

# 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> March Sunday 2025**

Alex is taking us through the D'Águilar National Park from Woodford and finishing in Wamuran @ Atwood Park. **BYO**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

A Free entry look through the Taoist Temple @ Deagon then a nearby park for BYO lunch.

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Ken McFarlane has a couple of destinations in mind. Will confirm which one in the April SCN

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# PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Hullo all,

Well, we have had three very successful runs so far this new year. Thank you to all members attending.

At our recent AGM/General Meeting, members voted to give half of 'Sally's Hat' contributions to Animal Welfare and the other half to 'Give-it'. Toosje has sourced Peninsular Animal Aid in Deception Bay, about the only one she researched that is totally run by volunteers and all proceeds go to ongoing supplies for animals in their care until they are fostered out. We will be finalising this commitment in the very near future. As to 'Give-it', they have put out a call for donations for flood victims in North Queensland, I will run this past the committee and hopefully we will be able to assist them and fulfil our 'Sally's Hat' donations for 2024.

Still have some vacant proposed runs for 2025 to fill. Put your ideas forward to Ken McFarlane if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer.

The Sunshine Coast, Bribie branch has contacted Kim to invite CHACC to one of their upcoming runs, possibly March. Details to follow. We will endeavour to encourage more combined runs with other Clubs throughout the year.

Best wishes to our Editor and Secretary who are currently touring in their Motorhome. Victoria now then heading to South Australia.

*"The Only Impossible Journey is the one you never begin"*

Best wishes to all on our 'sick list'. Happy motoring and Stay Safe!



## Australia Day

January 26<sup>th</sup> an important date in our family. It is the birthdate of my wife Elaine, and as such I rarely (and advisedly) forget it. Much merriment, giving of gifts and consumption of alcoholic beverages; a good time being had by all! However, dare I say that, over 200 years ago, an even more momentous occasion occurred at a place known now as Sydney Cove. On that day in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip RN left his vessel - HMS Sirius - and with some crew rowed ashore to erect the Union Jack flag, thus establishing the first penal colony in Australia. He could hardly have imagined the



magnificent and vibrant country that would develop and thrive from these humble beginnings! A country with riches the envy of many other nations; a population imbued with an unbreakable spirit, and a culture that declared all were equal - no matter their race, religion or beliefs. "Australia Day" a day when we rightfully and joyously celebrate the origins of our great nation; and what it, and its citizens has achieved.

Now why, you might ask, is someone born in Scotland, speaking with such strong support for "Australia Day" and respect for somewhere that was not the country of his birth? Simple, everything I am and everything I have is because my parents decided to make the difficult decision to emigrate to Australia. We departed Liverpool on the MV Georgic migrant ship (a converted troop carrier) which arrived in Australia in February 1949. It carried a large number of British migrants, considered the largest group of emigrants to arrive in Australia at the time, and docked at Station Pier in Port Melbourne. So when the Caboolture Historical Society invited CHACC to be part of their Australia Day celebrations at the Historical Village I, along with many other members accepted. Eschewing our normal rendezvous at the "Sundowner" our esteemed President Kim decided it would be quicker if we all made our own way to the village. Deciding to park on the side of the road before entering I was joined by Toosje and Peter Davis in the Mustang as we waited for others. Soon enough, Stan & Jenny in their Commodore sailed past followed by Frank Tenney in his Buick, while Christian in his Celica joined our line just prior to our Run Director Ken McFarlane in his Mustang. It was obvious then that I had not read the instructions properly so we all proceeded to assemble in the car park to join those who had! Waiting there was a great turnout of members - Neils & Aileen in the FC with Neils suitably attired in his proud Australian flag emblazoned shirt, Phillip King in the magnificent Jaguar XK 140, and Marisa in the '54 Mercedes 170, and our erstwhile Treasurer John W in his HR Ute. We then followed in convoy to our designated parking area - somewhat cramped for the number of vehicles, but with some astute guidance we managed to fit everyone in, and still have room for a couple of gazebos to shelter us from the sun. I almost forgot to mention Paul & Sherrie in their '82 Holden Ute, Kim and Carol in the P76, and Charlie Provis in his equally lovely and distinguished Jaguar XJR parked in another area with a couple of other P76's from the P76 club who couldn't fit in to our limited space. Most of the members assisted in erecting the gazebos (I supervised!) and we settled down in the shade for the usual chat and development of solutions for the problems of the world. Andy & Sally (great to see them both) arrived a little later on foot to join





our happy little group along with Julie. Lots of visitors commented on the great array of vehicles displayed, many with the oft repeated comment "I used to have one of those - wish I'd kept it"! Food was purchased and consumed, beverages were drunk, and the bonhomie continued unabated. Finally...the parade! We joined the cavalcade of vintage and veteran cars, tractors motorbikes and trucks which wended its way through the village cheered on and waved at by adults and children alike all sporting Australian flags, hats and virtually anything you could add the "ozzie" flag to. A great day was enjoyed by those who attended, and thanks to the Caboolture Historic Village for the invitation, and Kim for organising the opportunity to be part of a terrific day and a great celebration!





