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When it comes to VW & Porsche We Share Your Passion To the reader,

Welcome to the Volkswagen Spectacular 22nd show and our 34th year!

We have had a hell of a ride the past few months, changing venue has presented challenges, but we are looking at it as a great opportunity to do something different.

Donna, Luke and the Pell family would like to thank all the VW Owners and enthusiasts for supporting us at the new venue, Macksville Showground.

There will be a few hurdles as we are starting from scratch, but we hope you all will have patience and we will learn for 2020.

It is great to see support from local businesses, our friends, our customers, our families, Connect Work Placement, The Schools, Police, Nambucca Shire Council, Rotary, Lions, VRA and The NSW Fire & Rescue, Macksville Showground Committee, and if we have forgotten anyone please except our thanks.

Thanks to the Nambucca VW Club for allowing us to fly our flag under their banner!

We have the support of the local Police and Shire Council, so please abide by the road rules and treat the local area with respect.

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### Sunday 29th July, 2018

12.00pm Early bird BBQ lunch at Macksville Showground

5.00pm onwards Welcome Dinner at Macksville Showground (Food Vans)

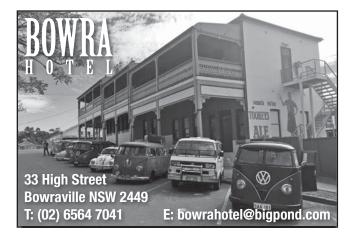
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### Monday 30th July, 2018

- 7.00am Breakfast at Macksville Showground (Run by Rotary/Lions)
- 9.00am Meet at VW Office at Macksville Showground Leaving In a Convoy
- 9.15am Leave for Walk and Talk through Nambucca Valley Aquaponics Farm
- 11.00am Walk on the V Wall Swim Paint a rock
- 12.00pm Free Sausage Sizzle by Lions and Rotary Talk & Seafood Taste by Davis Seafoods

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- 2.30pm Meet at VW Office at Macksville Showground Leaving In a Convoy Cruise to Bowraville – Movies at the Historic Movie Theatre in the centre of Bowraville
- 5.30pm onwards Dinner at Bowraville Hotel (bottom pub). Live Entertainment.
- 5.00–7.00pm Food Vans available at Macksville Showground





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Thank you to Billy Jo for all of your support during our relocation to Macksville Showground.



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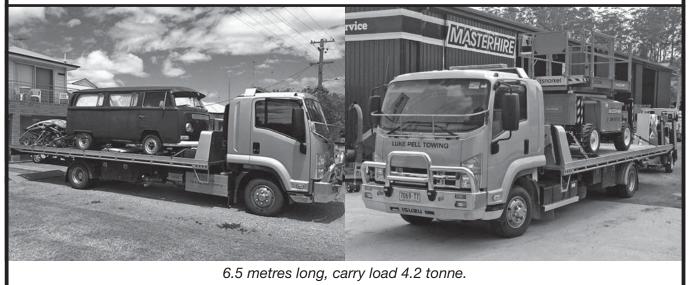
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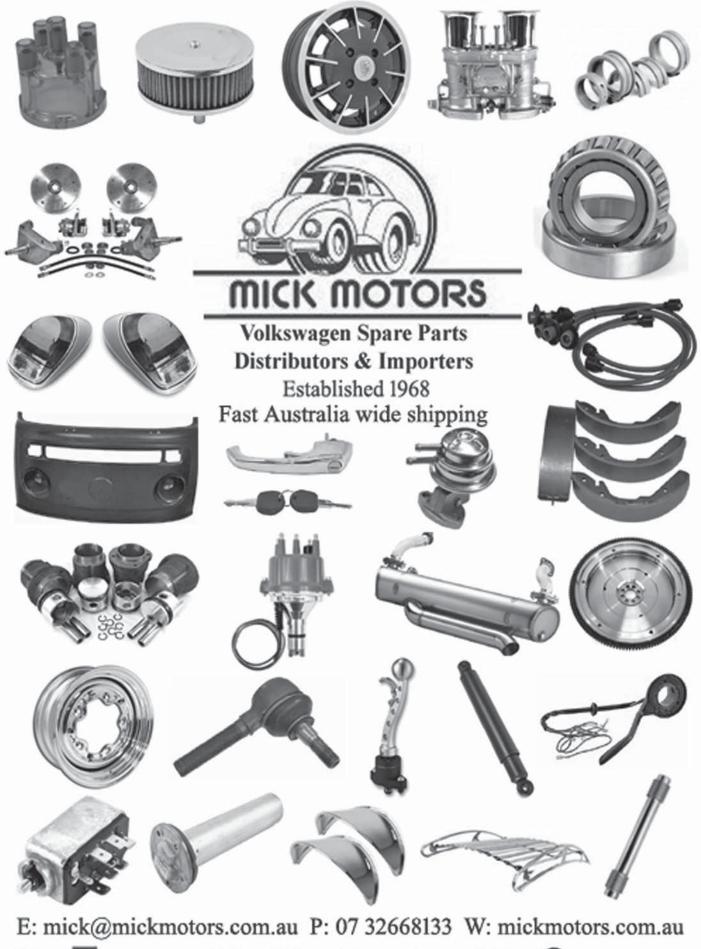


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Luke Pell Towing, 24 hour accident break down towing







### Tuesday 31st July 2018

- 7.00am Breakfast at Macksville Showground (Run by Rotary/Lions)
- 8.45am Meet at VW Office at Macksville Showground Leaving In a Convoy
- 9.00am Cruise to Macadamia Farm Grassy Head
- 11.30am Cruise to South West Rocks. Lunch in township of South West Rocks followed by Tour around the Gaol
- 2.00pm Meet in front of Gaol and go together on Tour Head back to Macksville Showground

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6.00pm Cruise to Valla Tavern for Dinner

#### <u>OR</u>

- 5.00pm Food Vans for Dinner Macksville Showground
- 6.30pm Bingo Ticket sales start at 6.30pm, first game starts at 7.15pm





### Wednesday 1st August, 2018

- 7.00am Breakfast at Macksville Showground (Run by Rotary/Lions)
- 9.15am Meet at VW Office at Macksville Showground Leaving In a Convoy High Tea and Entertainment at Nambucca R.S.L.
- 9.30am Ladies Pampering (10 lucky women) High Tea Drive yourself or car pool.

