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Well here we go again! It's been a hell of a ride since 2018 that's for sure. We hope everyone has stayed safe and well! 2022 brings with it a change of location, as we head back to Valla Beach Holiday Park due to excess water at the Macksville Showground's.

2022 sees us celebrating 38 Years and 23 Shows! Who would have thought!!! 1984-2022 where has the time gone! We look forward to catching up with our wonderful VW Friends and hopefully meeting new friends during the 2022 Volkswagen Spectacular. We hope you enjoy the outings each day and at night come join us for our Woolshed parties and enjoy the company of the VW Owners at Valla Beach Holiday Park.

This has been a very trying time for us all, so let's have a great time away from all our stress and enjoy our beautiful area, beautiful friends and our beautiful Volkswagens. We take this time to say special thanks to our Major Sponsor "Just Kampers" and all our other sponsors. Without them the show does not happen. We have had fantastic support from all our sponsors. THANK YOU!

We thank all the people that help make this show happen. A lot of work goes into organise the show before, during and after the Event. Special thanks to our family & friends, Kelly, Ray, Mick & BJ, Carli, Mel & Stacey for their support with the rollover!

We welcome our Charity Groups, Lions, Rotary, NSW Fire & Rescue and welcome onboard the Nambucca Valley Lions AFL & Shoretrack.

We said we would never do this again, but we really wanted to achieve this years Spectacular and let the show go on!

Enjoy the 2022 Volkswagen Spectacular!

PLEASE NOTE:

All cars must be Registered and Road worthy to participate in any event (excluding Lapdash) of the VW Spectacular July 24th to 1st August 2022, including inside the Valla Beach Holiday Park. Unregistered vehicles will have to be pushed at walking speed or towed on trailers. It is up to the discretion of the organisers to Police this matter. We have the support of the Nambucca Valley Mid North Coast Police District so please respect the rules!



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7.00am

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9.00am

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11.00am

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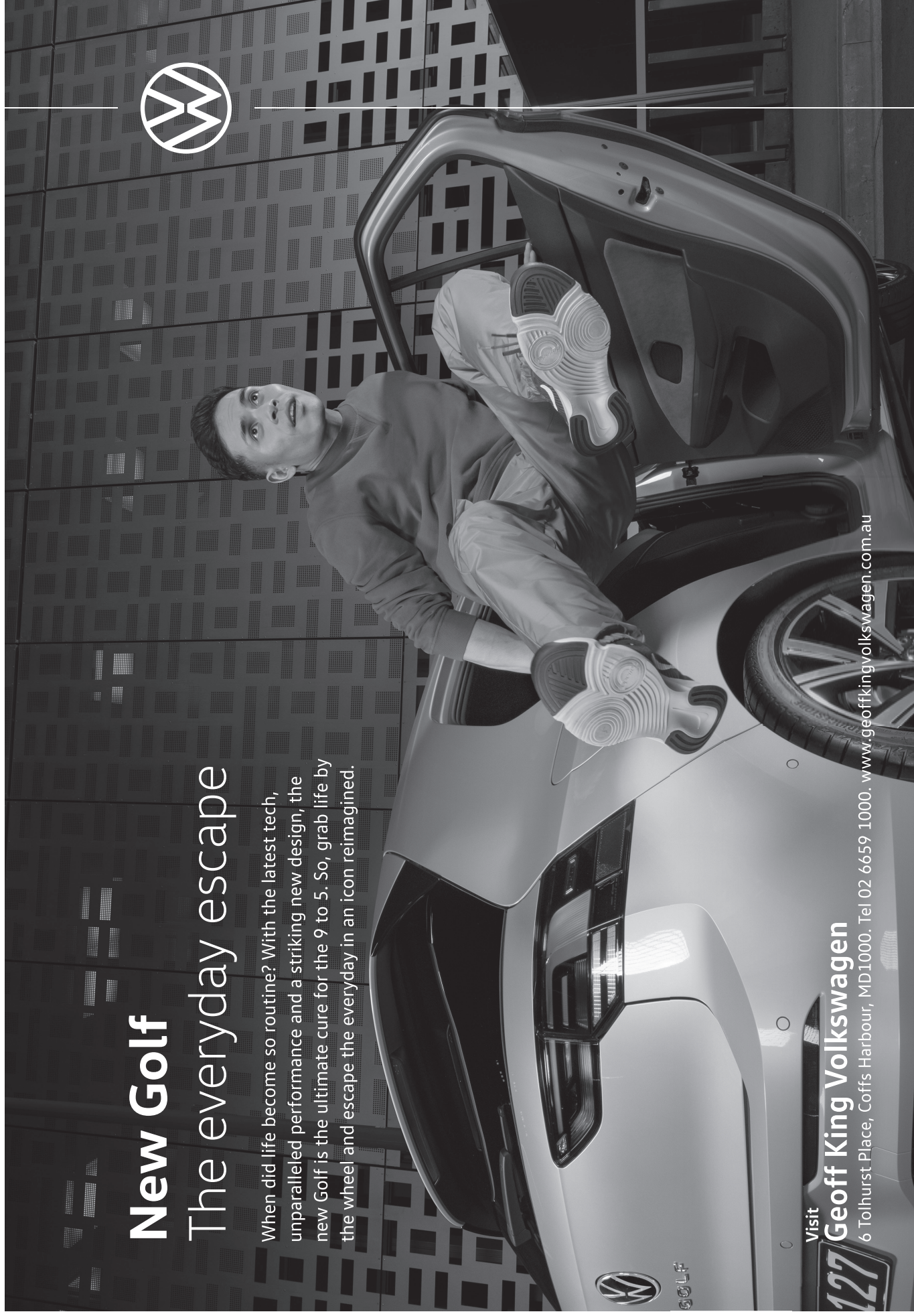
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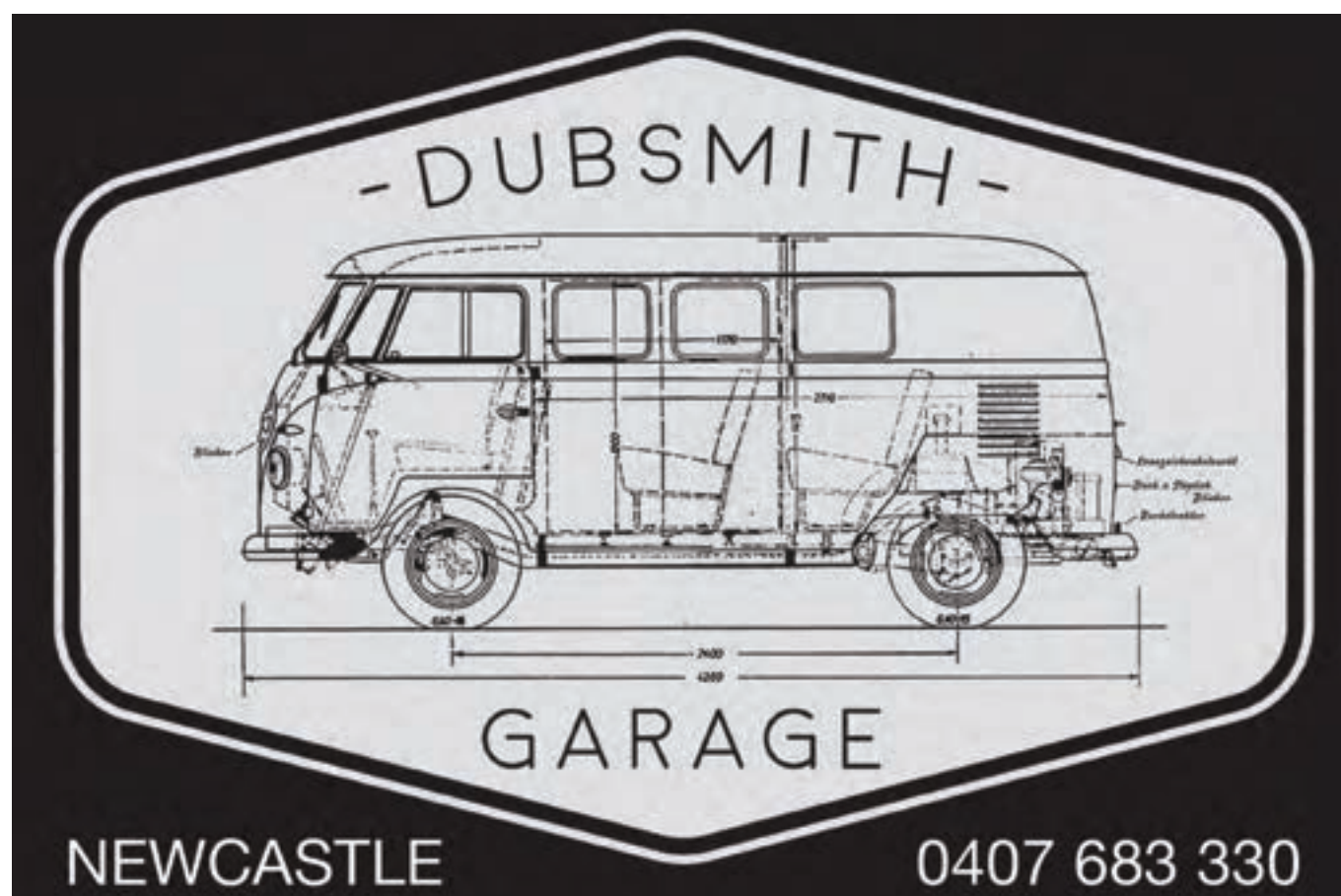


