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**Classic and
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Automobile Club
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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.

site: www.chacc.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

12th April - Sunday. Paul & Sherrie Maher organising this run to Harlin for morning tea & Esk for lunch @ Brisbane Valley Roasters.

(is on the 12th as Easter Weekend is on the 5th)

22nd April - Wednesday. At this stage, is BYO to Sweeney Reserve in Petrie. This run being organised by Alex.

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Presidents Prattle

Hi members!

Can you believe we are heading into April already!

We had a few different runs last month. On the 25th of February we had an invitation from the MG Car Club Brisbane to join them on a run. It is great to see clubs offering to share their runs with other clubs. Perhaps that is something CHACC could consider?!

CHACCs 1st of March run was great with a good turn out of members and classics. I certainly enjoyed the run and it was great to see everyone looking out for each other when we came across tricky turns! As a solo driver it was the first time I did not need to look at the run sheet! Ken did a fantastic job of leading the group and keeping everyone together. We also had a 'tail end Charlie' keeping us together so we all arrived at the same time for morning tea and then lunch at the Dag Pub.

In the beginning of the year I put a call out for members to email me their ideas for different activities CHACC could be doing throughout the year. We had an idea from one member to have a 'servicing day' where experienced members could support others to learn about basic mechanics. I am excited to say we do have an offer of a workshop we can use! I know we have very experienced members who could show us newbies (me) a few things about mechanics. If that is you....contact me! Together we can come up with a plan. What a great way to bring everyone together for an educational and social event (shared BBQ lunch!).

I am also seeking interested members who would like to discuss a weekend away. I am excited for a car adventure over a weekend but do need input from members.

Last month I did say that I would mention local events that you may be interested in attending. I received an email which stated that registrations are open for the Red Ride 2026 Car Show held at Caboolture Showgrounds on the 16th of May. Google redride.com for further information if you are interested.

Out of interest I decided to have a read of a few old CHACC newsletters. I chose August 2017 and it was CHACCs 35th anniversary! Included are some fantastic photos of the original club members. Fashion has certainly changed since then but the cars are still amazing! I also noticed the names and faces of some of our current members!

Depending on when you read this we do have our 3 Club event on 22nd of March which I am looking forward to.

I have also been looking at different options for a new banner for the club, more information to come!

Reach out anytime

Julie



MARCH 1st Run to D'Águilar Pub via McGavin View Picnic Area

Arriving at our usual assembly point on a beautiful sunny morning, it just proved once again that a run with a "Pub Lunch" at the end will always get a good turnout of members and cars! Twenty one members plus another half-dozen apologies from usual regulars is enough evidence - QED. My apologies to the mathematical purists for my use of the abbreviation QED ("what was to be shown") but I feel it was a useful comment – comments and criticisms are welcome! It was notable that nearly half of the attendees lacked navigators, which suggested that a follow-the-leader approach would become a common, albeit occasionally challenging, component of our expedition.

Anyhow, Frank had rolled out the XJ Jaguar, and together with Julie in the Morris, Alex in the MG and Doug in the Jowett they kept the (somewhat tattered) British flag flying. The Ford contingent was well represented by Ken in his Mustang, ditto Peter & Toosje (great effort Cato thanks) and Steve in his Fairlane showing that Ford will always beat Holden, despite Stan & Jenny in their Commodore and Rodney in his HK variant! Rounding out the modern grouping were Allan & Lee, Joyce & Eldon, Alf & Jenny, Kim & Caroll and Lena McLeod. Just a little note on this list - it would be extremely remiss of me not to mention some "stalwarts" who rarely miss a run but were unable to make today's outing. Andy & Sally, Neils & Aileen, and John W. Rest assured we did miss you! Not forgetting Joe in his lovely Valiant; a hundred (almost) years ago as an impetuous young man I almost traded my then pristine MG B for a Valiant with a bench seat – until I found out that a young lady eager to please and a young man happy to assist were both able to squeeze into the passenger seat in an MGB!

