



## GRAFTON VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CLUB INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2025

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1970 P5B Rover

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1967 HR Premier Holden



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All articles and reports to be in by 16th each month. Thank you.

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT JANUARY 2025**

Happy New Year to all our members and families, wishing you all the best for plenty of happy motoring and restoring.

2024 was a good year for the Club, and we find ourselves in a sound financial position to hopefully fulfil our plans for overall improvements to the Jabour Park facility. I will let you know when these changes are going to happen, so watch this space.

Over the Christmas break Lyn and I travelled to Melbourne for Christmas, and managed to take in a lot of Victoria on the way home, as well as visits to 4 car museums, including the Holden Museum at Trafalgar. Nothing but Holdens, and their collection is well worth the visit including some very rare Holden cars that were given to them by GMH.

Also we went through the car and truck museum in Shepparton - MOVE. Run by volunteers the exhibits they display are outstanding. Every type of car as well as many trucks and buses, race cars, etc and for the ladies a vintage clothing display that is worth the trip alone. Put it on your bucket list, you will not be disappointed.

Another private museum we luckily found by accident was at Deniliquin NSW. Part of a complex of Service Station, 50's diner and museum. Owned by a family, former owner/operated Golden Fleece Service Station and bus run, is now an Ampol Service Station. It is again well worth the visit. Their display is 1st Class.

The final one, that many of you would have visited I am sure, was at Mt Panorama, Bathurst. Club member Doug Clark's former racing Celica is on display, along with a great mix of former classic race cars and bikes. If you are into race cars and all things fast don't miss this great facility.

As we move into the new year, the events committee have been busy, and the magazine has the events forthcoming, with our first event for the year being the Guyra Potato Festival on the 26th January, and then Sunday 9th February bbq and float down the river at Red Rock. Contact relevant people as named in the magazine to book in.

Our next meeting won't be until 23rd February at 4pm, and there are new members who will be introduced to the meeting.

We look forward to another great year. Motorfest in August again will feature the Holden Marque, so I am sure we will have a great response. Any member is invited at any stage to offer suggestions on any idea they may have, and to join in with planning of this years event. Dave Andrews will again head the team, so talk to him or myself.

After 2 years of publishing the magazine Lyn will be handing the reigns over to Pat Richardson and Wendy Burke. Please get in touch with our new 'journalist, editor, publisher' with any stories of interest for our magazine which continues to be a way of keeping our members in touch.

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As we start off the New Year, the committee and myself look forward to another great year of Vintage and Classic motoring.

*Kim Dahl*

# January Featured Car

## 1970 Rover P5B

Owner: Peter and Robyn Nixon

Colour: Blue and White. James likes the colour. The car and caravan have been painted to match.

Motor: V8 Buick Motor. 3 speed automatic.

It is a 4 door coup with a lower roof, and the back window has more slope than normal.

Upholstery: Original. Beige leather trimmed.

Peter has repaired most of the interior. It has a heater demister.

Peter has removed the car alarm and sorted out the electrical.

He has restored the back brakes, brake booster, serviced the carburetor, removed the rust and resprayed the car, and overhauled the gearbox.

Peter and Robyn bought the car 7 years ago from an Auto Museum that was closing down in Gosford.



## 1959 Caravan

The caravan was built in Foster. It has a space framed chassis with independent trailing arm suspension. The construction is of 2 fibreglass halves joined together with provision for windows and a door. Peter has fixed the dinette, and the electricals. He has installed a 12 volt fridge instead of an icebox. The caravan matches the car, and does look very cool with its 60's theme.



# January Featured Car

## 1967 HR Premier Holden

Owner: Shane and Robyn Pratt.

Shane started to rebuild the car in 2010/2011.

It was rebuilt from a rolling shell with no rust. The original car was full of rust.

The motor has been rebuilt - 186 two speed power glide transmission, with a mild cam. 2 speed on the column.

