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The 2022 Qld Hillclimb State Championships was a very successful weekend for VWDCQ club members Dave Sidery, Steven Hughes, Gavin Taylor and Craig Hughes. Steven Hughes took home his first State Championship driving the VWMA Mk1 Golf in Improved Production.

VWDCQinc Club Objectives:

- 1) To foster the good fellowship and further the interests of Volkswagen owners and drivers.
- 2) To promote the Club
- 3) To co-operate with other motor vehicle clubs

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The club meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January) @ 7.30pm
Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Logan Road Mt Gravatt

from the Prez...

Hi Everyone,

I was fortunate last week to have a fly/drive holiday with my beautiful wife Colleen down the east coast of Tasmania. The entire trip was incredible, except for the hire car. Hiring a car these days does not include a lot of VW choices (sometimes none), and initially we were threatened with a Toyota Camry, which came with a lawn bowls hat and a nodding dog on the rear parcel shelf. Thankfully, or so I thought, we were 'upgraded' to an MG mid-size SUV. It was appalling!

Not only was it underpowered, handled and turned like the sunken Titanic, and fitted with an automatic that couldn't decide which gear to choose, but it was cursed with a cacophony of alarms and flashing lights supposedly to assist the driver. I can now understand why people can't drive modern cars - there's too many distractions and driver interference for them to actually concentrate on the road.

I managed to turn most of these off - speed warning, impact warning, pedestrian braking, lane change lights, distance control, buzzers, etc - although they reset each time you switched the vehicle off and on. I thought about buying a set of side cutters to permanently disable these insipid computer aids, but my insurance didn't seem to cover this type of damage. In the end I simply resorted to profanities each time a warning light told me I was exceeding the speed limit, or a buzzer indicated imminent death - the vocabulary on the trip was colourful and constant.

A shame really, as the twisty, icy roads pleaded for a well handling, responsive car - I didn't have one of those. In the end, I actually contemplated lifting down the Kombi relic from atop a surf store in Launceston and replacing it with this useless SUV. The performance and handling characteristics would be no improvement, but at least I would be in control!

Cheers
Craig Hughes



COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022

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Socially Speaking

Keith Barton

July

23rd / 24th

Xmas in July weekend.
Warwick
Jumpers and Jazz Festival
Sunday Car Show

Dinner Saturday night Hotel Warwick
Group Booking organised by Keith
for dinner only.
Accommodation to be booked by
participants.



28th - 31st

VW Macksville

See page 9 for details

August

20th/21st

Leyburn Sprints
Leyburn

Convoy out to Leyburn on Sunday
August 21st



September

11th

Action Day
Manly

See page 11 for details

November

19th

VWDCQ Presentation Night

Details to follow

December

11th

Xmas Breakfast
Anchorage Cafe

Start 8.30am. Secret Santa during
Breakfast

VW WARWICK

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2022



2022

Sept 30th - Oct 2nd



Entries Open
September 1st

• ALL VW 1/8TH MILE DRAG RACING WEEKEND • SHOW'N'SHINE
• SATURDAY NIGHT MOTORSPORT PRESENTATION • ENTERTAINMENT



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Hi all

The Warwick “Jumpers and Jazz” week-end is now only about a month away – 23 and 24 July. So get your winter woollies packed!

As in previous years, members are free to explore the area and take up any activities they wish to over the 2 days. There are a couple of club activities but basically the time is yours to get out and look at the local craft and art and enjoy this southern downs event.

Club Activities are listed here:

- Meeting on Saturday morning to view the local street decorations, listen to jazz musicians and coffee in the main street precinct – exact meet up time to be confirmed. There is plenty of live music to enjoy, including the main stage area in Palmerin Street in front of the Town Hall.
- Saturday evening – Dinner at the Hotel Warwick, commencing at 6.30 pm.
- Sunday morning – Meet up in the main street of Warwick (Palmerin Street) for the Grand Automobile display on Sunday commencing at 9.00 am. On display will be vintage to classic muscle cars and motorcycles.

Our Saturday night dinner this time will be at The Hotel Warwick. During the festival the Hotel is extremely busy, and the Hotel could not commit to providing us with a traditional Christmas dinner, as has been our normal tradition. Instead, the Club has been asked to pre-order from the menu, so that we can all have our meals prepared and served at

the same time. Due to the change in the format of our dinner, we will not have the secret santa this time.

