

NDSCC aims to provide social outings for those who enjoy getting out in their cars.

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# The Oily Rag

# September - October 2017

# UPCOMING RUN DATES

1. November 18: Christmas party

2. November run: Alec; date to be confirmed

3. January 21: To be determined

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at Centennial Lakes, Caboolture (opposite tennis courts) at 8.30am for a 9.00am departure, unless otherwise advised.

# Our Northern Districts Social Car Club exists

for the pleasure of getting together with great people that have similar interests, so please try to make the effort to come along on these runs.

Our members go to a lot of effort to organize our events.

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Please send requests, queries or comments regarding The Oily Rag to the editors.

## **NOTICES**







The October run was cancelled due to bad weather, so there will be no October run report.



To those having a birthday, anniversary, etc. we hope you have a marvelous day!







To those who are feeling under the weather, we wish you a speedy recovery. Julie especially is in our thoughts.

# NDSCC Christmas Party





Saturday, 18th November, 6pm until late Smorgasbord; BYO everything 747 Pumicestone Rd, Caboolture

Rod and Vanessa have generously offered their HUGE shed for us to party in. Please bring a plate or two of yummies to share, esky, chairs, tables, plates, cutlery, cups, drinks, etc.

Prepare for a night of dancing, singing, eating, drinking, more dancing, more singing, fun and laughter.

Please send RSVPs to Denise.

## FEATURED CAR

# President Bob's Chrysler AP5 Valiant (1964)

Written by Bob Pritchard

So the story goes. In 1964 a doctor purchased a new AP5 Valiant being beige in colour. About 2 years later, Jack Miles being the boss of W.T. Lang bought the Valiant off his friend, the doctor. Straight away the Valiant was painted a maroon and white. In 1968 I was thinking about buying a blue metallic HK Holden Monaro GTS when they were released. I told my boss, he said, "They cost a lot - I'll sell you the AP5 Valiant." I thought, "That's a good idea," so I bought the Valiant and sold my customised FJ Holden. A couple of years later I painted the Valiant metallic inca gold metallic roof with blue/red cab well and royal umber brown; EH Holden colours. Years later it was painted violet metallic with a white roof and the next time it was painted chrome yellow, a Holden colour, because one night it was hit by a truck parked on 17 lower King Street. Years later it went to maroon and white again when I worked at Gympie Rd, Lawnton. 49 years later, that's how the story goes so far.













# MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING: September

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: A meeting of NDSCC was held on Sunday, 17/09/17 at the Toorbul Waterfront. It began at 11:15am and was presided over by President Bob Pritchard, with Graeme Douglas as secretary.

**ATTENDEES**: As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Kim & Carol Bowers, Jeff Trevan, Michelle Dix, Ron & Julie Walters, Rob & Lorraine Cooling, Yvonne Staniforth.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bob thanked everyone for coming and noted a good turnout this year. Bob thanked the outgoing committee for their commitment to the club this year and hoped that we would have no problems filling the roles.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance brought forward: \$5537.05

Income: \$120 Total: \$5457.05

Denise moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Matt, carried by all attending members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Graeme thanked the outgoing members once again for their help and support throughout the year and thanked everyone. Graeme moved that the new membership for Heidi and Phil Francis be accepted – all members accepted and carried. Welcome Heidi and Phil.

The meeting was closed at 11:25am to hold the AGM.

# MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: September

**ATTENDEES**: As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Kim & Carol Bowers, Jeff Trevan, Michelle Dix, Ron & Julie Walters, Rob & Lorraine Cooling, Yvonne Staniforth.

<u>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</u>: Bob thanked everyone again and pointed out that although we don't get to see members all the time – this is the nicest club to be in. He talked about previous runs that we have been on and what fun we have had over the years and hopes that we can continue to grow as a club and enjoy another great year. Runs included the Caloundra Air Museum, Steam trains at Warner, our weekend away to Toowoomba which was great fun, and the wonderful Christmas party at Rod and Vanessa's – a great success.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Denise handed out the financial year Assets and Liabilities in Julie's absence, including minutes from the last AGM. All members received a copy.

#### Balance sheet for year ended 30/06/17

	Assets	Liabilities	
Cash at bank	\$5077.05	None	
Total assets	\$5077.05		

Denise moved that the treasurer's report be accepted – seconded by Bob Pritchard – carried.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Graeme again welcomed everyone and said what a nice club it was. He then thanked his wife, Denise, for being his secretary.