The seats are original and have been recovered by a local upholsterer.

The door trims were done in South Australia.

The colours are HR Holden colours, with a pearl in the paint. The colour is Seamist Jade with Grecian White.

The bumpers were rechromed in Sydney.

The cast chromed door handles were done in Queenbeyan.

The wheels are 5 spoke Dragway.

Shane has a photographic record of the restoration of the car from start to finish.

It is on private plates.

Shane tried to keep the car as standard as possible. Shane's son helped with the restoration, and will inherit the car. Lucky Boy!!





# Coffee Run 383 Wooli/Ulmarra Pub

## Thursday 14th November

Meeting at Jabour Park our trusty old cars eagerly sped off for Morning Tea at the 383 Wooli, which has been constructed from 17 shipping containers. Very groovy looking.

Most then needed a walk out to the break wall at Wooli, before on to the Ulmarra Pub, via Tucabia for lunch.

Located on the Big River Way, the well maintained federation style pub was constructed in 1912. The gardens and river views were a great backdrop for lunch.

Car Club outings are always friendly and flexible. Some came in their old cars, some came in modern cars. Some came for morning tea and lunch, and others met up for lunch, which was perfectly delightful.

The village of Ulmarra is looking very picturesque at the moment with their street restoration, and also Christmas decorations in the shops and streets. Very quaint.

Vintage cars on the run were -  
1966 HR Holden Stationwagon.  
1970 HG Holden.  
1971 HQ LS Monaro.  
1985 BMW 323i.  
1988 Jag Damlier.  
1992 Ford Maverick.  
1994 Land Rover Discovery.



# *Christmas Lunch - Harwood Hotel*

Saturday 7th December saw our annual Christmas Party held at the Harwood Hotel.

A great response from Club Members, with a sell out attendance of 78 people. Thank you all for a great party. Many members drove their non air conditioned cars down, so well done on such a hot day. It was good to see some new members attend, along with some familiar faces we haven't seen for some time.

Our Clubman Person of the year was announced. Congratulations to a well deserved CRAIG SMITH. Leigh Harding also gave out chocolate boxes to worthy recipients for Christmas shirts, hats, and 'close to Santa Look a Like' (Steve Kilduff.)

Many thanks for a great meal that our Club subsidised. Thanks to the Camerons, Robyn Dunstan, and Doug Clark for putting it all together.

Hope everyone has had a Merry Xmas by the time you read this, and an even better New Year.





# Holden "Humpy" Day

John and Helen Smith in their October 1949 FX Holden, and Steve Kilduff in his 1953 FJ Sedan, plus other GVMVC members travelled to Coffs Harbour on Saturday 30th November to the National Holden Motor Museum opened at the Bunker Gallery in Coffs Harbour. The occasion was the Holden Humpy Day.

The FX and FJ Holdens were known as 'humpies' due to their shape. There were over 280,000 sold. There were 6 'Humpy Holdens' visiting the museum from the area on that day.

The Humpy Holden displayed in the museum is a 48-215, November 1948 sedan. It was formally displayed at the Holden Museum at Echuca, and now is owned by Geoff King Motors in Coffs Harbour. It is part of Geoff's private collection of cars. This particular Holden was featured at the 50th Anniversary of Holden with the then Prime Minister, John Howard.

Our Holden enthusiasts were in "Holden Heaven".

On Thursday 8th May 2025 there is a GVMVC coffee run being organised to visit this new facility, The Holden Museum in Coffs Harbour. It is well worth a visit.





# *Team Aidan Grafton*

Team Aidan is a fundraiser for the Grafton Hospital Oncology Unit supplying petrol vouchers for patients required to travel for Cancer treatment. It comprises a committee of volunteers initiated by Aidan Really.

GVMVC members well patronised the day at the Grafton Racecourse on Sunday 24th November, displaying their cars for this worthwhile cause. Thank you.



