

Coffs Splutter

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The Wright MGB looking rather 'Christmassy' in this photo taken at last month's coffee run – the perfect December cover photo!.

Photo H. Murray

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2025-2026

Life Members — Geoff Maunder, John Lansley, Des Drury, Bob Dixon & Keith Winkler (dec.)

The President's Corner



It can't be that time of the year again, where has the last 12 months gone? Christmas is fast approaching so you better get a wriggle on if you haven't bought all your presents. For many people Christmas can be stressful while for others it is a time of reflection, forgiveness and peace.

May this Christmas bring peace to you and your home. We give thanks for the warmth of family and friends, for the gifts of love, and for the good in the world. May we share kindness with all we meet. May joy and hope be present in every greeting and every act of good will. Bless us with clean hearts and grateful spirits as we share this special time together.



Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee East Community Centre (30 Bruce King Drive, Boambee East) at 7.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

Club Fees: A joining fee of \$5.00 applies. Annual fees are \$45.00 for a Single Membership, \$50.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1st January each year for the calendar year. However, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

Club Newsletter: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Coffs Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of \$15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

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Rego Day 16th November 2025

Whilst multiple weather forecasts for this day were predicting high chances of rain (Of which I apologise for my concerns raised in an email), the weather turned out to be pleasant even with cloud cover overcast and sprinkles at one point.

It was a great turnout of cars for this day even though Kevin broke down in the Mercedes 250 on the way from Bellingen. There were many cars that I saw which I haven't seen before during my nearly two years of being in the club, which these include:

- Peter Albrecht's Ford A Model 4 Door Convertible
- A Buick Skylark Coupe
- John Williams Fiat 850
- A Red MG BGT
- Gavin and Pauline's recently bought Holden Special
- Eric's Ford Prefect Ute

I must also include there were some interesting motorcycles which came and went on this day, like a Honda Police 1000, Honda 250, and Kawasaki W.

The Sausage Sizzle by June and helpers was very delicious to have as morning tea, and you spare no expense at a bargain \$2. Thank you for providing the sausage sizzle to all June and those who put their hand up.

There were also other historic vehicles attending on the day, including a Mazda Miata, Toyota Crown, Mercedes 450 SL, Holden FJ Ute, Wolseley, Ford A Model Ute, Ford Mustang, Vauxhall DX, Lotus Elan, Holden Torana, Valiant 64/65, Triumph Dolomite Sprint and a Honda S800.

Members attending on this day I saw were Graham D, Andrew W and Alison K, Peter A, Gerry G, John and Lorraine L, Geoff and Leonie M, Glenn M, Alan and Chris S, Bob and Ronis D, Col and Brenda E, Jim F, Eric, June and Darren A, Leigh and Carol S, Gavin and Pauline W, Carol H, Ian B, Merv K, Brett M, Russell P, and John W. Apologies for anyone and cars who might be missed.

A great Rego day was held once again. Thankfully the rain I was concerned about came after our outing.

Article and Photos by Alfie A.Hambling.



Left: Rego Inspectors checking out the Ford A Model and Right: Holden FJ



Left: Carol's Lotus receiving higher ground clearance Right: More Men at Work, and changing a flat tire on the Ute too



Left: Honda Police 1000 and Right: Honda 250



Left: Gerry admires Gavin & Paulines new baby! Right: The O'Dwyer's Buick Sky Lark



Russell's Honda is a beaut addition to our club ranks



Left: Col and Brenda's Valiant Right: Darren brought the 1937 Vauxhall



Engine in the boot for John's Fiat! Where do you put your shopping, John?? Under the bonnet I guess...!



Jim sizing up the Andrews' ute... "It's Prefect..." he was heard to say...



Helen and Stuart get ready to depart in the MG Midget. Helen was piloting as Stuart is under Doctor's orders not to drive. Heal well Stuart!



The Editor wonders if the Ute will pass... it did, but a few bolts needed tightening!



Gavin was in the running for the "cleanest engine bay" award... if that was such a thing!



John's Fiat looks just as smart from the front



Peter's A Model passed with flying colours



June and Beth did a great job on the BBQ – thank you team!



A side view of Gavin and Pauline's new acquisition

Moira handled all the paperwork while Kevin remained with the stranded Merc back down the road. Thank you, Moira - the Club is lucky to have you!