Aside from the Club activities, I have provided a few other suggestions you may wish to take up on the week-end. These are all details on the program on the Jumpers and Jazz website:

- Friday evening – Jazz Laneway party commencing at 6.30 in the Town Hall precinct JUMPIN’ JAZZ LANEWAY PARTY | Ticketed Signature Festival Events (jumpersandjazz.com.au)

Tickets are \$39.00 each.

- Friday evening - 6.30pm - 8.00pm A NIGHT OF LIGHT JAZZ Come and see unique light designs constructed by Scots/PGC College 2022 Stem Class. Students have programmed a sequence of lights to Jazz tunes. Snacks and drinks available for purchase. Scots PGC College Warwick, 60 Oxenham Street, Warwick. 07 4666 9811 Enquiries: angela.brittain@scotspgc.com.au Free Event

- Morning and afternoon local train journeys on the Downs Explorer, on both the Saturday and Sunday. Details on their website: Bookings | Downs Explorer

- Saturday morning 7.30am - 10.00am JAZZY BREAKFAST Breakfast with entertainment by “The Bells” supporting local mission projects, stay as long as you like. All welcome. Booking enquiries 0427 673 726 or email communications@wkuc.org.au Williams Hall, 33a Guy Street, Warwick. \$20 for

adults, 12 years and under \$12, preschool and under free, family \$50. Tickets available at the door.

- Saturday morning 8.00am - 11.00am FREE-STONE COUNTRY BREKKY & YARN SPECTACULAR Drop in on your way to Warwick, or start your day with a country drive. View the ever growing 'farmer's favourite' yarnbombing. Healthy 'all morning' breakfast. Country cooking and craft stalls to tempt.

- Saturday and Sunday 10.30am - 11.00am SPINNING YARNS AT GLENGALLAN Come and enjoy a guided tour of one of the regions' finest historic homesteads and oldest sheep stations. Learn about the innovative heritage restoration and stay for hot tea, coffee & baked scones. Glengallan Homestead, 18515 New England Highway, Glengallan. Cost \$15 per person. Tickets are available at the door.

- All week-end Darling Downs Trike tours – 1 and 2 hour tours available

If you are attending the Jumpers and Jazz week-end with the Club, please complete these details and return to me by Friday 15 July.

Name/s of people attending and one contact mobile number:

Days you are attending: eg some members are only attending on the Saturday

Name of your accommodation:

Saturday night dinner selection/s (from the menus attached):

Thanks everyone. Look forward to seeing you there. Any enquiries about any of the above, please call.

Cheers
Keith
0438357749



Due to recent weather events in our region the Macksville Showgrounds are far too wet to be used in the foreseeable future.

We have been lucky enough to negotiate and secure the original VW spectacular venue now under new management Valla Beach Holiday Park. We look forward to finally being able to come together after all the stresses of the past few years. It's been a long time coming!

Whilst we are working on finalising all aspects of the venue change, we ask that you refrain from calling to check on your accommodation. If you have a booking at the Macksville Showground, then you are automatically moved to Valla Beach Holiday Park. As you can appreciate, we are doing our best to accommodate the group bookings as much as we can, please keep in mind that the park has lost some cabins and campsites since the last Valla show. Therefore, for some requests may not be possible, please bear with us.

If you do have any questions, we would prefer that you contact us via email vwspectacular@gmail.com and we will get back to you ASAP. We had two options to cancel completely or relocate and this is the decision we have made. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this stressful and busy rescheduling process.

Please note there will be no private fires allowed at the Valla Beach Holiday Park. This is the parks rules that must be adhered to

See you all soon-Pell Family



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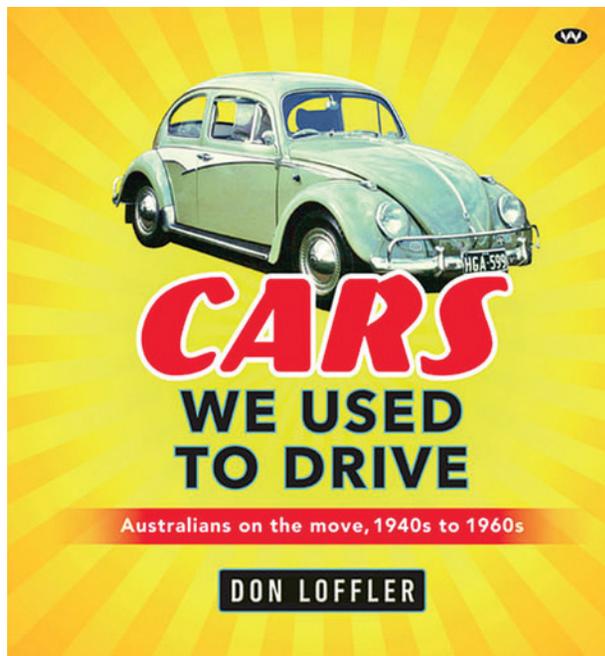
Thanks to the work and perseverance of Jon Elcock and Talitha Herrick, the club has a Facebook presence once more. Due to words such as Volkswagen and VW unavailable for the club to use, the new page is called Action Day, but does have the VWDCQ banner on top.

