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CROOKED CONROD RALLY



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Meetings: Visitors welcome

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the DDVVMC Clubrooms, 2 Rocla Court, Toowoomba.

Mailing address:

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Workshop

Workshop open

Monday nights from (approx) 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday afternoons from (approx) Ipm to 5pm.

Next General meeting

7.30 pm Thursday 13th November 2025

Next Management Committee meeting 7.00 pm Monday 17th November 2025

Next newsletter closing date

COB Wednesday 28th November 2025



Enjoy the Ride

By Trevor Hoffmann

Christmas is approaching fast and we have a couple of busy months ahead with the Christmas rally, Christmas BBQ at club house and volunteer work at Christmas lights in Queens Park. All details relating to these functions will appear in The Polishers Rag.

We have had toilet problems and are waiting for a plumber to return to rectify the problem which is somewhere near the main gate. They have to go down 1.2 metres to expose the pipe.

We have received one quote to close part of the verandah in to house the Hudson. A second quote is being worked on.

The Swap Meeting is on 7th and 8th of February 2026 and we urgently require you to volunteer for lots of jobs. I have worked at the swap for over fifty years and like a lot of other members cannot do as much as I used to. A list of supervisors for the various jobs will appear in the Polishers Rag so please contact them or any club executive member to lend a helping hand. Remember that a few hard days work gives us our club rooms and workshop. Please do the right thing and reduce the work load on our ageing workforce.



Could all Club Members please wear your Name Tags to all club functions and meetings so all members and especially new members can introduce themselves.



CROOKED CONROD RALLY REPORT

Numbers were down from all clubs due to extremely high temperature on the day.

The games were still enjoyed by all with the Dalby club being the overall winners on the day.

Cooyar town was a hive of activity as some 150 motorbike riders were in the town for the day.

Next year it will be Kingaroy's turn to host the rally.



Coming Events 2025

Friday 12th 6pm DDVVMC Christmas Tree social evening at the clubhouse. BBQ tea where all members have the chance to catch up with all club members. Prices to be advised.

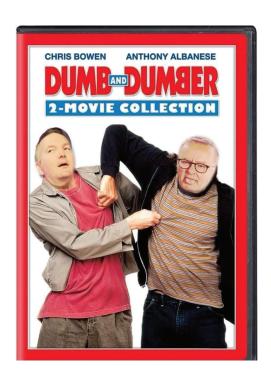
Sunday 14th December DDVVMC Christmas Rally and lunch \$15.00 per head (Oakey RSL) Meet at the clubhouse at 8.30am for a 9am start. Morning tea at Acland. Money needs to be paid to Treasurer or via Direct Deposit.

23rd November Scenic Rim Motor Club, Show N Shine/ Swap, Beaudesert Showgrounds. Contact: 0437 143 177





Please Note that the clubs Spray Booth is out of comission until further notice.



RALLY SUGGESTIONS



Ben Tanner our Rally Director welcomes from club members any suggestions or ideas of places to go to or things to see.

Ph: 0427 379 253

email: rally.ddvvmc.1@gmail.com



FROM THE LIBRARY

New Items on the shelves Generously donated by Len Kennedy.

Morris 1100 w/shop manual Label MORR 2397 Mazda 929 w/shop manual Label MAZD 2429 Bedford PCV, PCZ w/shop manual Label BEDF 2424 V.W. 40HP car w/shop manual Label SP2426 Valiant R, S, AP5, AP6, VC, VE, VF Label SP 2425 EH Holden w/shop manual Label HOLD 2433 Automobile starting, lighting & ignition systems Label ELEC 2421

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Toyota A40D, A42D, A403D repair manual Label TRAN 2408

Corolla 1100 Toyoglide Label TRAN 2405 Transmission Seminar Label TRAN 2395 Colt Galant Transmission W/S manual Label TRAN 2400

Borgwarner Auto. Tran. w/shop manual Label TRAN 22392

Transmission Seminar Label TRAN 2394
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Advanced transmission service Label TRAN 2393
G4A &CD4E overhaul Label TRAN 2422
Emission control serv. Manual Label TECH 2398
Fuel injection Label 2399

Renault MB1 & MJ3Techtran manual Label Tran 2428

Renault MB!, MJ2, MJ3, ML1 Label TRAN 2427 Lubrication Label LUBR 2409 Lubricants Label LUBR 2410

Lubrication Ref Guide Label LUBR 2411 Volvo construction & function part 2 Label VOLV 2412

