## STEERING COLVMN NEWS



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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. site: www.chacc.com

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\*\* **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/Sausage Sizzle** \* We provide food 'n' salads 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:**

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## **Presidents Prattle**

The late summer rain is still with us, the weather has a touch of autumn feel about it and we are digging deep to find our slippers. They could be under the hordes of toilet paper and food stocks that have been stashed away. All jokes aside we are now in a pandemic and a lot of us are concerned about our families and friends overseas and the ones that live locally. Hope you are all taking the necessary precautions that the medical profession is recommending. Stay safe everyone.

The year seems to be flying by and CHACC has had some wonderful runs this year. We have bumped along some rough roads, checked out the deer, buffalo, kangaroos, the specular green pastures and purchased venison and buffalo. The natural vegetation is starting to show vibrant green growth and the undergrowth is looking thick and lush after the fires. Of course, this makes great viewing on our midmonth and monthly runs. We all hopped on a bus and had an amazing tour of the Port of Brisbane we viewed the coal terminal, wood chipping terminal, container block stacking and international vehicle area and lots lots more. A great lunch to finish it all off. Thanks to the generous members who spent the time to arrange these great runs. Keep up to date will all the happenings in the SCN.

Time is creeping by and the Presidents away run to Crows Nest is beginning to shape up. There is a flyer attached to the SCN with details of how to book your accommodation. Bookings are essential. It will be great to meet some of you to share the run, view your treasured vehicles, a few yarns, some tall stories, great food at the restaurant on site and at "The Barn" and Scotty's Garage for lunch.

That's enough prattle from me, see you all on the road 'driving in the past lane' on CHACC runs.

## Secretary's Scribbles March 2020

The first quarter of 2020 will be all but over by the time you receive this copy of your SCN and of course we'll have done two more great social runs. The first of these was Stan & Jenny's trip through the Queensland bush to the deer farm out past Jimna with most of us opting for "moderns" due to many kilometres of dirt road which were to be traversed. The journey was well worth the teeth rattling corrugations as turning off the road we were greeted with the most delightful green farmland, the reindeer live in a beautiful location. David's write up will give you a rundown on a fantastic journey. Our monthly General Meeting was a very much shortened discussion to ensure we had plenty of time for the run.

A couple of weeks later and Frank took us to the opposite spectrum with a visit to the industrial heartland of the Port of Brisbane. A guided tour of the wharf complex was an eye opener to what goes on with those huge container ships and the unending list of products they move in and out of the country. Runs planned for April will continue these exciting themes.

Membership continues to grow but active members are still a very small minority of the overall total. Club runs are planned and set by members and the minimum we can do is support their efforts by attending at least a few of these outings so please check out the CHACC Events & Run Dates which are included with this issue of your SCN. You may even be among the lucky ones and win a raffle or better still have your number drawn for the Goose Club cash prize.

President Aldona has advised that she has planned a weekend away with overnight stay in Crows Nest. Don't forget to include this President's run in your calendars. Flyer is with this SCN.



## <u>CHACC Club Run Report – Sunday 1st March 2020</u> <u>Run to Kingham Deer Farm Jimna</u>

Jenny and Stan had planned quite a different style of run for today, not recommended to take our prized classic cars but to go or bum a lift in a four-wheel drive as we were to encounter approximately 30 minutes of dirt road. This however didn't prevent John and his visitor turning up in his beloved FC Holden, after all 57 Holden's were built for bush bashing. I however volunteered to Chauffer Sally and Andy in my off-road Hybrid Camry going in comfort all the way. We had an uninventable run to Kilcoy except for the Road works encountered at Yowie Park our morning tea stop. Here we were meet with the Kilcoy members and in all we had around 24 Adults and 2 Kidlets. With a bit of quick maneuvering we scored a nice close shady park for my 2 special passengers.

The President call a snap meeting to everyone's delight, but it was short and sweet. After a few instructions by Stan and corrected by Jenny we were on our way to Jimna Territory. We arrived at Jimna first and confused by the instructions we waited for the convoy to come through and so they did at a rate of knots. A quick turnabout and we were soon in pursuit. We caught up at the Turnoff to Land cruiser Park Left and right to Kingham Country. When we arrived we were missing Alex. What beautiful Pastures on the rolling hills, lovely green couch grass, shady trees and a beautiful old homestead and out buildings housing some hidden treasures.

