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Cover photo: Col Railton's van that he's been restoring over the last couple of years.

President's Report

Hello members,

To all those members that went to the Van nationals over Easter in Moe and New Zealand I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable trip. I would like to welcome all our new members and I look forward to meeting you all.

I was very pleased to hear there was 10 vans on the February club run to Kenilworth and the number of members that attend the cruze out to Redcliffe for our first monthly run. Looking forward to our next run Jim and hopefully good attendance too. If any members have any runs that would like the club to do please make sure you raise it at our club meeting or email Jim. I believe our next run is going to be to Gympie more details at meeting.

I would like to organise a club weekend away camping for those who are able to, maybe to Kenilworth or around there. I have noticed that the Muscle on the Mountain car show is on 6 July this year and thought we could do a club display too. I saw on there facebook page that they may have camping available there, will be happy to discuss at the April meeting.

I would like to thank all the committee for their great work so far and especially Paul Page for the club magazine, it has been a great read. If members have stories or photos please keep sending them in and if you have changed any your details e.g. email or postal address please let us know so we can keep you informed.

Cheers,
Todd

From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who sent me material and for your assistance with production of Tailgate Chatter.

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Next Meeting

Sunday 3rd April

Albany Creek Scout Den

10:00am Start Hope to see you all there.



SUNSTATE PANELVAN CLUB INC.
ABN 12 218 980 760

Incorporated on 5th September 2000.
Constitution review date: 1st May 2011.

Club Constitution

FOR PERSONS SHARING THE COMMON INTEREST IN PANEL VANS.
THIS WILL INCLUDE CUSTOMISING AND RESTORATION OF PANEL VANS.
ATTENDING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN CAR SHOWS AND OTHER MOTOR
VEHICLE EVENTS AND RALLIES.
GOOD BEHAVIOUR AND GOOD MANNERS ARE EXPECTED AT ALL TIMES.
ATTENDANCE AT THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING TO KEEP INFORMED OF CLUB EVENTS.
FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE CLUB AS A WHOLE.
TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF VANNING.

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President Sunstate Panel Van Club

Ballina Show

10-1-2016 by Russell Slocombe

Called in to participate at the 26th North Coast Street Machines show on my way to Melbourne with the little red van. The idea is to get the Baron out of the shed so the new orange esky can go in to be finished this year. A mate of mine down in Melbourne with plenty of garage space was fine to let me leave there for twelve months. I am hoping to get down and get it to a few events and cruise with my brother in his HQ coupe.

My son Stephen flew up after the new year and we did the road trip together, which was great to have some dad and son time. He is 15 now and works at Bunnings down in Rosebud in Victoria and we have a good car understanding. The run to Melbourne was uneventful and we had a top trip together.

The show is now back to its traditional Sunday time slot. The Saturday twilight shows over the previous couple of years had not been as successful and it was decided to swing back which paid dividends. The Ballina Rugby field was full of excellent entries and the crowds were plentiful. It was a stinking hot muggy day and the Ballina Palms Motel pool across the road got a good work out. Just a note that Leanne at The Palms has finally put the business on the market. For those of you who have spent time at the Motel over the years will be sad to see her finish up.

We got over the grounds early as usual, setting up the Red Baron with my boy was a bit special as we had not done it together before. He did a great job helping out and at the end of the day he went up (reluctantly) and received the Best Commercial Interior award. I had to go up for the Top Show Car award, Giddy up.



Old School Night

6th March 2016 by John Dolton



Saturday Night Fun Cruze

Saturday 13th February by Jim Corbett

It was a wet and windy Saturday afternoon heading to the Shell Nudgee Service Station to meet up with some vanner's for a fun Cruze.

Arriving at the servo it was sunny and windy but good for a cruze. There was a real nice SLR Torana and a couple of PT Cruisers. With five vans and two cars in tow we headed off around 5.30pm to Redcliffe as Caloundra was too wet and muddy.

Heading up The Gateway in a line behind the FJ (rocket) and over the Hornibrook Bridge and then along through Woody Point, Redcliffe and Scarborough to lots of cheers and on lookers. Stopping at Settlement Cove Lagoon for some pictures of the vans with the water in the background.

Then back to Woody Point parking together, then a short walk to get some fish and chips taking them back to the park near the vans for a quite dinner and great conversation.

The night was a bit windy but everyone had a great time.





Kenilworth Club Run

Sunday 28th February by Jim Corbett

Leaving home in the bright Sunday morning sun and heading for the Caboolture BP Service Station to catch up with some vanners for the run to Kenilworth Hotel.

