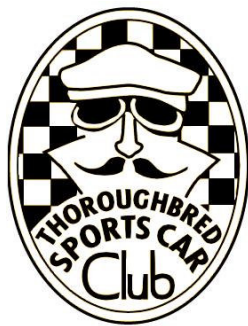




Pride Of Ownership Day – Terry & Robyn Daly's winning E Type Jaguar



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Please note these are all honorary positions, carried out by members in their own time.
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 7.30pm

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



Greetings to all as the year races quickly to both its conclusion and to another “silly season”. This is my final column for this year in the final Top Gear for the year.

Many thanks to my fellow Committee members who have worked hard to make everything happen over the past year.

A further many thanks to the organisers (too numerous to mention) of our various runs, events & display days during the year – but particular thanks to the organisers of our two major events, Terry & Robyn Daly for the “Back to Bingara Bash”, & Graham & Marilyn Olliffe for the “Temora Airshow Weekend”.

It was an enjoyable year, & your Committee has recently met to plan what we hope will be another exciting calendar of events for 2008, & this is included within this issue.

On another note, we have received from one of the attendees at this year's Christmas Party/Presentation Night an e-mail expressing her dissatisfaction with various issues of our Club's social activities, but particularly the catering & table-seating arrangements on this night.

Although we received on the evening a large number of favourable comments about it, we have included within this issue a questionnaire designed to elicit what the majority of members would prefer.

Please all give the questionnaire your earnest attention & help the Committee meet your expectations for future events. In particular, could those who attended this year's event please respond as you will have had the experience of the night.

I have now booked our meeting room at Carlingford Bowling Club for all of our Meeting dates in 2008. Everybody seems to continue to be happy with this venue. Cost for 2008 has been negotiated to continue at \$55 per night (same as this year) &, as most know, this cost is met totally or at least substantially by our raffle income on the night.

With very best wishes to you all and your families for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, & a safe, happy & healthy 2008.

Happy Motoring,
President Vern

PLEASE HELP US TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS.....

Although we received many favourable comments from those attending the Christmas Party/Presentation Dinner, a Club Member has written to the Committee with some suggested changes to the arrangements for future functions

In order to be democratic about this, and given that others may hold similar views, we have decided to give all Members the opportunity to comment and express their preferences. To this end, we would very much appreciate your responses to the questions below. Any additional comment you may wish to make will also be welcomed.

Our only aim is to fulfil the wishes of the *majority* of Members in the arrangements for this evening.

1) Food Service

It has been suggested that we move back to a table service meal arrangement, rather than continue with the buffet arrangement of the past two years. The suggestion is that buffet food is never as good as table-served meals, and that the buffet food this year was not as good as the previous year.

For your information, table-served meals could be expected, with our relatively large numbers attending this function, to be the usual arrangement of two starter/main/sweets dishes served on an alternate basis. Choices would thus be limited to the two dishes served.

The buffet offers a wider array of choices of food and the ability to select as much or as little of each dish as desired.

Based on the packages offered by the Club this year the table service was \$5.00 per head less than the buffet

Question: Are you happy to leave the choice to the organizers or is there a preference for table service?

2) Alcohol/Drinks

It has further been suggested that catering arrangements for the Christmas Party/Presentation Night, and also the Pride of Ownership Day, be changed to only include pre dinner drinks in the package price. Any subsequent alcohol/drinks to be purchased separately as required on an individual basis.

The understandable reason for this suggestion is that those who drink little or no alcoholic or other beverages “subsidise” those who may drink more.

Question: Do you wish to retain the combined food/wine packages, or would you prefer to move to a food-only basis (including only pre-dinner drinks) with any subsequent alcohol/drinks to be purchased separately?

(Note: a food-only catering arrangement *may* be available at Castle Hill RSL. This is still under discussion. It is not currently available at Oatlands House. If *insisted* upon by us, Oatlands House would make it available to us to avoid the loss of our Club’s business –

but only at a significantly increased meal cost per head for **all attendees** to cover the cost of additional bar and waiting staff. Further, wine would be made available only at higher “restaurant prices” for single bottle purchases as opposed to the cheaper price made available to us for one selected brand of red & white wine *in bulk* in a combined food/wine package. The Committee would accordingly not propose to pursue this.)

