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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a start to the year that Cyclone Alfred, it's awful continuing storms and resulting power losses across many areas on the Gold Coast and Northern NSW was a hardship I'd prefer not to repeat. The poor weather has meant cancelled meetings and an increase in external activities for many as homes were damaged, one way or another. If anyone is still struggling with repairs, please let me know in case I can suggest any help.

2024 and the start of 2025 has brought some new members, and I welcome them all, especially those that have supported either club meetings or runs. The range of vehicles listed with the new members range from seriously old to ones that I didn't realise were now 30 years+ old, but that's probably a sign that I'm getting old!

The number of runs that we have been able to provide has dropped over the past 18 months, primarily as we have been unable to gain interest from members to organise any runs. Organising a run should be a quite easy and fun thing to become involved with. There is a database of old runs and is there for accessing, runs do not have to be "new" just revised and revisited. Please can some more people volunteer to organise a run or event, I can help with emailing members or just general advice. Don't be hesitant, put your hands up.

Our last two runs were great and had good support, the latter also providing support to two local businesses.

Richard Brown

## GCACAC EVENTS

### May

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| 1st May  | <u>Committee Meeting</u> - Clubhouse @7.00pm              |
| 12th May | <u>General Meeting and Supper</u> - Clubhouse - 7:30pm    |
| 17th May | <u>Cars n' Coffee</u>                                     |
| 18th May | <u>Show and Shine</u>                                     |
| 28th May | <u>Club Run</u> - Dept of Justice/talk on Scams –Morn Tea |

### June

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| 5th June       | <u>Committee Meeting</u> - Clubhouse @7.00pm           |
| 10th June      | <u>General Meeting and Supper</u> - Clubhouse - 7:30pm |
| 11th June      | <u>Combined Bruce Corr Memorial Run</u> with the MGCC  |
| 15th June      | <u>Cars n' Coffee</u>                                  |
| 26th June      | <u>Club Run</u> - TBA                                  |
| 28/29 the June | Mudgeeraba Show  |

### July

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| 3rd July  | <u>Committee Meeting</u> - Clubhouse @7.00pm           |
| 8th July  | <u>General Meeting and Supper</u> - Clubhouse - 7:30pm |
| 20th July | <u>Cars n' Coffee</u>                                  |
| 20th July | <u>Annual Gold Coast Swap Meet</u>                     |

### August

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| 7th August  | <u>Committee Meeting</u> - Clubhouse @7.00pm           |
| 12th August | <u>General Meeting and Supper</u> - Clubhouse - 7:30pm |
| 12th August | AGM  |
| 16th August | <u>Cars n' Coffee</u>                                  |
| 28th August | Club Run—TBA   |

## **Editor's Report**

I am sorry for the lateness of getting this magazine out since the start of this year. It has been a long haul to get this edition out with the troubles starting from the Cyclone/deep weather cell back in March.

I think we rely on Technology too much, as is proof with the past events when you lose power you have nothing. Col makes fun of me for not using mobile phones, ATM and still have a passbook account, but I'm not getting scammed and keep in control of my affairs.

I had the magazine almost ready to send out when we lost power for seven days, with no contact unless by Col's mobile phone. Even then he sometimes had to drive to the Showgrounds to get coverage. When the power did come back on, it fried the computer, Dryer and Bio-Cycle pump. Needless to say, any thing I had done on the computer three weeks prior was lost.

We now have a new computer and paid to get as much information as possible off the old one as possible, but unfortunately not all was retrievable, so some of the earlier stories are lost, and what is within these pages are what I can remember. Again I apologise for the lateness and the lack of stories past.

I send best wishes to you all and hope you were not inconvenienced by the storms. My thanks go to my helpers at the breakfast tent, Easter was a blast we sold out within an hour and a half. Thanks to Des also who rewards us with treats.

Happy Reading

Karen Hayes

## **Kevin Bishop**

Once again we say farewell to one of our members who lost his fight with cancer on New Years Day. Kevin was always fun to be around and will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

To Joelle and the family we send our warmest regards.



