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**COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB
INC.**

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**Brad Riley's lovely 'mid-night blue' Jaguar at rest in front of Château Bojarski,
Orara Valley Run, Sunday 24th March**

COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

2023-2024

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Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee Hall 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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Vince's epic ride – our March meeting's guest speaker!

The guest speaker at our March meeting was Vince Cicciari. Vince's tale of his epic ride on a Honda CB175 was very entertaining.

For those who missed the meeting, or want to read more about this amazing journey, Gerry & Vince have provided this article from AV Rider Magazine.

<https://advertiser.com.au/>

Enjoy!

Vince Cicciari immigrated to Melbourne Australia in 1962 at the age of 10 with his family. After leaving school he decided to travel and after living in London for a few years chose to return to Australia to be closer to the family he was missing. It looked like a good idea to fly to Perth for a look around before returning to Melbourne. This was a decision that would have more impact on his life than he could ever imagine. Only days after landing in Perth, Vince met a young Novocastrian lass visiting the city and was swept off his feet. Today, Carmel and Vince are retired and loving family and life.

While in Perth Vince scored a job in the mines at Mount Newman 1200 kms north. This is when the Honda CB175 came into his life. Carmel's girlfriend had one for sale and Vince needed transport. \$800, instructions on where the clutch brake and gearshift were, and the 1972 Honda wobbled and weaved its way on Hwy 95 towards the Pilgara. Having never ridden a motorcycle, and making the 1200kms in one piece, Vince thought it would be a good idea to get a licence. After a figure of 8 in the local police yard with the local constable saying, "That was pretty shit-house", the paper work was filled out and all was legal.

1973, and Vince had finished up in Mt. Newman and was on his way to Melbourne to meet up with his family and Carmel. The Nullarbor was unsealed in those days, and being May, he had to stop often to tighten his load and light a fire to warm up. He even hit an emu which the little Honda took in its stride. After Melbourne the bike was parked in Dad's garage while the other romance continued. 1984 and Vince saved the CB from the roadside tip as dad had had enough of it being in the shed and in the road. Once again registered it was used as a run around in their new town of Cabargo

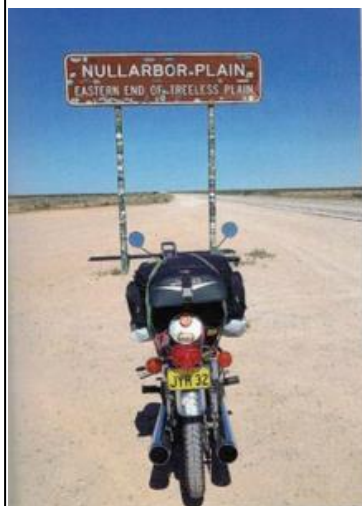


NSW where Vince and Carmel had. Not long after Vince had the frigid life while riding home from the K hospital where his daughter Mali just been born, a blow out and a tank slapper was enough and the was parked once again.

As the years passed, David was family grew and addresses changed the bike followed always under a the corner of each garage. Then Sawtell NSW covid hit. This gave chance to reunite with the dream day riding the Nullarbor again.

In early February 2023 Vince had CB175 purring again after rebuilt the carbs, fitting chain, sockets, new tyres. Then came the accessories: a mobile phone mount and bicycle computer graced the handlebars; a USB cable hung from under the handlebars; Some occy straps and a Moto Dr on the back with a long-range fuel tank which consisted of a 2 litre drum and the taillight bracket.

Then the riding outfit was sorted full-face helmet was needed as a was unavailable for his original 1 Bell, a nice leather coat was found Gumtree, some automotive gloves comfortable shoes, wet weather gear and all was set.



On the 13th of February, a loaded Vince dipped his toes in the Pacific Ocean at Sawtell N.S.W headland, said goodbye to Carmel, and wobbled and weaved his way out of town, destination Perth.

Settling into the twisties in the first 100kms up Waterfall Way all felt good until at Ebor the clouds rolled in and the temperature dropped. The plastics came off as the weather had cleared by Armidale and that was the last rain Vince would see for the rest of the trip.

