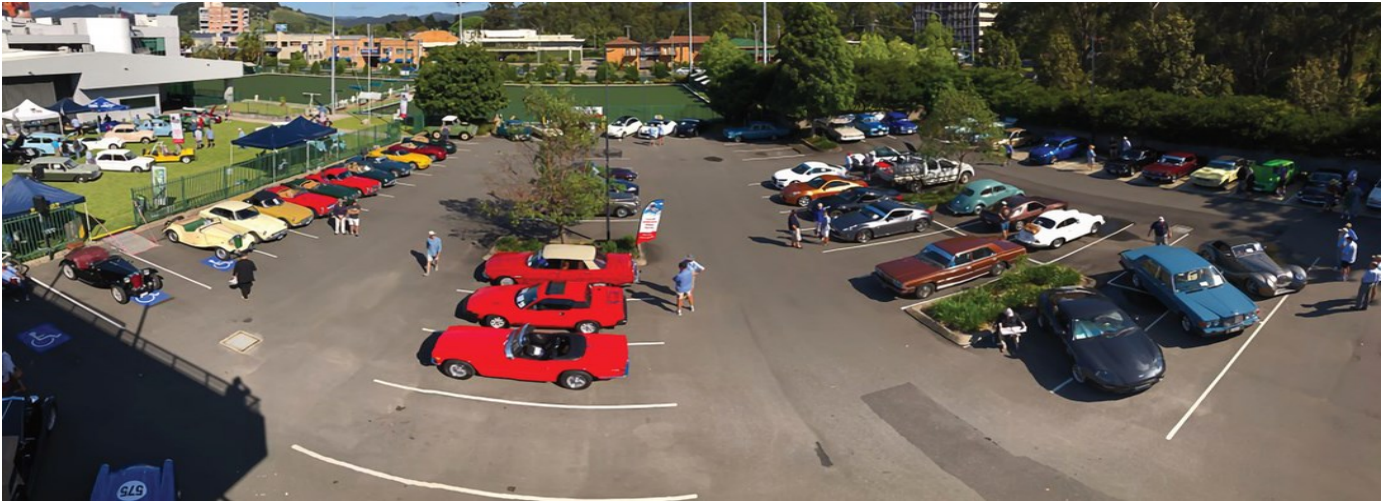


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MICHAEL GUYMER— NEWSLETTER EDITOR

An Important Message From Your Committee

Dear Fellow Members,

We are writing to you as your club needs your assistance.

At our last monthly meeting our current Secretary and Treasurer gave notice that they would not be able to stand for re-election at the AGM in August. We are required by the clubs Rules of Operation to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one Management Committee position.

That means we effectively need only 5 members (or 6%) of our current 76 membership, to continue to operate. The problem is a small percentage of the membership have been carrying these important roles within the car club for many years now and we need to refresh our committee.

Our club has always been “*More than just a car club*” and with such a long history, it is in every member’s best interest for the car club to continue to grow and prosper. However, this cannot be done unless the work required to meet our obligations as an Intra-Club of C.ex Coffs, and enjoy the many financial benefits this provides, is shared more equally within our membership.

As we are about to enter our 25th club year, it is timely we look towards our August AGM. We are now seeking help from members who have the time and energy to take on the required roles, or have the time and are willing to learn, with full support being provided by members leaving the roles. The current Committee jobs are now much simpler and less time consuming than before, thanks to the introduction of three club laptops, on-line banking, and an active website. Many other changes are also being considered to further remove or reduce existing administration.

Please remember if we cannot fill Committee positions the club cannot continue and we will lose the benefits of such a great club.

If you are able to help or would simply like to discuss any roles without obligation, please contact the President, Pat O’Carroll on 0448 017 048.

Regards,

Your Committee



SECRETARY'S ROLE

Equipment

ASUS i5 Laptop with all the required software is supplied.

Correspondence

Check car club emails regularly.

Inward and outward correspondence is mainly by email, we receive/send very little mail by letter/post.

Emails received can be simply processed in just one of three ways.

Reply directly to the sender if a general enquiry (Copy to Committee)

Forward to the Office Bearer responsible to action or respond (Copy to Committee)

File electronically in laptop if no action required

Monthly Committee and General Meetings

Prepare Agenda – There is a standard template for the meeting which rarely changes, so it is just a matter of updating with any new items submitted.

Recording Minutes - This can be done by simply overwriting on the Agenda

SUPPORT

There will be 2 members who held this position in the past allocated to provide support and back up in the case of any absences.