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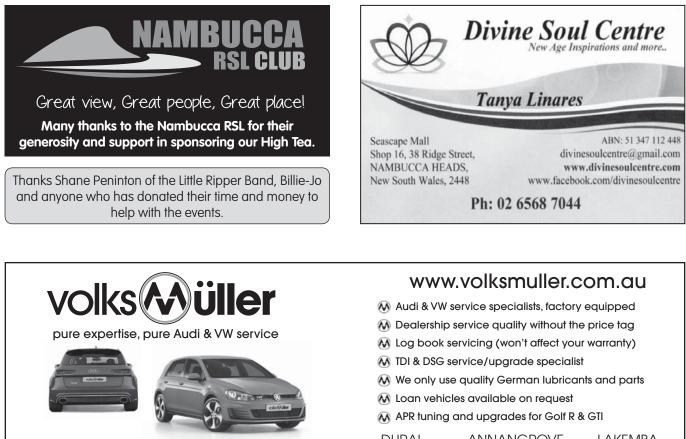
- 9.00am Leave for Raleigh Raceway for "Race Your Mate" cart racing **OR**
- 9.30am Nambucca River Cruise Devonshire Tea, meet at Nambucca Heads Tourist Information Centre at 9.15am (this is for those that have pre-booked only – this is not an open event)

#### <u>OR</u>

- 9.30am Country Buggy Challenge at Macksville Showground Country Buggy, Beach Buggy, Syncro Drive Cruise on roads that these vehicles were made for
- 11.00am Street cars alternative route meet up at the Pub With No Beer for early lunch, then back to Macksville for the Swap Meet







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### Wednesday 1st August, 2018 (cont)

3.00pm Mid-Week Swap Meet – Literature, Toys, Manuals and Parts at Macksville Showground Chill Out!

Remote Control VW Competition

- 4.00pm Food Vans and BBQ by Rotary and Lions at Macksville Showground
- 6.00pm Drive-in Movies Thanks to Club VW for the loan of movies

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#### Shannon's Super Rig is on Display from Wednesday until Sunday 8am-4pm







It's true, that just about everywhere motoring enthusiasts gather, you'll see the famous Shannons colours and more often than not, Shannons people wearing them. Shannons, from its inception has been a major participant in the Australian Car and Motorcycle Club movement and events across the country.

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Shannons 'Super Rig' is BIG, 21 metres long, 3 metres wide and 4.3 metres high and that's unopened! When the sides and back come down the Shannons 'Super Rig' leaves a huge footprint 24 metres long, 8 metres wide and 8 metres high. The 'Super Rig' dominates most automotive events and has become a huge drawcard for event organisers and motoring enthusiasts alike.

It's the ultimate BIG truck - encompassing large plasma screens, driving simulators, Sony Playstation gaming consoles, automotive memorabilia displays, a web kiosk, outdoor events stage, viewing deck with BBQ facilities and of course the Shannons Goggomobil.

Comprising an impressive 21-metre long truck and trailer unit, the Super Rig unfolds into an eight metre by eight metre state-of-the-art hospitality, entertainment and information centre.





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In 1967, Volkswagen Australasia Ltd. started with a project vehicle designed for Australia's rough conditions. This vehicle, designated Country Buggy or Type 197, was designed by project head Volkswagen Australasia's Managing Director Rudi Herzmer and VW Engineer Cyril Harcourt in VW Australia's Clayton factory.

The Country Buggy was based on an Australian-made Type 1 platform with engine, gearbox and front axle from the Type 1. The rear swing axles had reduction gears from a 1st generation Volkswagen Transporter (1950–1967).

Originally, the idea was to make the Country Buggy an amphibious vehicle, however directives from VW Germany curtailed this vision.

The Country Buggy started production in July 1967, with exports to the Philippines, Singapore, New Zealand and some small Pacific nations.

The Country Buggies in the Philippines were marketed as the Sakbayan, a portmanteau of the Tagalog words "sasakyán" ("vehicle") and "bayan" ("country", "people", or "town"). The name is a calque of the German Volkswagen, which means "people's car". In the Pam Grier film Black Mama, White Mama, several Country Buggies were seen as police vehicles; these were in fact Sakbayans, as the film was shot in the Philippines.

VW Australasia's Country Buggy also caught the attention of the chief heads in Wolfsburg, and one or two were sent to Wolfsburg for evaluation. In reality, VW was developing their own Country Buggy competitor, the Volkswagen 181.

A Country Buggy with a canvas awning style roof can be seen very clearly in an Australian Coca-Cola commercial from 1969 featuring an Australian band called "The Executives."

The Country Buggy was not a big success. It had some early reliability problems which doomed it, as well as it being ahead of the market trend of the day.

Production ended in 1969 with only one thousand,



nine-hundred fifty-six units built. Very few Country Buggies survive in the roads today, but Sakbayans are being restored in the Philippines following increasing interest in the original Volkswagen Beetle.

During the 1970s, the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) bought fleets of Sakbayan from DMG Volkswagen Philippines which were used for the servicemen and other maintenance purposes. These Sakbayan VWs were being used until the mideighties. Thereafter, their use was discontinued and other vehicles were bought to replace them.

Currently, in the Philippines, the Volkswagen Sakbayans which are seen, appear to be restored vehicles with these type of car bodies:

- a two-door coupe with windows and doors
- a roofed version of the coupé without doors, much like a jeep

Productions of these Sakbayans are referred in the commercials as a car which mixes the stamina of a truck and the affordability of a small car, in short, this is an all-around small car that can go off-road.

