

VOLKSWORD

A PUBLICATION OF THE VOLKSWAGEN DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND



Splits and Kombis are often adapted as Coffee or Snack Vendors but a Mobile Bar – I'll drink to that!

VWDCQ inc. 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 Old Church, 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 member's welcome.

The 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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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.

Andrew Weyer
Secretary VWDCQ Inc



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Editorial

Spring has well and truly sprung with the arrival of March as those of us with gardens will attest! It seems one has only just put the mower or shears way on one of the few fine days when, while enjoying a well-earned beer, the grass and hedges mockingly appear to need trimming again!

The high humidity is also not good for our vehicles that are not used every day, even if kept in a garage and not let out to play in the rain, unavoidable as that sometimes is with our unpredictable weather. When restoring my Beetle I found that pots of ‘Damp Rid’ around the garage kept the dreaded tin worm at bay from components but needed regular inspection and emptying of water and topping up from bulk containers to save costs.

‘Experts’ say that a car-port is a better option for a wet car than a closed garage as the air circulates better so we should always dry off a wet car in a garage before closing the door(s).

Last month’s BBQ before the meeting met with general approval and we were lucky with the rain holding off for the duration so good on the new committee for its innovative approach.

What they do need is more support from members to attend our meetings and to have an input – it is *your* club after all!

Mel Cheal Editor

Events for 2024

1st Saturday of each Month (early!) Turbo Cars Turbo Drive Coorparoo.

1st Saturday each month 3pm Joes diner car meet Kingsford Smith Drive Eagle farm

Wednesday March 6th Club Meeting 7.30pm Mt Gravatt Showgrounds.

Weekend 8th, 9th, 10th March Dubs on the Hill. Organised by the Klub VW on the Darling Downs this is at the Crows Nest Tourist Park, 7558 New England Highway Crows Nest 4355. 40km North of Toowoomba, 2 hours from Brisbane.

A weekend of camping and fun. Sunday March 10th is the big day -show and shine and awards etc. If weekendening contact Klub or the Tourist Park for bookings for on site cabins and camping. More Info on Facebook/VW life sites.

Saturday March 30th Chillax Café 8 am Chatswood Road Daisy Hill – just off the Motorway.

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 Club Meeting 7.30pm Mt Gravatt Showgrounds.

Keep an eye on the minutes of our meetings and on our website/Facebook sites for forthcoming events that may miss the magazine.

Picture Gallery:



Seen at the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway in Kent U.K.

Following on from last month, this unique Kombi is owned by a local publican who uses the mobile bar for events and club meets. For more information see *Crafty Camper Mobile Bar* on Facebook and Instagram.



Club member Mark Tuckwell with his spritely mum (91) and Barry Browse and their VW's – and the dog at a recent get together.



The rain did not deter these members from getting their breakfast at the Chillax Café on the 24th February. Missing is Barry Browse New Beetle which was also in attendance.





Collectors Corner



A recent 1/76 model from Oxford diecasts is this Army of the Rhine WRAC beetle complete with appropriate markings.

I am not sure if the large rear window is strictly accurate for this livery as Oxford clearly used the same casting as for its other beetle models introduced last year and now on my model railway.



A surprising find at a local newsagent was this “Kinsmart” 1/34 model of a 1963 Volkswagen Double Cab Pick Up.

It is a pull back and go, left hand drive, with opening front cab doors and interior seating and the exterior detail is very good for what is marketed as a \$14.00 ‘toy’!

VolksTorque.

There can be little doubt that our beloved petrol burning Volkswagens are heading the same way as their hay burning predecessors and over a time frame that may be somewhat quicker.

It took best part of 50 years from the invention of the petrol and diesel engines for them to universally replace the horse as the power source for vehicles and I can remember the milk, bread and coal still being delivered to our door in Chatham by horse wagons in the late 1950’s and on arrival in Melbourne in 1966, following the ‘Milko’ and his horse and cart up High Street in Toorak after a late night out!

However, the revival of the electric motor as the motive power for vehicles, after being usurped by petrol and diesel fuels and the lack of viable battery banks, is gathering a pace that is likely to see electric power, not only taking over, but becoming compulsory within the next 10 years.

But if that happens or petrol becomes as scarce as rocking horse poo or expensive as diamonds, we can now convert our beloved VW's to electric power.

SBS/ On Demand /TV Series/ Vintage Voltage Series 1 E 1 was shown 'live' on free to air a couple of days ago and showed how a Karman Ghia was successfully converted to electric power.

Those who attended our Action Day in September would also have seen the locally produce Beetle "VOLT2" wafting along on electric power so all is not lost in keeping our treasured vehicles mobile in the future. Come to that, the swap to electricity will also add considerable 'zip' to aging VW's although then it may be advisable to upgrade the brakes for those still on 'Jam tin lids' for originality!

Club members can advertise for sale or wanted items in this magazine for free.

Last date for inclusion in the next magazine is the second Saturday before the end of the month. **Maximum time is 3 editions unless otherwise arranged.** Please notify editor immediately an item is sold or withdrawn.

Non-members can advertise for a \$10 donation on the same terms as members.

Contact the Editor melvync@optusnet.com.au Photos of events, members cars and profiles also welcome for the magazine.

FOR SALE or WANTED

Club member Peter Lye has some 1973 VW Superbug parts for sale including a rear bumper bar along with some other parts and those in the photo below



Peter can be contacted at Peter marinalye@bigpond.com and is in the Greenslopes/Coorparoo area of Brisbane.

VW065 Number Plates for Sale: \$350

Contact Chris Woodrow 0433 388 423

Kangaroo Point Brisbane.

**Andrew Seymour is still after a 2011 or later VW Kaddy Max
0413 949 985**

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