TREASURER'S ROLE

Equipment

ACER i5 Laptop with all the required software is supplied.

Banking

Most banking is now completed on-line and has substantially reduced the amount of cash handling.

Only Busy Periods

Membership renewals in August

Christmas party in December

Recording and Balancing

Reconcile the bank statement monthly and prepare a report to present at monthly meetings

Reconcile banking for financial year ended 30th June and prepare a report for C.ex Coffs audit

Annual Club Grants Application

This requires extra time and input and is always supported by another members with experience.

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MEMBERSHIPS

PLEASE NOTE;

An existing unofficial supporting role is in place (and will be continuing), to manage all new membership applications, including approvals, fee payments, organising of club badges, maintenance of the membership register and welcome letter to new member etc.

This substantially reduces the demands of both the Secretary and Treasurer.

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Russell & Judy Phemister
Life Members August 2024

CEX COFFS CAR CLUB EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

SELF TRAINING MODULE FOR ALL MEMBERS



The car club emergency procedures have been restructured and reduced to one page.

Six important “Need to Know” topics have been selected and are supported by six short training videos.

As with all activities in the car club, participation is not compulsory, however this new procedure will provide those club members wishing to improve and retain their knowledge of the emergency procedures with ready access to a user-friendly self-training module.

The procedure is accessed from the **Car Club Website**.

Open the “Emergency Procedure” page and there are instructions explaining how to access the Self-Training videos.

Regular follow up by Committee, including feedback from participants, will be conducted at monthly club meetings.

KNOW THE DOCTORS ABCD ACTION PLAN "DRSABCD"

St John Ambulance Video – Duration 3 Minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBDk_dlzvaQ

KNOW YOUR CLUB EQUIPMENT – CUSTODIAN, LOCATION AND OPERATION

AED Authority Video – Duration 5 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-uHeD4Icq0>

KNOW HOW TO DO CPR

Victor Chan Video – Duration 4 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Plse2FOkV4Q>

KNOW CORRECT CHEST COMPRESSIONS - BEATY METRODOME

Medical Feedback Technologies – Duration 3 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ntm4b4TCz50>

KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THE DEFIBRILLATOR

Victor Chan Video – Duration 2 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PJR0JyLPZY>

KNOW HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE EMERGENCY PLUS APP

First Aid Accident and Emergency Video – Duration 2 Minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3WI27nxJ-c>

EVENTS CALENDAR APRIL - JUNE 2025

DATE	DAY	MONTH	CONTACT	RSVP
		APRIL		
7th	Mon	COMMITTEE MEETING 6.00 pm GENERAL MEETING 7.00 pm		
13th	Sun	COFFS COAST SPORT & LEISURE MOTOR FESTIVAL COFFS HARBOUR SHOWGROUNDS <u>FOR EXHIBITORS</u> ENTRY IS FREE GATES OPEN 7.30AM-09.00AM DEPARTURE 4.00PM <u>FOR THE PUBLIC</u> ENTRY BY DONATION GATES OPEN 10.00AM REFER FLYER ON PAGE 7	INVITATION EVENT IF YOU INTEND TO EXHIBIT A CAR PLEASE ADVISE PAT O'CARROLL Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Sun Mar 30th
16th	Wed	COFFEE RUN BELLO BUTTER FACTORY Depart Bonville Service 9.30am	Ian Ward iw09021948@gmail.com 02 6656 1029	Wed Apr 9th
26th	Sat	LADIES BREAKFAST LINK CAFÉ 9.30am	Sandy Guymer theguymers@bigpond.com 0417 200 488	Mon 21st Apr
		EASTER BREAK 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st April		
27th	Sun	RUN TO LOWANNA RAILWAY STATION Revisiting the 60's and 70's REFER FLYER ON PAGE 8	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Thu Apr 17th
		MAY		
4th	Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday	CEX URUNGA COMMITTEE MEETING 10.00am GENERAL MEETING 11.00 am (Including Guest Speaker) LUNCH 12.00 -12.30pm	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Sun Apr 27th For Lunch Numbers
14th	Wed	MORNING TEA AND GUIDED TOUR WIIIGULGA SPORTS COMPLEX WOOLGOOLGA	Ken Stanley kenstanley854@gmail.com 0438 396 987	Thu 1st May
25th	Sun	LUNCH AT THE HUNGRY PUKU FREDERICKTON REFER FLYER ON PAGE 9	Ann Bianco annbianco159@gmail.com 0407 402 469	Sun 18th May
		JUNE		
1st	Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday	CEX URUNGA COMMITTEE MEETING 10.00am GENERAL MEETING 11.00 am LUNCH 12.00 -12.30pm	Pat O'Carroll theocarrolls@hotmail.com 0448 017 048	Sun May 25th For Lunch Numbers
7th	Sat	PORT MACQUARIE RIVER CRUISE OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT OR DAY TRIP REFER FLYER ON PAGE 10	Sandy Guymer theguymers@bigpond.com 0417 200 488	Sat 10th May
18th	Wed	COFFEE RUN TO CORAMBA HOTEL Depart Home Base 9.30am	Bob Rushbrook bob.rushy@gmail.com 0431 445 311	Wed 11th June