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Zephyr 6 consul technical spec. Label FORD 2432 Victa mower & engine spare parts manual Label SMAL 2430

Nissan auto. Trans. W/Shop manual Label TRAN 2431

Engine performance diagnosis Label RECH 2396 In Restored Cars Number 292

American Automotive Industry 1893-1948, part 14 Pre WWII Coupe Body Styles in Aust-Vauxhall Pt. 1 Sydney to Melbourne in the 1920s, Part 1

Automotive disposals, Part 2

The Malcolm Moore Locomotives Aloha Wanderwell, Motoring Pioneer

Shell Oil in Australia During WWii, Part 5 Chevrolet Advertising, 1927

Inside Ford Australia, Bill Bourke, Muscle Car Era 1912 Buick Model 36 Roadster

Talbot swap meet, 2024

1927 Ford Model T Roadster

1938 Buick Series Forty All-Enclosed Coupe

1970 Chevrolet Constantia (A Holden Brougham)

1965 Ford Thunderbird Hardtop

1916 Chevrolet Series H 'Baby Grand'

1936 British Ford Model CX Coupe

Metcalf Holden Museum, Vic.

Resurrecting a 1933 SS1 Sports Coupe

1929 Greater Hudson Super Six Roadster Photo

1956 Ford Mainline

Bendigo All Holden & GM Day 2025

1934 International Motor Show, Melbourne, Vic





McFEETERS MOTOR MUSEUM, Forbes N.S.W

After 65 years of passionate collecting and over 20 years of running the well known, well respected McFeeters Motor Museum in Forbes NSW the McFeeters family are pulling the curtains closed for the very last time and undertaking a well earnt retirement

Burns & Co are delighted to be appointed the auctioneers for such a collection and the opportunity will be all yours on the weekend of 31st January and 1st February 2026

Approximately 50-60 motor cars of all makes, models and age along and including a select number of motorcycles... and even a vintage caravan approximately and even a vintage caravan approximately select number of motorcycles...

FROM THE HISTORIAN



A few months back, I wrote a story about a Willys Knight 'Plaidside" roadster which was supposedly sold in Toowoomba by Eagers,

This car was very much an elitist vehicle and only small numbers were produced in the United States.

Around 5 years ago, I wrote a number of articles about the Trevethan family who had a factory and sales outlet where the bus exchange is now located. The business was established in the late 1800s by Thomas Trevethan, a blacksmith who died in his forties. It was taken over by his sons Walter and Thomas who were teenagers at the time. They were probably supported by their mother.

The business was a body building concern in the horse drawn era. Thomas is credited with the building of one of Queensland's first cars, the Ly Ee Moon (around 1905). They also developed a successful bicycle manufacturing business. These bicycles were called T Cycles.

By about 1911 the business was sold and Walter managed another motor business in Margaret St before establishing a car sales business in Brisbane. Thomas fought in WW1 and later lived near Stanthorpe (Poziers).



The T Cycles part of the business appears to have survived. Bicycles must have been very popular during World War 1 times. Most of Toowoomba's population would have lived a fairly frugal existence and cars from this veteran era were quite expensive.

The next photo appears to be a celebration of the end of WW1 (around 1918). It shows Ruthven St looking south. The main part of the photo is between Margaret and Bell streets.

Looking at the buildings. The first one shown is GA MORTON. George Morton had what he called 'The Red Arcade' and sold 'fancy goods'. These were cheap things like bread knives, fly traps, alarm clocks etc. He also produced post cards and Views of Toowoomba.

Next is the T CYCLES business. You may notice a sign on the top of the building showing the OVERLAND name. At the time, Overland was one of the top selling car brands.

By this time, the T CYCLES business had diversified into cars as well.



As time progressed, more people could afford cars and the business must have gradually moved away from bicycles.

The ad below was published in 1929. At the time the business was known as the TOOWOOMBA MOTOR COMPANY with Mr J.T. Trousdell as its manager. It was still located In Ruthven St between Margaret and Bell Streets

This building probably survived until it was demolished to make way for the large Heritage building that was constructed in the eighties.



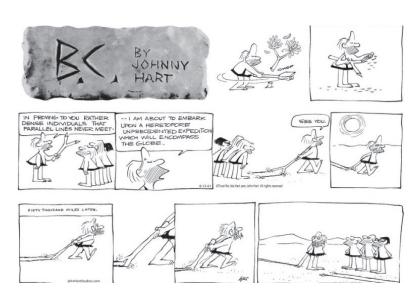
The next advertisement shows Eagers as the Brisbane Willys Knight dealer with Toowoomba Motor Company as the Toowoomba agent.

