

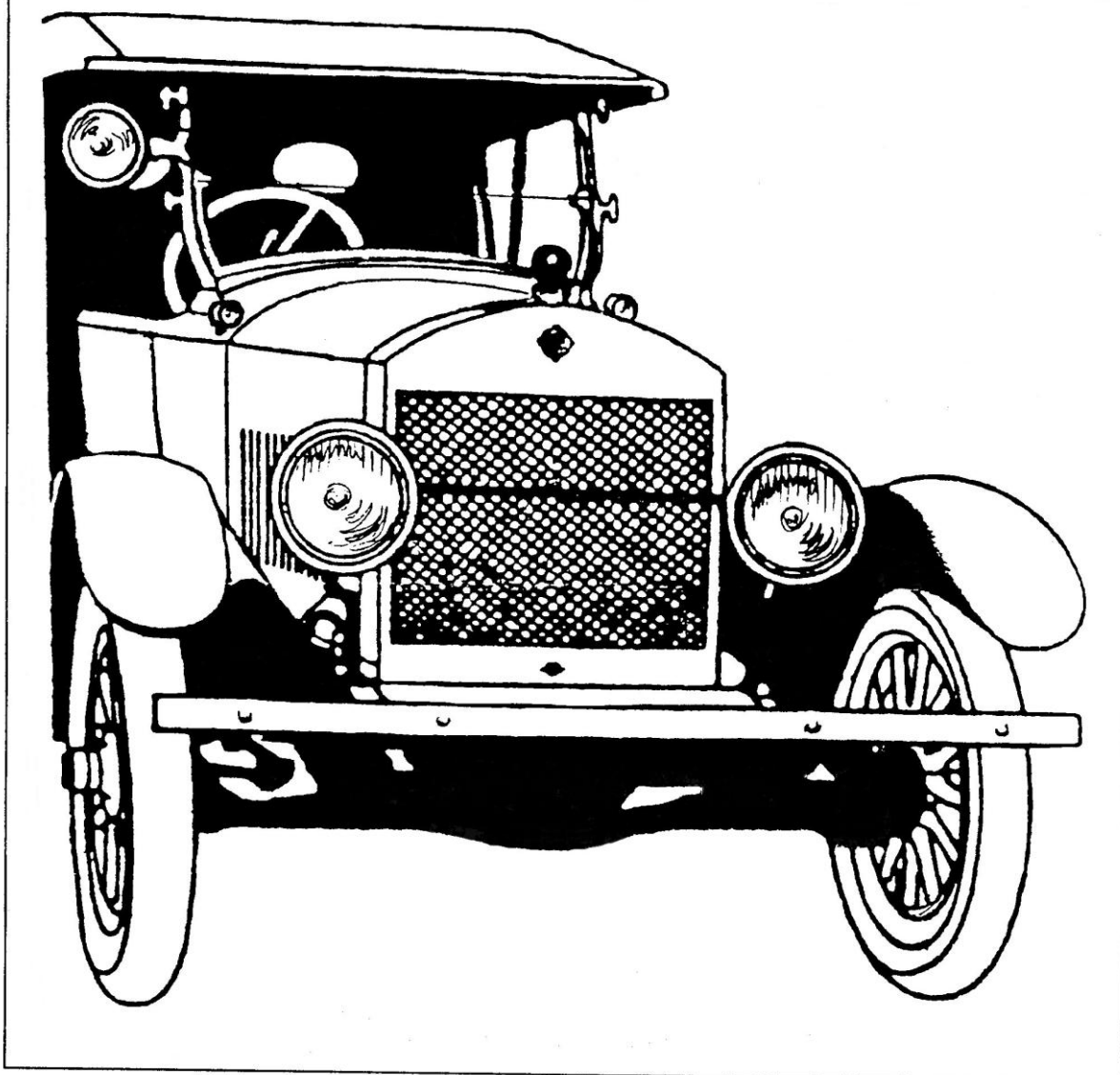
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Kerang Car Club Meeting December 2023

Apologies. Peter Bortolotto, Ebbon Boxall, Brenton Brooker, Rod and Caren Coates, Glenda Day, Zennon Eaton, Jeff Gitsham, Michelle Goddard, Jason Greenwood, Dennis Greenwood, Mat Greenwood, Nathan Henry, Murray James, Gary Nicholson, Troy Steains, Les Thornton, Craig Wallace, Peter Webb and Tony Websdale.