3) Seating Arrangements

Those attending this year’s Christmas Party will recall that there were designated table seating arrangements. This was adopted by us on a well-intentioned basis to provide an orderly seating arrangement under which guests of members were properly seated with their hosts, good friends were seated together, singles were properly balanced with other members, etc. It is believed that most were happy with this arrangement.

As an alternative to this arrangement, it has been suggested that, at the time of seeking acceptances for this event, Members be asked in advance with whom they would prefer to sit. If a majority of Members prefer to adopt this, the organising Committee would of course endeavour to meet all requests, but would need to retain final discretion as to seating in line with table sizes and seating availability, overlapping requests etc.

Question: Should we include this option in future invitations to the Christmas party?

You are actively encouraged to respond to the questions above, plus provide any additional feedback you may wish to offer, to provide us with the knowledge of what a majority of Members wish.

Please preferably e-mail either of the Committee members below or, if you would prefer, phone us if you would prefer a two-way discussion on the matters.

Vern Kelly vwkelly@bigpond.net.au phone: 9651 2770 (home)

Malcolm Ireland malton217@bigpond.com phone: 9416 3031 (home)

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Length	74	76	78	80	82	83

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Bust	88	93	98	103	108	113
Length	60	62.5	65	67.5	70	72.5

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OR Give it to us at the next club meeting.

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP - DISPLAY & LUNCH.

Sunday, 28th.October, dawned sunny, and dry, for one of the most enjoyable days on the T.S.C.C.'s calendar - a chance to see a large proportion of the Club's classic cars, coupled with an excellent lunch in an historic setting.

As usual, I arrived late, trying to cram too much into a day.I snuck a quick visit into the combined Aston Martin, Triumph & Austin-Healey Concourse at Henley, just down the road. As Lester Gough was in residence there, my short look around took rather longer than planned! By the time I drove into the parking area at Oatlands House, all the vehicles were assembled, and Club members seen enjoying a few pre-luncheon bevies.

It would be difficult to replicate the facilities we enjoy at Oatlands House

- good secure parking in the grounds, with ample room to display the vehicles, and walk around them. People gathered in groups, chatting, with a champagne cocktail, beer, or soft drink available on arrival.

The cars were placed in three rows, some 26 in all, and, one of the nice things about our Club, a wide range of vehicles from all eras of motoring, spanning from the Clark's 1919 Hudson, through to the latest MX-5.

At mid-day, we moved into the Rebecca Suite in the old homestead, and sat in groups at seven large tables scattered around the two rooms. Entrees arrived straight away, the choice alternating between a Caesar Salad sans anchovies, and a Linguini Pasta with smoked salmon. The wines included an excellent Misty Mooring Dry White, of which I could only have two (glasses that is, not bottles!).

Main course consisted of a Striploin on an onion & bacon ragout, or a chicken breast topped with a mixture of mushrooms, and eschallots. Dessert followed, being a choice of a rather tasty apple & rhubarb crumble, or chocolate profiteroles. Coffee, chocolates, and port finished off a rather pleasant meal - long on good conversation, and pleasantly brief speeches.

Time afterwards to walk off the calories around the assembled classics, and try to pick which ones would be winners in the various categories we have for our display day. A most enjoyable gathering.

Listed below are the participants, and their cars:

Vicki Bell & Greg Ball

Porsche Boxster.

Vern & Wendy Kelly
Ian Norman
Colin & Kerry Watts
Vic Andrews
Carol & Russell Kelly
Malcolm & Margaret Stephen
Jack & Jennifer Jones
Malcolm & Toni Ireland
Robin & Kevin Leggott
Vince Thompson
Peter & Sue Smart
Keith & Carol Reynolds
John & Val Dixon
Robert & Kay Finney
Graham & Marilyn Olliffe
Greg & Kayelene Menzies
Peter Newcombe
Terry & Robyn Daly
Ed McMillan & Lana Daly
Adrian & Lorraine Walker
Roland & Stephanie Clark
Ray & Margaret Ross
Neil Mason

Mercedes CLK.
BMW 330ci.
Mazda MX-5.
Volvo P1800.
MGRV8.
Subaru WRX.
MGTF.
Jaguar X300.
Ford Falcon.
Mercedes 350SL.
BMW 320i
BMW 328i
BMW 318i
Porsche Boxster.
Peugeot 407.
Mazda MX-5.
Ford Mustang
Jaguar E-types x 2.
Lotus Elise
Ferrari 308 GT4
Hudson Sports Roadster.
Clark's Maserati Mistral.
Daimler 250.