As 2025 draws to a close, your Editor would like to thank all those who contributed to our little newsletter. Special thanks go to Gerry D, Hal M, Graeme W, Geoff M and..of course, our very own roving reporter, who has provided me with great support this year, Alfie H! Thank you, all!! Merry Xmas and looking forward to an excellent 2026!

Coffee run to Nana Glenn – 20th November

A fine sunny day greeted us for this drive, which is a stunning drive through the hinterland west of Coffs. The bush, forests and farms were green and lush. Lots of interesting discussions were had along with great food and coffee. Everyone was drooling over Alfie's sumptuous order while they had a modest piece of cake or slice. Alfie certainly enjoyed his snack.

Attendees were.

D Drury and A Hambling Rover, H and M Murray G and L Kane FJ Holden, B Milne Wolesley, G Wright MGB, P and N Bodium-Brown Ford Capri, H and B Henrichson International truck, M Egging

Report and photos by Hal 'Lush' Murray



HUMPY HOLDEN DAY AT THE BUMBER GALLERY SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025

Our club had two humpy holdens flying the flag for our club at this display, Hal's Standard 1954 sedan and Glenn's 1954 Ute. Glenn's ute received the trophy for the peoples choice. The WW2 bunker gallery is a great place for a visit if you have not been there. There is the history of the bunker, the cartoons, AND a great display of holdens.



Report and photo – Humpy Hal.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

DATE: Sunday 21st December

WHERE: Sawtell RSL

START TIME: 12 noon

RSVP: To Gerry by email- gdegabrielr@gmail.com
or ph 0402469160

Members are to pay for their own meals and place their own meal orders from the eatery.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Minutes -Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club

Thursday 4th December 2025

Meeting opened: 7 pm.

Attendance: As per Attendance Book= 28

Apologies: Geoff Maunder, Gerry De Gabriele, Jim Fisher, Graeme Wright, Leigh Stephens, Hans Hendrichsen

Visitor: Nil

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the November 2025 meeting.

Moved: M Murray

Seconded: Hal Murray

Carried

Guest Speaker: Nil

Business arising from October 2025 Minutes/AGM: - Dealt with in General Business

Correspondence In:

- 10 Magazines
- **Invites:** Goulburn Motorcycle swap meet, 22 March 2026
- Membership enquiries x 1
- First aide demo-St Johns
- Members emails
- Hall A/c for January
- Membership fees J Riddel and Glenn Campbell
- Receipt for CHMC membership

Correspondence Out:

- Reminder to members: x 3-events, membership fees renewals, rego day
- Sympathy card to John Hewitts family.

Correspondence Moved: Marg Murray

Seconded: Brett Moppett

Carried

Business arising from correspondence- Nil

Treasurers Report: -

Treasurers report was read to meeting by Treasurer.

Motion: It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, and all accounts/expenses be paid.

Moved: Pauline Woodward

Seconded: Rod Holmes

Carried

Events Reports

Past Events

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1st Andrew Winters Shed Gerry-Cancelled due to weather
- Thursday 6th-Club Meeting
- Sunday **16th**-Rego Day Mylestom (North Beach), Alma Doepel Reserve 8.30 start, BYO Morning Tea. It was a very successful day.

- Thursday 20th-Idle Inn for Coffee-Lovely venue and food as always.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Thursday 4th- Club Meeting
- Saturday 6th-Moonee Foreshore-Glen
- Thursday 18th-Butter Factory Coffee-Leigh
- Sunday 21st -Christmas Lunch Sawtell RSL-Gerry

JANUARY

- Thursday 15th Coffee North Beach Cafe Mylestom-Graeme
- Sunday 18th January Start of Year BBQ

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The management committee report: We will not pursue first aide training for members. New members will now receive a club badge on becoming a member. Membership discounts for Club Dinners (coming off membership) will not happen again. We need a new method.
2. Xmas lunch numbers to Gerry-Marg to send out email to all members. Thank you to Lorraine, June and Bo for organising the table decorations etc.
3. Marg to send out unpaid members reminder letters in December and a second letter to unfinancial members in January.
4. Beginning of year BBQ Jan 18th-The club will be holding a Welcome Back BBQ get together at John Bojarski's place on Sunday 18th January 2026. The club will supply meat/bread/tea/coffee etc. Members supply own drinks cutlery/plates and chairs. Marg will send out and email after Christmas seeking numbers etc.
5. Graham encouraged members to think about giving a short presentation at meetings e.g.any topic, travel trip or item of interest.
6. Greme Kane was given permission to borrow club tables.
7. Sadly, John Hewitt passed away this week. The funeral is a closed function.
8. Special thank you to all the Rego day helpers :inspectors, those doing the paperwork and BBQ helpers.

