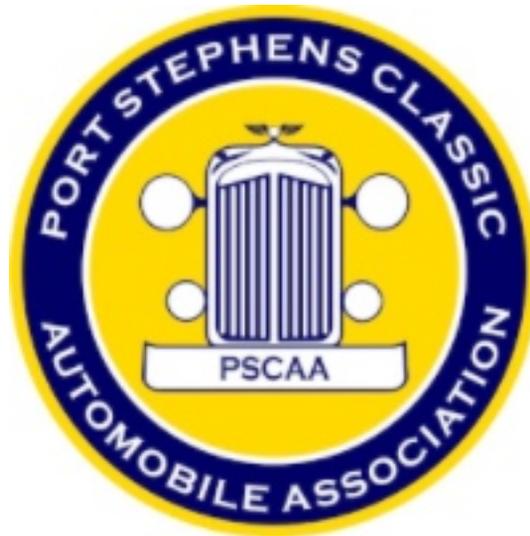


Monthly Newsletter of the
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April 2019 Newsletter

President's Report



Hi <<First Name>>,

The Diverse Face of PSCAA

Last month I wrote about the people in the club that go that extra mile to make events run smoothly, This month I thought I might continue on the theme of "Our People".

I am always amazed by the hidden talents within the club and the diverse backgrounds of our members. Because of our older demographic our members come to us with a full suite of life experiences.

For example, we have an ex banker who now painstakingly rebuilds prewar sports cars and somehow still finds the time to be the financial controller of a large New Guinea based health charity.

We have a tractor mechanic who became a liquor store owner, then a builder. Who now helps everybody with everything and drives the church bus, a refrigeration mechanic who started an airline and still pilots charity flights. We have a smattering of ex real estate agents, a handful of accountants, a plethora of mechanics even a retired undertaker. We could however use a doctor, I did say it was an older demographic.

So next time you are at a club event take the opportunity to learn more about your fellow members. You will be astounded by the similarity and the diversity.

See you on the road.

Andrew Hamilton

FOR SALE

Looking for a new car? We might have just what you want!



1954 Renault 750 4cv

This 750 has upgraded brakes from drum to 4 wheel discs. the engine was 750cc now a 1108cc. Was a 3 speed gear box, now a 4 speed.

The car has had a new coat of paint some years ago. See photos for condition. There are 4 new tyres.

I have the 750 engine if you want. This car is on H plates which means the car is sold as is with no rego, I have rego papers with books and work shop and parts books.

Happy to discuss any queries you may have and welcome inspection by appointment.

Warwick Smith 0438 806 604

\$13,500 ono



Classic Tales

by Andrew Hamilton

This month we interview Brian Turner about his 1975 Valiant Charger XL.

Ed-Good Evening Brian how long have you been a member of the PSCAA?

BT- About 5 years

Ed-Is this the car you have always yearned for?

BT- Yes.

Ed-How long have you had this classic car?

BT- 10 Years.

Ed-Have you had to do much work to the car?

BT- Oh yes, I cut out quite a lot of rust, repaired heavy hail damage as well as a respray.

Ed-What has been best about owning this car?

BT- It is such a great shape and it's Australian heritage

Ed-What has been worst about owning this car?

BT- Not having enough time to work on it.

Ed-Are you looking to purchase another classic car?

BT- No, not another classic car

Ed-If money were no object what would be your dream car?

BT- A Dodge Challenger

Ed-Thanks Brian





Breakfast in the Park - 3 March

by David Linn

On Sunday 3rd March, approximately 24 members and almost the same number of K9's, gathered at the most fabulous Conroy Park Corlette for breakfast on what could only be described as a PERFECT morning.

These events are more about a SOCIAL gathering, in fact there were very few classic vehicles in attendance.

Thanks to our Council rates, the Park had all the seating and table requirements as well as the necessary BBQ.

At these events you choose what you would like to do. Some of the members chose to cook breakfast comprising of eggs, bacon, sausages, kippers and baked beans. Other members brought their prepared breakfast and some members, who lived close, simply came along to enjoy the company.

At about 10.30am to 11.00am the party, after having filled our stomachs and having had a most enjoyable SOCIAL morning, we all departed to other adventures.