## Alec Gallacher then chaired the meeting and declared all officer bearer positions vacant.

Role	Nominees	Nominators	Seconded	Accepted
President	Bob Pritchard	Graeme Douglas	Matt Sinagra	Accepted & carried
Vice President	Matt Sinagra	Denise Douglas	Bob Pritchard	Accepted & carried
Treasurer	Julie Walters: Currently off ill but in her absence Alec noted that as per the guidelines of our constitution Julie is able to continue as treasurer if there are no other nominations	Alec Gallacher	Bob Pritchard	Accepted & carried
Assistant Treasurer (this role is to help Julie as she is currently unwell)	Heidi Gallacher	Alec Gallacher	Greg Staniforth	Accepted & carried
Secretary	Graeme Douglas	Denise Douglas	Stan Vallance	Accepted & carried
Social & Fundraising Officer	Denise Douglas	Jenny Vallance	Kim Castle	Accepted & carried
Assistant Social & Fundraising Officer	Jenny Vallance	Alec Gallacher	Kim Castle	Accepted & carried
Photographer	Jayne Pritchard	Jenny Vallance	Bob Pritchard	Accepted & carried
Assistant Photographer	Kim Castle	Stan Vallance	Rod Robertson	Accepted & carried
Dating Officers	Bob Pritchard Ron Walters Kim Bowers			Accepted & carried
Magazine Editor	Jayne Pritchard & Matt Sinagra	Denise Douglas	Jenny Vallance	Accepted & carried
Webpage Administrator	John Pritchard			Accepted & carried

All members were asked if they had read the minutes from the previous AGM. All members were asked if there was any business arising from the last AGM minutes – None.

The meeting was closed at 11:55am.

# **CONTINUATION OF GENERAL MEETING:** September

The general meeting was continued at 11:55am following the AGM.

<u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u>: Alec discussed the fact that it was great to see a few new people taking on roles for the club. That even if (god forbid) we got to the stage that no committee was elected – any funds that may be in our account – do not get distributed back to members, but would be donated elsewhere should the club fold.

#### **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL:**

- Vivian Raymond Austin from Godwin Beach 1935 Dodge D U Series Sedan.
- Warren and Rebecca Eckhardt from Narangba 1983 Holden Gemini Sedan.

New members were accepted by all attending members – carried.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None.**

Alec motioned that as we have over \$5000.00 in the bank, that the club be ok to subsidise some runs for the next year – Greg seconded this motion and it was accepted and carried (subject to costs and attendance).

Denise stated that we have been invited to attend a run by the Voyager Classic Motorcycle club who are having a run to McGavin Rest on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Denise will send out a separate email to members as information would not be seen in the newsletter until October.

Members who are attending the weekend away in two weeks were advised that the rooms have only limited space for cooking – they have a microwave, small bar fridge, toaster and kettle. There is an undercover area across the road with BBQs, etc. that we can cook on.

Members were asked if they wanted to cook their own dinner on the Saturday night or go out – all attending members wanted to go out for dinner. Denise to arrange.

Denise asked about any ideas for the Christmas party this year – Rod and Vanessa kindly offered their place again. All members in attendance were happy to agree to this as we all had such a great time last year. This again will be a smorgasbord. Denise stated that a few members will go over earlier to help with cleaning up and getting ready for the evening so that Rod and Vanessa do not have to do too much work.

A BIG THANKS to Rod and Vanessa for the venue again!!! We will inform members of the date at earliest convenience.

A big thanks to young Jack Francis who kindly did the raffles today – we raised \$65.00 and Jack was a great folder-upper of the raffle tickets. **THANKS JACK!** 

**RAFFLE WINNER:** Alec Gallacher and Matt Sinagra.

OCTOBER RUN: Will be organised by new member Heidi – thank you Heidi.

**NOVEMBER RUN:** Will be organised by Alec Gallacher – thank you Alec.

The meeting was closed at 12:08pm.

Photos by Jayne-Louise Pritchard.













# **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND REPORT:**

Beaudesert, 30/09/17 - 02/10/17

#### Written by Alec Gallagher, photos by Kim Castle and Denise Douglas

For those of you who decided to hibernate over the long weekend, instead of getting out and enjoying the outdoors with a few of your "deplorables" NDSCC friends, here is an encapsulated version of the great time you missed out on.

We congregated at the upper carpark outside the Centenary Lakes Sports Club, and cheered and hollered as each of the cars arrived. Irene drove President Bob up — as he was going as a passenger with Rod in the Ferrari. And did he ever dress up for the part; stockings and all! Only problem was there was not enough room in the Ferrari for all of his luggage so Greg & Yvonne made room for it in their immaculate black Mercedes. In fact, you could be forgiven for thinking it was a meeting of the Mercedes Club — Greg in his, Kim and Carol in theirs and your correspondent in his, accompanied by his elusive and seldom seen (but always heard) spouse, and finally joined by Doug & Lynn in their Merc.

