



Car of the year - Terry Daly - 1998 Lotus Elise



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If you call them, please accept that they may have to call you back at a time convenient to them.

### General Meetings of the Club

Held on the second Wednesday of the month (except January and December)  
at The Carlingford Bowling Club  
Corner Pennant Hills Rd. & Evans Rd., Carlingford commencing at 8:00pm

### OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

Fostering a better acquaintance and social spirit between the  
various owners of Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To help and advance Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To establish and maintain, by example, a high standard of  
Conduct and a Respect of the Laws of the Road

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## **PRESIDENT VERN'S VERNACULAR**



Well, here we are with my sixth and last “Vernacular” column for 2006. Everybody, certainly including me, is saying how fast 2006 seems to have flown by.

It has been another great year for our Club, particularly following the milestone achievement of our Club's 25th Anniversary. This was celebrated in two ways – firstly via our fourteen day 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally to Tasmania, and secondly via our very successful 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, also attended by many earlier and previous members. These milestone events were both great and memorable.

This year was also marked prominently by a particularly successful Pride of Ownership Day, with 62 people for lunch (including a small number of guests) and a great and diverse array of cars for display. This was our most successful and well-supported event for many years – possibly ever. Thank you all for your great support for this Day.

In order to arrange our change of dinner/meeting venue, as previously indicated, I have now formally confirmed in writing with Carlingford Bowling Club the arrangements for booking our private dinner/meeting room for the full year for 2007, and a separate, more “eye-catching”, notice is contained within this newsletter.

We have recently held a meeting of Committee Members and other active members to plan next year's calendar of events, and I am very pleased to advise that the 2007 calendar of events is now completed (subject to the addition of a couple of dates for events for which the timing has not yet been decided) and is contained within this issue of Top Gear.

One further thing to sow in everyone's mind now is the possibility of having a major rally in 2008. Major rallies have in the recent past been conducted every two years (with shorter rallies such as the excellent Beechworth Bash interspersed). We had the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Bash in 2002, the Great Southern Tour in 2004, and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tasmania Tour in 2006. Please give some thought to your ideas for a major rally in 2008, and we shall bring this up for discussion at our meetings in 2007.

I wish to thank very sincerely all of the Committee Members who have worked hard through the year, and to thank all Members for their loyal support for our Club and its events. Further, though, I wish to particularly thank – on everybody's behalf - Editor Ian who has not only given himself the workload this year of producing six Top Gears, but has additionally nominated himself to take on the role of Webmaster to develop our Club's website. This will lift our profile within the car club movement and make contacting us and finding out about our Club much easier. On everyone's behalf – many thanks Editor Ian.

My final comment is my sad duty to inform all members of the passing away of Jan Goddard's brother on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, after a long illness. Our thoughts are with Jan, and Paul, at this difficult time.  
Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to another successful and enjoyable year for our Club in 2007.

Happy Motoring,  
President Vern

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

#### CHANGE OF DINNER/MEETING VENUE

**As unanimously agreed at the Club General Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006, and following the recent successful “trial run” dinner by ten of us, formal written arrangements have now been concluded to adopt the Carlingford Bowling Club as our new Club Dinner/Meeting Venue.**

**We have pre-booked our private room for all Meetings for 2007, and will continue with this venue into the future if everybody remains happy with it.**

**As previously advised, we will have a private room, available from 6:00pm, in which we can firstly have dinner, and then have plates etc cleared and have our Meeting in the same room. We can accordingly all sit together for Dinner – unlike the previous venue.**

**As we know, the Dinner is viewed by most Members as an important and valuable social occasion as an adjunct to the formal Meeting.**