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## A Day with Some Differences

My wife Sandy will be smiling from her heavenly repose, when she reads this article. She was often a voice in the club wilderness, advocating a catered feed. If you cast your mind back a couple of years, you may agree, that there was a period when picnic chairs in the boot, were an essential part of the kit for a day's run. Moving on, today was anything but, with a splendid repast promised as a feature of the run, simply titled "Scarborough" by Sally and Andy Byrne, masters of the understatement.

There are a few ways, even with my deplorable navigating ( I was going to say "skills" but will settle for "abilities") that I know of to get from Caboolture to Flinders Parade. It changes name a few times and is the closest you can get wet in Moreton Bay without 4wd equipment. One is using Deception Bay Road thence Anzac Avenue with a wiggle to Newport, another is to use the Bruce Highway, deviate to the Gateway motorway, sashay through Sandgate or beat your way to Brighton, using a road numerically titled from first to 19<sup>th</sup>. The Byrnes elected to use the longer, latter and more interesting option. It is worth noting that they also chose to drive the 6cylinder Falcon Utility, leaving the stylish coupe with the 3 pointed star in the garage. There was another reason in play, other than more room out back. Once the column of mostly classic, with a few modern vehicles had, without confusion, navigated to Flinders Parade, there was no escaping the roundabouts established at every road junction. Our prior casual disinterest at the 2 score of access streets now had a little more meaning. I was thankful that the MGB had synchromesh on the first slot (not all of them do) as it was "one, two" all the way. No such luxury for the HR's driven by Messrs Westerhaus and Bowers who were stirring the column 3 speed with a teeth grinding "crash box". John advises that it's all about the timing. On topic, but barely, when working in Australia Post way back when it was the PMG, I used to ride shotgun in a Bedford van, the driver of which, delighted in changing gear without going near the clutch. Occasionally it was noisy, but the taxpayer paid the repair bills. Out of that paragraph and it's mechanical diversions, we left the coast road heading for the Houghton Bridge and Clontarf beyond. Andy's advice was *keep the water on the right*. Being a literal soul, I had a bit of trouble with that instruction...but we were in FTL format so as long as the cars in front and behind, looked even vaguely classical, life was good. We are now down to the last few lines in the run sheet. Most of the printing is embolded and related to parking anyway, so lunch can't be far away and it wasn't. Thanks to Sally and Andy for an innovative alternative to less indulgent formats.

As my final aside, and highly irrelevant, I am driving to Noosa today for a "high tea". Lets hope that is another club's synonym for a lunch that rivals the one above, or I have travelled a long way for a cuppa.

Charlie Provis 14/02/2025



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## An Event by design

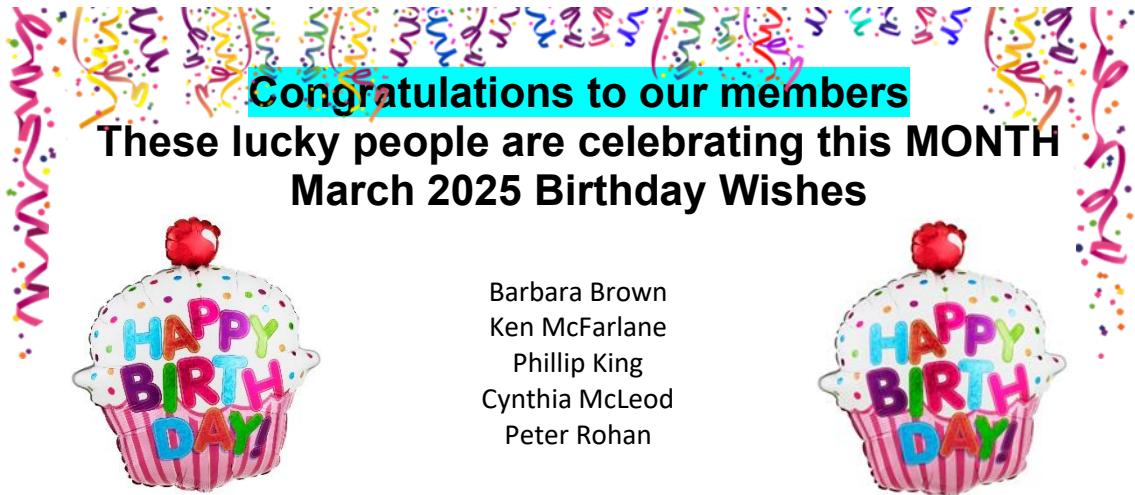
Yesterday, the second day in February was a Sunday run to consume Toorbul's best Fish and Chips. That's a cheap shot, because research showed competition to be thin on the ground. Ken did a great job of circumnavigation, which included outer Caboolture and Elimbah before succumbing to the eventual reality that is Pumicestone Road and the only bitumen into Toorbul. We need to exercise our frontal lobe to recall the last time we were here, for the same purpose, about 1825 sleeps ago.... work it out! Ken also decided, that we would have been utterly exhausted by our steering wheel twirling. Thoughtfully, he allocated 90 minutes for our group to relax, chat and enjoy morning tea, before steeling ourselves for the 50 metres expedition to the corner cafe. Today was never going to escalate your Cardio Fitness endeavours to any uncharted level. Whatever the reason 25 members and regularly welcome guest Julie O'Connor chose to brighten up the Sundowner at 9:00 for the event. In Holdens we had John Westerhuis (HR Ute), Bruce Stanley (HQ Ute), Paul and Sherrie Maher (WB Ute), Stan and Jenny Valance (VC Commodore) and Neils and Aileen Anderson (FC Special). MGB roadster ranks doubled today with Andy and Sally Byrne keeping company with Alex Gallacher.

