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OUR AIMS

To bring together persons with a common interest to encourage the use, maintenance and preservation of motor vehicles of classic and historic classification without prejudice to make, model, method of manufacture or country of origin. As well as vehicles of special interest, this may, from time to time, be determined by the committee.

**Classic and Historic
Automobile Club of
Caboolture Inc.
PO Box 514
Caboolture QLD 4510**

** Smorgasbord **

When smorgasbord is mentioned for a club run lunch, all members bring a plate or two to place on a table to share with all other club members present.

** BYO **

When BYO is mentioned for a club run lunch, all members are to bring lunch for themselves.

** BBQ **

Gold coin donation required

All Sunday Runs are: Meet @ Sundowner Motel just off the Bribie turnoff in Caboolture (8 Aerodrome Road), **8.30am** for a **9am** departure. Don't forget to bring your morning tea!

All Mid-week Runs are: Meet @ Sundowner Motel (as above) **10.00am** for a **10.30am** departure (no morning tea stop)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April Run Sunday 1st April BYO to Samford

Sunday 1st April -B.Y.O.-

Run organised by Sally and Andy Byrne, to Samford Museum Via Dayboro with a stop over at Dayboro for Morning Tea.

*The staff at the Museum have offered the club the use of Facilities for Lunch and Morning Tea.
The Museum has some very interesting items on display which should appeal to all.*

*Sally and Andy have been advised that the Ford Mustang Car Club will be visiting as well.
Hope to see a good roll up.*

*For more information Sally and Andy can be contacted on;
PH: 3482 2196 or MOB: 0429 493 244*

Next Mid Week Run 18th April

*Organised by Ron & Brenda Byrnes
Destination is a secret, but a delightful run has been promised – so don't forget to roll up to the Sundowner*

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Editor's note. There are some items which have had to be held over till April/May, due to a severe virus destroying a number of documents, and no time left to reconstruct them and still get the newsletter out.

RUN REPORT – FISH & CHIP RUN 12TH FEBRUARY 2012

Well, where do we start with this – apart from the Sundowner of course!!

There was a terrific roll up for our first official run of the year, and we waited with breathless anticipation for the arrival of the ABC Television crew to film our esteemed member Pam McPherson departing in her trusty Vanguard Ute.



Unfortunately, the people at the ABC had forgotten to tell Pam that they had changed their mind, so in the spirit that typifies her, she stood on the back of the ute, wearing a collection of silly hats and sang a song to atone for the sins of omission of the ABC!! What a great asset to our club.

Anyway, suitably cheered up by Pam's performance, we set off into what was to turn out to be a beautiful sunny day in the Northside. Whilst wending our way through

Burpengary and Deception Bay, our erstwhile (some have other words for him) President had set a somewhat challenging set of observations to ensure that passengers were kept awake by looking for the clues. On reflection, judging by the answers we received later, this was a rather forlorn hope!!

Following the Moreton Bay Tourist Drive, past the mansions in Newport – some very nice marine craft parked alongside here – we followed the shoreline to a very nice treed spot just past Morgans, and in close proximity to toilet facilities.

As usual the setting up of tables, chairs and other accoutrements took longer than expected, with many of the more savvy members keeping their distance from the some of the larger shady trees – ever mindful of the careless toilet habits of the birdlife inhabitants. We also welcomed two new members on the run, (.....) who arrived in grand style on a motorbike with sidecar attached – Classic...and very stylish



Someone once said "life wasn't meant to be easy" and as if on cue the President decided to prove the worth of this saying by starting our meeting. It wasn't too bad however as he had forgotten to bring the P.A. system so many of the members could not hear what he was waffling on about – much to their relief !!

Alf D'Acunto figuratively had people falling out of their chairs when, after the President had apologized for not bringing the P.A. he rose to his feet to say he couldn't hear anything that was being said, and "why didn't the President use the portable P.A system owned by the club". Needless to say the P.A system will be fully charged up and used at the next meeting run.



Not much of note happened after that, except that Pauline and Trevor Reibelt had brought along a large quantity of bananas from their trees at home to share with the members. A gesture that was much appreciated by those lucky enough to snare some – unfortunately your correspondent missed out on that one. ***Funny how everyone heard the President announce that little gem without the P.A.???***



Anyway, a “goodish” time was had by most, and it was decided to use that piece of parkland for next year’s Fish & Chip run.

Toodle Pip!!