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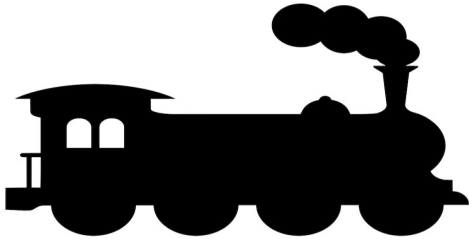


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SHOW'N'SHINE

Lunch Run to Lowanna Railway Station
The last train to Lowanna ran in 1972 so come dressed to catch that train.



When: Sunday 27 April 2025

Depart: Home Base at 10.15 to arrive at Lowanna at 11.00

What to Expect: A beautiful Sunday drive out to Coramba and then up Eastern Dorrigo Way, turn right onto Lowanna Road for lunch on the old railway station platform.

We will also have a member of the Glenreagh Mountain Railway on hand to tell us all about the station and the railway.

What to Bring: Your lunch, either a picnic lunch or there will be a BBQ facility available, drinks, chairs, cutlery and plates. Tea and coffee will be available.

Who to Contact: Pat O'Carroll on 0448 017 048 thecarrolls@hotmail.com

RSVP BY 17th APRIL 2025

And don't forget come dressed as if you are catching the last train in the 1970's.



Roast Lunch at The Hungry Puku Frederickton

The Hungry Puku is a family owned and run café with a reputation for good food.



The "Hungry Puku" (meaning stomach in Maori) first found life in the canteen of Frederickton Primary School where it operated as a takeaway with delivered, ready-made meals. Now the business has found a new home on Macleay Street, Frederickton located in what was formerly the famous Frederickton Newsagency, Take Away, Ice Creamery & Post Office"

When: Sunday 25 May 2025

Where: 5/7 Macleay Street Frederickton (Opposite The Fredo Pub)

Depart: Bonville at 10.45am to arrive Fredo at 12.00pm.

Menu: A buffet comprising of roast Lamb studded with rosemary and garlic, roast chicken with tarragon Sauce, all with pan juice gravy and medley of roast vegetables, potato bake and finish off with bean salad with fresh coriander and mint.

Cost: \$30 per person.

Dessert cake (\$8.50) and Coffee (\$4.50) can be purchased at additional cost.

Soft drinks are available, but please note the venue DOES NOT have a licence for on site sale or BYO for alcohol.

Contact Ann Bianco to make your booking:

0407 402 469 or email annbianco159@gmail.com

Port Macquarie Event Re-Scheduled - Saturday 7th June 2025



The Port Macquarie event planned for 8th March was cancelled due to Cyclone Alfred and in support of the 26 members who were disappointed, this event has been re-scheduled.

Our events committee always endeavours to cater for all members and due to the change in the cruise time, this event is now able to be held as a **day trip or overnight stay**.

All members can now check their calendars and consider the two options to enjoy this event. At this stage, from our original group, we have 7 couples staying overnight and 2 couples opting for the day trip.

The new itinerary is;

SATURDAY 7th JUNE

8.00am - Leave Bonville Service Station

10.00am - Arrive Port Macquarie. Those staying overnight may be able to park at their motel, day trippers will find parking near the boat mooring. The 2 hour travel time allows for any quick individual comfort stops and our boat is moored close to the town centre if anyone wants a quick coffee etc before boarding.

10.45am - Board the Port Adventure for the 2 hour Dolphin Spotting River Cruise. A light lunch including wraps, fresh fruit, tea and coffee is provided. Alcohol is available at own cost. NO BYO.

1.00pm - Boat returns to mooring. Some optional sites to consider visiting are, The Glasshouse, The Museum, The Historic Court House, and Markets (all within walking distance of the boat mooring) or simply walk the breakwall, or relax on the Village Green.

