

VOLKSWORD

A PUBLICATION OF THE VOLKSWAGEN DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND



New President Andrew Seymour with an earlier acquisition a '57 'Cal look' Beetle.

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

PO Box 568, Morningside, Queensland, 4170

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:

- To foster the good fellowship and further the interests of Volkswagen owners and drivers.
- To Promote the club
- 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 **Old Church, 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

The news lead this month is that at the Annual General Meeting there was a 'changing of the guard' or reshuffle of the clubs committee members so the panel on the left shows the new makeup of your committee for the next 12 months.

Pressure of work with his VMA publication, travel and VW maintenance and rebuild commitments has meant that Craig was not able to continue as our President so I would take this opportunity for thanking Craig on behalf of us all for stepping up at a time of the club's greatest need and seeing us through the last 3 years. Very much appreciated, Craig. And many thanks too to Andrew Seymour for taking over as Club President.

Nolan, Jon and myself will continue in our roles as Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Greg Turnham has stepped down as our much-valued Sporting Captain and has handed over to Craig who also has his hands very much on the pulse of local and interstate sporting events.

John Diggles, after many years as our Dating Officer has been compelled by a complaining back making delving under back seats of VWs to read chassis numbers not the fun it once was and has passed the baton on to Ian Dalgliesh for the next year. Many thanks to John and to Ian for fulfilling this vital role for many new members.

Have you booked for the club's annual dinner on November 19th? On past events we should have no trouble in getting the minimum number of 30 persons for the booking to be confirmed and there is no limit on the maximum number so let's have a good turnout to celebrate our 40th year!

See the next page for details and please let Keith know that you have paid your \$40:00 per person by Bank Transfer by November 7th latest.

Safe Motoring Mel Cheal

Events Calendar for Remainder of 202

Saturday November 19th 2022

Presentation Night

Algester Sports Club

41 Endiandra Street, Algester

Our popular annual social event, all welcome please book early:

Commencing 6.30pm

\$40.00 per person 2 Course alternate drop meal.

Drinks extra on night at the bar.

Payment to Volkswagen Drivers Club of Queensland:

BSB 484799 Account Number 720125237

Reference: Your Name(s) & 'Meal'.

Bookings Essential to Keith on 0436 357 749

no later than 7th November.

December 11th 2022

Secret Santa Breakfast

Anchorage Café, Horizon Shores, 80 Cabbage Tree Point Road, Streiglitz. 8.30pm

Select from Café menu and pay at the counter.

Social and Sporting News

The 76th Australian Hill Climb Championship was run at the Mount Cotton Hill Climb from the 20th -23rd October, 2022.

Round 6 of the Mount Cotton Hillclimb Series will be held over the weekend 5th – 6th November so go along and support fellow club members and the other competitors as they seek to improve their previous times. Admission for spectators is free and there are good vantage points all around the track and refreshments available.

Sadly, the weather and the track conspired to frustrate VW Warwick this year and it looks like time is running out for the event that is looked forward to by VW Enthusiast from other States as well as Queenslanders following our own Action Day.

Another Fasty to drool over:

See the full story on Shannons Web Site:

[Australia's fastest VW Fastback: Thommo's ground-breaking V8 Sports Sedan - Shannons Club](#)



Some inspiration to get our Fasty back on the track! Even if it will lack the V8 shoehorned in here!

Thanks to Nolan Wilcox for providing the link.



VOLKS TORQUE

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

Beetle Door Handle Locks:

Older Volkswagen door locks have often succumbed to repeated use of the key with now worn keys and internal levers or even attempts at forced entry at some time in the car's life.

You may find a locksmith with the necessary replacement levers and springs to be able to cut a new key to the original profile but the cost for the time taken can hit the wallet hard! Fortunately, replacement handles, complete with new keys and locks, are available for reasonable cost and the changeover is simply a matter of removing one screw from the door (It's the top one under the door seal by the catch) and easing the handle out and putting the new one in, complete with the new seals that come with the handles and replacing and tightening the screw.

But what if you discover, like me, that the new handle doesn't quite fit the door profile as it should and the seal has a small gap even when the handle is tightened? Or you simply prefer the original operating lever to the replacement. The chrome on my door handles was in good condition so the answer was to swap the lock cylinder in the new handles with the worn ones in the originals.