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#### Our Garage Queen

by Robert and Kerry Tomlinson

We bought our CB from Alec Brown in Toowoomba about 13 years ago. It has a factory rear seat, registered to carry four passengers and carries historic QLD plates S28966. Its history is a bit shadowy; it apparently spent most of its life on a banana farm in north Queensland (maybe Tully) before being sold and sent to Gatton for a while where it was bought by Alec. We have the original F series engine which failed just before we relocated to Brisbane. Since buying it, we have: replaced the vinyl roof, fitted new tyres, fixed electrics, had seats recovered and the entire braking system overhauled.







#### Love at first sight

by Richard Jefferay

I found my Country Buggy way out west near Tibooburra in the late 80's. It had seen better days, used as a shooting buggy, it stayed where it died, bullet holes and all, till I got wind of it and dragged it back to Parkes. Sadly it then sat there till I had time to start the project of restoring it nearly seven years later. But by 1997 it was on the road, a week before its maiden voyage to Tassie, where it purred along in all conditions including snow on Hobarts Mt Wellington. Since then it's taken us to Melbourne, Adelaide, South Coast NSW and Nambucca Heads to Valla, where it took out the trophy for "Best Country Buggy". It's won its fair share of trophies over the years probably for its uniqueness. It catches many an eye as we travel about, part of its attraction. It was number 0727 off the production line and is in need of a "face lift" but, no rush, this too will happen in time. Right now I'm just enjoying driving it.





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#### The story of Indian Automotive

by Kabrina Piirlaid

The story of Indian Automotive continues in the safe hands of Mikki and Kabrina Piirlaid, they both have a passion for early VWs that is hard to replicate and enjoy working on their projects together. Before Mikki & Kabrina took over Indian Automotive they had already been restoring cars together! The first VW they bought was a modified bright orange Oval beetle which Kabrina used to drive to school. 20 years later and their VW collection has grown and many VWs... and the odd variant Mikki buys... have joined their family.

Kabrina is restoring a late 1957 Diamond green ragtop beetle at the moment and is hands on putting windows in, hanging guards and panels herself. The car will have a number of very rare parts including a early 36hp Genuine TSV1300 Okrasa engine. Being the 'crossover' year from the oval to the larger back window a special interior came along with it... This has been very hard to source, impossible in fact. Kabrina enlisted Dani at Hunted Design to reproduce the interior to the best of her ability and she has produced a very near match! The aim is to have this ready for this year's VW Spectacular... Mikki has started racing his Viper Green Porsche 911 Carrera in the Group S historic class and after his first race meet went well last year the car still needed more horsepower to stay competitive with the top drivers! So the engine was pulled down and rebuilt. This build was done 'in house' at Indian Automotive and was on the race track at Eastern Creek at the Muscle Car Masters. Mikki placed 3rd in the SC class! Proving that Team work and persistence pays off. This car will be at Raleigh race track at the VW Spectacular.

Mikki, Kabrina & the Team at Indian really enjoying helping fellow VW owners keep their pride and joy on the road or making their restoration projects a reality. Mikki and Kabrina will be involved in most of the event's this year so don't be shy say G'day!







### Thursday 2nd August, 2018

- 7.00am Breakfast at Macksville Showground (Run by Rotary/Lions)
- 9.00am Leave for Raleigh Raceway
- ALL DAY Raleigh Raceway 'Ben Durie Memorial' Lap Dash Racing starts 9.30 Raleigh Raceway

Lunch available ALL Day at the track

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- 9.15am Meet at VW Office at Macksville Showground Leaving In a Convoy
- 9.30am Cruise to the Buffalo Farm Eungai Creek for Morning Tea Talk about Cheese and Gelatos making – (Note approximately 3kms of Dirt Road)

Cruise to Oyster Farm - Nambucca Heads

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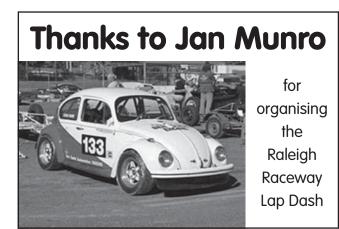
Head up to Raleigh Raceway to watch the cars 'race against the clock' and have some lunch.

3.00pm onwards Food Vans and BBQ by Rotary and Lions at Macksville Showground.

Night Markets at Macksville Showground – Live Entertainment

Come and have a look at the beautiful handmade Lanterns (weather permitting) at Macksville Showground

Rescue Demo by NSW Fire & Rescue – Macksville Showground









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### Friday 3rd August, 2018

- 7.00am Breakfast at Macksville Showground (Run by Rotary/Lions)
- 9.00am Leave for Raleigh Raceway
- ALL DAY Raleigh Raceway 'Ben Durie Memorial' Lap Dash Racing starts at 9.30am at the track

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- 9.00am Meet at VW Office at Macksville Showground – Leaving In a Convoy
- 9.30am Cruises to the Macadamia Farm – Grassy Heads

Avocado farm – Grassy Heads

Head up to Raleigh Raceway to watch the cars 'race against the clock' and have some lunch.

4.00pm Food Vans at Macksville Onwards Showground

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Thank you to Brad Nelson my Graphic Artist.

- He has been there through all the changes.
- No job is too hard for him.

Many thanks Brad.







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#### Itinerary

### Saturday 4th August, 2018

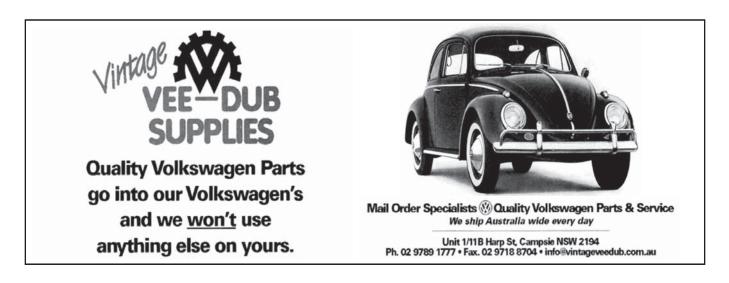
- 7.00am Sausage Sizzle Breakfast with Juice, Tea and Coffee followed by BBQs (Run by Rotary/Lions)
- 8.00am Line up at Macksville Showground prepare for convoy
- 9.15am Leave Macksville Showground Convoy Drive to Nambucca Heads