We were welcomed by Bill our host who quickly organized a four-wheel drive Safari as it was not suitable for ordinary cars. Bill was a bit concerned about Christian and family in their toy four-wheel drive. So off we went I scored the front seat with Bill so that's how come I got to write this report. All vehicles handled the steep hills up and down and the tricky creek crossing and we didn't lose Christian and family. Some facts about the Property, its 200,000 acres running Axis(Spotted/Chital) deer weighing about 40 kg and some Fallow Deer and Asian Buffalo. We also encountered heaps of Kangaroo. It took a while for me to spot the deer but I soon became accustomed to finding them in the long grass. The business has a license to Field Slaughter the Deer. We saw several Stags with Velvet Antlers which are also sold for the Velvet. The Antlers are also harvested for export. Bill explained that the Blood vessels Seal/dry up which makes the Antlers go hard very similar to using a blue pill. The Asian Buffalo make quite a mess in the creeks water holes. The property has a very good creek feeding the property with water and it even has Platypus hiding along the banks. After lunch we were shown the Butchery and shop and we were able to purchase Buffalo and Venison at a very reasonable price \$14 a kg for Buffalo and \$12 for Venison. Bill showed us frozen whole deer with their fur on which is sold to Australia Zoo for the Tigers. Only Human consumption meat is sold for the Tigers. What a great day, perfect weather and I clocked up around 300km. Thanks to Bill, Jenny and Stan for organizing a great and interesting day.



By David Alsbury



## Mid-Week Run Report 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Port of Brisbane Authority



Jeeze! I know I'm the Run Director, but being the "go to guy" who does the run report is getting a bit overwhelming. But as the saying goes "There's nothing like the old horse for the hard road", and I'm definitely old, and the road is sometimes hard!

That said, I must say that Frank Tenney's idea for a tour of the Port of Brisbane certainly aroused the interest of our members along with some members of NDSCC who also came along. The usual suspects assembled at the Sundowner for an early 9:00 AM start and it was good to see Peter Rohan roll up for the jaunt, Sally & Andy made it in their Jaguar, as did Frank and Hai (we now have more Jaguars than you'll see at the zoo) and the plan was to pick up Maud & Quintin and Scotty & Aldona at Boondal, making a total of 19 hearty souls for the run.

All went as planned along the Gateway Motorway – except Dave Alsbury's new Corolla activated the "Emergency Stop" feature when some fool cut in front of him! Anyway, we followed the directions, got off at the right Port of Brisbane exit and continued towards our destination - the Port Authority building... EXCEPT that the fool who had written the run sheet took the few who followed his directions the long way there, whilst the rest followed the signs and got there quicker.

We congregated around the café building, and as instructed placed our lunch orders, and made the shortish walk to the impressive Port Authority building. There we were met by Peter, our bus driver, and as we were to learn a little later a veritable encyclopaedia of knowledge regarding facts and figures concerning the port and its environs. We went to the top floor and admired the view and the description of our location by Peter who told us that the Port is located in the lower reaches of the Brisbane River on **Fisherman Island**, an artificial island reclaimed from the smaller Fisherman Islands group at the mouth of the river. It has 29 operating berths including nine deep-water container berths and three deep-water bulk facilities and handles more than 2,750 ships each year and transports more than 28 million tonnes of cargo

We then boarded the bus and Peter took us on an enjoyable an informative "Magical Mystery Tour" of the facilities in air-conditioned comfort. The facts and figures are staggering; firstly, there are new cars, and lots of them – 250,000 a year, and the ships that carry them are ugly, but functional. Two arrive each day, and each one discharges around 500 vehicles in eight hours. There are on average 30,000 brand new cars (with keys) in the port behind guarded electrified fences under shade sail covers staying between 2 and 3 weeks. FYI Toyota is number one followed by Hyundai and Mazda.

Brisbane also has Australia's smallest export coal terminal - Newcastle is the biggest. Brisbane handles ten coal trains a day, each with two locomotives hauling 41 graffiti-covered, bottom discharge wagons





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from Ipswich and Oakey. Coal is dropped directly onto conveyer belts, and from the stockpile direct into the ships holds. The black thermal steaming coal is export-only and used for electricity generation. Nearby is the woodchip terminal where pine plantation timber from south-east Queensland and northern NSW is either woodchipped on site and loaded in bulk, or cut into 12-metre poles to fit into containers bound for China.