### **Presidents Ramble cont.**

In July we will be holding our annual Swap Meet, someone will be calling you to ask for help on either of the two days leading up to and/or on the actual day of the swap itself. Please consider helping, our annual membership fees haven't been increased for many years, and I would prefer that we don't have to increase them, but our outgoings like council fees, utilities and insurance have increased, and the Swap helps pay those essential things.

In addition to the Swap, this month on the 18th is our Show 'n' Shine (details will be sent out soon), we have a "Christmas-in-July" event organised (invitations will be sent out next month) and a local Christmas Lunch venue has been chosen based on some good recommendations.

Richard Brown

## Australia Day

There was a good attendance for our Australia Day celebrations which was held mainly in the club house with aircon due to the sweltering heat. First, we had morning tea before many made their way up the hill for the raising of the flag at the Heritage Centre where members had their club cars on display.



Once back at the club house all settled in for the Australian movie “Kenny” (Life of the Porta Loo Man) with popcorn and ice cream flowing. This raised some laughs and brought back some memories of the 70’s.



A chicken salad lunch was then served by Leonie and her helpers, followed by a huge array of desserts supplied by some of the members. Thank you everyone for making it an enjoyable day.



## **Crams Farm 2 March 2025**

Nine of our members joined the Tweed and Northern Rivers car club for our annual event at Crams Farm. As always there was a huge array of cars, vintage and classic with a lot of catch up and stories being told.



This year it was Tweed Valley's turn to come up with the games of the day in which they always have something new and unusual to do. I cannot remember what the game for the ladies was, something to do with how many things were in a jar. But the men had the harder task. Our entrants were Col



Hayes, Bob Theobald and Bill Budd. Each had to eat two dry Sao Crackers then blow up a balloon until it bust, then run around the Bar B Que area (which is

about the size of our barn) back to the start. I have never seen so many red faces. Col did us proud being the first to finish but, Bill Budd put on a terrific display fighting for second racing a younger Lismore lad half Bills age doing a quick sprint around the area just being piped at the post. I have never seen Bill move so fast. Good on you Bill.

Fun and games over, the NSW people started up cooking their lunch before we prepared ours, as they were an hour in front of us. Then Northern Rivers club surprised us by



presenting a beautiful cake for everyone to share celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the gathering. The Tweed Valley have been holding the event a lot longer than the 10 years, but Northern Rivers records showed they had been attending for 10 years, so it was a lovely gesture from them to celebrate the day.



Not long after we said our good-byes to all and made our way home driving up through Uki and Murwillumbah before hitting the Highway.



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## **Cars N Coffee**

### **February**

The February meet was relatively well attended but not as busy as usual because of the threat of showers. It was quite overcast during the meet which did not help, but thankfully we all kept dry. The car of the meet went to a beautiful and quite rare Nissan Skyline R30. It looked striking in red with gold livery and gold wheels. The gentleman who owned it had only just bought it and drove it down from Adelaide the week before. I'm sure it would have been a great road trip. The R30's has a long racing tradition in Australia and were even raced in Bathurst.



I was quite drawn to the pair of XW Ford's parked together right at the top next to the wood turning shed.

They looked stunning with their aggressive styling, unique paintwork and large chrome bumpers and grill. The cars of yesteryear sure had some character.

Another one which caught my eye was the baby blue Lx Holden Torana. Wow, it was mint! It was very clean too, without any stickers and this made it stand out among the others, of course the



choice of colour – baby blue, made it stand out, compared to the usual orange and red's which we see so often.

Japanese cars have gained plenty of traction amongst collectors of late and we see a growing number of these classics attending the meets. As collectors are becoming younger or simply older collectors are retiring their collections, there is a slow shift towards more modern cars. One of my favourites was the Mitsubishi Evo VII. What a beast. Counted as one of the best rally cars from the 2000's, having won countless championships worldwide. It is always exciting seeing one up close. This particular Evo VII was parked next to a Nissan 370Z, another beautiful car to grace the Z badge.



