

# STEERING COLUMN NEWS

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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)**

### **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.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Mid Week**

**Great run by Toosje and Peter** which will take us to Dayboro, but via a very different and interesting route -gunna be a good 'un!

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Organised by Stan and Jenny.**

This will be very different from our normal runs. Stay tuned for more details, but this is one you don't want to miss.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Mid Week**

**Organised by Kim & Carol**

I'm calling this one a "Mystery Run" for now. It was to be Cochins Creek but a different venue, as yet unnamed has been chosen. Guaranteed it will be a nice drive to a lovely spot. Details TBA.

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## President's Prattle – October 2023

If I were to ask you about something that, in the automotive world, particularly “our branch” – the Classic Car movement, that did not need much servicing what would you say? If I was to also add that storage probably would not be a problem, and a secure locked garage was not needed. Finally, rust would be almost non-existent and selling it at auction would be relatively easy. What would you say?

All of the above would seem to exclude Classic, even Vintage vehicles, but works of art could qualify – although not really in the realm of “the Classic Car Movement”. If I gave you a hint that these items were quite small but could fetch prices in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, you may be on the right track. The humble number plate is the item I’m referring to – yes that little piece of sheet metal, painted black with numbers stamped and painted white can cost a pretty penny these days. Drop of the hammer prices I have mentioned in previous SCN’s make fascinating reading. Why are these low number plates so sought after? And what do you do with them? Admittedly you could put them on your car, but they may be stolen, but like stealing a piece of fine art, you could never display it, or even tell your friends. And even if you decided to keep it framed, above the fireplace, you could hardly spend quality time with it admiring the colours, the brushstrokes, and the artists interpretation of the subject – like a fine painting.

So why are they so expensive? Some see them as a good business investment – in the UK for example the plate F1 sold in January 2008 for £440,625 and the current owner has turned down offers of £10,000,000! Australia can boast some mystifying numbers too for example the number “31” in NSW fetched \$1,648,000 and Victoria scored a similar result for the number “52” selling for \$1,457,000.

Higher numbers are not so expensive at present, but who knows which way the market will go? With single and double-digit numbers seemingly beyond the reach of many, why not have a go at snapping up the number “942”, sold recently in Victoria for a measly \$360,000, or even better “781” for \$330,000? You could be on a winner in a couple of decades – cheaper than buying a house and renting it out with all the hassle of tenants!

It just goes to show that if you hang on to anything for long enough, it can become valuable. How many of you have thrown out those old one gallon tins of motor oil or grease tins?

Personally, I couldn’t imagine a million-dollar number plate making much difference to the enjoyment I get driving my classic on a club run...how about you?

Stay safe and careful on the road.

Alex.



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Need to thank those members who have renewed their memberships already. Thank you from CHACC. However we still have over 45% as yet not renewed. If you don't intend to renew, please text me (0427876773) or email [kccbowers@outlook.com](mailto:kccbowers@outlook.com) and let me know so I don't continue to harass you. Just a reminder, if you are paying online, **PLEASE** remember to put your name in the reference details. Many thanks in advance.



## Memorial Run

It was a beautiful sunny day when we assembled at the Sundowner for our Memorial Run. Unfortunately we had a few members who were unable to join us on the run including John W, Sally and Andy, and Charlie Provis, Apart from that we had a reasonable turnup, considering the run was mostly freeway and on the other side of the Gateway bridge.

Frank Tenny dusted off the big Buick and Barry hitched a ride with him, Maud & Quintin are becoming regulars – good to see, and like most of the other CHACC members present, decided to use their modern.

I thought the run was fairly straightforward but apparently not! Frank confused the exit numbers and turned off the Gateway, and Stan – in unfamiliar territory that side of town followed him, with the result that both “lost their way”! Not to worry, they eventually got there, and all of us successfully navigated the “Devil’s Canyon” drop at the entrance to the Gardens. Our reception area was in the Rock’n’roll Café – a replica of bygone days full of memorabilia, including booths along one wall, a couple of couches made from the rear ends of 50’s cars and murals of rock stars that only people of our vintage could remember. Settling down, with a coffee we met many friends of Phyllis & Don among them Ken Goodman, and Pam McPherson’s daughter Susie, both Ken and Pam were long time loyal members of CHACC. Before Pam passed. Susie had baked a stunning cake with the CHACC logo in memory of her mother.

Most of our members mingled and explored the surrounding areas of the Joncia Gardens, absolutely astounded that something so sensational and well kept was due to be bulldozed. All 44 acres of it for a school – in the middle of a vast undeveloped land area...so sad.

Anyway, it was back to the café for a fantastic lunch of sausages and hamburgers and salads , ably cooked by a proud Yorkshireman called Nigel. Incidentally 8 years ago Nigel and his wife Karen were married in the little chapel in these gardens! Magnificent feast and very much enjoyed by all.