# General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 24th November 2024

Held at Jabour Park South Grafton

**Meeting Opened:** 4.04 PM

**Chairman:** Kim Dahl

**Apologies:** Robyn Dunstan, Dave & Judy Andrews, Liz McRae, Alan Currie, Ken Norton, Graeme Hicks, John Porter, Graham Benn.

M/s J. McRae, J. Mansfield they be accepted.

**Attendance:** 29 as per attendance book.

**New Members:** Kirk Sparrow

Mark Stomizecoski

Mark Grady

Byron Donnelly

M/s D. Clark, B. Luscombe they be received.

**Visitors:** Nil

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

m/s T. Raven, I. Dunstan they be accepted. Carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

The report was presented by the Treasurer.

Moved L. Fitzpatrick, Seconded T. Raven that the report be accepted. Carried.

**Coming Events:**

See magazine.

**Past Events:**

See magazine.

**General Business:**

Club jackets still to be picked up. See Leigh Harding.

Club car banners available.

Work on Jabour Park toilets to commence February 2025.

**Meeting closed 4.31 pm.**

**Next meeting Sunday 23rd February 2025 4.00pm.**

## For Sale

### 1982 Peugeot 505

Ideal cruising car for club events.

4 new tyres, club rego, excellent condition.

Phone Phyllis: 0403389814

\$7,000



## Attention Members

Members vehicles can be displayed on the Club Website. To have your pride and joy displayed, please send photos and short story to the club email.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA**

All welcome to join our Wednesday morning tea to meet new and old members.

A light luncheon is served to those willing to work in maintaining our unique club.

### **CLUB NAME BADGES**

Name badges are available to order from Kim Dahl at \$15 per badge, which includes Club Logo and your name.

### **PHOTO GALLERY**

Have you noticed all the great photos on the Club Room walls? You too can have your car immortalised on the wall for \$15. Contact Kim Dahl to arrange a photo shoot.

### **INSPECTION FEE**

All Club inspections of vehicles carried out by Club Vehicle Examiners will be at a cost of \$20 per vehicle.

### **OTHER CLUB EVENTS**

We have official visitors rights with the Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club, meaning our members are eligible to attend their Events and also theirs to ours. To aid with this, our Magazine is distributed electronically to their members and their Magazine will be sent to us.

### **CLUB APPAREL**

Look the part when on Club Outings with any of the following Club apparel, on sale at the Club Room.

Sew on Patch \$8.

Polo Shirt \$40.

Dress Shirt \$45.

Car Grille Badge \$25.

Number Plate Surround \$25.

Caps and Bucket Hat \$15

Jackets \$70

## Swap Meet Donation Presentation



Graham Merry, President of Grafton Sporting Car Club and Kim Dahl, President of GVMVC, with the ladies of the Grafton Hospital Auxiliary, for the presentation of the donation from the Swap Meet 2024 on behalf of the two clubs.



# Trafalgar Holden Museum

Have you ever been to the Trafalgar Holden Museum in Victoria? It is well worth a visit. Housed in a preserved dairy factory the museum helps tell the remarkable story of Holden from its humble beginnings as a saddlery in Adelaide. It celebrates Australia's Holden Heritage.

The museum houses the first  
EJ Ute, FC, EK, HR, VF SSV Redline, VE SS, VF Calais, VB Commodore.

It also houses the last  
VF Series 11 Ute, WB Statesman, WN Caprice.

These cars are amongst numerous other items on display, all original Holden items. Opened in 2014 there are around 90 vehicles, and the museum has 60+ volunteers.



The last WB Statesman produced by Holden.



The last Series 11 SS Ute.