**The first Club Meeting for 2007 will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007, and the new venue is:**

**CARLINGFORD BOWLING CLUB  
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CARLINGFORD.**

**I would encourage as many Members as possible to come along for Dinner and the Meeting to experience the new venue.**

**President Vern**

# CALENDAR 2007

	DATE		EVENT	ORGANISER	PHONE
JAN.	Fri 26	S	NRMA Motorfest	Roland Clark	9653 2866
FEB.	Wed 14 Wed 21	M F	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Val Dixon Peter & Sue Smart	9403 6905 9630 1050
MAR	Sun 4 Sat 10  Wed 14 Wed 21	R S  M F	Oran Park GP Tea Gardens Hawkes Nest Motor Club Motorfest Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Lester Gough  John Burton Val Dixon Roland & Stephanie Clark	9799 3209  4997 1859 9403 6905 9653 2866
APRIL	Wed 11 Wed 18 Sun 22	M F R	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Eastern Creek	Val Dixon Kevin & Robyn Leggott Lester Gough	9403 6905 4959 5771 9799 3209
MAY	Wed 9 Wed 16 Sun 20 Sun 20	M F S R	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Hunter Valley Bus Tour Wakefield Park	Val Dixon Greg & Kayelene Menzies Keith & Carolyn Reynolds Lester Gough	9403 6905 9871 7352 9634 6342 9799 3209
JUNE	Sat 2 Wed 13 Wed 20 Sat 30	S M F R	Restaurant Night Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Oran Park GP	Peter & Evelyn Stefan Val Dixon Chris & Joan Johnson Lester Gough	9624 8331 9403 6905 9875 3691 9799 3209
JULY	Sun 1 Wed 11 Wed 18 Sat 28 Sun 29	S M F R S	Ladies Day/Xmas in July Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Oran Park GP AHOC "Brass Monkey" Run & O'night Stay	Paul & Jan Goddard Val Dixon Keith & Carolyn Reynolds Lester Gough  Les & Roselee Johnson	9481 9715 9403 6905 9634 6342 9799 3209  9412 1838
AUG.	Sun 5 Wed 8 Wed 15 Sun 19 Sun 26	R M F S S	Eastern Creek Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run All British Day, Kings Schl Shannons Eastern Crk	Lester Gough Val Dixon John & Karma Watson Ian Norman Adrian Walker	9799 3209 9403 6905 9980 8981 9674 2717 9987 4299
SEP.	TBA Wed 12 Sun 16 Wed 19 TBC	S M R F S	Orange Blossom Festival Monthly Meeting Wakefield Park Wednesday Run Weekend Away – Temora Air Show	Malcolm Ireland Val Dixon Lester Gough Paul & Jan Goddard  Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	9416 3031 9403 6905 9799 3209 9481 9715 9874 0356 9630 3971
OCT.	Wed 10 Wed 17 Sat 20 Sun 28	M F R S	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Oran Park South Pride Of Ownership Day	Val Dixon Peter & Kathy Eaton Lester Gough Vern & Wendy Kelly	9403 6905 4360 1700 9799 3209 9651 2770
NOV.	Wed 14 Sat 17 Wed 21	M S F	Monthly Meeting/AGM Mystery Activity Wednesday Run	Val Dixon Keith & Carolyn Reynolds Colin Watts	9403 6905 9634 6342 9624 8202
DEC.	Sat 1	S	Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night	Vern Kelly & Malcolm Ireland	9651 2770 9416 3031

## NOTES:

- The events above are club sanctioned for the purposes of using club plates. Other events listed elsewhere may be sanctioned upon application at a monthly meeting of the Club.

## LEGEND:

M = Club Meeting (3 Points)

S = Social Events (2 Points)

R = Racing Event (1 Point)

F = Fun Run (No Points)

## CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

The above points are awarded to members for participation in the events specified in the TSCC Calendar as printed, and any later amendments. With racing events, one point is awarded either for racing or attending as a spectator. Also, you will be awarded two points for contributing an article to **Top Gear** (to a maximum of 10 points)

## Great Pride Of Ownership Day

It is great to know that our intrepid P.O.O. Day organisers President Vern and First Lady Wendy are well connected. Their connections delivered a sparkling spring day after a forecast of somewhat dubious weather for the annual TSCC celebration of the vast array of delectable cars owned by club members. There was also a bumper crowd on hand for what was the biggest and best P.O.O. day for quite some time.

Oatlands House looked a picture, the gardens and lawns well tended, with the bougainvillea in rampant colour.

Doubtless your humble correspondent was not the only attendee to become intimate with the speed bumps on the way across the golf course but once reminded, one gets a lot more careful. Having arrived fashionably late, it was great to see the line up of immaculate cars shining on either side of the display area. Also to have the pleasant surprise of parking on the 'cross benches' due to an abundance of cars, overflowing the two sides of the display avenue, including some cars that were being seen for the first time at the TSCC P.O.O. Day. Being on the cross benches was no hardship particularly as one of the cars there received a number of prizes. For full details refer elsewhere in this edition of Top Gear.