Leaving around 10.00 and heading up the Bruce Highway all seven vans were in a line following the mighty white and blue striped Ford Cobra Van. Picking up the blue HQ from Dalby on the way. Heading through Landsborough and up the hill to Maleny's main street where the traffic was a little thick with on lookers as we were driving through. Continuing along the main highway through to Kenilworth we came across a narrow section which was not too bad until there were a couple of spots where a couple off four wheel drive vehicles' came flying through forcing the vans onto the dirt (not fair).

On arrival in Kenilworth we were met by the members from the Gympie chapter with another three vans (not been seen out together for a long time). With everyone together having a chat and catching up with what has been happening and what we have done to our vans.

We went for a walk to the Kenilworth Cheese Factory for the tasting and purchasing there product (some of us were under instruction to bring home some cheese's or else).

From there we left the vans lined up for everyone to see and headed for the Hotel for lunch. The table was on the outside deck close to the fan to cool us down while having a great lunch.

Leaving the hotel we all headed down to where the vans were parked and a chat before we all headed off.

Great day had by everyone. Look forward to the next one to Hell Town Hot Rods Gympie.



Saturday Night Fun Cruze

Saturday 12th March by Paul Page

Cheryl and I pulled into the Seven eleven servo just after 5pm. I'm looking around for other vans and couldn't see any. We thought we were first, but we were not. Todd, Julian, June and Bob all came over to join us. No one else had brought their vans, all for varies good reasons.

After awhile we decided to head to the Redland Bay Hotel for dinner. We all had a great time with many different discussion topics. Bob is very pleased to have a "smoking" partner, I thank Cheryl was happy as well that she go and have a smoke with someone too.

All and all, a good night out.



Rodd, Julian, Cheryl & Paul



June & Bob's ute

Hi From Susie & Russell (Part 3)

After our relaxing (but busy) time in Hawaii we boarded the ship Radiance of the Seas for a seventeen day cruise home. Leaving the harbour with an armed escort was proof that the terrorist thing was still taken seriously. Our ship would have easily blocked the harbour entrance if targeted.

Once at sea we explored our new floating town for a couple of days to get our bearings. The Stateroom (fancy name for a motel room) was nice and adequate enough with a cabin attendant to make the room twice a day. The service crew were mostly Indian or Asian, all very nice and happy to serve you. Our cabin boy (whose name we could never pronounce) left very interesting towel animals on our bed most days. It was like origami but with towels.



Most nights we had dinner in the main communal restaurant which was included in the price. We sat in the same area with the same staff serving us. They were a scream which made dinner very entertaining. The first night we got introduced to the drinks waiter, his nick name was the 'Doctor'. Now even though your tips are included in the price it sometimes pays to slide a little in the right direction. We tipped the doctor a little every couple of nights and got the best drinks (strong and free). It worked in our favour and he was happy to oblige.



The Buffet was an eye opener. I have never seen so many obese people in the one spot pigging out like it was their last meal, it was sad to see. We only had two meals a day, missing breakfast after dancing most nights until midnight. There was a great band and duo onboard and once they saw we could dance Rock and roll they played some good tunes for us. There weren't many dancers onboard so we had the floor most nights.

There were a few shops and everyday they would have sales on particular items like jewellery, watches, perfume etc, which was good for Christmas shopping. Lots of trivia sessions, happy hours, topic debates, movies in the cinema and daily shows in the huge auditorium in the front of the ship. The casino was there if you got bored (being a car person I got bored often), and the Football finals (AFL NFL) were not being televised which made a lot of people pissed off. They said they couldn't pick it up on the satellite, we reckon they didn't want to pay to put it on. There were about 1600 Aussies out of the 2200 guests onboard and it was clear a lot were not happy missing the finals. The best they did was a radio feed and as far as car racing telecasts, we got nothing. It was great to sit down the day after we got home to watch Bathurst.

After five days at sea we arrived at a small island Called Moorea. Not much there but was good to get off and stretch the legs back on terra firma with a three Ks walk to the closest beach loosening the pins up. Susie and I hired a canoe and gave the arms a work out as well.

Next day we woke docked in Tahiti. The ships berth right in front of the main town but sadly it is quite a dump. It didn't feel very safe and was very run down and dirty. we wandered around for a bit and in the end got back on the ship, which was much nicer.

