

# STEERING COLUMN NEWS

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Historic  
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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

### 26<sup>th</sup> January: Monday

Caboolture Historical Village.  
Meet @ the Village **Gate 4** by  
**8.30am**. BYO or lunch can be  
purchased from vendors there.

### 1<sup>st</sup> February: Sunday

Fish n Chip Run. Organised by Julie  
Byrne to Scarborough. BYO or  
purchase from Morgans or nearby.

### 18<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday

Trek to Beachmere area then back  
to Sundowner for Lunch.

### 1<sup>st</sup> March - Sunday

To D'Águilar Pub for Lunch. Morning  
tea stop TBA.

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# PRESIDENT's PRATTLE

Hi everyone! Welcome to our first newsletter for the year!

I would like to thank all members who contributed to our raffle and AGM. Thank you to members for buying tickets.

I am looking forward to our 2026 car adventures. Thank you to those that have volunteered to organise runs throughout the year. We do still have spots available that need to be filled.

We have Australia Day celebrations coming up soon so look out for that information.

Thanks to those members who have responded to my email regarding new ideas for the club! Some great ideas were put forward which I will share in the next newsletter.

I have recently come back from the Parkes Elvis Festival. 5 days of non stop Elvis which I loved (except for the 41 degree heat!). I saw some beautiful classic cars in the parade which made me wish I had my Morris there!

A quote from Elvis to end on...'life is too short to drive boring cars'.

Reach out anytime

Julie



Elvis Arron Presley born in Mississippi on the 8 Jan 1935

Died 16 Aug 1977 married Priscilla Beaulieu in 1967 they divorced in 1973.

He had one child Lisa Marie born 1 Feb 1968. Elvis featured in 31 films



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## Not a wheel in sight

The tenure of the First Lady, now vacant, is a woman, for who I have a lot of respect. I note that her husband Kim shares my sentiment! There are times when Carol approaches with a certain look, whilst her index finger punctuates the atmosphere with cursive script. My mind immediately goes to the main character, Eli Bell, in that excellent book "Boy Swallows universe" by the Brisbane author Trent Dalton. Eli doesn't talk in the traditional way, choosing to communicate by writing in the air.

On this occasion, being the multi faceted Chacc Christmas Lunch and Annual General Meeting, which was held this day in the Function Room on the 2nd level of the ever expanding but never completed, Bribie Island RSL Club, Carol was on a mission. She knows how I love to scribble about anything with wheels. Ambulances to Zephyrs, which she plays to, in order that I will generate copy for the needs of her cohort Aileen, the club's Editor. I play along and roll my eyes indicating feigned constraints, which Carol interprets as my acceptance, and we are away, exactly as intended. Today however, the only wheels were the one's on Sally's walker, so she had to work a little harder, hence the title.

As an aside, but humorously related, did you notice that the call for nominations to the editorial role, was closed without any takers, by Mr Bowers, in the shortest possible interpretation of the term "a reasonable period" He knows that she is the best fit for that demanding position.

The elephant in the room this day, was that Kim was not standing for the position of Club President, and who could possibly take his place. I bet there was more strategy going on behind the closed doors to the houses of Bowers and Byrne than those of Barnaby Joyce and the National Party. Julie Byrne, daughter in law to club stalwarts Andy and Sally, is a woman, who I am led to believe, loves a challenge. Accordingly, I asked her to dig into the past for me and give us a snapshot of the lady we have just elected to the big job. Her fascinating response is below.

I have always loved adventures, they can be big trips or even weekends away to somewhere new! I try to have one adventure every year. Some of my adventures include hiking the Kokoda Track in PNG 2023 (returning to do it again April 2026). In 2024 I joined a group of cyclists on an epic push bike ride from Port Augusta in SA to Karumba in Qld. We covered a total of 2300klm over one month. That was an incredible experience, particularly pedalling across the Birdsville Track. The area is beautiful and remote but the head winds there, are the worst that I have ever experienced. I was the youngest cyclist at 54 years, whilst the birthday anniversaries, of my fellow cyclists ranged up to 75! That proves to me that age is just a number.

This years adventure was totally different. I bought a 1953 Morris Minor, affectionately named "Doris the Morris". Driving her is a whole new experience, and I have met some fantastic people along the way. I would love to do a few weekends away with the club next year. Is anyone else keen for a mini car adventure?!

I am really keen to hear every member's thoughts about policies and activities for your club in 2026.