Around 1930, the agency left Ruthven St and moved to 216 Margaret St (Village Fair/ Grand Central). By 1935 it was taken over by Eagers.



I acknowledge the help provided by Peter Cullen of the Toowoomba Historical Society in compiling this article







Please ensure your mobile phone is Turned off - Silent or Do Not Disturb whilst the meetings are in progress,

The first official outing for the DDVVMC Hudson was the 18th October 2025 to help Wyreema State School celebrate their 130th Anniversary. The occupants were Harry Brazier (driver) and Len Cooling (passenger).





Other attendees were:- Keith Hoffmann (1959 Holden FC Special), Shane Hoffmann (1929 Rugby D40 Tourer) Ben Tanner (1917 Buick) Joe Ciantar (1928 Ford Model A Tourer)

OUR CLUB WELCOMES THREE NEW CLUB MEMBERS



Geoff Tenbrink receiving his membership badge



David Williams receiving his membership badge



Gil Bailey receiving his membership badge



Stuart Westerman receiving a 50 year membership badge

FROM OUR DDVVMC CLUB MEMBER

Featured Articles

DDVVMC club members Steve and Lauren Forster and Len and Rosemary Kennedy made the trek to Murray Bridge, South Australia for the running of the 2025 National Veteran Car rally. Rosemary and I decided to take an extra couple of days to complete the journey and have a look around towns and areas that previously we had bypassed or driven straight through.





As our toy hauler (trailer) is set up for off grid living we were able to take advantage of brilliant campsites (mostly free) set up and serviced by the local government of the area.

Nearing the end of the Hay Plain, with my limited hearing I heard what I thought was a rear axle bearing on the Land Cruiser tow vehicle starting to fail, hoping it would get us home. Little did I suspect the trailer wheel bearings.

As I didn't trust the trailer builder to do the job correctly I had repacked the wheel bearings before our last Veteran Car rally in North Queensland. When we contracted the trailer builder to build this trailer I specified what wheel offset, stud pattern, suspension type, brakes, etc. Not realising that an inferior overseas copy of the components was being sourced.

Our last day before the registration day for the rally was to be spent at the Birdwood Mill National motor Museum. Instead, I spent hours in the car park replacing a completely collapsed bearing. Being very limited with tools and equipment, the job was temporary to get us to Murray Bridge. We missed the second last day of the rally to drive to Adelaide to purchase a new hub, brakes for one axle and quality bearings and seals for the rest. The trailer component salesman was very knowledgeable and said these cheap imported bearings are absolute crap. Back in the Murray Bridge Caravan Park on our sandy/windy campsite I worked on a ground sheet and completed the repairs to both left axles.

The next day dawned extremely windy. The rally entrance headed to the Oakwood horse racing complex in the Adelaide Hills for lunch. With 70 km hour headwind on the low lands before the hills most of the one and two cylinder cars had to turn around and go back with the wind and abandon the formal activities for the day. As we were in our 1915 Model T Ford we had no issues. We continued on from Oakwood to Hahndorf and

had a great lunch in a historic German style pub. We were accompanied by other club members and visited Hans Heysen house and Gallery on our return journey. All the other participants had returned to camp so with no slow cars to hold us up on the hills and the wind behind us the old Ford cruised all the way back to Murray Bridge in top gear.

The Gala dinner that night brought another successful National Veteran Car rally to a close capping off a week of Veteran rallying and the Murray River paddleboat cruises. The biggest spectacle of all was the morning assembly of 120 cars and four motorbikes from all over Australia ranging in our age between 107 and 123 years old, some of them extremely rare cars and great examples of early automotive engineering from around the world.

We stayed in Murray Bridge an extra day to complete the repairs to the trailer before travelling to Swan Hill in Victoria to participate in the Veteran Car club of Victoria's 70th anniversary rally.

The Big Four caravan park on the banks of the Murray was rally headquarters. Many of us had campsites over-looking the water with a variety of waterbirds and watercraft passing by including one of the original paddle steamers the Melbourne.

The road bridges over the river had sections which lift to allow large vessels to proceed. Early one morning a large crowd gathered to witness the Melbourne passing under the bridge close to our camp. The next day the Melbourne was moored at our lunch spot upstream. We were invited on board by the owner. He had been a veteran and classic car owner but had sold them all to buy the boat.

Some of our members had purchased a vehicle from him.

A record number of entries were received for this rally, 114 in total as it was organised to follow on from the national rally.