We were feeling a bit let down by the first two stops but the next made up for it. Bora Bora was beautiful. The Island is surrounded by reefs about a Km out with crystal clear water between the reefs and the beach, the best I've ever seen. It's only four or five feet deep right out to the reef, so you can go out a long way (which I did) to look back at the very nice beaches. There are lots of resorts with huts over the water and you could easily spend a week exploring the place. It's definitely on the bucket list for a return visit.



Back on the ship for another four days at sea. Every day the Captain would give a report on the weather, position and during sea days a depth under the keel. Every sea day was between four and five Kilometres deep, the Pacific is a big Ocean



Our cruise included a two nights in Wellington NZ. I must say we were very impressed with how clean and tidy the place was and everyone was very friendly. We found out the NZ National Motor museum was an hour out of Wellington so next morning we caught an early train to Southward Motor museum. The Hour train trip was excellent following the coast, and the train was spotless. They still have conductors on their trains who sell you or check your ticket. Having someone official on board stops the train being vandalised. It was nice to look through an unscratched window.



Bugatti 1938 Type 57c



Ferrari 750 Monza



1949 Davis, only 17 produced (thank god)



1936 Mercedes Benz 540K



1920 Dodge copper car

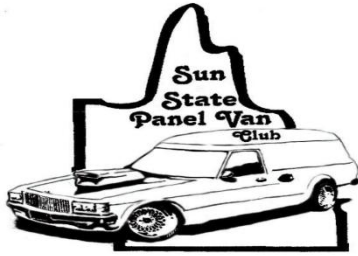


1950 Cadillac gangster car
with 40mm bullet proof glass all round.

A short taxi ride from the station saw us at the museum. We were there for three hours checking out the various machines dating back to the early 1900s, giving us a much needed car fix. We enjoyed our short stay in Wellington and are looking forward to next Easter's NZ 40th Van Nationals north of Christchurch in Blenheim.

Back on the ship for the last two days back to Sydney. Coming through the heads at sunrise was quite spectacular, watching the Harbour Bridge loom up in front of us and docking at Circular Quay next to the Opera House concluded a great holiday.

Cheers Russell & Susie.



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Jim Corbett

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Vice President / Runs Organizer.

Dear Member

The time has come for another club run on Sunday the 24th April.

This time we are heading to

Hell Town Hot Rods

1009 Bruce Highway

Kybong

South of Gympie.

Meeting at the North Bound BP Bruce Highway Caboolture at 9.00am for a 9.30am departure.

Heading north up The Bruce Highway on the 125 Km drive arriving around 11.45am for a look around the show room and outside them for lunch.

Yours In Vanning

Jim Corbett



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A BIG Happy Birthday to all of our members
Celebrating their birthdays
in April and May. Hope your day is fantastic!

From everyone at Sunstate!

April

3rd Ron Reick
7th Sue Hampton
10th Eric Klassek
30th Stan Yates

May

1st Brent Broderick
14th Todd Rutledge
16th Lorraine Browne
17th Jim Corbett
24th Titch Anderson
30th Verena Kelvin

Crack a smile

Never Lose Your Grandson!

A heart warming story.



My small grandson got lost at the shopping mall.....

He approached a uniformed security guard and said,

"I've lost my grandpa!"

The guard asked, "What's his name?"

"Grandpa"

The guard smiled, then asked, "What's he like?"

The little tyke hesitated for a moment and then replied,

"Crown Royal whiskey and women with big tits."

Flash back time

Volume 4 Issue 27 June 2007

The President was Rick Johnson with Paul Grant as Vice President.

Secretary: John Dolton, Vice Secretary: Julian Bonner, Treasurer: Karen Caldwell, Editor: Russell Slocombe, Public Relations Officer: Phil Litster, Datum Officer: Laurie Pugsley.

This edition was straight after the club did the 2007 Nationals at Caboolture with 140 plus vehicles on show and over 80van on the oval.

Cover photo was of Paul & Sheryl Grant's 78 Holden Van "Phoenix" which took out the top Australian Van award. Lots of photos from the event itself and from the cruise to Aussie World and the Ettamogah Pub.

A good story on the Bundaberg Early Holden Club All Holden Day in May with Bernie and Karen taking out Top Murals, Third Top Car of Show & Entrants Choice. Kim and John Dolton took out Top Van



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events/runs listed below are approved club outings for vehicles on club registration. Travelling to and returning from events and locations listed below and or any accommodation related to any of these events and locations is approved and allowed.

