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**Classic and
Historic
Automobile Club
of Caboolture
Inc.
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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), **9.30am** for a **10am** departure. Whilst current fuel situation is in place.

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

7th June Sunday. Run Director's Run - Is BYO to Scarborough. Note **10am departure from Sundowner** - NO morning tea stop, just a Toilet stop.

17th June Wednesday. Peter & Toosje organising this. At this stage is to Samford for a Pub lunch. **10.30am departure from Sundowner** - NO morning tea stop.

5th July Sunday. Neils & Aileen organising our Memorial Run. At this stage it is a Mystery run but we do know it is a BYO. Note, **10am departure** from the Sundowner - no morning tea stop, just a Toilet stop.

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Presidents Prattle

I hope you are all well. I was over in PNG recently and walked the Kokoda Track so I thought I would share a bit of my experiences. The Kokoda Track is a challenging trek that goes through the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea and is 96klms long as the crow flies (some estimate it to be 130klm long once you go up and down the mountains). The track was a part of the Pacific War of World War 2.

It was an adventure in itself just getting to the start of the track. From Port Moresby it is a 30-minute flight in a small plane to Popengetta then a 3 - 4-hour ride in the back of a truck to reach the village of Kokoda (I loved this bit). On this trip there were 21 trekkers, 2 Australian Guides, 2 PNG guides and about 42 PNG porters. The porters carry camping equipment, trekkers personal gear with some carrying the food ration packs that we received at lunch each day. Everything we needed for the 8-day trek needed to be carried in. The PNG porters take pride in supporting trekkers across the track. The porters are proud of the history of the help and support the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' (PNG people) gave the Australian soldiers during the war. My porter (Kelvin) was my 'brakes' going down slippery muddy mountains (he would grab the back of my backpack for brakes). He also gave me a helping hand going up mountains!

We had a fairly dry trip with only 2 days of rain but the track was wet, slippery and very muddy. The Kokoda Track has the longest ups and downs I have ever experienced. There were days when we climbed up for 3 hours and hiked down for over 3 hours (definitely felt in my knees). We also climbed up a waterfall!

You can see remnants of the war along the track although most is kept securely behind wire to stop people from taking souvenirs. One place that sticks with me is 'Conns Rock' where they performed bush surgery on the wounded soldiers. My favourite memory is all of us sitting on the top of a mountain with no shade (it was very hot) and the porters chopping down small trees to plant into the ground to give us shade.... talk about customer service! I also felt privileged to attend the ANZAC Day dawn service at the Bomona War Cemetery.

This was my second time completing the Kokoda Track. I loved it and if time and money were not something I needed to think about I would go again!

Now back to cars. As mentioned in the last newsletter, I am not available for the President's run on the 7th of June but will be doing this later in the year. I will be attending John Williamson's Willoshed event which is held on his Gold Coast property. This is an intimate concert with the man himself plus having the opportunity to see John's shed with all kinds of memorabilia as well as his old cars!

My door (email/phone) is always open so if you have any ideas for future events let me know! Reach out anytime Julie



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Committee Meeting MACCA's Sunday 17th May 2026

Meeting commenced: 9 am
Presidents Welcome: President welcomed all those in attendance.
Present: Julie Byrne; John Westerhuis; Jenny Vallance; Ken McFarlane; Alex Gallacher; Neils & Aileen Andersen; Carol Bowers: Toosje Davis
Apologies: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

- John gave us Bank of Queensland detailed balances. Moved by Treasurer as a true and accurate record. Seconded: Toosje Davis
- John also updated us on Suncorp account which committee decided to close after books came back from the auditor. Just waiting to negotiate with Kim to close as he is still existing signatory for Suncorp.
- With pending outgoing expenditure, John advised we may need to transfer \$\$\$'s from our BOQ Saver a/c to our Trading a/c. Alex moved a motion to allow John to transfer up to \$500 if needed. All in agreement.
- John also had a couple of queries on deposits, all explained bar one. Carol to let him know.

Business Arising from previous Committee Discussions: John Pritchard cost to upgrade CHACC's website. (to cover in General Business)

- Animal Shelter from Sally's Hat 2024 has been donated.
- Still to donate \$250 to GIVIT for 2024. (Decided to leave until sufficient funds)

Correspondence in:

- Various other Club newsletters

General Business:

1. **John Pritchard re updating CHACC's website.** Alex has had several discussions with John but nothing final. Alex has undertaken to get something in writing from JP with what he thinks we need and estimated cost involved.
2. **CHACC Flyer:** Julie has done preliminary research and brought along photo's of some sample flyers. Was agreed the upright flag-type one preferred. Bruce Stanley to get details of local supplier to Julie and estimated cost.
3. **Sally's Hat:** 2025 \$185 to GIVIT and \$185 to Neighbourhood Watch still to be donated. Was agreed we wait until after membership renewals start coming in to action.
4. **Bank Signatories.** Julie asked if all complete. Advised Neils Andersen he needed to go into Beerwah branch of BOQ to reactivate his signature.
5. **Dept. of Fair Trading.** John advised his debit card has still not been debited with this. Needs following up with them to ensure we are up to date financially.
6. **General Meeting.** Majority agreed it was not necessary to have these monthly. Just to ensure we have minimum of 4 annual Committee meetings, as per our constitution.
7. **Ken McFarlane** suggested whilst fuel crisis is still in place to make our Sunday run departure time 10am from Sundowner and endeavour to keep klms low. All in agreement and make sure we change front page of SCN advising members.
8. **John Westerhuis** asked do we really need Public Liability. The annual premium is very high and we have never made a claim. Julie asked for a copy of what we are covered for. JW to forward his copy. Bruce to forward Julie details of whom his Navy Club are with.

Meeting Closed: 9.31 am



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Run Report 22nd April 2026

As the sun rose higher in the sky on another mild autumn day, the faithful started arriving at the traditional gathering place commonly known as “The Sundowner”. This was not a pilgrimage, but simply a collection of enthusiasts whose interest in classic automobiles compelled them to socialise with others of a similar ilk to discuss their passion.

Some - often for perfectly valid reasons - have moved away from the skill of matching engine speed to gearbox rotation with practised use of clutch and throttle, choosing automatic transmissions and modern comforts instead, yet they still feel connected. Even so, we all know that deep down they retain a quiet pride in having mastered those skills when they were simply part of everyday driving - because you had to.

Anyhow, among the throng (poetic licence) were Joe G in his pristine 1958 Lancer proudly displaying the flying “A” (Austin of England) emblem on the bonnet, along with Andy & Sally in their Ford Falcon Ute. Not forgetting Carol & Kim, our esteemed Treasurer John W, Jenny & Stan and last (and least) your correspondent in his '68 MG B. Sadly other regulars including Toosje & Peter Davis, Frank Tenney and Julie Byrne, were unable to be with us to make up our happy crew.

Leaving the Sundowner and heading along King Street one member broke a traffic law – “no names no pack drill” - we dunno who reads this, we headed off down Bellmere Road in a roundabout way to get to Caboolture River Road. What followed was a pleasant journey through the outskirts of Upper Caboolture, Greenstone and Moorina. This involved virtually single lane back roads, cattle grids and lots of hills affording some spectacular views. Back into the outer urban areas we observed the massive housing developments along Oakey Flat Road before heading towards Narangba and more picturesque scenery on the back roads skirting Kurwongah. Finally reaching Dayboro Road near Whiteside we continued towards our lunch stop at the McGavin View park beside the North Pine Dam.

Thanks to all those who came along (including Joe’s mate Mike) who helped make the drive and lunch break a great outing!



Combined two Club Run – CHACC and NDSCC Sunday 17th May 2026

The day dawned bright and sunny, with no hint of the mix-ups that were to follow our special gathering. A larger than usual collection of classic vehicles confronted your correspondent as he arrived at the usual starting location. Why, you might ask? Well, I'll tell you! This Sunday was the annual combined run held between the two clubs – CHACC and NDSCC – a useful idea also supported by “Burson’s Auto Spares” who supplied a large range of car related products for the raffle – due mainly to their relationship with Stan & Jenny Valance. It is much appreciated. As a result we get double the normal attendance of either club on our runs, but disappointingly too many cars and people to describe everyone in the body of the report. However, there is always room for a (very) limited selection, starting with Phillip King in Kim’s old Mercedes diesel (I need a favour that’s why he gets a mention)! Can’t forget Jeff & Cath in the fluorescent green Ute – you won’t forget that either, it really stands out – as does Rod in his Ferrari, adding a little class as well! Joe G in his Austin Lancer brought some nostalgia, as did Julie in her Morris Minor to name just some of the notable cars, too many to list here. It was great to see Barry Smith again looking great, Ronnie and Bruce, Dee and Graeme, and I sincerely apologise to all those I haven’t named – just not enough space. Anyway, fuel prices being what they are it was decided to start a little later, shorten the run a bit and forget the morning tea stop, all in the interests of economy. Good idea, right? The run was set out to take us through a range of streets in and around Caboolture and Morayfield including the Lakewood Parklands, so our convoy set off at 10:00 AM to do just that! Everything was going well in the initial stages getting to Caboolture River Road, given that the traffic lights and some other non-member vehicles broke up our group somewhat – but not to worry, we all knew where we were meant to finish! A couple of wrong turns – not by your correspondent – resulted in some of the members getting lost and deciding to take a shortcut to “The Big Fish”. Sadly, the failure of the auxiliary fan in the MG led to some overheating problems, and along with Rod in the Ferrari and Neils & Aileen in their FC we took the easy way too! However, once we all reunited again at our destination we settled down, ordered lunch and - thanks again to “Burson’s” - raised a sizeable amount via the raffle, and agreed that it was a very pleasant outing. Definitely looking forward to next year’s event.