Tuesday 26th July 2022

7.00am	Breakfast at Valla Beach Holiday Park (Run by Rotary/Lions)
9.30am	Leave Valla Beach Holiday Park Cruise to Bowraville Walk and Talk around Bowraville Visit the Bowraville Folk Museum Frank Partridge VC Military Museum
11.30am	Movie at Bowraville Movie Theatre
12.00pm	Lunch at Bowraville pub then BEE Talk
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6.00pm	Woolshed at Valla Beach Holiday Park Food Vans Bring your own Instrument

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9.00 am	Leave Valla Beach Holiday Park Cruise to Bellingin Morning Tea
11.30am	Leave Bellingin Cruise to Dorrigo Mountain
12.00 -1.00pm	Lunch at Dorrigo Pub
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6.00pm	Cruise back to Valla Beach Holiday Park Woolshed Party Food Vans Bingo Entertainment
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Thursday 28th July 2022

7.00am	Breakfast at Valla Beach Holiday Park (Run by Rotary/Lions) Competitors leave for Raleigh Raceway all day event for 'Ben Durie Memorial' Lap Dash (Racing starts 9.30) Raleigh Raceway Spectators welcome - Food & Drinks available ALL DAY at the track
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- 10.30am Meet at the Nambucca RSL
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- 1.00pm Secret Tour - light afternoon tea will be available (owners expense)
or Cruise to Raleigh Raceway to watch the cars 'Race Against
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received the nod of approval. The German government funded the construction of the largest automobile plant in Europe and planned to produce 1 million cars a year by 1940. If these plans had come to fruition, Germany would have become Europe's number one automobile manufacturer, but the Second World War put paid to that idea.

Despite being bombed repeatedly during the war, the Volkswagen factory was quickly cleaned up and Volkswagen sedans began to trickle off the production line as early as 1946. The original beetle had been proposed in three body styles – a standard hard-top sedan, a rag-top sunroof sedan, and a soft-top cabriolet. The VW factory manufactured the hard and rag-top models but due to shortages of steel and capacity issues production of the soft-top was outsourced to the specialist body builder Karmann.

Karmann had been bodying cars since 1902 and had specialised in convertibles for a range of German car companies during the pre-war period, such as Opel and Adler.

In the immediate aftermath of the war, VW was virtually the only German car company able to maintain volume production. This led several smaller coachworks, such as Denzel, Hebmuller and Rometsch, to fit custom sportster bodies over VW chassis. These rare and highly prized vehicles showed that the beetle design could be made into a sportster, but the cost to do so was often prohibitive.

Over at Karmann, the new managing director, Wilhelm Karmann Junior, was concerned about the future of the company. Although the VW cabriolet contract was turning out approximately 10,000 cars a year, Karmann's other major contract with DKW was

This year (2015) marks the 60th anniversary of the release of the Volkswagen Karmann Ghia. The story of how the iconic little VW roadster came into existence is shrouded in myth and mystery and unfortunately, as the principles in the story are no longer with us, we will never be able to define 'the truth' of the tale. The story as we know it begins in 1933 when Adolf Hitler opened the Berlin Motor Show with a call to develop a cheap, modern car affordable for the German worker. Several companies attempted to design a 'People's Car' (or volks-wagen) but it ultimately was Dr Ferdinand Porsche's design that



HISTORY OF THE KARMANN GHIA SUPPLIED BY VICSBAHN.. CONT...

Denzel built sporty roadsters on VW running gear. Denzel may have served as the inspiration for the Porsche 356.



looking shaky as that company began to wind back sales of its cabriolet and coupe model. Looking for a new project to fill the gap left by DKW, Karmann pitched a proposal for a sleek coupe design to VW. VW general manager, Heinz Nordhoff, dismissed the idea as he did not believe that a VW sportster could be built for an economical price. Karmann persisted and began working on a wooden mockup. VW still rejected the idea.

