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Front cover: TR line up Ulverstone, Tasmania (L→R Stephen Rochester's TR3B, Martin Osborn's TR3A, John Kay's TR3A, David Pearce's TR3A, Mick Sullivan's TR3 & Hugh Maslin's TR2. Photo credit: David Pearce.

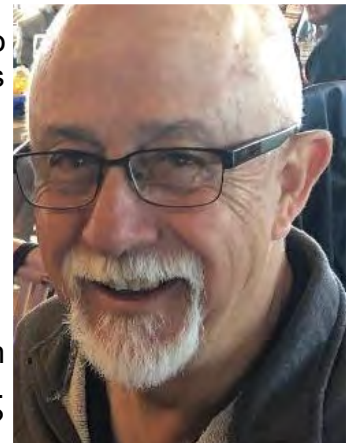
Hi all

Writing this piece soon after the last *Sidescreen*, I thought I'd do something different and share some of the experiences I have as President.

A Presidential perspective ...

First, I'd like to put out a call for members to put their names down for the Merimbula Concours in October. The Concours weekend is the premier event of the Register and after a couple of years ruined by COVID this one is shaping up as a ripper.

The Concours is an especially good event for new members connectn with other owners, see the range of TRs out there and get involved. Thinking of fuel injecting your car? Finding out what was original? Supercharging? Someone has already done it and will probably be at



The event has two phases: the Concours weekend and an after tour. There is no requirement to do the lot. Please come to the weekend if you can't do the lot. To ease any concerns of taking your TR on a longer drive, members will form groups for the drive there and back. Trust me, it is a great weekend and you won't regret joining in.

You get out of the club what you put in. Here are a few of my experiences that might encourage more members to volunteer for the Committee or as state coordinators.

TR network of contacts and friends

In mid November, I joined other Register members at Common Ground café for morning tea. Two weeks later we had nine cars at Pie in the Sky for another catch up with a different group of Sydney members.

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Years ago I bought (on ebay) a 2500 with a J type gearbox to pull apart and rebuild. It had suffered a layshaft failure and I thought it would be a good way to learn about gearboxes. I put the gearbox together okay but struggled getting the mainshaft onto the centre bearing. I requested help from resident gearbox expert, Brian Richards. In November and December I spent a lot of time in Brian's garage finishing off the rebuild. The box is now completely restored with overdrive the same as the one in my TR6 or, with mods, could be put into a TR2.

In November, Sue and I drove to Newcastle to have a look at Rowan Burn's excellent TR3A restoration project. We looked at his grandfather's Mk1 AH Sprite (a bugeye was my first sportscar experience in the late 60s and Sue loves them).

In December Paul Cosgrove called about his clutch replacement. I made a quick trip there to drop off a clutch alignment tool. We had a quick chat but a clap of thunder had me heading home before I got bucketed on. Later that month, Paul and wife Julie returned the tool and lingered for a good chat about TRs and travel.

Sue and I joined the others for a December Christmas lunch at the Nepean Rowing Club. This event, splendidly organised by Kerrie Holliday, saw half a dozen TRs out for a spirited pre-lunch drive along Castlereagh Road and up the Blue Mountains foothills into Springwood. About 20 people lunched at the Rowing club making another great catch up.

Member benefits ...

Last *Sidescreen*, I reported on the Committee's work on ways to use your funds to the benefit of members. New spares make up our biggest revenue and expenditure item and

PRESIDENT'S *message (contd)*

Since the last *Sidescreen* I've had lots of correspondence with Allan Bare, Tony Xerri, Bob Watters, Mal Munro and David Ferguson on new spares pricing and delivery. The outcome of these efforts is that new spares prices have been reduced providing members with even cheaper parts. We also looked very closely at the freight of spares to members but the Bareco business requirements preclude any changes there.

We are in a good financial position which is good as well as we may need it soon. Many of you will know of Kilmartin's, the Victorian business that has been making panels and body parts for classic cars since 1980. One of my cars has Kilmartin floors and I know that many other members have superb quality Kilmartin parts in their cars.



Kilmartin's will be closing in mid 2022. I rang Greg Kilmartin to talk about the closure to see if the TR Register might acquire their stock of sidescreen parts. I also raised the possibility of us buying their sidescreen tooling. It is still some months away but I wanted to get in early to present our case.

Greg said that since the closure became public, they have had enquiries about taking the business over. If that occurs supply of our parts could well continue but, if not, hopefully we will be able to acquire their existing stock and potentially the tooling.

Committee member and coordinator connections ...

I keep in touch with Committee members and state coordinators regularly.

Ross McLeod is working on the website as time from his real work allows. There are delays sometimes in uploading material to the website when work interferes but he's making good progress. Ross suggested having a knowledgeable IT person to work with him on managing and upgrading the website. If you think you can help, please contact Ross directly. No point asking me - I can't spell IT.

I congratulated Mary Bird, our *Sidescreen* editor, on the fantastic job she is doing with *Sidescreen*. We are lucky to have Ross and Mary undertaking these critical roles.

I speak regularly with David Ferguson, Bob Watters and Tony Xerri (the Committee Executive) on club matters and TRs in general. Tony Knowlson, Mal Munro and other Committee members are also on the receiving end of my questions and queries. A myriad of issues arise and the Committee works together to resolve them.