The collected members were in their element, deep in conversation, catching up with each other, renewing acquaintances and making new friends with a pleasing number of new members and guests attending this year. The ladies were working toward their major decision of the day which was selecting the car to put their Ladies Choice vote to. While a lot of the blokes were giving serious consideration to what lay beneath the array of shapely bonnets.

Attending were:

Paul & Jan Goddard	Mazda MX5
Chris & Joan Johnson	BMW 330ci convertible
Vern & Wendy Kelly	Mercedes-Benz CLK430 Cabriolet
Russell & Carol Kelly	MG RV8 (guests of Vern & Wendy)
Peter & Sue Smart	BMW 320i convertible
Malcolm & Margaret Stephen	Subaru Impreza WRX
Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	Peugeot 407 Coupe
Lindsay & Jill Day	Triumph 2.5PI
Malcolm & Toni Ireland	Jaguar X300 XJ Sport
Les & Roselee Johnson	Subaru Liberty Heritage
Peter & Eve Stefan	Jaguar "E" Type FHC
Fred & Jill Wilson	Mercedes-Benz CLK500 Cabriolet (guests of Peter & Eve)
Norm & Pam Johnson	Jaguar XKSS (replica)
Keith & Carol Reynolds	BMW328i convertible
Roland & Stephanie Clark	AC Cobra & Aston Martin DB4
Colin & Kerry Watts	Jaguar "E" Type FHC
Terry & Robyn Daly	Jaguar "E" Type Roadster
Lana Daly & Ed McMillan	Lotus Elise (Lana is Terry & Robyn's daughter)
Robert & Kay Finney	Ford Mustang GT Fastback
Bob & Jeni Smith	Lexus IS 300
Terri Harris & Richard Crawshaw	Jaguar XJS Cabriolet & Jaguar XK120 respectively
Adrian & Lorraine Walker	Ferrari 308GT4
Greg & Kayelene Menzies	Mazda MX5
Ian Norman	Jaguar Mk 2
Sid & Anne Davenport	Maserati Shamal
Paul & Diane Maky	
Lyn Greenrod	(guest of Paul & Diane)
Lester, Pam & Richard Gough	
Kevin & Robyn Leggot	
John & Sue Burton	

Guest Judges from Jaguar Drivers Club:

Tony & Debbie Pallas  
Iain Andersen



A total of 64 people attended which is believed to be the best attended event of any kind ever held by the Club (at least in recent years). The judges were hard at work with high number of entries, all with a very high standard of preparation.

After pre lunch drinks with the cars, we moved inside to the expanses of white linen and table decorations to enjoy a delicious lunch in very good company, before wending our way home.

Thanks again Vern and Wendy for a great P.O.O. Day!

Lindsay Day





## 2+2 E TYPE JAGUARS - A REAPPRAISAL

2+2 E Types, so called because of their 4 seat capacity, are considered amongst the purists to be the least desirable of the model. However having once owned one of these cars I found that they had certain advantages over the 2 seater versions.

This derivation first appeared in 1966 as an additional model to the well established 2 seater coupe and the "open two seater" to give the drop-top E type its correct title. In Series 1 form the 2+2 was elongated by 9 inches and the roof raised by 2 inches so as a small but useable rear seat could be included. 2+2's have been variously titled the "Cinderella" model and the "ugly duckling" of E types - from certain angles I will concede that they do look a trifle awkward. From front on the higher windscreen does nothing to enhance the vehicle's appearance but from the rear the extra roof height is not nearly so noticeable. The side profile of the Series 1 and Series "One-and-a-Half" cars (an interim model which was produced in 1967-8 as a precursor to the Series 2) is also not as well balanced as the 2 seater coupe but was improved in the Series 2 model by decreasing the steep rake of the front screen. The bottom edge of the screen was, in fact, nearly up to the edge of the bonnet. This longer wheelbase format was carried over to both the coupe and OTS Series 3 12 cylinder models. In fact no 2 seater model was ever offered in Series 3 guise.

2+2's were very popular in the American market and it was said that the model was produced, in part, to satisfy a need in this country. Sales figures bare this out as 2+2's outsold both the 2 seater coupe and open top E types in the American market, a market where the majority of E Types ended up. This was the only 6 cylinder E type to be offered with automatic transmission - the car was big enough in the transmission hump to accommodate an auto box. This was possibly another reason for its popularity in America. Because the Series 3 E types used the same wheelbase automatic transmission continued to be offered as an option in these models.