In 1952 Karmann met Luigi Segre, stylist for the Carrozzeria Ghia of Turin, Italy at the Turin Motor Show and the two discussed Karmann's ideas...cont...pg13

Rometsch were a luxury bodybuilder who attempted to turn the humble VW into a luxury cabriolet and coupe. Rometschs' efforts earned them the ire of VW managing director Heinz Nordhoff, who deliberately blocked them from purchasing VW chassis and engines. This forced them to buy whole cars from local dealerships. Nordhoff then instructed the dealers to refuse Rometsch's custom, so Rometsch had to send their employees out to buy cars in their own names. This process was unsustainable and Rometsch were quickly forced out of business. Rometsch cars are highly sought after today.



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for a sporty Volkswagen. Nothing formal had been agreed but Segre had an idea. Ghia had been working on a sportster design for the US Chrysler company, but the project had been abandoned.

Segre saw an opportunity to reuse the Chrysler design and, without advising Karmann, secretly bought a second-hand beetle and fitted it with the Chrysler bodywork. Ghia unveiled the car at the 1953 Paris Motor Show, where it drew considerable attention. Ghia however did not have a contract with VW to build any cars so enlisted Karmann's support with the notoriously difficult Nordhoff.

Karmann was impressed with Ghia's styling and agreed to present the car to Nordhoff. Nordhoff conceded that the car was stunning but remained dubious that the car could be built for an acceptable price - but he did not say no. Karmann had to really pare back the design to meet VW's price requirements, but by 1954 the car was officially revealed to the public. A three-way partnership was agreed where Karmann built and fitted the bodywork to what was essentially a modified VW beetle chassis and engine. Ghia received a commission for their design but weren't involved in the actual production.



The VW Karmann Ghia 1953 prototype differs in a number of respects from the production version. Most obviously there are no 'nostrils' in the front.



The taillights and engine deck-lid vents are different too.



From the front (above), the Chrysler K310 Elegance looks nothing like a Karmann Ghia, but from the side and rear, it's an exact match. The hump around the rear wheel arch is a distinctive giveaway.

The VW Karmann Ghia (Type 14) went on sale in August 1955 and was an immediate success.

The Karmann Ghia catered to customers who wanted a cheap and reliable but sporty looking car. Given that its VW underpinnings were the same as a standard beetle's, the car really didn't deliver sports car performance! Large numbers were exported to the United States, where they helped Volkswagen break into the US car market.

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Wilhelm Karmann and Luigi Segre beside their creation



Ghia marketing was pitched at female drivers.



Producing the body's complex curves required a substantial amount of hand welding, which limited the number of cars the factory could produce.



A train load of Karmann Ghias on their way to market



The classic, curvaceous Type 14 Karmann Ghia remained in production from 1954 to 1974. Small changes to styling and fittings were made year on year and the Karmann Ghia received periodic engine upgrades, starting out with the standard 1200cc in 1955 and ending with the 1600cc in 1963. Over 445,000 were made, which is an extraordinary volume for what was essentially a hand-built car.

In 1961 VW introduced the new 1500 notchback sedan. Ghia of Turin was again engaged as stylists for a new generation of Karmann Ghia based on the 1500. The new Type 35 Karmann Ghia carried forward the square styling of the notchback and was nicknamed the 'razor's edge' due its sharply edged bonnet. The 'razor' was a completely different car from its Type 14 predecessor, being much roomier inside and with a better engine. However, its styling proved less than appealing, and sales of the new model were sluggish. The Type 34 was withdrawn from sale in July 1974 with sales of only 42,505.



The new Type 34 styling was more in keeping with the squarer look of the times.

Karmann turned out both the Type 14 and Type 34 for several years. As is evident in the brochure, the Type 34 was a much larger car than its predecessor, with more headroom, more modern features and a better engine, but customers never really warmed to the car and the Type 14 continued to outsell it by a significant margin.



HISTORY OF THE KARMANN GHIA SUPPLIED BY VICSBAHN.. CONT...

Ghia continued to style new model Karmann Ghia's on Volkswagen's behalf right through the late 60s and early 70s. A new model was planned for release in 1975 but declining sales of their rear engine range led Volkswagen to make a radical decision and move into front engined, front wheel drive cars, based on the Audi platform. The 1975 Karmann Ghia model was shelved, except in Brasil, where it was released as the Karmann Ghia TC.



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9.15am	Leave Valla Beach Holiday Park Convoy Drive to Nambucca Heads Cruise and Street Parade.

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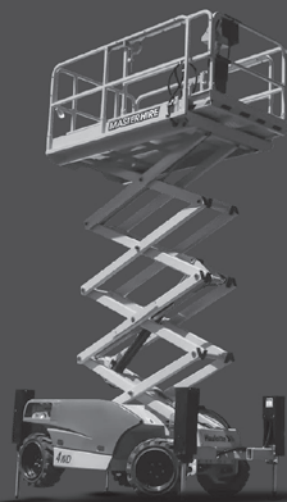
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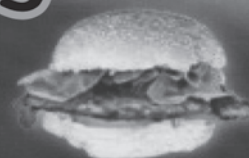
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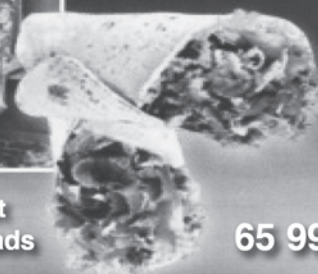
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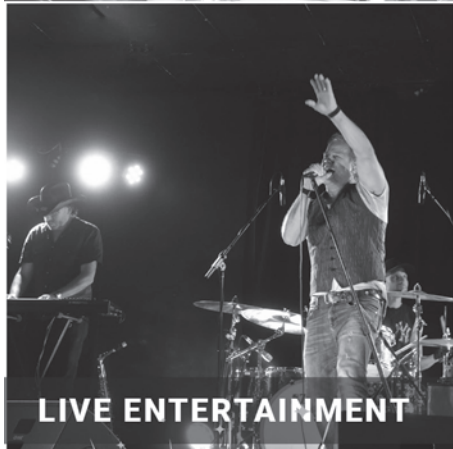
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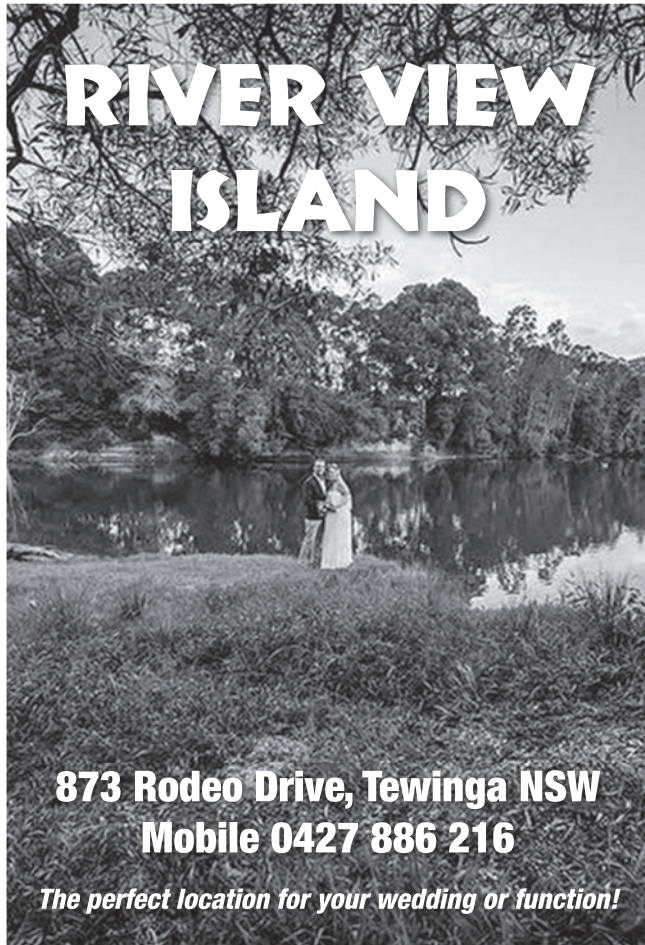
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You will notice Firefighters from FRNSW will be around helping the organising committee with this year's event completing various tasks and we look forward to meeting you all.