Cruise and Street Parade

Show and Shine in Bowra Street, Nambucca Heads

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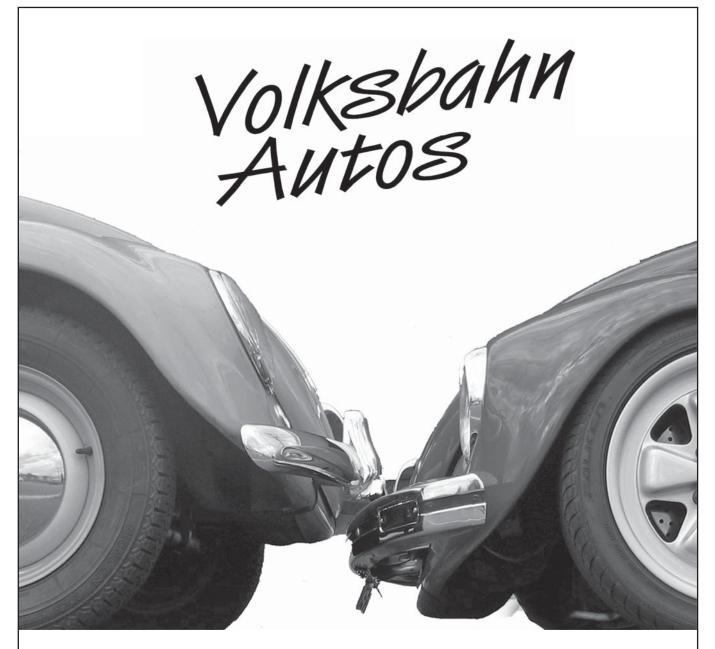
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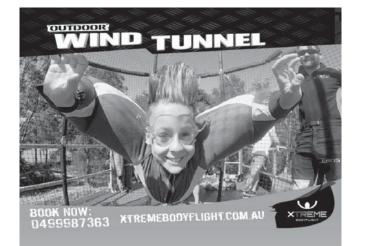
### Saturday 4th August, 2018 (cont)

ALL DAY	BBQ at Macksville Showground (Run by Rotary/Lions)	
12.30pm	Nambucca River Cruise Luncheon, meet at Nambucca Heads Tourist Information Centre at 12.15pm (this is for those that have pre-booked on – this is not an open event)	
12-4pm	Live music by The Little Ripper Band at Macksville Showground!	
12.00pm	Show & Shine at Macksville Showground	
12.30pm	Swap Meet and markets at Macksville Showground	
	VW Clubs – Challenge	
2.30pm	Remote control car competition	
3.00pm	Children's Fun Time	
6.00pm	Saturday Night – Macksville Showground	
	Seats pre-booked for catered meal. Come in after to see the auction and fancy dress.	
7.30pm	Fancy Dress theme <b>Gatsby!</b> Children "Fantasy Dress Up". Charity Auction	

7.30pm Fancy Dress theme **Gatsby!** Children "Fantasy Dress Up". Charity Auction, Live Entertainment.

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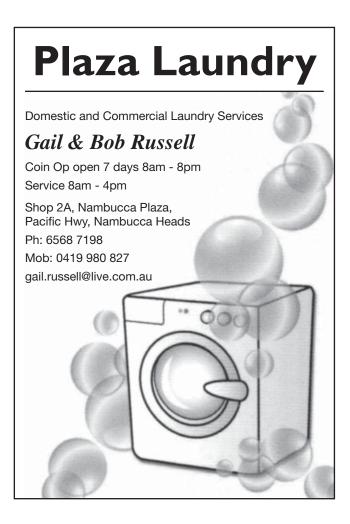




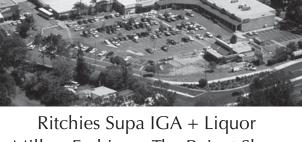












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### Sunday 5th August, 2018

- 7.00am Pancake Breakfast BBQ food available at Macksville Showground ALL DAY (Run by Rotary/ Lions)
- 9-10.00am Skydive Demo Sponsored by Air Vids, Coffs Skydivers and Xtreme Bodyflight Outdoor Wind Tunnel
- 9.00am Park Vehicles Show and Shine-Top 10 Judging Swap Meet
- ALL DAY BBQ and Food Vans at Macksville Showground (BBQ run by Rotary/Lions)
- 10.00am Fun events
- 10.30am Children's Fun Time
- 11.30am Remote control car competition
- 1.00pm Rescue Demo by NSW Fire & Rescue Macksville Showground
- 2.00pm Presentation of Trophies Top 10
- 5.30pm Fireworks Display
- 6.30pm Bistro Macksville Showground followed by Entertainment

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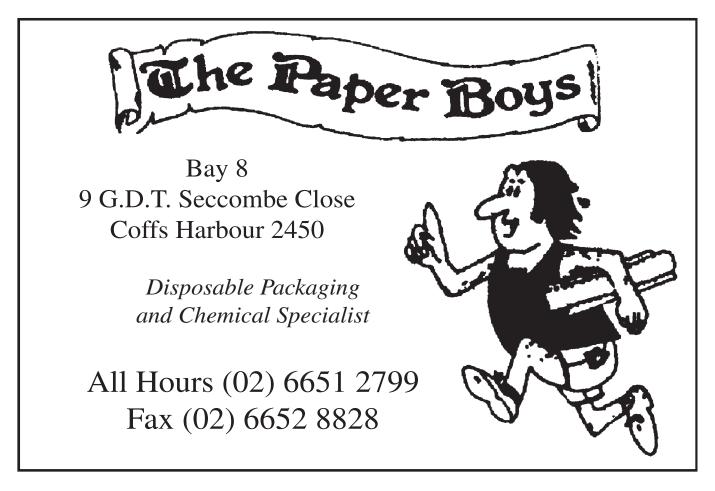




### Monday 6th August, 2018

6.30am Breakfast at Macksville Showground

#### FAREWELL FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS!





CONNECT Northern Rivers Inc. is a non-profit organisation that coordinates work placements for Year 11 and 12 students who are studying Vocational Education Training courses as part of their HSC.

