceremony concluded and we made our way home or to the Delungra celebration.



Pam Mason

Members spotted at the Inverell Australia Day Celebrations were:

Bob & Suzanne Ausburn, Pam Mason, Margaret Worgan, Tony King and past member Sue Gadd. There could have been other members in the crowd.



AUSTRALIA DAY 26th January 2024



Suzanne and I represented the Club at the Inverell Australia Day ceremony taking our 1948 Mk V Jaguar, and afterwards at Delungra. Delungra was attended by club members with five cars. We all enjoyed the great picnic venue under shady trees listening to the ceremony. Locals, Peter Caddy was MC and Greg Kachel gave the Australia Day address, both of whom were previously 2NZ announcers. It was a very Australian Day and the eight members who attended were pleased to support the small but dedicated Delungra Community with a procession around town following two Rural Fire Service Fire Appliances. On such a hot day it was good to see that the old vehicles arrived home without overheating. I had hoped more members would have shown their support for Australia Day. Those attending Delungra on Australia Day were:

Bob Ausburn

Bob & Suzanne Ausburn	1948 Jaguar Mk V	Laurie & Lyn Campbell	1984 Ford Lazer
Harry McNaughton	1972 Morris Marina	Dave & Linda Ashenden	1991 Toyota Soarer
Ann McNaughton	1963 Vauxhall Victor		

AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JANUARY – DELUNGRA It was a nice day for a drive, a bit hot but it is that time of the year. We arrived at Delungra in good time to find some of the members waiting. We mustered at the park to wait for the parade to start. Harry disappeared for a while to see what was going on and when he came back we could see the fire trucks leaving the RFS shed. The RFS members didn't know that they were to lead the parade. So with them in place, off we went up through the main street and around the back of the town. As we turned onto one street I happened to see an Aussie flag upside down on a house, hopefully by accident. When we got back to the park it was time for the Australia Day proceedings to start. A chair in the shade under a tree was the coolest place. The flags were raised before the speeches and awards given out but not the other flag. The organisers said the people who were to raise their flag did not come. Well with the formalities over it was time to have something to eat, either a snag or steak sandwich. On the way to get lunch I saw a lady who was in the fire lot(?) and asked her if she would like to put up her flag with my help. It had a right to be put up as well and I think you will work out which flag was not put up. I was told by one of our members that it was not correct so back again to finish the job. Well then it was time to eat lunch and head home. I hope everyone enjoyed the day and wish more members would come on these runs.

Lyn



More Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/yD7SYUZqBGVfftYB7>



GUYRA LAMB & POTATO FESTIVAL January 27th 2024

It was a bit hot of a day but it is that time of the year. I was disappointed with the numbers that went to Guyra. We left the club with only two cars and made good time to find a nice shady tree to park under on arrival and found two Glen Innes members under a shady tree waiting for us. If GLEN INNES members can come WHY NOT our members. I wish to say to them a big thank you for coming. As we were going over to have morning tea we ran into two more members. We enjoyed our time there, had a great morning tea with a lot of catching up done. Then off to look at the cars and check out the stalls, buying nothing, but had fun looking anyway. Later it was time to head home. I WANT TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS THAT CAME.

Now the members that did come

Laurie & Lyn Campbell	Ford Lazer Gia	Dave & Linda Ashenden, Linda's Mum	1991 Soarer GT Ltd
Col & Pat Gardner	1984 Nissan Patrol	Phil & Dorothy	Modern

Lyn

Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival January 27th 2024

All arrived safely at the very busy Guyra, but on the way to Guyra, just out of Tingha, on the Guyra hill, Linda, driving the Soarer nearly collected at huge wallaroo.

The tablelands have also had good rain but some graziers still have their cattle on the road probably conserving their pasture for the winter.

There was a huge turnout for the show and shine with the main street packed with lovely old cars. There was a great line-up of heavy trucks and only about a dozen motor bikes.