So what are those afore mentioned advantages of the 2+2 model? Firstly, in today's market place for classic cars, price. If one wishes to enjoy the thrills (and spills!!) of E type ownership but the budget is limited, a 2+2 E type could be the answer. This was the case when I first started looking for my first E. This model tends to be 10-15% cheaper than the 2 seater fixed head models, and considerably cheaper than the OTS cars. When I bought my first E type there was, in the dealership, an (admittedly very nice) OTS



sitting next to the 2+2 which I eventually purchased and it was twice the price!! In fact a tidy, useable Series 2 auto 2+2 can be had for under \$40,000 in today's market in Australia. Of course the reverse was true when these cars were new with the 2+2 being the most expensive model. If you have ever tried getting in and out of 2 seater "fixed-head" E type (or an OTS with the convertible top in place) you will have discovered that such manoeuvres cannot be performed at all gracefully. In a 2+2 entry and egress are considerably easier! Once inside one notices the feeling of spaciousness and increased headroom over the 2 seater fixed head model which tends to be somewhat claustrophobic. In any E type that famous view over that impossibly long bonnet is exactly the same. That wonderful exhaust note in the 6 cylinder cars is also the same regardless of the model. The 2+2 has lots more luggage space than either the 2 seater fixed head or OTS models. Moreover the rear seat in the 2+2 folds forward, further increasing the luggage space. If the arthritic left knee and left "tennis elbow" are playing up one can still enjoy a 6 cylinder E type in the form of a 2+2 automatic! The Series 2 E type has some advantages over the earlier cars. They stop better because of a decent power brake set up (in comparison to the Series 1 3.8 litre cars which had the infamous Kelsey-Hayes bellows) and 3 pot calipers on the front. Cooling was more efficient with an enlarged air intake (68% larger than the Series 1 cars) and twin thermostatic fans. All of these features are available on 2+2's at the afore mentioned reduced price.

I spent 4 very enjoyable years in my Series 2 2+2 E type but I have to confess that, when the budget allowed and the right 2 seater FHC came up for sale, all those advantages of the 2+2 seemed to be less important. I had little hesitation in buying my present car, a Series one-and-a-half 2 seater FHC - the colour was right too -Signal Red!!

Colin Watts



## WEDNESDAY RUN 15<sup>TH</sup>. NOVEMBER 2006

A total of 12 cars and 21 people assembled at McDonalds, Mt Colah for coffee and with the conversation flowing nobody was in a hurry to go. As a result Chris had a bit of a job to get us on the road. A very pleasant drive ensured travelling via the old Pacific Highway to Peats Ridge, then Central Mangrove and Yarramalong to lunch at the Oxley Tavern, Dooralong Valley Resort. The weather was fine and mild but quite windy in some places.

For lunch the Tavern had set up a table for us on the veranda overlooking a dam. A number of horses were in the dam paddock and some of our party wandered down to get acquainted.

Those on the run were:

John & Val Dixon	BMW 318
Peter & Sue Smart	BMW 320 Convertible
Keith & Carol Reynolds	BMW 328 Convertible
Chris & Joan Johnson	BMW 330 Convertible
Paul & Jan Goddard	Mazda MX5
Peter & Kathy Eaton	Mazda MX5
Greg Menzies	Mazda MX5
Graham Olliffe	Peugeot 407
Vern & Wendy Kelly	Mercedes CLK 430
Colin Watts	Camrey
Bob Smith & Jock Grainger	Ferrari Dino
Ian Norman & Jan Shearer	Jaguar MK 2

We were joined for lunch by Kevin & Robin Leggott. This was Jock Grainger's first club outing and President Vern welcomed him and hoped we would see him on future events.

Thanks to Chris and Joan for organising a most enjoyable event.