TRs are growing in value

I received a call some time ago from Victorian non-member after a BRG TR3A. He rang me again in mid-December enquiring about a TR3A for sale here in Sydney at The Throttle Shop. I had a look at the 3A and dropped off a couple of Register brochures to be kept with the 3A for the new owner. They are asking \$79,995 for the car. I passed on the details and my impressions of the car to the prospective owner and am interested in seeing how this sale proceeds.

A TR2 was sold by Shannon's at their Melbourne auction for \$60,000 late last year. This car has come to Sydney and is for sale again for \$75,000. I have had a look at it and talked with the owner about this TR2 and his enviable car collection.

In December I got a call from a fellow that he had bought the Launceston Concours winning TR3 of past member John Johnson.

Maybe TRs are going the way of other classics and become collector's items. This will make sidescreens more expensive for people trying to buy one, may make people reluctant to use them as often and maybe attract a different type of owner from what we have had.

For current owners, it might be time to check your insurance. Replacing your TR might cost you more than you thought.

Learning from new members ...

I noted in the last *Sidescreen* that I have been helping a potential new member in Shepparton with a TR2 which doesn't have any identification tags. Ray Mullins lives in Shepparton and arranged to make contact to help him out if needed.

Ben Feller and I tuned up his TR3A in January. Ben is learning about TRs very quickly and it is always a pleasure to work with him. We took the car for a test drive and it was apparent it has noticeably more punch than my daily driver TR2.

I checked the tune on mine and I found it was running far too lean. Living in the inner west I spend a lot of time in traffic and over the years have set it up to have a smooth idle by leaning out the mixture. I have gradually leaned it out far too much to be efficient at higher revs. I usually take another car on longer runs so hadn't realised what I had done.

I retuned the carbies which resulted in a much richer mixture and on the monthly coffee run to Picton was much improved. It was my fault and I'm fortunate I didn't damage the engine. I gained as much from tuning Ben's car as he did. I had Bob Slender take my car for a drive and he also reckons it is OK.

Another new member I've mentioned previously, Will Davis, has inherited his late father's very early TR2, TS658. This car came from Singapore about 6 years ago and is one of the very earliest TR2s in Australia. It is a good solid car and Will is keen to get it sorted and use it. We have arranged for him to drop around to my place to do some work on it together.

Clive Brunette lives on Sydney's north shore and visited to get a hand with installing a top and bottom windscreen seal. Clive is bringing TRs and other classics in from South Africa, adding to our pool of cars.

That is a part of what I get to do as President. Working through issues like the new spares service, Concours planning and other matters occupies a lot of my time. However, it is the interactions with members that I find the most rewarding part of having a position on the Committee or as state coordinator.

Remember ...

The AGM is on again in June, start thinking now how you can get more out of the Register by putting more in.

Don't forget to put the Concours in your calendar and do your best to come along. It will be a great weekend on the NSW south coast.

All the very best for 2022.

John McCormack

President | TR Register Australia

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Need a birth certificate for your car?
Contact Bob Watters, Secretary
(contact details page 2).



John's TR2 and TR6

CUSSY'S TR BARN Find



Cussy's search for this lost TR is indicative of the quest of many Triumph enthusiasts to find all lost and forgotten vehicles. This time, persistence paid off.

The story about finding this car goes back to the days of a Register Run to Maldon to enjoy Opera in the street, organised John and Leonie at least 15 years ago. John had been told about a TR in a shed at Newstead but was unable to find out about it or locate the owner.

I had gone to the shed a couple of times and viewed through a very small hole in the side wall, the rear of what looked like a TR. It had timber and iron sheets laying all over it due to the shed roof collapsing.

A few years on and another TR Tour brought me back to Newstead where I went looking aga. In trying to locate the owner of the shed and TR, I was told he was probably in Thailand. Tracey walked off to an Antique Shop and after my once again failed attempt to get a look at this TR, I walked into the Antique shop.

When I said, "Have you bought anything darl?" a reply from behind the counter came. It was a voice that I hadn't heard for 20 years. Turns out an old friend of mine owns the shop.

A few beers lots of laughs and Doug (shop owner) informed me that the old guy who owned the shed travels to Thailand quite a bit. He had no idea how to contact him but would keep an ear to the ground for me.

Fast forward a few more years and on a weekend away doing garden tours, we stopped at Newstead to have one more try.

Okay - this time - music in the shed! Looked like somebody could be there. Still no luck so into the pub and ask some questions. The owner of the shed - John - lives in the house behind the pub in the next street and publican believed he was there.

Sitting in the back of the shed was a gentleman (John) playing around with what I discovered later was an SU fuel pump of a veteran car he owns.

After a brief conversation through the hole in the fence he reluctantly agreed to meet me at his house.

So picture this ...

Tracey and I got to the gate ... the man has never been married, lives alone and is a collector of stuff and doesn't own a lawn mower that goes ... now let your imagination run wild!

We introduced ourselves shook hands and I thought ... hmmm is he? I said a word or two to him and he looked in amazement ... responded as two Freemasons ... and the gate was opened.

We walked in through the long grass and were told to watch for dog land mines. We met the guard dog - a 15-year-old Labrador who couldn't walk three feet without stopping for a rest.

From the pictures, you can also visualise what a collection of stuff he had.

The story with the TR3 is that he and the late Geoff Scoarer were mates and travelled a lot together. Peter Standen has met John too.

We fossicked around for at least an hour with the only promise that he would send through the commission, engine and EB numbers as they were all out at his farm. To this day I have received nothing. I am welcomed back at anytime so it will be a boys visit for anyone who might be interested.