2.30pm - Overnighters to check into their accommodation, suggested accommodation is the Waters Edge Comfort Resort. Day Trippers will probably then leave for Coffs Harbour.

3.30pm - 5.30pm - Some indoor activities have been arranged.

6.30pm - Dinner will be held at the West Port Club which is walking distance from the Waters Edge Comfort Resort. Group to decide on breakfast options for Sunday.

SUNDAY 8th JUNE

9.30am - Check out of accommodation

10.00am - Arrive at Ricardoes Tomatoes and Strawberries for morning tea. This may include a guided tour which we are trying to arrange.

12.pm - Leave for Coffs Harbour.

RSVP to Sandy Guymer by 10th May

Email: theguymers@bigpond.com Mobile: 0417 200 488

For members who are not holding a cruise credit from 8th March booking, the cost of the cruise will be the same, \$39.00 per head.

Accommodation at the Waters Edge is ranging between \$172 and \$212, depending on what room options and cancellation options you select.

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**BYO Morning Tea at Mylestom
Wednesday 19th March 2025**



Good weather attracted a large group of 36 and with 5 club cars on display



Coffee at Raleigh Winery Saturday 29th March 2025



24 members and partners braved the wet conditions. Club cars included Ian Ward's Mercedes and Ken Stanley's Humber. Past President, Gary Wallace also attended from Qld and renewed old friendships. John Montgomery won the Cadbury's Favourites lucky door prize.



Dave Norton pictured receiving the "Golden Spanner" award from President Pat O'Carroll



THE LATEST NEWS

Welcome to our April-May 2025 Newsletter

Our car club receives this publication regularly and I have selected a link which members may find interesting.

Clicking on the link below will provide access to the history of many different makes of vehicles.

Then, simply click on the make of vehicle you wish to read about.

Regards,

EDITOR

<https://historicvehicles.com.au/historic-car-brands>



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1. Introduction

Carburetors are an essential component of any internal combustion engine, responsible for mixing fuel and air to create a combustible mixture that powers the engine. The SU carburetor is a type of carburetor that has gained popularity among classic car enthusiasts due to its simplicity, reliability, and performance.

In this article, we will provide an in-depth guide to the SU carburetor, covering its history, mechanics, advantages, and disadvantages, as well as tips for installation, tuning, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

2. What is an SU carburetor?

An SU carburetor is a type of variable choke carburetor that uses a piston instead of a butterfly valve to control the flow of air. The SU carburetor was invented by George Herbert Skinner in 1905 and was first used on a production car in 1922. The name SU stands for Skinners Union, the company that originally produced the carburetor.

3. History of the SU carburetor

The SU carburetor has a long and fascinating history that spans over a century. The carburetor was first invented by George Herbert Skinner in 1905 and was initially used on motorcycles. In 1922, the first production car to use an SU carburetor was the Humber 8.

Over the years, the SU carburetor gained a reputation for simplicity, reliability, and performance, and it became a popular choice for many car manufacturers, including MG, Triumph, and Austin-Healey. In the 1950s and 1960s, the SU carburetor was also used in high-performance cars, such as the Jaguar XK and the Aston Martin DB5.

4. How does an SU carburetor work?

The SU carburetor operates on the principle of suction, where the vacuum created by the engine's intake stroke pulls the fuel and air mixture into the combustion chamber. The SU carburetor uses a piston instead of a butterfly valve to control the flow of air, making it more responsive and efficient.

When the engine is at idle, the piston is held down by a spring, which restricts the flow of air and fuel. As the throttle is opened, the piston rises, allowing more air and fuel to enter the engine. The carburetor also has a variable venturi, which adjusts the size of the opening based on the engine's needs.

TO READ ALL OF THIS ARTICLE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

<https://www.carburetor-parts.com/su-carburetors>



The Last Word

Well, I think I am getting old when even I don't recognise or know some of these car brands and badges!! How many are you familiar with?? I bet there are even more than this!

MAKERS' MARQUES

Badge spotting for a new era



The most contested automotive market in the world

Since 1960, over 130 car brands have tried their hand in the Australian market. In that time, just 11 have persevered throughout, a number that drops to 10 next year with Citroen set to close up shop.

Some brands, like Noble, Lincoln and Opel were only on sale for a little more than a year. Some brands, like Cadillac and MG, have had more than one bite at the cherry.

And just as we are ready to welcome some new names to the fold, we can remember the likes of Saab, Jensen and Daewoo that once made a mark in Australia but are now part of our automotive memory.