With an 'old 'handle on the bench note that the cylinder is held in place on the handle by a screw. You will also see the spring that returns the key to the centre position. Note how it is located. Make a sketch or take a photo so you do not forget. It will only work properly that way! Now insert the key into the lock and watch how it works. Undo the screw, slowly release the spring noting how it fits. Slowly, remove the lock barrel and key as a unit. **DO NOT REMOVE THE KEY!**

If you do, the tiny springs that work the levers in the lock will fly out and apart from the risk to eyes, ears and mouth they have the ability to go a remarkable distance and it's almost certain you will not find them all! An inconvenience with the old lock but if that happens with the new lock you have just given yourself an hour or so's work finding enough springs to make one good working lock and lining up the levers to fit the new key. This is where the internet comes in handy to show you how to do it!!

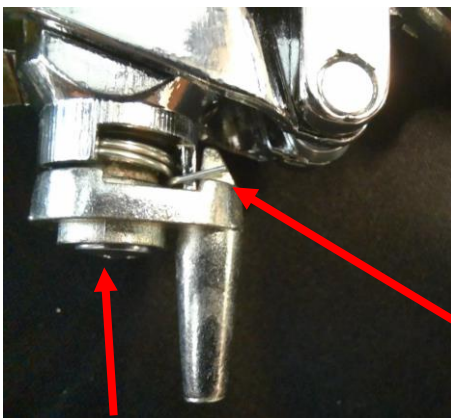
Place this lock barrel and key to one side and repeat the exercise on the new handle.

Now all you need to do is to slide the new lock barrel and key into the 'old' handle and replace its spring in the same position that it came out of and tighten the assembly with its screw.

Again, it is essential to keep the key in the barrel until it is in its handle and the assembly completed. You now have a nice original working door handle with its new lock and key. The new door key won't match the ignition lock (if the old one *was* the original along with the ignition lock) but a separate key for ignition and doors is not a problem. Just file a notch in one of them to make identification easy in the dark or when in a hurry.



Door Handle Note Keys in lock



Lock securing screw & the all-important Spring

Collector's Corner



A lovely German model found at Gateway Models in Wynnum



Member Profile: Our President Andrew Seymour:

Age: 56

Occupation(past/current) *Boat builder, Mechanic 2 years, Photojournalist 28 years, Aged Care/Disability Support Nurse last 8 years*

Family: *Met my wife Deonne and daughter in 2016 and been married nearly 5 years.*

Suburb: *Bray Park (Nth Brisbane)*

What is your VW history? *I have had a love of VWs ever since I could walk. My first car was a 1963 hand painted orange beetle and have since had many VW's including at least 5 oval beetles, 5 split kombis, 4 Bay kombis, 3 transporters, 2 caddy's, 2 golfs, and my current 1975 Passat.*

The one car you wished you still had? *Toss-up between my ex-drag 1957 Cal Look oval beetle "Flying Flea", or my 1974 left hand drive Chrysler New Yorker 2 door coupe.*

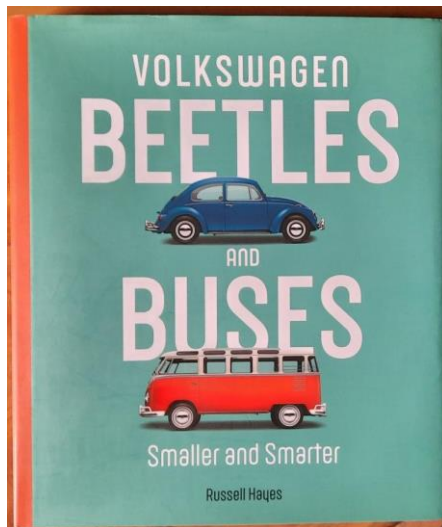
Any non-VW hobbies/sport/interests? *Still repairing/rebuilding boats, photography, model car collecting (VW and Jeep), model railway, kayaking and canoeing (coaching and racing), music and poetry.*