It pays to persist. We may not get to see the car on the road but at least we can slowly compile a list of TRs in Australia that are or have just rotted into the soil.

Keep hunting for poor unfortunate TRs looking for love.



TR3B Upgrade

Terry
Hicks



On the lesser TV channels there are some excellent motoring programs. On Nine Now there was "Speed is the New Black" where the guys from Classic Car Studio Speed Shop took a reasonable TR3B and gave it the treatment. You can play catchup and watch or simply search Google which will lead you to the story. It's interesting because Americans just love a V8 and disc wheels so what can we do?





SABRINA – *A long-term love affair*



Meet 'Sabrina'. The work started after buying a wrecked Triumph TR 3A in January 1990. It continued through to the initial registration in September 2002. All work was done by Bill Revill except for the paint job (Thanks Bob Winnard of Lithgow) and the electrical maze (Thanks Doug Brodie of the TR Register).

She is named 'Sabrina' after the amazingly - curved British blonde beauty queen who was at the height of her fame when the car was built in 1958.

'Sabrina' has been touring since her registration including TR Register runs and concourses:

Armidale	Brisbane	Adelaide & Broken Hill
Bendigo	Thredbo	Melbourne
Goulburn (many times)		

Sabrina has been competing ever since she hit the road in 2002:

Hillclimbs at	Races, supersprints and lap days at
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ringwood• King Edward Park• Rob Roy (Vic)• Bryant Park (Vic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wakefield Park• Sydney Motorsports Park• Pheasant's Nest• Philip Island (Vic)• Sandown (Vic)

Almost all of these thousands of kilometres have been done with Danute (Bill's wife), in the passenger seat doing the navigating.

'Sabrina' is not a concourse d'elegance car and never has been. It's a working sports car, which means it covers many kilometres travelling to events or just for fun. It can go racing one weekend then for a family picnic the next. It's meant to be used and a few scratches and stone chips are a part of the game. However, 'Sabrina' started to show her age and so has enjoyed a recent rebuild. We're getting ready for the next thirty years!



Before and after images of Sabrina. Bill says he so-named the car because of the bulging headlights akin to Sabrina's curvy profile.



MEMBERSHIP *Report*

Tony
Knowlson

Hi Folks

Omicron has us being very careful in not going too far and meeting people. Our garden has never had so much attention with a new lawn watering system just installed. The TR has a new logbook for 2022, so we went over to Flinders for coffee early before the 30 deg heat hit. The Alfa club were already having breakfast and we passed classic Mercedes on the way. Bonus - we found a possible venue for a run in a month or so.

Remember to tell us if an email changes, new mobile phone number or even removal of home phone etc. as well as any purchases of new cars etc.

Please send all membership renewals, queries and changes to **TR Register Australia**
PO Box 457
MOUNT MARTHA VIC 3934

We welcome one new member: Jeremy Allan from Frankston (VIC) son of Rob and Gail using the TR2.

Tony
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EDITOR'S *Report*

Mary
Bird

Happy New Year everyone!

Let's hope it is - COVID has already been testing us (and the health systems). Vaccinations mitigate the risk of severe symptoms although it seems we may all contract the virus sooner or later.

In North East Victoria, we have certainly had a warm start with temperatures in the low to mid thirties accompanied by more humidity than usual. This is not so conducive to getting out in the TR except in the cool part of the day.



We live near the Ovens river and in summer are always on alert for snakes. With a curious Scout in our household, that represents a hazard. It is even more important in Summer because cooling down in the river is one his favourite activities. The second favourite is getting the wind in his hair during car TRips.

We are hoping to get out and about more in the red car this year and to engage in more car club activities. The stormy weather so far this summer has meant we are not off to a great start - but Scout is very enthusiastic and defaults to the Triumph any time we say "in the car"!