Access to the page is through the club website link:

www.vwdcqinc.org.au



A good VW read...

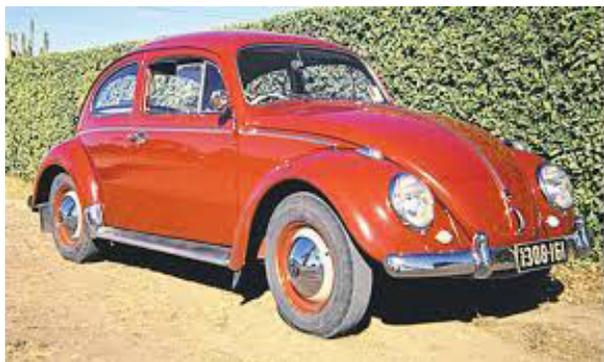


On loan from VWDCQ club secretary Mel Cheal is this book entitled "Cars We Used To Drive" written by Don Loffler. It documents cars that Australians would have driven from the 1940s through to the 1960s. The book is hard-cover, 264 pages with 280 colour slides and black-and-white photographs of owners and their cars, from Austin to Zeta, including Volkswagen, which makes the front cover.

Having a Beetle on the front cover is quite surprising for an Australian themed automotive book, where Holden cars dominated the landscape. However, Don attempts to recognise all makes and models on the Down Under road-scape, including makes such as Morris, Vanguard, Wolseley, Oldsmobile and Hudson, which have long since disappeared from the new car scene.

Approaching car ownership from the perspective of the people and families who drove them makes for an enjoyable read, and the images record the social history of an era very different from today, when people were content to sit on travelling rugs by the roadside to enjoy a picnic lunch.

There are also some very interesting photos of workshops and dealerships, an insight into servicing and sales.



Sports Report

Greg Turnham

The Queensland Hill climb championship normally attracts entrants from down south in good numbers but this year it wasn't the case. With only about 55 drivers entered for the two day event it was bit quiet compared to previous years. We had NSW Volkswagen guru Wayne Penrose and Ben Ford roll up with there 2.8L Beetle sports sedan along with Stan Pobjoy in his super charged VW powered open wheeler. The usual Qld VW drivers at most events - Craig and Steven Hughes, Dave Sidery and Gavin Taylor carried the flag for VWDCQ. Craig in the noisy vee with his octopus grip equipped tyres [fully sick!] was there to give his PB a nudge, but with a fastest time of 49.63 the cards didn't fall in his favour however still gave him a class win. Steven in the little yellow Golf is getting more consistent with his times and is into the 52's. His best time of 52.49 yielded a class win. Dave is now always below 50 seconds with his times. His best time of 49.06 gave him a 2nd in class. Wayne and Ben in the monster beetle shared the car with a dual entry. Ben has never driven Mt Cotton before so you would understand why he would be taking it easy for a bit. His best time of 47.63 at this unforgiving track is nothing to be sneezed at. Wayne with his experience behind the wheel of a race car put up a fast time of 44.47 and was the fastest tin top time to that point. Enter Gavin Taylor in his screaming 2.0L Golf sporting some new Avon slicks, hectic! In his normal fashion he throws this little Golf around the track ignoring what little track run off there is available and with no surprise, rips the fastest tin top award trophy from Wayne's waiting hands. It was by the narrowest of margins, 44.46 to Wayne's time of 44.47. Stan Pobjoy's open wheeler is in a very competitive class so a win wasn't possible but still managed a very good time of 43.53. I would say it was a successful weekend for the VW clan and lets hope there are many more to come with the return of the Club fasty getting closer.



Gavin Taylor



Wayne Penrose and Ben Ford



Dave Sidery



Craig Hughes

MY KIND OF CAR



Photo: Exposit

Some people collect stamps, others go for coins or butterflies. But the Penboss family collects Volkswagens.