Standalone Marques were the Leyland P76 of Kim and Carol Bowers, Charlie in the Jaguar XJR and Julie Byrne with her "new" (72 years ago) 1953 Morris Minor.

The Modern sub class spruiked Eldon and Joyce Till, Jenny and Alfonso D'acunto, Malcom McCleod and Allan Eyears and Lee Ovenstone. Lucky Raffle winners were Jenny D'acunto, Alex Gallacher, Bruce Stanley and Sherie Maher in placement order. Happy geese were Peter and Toosje Davis with \$100 to put into the Mustang fuel tank. I have some space left before I incur the wrath of Aileen, so let's deep-dive (how topical) into the Morrie and an urgent need. (This is not the moment where you profess to have left your money at home, while Jenny gives you the *I have heard it all before* look.) The problem is that Ms Byrne's little foundling, which is already short on accoutrements, doesn't even have a name or assigned gender. In my humble... with a cuteness score of 9.5, "its a girl", but the decision is Julie's, so text your suggestions please for an appropriate moniker to 0428 258 729.

Charlie Provis February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025





Barbara Brown  
 Ken McFarlane  
 Phillip King  
 Cynthia McLeod  
 Peter Rohan

EXPERSSION OF INTEREST INVITED  
 1977 MG "B"

Unfortunately, due to Health and Age we have made the decision to part with a much-loved member of our family our 1977 MG "B" the car is on full registration has Never been on Special Interest [SIVS}, the car has had many upgrades and performs well. We invite anyone who is seeking a Vehicle like our MG "B" and would like to know more about the MG "B" -

to Please Contact ANDY & SALLY 0447092196

We are seeking a Possible Vehicle that will offer easy access in and out as a replacement a "Sedan" as a thought something from the HOLDEN Range - example from FC to HG range of models and from the FORD Range - example XM - XP mainly - But are open to suggestions on a bit later model or something we may have overlooked?

We are open to suggestions and we would consider Trade either way "BUT" the replacement Vehicle would need to be good condition - NO Projects please.



<p><b>SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS &amp; RUN DATES FOR 2025</b>  <b>Any further queries, please phone Run Director Ken 0417343027</b></p>
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2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025 Sunday	BYO Organised by <i>Alex Gallacher</i> . Thru DÁguilar National Park from Woodford Finishing in Wamuran @ Atwood Park.
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Wed	Mid-week/month. Organised by <i>Kim &amp; Carol</i> . Taoist Temple Free entry for a look, then off to a nearby park for BYO.
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 Sunday	Organised by <i>Ken McFarlane</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 Wed	Mid-week/month. To be organised by <i>Peter &amp; Toosje</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 Sunday	(Labour Day Long Weekend and Mother's Days leaves us only this) To be organised by <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2025 Sunday	President's Run: To be organised by <i>Kim</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 Wed	Mid-week/month. To be organised by <i>John Westerhuis</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Sunday	Memorial Run - To be organised by <i>Neils &amp; Aileen</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Wed	Mid-week/month. This has been brought forward by MVOC Arthur Hall is organising this combined run with CHACC.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 2025 Sunday	To be organised by <i>Jenny &amp; Stan Vallance</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2025 Wed	Mid-week/month. <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 25 Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept. is Father's Day. <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> _____
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 Wed	Mid-Week/month. <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> _____
19 <sup>TH</sup> Oct 2025 Sunday	<b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> (note 6th October is Long Weekend for KING's bthday also Bathurst is on 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> October). To be organised by _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025 Sunday	<b>NEED A VOLUNTEER.</b> _____
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 Wed	<b>Suggest this be our last run for 2025 NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> _____
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 Sunday	<b>Suggest this be our combined AGM &amp; Christmas Lunch</b>

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