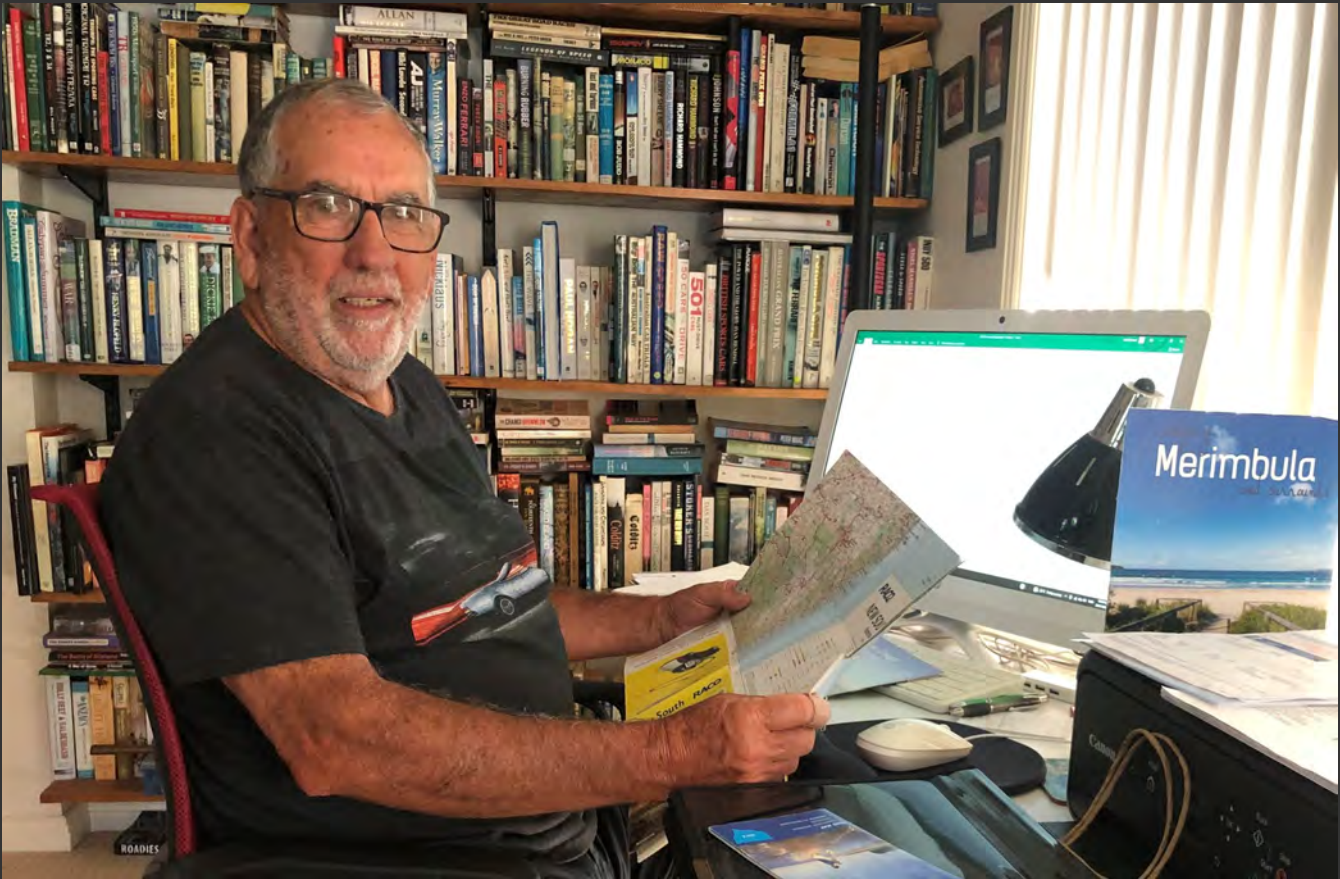
Keep your stories coming in for Sidescreen to editor@tr-register.com.au. The anecdotes that accompany the photographs are always an interesting read - Ian Cuss's barn find being one of them!

I am sure there are many stories about Concours events from years gone by. I am already hearing about the common bond that seems to form between members from these activities and the "debriefing" that happens at the end of the day. We are planning to be there (COVID-permitting) and I look forward to putting faces to names (and cars of course).

Mary
Editor | Sidescreen

CONCOURS *Update*

Bob
Watters



Behind the scenes, Bob Watters is very busy planning and organising the 2022 Merimbula Concours. Will you be there?

Read the information sheet included with this publication or available for download from the website.

The President's report alludes to the benefits of attending. In the pages following, members have also commented on what they gain from these events. Read more about previous Concourse programs at <https://www.tr-register.com.au/pages/concours.html>



Thanks to Noel Schmidt for his contributions to the club including his creative work on Concours logos.

WHY GO TO THE CONCOURS?

My first concours was Canberra in 2013. I had recently purchased my geranium TR2. It was a superb trip driving with other TR owners. From Brisbane we took back roads seeing places I had never been too. We barely left Queensland and my car started overheating.

Not to worry, roadside assistance from Bob Fast and Malcolm Pereira helped resolve it by taking the thermostat out.

For a first time attendee of a concours it was fantastic to see the camaraderie and sharing of information on TRs. This has encouraged me to attend Noosa, Albury and Ballarat concours.

There have been several Qld trips ... the big run to Longreach followed by the run to Mt Isa and back. All cars performed so well and the afternoon Happy Hour discussing what we had done was enlightening.

Carol and Lewis Grey put on a super BBQ at the Blackall caravan park followed by the most beautiful Bread and butter pudding- cooked with love (good onya Carol!) The Cloncurry police sergeant greeted us at the local service station. He was a Triumph enthusiast, loved looking at all the cars and took us up to the water towers. Many of the proprietors of old pubs we visited (including the one filmed in Crocodile Dundee) took photos of the TRs and put them on their Facebook pages - a really good promotion for the club.

I recall enjoying an early morning cuppa outside the motel in Winton - two magnificent Brolgas flew in - which was lovely to watch.

I would also like to thank Peter Clarke our Queensland Co-ordinator for his time in working with other members: Paul Bingham; Ken Mersurier and Warren Evans; in making these journeys so good. Peter is fantastic on the tools and has helped to keep a lot of TRs on the road in fine form.

I encourage TR owners to participate in these events. Club members that organise trips really put a lot of effort in and it is good to support them. The cars love it and the friendship and info on TRs is priceless.

Apart from all that ... it is the journey that counts ... the back roads of this beautiful country and the folks in the bush are very good for the soul.

Who we meet at the concours

As I was packing, I reached into my sock drawer. There was a piece of talc, carved by a fellow called Talc Alf. I hadn't thought about him for decades, but the sculpture bought back wonderful memories, although I thought he was probably dead by now. Alf was a talc carver, which was the love of his life and his total life calling. He was drawn to Lyndhurst as he believed it had the best carving talc in Australia.

Years later at the Ballarat Concours, in a chance conversation with Phil from Moree - I discovered he talked to Alf a couple of times a week.

You never know who you'll meet at the Concours!
[This is an abridged version of Bill's story. Read more on the Ballarat Concours site].