As a newish member, Julie put her hand up at last year's AGM, to take on the role of a committee member without portfolio. In the space of just 1 birthday, she has moved to that of Club President, unopposed. I noted, that when accepting the role, Julie not only strode to the rostrum with a confidence inspiring smile, but adapted to the microphone without fluttering an eyelash. I do hope that, she can also quickly acquire any skills needed, to replicate Kim's ability to control a public occasion and produce a "meeting closed" result, in the time others would take to make up a file. The rest of the leadership transition my friends, in this writer's humble opinion, is a done deal. Another very important duty, happily performed by Kim was the investiture of life membership to Peter and Toojse Davis together with John Westerhuis.

Charlie Provis 7/12/2025

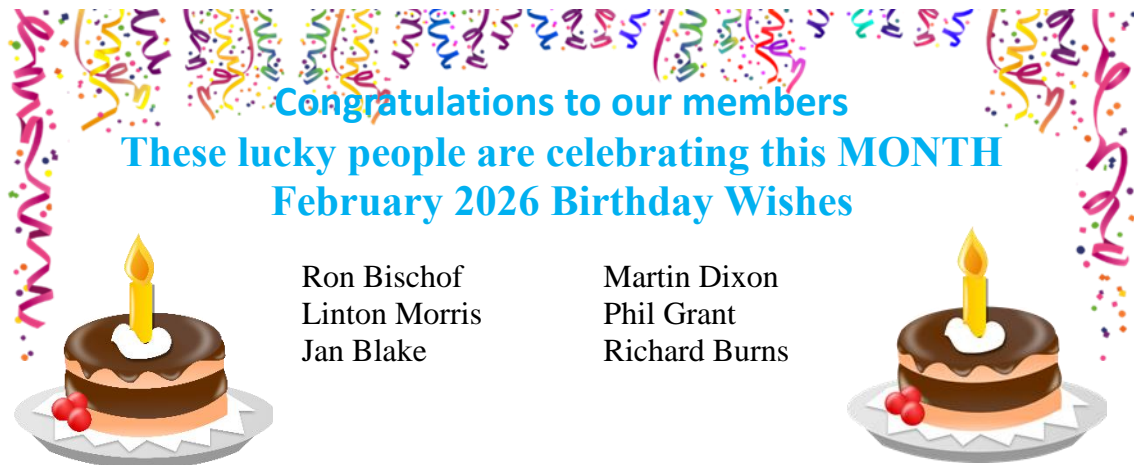
## Christmas Lunch 2025











*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!!*



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<p align="center"><b>SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS &amp; RUN DATES FOR 2026</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Any further queries, please phone Run Director Ken 0417343027</i></p>
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26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	<b>Monday Australia Day:</b> To be organised by <i>Kim Caboolture Historical Village</i> Meet @ the Village <u><b>GATE 4</b></u> @ 8.30am. BYO or purchase there.
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2026	<b>Sunday Fish and Chip run.</b> <i>JULIE BYRNE To Scarborough.</i> <i>BYO or purchase.</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	<b>Wednesday Mid-week/month</b> run by <i>Neils &amp; Aileen</i> A trek around Beachmere then back to the Sundowner for lunch.
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026	<b>Sunday</b> Organised by <i>Ken McFarlane to DÁguilar Pub for lunch</i> <i>Morning tea stop to be advised.</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	<b>Wed Mid-week/month.</b> <i>Christian Hendersen</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2026	<b>Sunday 3-Club Event:</b> Organised by <i>Joe Geranio</i> (Bribie Chapter of SCACC)
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2026	<b>Sunday Easter Weekend is on the 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Paul &amp; Sherrie Maher</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2026	<b>Wed Mid-week/month.</b> To be organised by <i>Alex Gallacher</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	<b>Sunday</b> (Labour Day Long Weekend and Mother's Days leaves us only this) Combined run with NDSCC To be organised by <i>Kim Burson's Raffle bootee to be organised by Jenny &amp; Stan</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2026	<b>Sunday President's Run:</b> To be organised by <i>Julie Byrne</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2026	<b>Wed Mid-week/month.</b> To be organised by <i>Peter &amp; Toosje</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2026	<b>Sunday Memorial Run -</b> To be organised by <i>Neils &amp; Aileen</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul 26	<b>Wed Mid-week/month.</b> To be organised by <i>Frank Tenney</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 2026	<b>Sunday</b> To be organised by <i>Jenny &amp; Alf DÁcunto</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2026	<b>Wed Mid-week/month</b> Suggest combined run with MVOC Kim/Arthur to liaison
13 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2026	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept is Father's Day.</b> To be organised by <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 2026	<b>Wed Mid-Week/month.</b> To be organised by <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2026	<b>Sunday NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> (note 5th Oct is Long Weekend for KING's bthday also Bathurst is on 8 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> October). AND 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct. is NDSCC Weekend away. _____

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