Present. **Geoff Aldred**, Mark Arians, Ralph Arlt, Michael Bell, Andrew Borkowski, Steve Bortolotto, Max and Andrea Bowland, Alan Boyle, Colin and Linda Bray, Terry Brooker, Colin Brown, Peter and Jeanette Byrne, Bruce Campbell, Ken and Marge Charleson, Max and Margy Christian, Peter Crane, Colin Day, Ross Day, Phillip Day, David Donohue, Robert Eaton, Andrew Farley, Ken Fowler, Gary Fowler, Phillip Gawne, Adam Gelletley, John Goddard, Robert Gordy, Colin and Helen Granter, Peter Greenwood, Terry Gregory, Greg Henry, Wayne Hester, Norm and Carol Ison, Trevor Keath, Di Moon, Andrew Maconachie, Gary Maconachie, Paul Mason, John Mowat, Alan Mowat, Jacob Nixon, David North, Jill North, Don Pascoe, Phillip Reed, Adam Ridley, John Ritchie, Ken Robertson, Graeme Rumbold, John Rumbold, Arthur Scragg, Daniel Spark, Carol Spark, Ted Stalker, Ralph and Julie Steains, John Webb, Richard Welsh, Bev Wilkinson, Mark Wilson, Greg Wright, Jackson and Greg Gurnet.

General Business: 2024 Calendars are available, also membership cards.

The Kerang Show and Shine organisation is going well, they are still looking for volunteers to man the gates and help with the parking.

Christmas Dinner at the Bower in Cohuna went well with a good crowd of members attending. The Ganna Toy Run was held on the weekend with over 60 cars and 85 motor bikes \$6500 was raised on the day and \$20,000 in total.

Club Captain Ken Fowler has got a photo of his Customline in the Auto Pro National calendar, well done Ken.

The Healesville run is all organised.

Looking for volunteers to mow the grass around the club rooms.

It was a good night at the Grove on the green at the Kerang Golf Club with several members attending.

2024 AGM we need a new Club Captain and President.

On behalf of the Committee we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Club Captains Report: Grove on the green was attended by three members, everyone enjoyed the night.

35 members attended the Christmas Dinner at the Bower in Cohuna.

Fed Report: Fed Picnic at Murrabit, Local band and locally run BBQ, 19TH of May 2024.

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a great year ahead.

It was great to see so many people at our Christmas Dinner in Cohuna and at our December meeting.

We have a terrific list of events in our 2024 calendar but there is always room for more to be added, so if you have any suggestions for an event please don't hesitate to let one of the committee know.

One of our major events this year will be the Kerang Show & Shine on the 13th and 14th of April, another will be the Federation Picnic on the 18th and 19th of May, also not forgetting our weekend run to Healesville on April 19th, 20th and 21st (it may still be possible to book to go on this trip if you haven't already but time is quickly running out)

As I have stated at the last couple of meetings and in the last newsletter, we will be looking for some new committee members at our June 2024 elections, the committee is a great one to be a part of with everyone working well together making it an enjoyable experience.

Also at our December meeting John Webb gave a report on the Gannawarra Toy Run, apparently it was another very successful event with a good amount of money raised to help those in need. Congratulations to the Toy Run Committee and thank you to all of our members who were able to participate on the day.

As many of you may know, the car club helps to look after the grounds around the club rooms by mowing the grass.

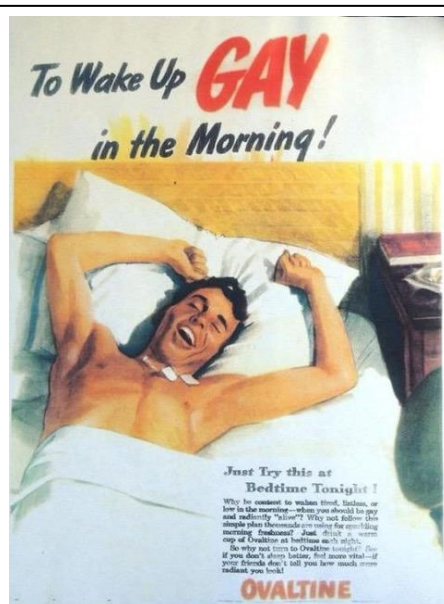
Mick Kelly and the Rotary have recently put pop up sprinklers in the front lawn to help keep our grounds looking good.

I have been mowing the front and side grass for several years with Colin Brown looking after the grass out the back.

Unfortunately, I will no longer be able to continue my part for the foreseeable future and would appreciate someone local with a little spare time to mow the front and south side grass every two to three weeks.

Cheers,
Serge.

Some old adverts can't see these been sold today.



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COMING EVENTS

16th of January Club meeting.

21st of January Centre State Swap meet Bendigo.

3rd of February Coffee run.

20th of February Club meeting.

22 of February Club lunch.

3rd of March BBQ at Hughes Lake Charm. CANCELLED.

10th of March Wycheproof Show and Shine.



Just an old photo I found
(sorry Ron)
Lord Lucas Prince of
Darkness at it again with a
reliable fuel gauge.



Working on a diff from a mining dump truck

Q: What's worse than raining cats and dogs?

A: Hailing taxis!

Q: What's the difference between a Ferrari and six trash bags full of recyclable cans?

A: I don't have a Ferrari in my garage.

A truck carrying vicks vaporub overturned on the highway, amazingly there was no congestion for 8 hours straight.

Q: What did Batman say to Robin before they got in the car?

