

VOLKSWORD

A PUBLICATION OF THE VOLKSWAGEN DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND



A very successful ACTION DAY September 11th 2022

VWDCQinc Club Objectives:

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

Visit us at: www.vwdcqinc.org.au

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Meet with us at: The Memorial Hall, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, 1644 Logan Road Mt Gravatt Qld 4122 on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January) at 7.30pm. Visitor's and prospective members welcome.

Volkswagen Drivers Club of Queensland Incorporated

ABOUT US

The Volkswagen Drivers Club of Queensland was founded in 1982 to give the drivers and devotees of the rear-engine Volkswagen 'Beetles', Karman Ghia's, Transporters and Kombis, together with the then 'new' front wheel drive Volkswagens, an opportunity to share their enthusiasm in mutual rewarding activities and to demonstrate to the public generally the goodwill and fellowship that these vehicles engender in their owners and drivers.

This is summarised in the original objectives of the club which are:

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- To co-operate with other motor vehicle clubs.

Membership is now also open to owners of any Volkswagen Group Vehicles such as Audi, Porsche, Skoda, and Seat. Lamborghini, Bentley and Bugatti are also now in the VW Family.

Whichever Volkswagen or VW derivative you own or drive, as a member of the VWDCQ, you will be sure to meet people with an extensive knowledge of all types and be able to enjoy activities including friendly club fellowship and public road club runs and also opportunities for off-road activities such as circuit racing, hill climbs and rallies.

Club Membership can also offer those whose vehicles are only used irregularly access to reduced Qld Transport registration, subject to certain conditions. Club officials can advise on these requirements and the restrictions that accompany club registration.

All Volkswagen drivers are welcome to join our club and enjoy the club comradeship and family atmosphere that started with the Volkswagen 'Beetle' and continues with the ownership of the Volkswagen Group motor cars of today.

Club Meetings are held in the **Memorial Hall, Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, 1644 Logan Road, Mount Gravatt** on the **1st Wednesday of each month** (excluding January) starting at **7.30 pm**. In the grounds there are several car parks available close to the Hall. These are well lit in the evening and security cameras monitor the site. Prospective new members and Visitors are welcome to attend these meetings.

Mel Cheal
Secretary VWDCQ Inc



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Editorial

It will come as no surprise that Action Day 2022 leads off this editorial!

With doubts over the weather causing many events to be cancelled we were rewarded with a gloriously fine day and a roll up of 125 entrants for our first Action Day gathering for 3 years, with 2020 and 2021 having been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

All our anxieties were laid to rest by 8am as members controlling the entry and issuing the entry forms and collecting the money were met with a constant stream of cheerful Volkswagen enthusiast and their vehicles released from a long event hibernation.

For the first time EFPOST was available at the entry and proved to be very popular as well as time saving, the need for handling cash and giving change being greatly reduced. Our Treasurer, Jon Elcock, organised this and took charge of admitting the entrants and he and his helpers richly deserve our thanks for the smooth operation they conducted.

Seven swap meet vendors displayed their wares under the trees at the far end of the park and, by all accounts, had a very successful day.

Relieved of the need to provide food and drinks this year, thanks to the generous offer of the Wooden Boat Club of Queensland to bring along their sausage sizzle in return for displaying two of their boats, members had far more freedom to view the magnificent line of VW's and others on display. Coffee lovers were also not neglected thanks to the attendance of the Espresso Mobile Café from Browns Plains.

More Action Day Coverage inside so I will conclude by giving my sincerest thanks to all who made this such a successful occasion for the VW community of S.E. Queensland and, of course, our club. Well done all!

Safe Motoring Mel Cheal

Events Calendar for Remainder of 2022

October 16th 2022

Car Run to Esk

Details to follow.

November 19th 2022

Presentation Night

Carina Leagues Club, Carina

Details to follow

December 11th 2022

Secret Santa Breakfast

Anchorage Café, Horizon Shores, Streiglitz.



Part of the excellent turn out of Beetles for Action Day 2022

Social and Sporting News

With little action on the track until November this segment has more of our main event of the year.

Worried about the price of petrol or if we will be able to keep our cherished VWs on the road in a few years?



Never fear! E Power is here! Mind you, a whispering Beetle passing by was eerie!



Not just Beetles on show



Just a small section of the excellent support from the Kombi fraternity.



Never too young to have your own Volkswagen - and its electric!