Your Faithful Correspondent



QHMC COUNCIL NEWS (from QHMC Management Committee Meeting 23rd February 2012)

2012 RACQ HMC Rally: By Maryborough District Antique Motor Club. Annual rally June 2012
Long weekend. Major sponsor, RACQ. Book accommodation now
http://www.qhmc.org.au/Event_Flyers/2012_RACQ_HMC_Rally_Flyer_Vintage.pdf

2013 QHMC Rally: Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club 50th anniversary week-long celebration in conjunction with the 2013 QHMC Rally in June 2013. Expressions of interest to attend with name, number attending, phone, address and email address to SCACC PO Box 363 Nambour 4562.
http://www.scacc.org.au/forms/date%20claimer%202013_1.pdf

QHMC Rally in NQ: The QHMC requests clubs based north of the tropic to consider hosting a QHMC rally each year.

Conditions to be the same as the current rally.

This could be held in addition to existing rallies or in conjunction with a rally already planned for that time.

Please contact the QHMC committee direct or via your delegate for more information or to accept the challenge.

Queensland events: Clubs are urged to list on the QHMC website at least one event per year where they feel people from other clubs could join them. Please use the event listing form on the QHMC website. If your club would like some company on its runs, it should notify QHMC via the link on its website www.qhmc.org.au

SIV Working Group: QHMC does not support a full logbook SIV system. A minority of members in our clubs want change to enhance our current SIV guidelines and we must listen to everyone, even minorities. The item remains on the agenda without immediate plans for formal advocacy. A QHMC working group has been formed to look at the various concessional registration and permit systems around Australia. The group will be contacting club members in the various states to obtain a 'feel' for each system. The immediate aim is to compare our SIV to the others, in order to determine whether change is likely to be beneficial.

Seat Belts and Child Restraints: If it's permitted in Australian Road Rules and in the other states, surely it is reasonable for an exemption to the age 7 to under 16 age group in Queensland. QHMC is committed to achieving amendment to Qld legislation to mirror Australian Road Rules. Until this is achieved, QHMC awaits advice from DTMR to achieve an interim environment where pre-seat belt era vehicles, whilst being used for club purposes as listed in the SIV guidelines, are exempted from the 7 to under 16 rule.

Discounted Rego for Veterans: QHMC continues to develop a discounted registration proposal for Veteran vehicles.

Robert Shannon Foundation awards: Clubs are asked to identify their nominees for the 2012 RSF awards. More info in coming months <http://www.qhmc.org.au/images/RSF%20Flyer.jpg>

Men's Sheds: Triumph Sports Owners Club has asked that clubs consider the formation of (mechanical) Men's Sheds. Clubs are encouraged to embrace the concept and canvass at council and state level. QHMC needs your feedback president@qhmc.org.au

New SIV dating certificate released: Any club having difficulty with the new SIV dating certificate is asked to send their club logo to the QHMC President, president@qhmc.org.au who will set up their form with club logo and name.

Club Logos for the pending new QHMC website: The QHMC webmaster has developed a new QHMC website. It is requested that clubs supply a JPG file format version of their club logo which will be used in the banner of the new site. Please send the logo to president@qhmc.org.au

Invitational Rallies this Year: Easter in the Country, Roma 6-8 April (Roma Historical Motor Club. Tel 4622.2286); Nor'easter Hub Meet, Atherton 6-9 April (Cairns Club); Tweed Valley Rally 5-6th May 02.6672.3792 ; Fuel consumption test invitation event Toowoomba (DDVVMC) 18-19 Aug; Auto Spectacular, Willowbank (Buick Club 0403.960584; Maclean Bridge at Lakeside (Triumph Club) 19-20 May; National Motoring Heritage Day (all clubs) 20th May; RACQ HMC Rally Maryborough 9-11 June; Autorama Rally Gold Coast 5-6 Nov. Details and links to entry forms appear on QHMC website www.qhmc.org.au on the 'calendar' page. Everyone welcome at these events.



Canberra 100 Rally: 2013 marks Canberra's centenary. The National Trust has proposed a rally for 19 & 20 October 2013 and AHMF has endorsed it. Each state and territory council has been called upon to conduct hub rallies arriving in Canberra on 18th October 2013 for the national rally. The overall event will be similar to the Shannon's Rally in 2001. All Queensland clubs are encouraged to support the event. QHMC seeks a number of run coordinators to plan and lead the rally runs from Queensland to [Canberra](#).

http://www.qhmc.org.au/Event_Flyers/Canberra%20100%20Rally.pdf Contact QHMC President president@qhmc.org.au

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QHMC Secretary: Trevor Shields of the Sunshine Coast club has been elected to the secretary's position. secretary@qhmc.org.au

SOME THINGS JACK NICKLAUS WILL NEVER TELL YOU

(BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW!!)



Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club, or 2 more balls

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is never yours.

