



DRIVERS CLUB OF QLD.INC.



# VOLKSWORD

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

December 1982 – December 2022

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
To all our members and sponsors

DECEMBER 1982

# VOLKS WORD



FIRST EDITION

VOLKSWAGEN DRIVERS CLUB OF Q.L.D.

## THE VOLKSWAGEN SAGA

Volkswagen - this word today is known all over the world as a brand name for one of the world's most successful cars. More Volkswagen Beetles were made than any other model of any other marque.

After nearly forty years, production has now finally ceased in Germany, but not elsewhere in the world and a total of 16,255,500 German made Beetles were built.

The man who creater-designed, developed and built it was Ferdinand Porsche (1875-1951).



DR. FERDINAND PORSCHE

The front page of the very first 'Volksword' issued upon the foundation of the club December 1982.

## VOLKSWORD

A PUBLICATION OF THE VOLKSWAGEN DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND



**19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Club Members at the Annual Dinner Algester Sports Club  
Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the club.**

### **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](http://www.vwdcqinc.org.au)

PO Box 568, Morningside, Queensland, 4170

**Meet with us** at: The Old Church, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, 1644 Logan Road Mt Gravatt Qld 4122 on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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MEMBERS  
2022**

**President:**

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**Craig Hughes  
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**Vacant**

**Dating Officer:**

**Greg Turnham  
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**Editorial**

As the cover of this month's Volksword proudly proclaims this December marks 40 years since a group of like-minded Volkswagen enthusiast decided to form themselves into the Volkswagen Drivers Club of Queensland with the aims and objectives that were later to be formalised with incorporation into the club we enjoy today.

We are fortunate that one of those founding members, Nolan Wilcox, is still an active member of the club as is Wayne Ferguson who joined very shortly after. We are also fortunate that we have many long-time members who maintain their membership although circumstances prevent the active role they once rendered. We must also not forget that many of our past and present members would not have been, or be, able to participate without the active support of their partners and whose contribution to the success of the club is seldom given the appreciation it deserves. I would like to remedy that now with a very heartfelt 'Thank you'.

It is a tribute to those original founders and to the unique character of the vehicle that inspired them that we have established such a strong reputation in the Volkswagen community and weathered all the trials and tribulations that can beset a club such as ours, not the least of which has been the enforced two years of no club events caused by the onset of Covid19. Action Day 2022 informed the VW community that we had not only survived but were now looking forward to the future.

Safe Motoring, Mel Cheal

## Events Calendar for Remainder of 2022

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### **December 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please advise Keith Barton of your attendance for seating arrangements. 0438 357 749

**January 2023 No events scheduled.**

**February 2023. To be advised.**

## **Social and Sporting News**

More bad weather meant that the club run to Esk had to be cancelled at the last minute and the Australian Hill Climb championship event at Mount Cotton suffered a similar fate.

As is the custom, club formal activities take a break during January and resume once more in February. Hill climb events at Mount Cotton resume in March.

## Annual Dinner and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations:

Undoubtably the highlight of the clubs November activities was the Annual Dinner held this year at the Algester Sports Club.

After receiving very short notice from the Carina Leagues Club of a cancellation of our booking due to an internal change of policy, retiring Social Secretary Keith Barton, pulled out all the stops to obtain another venue and found the Algester Sports Club. He ensured that club members were advised of the new location and reservation arrangements. The success of the evening meant that Keith richly deserved the thanks and applause given by members at their tables as he thanked them for their attendance and keeping this much valued tradition of the club going.

We had a private function room at the back of the club which was well appointed with large video screens that enabled a montage of slides from previous club events to be shown throughout the evening and made interesting talking points. Andrew Seymour organised a well-supported raffle of VW related items that helped to fill the gap between the meal courses and encouraged members to circulate and renew old acquaintances and make new friends. A very successful evening that had all who attended enthusiastically looking forward to next year.



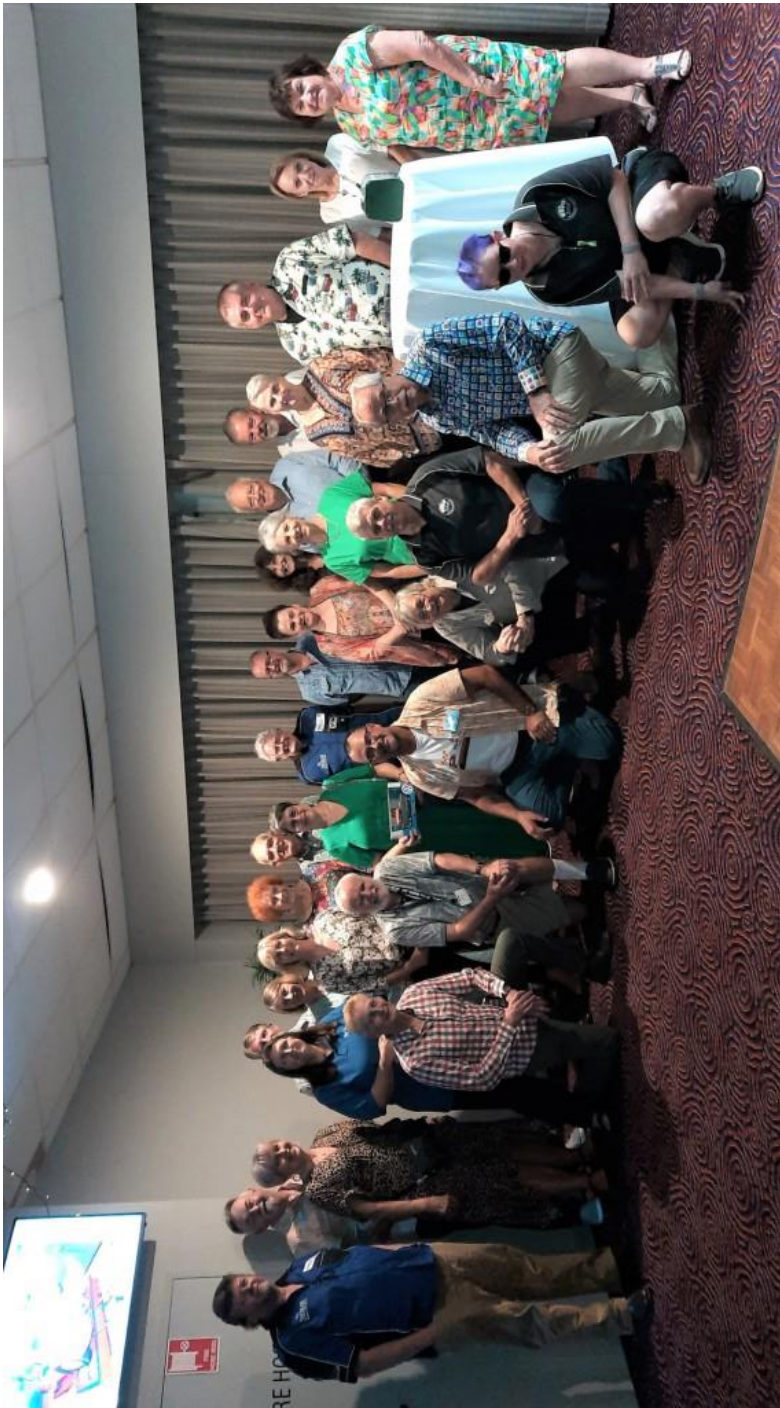
Keith receiving well deserved applause for organising the dinner