Next was the grain wharf which is importing grain, rather than wheat and barley going out. About 100,000 tonnes of grain a month is coming in from Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria to rescue our drought-stricken farmers.

The grain wharf is also used as a temporary cruise passenger facility. It is used by only about 40-50 cruise ships a year. These are the ships that can't get under the Gateway Bridge, or are longer than 270m so they can't turn in the river, or if two arrive the same day and there's no room upstream at Hamilton. In late 2020 the new Brisbane International Cruise Terminal will open on the northern bank of the Brisbane River at Luggage Point, able to accommodate the largest cruise vessels in the world.

We then moved to the 3 container terminals the largest owned by DP world (Dubai) and Patricks (Australia) each handling 45% of the traffic, with the smaller Hutchinsons taking the rest. When Patricks opened its Brisbane AutoStrad Terminal in 2007 it was the first automated container terminal in Australia and now has 25 automated straddle carriers using microwave radar to control the movement of the carriers.





DP World has a slightly different system using 16 automated crane

container stackers, two in each of eight working bays placing containers directly onto the waiting trucks. Suitably impressed and with a minor information overload we returned to the café, thanked Peter for his tour and ventured inside for lunch. In a comfortable semi outdoor setting our previously ordered food was served, much conversation had and an all-round hearty "Well Done" conveyed to Frank for his interesting run.





## **Congratulations to our members** These lucky people are celebrating this MONTH April 2020 Birthday Wishes



We congratulate all of the above members on celebrating their respective birthdays If I have missed anyone I apologise, unless like me you want to forget all about it!!

These companies support our club – mention them to your friends, and support them when you need tyres or service for your vehicles or computer support



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### CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2019 Any further queries, please phone Run Director Alex 0417247292

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20th May 2020 Wednesday	Mid-week/month. Organised by David Alsbury
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> June 20 Sunday	<b>President's Run</b> Organised by Aldona Scott - Overnight to Crows Nest. More details to follow, and in SCN.
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 Wednesday	<b>Mid-week/month</b> . Frank Tenney & Hai - Don't miss this one!!!
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 Sunday	Memorial Run - BYO to be organized by Kim & Carol
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 Wednesday	<b>Mid-week/month</b> . To be organised by Peter & Toosje Davis
2nd August 2020 Sunday	To be organised by Phyllis & Don Streeton
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 Wednesday	<b>Mid-week/month</b> . Organised by Arthur Hall & MVOC. Will be a Pub run, usually a great choice! Don't miss it!
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 Sunday	<b>Smorgasbord</b> Organised by Neils & Aileen Andersen (6th is Father's Day)
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 Wednesday	Mid-Week/month. NEED A VOLUNTEER
11th Oct 2020 Sunday	NEED A VOLUNTEER (note 4 <sup>th</sup> is Long Weekend Queen's B/day)
21st Oct 2020 Wednesday	Mid-Week/month. NEED A VOLUNTEER
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 Sunday	Suggest this be our AGM
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2020 Sunday	Leaving this free for member's wishing to go to Imbil Festival
21st Nov 2020 Saturday	Suggest this be our Christmas Lunch.

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# **PRESIDENTS RUN** 6-7 JUNE 2020

#### START YOUR CLASSIC ENGINES

This run will be a two-day event commencing at the Sundowner on Saturday 6 June 2020. Lunch will be at "The Barn and Scotty's Garage" in Flagstone Creek where we can view the museum- entry \$10.00

The overnight stay will be at Crows Nest Tourist Park in cabins. Cabins available for couples, some wheelchair accessible. Dinner and breakfast will be available at the restaurant on site. The restaurant is a BYO and serves tasty country grub, pizzas and homemade cakes for those with a sweet tooth.

The commencement of the run will be on toll roads so don't forget your transponders, the remainder of the run will be on sealed country and bush roads taking in the delightful vistas on offer.

Leisurely run back down the mountain to Esk and Toogoolawah on Sunday



#### **Bookings essential**

Cabins to be booked directly with the Crows Nest Tourist Park 07 4698 1269 call Gerald

Deluxe Cabins \$107.10 a couple

2 Bedroom Cabins \$116.10

BYO alcohol & a sense of humour

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