Then we were treated to a great exhibition of jive dancing by the owners of Joncia, John and Marcia in period dress very accomplished, and of course wildly applauded by those of us who remembered what it was like “in our day”!

The significant part of the run – our memorial tribute to those members who were no longer with us - commenced and we moved to a rotunda by a large pond, greeted by Stan and Jenny Valance who distributed small bags containing sprigs of rosemary thoughtfully provided by Carol Bowers, together with a sheet of past members. Jenny then read out the names and details of those members, and we all rose to toss our sprigs into the waters in memory of our members all of whom are still in our hearts and missed.

Back to the café for some more chit chat and reminiscing, and it was time to leave, after a wonderful and memorable day. Many thanks go to Phyllis, Don, Susie, Nigel, John and Marcia as well as all the others who contributed their time and efforts to make this important day truly special day



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**This year 2023 we would ask that you give remembrance to the following past members.**

Peter Friar	Aug	1991
Hilda Ash	Sept	1991
Ron Ash	Nov	1992
Alan Dean-Freeman	Oct	1994
Bill McNamara	Nov	1993
Doug Gault	Oct	1996
Erin Faithful	May	1998
Ivar Solderberg		2000
Jeff Stephens	June	2000
Norm Beeston	May	2002
Noel Faithfull		2004
Mike Pomerence	March	2013
James Croft	May	2014
Don McLeod	July	2014
Arthur Hinsbey	Nov	2018
Graham Knight	January	2019
Lew Vincent	March	2019
Bill Gardiner	March	2019
Ita Davis	May	2019
Lindsay Bell	September	2019
Val Follett	September	2019
Carolyn Smith	March	2020
Pam McPherson	May	2020
Ray Dinte	September	2022
Sandy Provis	April	2023
Margaret Randell	April	2023
Elise Zenn	August	2023

# The Dayboro Difference

Today's midweek, "don't get out of bed too early" run contrived by Peter and Toosje Davis was a delightfully alternative way to enjoy the rural town of Dayboro in the City of Moreton Bay. Yes, that's right, no longer a Shire since very recently, according to the missal, addressed personally that I received in the mailbox from the Mayor. I wonder what all that cost, probably less than a referendum, upon reflection?

The weather, as forecast, at 30 degrees was not ideal for older vehicles with no blue button on the dash. Accordingly, those with surnames of Bowers, Davis, Grant, Westerhuis, Smith and Dixon brought their Moderns. Sally and Andy were in the Mercedes 450 SLC...who knows what the acronym means? Quinten and Maud double de-clutched all over Mt Mee in the Ford Mainline. Frank, in the Corvette, only changed gear twice all day and the Jag quietly went about its business. Apologies were received from Alex Gallagher.

There is a time-honoured practice of event planning. One places a fold-out map of the region on the kitchen table, face up. Said map is impaled by a drawing pin through the Sundowner Hotel, as the enshrined starting point. A second drawing pin is forcibly inserted to indicate the chosen location for the event end/ lunch. Next indicate major roads to get there. Too easy. It's the next bit that distinguishes a good event from a great event. Some directors, not in this club, determine "job done" and go back to watching "Millionaire Hot Seat", happy in the knowledge that whole process was completed during the advertisement break.

Thankfully, Peter and Toosje expanded on the above and rewarded us with a run which showed considerable empathy for anybody that enjoys a good drive. Isn't that all of us!. The cleverly designed part about this run was its simplicity. The run sheet was 3 double spaced paragraphs which covered the driven directions, spots to put your chairs in the shade and where you could purchase a meal. Did I mention that Director's mobile contact details headed the document? That means that if you get lost, break down or both, that everybody knows, ensuring that some company will be dispatched for support, with whatever is important. What a good idea. Why doesn't everybody do that?

Let's make this mandatory. Can every run director from right now, take note please?

After a "transport section" to Wamuran along the Daggy Highway we were directed via Campbell's Pocket and Mount Mee roads to the lunch stop at the Community Park, in the centre of Dayboro. The event was local, had a low carbon footprint and left time to go home and mow the lawn... which I didn't do.

Charlie Provis September 20<sup>th</sup> 2023



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## Our visit to the Mareeba Classic Ford Museum




A father and son's love of the Ford Motor Company built a new tourist attraction west of Cairns. Ron Blundell and his son Paul are citrus and avocado farmers who are based just outside of Mareeba. In 2010, Paul suffered from a severe cardiac arrest. He was aged just 31 at the time. The episode left him legally blind and partially paralysed. He also now suffers from ataxia, memory loss and decreased fine motor skills. Paul has been a lover of all things Ford ever since he bought his first car which was a 1962 Fairlane and now, with the help of his father, has started collecting classic Ford cars and tractors. Paul says that he loves Fords because they are an Australian-made car. "We have employed a coach builder and a mechanic to restore the old cars that we have bought," Ron said. "It takes about six months to restore a car from the ground up; it's a long process." The museum is being built on one of the family's farms, to make it easier for Paul to get to and from. One of the more valuable cars in the collection is the 1962 two-door Consul Capri. "It's probably the rarest car in the collection as they were only made in the UK and New Zealand," he said. "We also have on the first XKs and Paul also has one of the last V8 Sprints that was ever made. "It's never been registered or driven; Paul said if he can't drive it then no-one else can."