Day 1 over (564km done) at Gilgandra. After leaving town the next morning, the Honda had a cough and spluttered to a halt. Some wire wriggling, enough to get going and find a shady tree to park under, and out came the tools. A faulty wire to the condenser was found and repaired. The next few days blurred as Vince and the little Honda blazed across the landscape in over 40 deg heat. The only thing

Right: Nullarbor Road House 2023.
Below right: Nullarbor roadhouse 1973 same bike.

to slow him were the onlookers when stopping for fuel and food, then drama at Port Augusta stopped again, but it was Vince who had succumbed to dehydration and needed a rest.

Ceduna, Norseman, Merriden came and went as the long-range tank was used between stops. Scarborough and nine days later Vince waded in the Indian ocean. Being very proud of his achievement of planning his trip, and making it to Scarborough, the realisation of getting back home had not really been thought of. After investigating road shipping the bike home, which required a crate and insurance etc, and then there was getting to an airport and booking the flights back home, nah! Vince decided to ride back home. Out came the tools again, and the CB175 was being freshened up, valve clearances checked, oil change, new rear tyre, upgrade to a 5-litre fuel container.

Headed back east on the Nullarbor, the memories from 50 years back of the cold and gravel on this very bike came flooding back and it was a welcome stop at the Nullarbor Road House.

The original has been bypassed but Vince was able to ride out to the old site, get a few snaps, and reminisce. Refuelling at Ceduna, a fellow enthusiast with an old Kawasaki in the back of his ute spotted the 175 and asked Vince where he was going. "Sawtell NSW". Where have you been? "Perth"

After a pause to take this in, old mate slapped Vince on the back and called him a Fing legend.

With a spring in his step Vince kicked



the little Honda over and roared off down the road. For the next 5 days, 500 to 600kms per day were covered, Kimba to Broken Hill, Cobar and Gilgandra, with a few nights spent under the stars in the K mart tent and sleeping bag living the dream.

Home to a nice home cooked meal at 17 days and 8370kms, with a cruising speed of 80 to 90kph, fuel range from a standard tank of 200kms, no heated grips no screen, no airhawk or similar, no long range tank other than a plastic container no special tyres, no backup other than Carmel checking his progress, no earplugs bluetooth etc, just the enthusiasm of a 21 year old in a 71 year old body.

Each time I throw a leg over my well kitted adventure bike on a trip, I can't think how it will shrink in comparison to what Vince has achieved.

You're a real Fing Legend Vince.

2024 VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUST. (VIC) 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY

Jenny and I recently attended the RACV 1 & 2 cylinder Hub Rally in Echuca Vic, our first outing in our 1911 Model F Brush. The destination featured great roads for veterans (i.e. flat) and lots to see and do including an eclectic collection of memorabilia at the Great Aussie Beer Shed and Heritage Farm Museum, a paddle steamer cruise and a visit to the Torrumbarry weir on the Murray River where we learned about some of the work of the Murray -Darling Basin Authority.



1899 Di Dion Bouton



1916 Indian motorcycle outfit



Our 1911 Brush Model F

There were some very interesting and rare cars these included an 1899 Di Dion Bouton (I know some will say it should be a 'De' not a 'Di' but that's what the plaque on the dashboard said). The unusual seating arrangement stands out, a new take on back seat drivers! The car ran very smoothly.

Another interesting car was a 1909 Schacht high wheeler, an American car designed for rural roads with wagon wheels. A very rare one was the 1903 Carlton, a British car of 9 HP and the only one in existence. It's engine rotates counter clockwise, the same odd arrangement as the Brush Marque.



1903 Carlton forming dinner backdrop



1909 Schacht highwheeler buggy

My favourite bike was the 1916 Indian, 1000 cc the same capacity as our Brush and wow did it get along. The bike was purchased new by the current owner's grandfather and restored by himself and his father.