This year, we're excited to be provided with work placement opportunities from Volkswagen

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This is a fantastic opportunity for local young people to be involved in the Spectacular's 2018 event. On behalf of the students, local high schools and TAFE NSW, CONNECT Northern Rivers Inc would like to thank Donna Pell and the Committee for extending this offer to all students involved.



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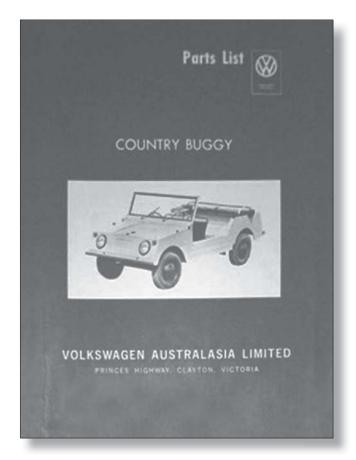
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#### **Book Review**

by Volksbahn

#### Parts List Country Buggy Volkswagen Australasia Limited Princes Highway Clayton Victoria

This copy is much loved, because it has extra pages inserted. Material releases, material releases changes and Messages for release. Special not only does it have exploded views of the front end, braking system, etc this particular book has hundreds of inserts. An example concerns the petrol tank which was changed in 1968, It relates to a change from the 1967 initial upper part of the fuel tank. It shows who it was originated by, Mr Nuehold and approved by E. Ruff and revised on no 711. Unlike the Karmann Ghia Part books, the country buggy has all the parts drawn and broken down into their separate parts, even if it is also used on a Beetle. There is a list of all the accessories including the power take off (not normally seen on most Country Buggies). There are technical Bills of assembly that were used like Lego or Ikea instruction manuals, but only lists of what parts went into everything like, engine, steering box etc not pretty little pictures to help you. However, the parts list may not be everyone's cup of tea but for diehards or just tragic fanatics this is one hell of a find.



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In addition, it assists other services in areas such as land search.



The squad is also available to assist police operations usually by the provision of lighting.

All members are volunteers who train weekly in the skills of rescue. The squad also joins other VRA squads in larger disaster situations and provided members to past events such as the Newcastle floods.

The squad runs three rescue vehicles which have all been funded by grants from the parent body and local community groups such as the VW Spectacular, supplemented by squad fund raising efforts.

There are two bases one at Macksville containing a heavy rescue unit and one at Nambucca where a medium rescue unit is joined by a rapid intervention unit which also has 4WD capability.



The squad is very active within the community by assisting at many events such as the Macksville show the Hot Rods ,& Ford show n shine events, Bowraville children's Christmas party and the biannual VW show.

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We are excited to be a part of the 2018 VW Spectacular and look forward to seeing you all in our wonderful valley.











#### More than 30 years a tragic

by Guy Harding



What does 30 years of a VW tragic condensed into a couple of pages look like?

This year marks 30 years of my personal attendance to the Volkswagen Spectacular.

Like the Pell family, my own family have also grown up with the event now and we are proud to sponsor the event once again.

Those who don't know me, here is a little history. Back in the early 80's I was working at motorcycle shops. Needed a car, cut a long story short, a VW Beetle shared the most with motorcycle, so I was hooked!

Shortly after that, I wrangled a job that took me all over the countryside (QLD & NSW), working at night. I used that to hunt down Volkswagens, wrecking yards and parts all day. The stuff I discovered back then was not worth a lot (is now) but it sure was cool and makes for good photo albums. I must have visited over 300 individual wrecking yards.

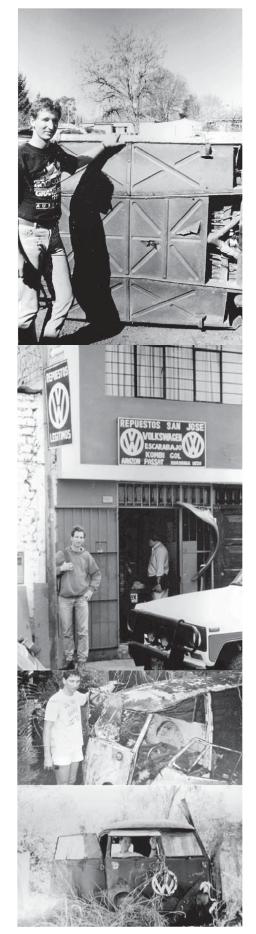
From there I spent a year in the US, shipping back parts and cars

(Ghia convertibles were my main target).

I then spent a year travelling through South America parts hunting. This was a great lot of fun, sometimes a little dangerous. This was all pre internet / eBay, so the amount of stuff you could find if you put in the research time was amazing. I ended up shipping containers out, including a cool old split window beetle. There were many closed down dealers around back then.

During this time I also frequented many of the US events, trading in parts, Pomona, Classic, Bug In, and Solvang etc. The parts funded most of my travelling. I even did a bit of hunting in Europe, uncovered a stash of 50's NOS parts in a small shop in the middle of Amsterdam.

Loved racing cars, and in 1997 I built a "tribute" car (Based on Barry Ferguson's Bathurst beetle) to race Targa Tasmania. Did this successfully (many grey hairs earned), and retired undefeated when the British cars tried to ban us the next year. *continued over* 





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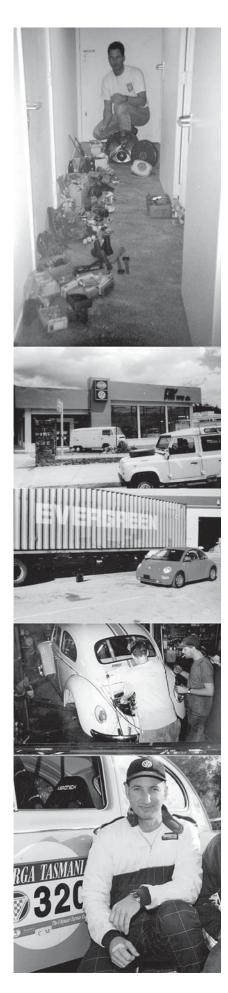
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#### More than 30 years a tragic (cont)

by Guy Harding





I worked with the Berry brothers at Volksrestore (Matt and Simon), some of the best times of my life.