With the weather getting colder, be sure not to put yourself or your family at risk. We want to remind people to be careful when using heating and campfires, keeping all items at least one metre from all heating and fires.



There are several other simple steps you can take to prepare yourselves against the risk of fire:

Turn off heaters, electric blankets and extinguish fires before leaving camp or getting into bed.

Do not overload power boards.

Do not use LPG cylinders for cooking or heating indoors as they can leak, and the gas is both toxic and highly explosive.

Ensure you have a working smoke alarm.

Holidays are a great time to relax and enjoy spending time with family and friends, but too often it can turn into tragedy.

Help us, help you to be fire safe!

If you are holidaying with our caravan or camping, take the same fire safety precautions as you would in your own home.

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Monday 1st August 2022

6.30am

Breakfast at Valla Beach Holiday Park

***Thank you for joining
us in 2022!***



Welcome to the 2022 VW Spectacular from Fire and Rescue NSW (Cont.)

Most importantly, ensure you have a working smoke alarm in all moveable dwellings where people sleep, regardless of whether they are registered for road use or not. They are cheap and easy to install, so there is no excuses not to have a working photoelectric smoke alarm in your motorhome, caravan or campervan. If you are camping, have a fire extinguisher and do not leave open fires unattended.

Other fire safety tips include:

Plan your escape if a fire were to occur.

Remember that most fires start in the kitchen while cooking, Keep looking when cooking.

Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed, especially in sleeping quarters.

Have a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket. Learn how to use them.

Find out where the nearest phone is or check your mobile phone has reception.

Note the location of your caravan or tent – name of park, street name etc.

Find out where the nearest hose reel and evacuation point is in the park you are staying in.

Never leave an open fire or hot coals unattended.

After the event being postponed due to Covid, we are excited to see what amazing new machines you have created.

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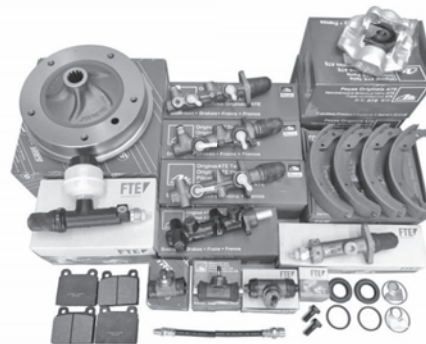




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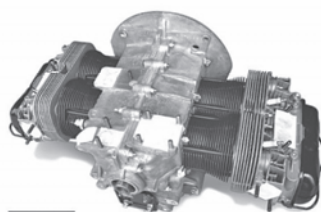
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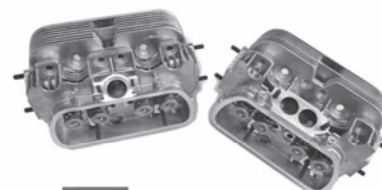
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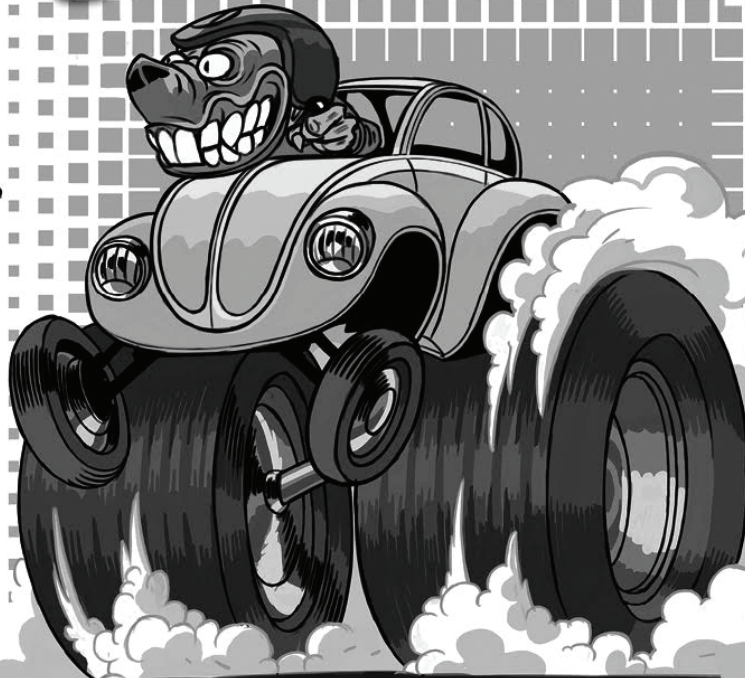
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This situation has not just affected the poorer third world countries but also, the richer and more fortunate western world, of which we are a part of.

Despite the widespread trade and business changes and the unfortunate illnesses and deaths of many innocent people, there have been some very positive outcomes or silver lining.

Scientists have been amazed at how well the environment has commenced healing and the devastating influence of mankind has been minimised, right before our eyes.