[For more photos of this event, click this link](#)



Secret Men's Business - Lexie's on the Beach - Friday 22 March

by Mike Ryves

The weather looked very ordinary, on the day for this month's SMB gathering. It was overcast with light rain, so we were quite surprised to find a great turnout of people, when we arrived at the Caltex.

There were approximately 15 Classic Cars and 25 Members (plus 1 guest who, I might add, has decided to join the club) attending the breakfast. Just goes to show what 'tough souls' members of PSCAA are!

There was some discussion at the Caltex as to possible delays at the Roundabout at Williamtown, however, it was decided that we would still go ahead as we had already advised Lexie's of our arrival. Luckily though, the drive down turned out to be uneventfully and without any delays!

It was a very well attended event, the Service a Lexie's was fantastic, and the food very good. We will definitely be having it on the list of venues, for another SMB in the future.



PSCAA Workshop - Sunday 24 March 2019

By Paul Allingham

Charlie Dobson once again opened up his fantastic facilities and hosted the PSCAA workshop for the member's. Most of the usual suspects (about 25 members) were in attendance to give their classic car some overdue attention or just a little TLC. Chief surgeons in attendance were Charlie Aquilina, Warwick Smith, Laurie Tuscano and El Presidente Mr. Andrew Hamilton.

Patients who went under the knife were:

Jim's Lancia.....Chronic cancer

Warwick's Caddy.....Radial ligament issues, blood transfusion and rear end examination

Brian's Charger.....Hot flush issues (caused by a shortage of gas)

Alan's M2.....Frontal vision issues (absence of clarity on wet days)

Michael's 280Z.....Illumination failure in one red eye (dirty socket)

Malu's 56 FordAnnual check-up

Paul's VetteHeart beat irregularities (V7)

All heads turned and rumours quickly spread amongst the group when Alan arrived sporting an "ash blond" sitting in the passenger seat of his red MGA. However, an air of doom and gloom quickly spread over the men's group (who were assembled under the marquis) when a club member recognized the radiant blond as being our fellow club member, *Barry*.....shave your legs next time; Barry!

As per usual, the quality of conversation among club members was at its usual diminished level. While Probus, Rotary and other intellectual club groups discuss significant world events, global warming or even politics and religion, the male members of PSCAA can only

discuss their life changing experiences after discovery of the “little blue pill” and how the world would be a better place if an equivalent enhancement was developed for their female partners. Seriously, guys, this gathering was billed as a car club workshop, not a pharmaceutical conference.

Topping off the morning was a surprise visit by Elvis. He rocked-up disguised as Malu and driving Malu’s beautifully presented 2 tone, 56 Ford Customline. Unfortunately, Elvis forgot to bring along his guitar so there was no sing-a-long.

As his parting gesture, Darcy Geal made a passionate plea to the committee for the installation of a parking area designated for “The Disabled”. However, he was unclear whether the provision request was on behalf of the physically disabled or mentally disabled!

On behalf of all members and attendees of the workshop, special thanks go to Charlie Dobson for his generosity in making available his outstanding facilities to PSCAA members once again. Also special thanks to Charlie Aquilina, Laurie Tuscano, Warrick Smith, Andrew Hamilton and the other experts who donated their time and expertise to help keep our vehicles in top condition. Additionally, thanks to Laurie Tuscano, Greg Cumberland and Jim White for a great BBQ and the other volunteers. We consumed 38 steaks, numerous sausages, 4 loaves (no fishes) and a generous quantity of beers and sodas. Special thanks also to all those who organized and set-up the event.

Best wishes to Charlie Hobson’s partner, Jean for a rapid recovery fast return home.

Save driving, everyone!

[For more photos of this event, follow this link](#)

Members Profile - Kay and Peter Smith

By Jim White

PSCAA has among our members some seriously talented people and I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about two of those members.



I first came aware of these two talented people when Trevor Gray and I found out that the Smiths were involved in an Art Exhibition at Gloucester which we duly attended. Kay had spent a week previously in Gloucester with a group of Art enthusiasts exploring this beautiful but rugged landscape. This was splendidly captured by Kay both in oils and water colours and exhibited in the local Gallery.

Peter who mainly enjoys painting Nautical shipping themes which I have seen also has an excellent talent for wood carving. Peter exhibited at Gloucester a timber Rocking Horse which was carved from many layers of timber being laminated together. The effect when carved the symmetry, the effect, is truly astounding.