Our first outing went reasonably well for a car that had not been rallied for around 10 years, we both really enjoyed the experience, and the Rally organisers deserve credit for a great Rally. The furthest it had been in our ownership was around the block! We picked up a flat tyre on day 2 and fine cracks in the cylinder manifested themselves in coolant leaks. Still, in all other respects the car ran well and was happy sitting on about a smooth 35 kmh. Some more work to do in order to be ready for the 2025 Brush rally in Albany, WA though! *Glenn Campbell.*



Glenn and Jenny's Brush beside a similar example on the rally

Run to Bellingen Butter Factory - Sunday 17 March

Sunday 17 March saw a run to the Butter Factory at Bellingen for lunch, via a morning tea stop at Bongil Bongil Picnic area. The weather forecast for the day predicted heavy showers and potentially thunderstorms during the afternoon. As a result, most of the day's attendees did not venture out in their special elderly vehicles. It was overcast at the Airport assembly point, but no rain. At that time some 25 people had notified as attending, with some proceeding direct to Bongil or the Butter Factory. Thus, there were only six or seven vehicles to set out from the Airport.

We arrived at Bongil to meet up with those going direct and set up under cover at the picnic area. In all there were 17 at Bongil, enjoying a very pleasant time, and without any rain. Wendy Fisher announced that it was Jim's birthday, so we were all treated to "birthday muffins".



Club members assembled at Bongil Bongil Picnic Area and ready for Muffin time!!

Following morning tea, we proceeded to the Butter Factory for lunch and joined up with the remainder of the group. Reserved tables had been set aside for us however the numbers had swelled a little and an extra table was required. The staff did an excellent job with food and drinks arriving without much delay. The weather remained kind to us, and the sun even came out for a period. There was much merriment and it appeared that all present had a good time.



Proceedings continuing at Bellinghen Butter Factory – if there is one thing to be said about our club - it's that you won't starve!!



Those attending included Franklin x 2, Andrews x 2, Riley x 2, Drury x 2, Fisher x 2, King x 4, Murray x 3, De Gabriele x 2, Stephens x 2, Maunder x 2, Dixon x 2, Jan Ryan, Judy Rydel, Wright x 2, Lansley x 2, Hutchings x 1 and Eggins x 2. The final tally was 34 attendees, which was a very good turnout. As mentioned, there were only a limited number of older vehicles, and due to the large number of vehicles at the Butter Factory carpark, it was difficult to ensure that all our vehicles were sighted. However, the following were observed, including three Rovers, a Toyota, a Torana, and a Ford Ute. Apologies for any missed.

Graeme Wright

Coffee Run to The Boatshed Café, Nambucca Heads – Thursday 21st March 2024

A very poor roll up for our run to Nambucca Heads. I presume the forecast for inclement weather put most people off. It was drizzling at the Airport when we left, but by the time we got to the Café it was fine and sunny. As usual, the Coffee, food and service at the Boatshed was great.

Leigh Stephens

Attendees and vehicles: Leigh Stephens – Mazda Miata, John and Lorraine Lansley – Holden Torana, Hal and Margaret Murray – Modern, Brad Riley – Modern



Orara Valley Run - Sunday 24th March

A bit of drizzly weather never hurt anyone, and with this in mind, 16 members assembled at Coffs Showground and placed themselves under starters orders at 1000 hours precisely. The starter was, of course, Mr John Bojarski, who distributed route directions and instructed us to synchronise watches. Then we were off, with the A Model leading the way (as A Model's so often do!). A beaut drive through the Orara Valley followed by reconvening at Coramba. A brief pit stop here and then on to John and Lorraine's lovely property on Eastbank Road. A quick cuppa was permitted before we were asked to assemble at the bottom paddock to partake in the next item on the agenda – a gymkhana. John roared twice through the twisty circuit he had marked out in the Dolomite, clocking up a scintillating time of 1 min 50 dead. The A Model was next but couldn't match this time, finishing in 1 min 57 seconds. John L then brought the Torana down. Wisely, he decided that the raw Holden power was going to be too much for the damp paddock and turned in a sedate single lap. For extra aerodynamic effect, he left his boot unlocked which flapped up and down as he made his way around the course, no doubt applying more downforce to the rear wheels – very cunning John.

John B then demonstrated “auto polo”, requiring 1 x English sports saloon, 1 x gullible Editor, 1 x soccer ball and 1 x pool skimmer – I’ll leave the outcome to your imagination!