In the same way, people have become smarter with their hygiene practises and perhaps, personal cleanliness will remain a priority in the future...but I won't hold my breath.

The third possibility that you probably won't read about much in the world's media is directly related to motoring enthusiasts and particularly, classic cars.

COVID and its' subsequent lockdowns has meant that Australian's have used this troublesome time to purchase 'new' cars (including restoration projects) and also, utilise this time to work on the beautiful machine that you have had in storage since Noah was a boy ('I'm gunna do it up one day').

In short, the motoring fraternity has seen a huge increase in cars that are now 'under-insured' or, not insured at all ('I haven't got around to it yet').

Shannons will be in attendance throughout the VW Spectacular and I would welcome the opportunity to look at your beloved machines to insure, increase the value of (revaluation); or perhaps you would simply like a quote on your daily drivers or home & contents insurance.

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I look forward to the VW Spectacular and the wonderful cars and friendships that result and wish you all the very best ... and don't forget to wash your hands.

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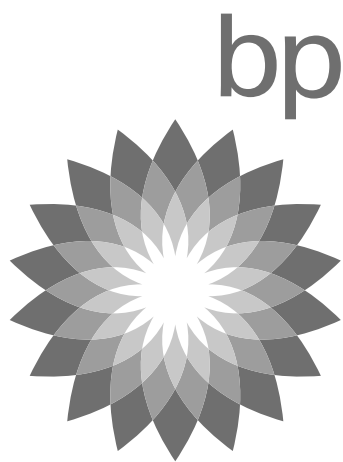
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The most significant job we have had to date has been the challenging repair of the 1960 Split screen that was unfortunately involved in a nasty crash upon their return trip home to QLD after the show ended. The damage inflicted affected pretty much 90% of the vehicle resulting in some serious works to be carried out. After mounting to our in-house built chassis jig we spent huge hours repairing every piece of metal required back to its OEM factory state. With the use of Klassic Fab, Autocraft and BBT metal we have achieved a flawless result that is now ready to paint and have completed for Valla Beach VW Spectacular 2022.

The 4 vehicles we have completed, currently in attendance at the show have all gone through major works with no corners cut! Jump over onto our Facebook or Instagram pages to check out the resto photos.

'55 11 Window Dove Blue Patina - This was a personal stash vehicle of my collection that was sold to build for the new owners. Wanting a tidy, as much original appearance as possible and mechanically A1 setup, this bus now is pushed along with our standard mechanical setup. 3" Narrowed beam built in-house, boosted brakes, disc front and drum rear. IRS rear and fully ride height adjustable. Rod Penrose Racing 2278cc. Handles like a go-kart and I certainly terrified the owner upon our first drive together to show them what it can achieve in its handling and performance. Metal works undertaken were challenging at the beginning as the front 'A' pillars had the guts cut out of them which needed to be rectified before any further works could be commenced so that a foundation was established. As with most kombis, the majority of the rust issues were down low, and the good metal was above the dogleg height. So, our standard metal works procedures were carried out to replace everything necessary and finish it off with zero body filler. This means our metal finish stage has to be spotless! Achieving a "faux-tina patina" is always difficult when undoing works done back in the 60's to cover up old damage and repairs undertaken.

'64 Gulf Blue/White roof Panel Van - Another vehicle out of my collection that was sold to the new owner in South Australia to build into a true head-turner! Major metal works undertaken to achieve a flawless paint finish. "Clear over Basecoat" was carried out and then 2K Clearcoat "flow coated" to achieve that super deep and syrup-like finish! Again, our same tried and tested mechanical setup powered along by another Rod Penrose Racing 2278cc.



The interior on this gem is something to behold! Cody @ CDY Motor Trimming did a mind-blowing job on this! The more you look at it the better it gets and the more details you see. The owner and Cody @ CDY Motor Trimming worked with each other to achieve the style and colours. Having a blank canvas inside with a panel van can be tricky to make sure their space is cleverly trimmed! The body panels on the sides of the panel van were certainly a challenge to allow the perfect paint finish. This was achieved through some very tried and tested metal working techniques and meticulous paint prep techniques. A panel van is THE HARDEST vehicle to paint!!!!!! Soooooo much surface area not obstructed or

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'67 11 Window (Metallic Green/White) - Upon receiving this bus from Victoria under the impression it was needing minimal works, it was soon realised that was far from the case. Significant metal works were 'undone & re-done' along with the future vision on a monster engine to be installed when suitable. So this meant we had to

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strengthen the chassis in such a way to facilitate this later in its life. Every section of the chassis rail and transmission cradle were boxed in to create a super structurally sound and strong foundation. Belly pans were custom made for the underside which allows them to be bolted in and taken out. This adds a significant amount of strength to aid in the reduction of body flex and twist for when the monster engine would be installed. Our standard mechanical setup again in this with a few little differences. An angry 2332cc engine by Rod Penrose Racing certainly adds to the excitement in driving this gem! The paint works on this is absolutely stunning! Any metallic style paint is incredibly challenging to achieve continuity as the slightest of air-pressure difference, distance of the gun to the panel surface, layers of paint, speed in which you transfer the paint onto the surface all play a huge roll in its final appearance. So, everything gets painted at the same time! The "clear over basecoat" system again undertaken followed by our 2K Clearcoat "flow coat" for the super deep gloss finish. Interior again carried out by our "go to" trimmer guru! Cody @ CDY Motor Trimming and myself were given the direction from the owner to come up with some colours. Upon selecting them, the owner and Cody @ CDY Motor Trimming came up with the style and finish which turned out to be ultra-classy and sharp!

'67 11 Window (Cream/White) - We took delivery of this not long before the Macksville VW Spectacular 2018 show with the understanding of putting it together for the owner. Needless to say, the owner hadn't even got home before receiving a phone call that requested them to come back to the workshop to discuss some very major issues found very quickly. After this discussion was concluded, the decision to "re-restore" was confirmed. The poor previously undertaken works discovered were shocking and terrible. Major structural pillars not complete and full of bog, factory seams and joins mudded over with copious amounts of bog. So much debris and imperfections in the exterior paint were astounding. Within the workshop it was affectionately known as the "Bog Bus" until it's completion. Upon carrying out the major metal works it was put through its stages for paint prep and built to rego. Creative Engineering rack and pinion steering kit. 3" Narrowed Beam and IRS rear end. Fully adjustable front and rear ride height. Stan Pobjoy 1916cc engine. Boosted disc brake front, drum rear. Interior already existed when the owner purchased the vehicle, so some simple tidy up works on the interior were done to have it ready for a wedding usage just before COVID-19 set in 2020. Quite a nice bus to drive that certainly is astoundingly different to when it first arrived!