Other members contributions for this segment appreciated - Mel

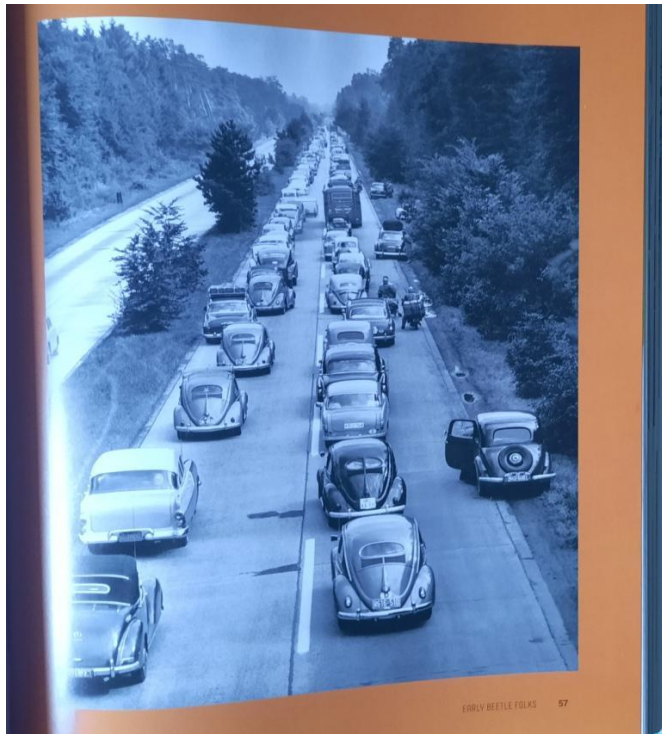
From The Bookshelf

What is the last place you would expect to come across a Volkswagen Book? How about the Queensland Rail Museum at Ipswich? After the club run to Queens Park a couple of months ago I drove the short distance to the Railway Museum to renew my annual subscription and to have a quick look at the book, DVD and gift section they have in a corner of their café. To my surprise tucked away in a corner of the bookshelf I discovered this “Volkswagen Beetles and Buses – smaller and smarter” by Russell Haynes.



Published in 2020 in the USA it contains a comprehensive account of Volkswagens rise from the ashes of WWII to a worldwide manufacturer of these iconic vehicles.

Of course the subject has been covered by many authors but this is certainly one of the better accounts and is full of interesting photographs as well as being very easy to read as the author takes us from the pre-war trials to the prototype electric versions of the Kombi.



Early Traffic Jam on the Autobahn with Beetles into the distance.



One of the many interesting sections, this dealing with the final versions.



Insuring your VW

With my Beetle nearly ready for the road I set about obtaining insurance for it and discovered some surprising things and some traps for the unwary.

The first thing I found is that very few Insurers want anything to do with older cars other than offering *third party only* cover and some, including a well known Queensland motoring organisation, will not even offer that!

Most of those that do offer comprehensive cover only do so for the 'market value', which for classic roadworthy VW's is insultingly low – about what is currently being asked for candidates for the scrap yard!

I have a 1976 Australian 1600 Beetle but would you believe that it does not exist on many company computers and is therefore uninsurable! But a 1976 1600 'L' Bug does! Seeing as how the L Bug 1600 and the last 1600 Aussie Beetles are identical from the windscreen back it makes no sense at all that many companies that advertise heavily on TV will insure one but not the other!

The next port of call was the Insurance Companies "Find an Insurer" web site which lists those insurers that do offer Classic Car Insurance. Again I ran into the problem of my car not being listed on their computers after having completed a lengthy application form for a quote and talking with a 'consultant.' Other listed Insurers sites noted that they had "temporarily suspended" their classic car insurance pending internal reviews.

So, it was off to our long time sponsor *Shannon's*. What a difference! No problems with getting comprehensively covered and they do an agreed value of up to \$30,000 without an inspection. Over that amount requires a valuation at their Eagle Farm depot for residents in the Brisbane area.

The cost was also very reasonable and was lower than my 'daily driver' valued at much less than the now restored Beetle. By all means 'shop around' for your classic car insurance but I am sure that Shannon's will be very hard to beat both for price, coverage and service in event of a claim. After my experience Shannon's can be Highly Recommended!

Club Members can advertise their sale or wanted items here for free.

Contact Editor: melvync@optusnet.com.au

Last Date for inclusion is the second weekend before the end of the month for inclusion in the next magazine.

Maximum time: 3 editions of magazine unless arranged otherwise.

Non members are welcome to advertise for a \$10.00 donation on the same terms as members. Contact the Secretary/Editor as above.

FOR SALE:



Barb Smith's 1972 Superbug at Action Day 2022.

Contact Barb or Ron on 0412 455 714 or barbronsmith@gmail.com
\$29,000. ONO.

WANTED

Beetle InsectScreen/Stone Guard
Mel Cheal 0431 155 388



Katrina & John Key are wanting **Hub Caps for a 1974 Beetle**
Contact: katey17@outlook.com or johnkey@hotmail.com

Type 3 Fastback Wanted: Phone Martin Bukkos 0407 129 362

Please notify editor immediately items are sold or found

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Membership Application Form

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Membership Benefits: Meeting people with similar interests, social outings, Participation in driving events, Motorsport Australia (CAMS) affiliation for Motor Sport purposes, Queensland Department of Motor Transport 'Club Registration' discount (subject to conditions), Membership Card and 2 club stickers and a Monthly Club Magazine.

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

I / We. The undersigned, hereby apply for membership of the Volkswagen Drivers Club of Queensland Inc. 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 Constitution of the Club.

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