Proceedings then became more relaxed as we went back to John’s shed for a BYO picnic / BBQ lunch. Thanks John for a fun day and I am pleased to see the Events committee have a rerun planned for May 19th. Hopefully we see a good turnout of club cars – after all, our old cars are not just for cluttering up coffee shop carparks!
Andrew Winter.

Attending: Geoff & Leonie Maunder – Wolseley, John & Lorraine Lansley – Torana, Brad Riley & Sharon – Jaguar, Carol Horner – Lotus, Andrew & Alison – Model A Ford, John & Lorraine Bojarski – Dolomite, Bob Dixon – Volvo, Jim & Wendy Fisher – modern, Eric & June Andrews – modern.



Line up in front of Coramba Fire Shed



Alison enjoyed a ride in Brad’s Beautiful Jag



Great to see Carol in the Lotus



John L shows how it’s done



The 94 year old A Model seemed to enjoy a bit of sport!

Auto Polo..... it's a thing!



Auto polo – 2024 style

Auto polo was a brief craze in the 1910's to 1930's. It was extremely dangerous and generally used obsolete Model T Ford chassis. More about this crazy sport can be found at the web links below – even a YouTube video showing some original footage!



Auto polo – 1914 style

Web Links:

- <https://steampunk.wonderhowto.com/news/auto-polo-most-steampunk-sport-isnt-steampunk-0141421/>
- <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6574387/Death-defying-sport-dangerous-undertakers-delight-Auto-polo-original-demolition-derby.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubyQ6bQ0-ok>

**MINUTES for the Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Veteran,
Vintage and Classic Car Club - Thursday 4th April 2024**

Meeting opened: 7.00 p.m.

Attendance: As per Attendance Book=24

Apologies: Jan Ryan, Moira and Kevin Franklin, John and Lorraine Lansley, Grant Rigby & Graham Davey.

Guests: Alfie and Alan Hambling

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the MARCH 2024 meeting.

Moved: William Lagettie

Seconded: Hal Murray Carried

Business arising from March 2024 Minutes: - Nil

Correspondence In:

- 10 Magazines
- Invites- Great Lakes Auto Club Motorfest June 9th in Tuncurry, Chrysler 19th May in Corindale, Tamworth Rally 18th/19th May
- Enquiry. Re Hall fees, Swap Meet, Magazines for sale.
- Generic email from President re Rally Trial runs, Butter Factory run.
- Bellingen show committee.
- National Trust-re available grants

Correspondence Out:

- Return emails re Swap Meet, magazines for sale.
- Bellingen Show committee.
- Reminder re membership payments for 2024
- Reply re Hall Hire

Moved: Marg Murray

Seconded: H Murray

Carried

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was read to meeting.

Motion:

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

Moved: Graham Kane

Seconded: Judy Riddel

Carried

Event Reports:

March

- Sun 17th- Butter Factory/Graeme-34 Members attended (a record according to Graeme W). Food was very good, and weather was great.
- Thurs 21st- Coffee Run to Boat Shed/Leigh-Six stalwart members attended and had a very pleasant morning tea.
- Sun 24th-Rally Trial Run /John-Run was a bit of fun and a good day was had by all who attended.

Up Coming Events

APR

- Thurs 4th Club Meeting/Geoff
- Sat 6th Afternoon tea Moonee Beach/Gerry
- Thurs 18th Coffee Run to Beach House Whoopi/Gerry-contact Gerry if planning to attend.
- Sun 21st- Run to Urunga for lunch at pub/ Graeme-contact Graeme if planning to attend.
- Sat 27th-Coffs Show/Geoff

May

- Thurs 2nd Club Meeting/Geoff
- Sat 4th-Bongil Bongil/Leigh
- Sun 5th-Bellingen Show/Kevin and Moira
- Thurs 16th-Coffs run Sandy Beach House Café/Jim
- Sun 21st -John Bojarski's property/Hal

General Business:

1. New Member: Motion: - Alfie Hambling be accepted as a new member of the club.

Moved: Brett Moppett

Seconded: John Bojarski

Carried

2. Hub Rally 2024 Committee- moving along well, run trial was a success.
3. Nominations for committee positions for 2024/2025 are available from secretary and included in Splutter.
4. Steve Heelis donated some books for members to read.
5. Graeme Wright spoke about a 1955 Wolsley (advertised for sale in the Splutter).
6. Graham Kane informed the meeting that Grant Rigby is very ill.