David Chapman, QLD



Bill Revill, VIC

Members tell you their “why”

- We go to the Concours every year because ...
- we get to take the car on a decent outing with our travel mates
 - we like to stop in small country towns and contribute to the community by buying stuff along the way
 - we see parts of the country that we don't normally see
 - we get to showcase our cars in these places and encourage more interest in them
 - we catch up with old friends and meet new TR people from around the country and
 - to see the display of significant numbers of our beautiful little car in one place is fantastic!

Gayle & Peter McEwan, ACT

Our first “look and see” was in 2006 in Bendigo. We were made welcome and absorbed into the happy and purposeful member group. We've been “champing at the throttle” ever since and have only missed one concours since.

Every year we pick up tips on everything from steering boxes to tyres and everything in between, not to mention enjoyable Happy Hours, After Tours and mechanical support from “experts”. We have friendships from all over Australia that have lasted 16 year and had fantastic trips with fabulous cars and owners.

Robin & Bob Adams, VIC



NSW Report



Prior to our Christmas celebrations at the Nepean Rowing Club, 6 cars enjoyed a rural run through Castlereagh, Agnes Banks and Yarramundi following the Hawkesbury River. We chortled up to the Hawkesbury Lookout, only to see very little in the drizzle. Continuing to Springwood and back down the mountains, we completed the round trip returning to a very successful alfresco gathering where we were met by more members hungry for lunch. The venue was again relaxing and the company lively.

The Common Ground Bakery at the historic and quirky 1849 Razorback Inn, Picton was the venue for another Christmas gathering for our more southern members. A very relaxed lunch was had under the shade of the spreading canopy of its old trees.

We had 6 cars roll up to the first Pie in the Sky for the year, despite the wet conditions. The NSSCC gathering at St. Ives was possibly cancelled, but there were several cars there anyway. I think people are desperate to get out.

Our next planned gathering is for the world wide Drive Your Triumph Day on 10/2/2022. We will be driving through the Royal National Park to lunch at Bulli.

Beyond that, events are on the new programme, which is looking busy with a few new day runs to perk up interest. Keep an eye on your emails for last minute changes in these new normal times. Let's hope Covid does not become a road block again.

Andrew Ross | **NSW Coordinator**

What's new on the TR Register website?

David Orchard's TR2 and a tip for shopping centre parking
The Triumph TR Story - 20 minute video

Big tides on the north coast of Tasmania
National Concours Merimbula 2022 information



Nepear Rowing Club lunch



Andrew Ross in the Christmas spirit with Rattles



A little rain won't stop Triumph enthusiasts

NSW Events

We are very hopeful to get out and about this year with planning well underway. It's been great to see so many bookings already made for the 5 day Xmas in July Triumph Tour. Please note that we are mixing up some lunches thrown in.

So beware of the different venue and meeting times, otherwise you may be left scratching your head wondering where everyone else is.

Proposed day and other runs in February & March

10 February, 10 am
departure

Drive Your Triumph Day, Bulli

- Depart from Heathcote McDonalds, driving through the Royal National Park
- Midday lunch at Bulli Beach Café
- Contact Kerrie Holliday to book

18 March, 10.45am
departure

Megalong Valley

- Depart from Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre
- Midday lunch at Megalong Valley Tea Rooms, Megalong Valley
- Contact Kerrie to book

26-28 March, 2pm
Saturday departure

Chris Olsen's Bathurst Farm Stay

- Depart from Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre
- Contact Jenny Hicks for catering and accommodation information

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26-28 March, 2pm Saturday departure	Depart from Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Jenny Hicks for catering and accommodation information

Proposed coffee mornings and lunch in February & March

Every Wednesday 10am	Tathra Pub, Tathra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning tea • Enquiries to Bob Watters, Sapphire Coast Charter
2 February 10am	Pie in the Sky, Cowan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning tea • Enquiries to Andrew Ross
6 February 8am	Auto Brunch St Ives Showground, St Ives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Cars and Coffee • Enquiries nsscc.com.au or Andrew Ross
16 February 10am	Common Ground, Picton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning tea • Enquiries Jenny Hicks
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16 March midday	Menangle Country Club (in lieu of Common Ground morning tea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch - numbers required to Jenny Hicks

Upcoming events later in the year

9 April	Wiseman's Ferry and Central Mangrove Day Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiries Andrew Ross who has dubbed this the more politically correct <i>Wiseperson's Run</i>
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Upcoming events later in the year

1 May	Mal's Malfunction, Yerrinbool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your own meat, drinks and chairs with shared salads and desserts • Enquiries - Jenny Hicks for catering; Mal Munro for general enquiries
26-30 July	Xmas in July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singleton, Quirindi, Will Tree and Mudgee • Enquiries Kerrie Holliday

SAPPHIRE COAST CHAPTER

Bob
Watters



L→R: Keith Manning, Dotti Manning, Kerri Wood, Janet Noble, Joan Fletcher, Rick Fletcher, Terry Goodall, Graham Brohan, Soupy Campbell, Neil Wood, Liz Baillie, Stuart Baillie, Cherryle Watters, Bob Watters and Claire Brohan.

Things have been pretty quiet since the tourists arrived, every venue is crowded so activities are put on hold until life gets back to normal in February.

The Chapter Christmas lunch at the Bermagui Hotel was well attended and the pub meals lived up to their usual high standard. Unusually on the drive up to Bermagui on three separate occasions slow vehicles, including a caravan, pulled over to let the group pass. In my experience this doesn't happen very often so everyone made the most of the open road and enjoyed the drive.