As you may be aware, we had an Art Exhibition held at Port Stephens Community Art Centre in March which there were 377 Paintings on Exhibition. Second place was claimed

by Kay McFarlane Smith with her Oil painting Storm Warning. Peter Smith was commended for his painting Colours of the Mediterranean.

Peter Smith Rides “Loop The Lake”

On March 10th Peter Smith competed his 4th Rotary Loop “The Lake Pushbike ride”. Peter rode 50 km from Lake Munmorah on the Central Coast around Lake Macquarie to Spears Point. Pretty Gruelling with those Pacific Highway hills between Lake Munmorah and Swansea but he finished well in the 2hour time. (I thank Kay for telling me about Peters ride)



Morpeth Lunch Run - 27 March

by Darcy Geale

Wednesday, 27 March proved to be a great day for a spring lunch run to Morpeth. At the start we were joined by Chris and Chrstine Bout in their new Mustang Bullit, brand new the day before. The car comes with its own white snooker ball gear shift knob as a partial reminder of heritage, but then it also has a button select exhaust note (high to low)! Another surprise was the arrival of the Skates in Jerry's E type, yes it has changed hands. Fortunately they did not have a flat as Jerry has misplaced the knock on/off spanner. The roll up was great with 23 attending lunch. Charle Aqualina graced us with a drive past just before we left; as he was driving the Kia it was only appropriate that he kept on driving

The food was great at Mealy's, with a leisurely 1 1/2 hours between first and last served meal allowing plenty of time to chat and catch up. The time difference also ensured that the early comers had plenty of time to wander the shops and leave some more money

behind in Morpeth.

[For more photos of this event, follow this link](#)

Macadamia Farm Morning Tea - 1 April 2019

by Brian "The Commodore Kid" Watson-Will

The inaugural Morning Tea excursion was to the Medowie Macadamia Farm, on the 1st of April was an extremely-successful event – that's not an April Fool's Joke – even though Jim was heard to suggest that he was going to send out a email to suggest that we take a brown-paper bag to collect our own nuts.

Leaving the Anna Bay Caltex at 9.30am twenty-seven members – some with partners – took off and arrived at Medowie by 10am.

This first-ever event will continue with short runs of no more than 30 minutes on the first Monday of each and every month, except for public holidays.

The weather was nippy, cool and cloudy with showers predicted later in the day.

There were a couple tops down, including Graham's E-type and Darcy's Mazda MX5, the rest of us had our steel protective tops except for El Presidente and Lynn who had their soft top firmly in place to keep out the cold.

John Dickson arrived in his great-sounding Alfa rally car, complete with advertisers, sponsors and dust.

There were great-looking cars, including a T-Bird, a Porsche 928 V8, and a sleek-looking, beautiful blue Camaro.

The coffee, tea and food were excellent and the rekindled friendships were also very pleasant. We all had a great, successful run.

Several of us were chauffeur-driven to save our planet and all members headed for home at 11am for lunch before the showers, and to be able to pick-up the grandkids after school, like Brian (B3) and Julie.

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April 2019

Monday 1 April – Coffee Morning

Let's try something new for the Club, for members and their partners: a 'fixed date event' on the first Monday of each Month. A Coffee Morning at a local café (say, within 30 minutes' drive). This month, it will be at the Macadamia Farm at Medowie. Meet at the Caltex at 9.30am, or at the venue at 10:00am.

Sunday 7 April - Breakfast in Local Park

This month, it will be at Little Beach Reserve. Bring the lot, good facilities for BBQ, plus a shop located nearby. Meet at 8.00am at the venue.

Thursday 11 April - Assoc. Meeting

As usual to be held at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club, followed by dinner at "Tails Restaurant". Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp.

Sunday 14 April - Wine Tour to the Hunter Valley

Another new outing! Wine Tasting (with a presentation, plus Nibbles) at Jay Tulloch Winery, 638 De Beyer's Road, Pokolbin, Hunter Valley. Phone 4998 7580 Cost \$10.00 per head (subsidised). Then, onto a Picnic lunch near the Hunter Valley Gardens (bring all you need) or, if you prefer an alternative option, feel free to make your own arrangements. Meet at the Caltex at 9:00am.

Thursday 18 April - SWB

This month, the girls are going to the Galley Kitchen at The Anchorage at Corlette. Could you please Text Deb on 0416 030 938 if you are attending, as we need to advise the venue. Meet at the venue 1.00 pm.