The Wooden Boat Association of Queensland brought their sausage sizzle expertise along with two examples of their craft to win the Best Display. A fine example of community clubs working together for mutual benefit.



VOLKS TORQUE

Things the manual tells you, and some it doesn't!

Replacing late model Beetle door windows. (In my case a '76)

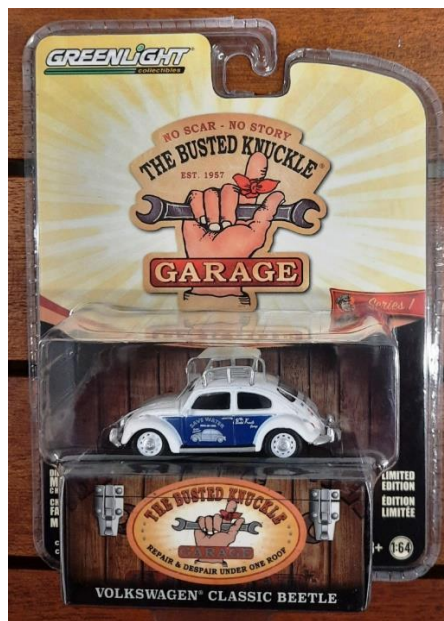
- Assemble door push button lower end to lock. Slide on clip. Open door fully.
- Fit rod from door lever to lock. Attach clip. Fit lock to door in locked position to fit through hole. Fit push rod collar to door. Fit push button through collar and screw onto locking rod. Fit locks 2 door jamb screws loosely. Fit 3rd lock screw. Tighten the 3 screws. Pre fitting rods is easier than trying to fit them with the lock in place. Hook long rod to door operating lever and fit to door.
- Fit self-adhesive foam anti-rattle padding behind the rod.
- Check operation of door locking button & lock operation from door lever.
- Check door alignment with pillar catch. Adjust catch as necessary. Tighten screws, not real tight as adjustment may be needed when door seal fitted.
- Fit window winding regulator. Ensure it is under inside of channel at the top so it does not block glass opening. Fit top 10mm bolt loosely.
- Fit door check rod to front of door. Leave pin until door seal fitted.
- Fit door handle with new seals and check operation and locking/unlocking.
- Fit new door seal. **Opposite corners first**, press in do not glue yet. May not be necessary if quality & fit good. Check door closing. Latch may need adjusting slightly. Fit pin to door check rod and secure with 'c' clip.
- Slide lower glass channel (bottom clip fitted) onto door jamb and press up. Secure with 10mm bolt
- Put masking tape on channel edges and insert door glass into door from top.
- Lower glass slowly onto lifting guide. Fit loosely
- Fit outside window scraper. Bottom first. Press clip into holes in door. Guide with thin plastic trim tool if necessary. Then follow round the side and top of door carefully. Fit the felt channel clips into holes in door and slide into place to secure. Fiddly! Don't rush this! New clips are now longer than originals and harder to fit. If you saved the old ones they may fit more easily. The lower front end of the scraper needs securing with a small screw. (You did save it when disassembling, didn't you?) May need a new hole drilled, I used an old-fashioned hand drill after taping the channel edges. Power drills were just too bulky and a slip risk. An automatic centre-punch made a good dent in the scraper & door to provide a good 'key' for the drill bit.
- Fit the vent window. Slide into door at an angle and tap into place with a palm or rubber hammer. Ensure that it locks the end of the top scraper neatly into place on the channel edge. You can't fix it once the vent is secured!