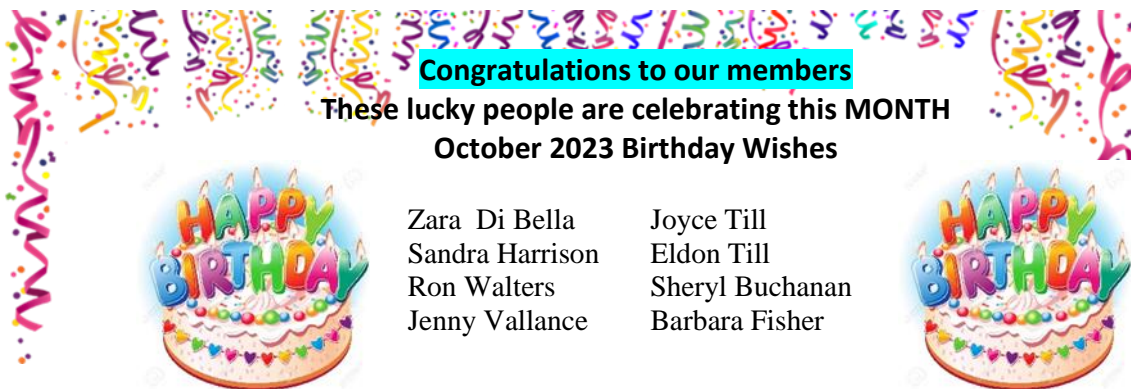


## Creamy Bacon Pasta Salad

250g dried fusilli pasta  
1/2 cup whole egg mayonnaise  
1/3 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
200g rindless bacon, chopped  
1 red capsicum, deseeded, chopped  
420g can corn kernels, drained  
2 green spring onions, trimmed,  
sliced, plus extra to serve  
A pinch of pepper

Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream and lemon juice in a bowl. Cook the bacon in a non-stick frying pan over medium - high heat for 5 - 7 minutes or until crisp. Drain on a paper towel. Toss 3/4 of the dressing through the pasta. Add the bacon, capsicum, corn and spring onions. Toss to combine. Drizzle with the remaining dressing and sprinkle with extra spring onions.

A top-down view of a white ceramic bowl filled with a pasta salad. The salad consists of spiral-shaped pasta (like fusilli) mixed with diced red and green bell peppers, yellow corn kernels, and small pieces of cooked, crumbled bacon. A silver fork is visible on the right side of the bowl, partially submerged in the salad. The background is a dark, textured surface.





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## OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS

**2023**

**14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**LAMA International Event @ Gatton**  
Hosted by Lockyer Antique Motor Association.

**5<sup>th</sup> November**

**Swap Meet & Car Display @ Northern Suburbs Leagues Club, Ipswich.**  
Hosted by Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich

**26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Holden Out for a Cure**, hosted by FX-FJ Club Qld Inc. Redlands Showgrounds Cleveland. Car show open to all Holdens from 1948-2017. Early bird entries close 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2023. Contact [www.fxfjholdenclub.com](http://www.fxfjholdenclub.com)



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**SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2023**  
*Any further queries, please phone Run Directors Ken 0417343027/  
Christian 0410037303*

<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 Wednesday</b>	<b>Mid-Week/month. Organised by Peter &amp; Toosje Davis.</b> A very interesting run to Dayboro via Campbells pocket Rd. If you've never done this run from the Wamuran end you don't want to miss it!
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 Sunday</b>	<b>Organised by Stan &amp; Jenny.</b> This is King's birthday long Weekend. The run format will be a little different from our usual runs, but will be very enjoyable I'm sure. Stan and Jenny usually come up with something good, so be sure to mark this.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 Wednesday</b>	<b>Mid-week/month. Organized by Kim &amp; Carol.</b> This will be a run to somewhere Other than Cochins Creek but still a pleasant spot, and a great place for a relaxing mid-week drive. Will be a good one!
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2023 Sunday</b>	Leaving this free for member's wishing to go to Imbil Festival
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 Sunday</b>	<b>Suggest this be our last run for 2022 &amp; maybe our AGM</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 Sunday</b>	<b>Suggest this be our Christmas Lunch TBA venue.</b>

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