Invitational Rallies and Events.

Beaudesert Club 35th anniversary tour 17th - 18th March

Roma Historical Motor Club. (Tel 46222286) *Easter in the Country, Roma*
6th – 8th April

Cairns Club *Nor'easter Hub Meet, Atherton* **6th - 9th April**

Toowoomba (DDVVMC Fuel consumption test invitation event
18th - 19th August

Buick Club (0403.960 584) *Auto Spectacular, Willowbank*

Triumph Club *Macleans Bridge at Lakeside* **19th 20th May**

National Motoring Heritage Day (all clubs) **20th May**

RACQ HMC Rally Maryborough **9th - 11th June**

Autorama Rally Gold Coast **5th - 6th November**

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THE FUNNY PAGE

As a senior citizen was driving down the Pacific Motorway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Rodney, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the Motorway. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Rodney, "It's not just one car, It's hundreds of them!"

My grandson has just started to learn about colours, so I decided to test him out on a few. I would point out something and ask what color it was. He would tell me and was usually correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, as we headed back inside he said, "Grandad, I think you should try to figure out some of these for yourself!"



The English Language????

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

Here's a little poem to confuse you even further!!

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?



THE FUNNY PAGE

An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2.00 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

*The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"
The man replied, "That would be my wife."*

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*Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together.
One night the 96 year old draws a bath.. She puts her foot in and pauses...
She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"*

*The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see."
She starts up the stairs and pauses.
"Was I going up the stairs or down?"*

The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful," and knocks on wood.

She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.. A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck,." Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked..

"To get my teeth!"



RUN REPORT – MID WEEK RUN 15TH FEBRUARY 2012



Now you should know that the midweek runs are an entirely different kettle of fish to our normal Sunday runs. For one thing, the start time is at a much more civilized hour to cater for those of us who are used to a leisurely breakfast, and still allow plenty of time to attend to our daily ablutions.

Having said that, the whole process – perhaps influenced by the unhurried approach to the launch of proceedings – lends itself to a more genteel atmosphere, much to the liking of your correspondent. After all, a rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, whilst a tortoise

doesn't run and can't hurry, yet it lives for 450 years. Take from that what you will.

Anyway, I just thought I'd share that with those of you who haven't made the effort to come mid week – you really are missing out!!

On this particular occasion, we welcomed Kim Bowers to the role of organiser, and set off on what was to be a leisurely, and delightful meander through a virtual cavalcade of treed suburbs. Going through Burpengary, Narangba and Strathpine on roads where there was little traffic to speak of was extremely enjoyable. Continuing on through Bald Hills, and the Tinchi Tamba Wetlands finally brought us to our destination at the Deep Water Bend reserve.

Some of us took advantage of the sheltered table and seats, whilst the rest of us arranged ourselves in some shady spots adjacent to the boardwalk and the Pine River.



Les Arnold entertained us with a working demonstration of 2 small **external** combustion engines...fascinating stuff, and interesting, if puzzling to observe.

Meanwhile, Carol shattered our general knowledge pretensions by announcing the winner of the trivia competition, again proving we don't know as much as we think....despite our age!!

First prize went to Graham Beatson, who had joined us at the finish upon learning Jan was to be kept in hospital a little longer; Les Arnold romped home with the booby prize – probably the heaviest claw hammer your correspondent has ever handled. However as

Les said "it will come in handy as you can't have too many hammers" to which I add "amen to that – especially when they are heavy". I urge those of you with nothing better to do – or even if you *do* have something better to do, defer it for a few hours, and come along and relax with us. You certainly won't regret it!!



SICK CALL



To all of our members who are missing runs because they are not 100%, our thoughts and prayers go out to you.



You will be happy to know that Les has virtually recovered (save for an expanded waistline) from his hernia operation. I only ran this picture because it's not often you see him either lying down, or with his mouth closed!!

I don't have a picture of Jan Beatson to show you, but I'm sure many of you know that she has been in hospital a couple of times for some serious back surgery. Your club has sent flowers and a get well card on behalf of all members and I'm sure you join with me in wishing her a safe recovery. In addition Graham has asked me to pass on his thanks for a visit that Kim & Carol and Elaine made to Jan whilst she was in hospital for her second stint. Graham sent an email to the club which said in part: -"You really cheered her up. It is very comforting to know we have friends who really care. I would like a thank you from us, to be included in the next SCN for the flowers & well wishes from the club members"

Done.....and thanks for letting us know Graham.

Any other members who are not feeling 100%, or recovering, or still in hospital, Please let the editor know. Email " editor@chacc.com "



RUN REPORT FOR SUNDAY 4TH MARCH 2012:

As we were fortunate to win the 1st of new style Raffle package (put together by Brenda & Ron Byrnes, many thanks) I offer this brief Run Report.