But enough of this drivel, buoyed by the prospect of a great run, we all departed, heading towards Morayfield via Burpengary to Narangba. Then, continuing past Lake Kurwongbah and through Petrie



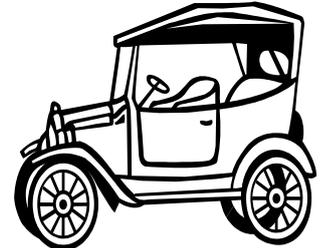
we made our way to the McGavin View at the North Pine dam for what would be an extremely pleasant morning tea stop. Many thanks to Allan, Lee & Lenna for getting to our morning tea stop venue early & securing us premium possie near the ablution block. Allan & Lee early??? That deserves a Gold star! Suitably fed, watered and "raffled" we turned left along Dayboro Road through Whiteside turning off before Rush Creek into what was to become an enlightening journey through vast areas of untouched bushland. Theodore road took us through Mosquito Creek – probably aptly named – toward, in a pleasantly roundabout way to Narangba. Passing the massive development on Oakey Flat Road, we once again



ventured into the pristine areas of Moorina, Rocksberg Greenstone and Wagtail Grove. Ken McFarlane really knows the less travelled and picturesque roads in these areas! I had absolutely no idea where we were and would have been hopelessly lost without someone to follow. Then, surprisingly, we found ourselves on Old North Rd heading to Wamuran. Without much further ado we arrived at the D'Agular pub, settled ourselves and proceeded with the usual banter and bonhomie which makes our club a great place to be on a run. Frank (tinny) Tenney won the "Goose Club"; the rain - which had held off – made a very weak momentary experience, and everyone seemed to enjoy their lunchtime victuals. All told, a great interesting run with a pleasant conclusion – thanks and well done to Ken and all who participated,



CHACC Wednesday 18th March 2026



Weather looked okay when we arrived @ Sundowner, only 8 vehicles and 10 members plus 1 visitor. Maybe the increased fuel prices put some members off!

We had only just made it prior to the lights before the overpass to turn right @ the next set of lights towards the Sunshine Coast when, being 'Tail-End Charlie' we noticed we had missed one set of green lights. About 5 vehicles ahead of us there seemed to be a major holdup. Our very own John Westerhuis had broken down in his 1956 FE Sedan!

Joe, Martin, Alex & Kim (all behind John), managed to push John's FE up onto the median centre strip so traffic could flow again. By this

time, having put our hazard lights on traffic behind us had realised to get out of our lane and bypass us. Martin very kindly drove up onto the median strip to wait with John for a tow truck. Popular on the spot diagnosis was a broken gear selector. Prior to this, Phillip, Christian, Toosje & Peter had already got through said lights and were on their way (or so we thought!). It turns out, Peter & Toosje missed the turn off & ended up @ Caloundra (in all fairness they realised they had gone too far and managed finally to head back and join us), Phillip & neighbour Ron ended up @ Maleny – had a quick



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bite to eat and headed home, then we saw Alex NOT turn right towards the Sunshine Coast but headed off down towards King Street. He told us @ the Sundowner that he had left his phone @ home so no point in phoning him to point him in the right direction. Finally arrived @ Peachester Town Park only 6 of us by the time Peter & Toosje joined us. Very pleasant drive thank you Christian, only hampered by a light sprinkle of rain which didn't start till Peachester Road and dried up after we were all settled. Alex did phone in when he got home, said it started to rain and he

forgot to pack his Roof, so he arrived home very wet, but safe.



Recipe

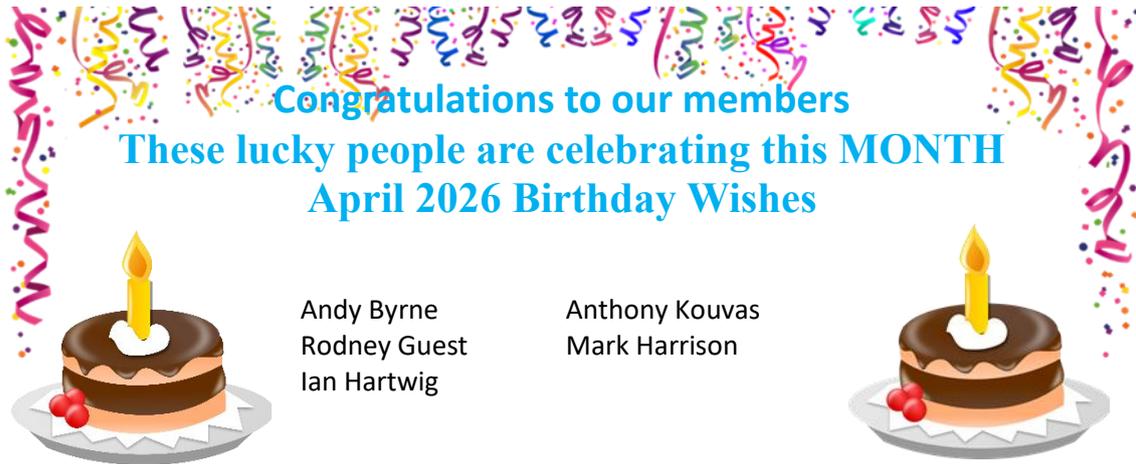
ANZAC BISCUITS

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup Woolworths Rolled Traditional Oats
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 125 g butter
- 2 tbs golden syrup
- 1 tbs water
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda



Sift the flour into a bowl. Add the sugar, rolled oats and coconut. Melt the butter in a saucepan, then add golden syrup and water. Stir the bicarbonate of soda into the liquid mixture. Add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Place walnut-sized balls of mixture on a greased tray and bake at 175C for 15-20 minutes. Biscuits will harden when cool.





*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!!*



BUM A RIDE



Feel like catching up with your CHACC mates but don't feel like driving?

Un able to drive – not feeling well, but need an outing?

Run too long – don't feel like driving that far?

If you answered YES to any of the above scenarios – then pick up the phone and request a lift or wander down to the Sundowner and get a lift from there!

Phone our President Julie 0428258729 or our Run Director Ken 0417343027



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OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS

2026

- 29th March** **SUNDAY: Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Inc. 39th Annual SWAP Meet.** Ormiston State School, Entry from Wellington Street & Dundas St East. Contact Steve for bookings Ph 0411 516 122 or secretary @baysideclub.org.au
- 16th May** **Sunday National Motoring Heritage Day 2026** by QHMC. Veteran Car Club rooms 1376 Cleveland Rd, Carindale. Enter via Wright St. Contact presidentqhmc@qhmc@gmail.com or phone 0413553173
- 25th June** **Nambour Swap Meet. Thursday.** Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave Hosted by Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club.
- 27th June** **Saturday Caboolture Regional Car Club.** Held @ Caboolture Showgrounds, 140 Beerburrum Road Caboolture. **Show Shine & Swap.** Contact Debbie 0448434724 or visit crcc.com.au

“Old Purple”

To the moon and halfway back

Slim Dusty and Joy McKean’s famous “Old Purple” ZD Ford Fairlane 500. It survived the roughest, dustiest & Maddest roads throughout Australia. It was once bogged up to its axles. Now on display at the Slim Dusty Center outside Kempsey.



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<p>SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2026 <i>Any further queries, please phone Run Director Ken 0417343027</i></p>

12th Apr 2026 Sunday	Easter Weekend is on the 5 th Paul & Sherrie Maher organizing this run to Harlin for morning tea and then onto Esk for lunch @ the Brisbane Valley Roasters.
22 nd Apr 2026 Wed	Mid-week/month. To be organised by Alex Gallacher At this stage he is thinking BYO to Sweeny Reserve in Petrie.
17th May 2026 Sunday	(Labour Day Long Weekend and Mother's Days leaves us only this) Combined run with NDSCC Run to be organised by <i>Kim Burson's Raffle bootee to be organised by Jenny & Stan</i>
7 th Jun 2026 Sunday	President's Run: To be organised by <i>Julie Byrne</i>
17 th Jun 2026 Wed	Mid-week/month. To be organised by <i>Peter & Toosje</i>
5 th Jul 26 Sunday	Memorial Run - To be organised by <i>Neils & Aileen</i>
15 th Jul 26 Wed	Mid-week/month. To be organised by <i>Neils & Aileen</i> . A trek around Beachmere then back to the Sundowner for lunch.
2 nd Aug 2026 Sunday	To be organised by <i>Jenny & Alf DÁcunto</i>
26 th Aug 2026 Wed	Mid-week/month. Suggest combined run with MVOC Kim/Arthur to liaison
13 th Sep 2026 Sunday	6 th Sept. is Father's Day. To be organised by Need a Volunteer _____
23 rd Sep 26 Wed	Mid-Week/month. To be organised by Bruce & Ronnie Stanley
25 th Oct 2026 Sunday	NEED A VOLUNTEER (note 5th October is Long Weekend for KING'S's bthday also Bathurst is on 8 th to 11 th October). AND 18 th Oct. is NDSCC Weekend away
1 st Nov 2026 Sunday	NEED A VOLUNTEER _____
18 th Nov 2026 Wed	Suggest this be our last run for 2026 NEED A VOLUNTEER _____
6 th Dec 26 Sunday	Suggest this be our combined AGM & Christmas Lunch

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