Concours planning is well in hand with the Registration Form included in this magazine. The response has been terrific. However it would be great to see some of the newer members joining in the fun. Even if you can't attend for the full week try and get there for the Saturday display and Presentation Dinner. You won't be disappointed and will enjoy the friendly atmosphere and welcome from members from most states. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Concours.

The Saturday display will include Triumphs from the Triumph Car Clubs of Victoria and the ACT with around 100 cars on display.

The Sapphire Coast Chapter meets every Wednesday morning at the Tathra Hotel from 10.00 a.m. visitors are welcome.



Great day and location for an Australia Day picnic lunch apart from the odd Goanna TRYing to get some free lunch which the girls did not like too much .

What do you do on AusTRalia day? Play cricket of course! The weather sorted out the team. Most decided to stay at home so never showed but diehards came all in good condition for the match of the year.

A drive in the clouds up to the mountains to the Lords cricket grounds (Beachmount). Conditions: wet ,muddy, no wind, mist, with temperatures around 22⁰C.

The girls said, "We are ready for anything you guys can put in front to TRY to win!"

This time we are ready to win the old MUG back. A real pea soup of a day but as you can see nothing stopped a good game of cricket.

I am sorry to say the girls outsmarted the boys sending them in to bat first and their bowling was too good. In return, the boys had no strength left to keep up the pace. The girls took the Mug!

Did they put something in the coffee? Wait until next year ... we'll to a TRaining camp to outsmart them next time!



How things change between issues of *Sidescreen*! Last time I felt that there was an air of confidence looking ahead, exemplified by the bookings for Merimbula. That all seemed to change mid December with border openings and the “let it rip” approach. Hopefully the current situation will abate before too long and we adjust to a new normal.

Tas 21 Clayton's Conkers - 23-26 November 2021

Tasmanian members enjoyed a four day sojourn at Ulverstone - their Stanthorpe substitute event.

13 Participants	Sidescreens
John & Pauline Kay	TR3A
Hugh & Jude Maslin	TR2
Martin & Daphne Osborn	TR3A
David Pearce	TR3A
Winston & Marilyn Quaile	Range Rover TD V8
Stephen & Ginetta Rochester	TR3B
Mick Sullivan & Jenny Carter	TR3a

Many roads led to Ulverstone ...

Day one: *Destination Ulverstone via Sheffield* *lunch at Mountain Mumma's where most met up*

- Martin & Daphne went direct via Midlands and Bass Highways.
- Stephen & Ginetta drove via the Lake Highway from Bothwell to Deloraine
- John & Pauline & David drove from Cressy via Bracknell & Cluan Road to Deloraine
- Hugh & Jude joined the Sheffield run via Railton Road from Elizabeth Town & the Bridle Track from Kimberley

I managed to lose John and Hugh climbing over the Bridle Track and was soon in Sheffield where I met Winston and Marilyn in the car park. Turns out John had a wire come adrift on the coil and the car came to a stop. That was the only problem encountered over the four days.

After lunch we strolled up the street and around the Mural Park. Some of the murals looked a bit familiar on the street as Bob Watters had shared some images in the October/November *Sidescreen*. It was disappointing to find that the Emporium situated next to the hotel had closed and was empty. It was a fascinating place, a den of books and music, hubcaps and number plates, clothing and all sorts of collectibles.



Women in TRs



Men in TRs

TASMANIA Report

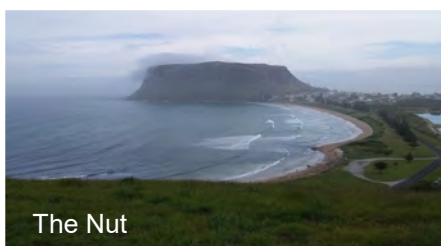


Dining at Pedro's (L→R): Winston Quaile, Mick Sullivan, Jenny Carter, Hugh & Jude Maslin, Daphne & Martin Osborn, John & Pauline Kay, Ginetta & Stephen Rochester, Marilyn Quaile.

Leaving Sheffield we made for Ulverstone passing through Lower Barrington, Palloona, Forth and Turner's Beach before arriving at the Beachway Motel and Restaurant. Dinner that night was at Pedro's on the recommendation of Hugh who had dined there a decade before. Great location overlooking the Leven River and fortunately the quality of the fare was still as good.

Day two: *Destination Stanley* *Our big drive day*

Another sunny day, starting at 9.30 am we travelled along the coast 13 km to Penguin for coffee and late breakfasts. Mick got into a conversation with the owner of a blue Isuzu Bellet. The Bellet was very original and in good nick - even still had the clear protective film on the inner door trim. I remember write ups on the Bellet - the word bullet was used in association - bullet proof and goes like a bullet!



The Nut

Onwards, we took the Bass Highway through Burnie and surrounding towns. West of Wynyard we encountered various roadwork delays. We detoured into Boat Harbour Beach on the coast - a pretty place and not over developed. Back on the highway with some heavy footwork, we managed to make our lunch booking at the Stanley Hotel about five minutes late.



Highfield

There was quite a bit of misty cloud around The Nut when we arrived giving it an air of mystery. After dining some went on walkabout sampling the local wares while others took a 3km drive up to Highfield Historic Site now managed by the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service.



Highfield garden

Highfield is an architecturally significant Regency house with beautiful gardens and stone outbuildings. It was from there the vast landholdings westwards owned by the UK-based VDL Company (established 1824) were managed and overseen locally.