Dubsmith Garage has some pretty special works already penned in to commence shortly to see us carry on for the next few years, some of which will be at Valla Beach VW Spectacular 2022! We are incredibly lucky to have owners that are after nothing short of perfection which allows us to showcase our team and each individual's skill sets. Having these vehicles requested to be taken to that extra level is just awesome! Myself and my wife Casey would like to recognise our team Shaune, Dave, Cory, Ben & Bailey for the



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When I announced that I would like to get an "old" Beetle my wife could not believe it, saying "You hate them".

I started looking for a suitable vehicle without understanding anything about various models. I just wanted an old Beetle. I looked at quite a few in various conditions and started to get a feel for what I wanted.

Eventually I saw an advertisement for a 1976 Beetle with only a photo and description as "1976 Beetle, Herbie look alike". I rang the number and when a young lady answered the phone I went on to ask her for more information about her vehicle.

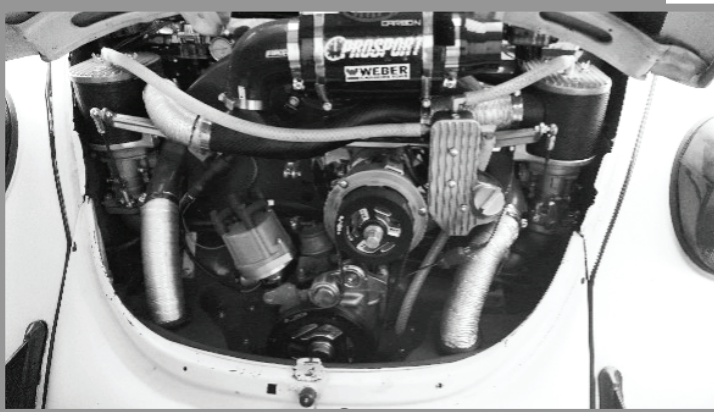
She told me "it has a wooden steering wheel and gear stick knob" when I asked for more details the reply I received was "sorry, that is all I know, I am a girl."

Next day we went to have a look at this Beetle. Oh my gosh, no suspension, bumpers hanging off, muffler no existent, noisy engine with oil leaks, plus a small dose of rust in the doors and floor pan. Otherwise looked OK. "Could we take it for a drive?" "OK, but be careful, it doesn't stop, it only slows down." This was the best one we had found so far so I made an offer and drove it home. When we got the car home it was time for a thorough check over and to prioritise the job list.

So began a twelve-month project....

One of the first things we had to find out was why someone would paint stripes and a racing number on a VW Beetle - we had never heard of Herbie? We eventually hired a couple of Herbie movies and after watching Herbie Fully Loaded the enthusiasm really kicked in.

We now had fitted four wheel disc brakes, lowered suspension with all the extras, alloy wheels, new interior, body work tidied up and now for the engine. 40HP was never going to cut it, especially after seeing Herbie Fully Loaded. So, the engine got a working over that suited my expectations at the time.



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HERBIE MAKE OVER BY KEN & LYN MILLER... CONT...

It was now 2015 and I noticed that there was an interesting event coming up... VW Spectacular 2016. This sounded like just the thing we should go to and seen though it would be a long drive long from Hobart, it should be fun. Keep in mind we are in our seventies and at this stage I use a mobility scooter to get around.

Planning took some time as we wanted to do a short hop each day, staying overnight in motels along the way and eventually a week at Nambucca Heads for the duration of



the Spectacular.

The drive to and from Nambucca Heads was a real hoot and Herbie proved to be popular wherever we stopped and drove fabulous to drive.

The Spectacular event was everything we expected and more.

Now it is 2021 and we are planning it all over again. In the interim I have again stripped the car down again and tidied up some of the quick work with a better-quality finished product.

I have taken advice of a few friends and removed all the Herbie stripes and numbers to make it look as original as possible. In the words of these friends "you should make that car a real sleeper."

Because I enjoy the car so much, that is what I have done giving the engine the full treatment!

We are looking forward to the trip north again the excitement of the 2022 Spectacular!

Due to ill health I wont be able to attend 2022, will see you around!

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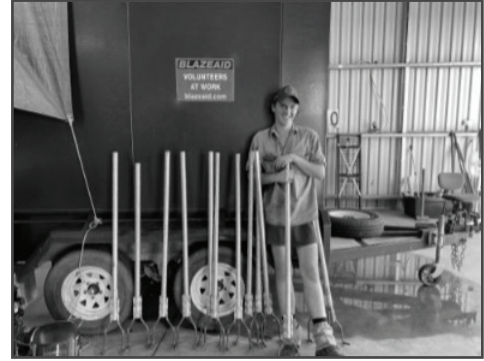
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ShoreTrack works closely with community and industry to achieve employment outcomes and is mentored and supported by the BackTrack organisation.

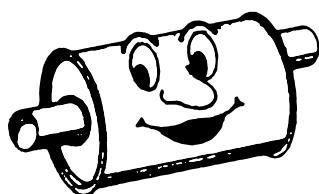


Currently the ShoreTrack crew are working with the Nambucca Valley Community to help drive disaster recovery work caused by the significant flooding our valley experienced in March. They have helped the Macksville Aquatic Centre with removal of rubbish, built rakes for BlazeAid, assisted with community tractor and mower maintenance, and completed farm maintenance and fencing for local farmers and landowners. This included work alongside the BackTrack crew from Armidale on a local fencing project and with BlazeAid on local disaster recovery and fencing repairs.

The ShoreTrack crew are really keen to give back to their communities as it not only gives them the opportunity to help those doing it tough after the fire and flood disasters, but it is also the chance to develop their skills and prepare themselves for the world of work. Co-founders Paul (Fatty) Ireland and Jill Ashley are really impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication by which these young people have approached this work and how much they are looking forward to working with their community to prepare for and help with the VW Spectacular.