For several years I produced the original "Harding" Wood Slat Roof Rack, which was an exact replica of the original, these are all still in service today, one of my greatest compliments is to get an order from the Autostadt (VW Museum) for five of my racks.

I opened Harding European in 1998, and we quickly became Queensland's biggest VW / Audi service / repair specialist and largest QLD wrecking company also.

In 1999 I imported in the first New Beetle from the US, we were not real popular with Volkswagen at the time, a few letters were sent telling us we couldn't display it (they got over it) and we were very proud to debut it and lead the parade into Nambucca with Rod Farrell's 1952 bug.

Things progressed, we saw the decline of the air cooled daily driver in the early 2000's, the cheaper Korean Hyundai's did such a great job they drove the million mile Beetles and Kombi's off the road. *continued over* 





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My passion is still there, you will see my 525hp, VW Golf R 2018, my Scirocco R Time Attack Car, and my replica of a Polo WRC which runs a full Golf 7 Chassis underneath

Oh, and keep an eye out for my 76'GTV Beetle when I want to ditch the technology and cruise.

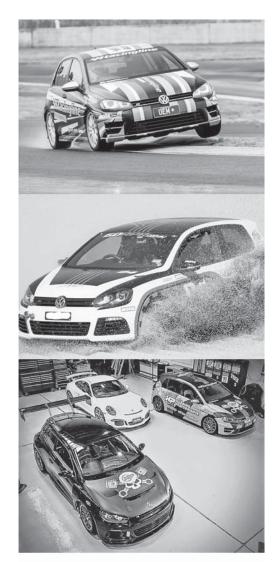
Times changed, and in 2005 we sold our workshop and dismantling yard to ASV / Euro Car Parts, and took the tuning business away.

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#### **PROJECT WRC – What was I thinking?**

by Guy Harding



It all started back in 2013, Volkswagen released some press pictures of the sexiest rally car I had ever laid eyes on. I was blown away by the tough proportions. Based on the diminutive Polo shell, but massively widened & sporting serious wheels & suspension. An AWD chassis & big horsepower turbo engine to boot. It stayed in the back of my mind & I followed progress closely.

In 2014, I came to meet my hero (the car) in the flesh at the Essen Motorshow. I spent hours around it, even being allowed inside before they hunted me away. I asked the gentleman from VW Motorsport "How Much???". He replied with a funny grin & remarkably humorous German accent "750,000 Euro's, but even if you had that you could not buy one". Sad in many, many ways – my dreams had taken a hit.

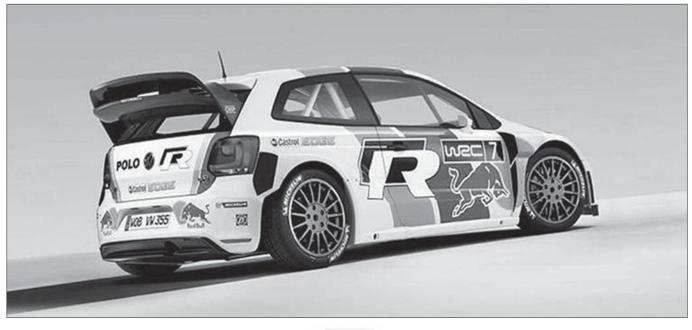
Anyway, many months & many



beers later I hatched a plan. Most people who know me know that once my mind is made up on something, I rarely fail to deliver.

I pulled out the technical regulations for the WRC car, where all the dimensions, wheelbase, track, weight etc are published. I pulled the same for a stock Polo 6R 3 door, and then I started to measure up how I could do this.

The plan I hatched was to do a major floor pan swap, with a MK6/7 VW Golf R. Now being of monocoque construction, this was not a simple case of a pan swap, like a Beetle. It would require lots of cutting and shutting, restrengthening & tons of custom work. *continued over* 







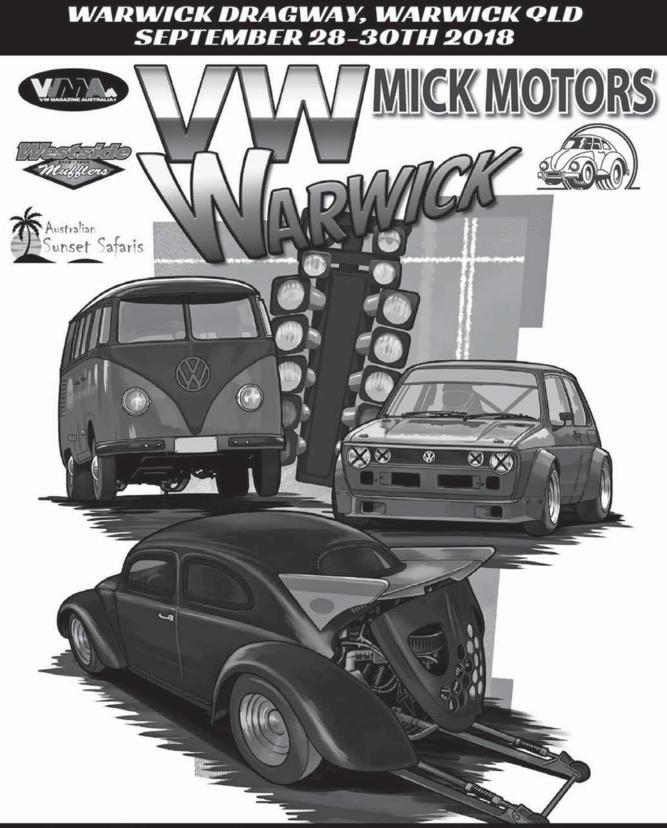
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#### PROJECT WRC - What was I thinking? (cont)

by Guy Harding



Golf R with body removed - hmmm Manx buggy time?