Exactly what is our esteemed(?) President doing here?
Is he making notes for the next Presidents Run on 3rd June (unlikely).?

Is he trying to work out the shortest way home?

Or is he just working out how long it will take to dry the inside of his top down MG after getting caught in the rain!!!

Everyone met at Sundowner and left for Cheese Factory Malaney at 9.10am, via Woodford, arrived at Malaney just after 10am.

Almost everybody had fun tasting and re-tasting cheese varieties, all of them good. Then off to Mary Caincross Park for a short information session.

Lindsay Bell did a good job as Sergeant at Arms, fining most present all in good fun. The party started to break up a 12.30pm.

The Weather though threatening held off for us, we only encountered some light showers as we climbed through the range.

All had a good day - Sally Byrne



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE CELEBRATING THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION

EITHER IN MARCH



*Barbara Brown
Peter Rohan,
Sandra Croft
Lindsay Bell
Shane Tittor
Cynthia McLeod*



OR IN APRIL

*Andy Byrne
Joan Dinte
Neil Hamilton
Michelle Hogg
Gary Hay
Gloria Harmsworth
Ita Davies
Hudson Davies
Don McLeod
Irene Pritchard*

We congratulate all of the above members on celebrating their respective birthdays with a special mention to Don & Cynthia McLeod, Hudson and Ita Davies and Gloria Harmsworth, who have all reached significant milestones, but still manage to attend our runs!!!

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS !

Talking of runs, we are starting to run out of places to go!!! Seriously, the few members who put their hands up every year are starting to scratch their heads regarding suitable destinations for our runs.

We have over 100 members, and we basically need 22 destinations, or places of interest to go to every year – 11 Sunday runs and 11 midweek runs. The Sunday runs are usually longer, say one or two hours; the midweek shorter about 1 ½ hours or less.

I am sure there are many of you out there who could suggest somewhere to go – it may be a special place you remember, or just a nice drive. You don't have to organize the run, just tell us where to go (I could have put that better!) but you know what I mean. Our Rally Director Graham Beatson would welcome any suggestions you have – just let him know, and we'll do the rest – run sheets, directions, etc. You could even recycle an old run from a few years ago, as we have new members who may not have been there. Just give us a call!!.....PLEASE!



UPCOMING RUN DATES & FORMATS

NOTE: ALL MID WEEK RUNS ARE BYO

1 st April	Sunday	BYO Andy & Sally Byrne
18 th April	Wednesday	Mid week run Ron & Brenda Byrnes
6 th May	Sunday	Sausage Sizzle see page 13
16 th May	Wednesday	Mid Week Run TBA
3 rd June	Sunday	Smorgasbord President's Run – Alex Gallacher
13 th June	Wednesday	Mid week run
1 st July	Sunday	BYO Lindsay & Valmay Bell

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE ABOVE – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, OR SUGGESTIONS FOR 4 MORE SUNDAY RUNS AND 5 MORE MIDWEEK RUNS. PLEASE CONTACT GRAHAM BEATSON IF YOU CAN HELP.