Also attending: Paul & Jan Goddard, Peter & Eve Stephen, Paul & Di Maky, Lyn Greenrod.

Guest Judges for the day were Brian Horne & Terry Bebbington, accompanied by their wife's, Jennifer & Kaye.

Bob & Jeni Smith







TSCC WEDNESDAY RUN 21ST Nov. 2007

The run was organized by Jack Jones who answered my call for a volunteer (I think he was pushed by Colin Watts) which I really appreciated. The arrangement was to meet at the café opposite the RAAF base at Richmond and then head up to Mt Tomah Gardens for lunch.

I had organized to go with Vern as our wives were busy elsewhere. I arrived at Vern's to be told that Jack's wife Jennifer had just phoned say that Jack would not be on the run as he was having some chest pains & was going to have some tests. Vern checked with Jennifer on his return from the run & thankfully all was well.

We proceeded to the Richmond & the starting line up was;

John & Karma Watson
John & Val Dixon
Keith & Carol Reynolds
Les & Roselee Johnson
Bob Walsh
Colin Watts
Ian Norman
Vern Kelly
Malcolm Ireland.

To entertain us whilst we had our tea/coffee the RAAF provided some fairly low level parachute jumping from, I think, a Hercules. Jack must have some influence somewhere.

The run up to the Gardens was very pleasant in the Merc. with the hood down & there was not a lot of traffic.

We were to be joined for lunch by Roland & Stephanie on their way back from Oberon but as they had their dog with them and they were unable to stay.

Jack had organized for us to eat outside on the balcony overlooking the gardens & the weather was perfect for this. A special thanks to Karma Watson who played banker & sorted out the bill.

All in all a most enjoyable run with good food, good company, & a fitting end to the Wednesday runs for 2007. Well done Jack & sorry you & Jennifer were unable to join us.

Malcolm Ireland.





ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY 1 DECEMBER 2007

Well, here we are again! Its only 12 months since our last visit to Castle Hill RSL Club, and its time again to celebrate another successful year for The Thoroughbred Sports Car Club. My, how time flies when you're having fun (as somebody once famously said or was it somebody famous once said.....oh well – who cares!).

Our numbers are up on lasts year's gathering with 42 happy souls attending this year. Our evening begins with pre-dinner drinks in the ante room before we are shown to our tables to partake of the evening fare and festivities. Once seated our MC for the night, Vice President Malcolm, takes great delight in announcing the "lucky door" prize winner is the person with that "special" something under their dinner plate. And guess who won the prize??!! Yes...lucky me, and attaching to that lucky bottle of bubbly was the privilege of writing this article for "Top Gear". Everything happens at once, doesn't it?

President Vern extended a warm welcome to all and when dinner was completed it was then over to VP Malcolm for the presentation of awards to the deserving recipients for the year. Winners were:

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Clubman of the Year: Vern Kelly



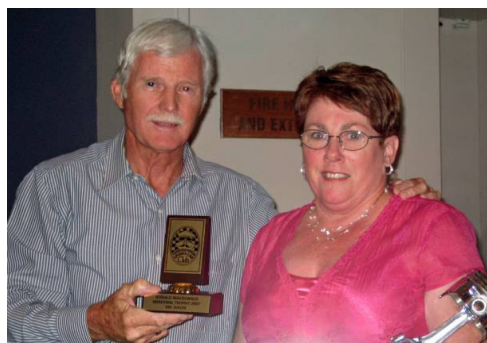
Castrol Trophy (Club Sporting Champion): Malcolm Stephen



Citizen Kane Award: Eve Stefan (for her article (poem) on the Bingara Bash)



Donald MacDonald Memorial Trophy: Val Dixon



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AWARDS

Best Presented Car Post 1977:

Winner: Russell & Carol Kelly – 1994 MGRV8



Runner Up: Ian Norman – 2003 BMW 330ci convertible



Best Presented Car Pre 1977:

Winner: Terry Daly – 1967 Jaguar E Type coupe



Runner Up: Roland Clark – 1919 Hudson Sports Roadster



Ladies Choice: Roland Clark – 1919 Hudson Sports Roadster

Car of the Year: Terry Daly – 1967 Jaguar E Type coupe

It is interesting to note that in 2 instances in this year's awards that a change of ownership has brought about a change of fortunes for the new owners with Ian Norman featuring with his BMW 330ci convertible (previously Chris and Joan Johnsons) and Terry Daly with 2 awards for his 1967 E Type, which he finally managed to secure from Les and Roselee Johnson, and it was evident that he had put a lot of work into restoring it to its former glory.

Special Awards

Back to Bingara Bash: Terry and Robyn Daly



Temora Airshow Weekend: Graham and Marilyn Olliffe



Once the formalities were over, the night settled into the real swing of the evening with lots of dancing and chatting, and catching up with many old friends over a glass of Christmas cheer. A lovely evening, enjoyed by all.



Jan Goddard

CALENDAR 2008

	DATE		EVENT	ORGANISER	PHONE
JAN.	Sat 26	S	NRMA Motorfest		
FEB.	Wed 13 Wed 20	M F	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Vicki Bell Peter & Sue Smart	9958 8721 9630 1050
MAR	Sat 8 Wed 12 Wed 19	S M F	Tea Gardens Hawkes Nest Motor Club Motorfest Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Malcolm Ireland Vicki Bell Roland & Stephanie Clark	9416 3031 9958 8721 9653 2866
APRIL	Fri 4/7 Wed 9 Wed 16	S M F	Orange Rally Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Terry & Robyn Daly Vicki Bell Paul & Jan Goddard	9488 9590 9958 8721 9481 9715
MAY	Sun 4 Wed 14 Wed 21	S M F	Joint Breakfast Run MB Club Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Vince Thompson Vicki Bell Colin Watts	9874 7745 9958 8721 9624 8202
JUNE	Wed 11 Wed 18	M F	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Vicki Bell Jack & Jennifer Jones	9958 8721
JULY	Sun 6 Wed 9 Wed 16 Sun 27	S M F S	Xmas in July Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run AHOC "Brass Monkey" Run & O'night Stay	TBA Vicki Bell Keith & Carolyn Reynolds TBA	9958 8721 9634 6342
AUG.	Wed 13 Wed 20 Sun 17 Sun 31	M F S S	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run All British Day, Kings Schl Shannons Eastern Crk	Vicki Bell John & Karma Watson Ian Norman Adrian Walker	9958 8721 9980 8981 9674 2717 9987 4299
SEP.	TBA Wed 10 Wed 17 Sat 20 TBA	S M F S S	Orange Blossom Festival Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Shed Crawl Thoroughbreds & Fillies Weekend	Malcolm Ireland Vicki Bell Brian & Barbara Marshall Roland Clark Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	9416 3031 9958 8721 9651 2821 9653 2866 9630 3971
OCT.	Wed 8 Wed 15 Sun 26	M F S	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run (MB Club Invited) Pride Of Ownership Day	Vicki Bell Ian Norman Vern & Wendy Kelly	9958 8721 9674 2717 9651 2770
NOV.	Wed 12 Wed 19	M F	Monthly Meeting/AGM Wednesday Run	Vicki Bell John & Val Dixon	9958 8721 9403 6905
DEC.	Sat 6	S	Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night	Vern Kelly & Malcolm Ireland	9651 2770 9416 3031

NOTES:

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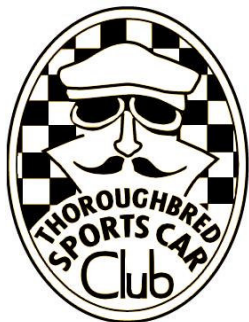
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S = Social Events (2 Points)

R = Racing Event (1 Point)

F = Fun Run (No Points)

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Thoroughbred Sports Car Club

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Membership Year: 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2009

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	Fax (Home or Work)	
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	E-Mail	
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I agree to abide by the rules of the Club MEMBER/APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ x

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<input type="checkbox"/> Single	\$50
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