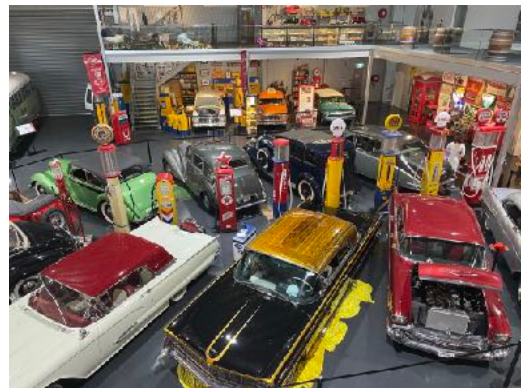
The first EJ Ute.

# The Depot - Deniliquin

'The Depot' at Deniliquin NSW is a historic vehicle and memorabilia museum. It is another great car museum to visit. Deniliquin hosts the annual Ute Muster.

The museum houses trucking and transport vehicles, Australian cars, rescue vehicles, and cars from all around the world.

Next door is the diner, decorated to match in the 60s theme.



# Upcoming Events 2025

Please note there will be no meeting in January due to Australia Day falling on the last Sunday of the month.

Presidents Run 2025: To be advised.

Date	Club Event	Contact
Saturday 25th January	Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival - Show and Shine	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 26th January	No GVMVC Meeting	
Sunday 9th February. Depart Jabour Park 9am.	BBQ at Red Rock with the BBQ trailer. Bring own food for BBQ, and togs for the traditional float down the river.	Doug Clark: 0427665200
Thursday 20th February Depart Jabour Park 9am.	Morning Tea: Wobbly Chook, Yamba. Lunch: Sedgers Reef Pub, Iluka.	Bruce and Lyn Luscombe: 0418254009
Sunday 23rd February 4pm.	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow meeting.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Thursday 13th March. Depart Jabour Park 9.45 am	Morning Tea: Remember When Museum Waterview Heights. Entry \$7, Morning Tea \$8. Lunch Copmanhurst Hotel 12 o'clock.	Bruce and Laurie Cameron: 0421116648
Sunday 16th March. Meet at Jabour Park at 8am.	Run to Tropical Fruit World 29 Durandah Road, Durandah. Fruit tasting, tractor tour of plantation. Cost \$37 per head. Morning tea: New Italy.	Text: Liz 0438791033. John 0497345478
Sunday 30th March. 4pm	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow meeting.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 13th April. Depart Jabour Park 9am.	Coffee Run to Woopi Brewery. Lunch Woolgoolga.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Thursday 24th April. Depart Jabour Park 9am.	Coffee Run to Chatsworth Island Coffee Shop. Lunch: Pacific Hotel Yamba	Robyn Dunstan: 0427565155
Sunday 27th April. 3pm	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow meeting.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Thursday 8th May. Depart Jabour Park 9am.	Morning Tea: Holden Museum Coffs Harbour. Lunch: Coramba Pub.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 25th May 3pm	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow meeting.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347



Sunday 25th May	Casino Beef Week display.	
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Thursday 12th June. Depart Jabour Park 9am.	Morning Tea: Moonee Beach. Run down sections of the old highway to North Shore Bowling Club, Mylstrom for lunch	Irwing and Sue: 0402585720
Sunday 22nd June. 8am	Wings and Wheels Show and Shine South Grafton Aerodrome	Bob King: 66424227.
Sunday 29th June. 3pm	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Saturday 12th July, 13th July (overnight)	Christmas in July.	Robyn: 0427565155
Sunday 27th July 3pm	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 17th August	Motorfest	Dave Andrews: 0467723737
Sunday 31st August	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 28th September	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	Kim Dahl: 0418660347
Sunday 26th October	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	
31st October, 1st and 2nd November	Jacaranda.	Doug Clark: 0427665200 Tom Raven: 0419888902
Sunday 30th November	General Meeting at Jabour Park. Sausage sizzle to follow.	
December	Christmas Party -TBA	

**Please Note:**

If you are planning on attending an outing, please contact the organising person so the appropriate arrangement can be made for organisation and catering etc.

**Following the next Events Committee Meeting, the second half of the year events for 2025 will be published.**

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