A: "Robin, get in the car."

I couldn't work out how to fasten my seatbelt. Then it clicked.

Q: What do you call a VW bus at the top of a hill?

A: A miracle.

Q: What is the last thing that goes through a bug's mind before it hits the windshield?

A: Its bum.

The first full-scale, self-propelled mechanical vehicle was released in 1769. It was a steam-powered tricycle that was used to haul cannons around town. (But, it weighed 8,000 pounds!)

The Benz Patent- Motor wagon is believed to be the first modern automobile. German inventor Carl Benz applied for the patent in 1886, and later, his wife took it on the first-ever, long-distance drive.

In 1913, the Ford Model T became the first mass-produced automobile. Three years later, 55 percent of all cars in the world were Model Ts, which is a record yet to be broken.

The 1964 Pontiac GTO is widely regarded as the first "muscle car." Pontiac owned the muscle scene in the early 1960s, but by 1968, that car had plenty of competition.

The Ford Mustang also made its debut in 1964. It was officially unveiled at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York. That same day, the car also debuted in showrooms across America, and close to 22,000 Mustangs were purchased.

The first Chevrolet Camaro to ever come off the production line was black. And originally, the Camaro was going to be called the Panther.

The 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona was banned by NASCAR. The car was named for the Daytona 500, and with its record-breaking speed, it won the first race it was entered in. Unfortunately, however, it was just too fast to last.

Pontiac's "The Judge" (a 1969 GTO) was named after a TV show skit. At the time, John DeLorean was the man in charge, and he chose to name the car after a show he watched and liked: "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In."

"The Judge" was also featured in what's considered the first-ever rock music video. In the original TV commercial for this car, Paul Revere and the Raiders sang a song they wrote about it.

The original "Dukes of Hazzard" show featured a total of 309 Dodge Chargers – all 1969 editions. How can you tell a 1969 Charger from a 1968? Look for the split grille on the front of the '69 model.

A 1977 Pontiac Trans Am starred in the movie "Smokey and the Bandit." Four were provided for the movie – all of which were badly damaged during production.

Each member of The Monkees was given a new Pontiac GTO. As part of their contract, everyone on the hit TV show got a hot car for personal use.

Flip-out headlights on the Dodge Charger were used for the last time in 1973. Apparently, they didn't seem very family friendly.

There is no 1983 Chevrolet Corvette. Instead, Chevy skipped a year and introduced an all-new model in 1984. However, there were prototypes of the car, and all but one was destroyed. It now lives in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Only 11 prototypes of the Porsche 916 exist. It's one of the rarest cars in the world, as it was soon replaced by the less expensive Porsche 911.

Chrysler's 426 HEMI engine was called "the elephant." It was extremely large and extremely powerful. In fact, at Daytona in 1964, the vehicles that placed first, second and third all had this engine – which is why NASCAR would eventually change its engine-related rules.

The most expensive car ever sold at a public auction was a 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196R Formula 1 race-car. In 2013, it went for a staggering \$30 million.

The Horse Manure Problem of 1894

The 15 to 30 pounds of manure produced daily by each beast multiplied by the 150,000+ horses in New York city resulted in more than three million pounds of horse manure per day that somehow needed to be disposed of. That's not to mention the daily 40,000 gallons of horse urine.

In other words, cities reeked. As Morris says, the "stench was omnipresent." Here are some fun bits from his article:

Urban streets were minefields that needed to be navigated with the greatest care.

"Crossing sweepers" stood on street corners; for a fee they would clear a path through the mire for pedestrians. Wet weather turned the streets into swamps and rivers of muck, but dry weather brought little improvement; the manure turned to dust, which was then whipped up by the wind, choking pedestrians and coating buildings.

. . . even when it had been removed from the streets the manure piled up faster than it could be disposed of . . . early in the century farmers were happy to pay good money for the manure, by the end of the 1800s stable owners had to pay to have it carted off. As a result of this glut . . . vacant lots in cities across America became piled high with manure; in New York these sometimes rose to forty and even sixty feet.

We need to remind ourselves that horse manure is an ideal breeding ground for flies, which spread disease. Morris reports that deadly outbreaks of typhoid and "infant diarrheal diseases can be traced to spikes in the fly population."

Comparing fatalities associated with horse-related accidents in 1916 Chicago versus automobile accidents in 1997, he concludes that people were killed nearly seven times more often back in the good old days. The reasons for this are straightforward:

. . . horse-drawn vehicles have an engine with a mind of its own. The skittishness of horses added a dangerous level of unpredictability to nineteenth-century transportation. This was particularly true in a bustling urban environment, full of surprises that could shock and spook the animals. Horses often stampeded, but a more common danger came from horses kicking, biting, or trampling bystanders. Children were particularly at risk. Falls, injuries, and maltreatment also took a toll on the horses themselves. Data cited by Morris indicates that, in 1880, more than 3 dozen dead horses were cleared from New York streets each day (nearly 15,000 a year).