Ian Norman





Report on the Harbour Cruise  
18<sup>th</sup> November

What a glorious day! The harbour was looking its picture postcard best!  
There were 29 starters for this event. They were:

Paul and Jan Goddard  
Vern and Wendy Kelly  
Peter and Eve Stefan and Peter's overseas guest Horst Fehlauer  
Lindsay and Jill Day  
Coli and Kerry Watts  
Ian Norman and Jan Shearer  
Keith and Carol Reynolds  
Chris and Joan Johnson  
Graham and Marilyn Olliffe  
Peter and Sue Smart  
Kevin and Robyn Leggott  
Brian and Barbara Marshall  
Norm and Pam Johnson, and  
Rob and Kay Finney

We all met "on board" for a 2 hour luncheon cruise departing at 12.30. There was a smorgasbord fit for a king (and queen!) and plenty of it . As a dish became near empty a replacement was quickly brought out. Drink of all kinds kept flowing generously as well. With lunch over it was time to venture outside to the top or front decks and take in the harbour sights which simply sparkled on such a perfect day. Despite there being almost a full complement of passengers there seemed to be ample room for everyone to take in the sights. The cruise ship was of very generous proportions. It was good to see many regular faces from the TSCC and some not-so-regular ones as well. All too soon the cruise was over and we all gathered on the wharf for the now traditional group photograph and headed off in various directions for the trip home, or coffee or whatever. I think a good time was had by all – in some cases a VERY good time!! Our thanks to Peter and Sue Smart for organizing such an enjoyable event and also for ordering a perfect day.

Colin Watts





# Thoroughbred Sports Car Club

## Xmas Party & Presentation Night

### Prologue:

Blimey; where are we going – a million miles from anywhere out in the Western Suburbs!!! The bus was late, it was raining – and the final insult that scurrilous VP was seen swapping bread plates so that yours truly could write this article!!

### Chapter 1

The function was held at a new venue the Castle Hill RSL Club a substantial change from the Artarmon Motor Inn which has been our venue for the past few years.

The Meridian room was perfect for our group of 34 members and was nicely set up with yellow and black balloons, with the DJ was already playing music on our arrival. The staff were great and the food was deemed to be a definite cut above previous presentation nights.

Mine Host and MC Paul Goddard had also arranged for a CD of TSCC photos of events of 2006 to be played while we were mingling and dining. Such memorable moments as the Tassie Run, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Xmas in July, Pride of Ownership and other runs organised by the club.

It was good to catch up with members we had not seen for a while particularly Adrian and Lorraine Walker after their tumultuous year.

Following our dinner we had the double act of Paul G. and Vern K. presenting trophies and awards to worthy recipients.

Major Awards were as follows:

### Perpetual Trophies:

Clubman of the Year – Vern Kelly

Castrol Trophy [Club Sporting Champion – Adrian Walker [apparently no racing next year says Lorraine].

Citizen Kane Award – Colin Watts for Down on the farm in the good old days.

Donald McDonald Memorial Trophy – Paul Goddard

Car of the Year 2006 – Terry Daly - 1998 Lotus Elise

### Pride of Ownership Awards:

Best Car pre 1976:

Winner – Terry Daly – 1966 E type Jaguar

Runner up – Ian Norman – 1963 Jaguar Mark 2

Best Car post 1976:

Winner – Terry Daly – 1998 Lotus Elise

Runner up – Malcolm Stephen – 2002 Subaru WRX

Ladies Choice:

Norman Johnson – 1957 Jaguar XKSS [replica]

### Special Awards:

25<sup>th</sup> Year Tasmanian Tour – Vic Andrews [organiser]

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – John & Val Dixon [organisers]

Oberon Weekend – Paul & Jan Goddard [organisers]

Brass Monkey Run – Les & Roselee Johnson [organisers]

Historic River Observation Run Awards:

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Paul & Jan Goddard

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Adrian & Lorraine Walker

1<sup>st</sup> place – Peter & Sue Smart

Special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary awards to the 25 top pointscorers for the year:

Chris & Joan Johnson, Roland & Stephanie Clark, Lester Gough, Lionel & Gael Walker, John & Sue Burton, Adrian & Lorraine Walker, Vic Andrews, Les & Roselee Johnson, John & Val Dixon, Norm & Pam Johnson, Peter & Sue Smart, Lindsay & Jill Day, Vern & Wendy Kelly, Malcolm Stephen, Terry Daly, Col Allerdice, Colin Watts, Paul & Jan Goddard, Malcolm & Toni Ireland, Ian Norman, Greg & Kayelene Menzies, Graham & Marilyn Olliffe, Peter Stefan, Keith & Carole Reynolds.