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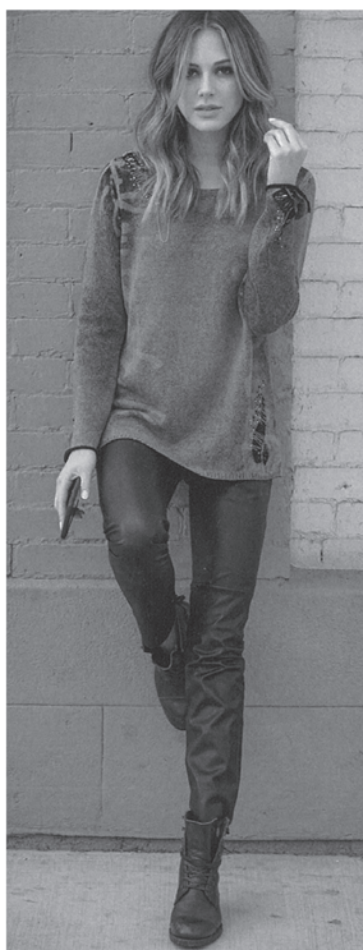
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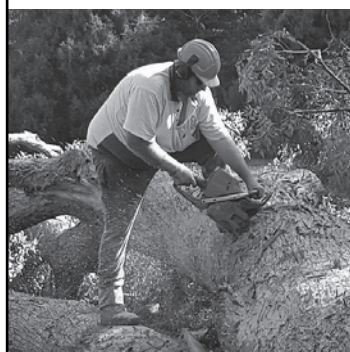
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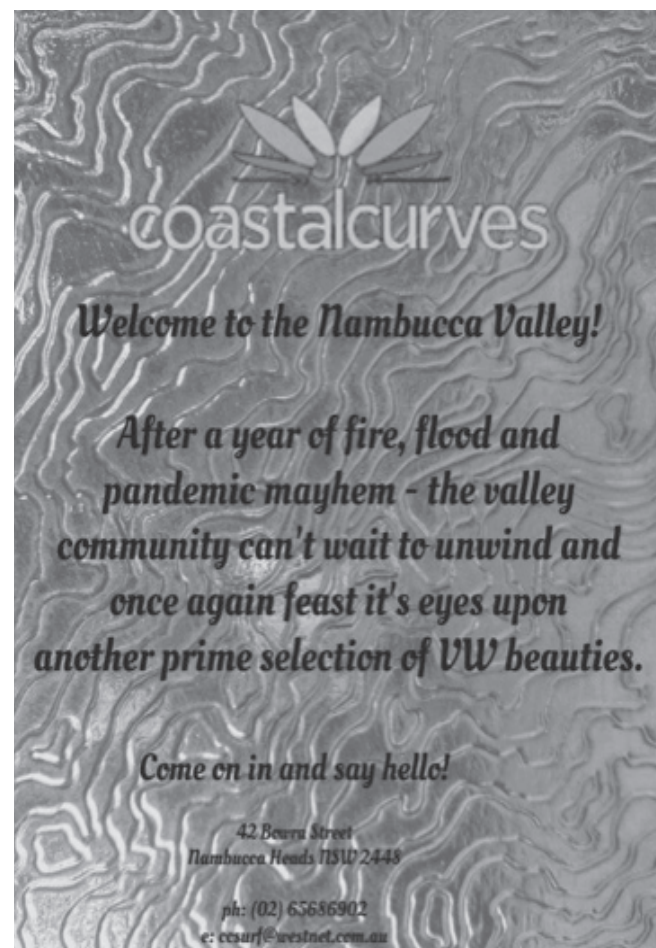
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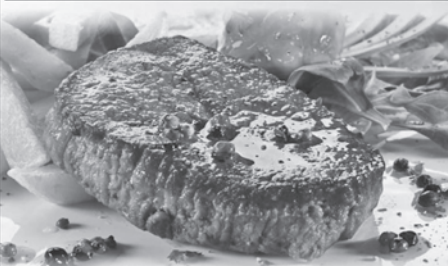
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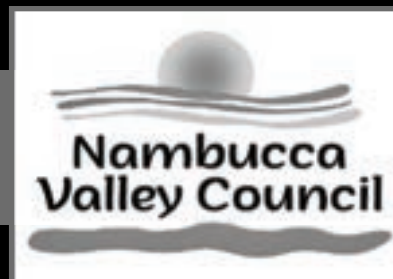
Message from The Nambucca Valley Councils welcomes the return of the VW spectacular to the area after suspending the event in 2022 due to COVID-19.

The Nambucca Valley residents look forward to seeing the many series of Volkswagens moving about the shire participating in the planned activities by the local management team lead by Donna Pell.

The Nambucca Valley Council wishes the event all the best and invites your members and guests to enjoy all that the Nambucca Valley has on offer from our cafes, restaurants and shopping towns and villages.

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Volkswagen has been involved in production car racing from the first “Armstrong 500” with a good number of beetles battling out for class wins.

Up until around 1972, the race really was about “PRODUCTION CARS” cars that you could actually go to a dealership, as a cashed up citizen & purchase a car that really was reflected in what was on track on the weekend. “WIN ON SUNDAY – SELL ON MONDAY” was a famous catch cry from the 60’s.

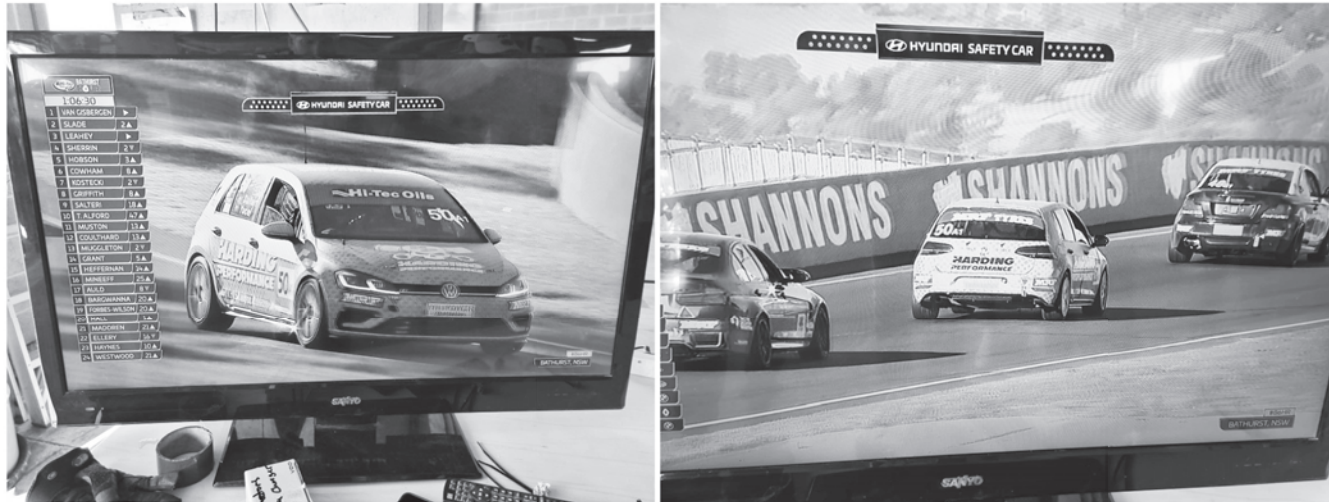
When I built my 1960 VW Beetle to tackle Targa Tasmania in 1998 (Many thanks to Matthew Berry) – it was modeled on Barry Ferguson & George Reynolds cars, immortalised in Weetbix cards! (Kids – ask your parents or grandparents).