Vehicle Movements: Nil

Fines: Alfie Hambling x 2, Hans Henrichsen(even though he was absent), Graham Davey, William Lagettie, Graeme Kane, Lorraine and John Lansley, all those not wearing a badge.

Raffle Winners: 1 Rudi Hombergen. 2. Eric Andrews. 3. Lorraine Lansley

Next Meeting: Thursday 5th February 2026

Guest Speaker: to be advised

Supper for February: unknown at this stage

Meeting Closed at: 7.30pm

Secretary: Marg Murray

Chairperson: Graham Davey



As 2025 nears its conclusion, Geoff Maunder has submitted this reminder of the clubs 21st anniversary celebrations from 30 years ago!

DRIVING YOU AROUND THE BEND...
You can blame Geoff for these too!



Riding Lawnmower
\$300

BELT LOADS

I was reading Kit Spackman's comment on AI enforcement cameras (PC, June 2025). Despite the claim that Artificial Intelligence is supposed to be intelligent, I think the theory could be easily tested, what with owners being fined for driving cars that were never fitted with, and therefore don't legally require, seat belts.



I found the solution in this T-shirt with its special printed seat belt.

Steve Baggridge, via email

COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour
(100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use
northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- 1st Saturday outings depart **1.30pm**. Please take afternoon tea.
- 3rd Sunday outings depart **9.30am**. Please take morning tea and lunch.
- 3rd Thursday coffee runs depart **9.30am**.

- Please check individual run details for any variations. If you are not meeting at the designated start or running late, please notify the run organiser, just in case there is a change to the run plan, or the club needs to provide café attendance numbers.
- Please drive with consideration to other road users (so we do not create queues behind us).
- Leave a reasonable distance between vehicles.
- When coming to a turn, ensure the car behind you is aware of the turnoff.
- **H registered vehicles must have the "Permit to Operate" in the vehicle at all and a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.**

UPCOMING APPROVED CLUB EVENTS (no Log Book entry Required):

| DEC 25 | | |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Thursday 4 th | Club Meeting | Graham Davey |
| Saturday 6 th | Sat afternoon run to Moonee Foreshore | Glenn Campbell |
| Thursday 18 th | Coffee Run – Butter Factory at Bellingen | Leigh Stephens |
| Sunday 21 st | Christmas Lunch at Sawtell RSL | Gerry 0402 469 160 |
| JAN 26 | | |
| | **Note** - No Club meeting in January | |
| Thursday 15 th | Coffee Run – North Beach Café Mylestom | Graeme Wright |
| FEB 26 | | |
| Thursday 5 th | Club Meeting | Graham Davey |
| Saturday 7 th | Sat afternoon run to Jetty Foreshore | Leigh Stephens |
| Sunday 15 th | Morning tea at Bongil Bongil NP then Nambucca Golf Club for Lunch | Glenn Campbell |
| Thursday 19 th | Coffee Run – Beach House Café, Woolgoolga | Hal Murray |
| MAR 26 | | |
| Thursday 5 th | Club Meeting | Graham Davey |
| Saturday 7 th | Sat afternoon run to Urunga Foreshore | Jim Fisher |
| Sunday 15 th | Morning Tea Charlesworth Bay Reserve then Lunch at Aanuka Resort | Gerry De Gabriele |
| Thursday 19 th | Coffee Run – Secret Garden Café | Leigh Stephens |
| APR 26 | | |
| Thursday 2 nd | Club Meeting | Graham Davey |
| Saturday 4 th | No run – Easter weekend | |
| Thursday 16 th | Coffee Run – Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre | Hal Murray |
| Sunday 19 th | Morning Tea at Coramba Sports Fields then lunch at Golden Dog Hotel Glenreagh | Jim Fisher |

The NSW Ambulance has a webpage with a map showing publically available Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units: <https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/goodsam/locate-an-aed>



Upcoming events

Holden Show & Shine

Sunday 19th October

Humpy Day

Saturday 22nd November

Holden Show & Shine

Sunday 4th January 2026

All American Day

Saturday 28th February 2026

HSV Day

Sunday 29th March 2026

Holden Ute Show & Shine

Sunday 19th April 2026



**THE
BUNKER
GALLERY**