The advantages I have come up with are the ability to use "inexpensive" Golf parts for the engine and drivetrain. The Golf R gives me the Haldex AWD System, DSG transmission & 2 litre turbocharged engine.

The procedure meant that we had to shorten the Golf floor pan 100mm, and it automatically widened us 140mm (and we can run 9"rims with 275 width tyres for a total of 330mm widening). We ended up with the exact Polo WRC wheelbase & track.

A good used polo with a bit of damage was purchased for a few hundred dollars, a Golf R driving wreck was purchased for a few thousand dollars, and I called in my fabricator David Olsen to start cutting!

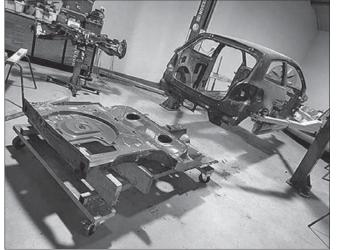
There were many, many challenges, we wanted to keep



Now, how to fit this under this...

all the tail shaft mounts in the Golf tunnel, so careful selection on where to perform the shortening had to take place. To keep the IRS rear suspension boxes was tight, the width of the Golf parts is almost as wide as the Polo sills (the Polo ran a beam rear end, not independent). We added proper rally jack points through the sills for rally service stands.

The firewall, front chassis rails, strut tower, subframes & plenum remain from the Golf, the dash & steering column is Polo and mates directly up to the Golf firewall & rack. *continued over* 



Right, let's see if we can fit this under there

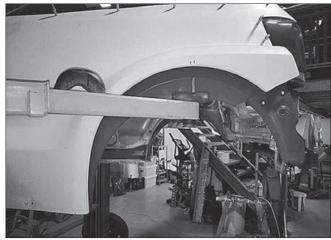


It's going to be tight



#### PROJECT WRC - What was I thinking? (cont)

by Guy Harding



Bit of difference in wheel arch diameter



**Rally stand mounts** 

This gave us the wider Golf chassis rails, stronger engine mounts & larger engine compartment size.

The rear end required a lot of work.

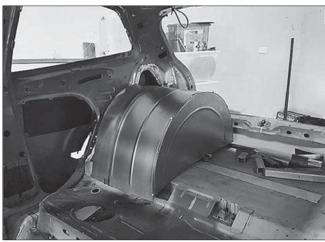
Large wheel tubs were fabricated,

oversize shock towers installed (also will be a base for the roll cage). The body kit came in from Poland and has been mock test fitted.

The plan is to power it with a MK7

Golf R based power plant, where we are confident we can make a reliable 750hp, and 800nm. It should see us clocking 0-100kmph in less than 2.5 seconds if we hit our target weight of 1200kgs.

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**Tubs inside** 

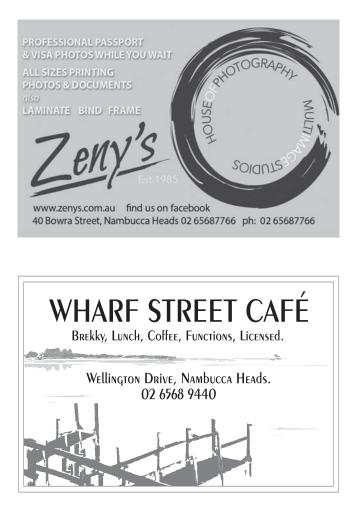


Strut and body alignment jigs











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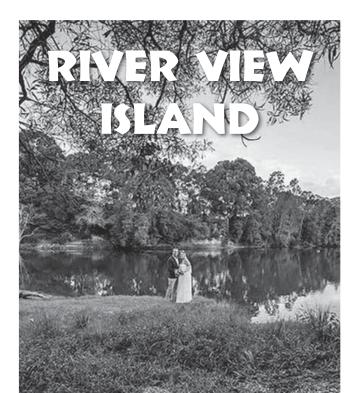
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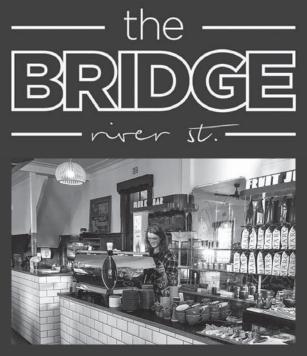
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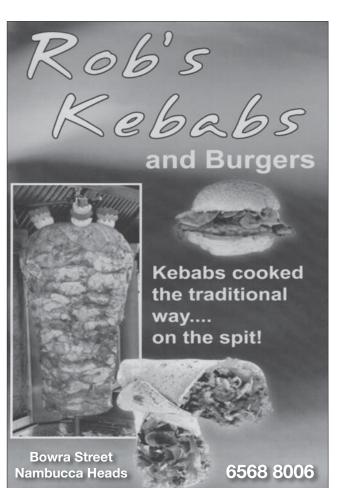
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Rear tub detail



Rear strut towers going in



All up we are about 2000 hours in, hope to have it running in 2019. Next step, its off for a roll cage. Watch out Ken Block, I'm coming for you. Watch out Raleigh Raceway 2020!



