

# Gympie Historic Auto Club Inc.

JANUARY 2025



## THE TALK TUBE

### PRESIDENT'S PONTIFICATION

Well here we are in a new year only a couple of weeks old. In many ways it seems much like the old one except that already I have resolved the matter of charging the 12V Citroen battery with the original 6V generator and have put the 501s back on the road albeit with the Ricardo head instead of the Silvani OHV head. In the meantime, I have made the decision to cast and machine a new Silvani head as a 2025 project. It is just the X 1-9 to sort out as another 2025 project and the fleet will be all ready for the road....I can dream can't I?



Members are reminded that membership fees are now overdue and the AGM will be conducted on the 1st March after the General Meeting. On that subject I ask all members to consider making a contribution to the management of the club this year to lighten the load on the usual few. The objective is to enjoy our special interest with like minded people in a relaxed environment and experiencing new things along the way. The rally calendar included in this issue should be taken as an overview of expected events in which we may be invited to attend with times and dates to be confirmed, except for the Australia day run which will only be affected by weather conditions.

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#### General Meeting Dates

Saturday 1st February 9.00 am  
Saturday 1st March 9.00 am  
(AGM to follow)

### 2024 GHAC Elected Office Bearers

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## CLUB MERCHANDISE

### GHAC club polo



The polo shirt is the Aussie Pacific Morris (army green and white)

It is short sleeve only in men's or ladies.  
Mens (1317) - sizes S to 5XL  
Ladies (2317) – sizes 6 to 26

### GHAC club dress shirt



### Regular Monthly events by other s

**1st Saturday—Cars and coffee Sunshine Coast. 7am to 10am German Bakehouse Café, 54 Junction Drive Coolum Beach.**

**1st Saturday of every month, Cars ,Bikes, Coffee at Tramcars, 11 Hall Rd Glanmire. 8am to 11 am**

**2nd Sunday—Cooloola Cove Cars and Coffee. 8am to 10am Shopping Centre Cooloola Cove**

**3rd Saturday- Moonlight at Matildas Traveston. 4pm to sunset (depending on season)**

**3rd Sunday—Cooroy Cruise—in. Maple St (opposite library and at rear of the shops). Hosted by Roadrunner Car Club**

# RALLIES

2025

Month	Date/time	Event
January	26th 9.00am start from club- rooms	Australia Day run in the country taking in Widgee, Wooloolga and Miva. Picnic lunch at Dickabram bridge. (Note, there is a big ticketed event at Woolooga Hotel)
February 25		Opportunity for member to arrange interesting run
March		Opportunity for member to arrange interesting run
April	17th/5.00pm	Bunnings Easter
May	5.00pm/1st 16th/17th 25th	Bunnings Mothers Day Gympie Show Goomeri Pumpkin Festival
June	5pm/27th	Winter Trees on Mary/WRC Rally cars
July	5th & 6th	Gympie Rotary Makers Fair
August	2nd/3rd	4 Club Rally
	29th to 1stSept	Centenarians Rally 2025
September	5.00pm/4th	Bunnings Fathers Day
	13th	Gympie Swap Meet
October		More opportunities for members events



# Rallies - Christmas at Bunnings



and Mary Street







Book of the Month

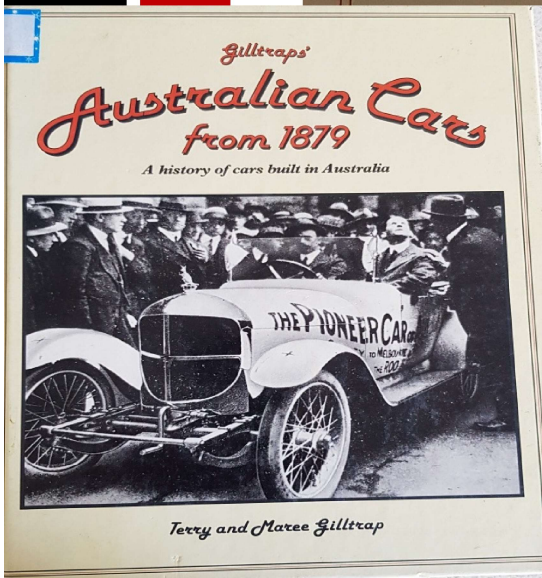
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 Recognition must be given to motor historians such as George Brooks, Max Gregory and the late Les Mills who have published information over the years on this fascinating subject.

## About the Authors

Terry Gilltrap was born and educated in New Zealand. In 1959, shortly after leaving school, he moved with his family to the Gold Coast, Queensland to assist his father for seven years in establishing an auto museum. In 1962 he combined a short working holiday in Europe with a tour of major museums and collections, and took part in the famous Brighton Rally in November, 1962. He left the museum after his father's death. In 1972 he married Maree.  
 Maree was born in Victoria and had worked as a publicist throughout Australia for various shows including the African Ballet. She had also spent a year assisting in establishing and publicising a major tourist attraction near Melbourne.  
 Terry and Maree combined their talents and now run a promotions company from Queensland. They own a magnificent collection of antique vehicles and work full-time, restoring and exhibiting their collection and other attractions throughout Australia for seven to eight months of the year.  
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## AUSTRALIAN MADE CARS

Given that we no longer have Motor Vehicle Manufacturing in Australia except for boutique operators like Performax and maybe some kit cars, it is interesting to reflect on past glories.