Dinner that evening was in the motel restaurant.

Day three: *Destination Leven Canyon and Burnie* *Photo shoot (see cover)*

Within the six sidescreens present, four models were represented. If I had left the 3A at home and brought the Peerless there would have been a derivative as well.

After picture taking, John and Pauline and Mick and Jenny departed for Launceston. The remaining nine headed out of Ulverstone into the hinterland passing through Abbotsham, Sprent, Upper Castra and Nietta to the Leven Canyon carpark 41 km away.

A 10-minute uphill walk from the carpark to Cruickshank's Lookout offers spectacular views of a cliff formation, sheer ridge opposite and a 275m drop view of the Leven River running through a limestone gulch. There was the option of taking the Forest Stairs to the Edge Lookout (697 steps down - out of respect for our legs and knees we didn't go there).

Back down the road to Nietta, we took a left towards South Preston and another left onto Raymond Road to descend onto the flats of Gunn's Plains. Raymond Road forms part of a regular Targa Stage. Crossing the Leven River and the plains it was then a steep climb up on the narrow South Riana Road, another regular Targa Stage.

Ginetta remarked that she had seen more of these two Targa Stage roads than not having her head in pace notes and Stephen driving a bit slower. From South Riana we continued by Pine Road to Riana then on to the Bass Highway heading for Burnie and the Hellyer Road Distillery. It was a long lunch at the Visitor Centre. Although a bit late for the Whisky Walk, we did patronise the gift shop.

Outside we admired the building design and colour selection that complemented some of the surrounding landscape. Our return to the motel was by the coast road passing through Sulphur Creek, Penguin and West Ulverstone. That was followed by pizza pool-side.

Day four: *Destination home via Turner's Beach*

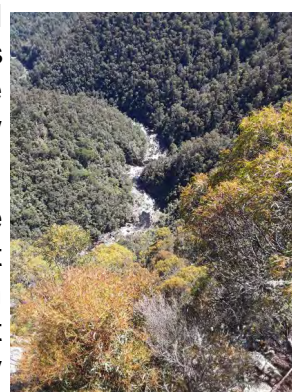
We headed home stopping at Turner's Beach, hoping to find the berry farm open for strawberries. It was closed but a coffee shop wasn't, so final coffees were had before we hit the road.

It was a most enjoyable four days with great weather, good roads, fine wine and fare, excellent company and enthusiasm for more of the same.

Run to Westbury - 16 December 2021

Our lunch destination - the recently opened Western Tiers Distillery. John Kay (TR3A), Hugh and Jude Maslin (TR2), Jeff Mount (TR5), David Pearce (TR3A), Mick Sullivan and Jenny Carter (TR3s) met at Prospect at 11 am.

With 2¼ hours to kill before lunch Jeff Mount led us to Longford and Cressy, turning west for Blackwood Creek in the lee of the Great Western Tiers. Great views of Dry's Bluff in the background. From there north, passing through Bishopsbourne to Carrick and onto Meander Valley Road took us to Westbury. Our little meander was about 55 miles.



It was another warm day and we appreciated being seated out on the deck. Soon after the Whisky Appreciation Society commenced its meeting and tasting. Western Tiers hasn't been distilling long enough to be able to release any of its own product but they carry product representative of most of the Tasmanian distilleries which number more than 40 these days.

Vale Geoff Smedley

Geoff Smedley a noted Tasmanian race car driver and mechanic, engineer and restorer with many other talents passed away 30 December 2021 aged 90. As a race mechanic he prepared the car for Austin Miller's successful bid for the Australian Land Speed Record of 164.7 mph in 1961 bettered only by Donald Campbell with 403 mph in 1964. He went on to prepare race cars for John Youl, Frank Matich and the Total Oil Team cars and later in Singapore for the P H Wong stable.



Returning to Tasmania he became a renowned restorer with Rolls Royce, Bentley and SS100 Jaguar cars among his client projects. His involvement with the TR went back to 1955 when he imported a white TR2 and competed at the Longford races the same year. There is an iconic picture of Geoff rounding the pub corner in the TR2 an image of which appears on page 90 of the TR Register Technical Tips # 3.



The car was sold the following year but subsequently a second hand geranium short door TR2 was purchased. Some of this car is believed to be in Hugh Maslins TR2. Geoff was a member of the TR Register 2006 - 2008 and at the time was completing the restoration of a TR spec Morgan 4/4. He was seriously considering the purchase of a restoration project TR2 as both marques had been part of his earlier car ownership history.

Geoff's lasting legacy is the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania which he and his wife Sylvia established on the Waverley Woollen Mills site in 1987 with an adjacent restoration workshop. Later in the 1990s the museum moved to the Cimitière Street site and a new management trust was set up. The museum has since moved to Lindsay Street Inveresk and

Coming Events

12 March	Longford Motorama, Symmons Plains Raceway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration laps/food • Race and Classic Car show • Large Motor Cycle Display
13 March	Longford Motorama, Longford Village Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race and Classic Car show • Large Motor Cycle Display • Street parade and trade stands • Food & drink/music
27 March 9am - 3pm	Devonport Motor Show, northern end of Victoria Parade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online entry at www.devonportmotorshow.com.au
26 April - 1 May	Shannon's Classic Rally - Targa Tasmania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30th Anniversary event

Member News

Our enthusiastic member from the south - **Martin Osborn**, has most unfortunately found himself laid up in the Rehab Unit at St Johns Hospital, Hobart following a fall. In landing onto a rock he has done some damage to the right side of his pelvis. I spoke with Martin a few days later and he was in a positive mind with Merimbula very much a goal and motivation. He was expecting to be in Rehab. for a few weeks. Unfortunately the hospital is in lockdown with visitors restricted. He would be receptive to a call on 0409 685 409. We wish Martin a speedy recuperation and return to the road and are thinking of Daphne at home as well.