Presentation by: Dave Morrow. The meeting was treated to an awesome presentation from Dave about his Racing, Rally Driving and Hill Climb racing over many years. He has raced in the big races like Bathurst Hardie Ferodo, Phillip Island, Winton and Catalina Park to name a few. Some of the cars he has raced are as follows; 203 Peugeot, 1964 Mini Cooper, Nova Sports car, 1968 Datsun 1600, 1965 Nissan Silvia, **1975 Gemini Coupe**, 1975 SR Torana, 4 Door Gemini, 1978 Escort, 1980 Falcon and many more! It was a trip down memory lane for some of us to a different time in car racing. Thanks to Dave for sharing his racing career with the club members.

Vehicle Movements: Nil

Raffle Winners: 1st Hal Murray 2nd Marg Murray 3rd Peter Bodium (thanks William for your donation)

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd May 2024

Guest Speaker May: Kevin and Moira Franklin

Supper for May: Andy Taylor, William Legette

Meeting Closed at: 8 pm

Secretary – Marg Murray

Chairperson – Geoff Maunder

Notice of meeting - 2024 Annual General Meeting CHVVCCC

The Annual General Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club Inc will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at the Boambee Memorial Hall, 579 Pacific Highway Boambee at 7.15 PM.

CLUB REGALIA

Item	Price
CHVVCC Car Badge (2 holes)	\$15 ea.
Car Badge blue	\$ 5 ea.
CHVVCC Club Ribbon	\$10 ea
Name Badge	\$ 1 ea
CHVVCC Stickers	\$ 0.50 ea

FOR SALE

Old car magazines – as per list below

I was wondering if anyone at your club would be interested in them - hopefully at \$50 or near offer.
Thank you. Peter, Raleigh, 0458 060 005

<i>Unique Cars</i>	<i>Unique Cars (cont)</i>
1985 – May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep	2006 – Jan; 2012 - Mar
1986 – Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Oct, Nov	Just Cars May& Jul 2002; Aug& Nov 2004: Apr 2006, May 2008, Apr & Oct 2012, Jan 2013,
1987 – Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Sep, Nov, Dec	Restored Cars – Jan & Feb 1990
1988 – Jan, Mar, May, Jun, Jul, Sep, Oct, Dec	Veteran & Vintage – Aug 1979
1989 – Jan, May, Oct, 1990 – Mar, May.1991 - Nov	Old Motor – Aug 1981



**Nomination Form
2024-2025 CHVVCC Committee**

Position nominated for:

Nominee

Nominated by.....(Name and signature)

Seconded by..... (Name and signature)

Signature of nominee.....

Date / / 2024

Return to Secretary. by: 23.05.2024

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 departs **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 times.**
- **H registered vehicles should carry a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

CLUB APPROVED EVENTS. NO LOGBOOK ENTRY REQUIRED

APRIL 24		
Thursday 4 th	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 6 th	Afternoon Tea at Mooney Beach	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 18 th	Coffee run – Beach House Woopi	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 21 st	Run to Urunga for lunch at Pub	Graeme 0408 245 113
Saturday 27 th	Coffs Show / Grand Parade - Details TBC	TBC
MAY 24		
Thursday 2 nd	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 4 th	Afternoon Tea at Bongil Bongil	Leigh 0413 481 361
Thursday 16 th	Coffee run –Sandy Beach House Café	Jim 0481 131 551
Sunday 19 th	Gymkhana day at Bojarskis, Coramba	Hal 0448 883 244
JUNE 24		
Saturday 1 st	Afternoon tea at Red Rock	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 6 th	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 16 th	Change over Dinner – details TBC	TBC
Thursday 20 th	Coffee run – Beachstone Café, Sapphire Beach	Jim 0481 131 551