



# Roma Historical Motor Club Newsletter

February 2019

## NEXT MEETING – Sunday, 17 February 2019

Roma Aero Club, Hangar Drive, Roma Airport - Arrive by 3pm.  
Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. We will have afternoon tea on arrival and meeting will commence between 3.15 and 3.30 pm.

## Agenda Items:

Reports (Treasurer, QHMC, Chapters, Events), Upcoming Club Events, Purchase of shade shelters, National Motoring Heritage Day Event in May, Discussion of letter from QHMC

## Coming Events

(Please see RHMC Website for further information)

### Club Events

**17 February (Sunday):** RHMC Monthly Meeting. See above for details.

**29 March (Friday):** Display at the Picnic Races Ball - limited number of vehicles required.

### Chapter Runs

(Please contact the club or your chapter coordinator for the time for the club runs in your area.)

**02 February (Saturday):** All Chapters

**Roma Run** - Meet at 3.15 pm for a 3.30 pm departure for a casual run with route to be determined by those in attendance.

**03 February (Sunday):** Blackall & Charleville

**16 February (Saturday):** Wallumbilla & Yuleba

**17 February (Sunday):** St George

**24 February (Sunday):** Injune Restoration Run

### Other Events

**02 & 03 February:** Toowoomba Swap Meet

**09 March:** Clifton Railway Station turns 150 –  
Display of historic vehicles as part of this day.

### General enquiries

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Ads and items for the newsletter

[news@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au](mailto:news@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au)

### For Sale/Wanted

*If you have anything you wish to put in this section  
please email it to*

[news@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au](mailto:news@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au).

*All For Sale/Wanted notices will be run for 3 months.*

## Did you know?

On 24/8/82 16 people attended a meeting in the old School of Arts building at Roma and decided to form the RHMC. Annual subs for RHMC were set at \$7.00 per annum and initial discussion centred on the draft constitution and the name of the club.

The first newsletter was published in November 1982 and listed 29 financial members, most from Roma but there were also members in Mitchell, Wallumbilla and Marburg. Included was a brief report on a Club Run to the Junior Motorcycle Club Track attended by 3 members with 4 motorcycles. This was the first run for the newly formed club. The secretary's costs relating to the distribution of that first newsletter were \$4.59.

Early discussions mentioned incorporation of RHMC for quite a while also the fact that Combined Council might alter their constitution to admit cars 30 years old! It was decided in November 1982 to affiliate with Combined Council.

# 1965 TOYOTA SPORTS 800

*The Huntly's came across this vehicle at the French Car Day last year and thought it may be of interest to some readers. We can't think why it was at the display as it doesn't seem to have any French connections.*

The Toyota Sports 800 was Toyota Motor Corporation's first production sports car. The prototype for the Sports 800, called the Toyota Publica Sports, debuted at the 1962 Tokyo Auto Show, featuring a space age sliding canopy and utilizing the 21 kW (28 hp) power train of the Toyota Publica 700, a Japanese market economy car. The Toyota Sports 800 is affectionately called the "Yota-Hachi", which is a Japanese short form for "Toyota 8".



In 1965, the car went into actual production, with chassis code UP15 and an increase in engine displacement from 700 cc to 800 cc, as well as dual carburetors, which increased power from 21 to 34 kW (28 to 45 hp). This engine was sufficient to power the light car around town at 70 km/h (45 mph) or on a race track up to about 160 km/h (100 mph).

The car had aerodynamic styling by Shozo Sato, a designer on loan from Datsun, and Toyota engineer Tatsuo Hasegawa. Hasegawa had been an aircraft designer in World War II and the resulting Sports 800 was a lightweight and agile machine.

The Sports 800 was one of the first production cars featuring a lift-out roof panel, or targa top, pre-dating the Porsche Targa. The aluminium targa top could be stored in the trunk, when not in use.

Between 1965 and 1969 approximately 3,131 units were built by the Kanto Auto Works. Only about 10% of those vehicles are known to have survived, most being in Japan.

The vast majority of the 3,131 cars were right hand drive, but some 300 were left hand drive models, built primarily for the Okinawa market. (Okinawa, having been American occupied, drove on the 'other side' from the rest of Japan.)

A very 'limited number of left hand drive cars were used by Toyota to 'test drive' in the US, but Toyota made a decision not to import or sell the cars in the US market.

There are subtle design differences between the years. Noticeable differences have included: change over from non-synchro to synchro first gear in 1967; a grill and bumperette change in 1968; and side marker lights in 1969. The basic body design, however, remained unchanged.

An air-cooled 790 cc horizontally opposed two-cylinder boxer engine powered the vehicle. The 0.8 litre 2U (45 bhp @ 5400) was produced from 1965 through 1969 while a similar ZU-B was produced from 1966 through 1976 (in 1975 the Dyna Coaster Bus manual shows that Toyota used the 2U-B as a separate auxiliary engine, just to run the air conditioning unit for the bus). The 2U was also used in the Publica (UP20/UP26) and MiniAce (UP100).