Note: due to the bi-monthly nature of this magazine, additional stationed events and locations may be added at any time via the Sunstate Panel Van Club Web page or Sunstate Panel Van Club correspondence. Also check out <http://shownshine.info>, http://www.uniquecarsandparts.com.au/event_calendar.php and <http://www.pinky.com.au> for more details.

2016 Sunstate Panel Van Club Inc Social Runs

9 April	Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.
24 Apr	Hell Town Hot Rods, 1009 Bruce Highway. Kybong
14 May	Seven eleven servo just off gateway motorway on Mt Gravatt-Capalaba rd.
11 June	Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.
9 July	Seven eleven servo Mt Gravatt-Capalaba road.
13 August	Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.
10 September	Seven eleven servo Mt Gravatt-Capalaba road.
8 October	Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.
12 November	Seven eleven servo Mt Gravatt-Capalaba road.
10 December	Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.

Apr 2nd – Car Mad Community Showdown!, 1-5 pm, corner of Alabaster Drive & Nerang-Broadwater Rd, Carrara, Gold coast. www.carnadcommunity.com

Apr 3rd - Chryslers on the Coast 2016, Burleigh Town Tavern, West Burleigh Heads.
Barry: 0400 075 524 - 07 5524 1510 Steve: 0432 454 469

Apr 9th - Woodford Neighbourhood Centre Hot Rod, Car & Bike Show 2016. Woodford Showgrounds – Woodford. 07 5422 9523 - 0413 969 295

Apr 10th – Car run for Cancer, Assemble at Toowoomba turf Club, Hursley Rd, 09:30 am.
Chris – 0450 151 517

Apr 15/16th - Blackbutt Benarkin 2nd Annual Show Shine and Swap Meet 2016 Blackbutt Showgrounds. Blackbutt. Brian Callaghan 0428 760 229. Email: bbblions@hotmail.com.au

Apr 17th - Smiles of Strength 2016 Motoring Extravaganza. Nambour Showgrounds. .
0428 755 707 - 0402 987 566. <https://www.facebook.com/smilesofstrength>

Apr 24th - 7th Annual Kenilworth Hotel Classic & Custom Car Show. KENILWORTH HOTEL. Phillip St, Kenilworth QLD. Kenilworth Hotel 07 5446 0206

May 7/8th - PCYC Bowen Rock N Rev's Festival, PCYC - Cnr. Hays & Queen Street Bowen. 07 4786 1383. <https://www.facebook.com/PCYCBowen>

May 14th - Sims Rock N Roll Show N Shine, Pine Rivers Show Ground, 757 Gympie Rd, Lawnton. Simon 0449 291 000, Email: pistonenergy@hotmail.com

May 14/15 - Festival Of Elegance Water Wheels Wings 2016, Witches' Chase Cheese Factory, Long Road Bistro, & Fortitude Brewery - 165 - 185 Long Rd. Mt Tamborine. Grant: 0419 701 942 <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalofEleganceWaterWheelsWings>

May 15th - Hot Rod & Car & Bike Show & Swap Meet, Ebbw Vale Soccer Grounds. Brisbane Rd. Ebbw Vale. (Via Ipswich). Garry 0433 309 256 Steve 0417 165 763

May 15th - NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY, Queens Park, Ipswich.
www.qhmc.org.au – Ph 07 3260 6197 a/hrs – Christine 0419 789 151 – Greg 0418 873 233 – president@qhmc.org.au

May 21st - Laidley Charity Show & Shine, Ute Show, Swap Meet, 2016. Laidley Showgrounds, Barbara: 0412 140 239,

May 21/22nd - 46th Queensland Hot Rod Show, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Southbank. Katrina Martin 0417 613 092 Email: katrina@qhrp.org Web: www.qhrp.org

Regular Events

(Note: some of these regular events have been have slight changes to location and dates, its recommend to confirm event location and time, prior to arrival to avoid disappointment)

Harry's Diner – 104 Newmarket Road Windsor On every Thursday & Friday nights.

Webbys Old School Muscle Car Big Breakfast- Hogs Breath Café Aspley from 07:00am to 09:30am held Fortnightly on Sunday Mornings, for more see Facebook.

Old Skool Cars & Street Machines, Westfield North Lakes on 1st Saturday of each Month, 05:30pm to 09:30am.

Old Petrie Town – Dayboro Road Kurwongbah On any Friday or Saturday night of the Month.

Auto 1 – 1 Capitol Place Kawana Every 3rd Friday night of the Month.

Lakeside Park – Lake Kurwongbah On any week-end when an event is on.