The New England Hwy was lined with the usual stalls and there was no need to go hungry. The antique stationery motors were not there this year having been on display the previous weekend.

The weather was kind with a lovely cool day and the atmosphere was festive. A good time was had by all.

Dave & Linda Ashenden



Photo of 1963 3.8 Jaguar S type dashboard, owned by Deb Creed of Armidale

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS LUNCH RUN TO ~~TINGHA~~ BUNDARRA 31st Jan 2024

What a lovely day for a car run after all the rainy days we have had. Only 3 cars with their owners turned up at the Club Rooms for our 11am start. We left about 10 minutes past the designated time in the hope more would turn up. It was a good run to Tingha, but on arrival found there was no lunch for us, in spite of Laurie having confirmed the date twice. Not to worry, you can't foil a determined "old" car driver that easily, so after a quick conflagration we were off to greener pastures at Bundarra. The drive was a pleasant one along the Tingha Copeton Dam road, not too hot with windows down. We seven enjoyed a lunch of toasted sandwiches, iced coffee and cappuccinos and lots of chatter. The drive back to Inverell was uneventful, and I haven't heard of any breakdowns, so that is a bonus. Thanks for a great run.

Suzanne Ausburn

Lunch participants were:

Laurie & Lyn Campbell, Shirley Ting	1984 Ford Lazer	Bob & Suzanne Ausburn	1972 Jensen Interceptor
Graeme Tampion & Alan Ryan	1984 Jaguar XJ6		

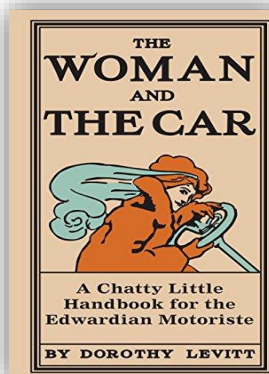


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ELECTRIC VEHICLE WASTE <http://tinyurl.com/EVcarwaste>



THE LADY DRIVER



In 1903 Dorothy Levitt was a 21 year old secretary at Napier and Son, manufacturers of Napier automobiles in London, England. Australian entrepreneur Selwyn Edge, who raced and sold Napiers, reportedly hand-picked Dorothy to represent his brand on the racetrack, for the publicity. She was described as having "long legs and eyes like pools" so it was no wonder she caught Edge's eye!

Dorothy Levitt had never even driven an automobile at the time but she was a keen and fast learner. Before the year was over she had beaten all of the cars in her class at the races at Southport, England. The following year she competed in the Hereford 1,000 mile marathon. She returned to Southport again in 1904 and won 2 medals.

She entered a variety of speed and distance events over the next few years. She set and broke her own women's world speed record - ultimately reaching her fastest mark of 96 miles per hour.

When Great Britain's first track for auto racing, Brooklands, opened in 1907, officials refused to allow women to compete against men there. There was a fear that an accident involving a woman would suffer severe censure upon the committee for allowing a woman to take part.

Automobile racing was evolving from a somewhat genteel amateur sport to a more cut-throat professional one. Professional racers had a financial stake in the ban. Some male drivers considered that losing to a woman would deal a blow not only to their egos, but also to their wallets. Women were only welcome at exhibits and speed trials, where they raced against the clock rather than other people. By the time Brooklands had decided to stage a women-only "Ladies' Bracelet Handicap" in 1908, Dorothy had moved on, concentrating on hill climbs and long-distance races in Europe. She was also writing a book about driving for women. *The Woman and the Car* was published in 1909.

Along with other useful information, she advised women drivers to "keep a little mirror handy, to occasionally hold up to view what is behind you." This was one of the first introductions to the concept of the rearview mirror. Dorothy certainly earned her title "The Fastest Girl on Earth"....



Dorothy Levitt at the controls of a 26hp Napier in 1908

Irene Hill VCCA(Q)



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She who must be obeyed

Valentine's Day

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