They have 12, in various states of health, sitting at home in Loganholme, south of Brisbane. All except one are Beetles... or at least that's how they started life. Now they are beach buggies, chop-tailed "Baja Bugs", motorkhana racers, off-road racers even a Formula Vee open-wheeler.

The Penboss family — Ken and Sue, with daughter Jenny and sons Neil, Michael and Ashley — can see the funny side of this runaway case of Beetlemania in suburbia.

"I remember when we had five, and that seemed a lot," Mrs Penboss said. "Then we reached 10, and I thought we couldn't possibly get any more. Now I suppose number 13 can't be too far away."

They joke about their house being the Old Volks' Home, and with good reason. A couple of surplus engines sit in the rumpus room, though most engine-building is now done in the backyard shed which contains enough spare bits and pieces to start a VW production line.

Mrs Penboss points out the shelf of trophies won in car club events, the VW mirror on the dining room wall, their photo albums filled with car pictures, her VW ear-rings, the younger boys' VW toys and slot car racers.

Jenny, 19, is the proud owner of a 1976 Golf hatchback, the only non-Beetle among their collection. She admits that the older Bugs are cute, but prefers its more modern, more refined successor.

Her Golf shares the front carport with a veteran Manx buggy (her father

Ken's favorite, though it needs a new floor pan) and a tired-looking 1956 Beetle ("Call it a long-term project," said Ken. "I'll get around to it one day.")

Ashley, 13, and Michael, 15, are waiting eagerly for the years to pass so they can get driver's licences and cars of their own... Volkswagens, of course.

In the meantime they are building a motorkhana racer so they can drive in off-road club events. They have shortened the chassis, constructed the frame... and now the two teenagers only need to set up their engine and pop it in.

But it is eldest son Neil, 21, who introduced the VW virus to the family five years ago when he bought a much-rusted Beetle, minus engine. He and his father restored it, and by then everyone was hooked.

Wearing registration plate BUG 01, it went to Perth, "threw a plug" on the Birdsville Track, once was driven back from Sydney on two cylinders and survived countless other VW misadventures.

Mr Penboss, a haulage contractor, looks around and says: "There have been a lot of Beetles pass through this yard over the years.

"They're funny things. Lots of people get attached to their cars, but Beetles seem to be something special. They have a personality of their own."

He remembers them all fondly, especially the one he bought for \$1. It was a derelict abandoned on a street and auctioned by the Brisbane City Council, missing wheels and even some of the engine. Ken was the only bidder, though hauling it home cost more than he paid for it.

"The chap next to me at the auction said I was mad, but I got plenty of useful bits out of it." Some went into the garage's supply of spares, others were sold, others were swapped.

To the Penboss pit crew, the VW Beetle is like an aluminium can, a bottle or pile of paper... something to be recycled. They work as a volunteer adoption agency, finding cars for people, locating vital pieces, exchanging information and ideas.

So Ken is dismayed by the booming trend to convert Beetles into convertibles. "It's sacrilege. Once you chop the roof off, you can't do anything more with them. They're finished."

His big problem, however, is finding room for their ever-growing line up of cars.

This is a hobby in top gear. It takes up a lot of time, not too much money, and provides plenty of fun and satisfaction in return.

With this background, no wonder Ken is in his second year as president of the VW Drivers Club of Queensland, Jenny is secretary, Sue edits the club magazine, Michael is the points score officer.

Mrs Penboss said: "It means families spend some time together instead of all going and doing different things." Then she laughs, and the woman who is known as "Veedub Mum" goes on: "It's amazing how everything revolves around those jolly Volkswagens."

She even has become used to making birthday cakes in the shape of Beetles or, for Jenny, a Golf.

The VW Drivers' Club of Queensland can be contacted at PO Box 618, Fortitude Valley, 4006, or telephone (07) 209 9676. — STUART SCOTT



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VWDCQ Inc, PO Box 568, Morningside Queensland, Australia, 4170.

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Please use your Name and R for renewal as reference

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I/We, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership renewal to the Volkswagen Drivers Club of Qld Inc.

As previously I/We understand that this application is subject to acceptance by the committee, and is granted on the condition that I/We agree to abide by the rules and the Constitution of the Club.

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You will receive your new membership card by post once payment has been cleared

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Signed: Secretary VWDCQ Inc.

Please Note: Club General Meetings are now held at **The Mt Gravatt Memorial Hall, 1644 Logan Road Mount Gravatt at 7.30pm** on the **1st Wednesday of the month** (January excepted). We look forward to seeing you there.



The old and the new, welcome at VWDCQ



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