LONGEST-RUNNING CAR BRANDS 1960-2024

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ALL CAR BRANDS 1960-2024

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Alpine	Genesis	Morgan
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Eunos	Mahindra	Vauxhall
Ferrari	Maserati	Volkswagen
	Maybach	Volvo

A 'who's that' guide to the new car brands heading to a road near you.

An unprecedented number of new car brands are set to launch in Australia over the next 12 months, which will take the total number of brands competing for our new-car dollars to over 60 for the first time.

Not all of these brands have confirmed their launch dates or showroom line-ups, but all have at least hinted that any cars built in a right-hand-drive configuration are under consideration for a launch into the Australian market.

Here's your guide to the new badges in the great Australian carpark of tomorrow.

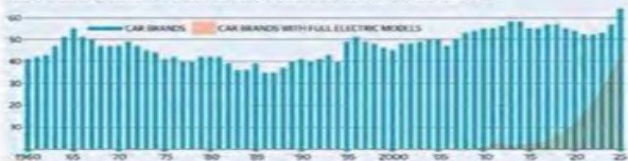
AION (CHINA)
The electric arm of the Chinese GAC group, Aion is due to launch an electric hatch and medium-sized SUV in 2025.

CADILLAC (US)
The "Cadillac of automobiles" is coming back to Australia, starting with a large, luxury electric SUV.

CHANGAN (CHINA)
Changan has a joint-venture deal with Mazda in its home market, and is considering a Toyota Prado-sized hybrid SUV for Australia.

GAC (CHINA)
A sister brand to Aion, GAC is expected to focus on hybrid and plug-in hybrid SUVs

CAR BRANDS ON SALE IN AUSTRALIA, 1960-2025



vehicle range, including the Radar electric ute, which is slated for Australia. The E5 electric SUV was spotted testing in Melbourne earlier this month.

GMC (US)
When a big SUV isn't big enough, the locally re-manufactured GMC Yukon takes things up a notch. Part of the same family as the Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck.

JAECCO (CHINA)
A sister brand to Chery - which has already re-established its presence in Australia - Jaecoo is set to introduce a number of electric and hybrid SUVs.

JETOUR (CHINA)
Another part of the Chery family, Jetour is not yet confirmed, but is developing a right-hand-drive of its Ford Bronco-like hybrid SUV for our market.

NIO (CHINA)
This electric car startup - which uses battery-swap technology to aid with on-the-fly charging in China and Europe - has been considering an Australian launch since 2021.

SKYWELL (CHINA)
Already selling electric vans and buses here, Skywell is due to launch a well-priced Honda CR-V-sized electric SUV in 2025.

SMART (CHINA)
Part-owned by Mercedes-Benz and Chinese conglomerate Geely, Smart returns with a pair of small electric SUVs.

XPENG (CHINA)
Similarly to Tesla in the US, XPeng was formed by a group of automotive and technology executives with plans for a range of electric vehicles including a sedan, SUVs and a people mover.



IMPORTANT DATES



2025 Car Club General Meeting Dates

MONTH	DATE	DAY	LOCATION and TIME	TYPE
February	3	Monday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General
March	3	Monday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General
April	7	Monday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General
May	4	Sunday	Urunga @ 11.00AM	General
June	1	Sunday	Urunga @ 11.00AM	General
July	6	Sunday	Woopi @ 11.00AM	General
August	3	Sunday	Woopi @ 10.30AM	General & AGM
September	1	Monday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General
October	7	Tuesday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General
November	3	Monday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General
December	1	Monday	Coffs @ 7.00PM	General

Members please note.....

In 2025 we will be trialling 2 day time meetings at C.ex Urunga and 2 day time meetings at C.ex Woolgoolga.

These meetings will include the option for attendees to stay on for lunch at the respective clubs, at their own cost. The AGM will again still include the traditional free morning tea.

These changes are a Committee initiative to provide some options for members who are unable to attend evening meetings, particularly in the winter months.

Committee members meet for their Committee Meeting one hour prior to the General Meeting commencement time.

Club Regalia

Regalia serves an important role in identifying and promoting our car club in the local community and gives valuable exposure to C.ex Coffs in recognition of their support.

Our car club has accumulated a large range of regalia over the years however, there has been a noticeable recent decline in demand from members.

It is therefore timely that our Committee review the current range of Regalia by seeking feedback from members.

Members are encouraged to offer suggestions regarding what items of Regalia our car club should remove, retain or consider introducing.



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