Thursday 18 April - SMB

Because the Friday this week falls on Good Friday, for this month only, the SMB will be held on the Thursday instead. We are going to the BP Road House at 403 Tarean Rd, Karuah. Phone 4997 5306 Meet at the Caltex 7.30am.

May 2019

Saturday 4 May – Rattletrap at Crowdy Heads

Rattletrap is a unique event organized by Drag-Ens Hot Rod Club at Crowdy Head Basically its' Drag Racing, Sprinting & Parade on the beach at low tide for Pre-1941 cars and Pre-1960 bikes. The club has organised a bus to take members, places are filling fast (check with Charlie Aquilina 0404084420). If the bus is full, some members may consider a car pool to get there. The bus will depart from, Port Stephens Coaches, 15 Port Stephens Dr, at 7:30am. Gates open 10.00am, Event starts at 11.30 am.

Monday 6 May - Morning Coffee Run

This month, morning coffee at Fingal Bay Café. Meet at the venue at 10:00am, all members and partners are welcome to attend these events.

Thursday 9 May - Assoc. Meeting

As usual, to be held at the Nelson Bay bowling club, followed by dinner at "Tails Restaurant".

Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp.

Sunday 12 May – Breakfast in Local Park

At Nelson Bay, meet at the off-street car park near the public wharf. Bring the lot, good facilities for BBQ, plus a shop is located nearby.

Meet at the venue at 8:00am.

Thursday 16 May – SWB

This month, the girls are going to the In House Kitchen, Donald Street Nelson Bay. Could you please Text Deb on 0416 030 938 if you are attending, as we need to advise the venue. Meet at the venue 1.00 pm.

Sunday 19 May - Tilligerry Motorama

The very popular Tilligerry Motorama is on again. This is one of our official PSCAA "Show'n'Shine", and we like to put on a good show here. Entry is \$10, proceeds to a local charity

Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Tanilba Bay, (Tilligerry RSL) Meet at the Caltex 7.30am

Friday 24 May – SMB

This month we are off to Crepe Myrtle Tea and Coffee Rooms, in Stroud. 63 Cowper Street Stroud. Phone 40245601

Meet at the Caltex 7.30am

Wednesday 29 May - Mid-Week Pub Run

Returning to the Erringhi Hotel, in Clearance Town.

Very good reviews, with a large menu selection, tasty food and, of course very friendly staff!

21 Grey Street Clearance Town. Phone 49964101

Meet at the Caltex 11.00am

June 2019

Monday 3 June - Morning Coffee Run

This month, morning coffee at Murray's Brewery on Nelson Bay Road. Meet at the venue at 10:00am, all members and partners are welcome to attend these events.

Sunday 9 June – Breakfast in Local Park

At Little Beach Reserve, on the water front at Little Beach. Bring the lot, good facilities for BBQ, plus a shop is located nearby.

Meet at the venue at 8:00am.

Thursday 13 - June Assoc. Meeting

As usual, to be held at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club, followed by dinner at Tails Restaurant. Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp.

Sunday 16 June – Weekend Club Pub Run

This month we are off to the Junction Inn in Raymond Terraces, a great dining room, with a good menu and off street parking. The Inn overlooks the Hunter River.

2 William Street Raymond Terrace phone 4987 2014

Meet at the Caltex 11:00am

Thursday 20 - June SWB

Ladies lunch, at Essence Espresso located at 2/47 Donald Street Nelson Bay, 49815646. Could you please Text Deb on 0416030938 if you are attending, we need to advise the venue. Meet at the venue 1.00pm

Wednesday 26 June – Mid Week Club Lunch Pub Run

This month midweek run will be to the lovely Caves Coastal Bar & Bungalows at Caves Beach, just past the Swansea Bridge at Lake Macquarie. This is a fantastic Venue which we have not visited before, it has a very large inside or outside seating area, to cater for any weather in

June! Lots of off Street Parking. Check out this new venue at www.cavescoastal.com.au

Meet at the Caltex 11:00am

Friday 28 June - SMB

This month, we are returning to the BP Roadhouse, at Karuah. 403 Tarean Road Kurah NSW, 4997 5306

Meet at the Caltex 7.30am



Monthly Meetings (except January) 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm
Nelson Bay Bowling and Recreation Club

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