Finally a revenge award presented by Graham Olliffe and other members of the TSCC Muirfield Golf Club subset – A leather wedge [ie the toe of a shoe] presented to Paul [who me?] Goddard for more scurrilous activities perhaps??

This was followed by Dirty Dancing firstly John Revolting and Olivia Neutron Bomb aka Chris Johnson and Robyn Leggott were on the floor. Followed by many dancing duos and lastly we won't mention who had to keep their hat on and rip their singlet off!!

A great night once again and many thanks to the organisers.

John Dixon







## TASMAN REVIVAL MEETING EASTERN CREEK

As I am a relatively new club member I have only been to a couple of club meetings since joining and the Tasman Revival Meeting was my first club outing and I am really pleased that I attended this fantastic day at Eastern Creek on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The day started out over cast and light rain was falling when Colin Watts and my self started out from home together at Kings Langley. By the time we arrived at the circuit the rain had stopped and didn't return for the rest of the day. After a slight problem with an over enthusiastic female official at the entry gate 4 we parked our cars next to Victor Andrews Volvo P180 and in a short period we were joined by Roland Clark in his Cobra along with Ray Ross driving Roland's Aston Martin DB4 and Adrian Walker in his Mustang joining us later. I was parked along side Colin's E Type Jaguar in my 1966 S Type Jaguar so the club had a good representation of cars on the day. I must confess that I felt that my S Type looked a little out of place in such a setting with the other sportier cars. Colin had provided us all with cards representing the clubs 25<sup>th</sup> year and also some signage that we all placed across the front of each car.

We then moved onto watching the racing and looking at the cars in the pits. Colin and my self spent some time in the pits looking at the cars and I must say I was in heaven. I love open wheelers and sports cars I think they are ultimate forms of racing car and I have never seen so many fantastic cars together at the one time. There was, an amazing number of cars from Brabham, McLaren, Ralt, Renmax, Elfin, Chevron, Cheetah, Matich, there was even a 1985 Lola, 1985 Ferrari Turbo and many more I really could have just stayed in the pits all day. It just doesn't get any better than this. To top it all off I spent some time talking to the people from the company that manufacture replica Jaguar C Types in New Zealand and was surprised at how fantastic the cars and how **relatively** affordable they are. I was surprised to find that I actually can fit into the car and that some minor alterations in manufacture would allow a comfortable driving position for some one my height. Jaguar C Type is my dream car and a replica would be fine by me, maybe one day who knows. For those of you who are into the Tin Tops there was again a fantastic number of cars to be seen in the pits I will try not to leave out any type, Jaguar, Chevy Comaro, Holden El and, Torana, Ford Escort, Mustang and Falcon GT, Mini Coopers BMW 2002 even an Austin A30. Every one was quite friendly and willing to talk about the cars and it was a very good feel to the whole day. Like I said it just doesn't get any better! There was also a number of trade stands for models and books and so forth and these were well supported by the public.

The racing was just great, it was full on every event and if any one thinks these guys don't take this racing thing seriously think again. Cars valued a many hundreds of thousands of dollars were driven flat out in every race we watched on the day. Watching the Mustang that Pete Geoghegan used to race four wheel drift around the track was great, the car control was impressive and I enjoyed every race I watched on the day. The race I enjoyed the most was the Tasman Cup Revival Race over 15 laps. This was a real cut and thrust affair for the entire race and was really down to the last lap. I think John Smith and Spencer Martin were two involved with the win going to John Smith.

This was only the second time I have attended an Historic Racing Event and I must say the day was very enjoyable. I would like to thank Roland Clark, Ray Ross and Adrian Walker for making me feel welcome and chatting to me while we all watched the racing together I enjoyed your company a great deal and to Colin Watts who got me along on the day after some one else had been unable to attend thanks Colin. The Tasman Revival Meeting really was a great success and I hope that it is run as an annual event that can be built up as time goes by it would be a shame if this event didn't happen again. Getting all those cars in the one place and racing flat out really was fantastic.