The number of cars multiplied by at least two created a logistical nightmare for the organisers like catering and getting across the river three cars at a time on a punt, 40 people at



a time to see the "Heartbeat of the Murray" laser light show etc. Credit goes to Michael and Claudia Holding for pulling off this seemingly insurmountable feat. Every day the cars would line up in the street outside the caravan park for a briefing. Once again a spectacle with over 100 gleaming brass cars from a big Benz to a tiny Italian made 1906 single cylinder Peugeot which had participated in the first rally 70 years ago. Most days two groups would head in different directions with a different set of excellent rally route instructions all meeting for lunch. The roads were very Veteran friendly, there is no hill in Swan Hill. The farewell gala dinner took place in the beautiful art deco City Hall.

After all the goodbyes to our Veteran motoring friends and the Model T occupying the bedroom in the trailer we set off for home arriving incident free.

Len and Rosemary Kennsdy



1905 Argyll made in Scotland



1904 De Dion Bouton



1909 Renault



1906 Peugeot Bebe



WORKSHOP TECH TALK

NITROGEN

Nitrogen in tyres, advantages and disadvantages.

Nitrogen keeps the tyres running cooler .We tested it out on two racing HQ Holdens racing nose to tail for 10 laps of Warwick's Morgan Park Raceway. One had nitrogen, the other had normal air. The tyres on the HQ with normal air raised 10 PSI.

The tyres on the HQ with nitrogen raised 4 PSI as they ran cooler.

Tyre life on a vehicle doing high highway miles is increased as they run cooler with nitrogen.

The molecules in nitrogen are much larger than those of oxygen rich air so pressure loss is minimal with nitrogen. Air pressure decreases in tyres over time. Where does the air go? The answer is, it seeps through the carcass of the tyre depositing molecules of oxygen rich moisture around the steel belt causing oxidisation of the steel. As the tyre heats on highway runs the moisture turns to steam. The power of the steam breaks the bond between the rubber and the corroding steel resulting in delamination or tread separation.

A delaminating tyre is not only dangerous, it can also do a great deal of damage to the vehicle.

Most tyre shops sell nitrogen but not many install it correctly. To be 100% effective all the air should be evacuated, (the tyre placed under a vacuum) then filled with nitrogen.

Tyre pressure needs checking less frequently with nitrogen. If topping up is required return to where the nitrogen was installed. A good tyre shop will check and top up free of charge for the life of the tyre.

If your vehicle requires a puncture repair and nitrogen isn't available, return to the tyre shop that installs nitrogen correctly at a time that's convenient for the tyre to be refilled with nitrogen,

Len Kennedy









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SEWING MACHINE FOR TENDER

Our new Typical sewing machine has been used a few times and seems to be going very well. I have worked with a couple of people on some small jobs. This machine's great advantage is that you can vary the speed. Novices should start at a slow pace.

We bought our other machine (a BROTHER) in the early nineties. From memory it was purchased before moving to Rocla Crt. I reckon I've (in conjunction with Lynne) done six or seven jobs over those years.

Even though this machine is getting a bit long in the tooth it hasn't done all that much work. The club doesn't need two machines so we need to move the BROTHER on.

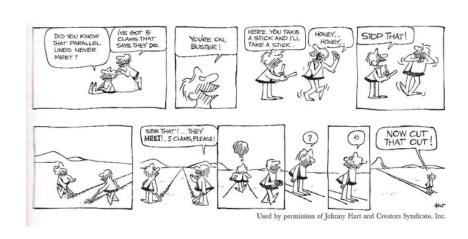
Our club policy is to offer anything we no longer need, firstly to club members using a tender system. The highest tender may not be accepted if it doesn't reach a certain value. In this instance, the club may decide to put the machine on the open market.

If anyone is interested in the BROTHER machine, written offers should be submitted to the secretary before the November Management meeting which will probably be held on Monday 19th November. Anyone wishing to look at this machine can contact me.

Pat Murphy 0428 746 272

When you finally find the person you're supposed to be with





To all of our club members having a Birthday in November





AROUND THE WORHSHOP ON A WEDNESDAY



Pat Murphy teaching Geoff Tenbrink welding and fabricating a new expansion chamber for his motorbike



The second secon

More hands helping with Jeff Cox's bodywork on his Morris Z Ute



Max Murphy made this trim panel on the club's new scewing machine



Errol Ward and Peter Hatch in the workshop



Ben Tanner on the lathe



New horse power for the Ute



Thomas from the Endeavour workshop fixing the bandsaw



Pat Murphy injecting rust proofing into Jeff Cox's body frame



Jeff Cox and Len Richardson in the workshop



Helping hands in the workshop



1967 Ford Ranchero ute

No rust with bodywork is gun barrel straigh 289 auto, fully replaced front end, plus spare new front end, new shocks all round and a new headliner in a box.