Thanks to Kim Bower (who was unable to attend due to ill-health) and all the others involved on organizing the combined meeting...Well done!



Raffel winners

Peter Wall Fan
Ken Screwdriver set
Julie Crochet Blanket
Neils Ice Maker
Michael Movie Pass



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OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS

2026

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

25th July

Saturday Nambour Swap Meet. Held @ Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Avenue. Hosted by the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club. 6am to noon.

29th August

QHMC Swap Meet, Held @ Veteran Car Club Rooms, Carindale, Entry via Wright St. Contact Ph 0413565175 or email president@qhmc@gmail.com

12th September

Gympie Historic Auto Club Swap Meet - Gympie Showgrounds. Contact Ph 0460864044. This is also a Car Show hosted by the Cooloola Classic Car Club.



Life member Cynthia McLeod
28th March 1929 to 22 April 2026



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?

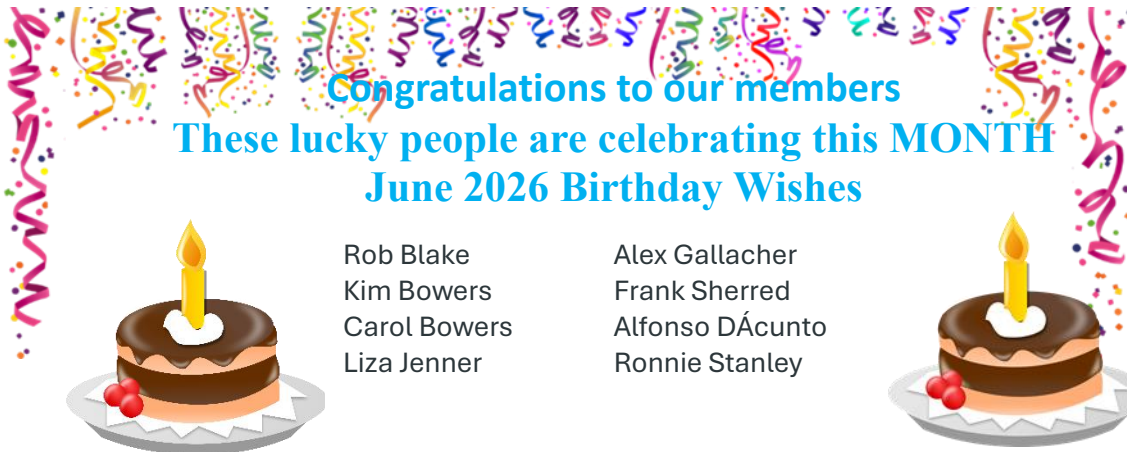
Run too long - don't feel like driving that far?

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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Rob Blake
 Kim Bowers
 Carol Bowers
 Liza Jenner

Alex Gallacher
 Frank Sherrad
 Alfonso DÁcunto
 Ronnie Stanley

*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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SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2026
Any further queries, please phone Run Director Ken 0417343027

7 th June 2026 Sunday	Run Director's Run: To be organised by <i>Ken McFarlane</i> is BYO to Scarborough Note - 10am departure from Sundowner NOT 9am. Suggest just a toilet stop, NO Morning tea.
17 th June 20 Wed	Mid-week/month. To be organised by <i>Peter & Toosje</i> At this stage is Pub Lunch @ Samford Pub. As normal 10.30am departure from Sundowner, NO Morning tea stop.
5 th July 2026 Sunday	Memorial Run - To be organised by <i>Neils & Aileen</i> It's a BYO Mystery! Note - 10am departure from Sundowner NOT 9am. Suggest just a toilet stop, NO Morning tea.
15 th July 2026 Wed.,	Mid-week/month. To be organised by <i>Neils & Aileen.</i> A trek around Beachmere then back to the Sundowner for lunch. As normal 10.30am departure from the Sundowner, NO Morning tea stop.
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 Sept 2026 Sunday	6 th Sept. is Father's Day. To be organised by Need a Volunteer
23 rd Sept 2026 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 KINGS's bthday also Bathburst 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 2026 Sunday	Suggest this be our combined AGM & Christmas Lunch

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