Bum shot showing alloy rear subframe





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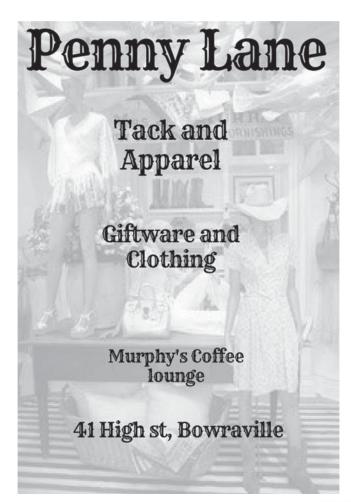
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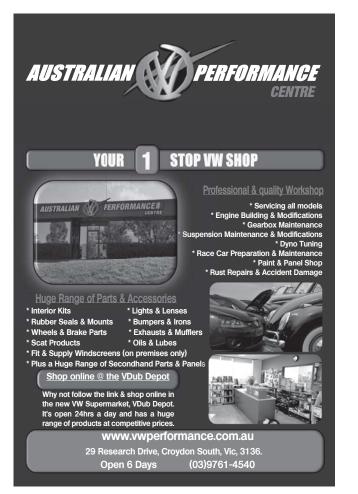
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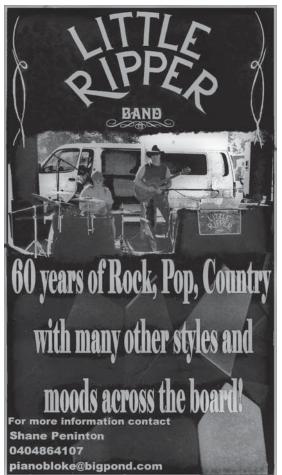
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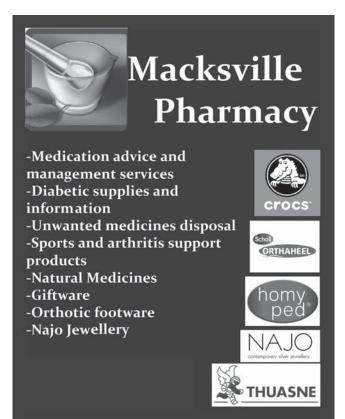




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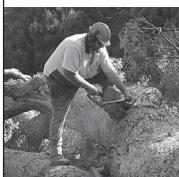
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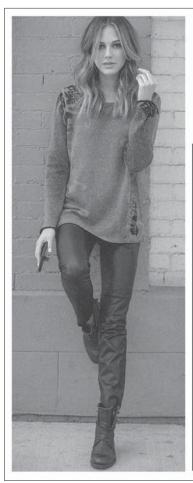


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by Cr Rhonda Hoban

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I would also like to thank all of the exhibitors, some of whom travel enormous distances to come to the Nambucca Valley and participate. Your involvement brings spectators and enthusiasts to our Valley and provides a first class event for local families to enjoy as well.

I wish you all a successful event, a great time and happy V-Dubbing.

Cr Rhonda Hoban Mayor









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#### Macksville - History of a River Town

John Oxley entered the mouth of Nambucca River 1820 travelling only a short distance up river. In 1841 the surveyor Clement Hodgkinson surveyed the navigatable reaches of the river travelling at least as far as Congarinni on the southern branch, Taylors Arm, of the river. Rivers were the roads in early settlement of the North Coast of New South Wales. In the 1830's cedar getters, being the first European settlers of the Nambucca area, floated logs down the rivers to the mills at the river mouth at Nambucca Heads where steam and sail boats transported timber to Sydney. By the 1850's farmers were taking up selections along the river banks and later further inland and their produce was also transported via the river. In 1865 William Hughes took up the first selection in what is now the town area - east of the present highway bridge. As settlement spread the first tracks connecting to Kempsey in the south and Bellingen in the north, as well as to small settlements in the valley were made. Originally these were bullock tracks that coaches and horse drawn vehicles later travelled.

The first river crossing and wharf of this small settlement known as Central Nambucca was located about 14 kilometres up-river from Nambucca Heads opposite Newee Creek. The small settlement (118 shown in the 1891 Cencus) was strung along a dirt track later known as River Street and Princess Street. The track south, known as Kempsey Road, followed this route then along what became known as Bent/ Wallace street.



Angus McKay and Hugh McNally owned a great deal of property in the area and it was a combination of their names that the village was named Mack's Village later shortened to Macksville. The name "Macksville" appeared in 1887 in advertisment for land sale by Angus McKay. Officially the name changed from Central Nambucca in 1889.

The second river crossing was a punt located at the end of Princess Street. This operated from 1908 to 1931 when Macksville bridge opened at the end of Cooper Street. The road south, now known as Pacific Highway, followed Wallace/ Bent Street. The name 'Bent' has disappeared but until the 1950's/1960's the road from the intersection with Princess St south past Macksville cemetery was known as Bent St – this entire section is now Wallace St. The road on the north side originally

ran closer to the river – Ferry Street, then along what is now Bellevue Drive and Nursery Road.



In the 1960's the present Pacific Highway was developed – further from the river on the northern side of town and to the east of the Golf Club at Bald Hill with a new bridge across Warrell Creek.

Commercial and residential development took place along these transport corridors. Gradually the small timber cottages were replaced by shops. The arrival of the railway (1919), the introduction of motor vehicles and the development of the North Coast road meant river traffic became obsolete. By the middle of the 1930's there were four major banks, and three large general stores - Mac's and Halls in Wallace Street and Reid and Fotheringham in Princess Street. Nambucca River Cooperative began operation in 1903 with butter factories throughout the shire, a grocery and department store.

#### The Macksville Showground

The Nambucca River District Agricultural Association Ltd is the owner of the Macksville Showground which is located





at 111 Rodeo Drive, North Macksville, the Nambucca River (Macksville) Show which was established in 1906 and the Macksville Saleyards where livestock sales are held on alternate Wednesdays. The Nambucca River District Agricultural Association Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation serving the Nambucca

Valley community in providing affordable facilities for events/functions (include parties, weddings, etc...) and assisting other local not-for-profit organisations.

The Macksville Show is one of the premier agricultural and entertainment events on the Mid North coast of New South Wales. The show attracts exhibitors from all over plus the local Nambucca Valley community. In fact, the show is wholly owned by the Nambucca River Agricultural Society Limited and is a non-for -profit organisation serving the community. While the Macksville Show boasts many key events in the area of horses, livestock including cattle and goats, produce, dogs, chickens and an extensive range of other activities including our famous side show ally.

The Macksville Saleyards are providing a marketplace and options for local and neighbouring farmers to sell and purchase livestock.

The Showground is also home to the following organisations:

- The Rusty Iron Rally
- Pro-Ag
- Macksville Poultry Club
- Nambucca Valley Natural Horsemanship Club
- The Nambucca River Pony Club
- The Garden Gala Day
- And Hopefully The VOLKSWAGEN SPECTACULAR.

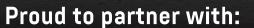




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