Rebuilt exhausts plus a spare tailgate Drives very well and is on Historical plates One look will surprise you with its unreal condition

Inspection is a must see.
No phone deals or online deals
Phone Pete 0403 646 869 for appointment to view







1986 Jaguar Sovereign Series 3 Sedan

Light Blue Metallic Exterior Light Coloured Leather Interior 4.2 litre, 6 Cylinder engine 105,000 mileage and garaged in Toowoomba





Contact Susan Hill Email: brisyhill@bigpond.com



Project Car for Sale

VW Explorer, fibre glass body, good condition

1971 VW rust Free floor pan, good condition

Torsion bar front suspension with disc brakes

4 universal rear suspension

Motor in running condition

New brake master Cylinder & front callipers

Good seats. Good instruments

Commodore dash, partly done, some spares

Can be fully registered or club rego

Car in Toowoomba area.



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4 speed manual 71000 klms., White with black upholstery, excellent condition, new tyres, battery, seat belts, fuel pump, brake master cylinder, brake lines, brake shoes, carpets, dash top, parcel shelf, distributor cap and rotor, points and plugs, leads, new brake fluid, oil and oil strainer, new oil seals, refurbished carby and front brake calliper.

\$44,900.00 ono Mob 0429063723. Kenn Jones







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1961 Triumph Herald

This is a fastidious, ground up rebuild project which has been in a closed garage for the last 16 years. It is a rolling chassis with rebuilt engine installed. The body has been sanded and primed and comes with a removable hard top roof. Most of the really hard work has been done.

There are ceramic coated extractor pipes, chrome rocker cover and other numerous parts that have been acquired over many years - it is most likely that all parts needed to complete the restoration are in the accompanying boxes of spares, etc. There are also some parts in other locations that are included in the package - two doors, a roll cage and four wheel trims.

The asking price is \$3,000 and it is located in Brisbane. Price is negotiable on viewing the car and parts. If you are interested in a very inexpensive rebuild please contact Peter Dux on duxyboy@hotmail.com or ring on 0407 742 167.





1973 VW Beetle in very good condition, 80,000kms, repainted 2023. new tyres on american chrome wheels. Lots of extras including the 4 original wheels with hub caps and dress rims. \$26,000.00

Contact Allan 0418 77 2114







IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PARTS FOR YOUR RESTORATION, ADVERTISE HERE.

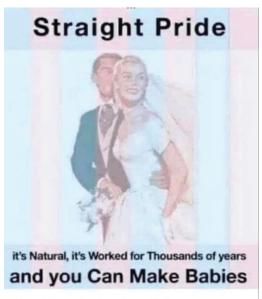
Spare wheel for a EJ Holden sedan. Contact: Noel Campbell 0427 357 244

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Free ads will be run for three (3) consecutive issues, and then be removed, unless notified to continue. The number below the ad is the number of editions left. Editor

Never fear Canada: Captain Tampon is here!!!







It's Okay to be Straight

Itch 2 Stitch Sewing Group Sewing, crafting & good company, Itch 2 Stitch meets at the

Sewing, crafting & good company, Itch 2 Stitch meets at the clubrooms once a month for a day of sewing & creativity.

Starting at 9 am, BYO morning Tea

November Monday 17th

For further enquiries: Marion Chapman m: 0438 359 235

JP service for members

Bob Chapman $0427\ 539\ 394$

Michael Robinson 0409 340 986

Keith Lawrence 46 370 949

Andrea Mathies 0407 768 575

Any non urgent JP business for club members could be arranged for the monthly club meetings.

Direct deposit details

Account name	Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club Inc Cheque Account or DDVVMC Club Cheque Account
Account no.	530406
Bank	Westpac, Ruthven St, Toowoomba
BSB	034221
Reference	Your membership no. & purpose (eg: March rally)

DDVVMC Merchandise

40 yr car decal	\$2	Toowoomba City Centenary Rally Grille Badge	\$5
Cloth badge 70mm x 45mm	\$2	DDVVMC Metal Car badge	\$32.50
Club shirts	Visit Totally Workwear in Prescott Street to purchase your shirt, and get the club logo embroidered on.		

See the club Librarian for any of these items.