GRAHAM BEATSON'S MAY RUN

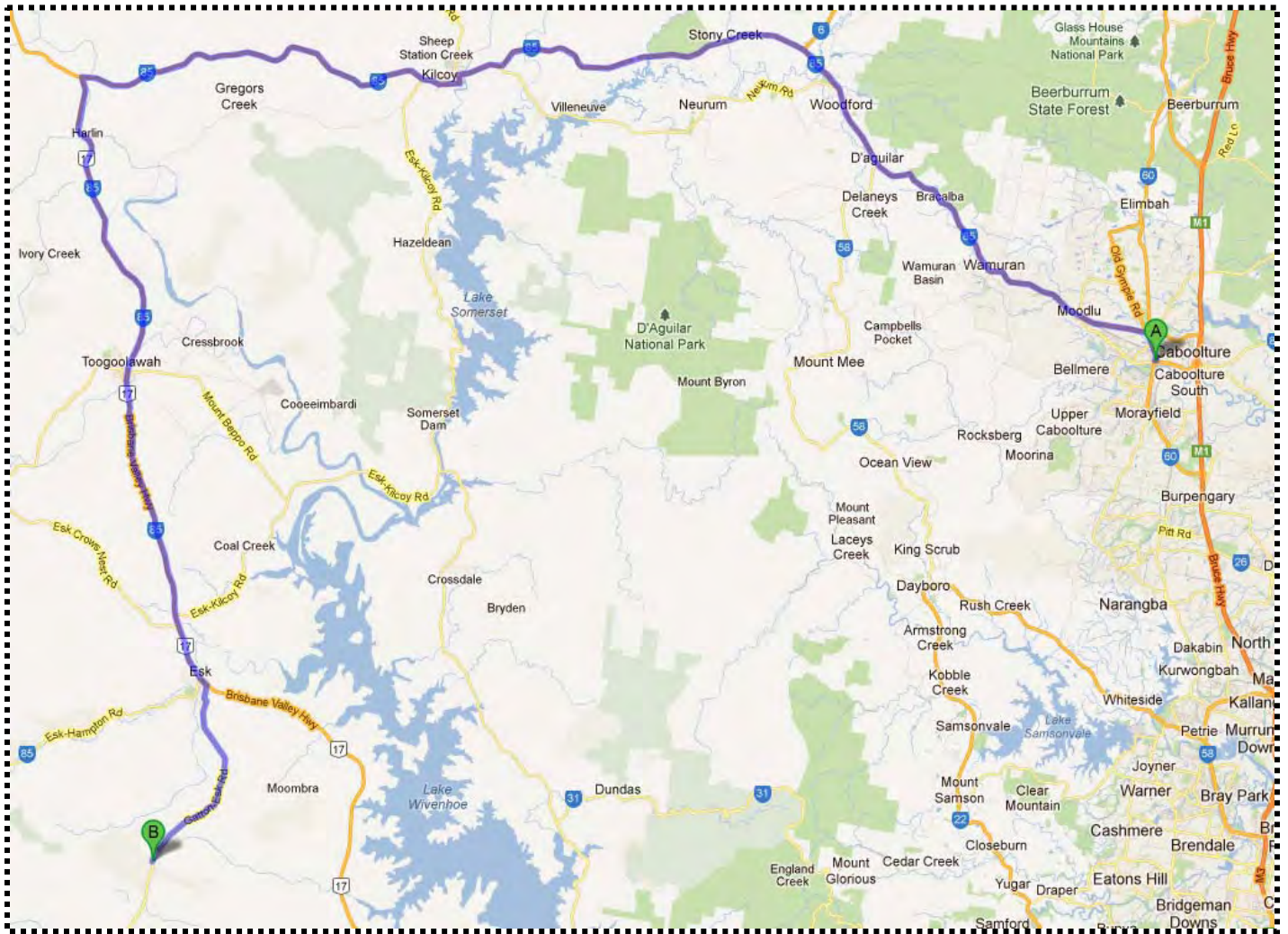


Graham has kindly included a map of where we will be going on the May run he has organized – just to give you all a better idea of where we will end up (hopefully!).

There will be a sausage sizzle at the end, so you certainly won't be going home hungry.

According to Graham, at the destination farm property, apart from an enjoyable leisurely drive - there will be an array of vehicles to inspect. At present the list includes a 1962 Aston Marton DB4, a 1972 BMW Saloon

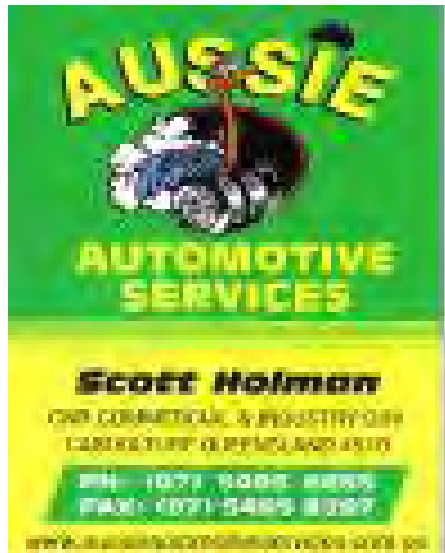
Racecar (3 times Targa Tasmania competitor) a 1949 MGTC and a 1966 TRAA. All of which are truly classic cars, and certainly worth a closer look.



It promises to be an interesting excursion, so don't miss out on giving your car a run, and seeing some beaut bits of countryside!!



PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THEM AS WELL!



DOB IN A DOPE!

WE ALL DO SOME SILLY THINGS AT TIMES, AND FOR THOSE WHO CAN REMEMBER OUR XMAS FUNCTIONS, ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE THE GIFTS AND EMBARRASSMENT THAT SHIRLEY JEFFRAY SPREADS (IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT) RETELLING THE BLUNDERS OUR MEMBERS HAVE MADE DURING OUR RUNS. HELP HER OUT BY MAKING A NOTE AND SENDING/GIVING IT TO HER OR OUR SECRETARY ASAP.