# **TEA GARDENS/HAWKES NEST MOTOR CLUB MOTORFEST**

## **WEEKEND RUN 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007**

We have included a run to the above event in our calendar for 2007. John Burton has organized 15 rooms at the Myall River Palms Motel for night of Sat 10<sup>th</sup>. at discounted cost of \$90 per room per night. For those who may wish to go up on Friday he has reserved 8 rooms at same rate. He has arranged for dinner on Sat. night at the Aqua Cafe/Restaurant at approx cost of \$30 per head (BYO no corkage) and the Aqua is within walking distance of the motel. For those arriving on the Friday he has suggested the Chinese at Tea Gardens which is also BYO. John has very kindly offered to have the group for morning tea at their new house in Tea Gardens on Sunday.

John recommends the event & they anticipate upwards of 300 cars will be on display.

We will have more detailed information available next month but in view of the short time frame we need to get the accommodation organize by the end of this month.

Could members interested in this event please Email [malton217@bigpond.com](mailto:malton217@bigpond.com). Or phone 94163031. At this stage I only need to know names & what night/s accommodation is required. If there is any interest in Sun. night please let me know & I will see what can be organized.

Unfortunately this will be a case of first in first served & I have to confirm the booking with the Motel by 31/12/06.

Malcolm.

THEN AND NOW  
WHAT A DIFFERENCE 30 YEARS MAKES

I thought I would share the following "Home truths" with you about reaching one's "Mature" years. These were given to me by one of my colleagues as a "send off" at my retirement! Hopefully you will find some of them mildly amusing and not too "close to the bone"!

1976 - Long Hair

2006 - Longing for hair

1976 - The perfect high

2006 - The perfect high yielding mutual fund

1976 - KEG

2006 - EKG

1976 - Acid

2006 - Acid reflux

1976 - Moving to the Gold Coast because it's cool

2006 - Moving to the Gold Coast because it's warm

1976 - Growing pot

2006 - Growing a pot belly

1976 - Trying to look like Marlon Brando & Liz Taylor

2006 - Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando & Liz Taylor

1976 - Seeds and Stems

2006 - Roughage

1976 - Killer weed

2006 - Weed killer

1976 - Going to a new, hip joint

2006 - Receiving a new hip joint

1976 - Rolling Stones

2006 - Kidney stones

1976 - Screw the system

2006 - Upgrade the system



1976 - Parents begging you to get your haircut  
2006 - Children begging you to get their head shaved

1976 - Passing the drivers test  
2006 - Passing the vision test

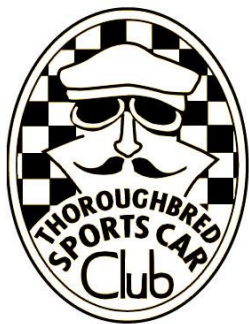
1976 - Whatever  
2006 - Depends

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff of Beloit College in Wisconsin put together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of the incoming students. Here is a recent list:

- The students are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up
- Their lifetime has always included AIDS
- Soft drink bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic
- The CD was introduced when they were born
- They always had an answering machine
- They have always had cable TV
- They cannot fathom not having a remote control
- Popcorn has always been cooked in a microwave
- They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter
- They are shocked to see a car without seatbelts

Feeling like an old fogey yet? The good news is that you are only as old as you feel! (and that could have a range of a few decades!!)

Colin Watts



# Thoroughbred Sports Car Club

## 2007 Membership Form

**Membership Year: 1 March 2007 to 28 February 2008**

Mail form and cheque to the Treasurer,  
Mrs Wendy Kelly, 76 Ravensbourne Circuit, DURAL NSW 2158

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Surname	OFFICE USE ONLY  Date Joined  M'ship No.  CAMS No.  TSCC Plate No.  Amount Paid  Cash / Cheque  Receipt Number
	Given Names	
Address		
Post Code		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	Birth Date / DAY / MONTH (Year not required)	
	Telephone (Home) (Work)	
	Fax (Home or Work)	
	Mobile Phone	
	E-Mail	
	FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING IF JOINING UNDER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	
Spouse/Partners Surname		
Given Names		
Birth Date / DAY / MONTH (Year not required)		

CAR(S)						
	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	REGO. NO.	COLOUR	MAN./AUTO
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

I agree to abide by the rules of the Club  
MEMBER/APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ x

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	ANNUAL FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<b>\$50</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<b>\$60</b>

ENTITLEMENTS/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES
(i) Eligible to attend and/or compete in all listed TSCC calendar events (ii) Receive all printed matter issued by the Club
This category covers ONE ADDITIONAL person (ie Member plus one) Spouse / partner is eligible for (i) above

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