GUY HARDING PERFORMANCE CONT...

There was crashes galore, safety cars, pit lane fires, brake failures, wheels coming off. All the time our Golf just soldiered on, lap after lap.

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Then it came down to the last hour. 3 individual accidents meant 3 separate recoveries and one exceptionally long stint under the safety car (around 20 minutes). This allowed all our competitors to get back on the “train” and pull back the long lead we had built up. When the flag went green again, our tyres & brakes were well past their optimum, we could not hold back the faster cars.

Shane Van-Gisbergen won the event in an “X” class BMW M4.

Overall we finished 11th outright, 4th in class, and on the same lap as the winner. As far as I can tell, this is the best placing in history for a Volkswagen in a production race at Bathurst.

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GUY HARDING PERFORMANCE CONT...

In 2019 I became involved with a build of a current model Volkswagen Golf R – The flagship performance model. It came about as I was brought in to assist Volkswagen Australia to help build the “ART3ON” a hotrod version of their luxury sports sedan – the “ARTEON”. My job was engine & transmission. I managed to lower the 0-100 time from 5.2 seconds down to 3.9 seconds.

I was Introduced to car owners Cem Yucel & Iain Salteri, who were building the car & we formed a partnership. I would look after most of the engine & drivetrain.

2019 was quite a learning curve, the car is (as far as we still know) the only one of its type running in production series in the world. It had a new DSG gearbox, an engine that had not been classified by CAMS, and a bunch of other things including suspension restrictions & control tyres that would prove a challenge.

It was quite a successful year – some podiums & over all a win in the “Teams” category.



So 2021, and we had a date for the Bathurst 6 hour production race! Postponed twice in 2021.

A near false start. I was due to head to Bathurst on the Wednesday, but a Covid outbreak in Brisbane meant that I had to leave – 3 days early. A quick stop in Moree to buy some underwear for the week was mandatory.

There was a large field, lots of “Pro” drivers, lots of very high level professional teams. Van-Gisbergen, Bowe, Morris, Slade, Quinn, Russell, Ellery, Waldon, Miedecke and so on. Daunting task – yeah – No!

Qualifying took place, the car was about 7 seconds slower than the last outing. Took a while to comb through the data to work it out. In an accident a few weeks prior, the front bumper was replaced, and the front air temperature sensor was missing! I went to the carpark & pulled the sensor off my Amarok and we were back in business! Good old VW parts interchangeability.



GUY HARDING PERFORMANCE CONT...

We qualified mid pack, about best we could hope for. Under this event, we were classified as A1 class. This was the same as the Mercedes A45's & Audi TTRS – so we were about a hundred horsepower down & 80 kg's heavier.

Fueling was a challenge. This race had 4 mandatory pit stops, including driver change & fuel. Our car ran a supplementary fuel tank giving us 80 litres capacity. Although we were the slowest on paper, we also consumed less fuel than our rivals, so, in theory, we could beat them with time saved from the pit stops!

At the final practice, the car was going pretty well. Brake wear was going to be an issue (4 Piston brakes allowed on the front, on stock rotors), and on the final check we found a very noisy front wheel bearing.

Attempts to find a bearing on Saturday night proved difficult, a friend Hasan Yigitoglu spent a couple of hours removing some from a donor car in Sydney, then drove them out late at night for us. Unfortunately at first light, we found them incompatible.

Another call was made to another good friend, Chris Preen who lived not far away in Orange. Chris & his father Ross are VW enthusiasts from way back & still run a workshop. There, Chris called a customer with a Golf R and managed to "borrow" the car. Chris made some excuses to his understanding family about Sunday breakfast & drove it up to Bathurst.

We managed to switch the bearings out with about 15 minutes to spare to just get out onto the grid!



It was a long day. Here are a couple of the statistics:

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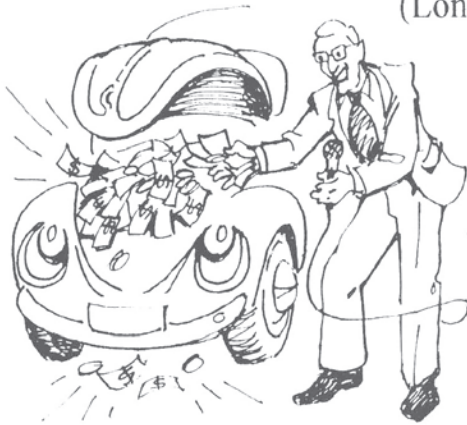




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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

by Cr Rhonda Hoban

There's nothing that can keep a Spectacular event down, not drought, fire, flood or a pandemic.

For thirty seven years the VW Spectacular has been an iconic event in the Nambucca Valley and it's on again thanks to Donna and her supporters and the wonderful sponsors who have a soft spot for the V-Dub.

On behalf of my community it gives me great pleasure to welcome all of our entrants and their families and the spectators who travel from all over Australia and sometimes beyond to be part of this event. The Nambucca Valley welcomes you and we hope you enjoy not only a week of Volkswagen mania but all of the other pleasures our beautiful valley has to offer from our stunning rural hinterland to our beaches and waterways. But most of all I hope you enjoy the friendship and hospitality of our community and the comradery of all of the VW enthusiasts who will converge in the Nambucca Valley for the 2022 Volkswagen Spectacular.



Welcome and enjoy!

Rhonda Hoban OAM
Mayor
Nambucca Valley Council



History of the Volkswagen Spectacular!

Back in the 80's My husband Mark Pell and myself Donna Pell, had a Volkswagen repairs and spare parts business in Nambucca Heads. My husband, Mark had a brain wave to organise a big get together for VW owners and enthusiasts on the North Coast.

We organised a day get together which was held at Raleigh Raceway-Amusement Park. Just North of Nambucca Heads. Mark and I were surprised that 150 VWs came from as far as Sydney and Brisbane. Mark said that it was great seeing so many VW enthusiasts together.

We have done that now; we do not need to do it again. I said you cannot

stop there!! So, I keep it going. 'Whooooo' I did not realise what I said in those days. And here we are still doing it in 2022. We now have our family helping us plus heaps of volunteers. It was so popular we kept doing it every year until the late 90's when it became too much to organise every year, so we started to do it every 2nd year.



Now this is our 23rd show and 38 years. We had had over 750 VW's coming from just about every part of Australia. One of the biggest changes we have noticed with our VW Spectacular that originally most vehicles were Beetles and now the VW Kombis have been resurrected and some of older model of Kombis are now reaching approx. \$80,000+



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