## **Those present at the annual dinner were:**

Mel Cheal, Mark and Jean Stanbury, Andrew and Deanne Seymour, Philip Leitch, Karen, Rose and Alice Dunkley, Andrew Weyer, Mark and Matylda Tuckwell, Denise and Hardy Sorensen, Jenny Goodwin and Mark Sopeer, Greg Rosentreter and Leigh Evans, Elaine and Wayne Ferguson, John and Kay Richardson, Lynne and Noel Dore, Ingrid Rumballe, Greg Turnham, Christine and Ian Dalgliesh, John and Cindy Bratchford, Keith and Jan Barton.



Ian Dalgliesh receiving the most points attendance trophy for 2022 from President Andrew Seymour.



## Collector's Corner



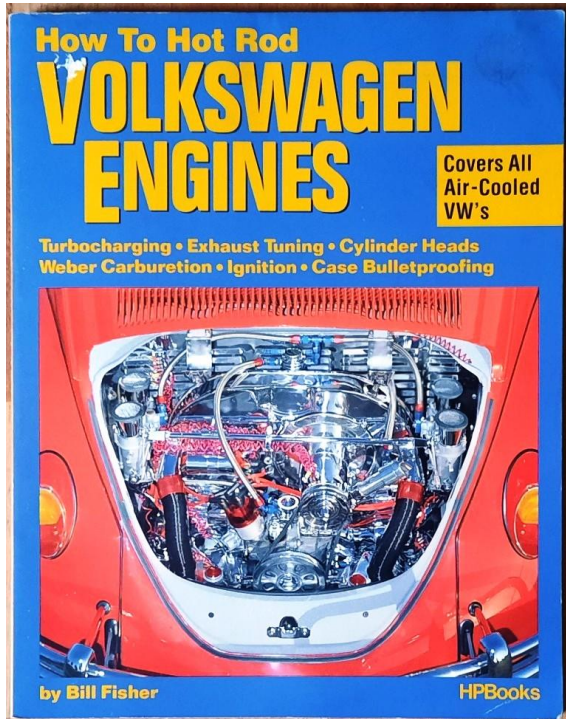
Brekina VW Ambulance. Superb detail in only 4cm long!



1985 Matchbox 1:58 scale Golf GTI.

Not up to the high standard of most Matchbox vehicles but interesting nevertheless.

## From The Bookshelf



Another *Action Day* find that turned out to have far more than engine tweaks within. This 1970 publication by the US Berkley Group also has some very interesting information on suspension tuning and aerodynamics and tests with Beetles in cross winds and lifting in drag racing. There is also an interesting part on tyre size and width which the person who fitted 7 inch Mag wheels on my '76 Beetle should have read before wasting his money if he was after anything but appearance!.

## VOLKS TORQUE



Things the manual tells you, and some it doesn't! Resumes next year.

**Member Profile:** Carried over till next year. Contributions welcome so let's hear from you. Andrew Seymour's contribution in November issue is an easy format to follow.

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

Contact Editor: [melvync@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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**



**1999 Golf Convertible 4<sup>th</sup> Gen 20.L 5 speed manual Jazz Blue**

Owned since 54km. Only 124,000k Drives well, good condition roof and hydraulics (new in 2014) New Gearbox & Clutch (2016), New Alternator & Battery 2020, Regular service, interior and upholstery in good condition. More photos available on request

Air conditioner condenser needs attention and Electric Passenger window needs attention for RWC.

Hard to find in this condition and low kms and looking to sell to a VW enthusiast who will continue to enjoy the car as much as we have.

Selling unregistered \$8,000 ono.

Contact: Mark at Coolum Beach 0414 260 059.

**Please notify editor immediately items are sold or found**



## Club Merchandise for sale:



POLO SHIRTS

Sizes S to XXL \$55:00

Number Plate Surrounds Fit Standard Plates. \$7:50



Club Stickers 100mm (4") \$1:00 each  
All the above available at Club meetings

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