- Fit the vent window securing bolt, not too tight, slight movement may help locate the window glass later.
- Fit the felt channel starting at the top of the vent window and working along and down the door to the lower guide pressing into the clips. Trim off excess once you are satisfied with the fit. Felt window channels can be eased wider with the handle of a small side cutter or a plastic trim tool, pressing firmly.
- Spray some silicone onto the felt along the scraper.
- Fit window onto the winder, tighten loosely and wind up into the felt channel
- If the glass does not pick up the felt channels but jams under the outer edge of the door it needs to be guided. I made a simple tool for this. A steel rule, a pipe cleaner (or insulated wire) and a large spring clip for a counterweight. Slide the ruler down the channel, secure it over the door with the wire and clip protecting the paint with a cloth. The glass will now slide up the ruler and into the felt channels at each side. Remove the ruler.
- Wind the window up fully. If it is stiff use some more silicone spray on the felt channels. Do not force it! I resorted to using a panel beaters suction tool on the outside of the glass to help raise it without straining the winder. Taking a break here is better than forcing the issue. With the glass fully raised you can access the securing bolts to tighten them through the holes provided in the door. If the glass won't go up fully, carefully wind down the window without disengaging it from the channels it is just possible to tighten the bolts some more with a 10mm flat spanner. (Why do they make them so fat?). When the channels free up you will be able to tighten them properly through the access holes.
- With glass moving freely tighten the top and bottom regulator securing bolts.
- Wind the window down.
- Fit the inner scraper. This may require a few millimeters trimmed from the Vent window end. The lower clips may also require some assistance from a trim tool to locate in the door holes. If you have tightened the Vent window bolt loosening it a bit may help you press the scraper rubber in with a thin trim plastic tool. Check the Vent window sealing rubber is sitting correctly – a gentle tap with a rubber hammer will do the trick. Tighten the securing bolt fully. Check the window operation. Now do the other side!



Window glass locating tool

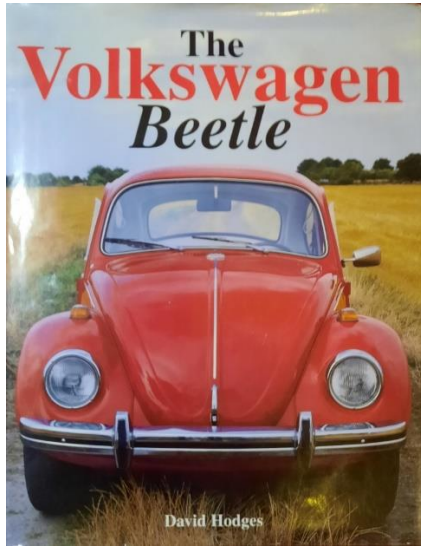
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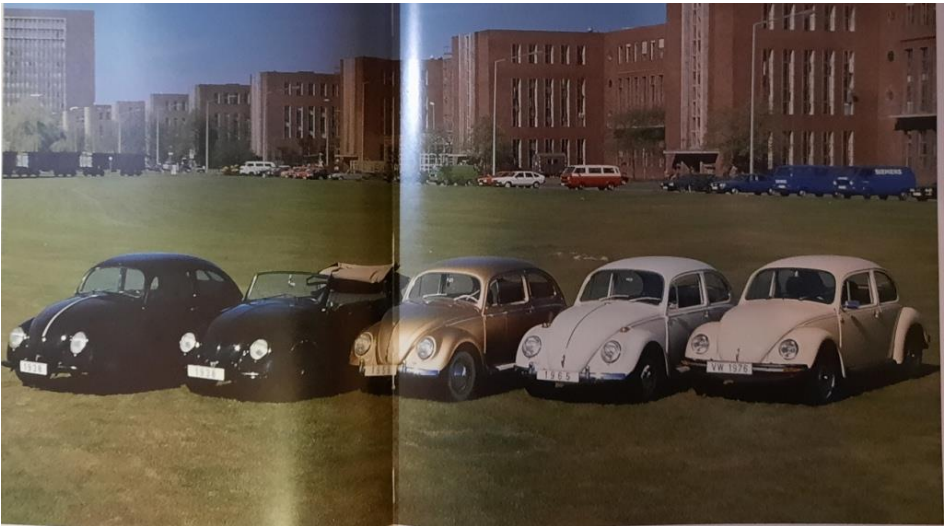
Club members will know that I am a keen railway modeller with a lifelong interest in diecast models for the layout or collection. A visit to a model shop in Stafford didn't result in any new railway additions but these three diecast VW's have now joined others in the display cabinet.

Mel.

From The Bookshelf



Yet another Volkswagen book for the shelf. This one was a find at a swap stall at the recent Action Day along with another and two more books buried in a pile of magazines a collector no longer needed.



One of the excellent photos of the history of Volkswagen Beetles with some rare photos from pre-WWII and early post WWII development up to the advent of the front wheel drive "New Beetle."

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Contact: katey17@outlook.com or johnkey@hotmail.com

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Please notify editor immediately items are sold or found



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Club meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of each month** (January excepted) in the **Memorial Hall** at the **Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, 1644 Logan Road, Mount Gravatt, Brisbane at 7.30pm**

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