Then came the big boy, i.e. the Hummer H1. This was civilian spec, so it had metallic paint and aircon! Massive is an

understatement. It towered over the other cars its wheels alone were bigger than its neighbours. As we all know, the hummer was built to drive in the tracks left by tanks during the 1<sup>st</sup> Desert Storm. That is why it is so wide and tall. For such a large car, the interior space was extremely cramped, and the four individual seats were smaller than a small sized hatchback of today. It makes one wonder how all the soldiers with their arms and military equipment would be able to fit.



## March

It's March and we just experienced Cyclone Alfred. We had no power for 10 days and plenty of debris everywhere. The carpark at the clubhouse was no exception. There were fallen branches, leaves and all sorts of things strewn about. Considering all this, we had a relatively good turnout. The car of the meet went to a beautiful 1967 Mustang Fastback in Bullitt Green. It was absolutely gorgeous especially when it caught the sun's rays. Splendid!

I was drawn to a modernish Chrysler 300C Pacer. It is limited to 50 units and has a 6.4L Hemi producing 392bhp. Beautiful looking in triple black. Next to it was a Ford GT40 tribute in Gulf racing colours. Very cool and unique, it attracted quite a crowd. Another cool car was the classic Ford Thunderbird in white. This being a 1962 was quite



attractive in its styling, almost like a cross section of a plane wing. Beside it was Des's awesome gold Jaguar

XJS. Lovely looking example with gold minilite wheels too. Very period correct and very sporty.

Another one which caught my eye was the wide-bodied Nissan R35 GTR Skyline. It was no ordinary GTR. This one had been modded by Liberty Walk who are well known for



their over top creations for Lamborghini's, Porsche's and many other super cars. It looked interesting and I'm sure made much more power than factory stock, couldn't help but wonder if all those plastic screws and pop rivets would actually hold up at high speed.

Then towards the end of the meet, a nice little McLaren 720S Roadster showed up. Wonderful looking cars and very special indeed. Kevin tried to outshine it by parking our Toyota Sera next to it sporting his "L" plates.



**SJ Parekh.**

To view plenty of interesting and new vehicles go to our webpage <https://www.facebook.com/carsandcoffeegoldcoast>.



## **John Talbot Memorial Run.**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> February our little Gallant lead 17 cars with 33 people from our Car Club & MG Car Club on the memorial run. Story in Photo's.





Lynne & Garry Rafton.



## Gem Hotel Run

26th March twenty-one members with eleven cars enjoyed an interesting run and a great lunch at the Gem Hotel in Stapylton.



Thanks to Lynne Rafton  
for the photo's.



## Anzac Run 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Our run was brought forward to coincide with Anzac Day. The Rafton's put together a fitting remembrance to our Anzac's with first a gathering



of twenty-eight members at the Rafton's home where we were given a poppy (made by Carol Jones) and a sprig of



rosemary to wear before gathering behind our flag bearer Peter Amey and descending down to the

Sergeants Mess at the bottom of the garden.



The Anzac Ceremony then commenced with the Ode and the laying of reefs, with our President Richard Brown performing the raising of the flag. Quite a sombre moment.



We then enjoyed a cup of Billy Tea before we commenced our short run to the War Museum in Mudgeeraba's hinterland.



The War Museum has been in Mudgeeraba for over fifty years and has a very good collection of memorabilia covering a lot of different conflicts. It is well worth the visit if you have not already been there.



We then headed back to the Shack and Co Café at Mudgeeraba for our lunch. A big thank you to Lynne and Garry for making the day.





## Col's Mini Restoration Progress

It is now January and all of the rusty panels have been replaced and bodywork completed. So, what's next; painting of course! All I need is a few dry days so that I can apply the final coat of primer, then a few weeks later a lovely coat of BMW Racing Blue paint. Not so! It hasn't topped raining or being too humid in months, apart from a few days when I returned from overseas. I took advantage of those days to apply the final coat of primer but since then the wet weather has not let up. I have to spend a lot of time sanding the primer coat to 1200 grit before I can apply the colour coat. Once painted I can start assembling the car as the sub-frames, engine & gearbox have already been restored. The only difficulty I am having at the moment is sourcing a new wiring loom, but I am sure I will find one, even if I have to get it from the UK.



*For updates on club runs and changes, if any,  
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**GC Car Show** 28-27 July Mudgeeraba Showground.

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