Denise had prepared a run folio (no cheap single sheet run directions for this prestigious event) which she handed out as Vanessa surprised us all by rocking up in a huge Ford prime mover which had an extremely energetic sounding V8 under the table-tennis table size bonnet. There was obviously a reason for this particular mode of transport, but it seemed picayune to enquire.

With everyone suitably briefed, we set off towards the highway and the enjoyable journey to our first stop for morning tea at a delightful park in Beenleigh. The sturdy tables there were barely able to hold the volume of sweetmeats thoughtfully produced by our members to demonstrate their ability for gastronomical perfection. To justify our consumption of these



delights I quote Henry David Thoreau: - He who distinguishes the true savior of his food can never be a glutton. Suitably refreshed (and de-watered) we took off again for our final destination - the Annalee Motel at Beaudesert.

The route was indeed well chosen, and picturesque, along the Beaudesert – Beenleigh Road, skirting the Tamborine National Park, then through the townships of Tamborine, Mundoolum, Tabragalba and onward to Beaudesert. Arriving at the motel, we sorted ourselves out, and settled into our rooms before venturing outside for some nibbles and refreshments and discussed the rest of our weekend.

Denise had wisely booked a couple of courtesy buses to take us to dinner at the RSL, where much bonhomie and esprit de corps was evident, as well as good food in pleasant surroundings. Mindful of our busy day on Sunday, most of us left early-ish to be alert for the adventures.

Sunday dawned bright and pleasant, with no sign of the promised rain. Breakfast was a BYOCYO at the motel barbecue site which proceeded without a hitch with thanks to Kim for his untiring production line for toast manufacture. We readied ourselves for the journey ahead, save for one embarrassed individual whose trusty (??) steed refused to fire (no names but that's your clue) and had to be push started. Anyway without further ado we set off, on what turned out to be an extremely enjoyable and interesting excursion through the correctly named and well described "Scenic Rim".

Motoring through Josephville and Laravale, we turned off the Mount Lindsay Highway venturing into some charming, little used back roads which meandered through such picturesque areas as, Tabooba, Christmas Creek, Oaky Creek, to Innisplain. Then we continued through to Rathdowney, Palen Creek along some beautiful scenery and spectacular views of Mt Barney and surrounding areas to Maroon and Lake Maroon – our morning tea stop.

Denise & Graeme had picked out a delightful grassy spot near the edge of the lake with sheltered table and seats where we all congregated, commenting on the magnificent scenery, old farm buildings and machinery we had witnessed on the way.

Thoroughly rested we took off to our lunch spot a short (45 minute) drive via Croftby Mt Alford, and Bunjurgen to Boonah at the "Scenic Rim Brewery & Café". This is a small family owned, Australian brewery that has created beers to celebrate the place and the various larrikins we've all come to know. Digga, Shazza and Fat Man, were among the many varieties and flavours many of us sampled.

Accompanying our liquid delights was a selection of fresh rolls, meats, relishes, nuts and other assorted nibbles and fruits to tempt our palates – a thoroughly enjoyable and satisfying interlude.

Heading back, we drove through Colson and detoured to the Wyaralong dam – a huge body of water with an extensive shoreline, and numerous scenic spots suitable for picnics, or just a relaxing break.

Back at the motel, we congregated under shelter and prepared for our BBQ dinner, with a copious selection of drinks, savouries and dips to get us in the mood. Yvonne introduced us to a group card game which required about 3 packs, and some explanation of the rules. The conduct of this game generated much moving around, good-natured insults, and much merriment and confusion – in other words, by the end of the game everyone had enjoyed a damn good time! The BBQ was fired up, some partook of sausages and bread, others just relaxed, enjoyed the company and a quiet drink.

Next morning, we had another "bring your own/cook your own" breakfast, and regretfully started packing our cars for the relatively short run home. Just to add some excitement to our final preparations President Bob put too much faith in a rather flexible downpipe and stumbled into a large ornamental pot taking it with him to the ground! Unhurt with nothing broken he recovered quickly, not so the women in our group who plied him with wet cloths, ice packs and towels. Finally convinced the crisis had been averted, we moved out and headed homeward.

The sincere thanks of all of us go to Denise & Graeme for their organisation of a totally enjoyable weekend. Everything was magnificently organised, the places we visited were memorable for their unspoiled character, and true country style ambience. Can't wait for next year's run.

## **INTERESTING HISTORY:** Milton Tennis Centre









The Milton Tennis Centre, home of Queensland Tennis, first opened in 1915 and consisted of 19 hard courts and 4 grass courts. For 84 years the Milton Tennis Centre hosted numerous local and national sporting events which attracted large crowds from all over the Brisbane area dressed in the best and latest fashions.