Weight was kept down by using aluminium on selected body panels and thin steel on the unibody construction. For the first few years of production even the seat frames were made of aluminium.



**ROMA HISTORICAL MOTOR CLUB INC - MEETING**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Fyfe Office Building – 56 Bungil Street**

MEETING OPENED: 2.14 pm

PRESENT: 21 - As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:**

Greg Shaw  
Garry and Nazima Dann  
Laurie and Di Fitzgerald  
Robert and Edith Burton  
John and Patsy Ey

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS:**

Ozzie Newell - Blackall  
Richard and Patricia Gardener – Blackall

**RESIGNATIONS :**

David Allen – Injune – Selling his vehicle on SIVS and moving away from Injune. His membership is paid till 30/6/20 and he does not want a refund. So membership will continue till then and then lapse.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Moved: Ken Dawes  
Seconded: David Bowden  
Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Shade Shelter Prices – carry forward till February meeting  
Printy and Stamp now purchased  
Banner Blackall – now purchased and they have received it – photo with their report  
Laptop has now been purchased along with a subscription to the full Office pack which contains all programs needed by Membership team especially Access and Publisher.

**INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Various Emails – list attached
2. Voting slips for model rules update

**OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Newsletter
2. Letter re proposed change to club rules sent to all current members
3. Various Emails – list attached

Moved: Kory Johnson Seconded: Rocky Titmarsh  
that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be adopted. Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:** Vote to be taken on new rules in general business

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Presented by Veronica Beitz with a copy for minutes book

Moved: Veronica Beitz Seconded: Stuart Johnson Carried

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Christmas party dockets – payed to Nazima  
Moved: David Bowden Seconded: Wendy Blair Carried

#### OTHER REPORTS:

1. QHMC delegate – Ken Dawes – MOCC meeting, Presidents Bulletin and QHMC Bulletin and Minutes
2. Membership – Veronica Beitz – Laptop has been set up with program to run card printer and is now with Veronica. Membership Team – Veronica Beitz, Jodie Beitz, Michelle Huntly, Karen Dawes
3. RHPI – Ken Beitz
4. Christmas Party – Kory gave report on this. There will be no Roma run in January, February run in Roma (for those not going to swap) see details in dates. March run will be 9 am for 9.15 am departure from Big Rig and Run to Mitchell Spa
5. Blackall Chapter Facebook Report – Presented By – Lynn Bowden
6. Motorcyclists Toy Run – John Finnigan – 36 Bikes took part and \$1000 worth of vouchers and toys were given for children in care.
7. Meeting at History Lodge - Karen reported that club members enjoyed the talks given by the history lodge members and it was a great afternoon despite the heavy downpour and hail
8. John Finnigan spoke on the Rolls Royce story
9. Luke, Michelle and Leo Huntly went to the Simca AGM at Beechworth
10. Christmas Lights Run report was given by David Bowden

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

##### Dates

Sat 15/12/18 – Was Christmas Lights Run Roma!

No club meeting or run in January

Sat – 26/1/19 – Australia Day Celebrations – members can display vehicles in local communities to support celebrations – as arranged with organisers of individual events

Sat 3/2 & Sun 4/2 19 – Toowoomba Swap

Sat 3/2/19 – For those not attending the swap, there will be a SOCIAL RUN IN ROMA departing at 3.30 pm from the Big Rig. (Please arrive by 3.15pm). Those in attendance on the run can decide on the route.

Sat 2/3/19 - Roma Social Run to Mitchell Spa - Meet at Big Rig at 9 am for a 9.15 pm departure. More details to follow.

Fri 16/3/19 – Display for Picnic Races Ball – only 1 or 2 vehicles required

Sat – 4/5/19 – Wallumbilla Ute, Car and Bike Show at the Wallumbilla Show

Sun 5/5/19 – Roma Plough Day - Display

Sat – 11/5/19 – Roma Show – there may be a Ute Show again – we will support but are unable to offer to run anything due to May being a huge month for the club

Sun – 19/5/19 – National Motoring Heritage Day – Apex Park – All chapters are encouraged to do a run and display on this day.

#### Other General Business:

1. Updated Safety Plans presented to meeting– copies to given to relevant people
2. Discussion and vote on proposed new model rules for the club. These were sent out to all members to the postal address recorded for them to be received at least two weeks prior to the December meeting– Moved Ken Dawes and seconded John Finnigan that Karen Dawes be appointed as the person to send rules to the Office of Fair Trading. Carried

Vote: 23 postal votes and 2 phone votes in favour of the proposed new club rules and listed by laws

21 members in the room, one had already sent in a postal vote – All in Favour

There were no votes against received by mail, message, email or phone. There were no votes against in the room. Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON: SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - - ROMA AERO CLUB, Hangar Drive, Roma Airport - Arrive by 3pm - Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. We will have afternoon tea on arrival and meeting will commence between 3.15 and 3.30 pm.

**There is no club meeting in January**

MEETING CLOSED: 3.20 PM