Willowbank Raceway – 1 Champions Way Willowbank On any Wednesday night for Test & Tune and on any week-end an event is on **Queensland Raceway** – Champions Way Willowbank On any week-end when an event is on.

Ettamogah Pub – 73 Frizzo Road Palmview On any week-end.

Victoria Point Kiosk & Café – 7 Masters Avenue Victoria Point On any week-end, bookings 3207-7214.

Munchie's Diner – Cnr Beaudesert Road & Elizabeth Street Acacia Ridge. On any Friday night of the Month.

Kosmos Kitchen – 8-24 Browns Plains Road Browns Plains On any Friday or Saturday night of the Month.

Ricks Diner –Margaret Street Palmwoods Any week-end, Bookings 5445-0933.

Thunderbird Café – 1 Jones Street Mooloolah, Any week-end, bookings 0400-048-950.

Ferry Road Diner – Cnr Ferry Road & Meron Street Southport On any Friday & Saturday night.

Yatala Drive In Theatre – 100 Jacobs Well Rd Staplyton- On any week-end.

Nando's Social Night – K Mart Plaza, Corner Ruthven and Stenner Streets, Toowoomba, From 6pm last Saturday of month.

Brisbane Retro Cruise Night & Street Party Wellington Point, Queensland, Australia. Locked in for the 4th Friday of every month. For more info. visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/725980614178417/>

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Minutes of previous meeting

Sunstate Panel Van club

7th February 2016

Venue, Scout Den Albany Creek

Meeting started 10.10am

Chairperson: Jim Corbett Secretariat: Julian Bonner

Previous Minutes read out by Julian: Accepted Phil Seconded John

10 members attended. With 3 new members attending.

14 Apologies.

STANDARD BUSINESS.

Treasurers report tabled by Lorraine. Account is looking healthy. Accounts to be paid are Trophy's Tailgate Chatter, Stationary, QHMC. Accounts to be paid. all in favour. Yes

Our investment due 11th February 3 mth @ 2.75% or 6 mth @ 2.85%. we go for 6mths re investment. All in favour Yes

Secretary report tabled by Julian. Letter from Rare Spares Loyalty club to help with discount for members. Paul we are registered with Rear Spares for club member discounts. Rotary Club of Devonport Tas 10th Anniversary motor Show on 3rd April 2016. City of Ipswich having their Picnic in the Park National Motoring heritage Day on Sunday the 15th May 2016. Any QHMC letters I get to be forwarded to John and Laurie.

Run Report by Jim. as per an email 2nd Saturday of the month for a club run, The first one being next Saturday 13th Feb meeting at the Shell service Centre, 5.00pm.. We are having the Kenilworth Hotel run on 28th Feb, meeting at the 10.00am at the Burpengary Service centre. Still working on the Caloundra Hot Rod Club breakfast run in Oct/Nov. Helltown Rods Gympie 23rd April, be meeting at BP Gympie. Discussion was had on all the above.

No Datum Office report.

Editors report by Paul. Apologies for the late Tailgate arrival, Australia Post have upped the postage from \$1.10 to \$2.00 per copy of Tailgate. I am looking at sending an email to all members if they could have the Tailgate chatter by email and they can print off hard copy, to save on the postage, we already have some members that get it by email. The cost of the tailgate is \$4.08 per copy and sent out 28 copies last time so it adds up. Discussion was had and a suggestion that members be emailed copy, the hard copies brought the meeting and given to members those not attending can then have their hard copy posted. Lets us know your thoughts????

Discussion, if concerned about cost of Tailgate, possibly keeping it to just vanning articles.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

John, Have we sent out our sponsorship for the 2016 Moe Van Nats, yet. No,
John a motion that we send The Nats committee \$250.00 as our sponsorship.

Acc, Phil Sec, Paul. All in favour, Yes.

From Russell and Fres, there is a new app called Independent Vanners. In the app store, this is a free app and its all about vanning, has contacts for all states, so feel free to download it.

We have 3 new members today, Gary Lieberam from Caboolture
and Bob a June from Beenleigh
We welcome these new members.

If anyone is interested in advertising their business in the Tailgate Chatter it is \$50.00 and this will help with our costs.

Any articles that you have and wish to place in the Tailgate Chatter feel free to forward them to our editor Paul, email is in the front page of the magazine.

Next meeting on 3rd April 2016. Hope to see you all there.

Meeting closed at 11.10am.

A Huge Thankyou to all our Tailgate sponsors.

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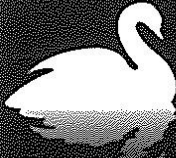
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