The Milton Tennis Centre featured a giant, steel tennis racquet which stood 10m tall on a pier over the stands. In those days it was the largest tennis racquet in the world. It was owned by Steve "Stefan" Ackerie, a hairdressing tycoon who once sponsored the Queensland Tennis Open.

Renowned players from all over the world competed at the courts, with Australian Championship and even Wimbledon winners often putting on a show. One famous tennis player to grace the courts was Emily Hood Westacot who won numerous Australian Championships in the 1930s.

In the late 1950s the courts were upgraded to a stadium venue so they could host larger events such as the Davis Cup, Australian Open and a number of big concerts for famous bands and performers. In 1956 the Milton grandstands saw an intense match as US Wimbledon champion Althea Gibson was beaten by Britain's Wimbledon champion Shirley Fry.

Some of the big international acts held at the Milton Tennis Centre include Johnny Cash (1959), The Rolling Stones (1973) and even Elton John. In 1972 it hosted the national lightweight fight in which Jeff White defended his title against Lionel Rose in front of 10,000 fans.

In 1994 the wooden grandstands were declared unsafe. The courts were closed down when Tennis Queensland sold the property to cover increasing debts. The large, iconic tennis racquet was removed, the venue was abandoned, suffered two fires and the stadium was eventually demolished in 2002.

After more than a decade of remaining derelict, the site was redeveloped and reopened in 2014 as part of Frew Park, named in honour of Robert Frew, who was regarded as the driving force behind the former Milton Tennis Centre. A revitalized tennis centre was to be given a new name and included 6 tennis courts, a rebound court and ammenities.

The giant tennis racquet was also returned and now stands proudly out the front of Frew Park.

#### Sources:

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American tennis players during an



Viv McGrath, Milton, 1935



Watching a tennis game, Milton, 1934



Althea Gibson vs. Shirley Fry, Milton, 1956



Emily Westacott, Milton, 1940



The Giant Tennis Racquet as it now stands, Milton, 2015

# **JUST FOR LAUGHS**

**ATTORNEY:** How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

**ATTORNEY:** And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess

**ATTORNEY:** Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

**WITNESS:** All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

**ATTORNEY:** What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?" ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

**WITNESS:** My name is Susan.

**ATTORNEY:** This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

**ATTORNEY:** And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget...

**ATTORNEY:** You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

**ATTORNEY:** How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

ATTORNEY: Did you say he was shot in the woods?
WITNESS: No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

**ATTORNEY:** Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

**ATTORNEY:** Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

**ATTORNEY:** Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

**ATTORNEY:** So, then is it possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

**ATTORNEY:** How can you be so sure doctor?

**WITNESS:** Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

**ATTORNEY:** I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless? **WITNESS:** Yes, it's possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.





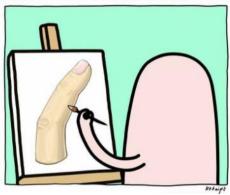




















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# **CLUB SANCTIONED RUNS:**

# Regular car runs and meet-ups

If you know of any more please let NDSCC know. If you are going to attend any of the following you must carry this list with you in case you are pulled over. For full list go to www.pinky.com.au

Event	Occurrence	Location	
Datrio Cruico Night	Fuery Friday pight	Old Petrie Town Historic Village	
Petrie Cruise Night	Every Friday night	Dayboro Rd, Whiteside	
Car Meet	Every Friday night	Munch Inn	
Car Meet	6:00pm	Cnr Beaudesert Rd & Elizabeth St, Acacia Ridge	
Car Meet	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Harry's Diner	
	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Newmarket Rd, Newmarket	
Nostalgia Night	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Yatala Drive-in Theatre	
		Stapylton Jacobs Well Rd, Stapylton	
Old Skool Cars 'n Street	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Alex Barr Oval	
Machines Show & Shine	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Tuckeroo Dr, Caboolture	

# **EVENTS AND SWAP MEETS (November & December, 2017)**

For full list go to www.pinky.com.au

#### Hervey Bay Swap Meet and Shannons Summer Show & Shine

Hervey Bay High School, Old Maryborough Rd, Pialba Sites are \$20 (\$35 double); Car show is \$10 Public (6am – 1pm) \$2 entry

Site bookings and enquiries, contact Kylie:

Phone: 0407 746 073

Email: kylieacko@yahoo.com.au

#### Fernvale Youth Inc. Car and Bike Show Spectacular

1483 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale, 4306 10:00am – 2:00pm

Email: emily-jo-denley23@hotmail.com



Stalls from 5am Sites \$5





# **CLASSIFIEDS**