Car design and manufacturing in Australia goes back to at least 1897 when the Shearer Steam car was made in Mannum in South Australia and is now housed in the National Motor Museum in Birdwood SA.

In compiling the list of cars produced including assembled in Australia, I will proceed in alphabetical order and invite challenges and contributions in order to capture the most comprehensive record. I have not yet consulted the Book of the Month, but have consulted the New Encyclopedia of Motorcars by GN Georgano which is also to be recommended as a very comprehensive reference.

ACE, a light 2 seater with 10hp engine made by Holding and Overall in Drummoyne NSW in 1904 and was the second make made in NSW.

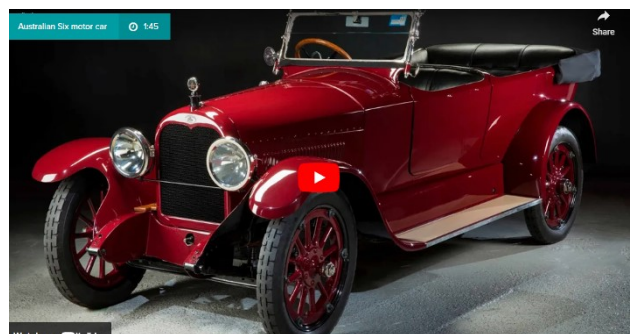
ALBANI, a 5/6 seater tourer powered by a 6 cylinder engine of 25hp, made by Albani Motor Construction Pty Ltd in Melbourne Vic in 1921 and 1922.

ANZAC, probably an American export with 4 cylinder mono block fixed head engine. It featured cantilever rear springs and fully floating rear axle, made by Keep Bros and WOOD Melbourne Vic in 1916. Needless to say the Australian Government vetoed the use of "ANZAC" as a trade name and the Car was renamed VICTORY.

ASCORT, was a 2 seater GT coupe based on the Volkswagon, but also offered Porsche or Chevrolet Corsair engines. Made by Continental Coachwork Company in 1959 to 1969.

AUBURN, initially based on kits supplied by the California Custom Coach Corporation, Pasadena, Cal US, this was a boat tailed replica which became a fully Australian production using the Geelong made Ford V8, it featured 24ct gold plated flying lady emblems fixed to the body sides. They were made by the Auburn Motor Company, Melbourne, Vic from 1979 with six made by the summer of 1981.

AUSTRALIAN SIX, intended as a mass produced assembled car powered by a 6 cylinder Rutenber engine. The first 12 cars had rounded radiators, but all others had the Rolls Royce squared shape. Body styles included 2 seaters, tourer, cloverleaf and sedan, although only one of the latter was built. Made by F.H. Gordon & Co, Rushcutters Bay, Australian Motors Ltd Ashfield and Harkness & Hillier Sydney, from 1919 to 1924 when engine quality problems resulted in the financial collapse of the venture but the hire Car company Harkness and Hillier made a further 7 cars with





Ansted engines.

BATEUP, a planned light 4 cylinder car along the lines of the Willys. Made by the Australian Car Syndicate, Adelaide SA, one prototype was built with a 15hp engine designed and built in Adelaide in 1939, but WW 2 put paid to the project.

BESST, a conventional assembled touring car, powered by a 19.6hp Continental engine. Made by May Motor Works, Adelaide SA in 1926/27, only 5 were made and only one is known to survive.

Bolwell, sports kit cars as well as assembled models designed by Campbell and Graeme Bolwell, Made by Bolwell Cars Pty Ltd Mordialloc Vic from 1963 to 1974, they began as a kit car with space frame chassis designed to take the Ford Cortina engine. This was followed by a Holden based model and in 1968 came the first complete car the Nagari. This was a 2 seater GT powered by a 4.9 litre Ford V8 and was joined by an open sports model.



The Nagari was also available in kit form. After a lapse of 5 years Bolwell Developments Automotive Pty Ltd Mordialloc Vic, resumed operations in 1979 with a stark space framed open 2 seater with a 1.6 litre VW golf engine mounted transversely at the rear.

BUCHANNAN, This light sports car used a box section frame and a 948cc Standard 10 engine. Made by Buchannan Motors Armidale NSW 1959/1960. Nat Buchannan had been making fiberglass body shells for MG and Singer cars before he announced his own Cobra model hoping that AMI would take it up, but they did not and only 15 cars were made.



BUCKLE, was an attractive fiberglass coupe powered by a Ford Zephyr engine, mostly with full Raymond Mays conversion. Made by Buckle Motors Sydney, 20 were produced between 1957 and 1960. They also made



saloon and coupe bodies for Gogomobil to the standard German design and a 2 seater sports Gogomobil derivative known as the Dart.



*Bill Buckle with some of his cars*

BULLOCK, a voiturette with water cooled engine and chain drive. A few were made by the Bullock cycle works Adelaide SA in 1901.