VICTORIA News

Geoff
Bowman

Past Events - December

23 people turned up for the Xmas dinner at The Wheelers Hill Hotel on 6 December get-together. This was a great turnout and a very successful night, with the Cusses driving down from Albury and Peter Standon making the trip from Bendigo as usual.

Wendy Graham made her gifts of bottled marmalade for the attendees, which proved to be delicious. Judy and Keith Brown were notably missing, due to Judy unfortunately having a fall, and Keith recovering from surgery.

January 2022 has been quiet but we are looking forward to coffee mornings. Simon Scillio's open Garage tour on 30 January with a tour his workshop (report follows). Members saw his British wheel rolling machine and some welding demonstration.

February is busy and up-coming events can be viewed on the TR Register's web site under Events –Vic. All the months for 2022 have been set out and will be updated as new events come along.

Morning coffee mornings have been set in the calendar and it is expected the local area conveners will use this as a guide to set up their own Chapter meetings.

Looking forward to a good year of hassle-free get togethers.

Geoff Bowman | **Coordinator VIC**

Coming Events

	Drive your Triumph Day
10 February 10.30am departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet at BP Rockbank at 10am• Download the itinerary from the Events listing on the website• Lunch at the Wallace Hotel
Alternate proposal	Warrugul drive for those in Gippsland area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Bill Revill
13 February 9.30am	Beaumaris Show and Shine <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beaumaris Concourse SC/Reserve Rd, Beaumaris
19 February 8.30am (gates open)	Colac Car Show (Show & Shine) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorial Square, Colac
20 February 10am (gates open)	All British Car Show, Yarra Glen Race Course <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen
1 March 6.30pm	Wheelers Hill Hotel Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Geoff Bowman for a booking by 21 Feb

GARAGE *Visit*



Everyone who loves sidescreen Triumphs, loves garages. They must, because a significant part of their lives is lived in them. Many of us do mechanical work: some do body repairs; few boast the skills and abilities to be able to perform the craft of the bodybuilder. It is not just to perform repairs of existing panels, but to have the high-level skills to be able to build a beautiful, curvaceous steel or aluminium full size car body from scratch.

When we talk of bodybuilding specialists, we think of H.J. Mulliner, Jolley and Jolley, Scaglietti and in Australia, Holden. Yet within our club we have a member who can emulate these feats of the automotive greats of the past, and the members of the Victorian TR-Register were fortunate enough to enjoy a visit to see his work.

We were invited to an open garage day by Simon Scillo. A dozen TR-Register members and friends attended - not sure of what was to come. Some driving distances from Drouin and Shepparton. As soon as Simon invited us into his garage, everyone could see it was an Aladdin's cave.



Simon is restoring a tiny 1936 Austin 7 from the chassis up. And to perform the restoration, he is building a completely new aluminium body from scratch. The body, near completion, was a part of the display. He took us through the manufacturing processes and the equipment used. Some of the equipment and skills are highly specialised and Simon allowed us to try our hand at using these tools to see how they worked and what we could do.

This was a one-off opportunity for us all to feel the metal and understand how these special tools work. Simon has no formal training but has used his lockdown time for self-education – not only teaching himself to use the equipment but many specialised tools (such as his custom designed English Wheel set) were built from scratch by him to meet his needs.

We were able to use the English Wheels (a very specialist and traditional tool of body handcrafters) under Simon's instruction. Similarly, we used a shrinker, a lead leather bag and hammer (the Italian way of developing compound curves). We got to use more modern tools – MIG and TIG welders, hand riveters and 'Clico' sheet pin holders. It allowed us to see and handle tools and equipment that we have only read about.



Simon & Ross McMillan welding



Rapt audience



Simon shows how it's done - on the English wheel.

The grand finale pièce de résistance was to start the tiny Austin's beautifully restored engine so we could all hear the little jewel running. It behaved perfectly and set the tone for the visit.

We all filtered off, everyone having enjoyed an unforgettable insight into a specialist world that interests us but that few mere mortals get a chance to experience. We were all stunned by the skilled and complex specialist work that Simon has taught himself. We thanked him for his time and hospitality – coffees all round to everyone in the morning and his sister's excellent shortbread!! It was another wonderful TR-Register event, put together by our hardworking state coordinators, Geoff Bowman, David Ferguson and Gary Waite.

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Geoff Bowman has a go

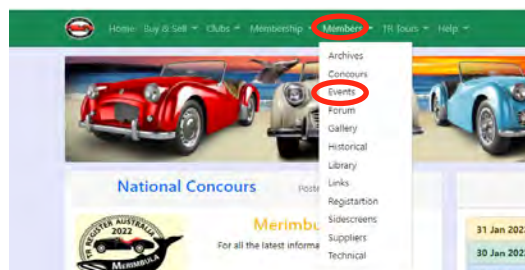


Simon starting the Austin 7



Gary & David

If this is your sort of outing and you missed it - don't miss any more. Follow 3 steps.



1. On the green banner at the top of the home page, select **Members**
2. Choose **Events** from the drop down list.
3. Forthcoming events are listed in the **TR Register Forum**.

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