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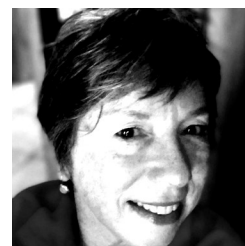
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From the editor

Happy New Year!

Following the holiday period, this issue is a little thinner than the last. I hope that means you have all had a well-earned break.

February sees things ramping up with Drive Your Triumph Day on Friday, 10 February. Don't forget to send in your photos so we can reflect club participation next issue!

There are celebrations for 100 years of Triumphs that members are rallying for with events in February and March.

Many members have been busy planning up a schedule of events for the year. These activities and the 2023 Stanthorpe Concours Bush to Beach program will mean there will be lots of TR sidescreens out and about. And ... that's what the club's about!

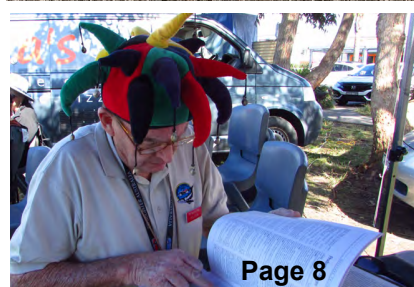
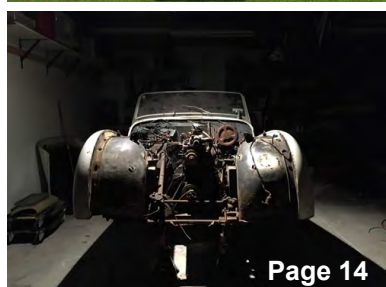
Happy TR-ing!

Mary

& Scout



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PRESIDENT'S *message*

After a busy and fantastic couple of months up to my last article, with Merimbula the highlight, the past two months have been relatively quiet.

We had a quiet TR Christmas and New Year here in Sydney. The Christmas lunch at the Nepean Rowing Club on the banks of the Nepean River is becoming a bit of a tradition and this year we had a very good crowd for the pre-lunch drive and the lunch. Ian and Susie Wall brought their newly acquired TR3 'Pearl' on its first long run, which proved to be a good opportunity to fix some teething issues.



Pie in the Sky on 4 January was surprisingly well attended with new member Nima Samandi and his partner Sonom joining us for the first time. Nima already owned a 3A he was restoring and has since bought the ex Ian Wall damaged TR3A with the intention to bring it back to life.

New members

This past week we had the first of our monthly coffee/lunch gatherings down south with a well-attended lunch at Menangle Country Club. Another new member, Barry 'Bazz' Young, joined us. Bazz has acquired Wes Dayton's well known competition TR3A. After unfortunately doing some engine damage on its first outing at Wakefield Park, Bazz will rebuild the engine and consider the best use of the car.

Both Nima and Bazz have interesting car histories and are very welcome additions to the Register.

Concours 2023

Before I go onto Committee matters I must mention Stanthorpe. Registrations will be called for soon but I know a lot of members have already booked accommodation using the advice for the previous cancelled Stanthorpe events. The dates are 11-13 August in Stanthorpe and then 14-17 August in Ballina. There should be more details from the organising team in this *Sidescreen*.

Technology issues

As reported in my last article, the Committee is currently focused on two major issues, both critical to the Register's members.

The database holds all the details built up over many years of the members and cars. This information is critical to a number of Register functions, particularly membership.

Our current database is obsolete and experiencing significant access problems. To compound the problem the database server provider is based offshore and has not been easy to deal with. This created major problems especially with membership, precluding Andrew Pitchford taking over the full Membership Secretary role from Tony Knowlson, and for others accessing necessary details for managing the club. Rick Fletcher, Ross Mcleod and others have been reviewing our database needs and potential solutions. This is still a work in progress.

As many will know the current website is also old technology and requires a lot of technical skill and effort to keep up to date. Greg Parker, Neville Turbit and David Ferguson, assisted by Colin Baldock and Ian Wall, have been working on a new website. The work is being done as a Project to ensure all the Register's needs are considered and that the final format, structure and content are the best we can achieve. There has been a flurry of very productive emails over the past few weeks and, while it is a work in progress, I am extremely confident that this team will deliver the best outcome for the club's members.

Both these projects will have a financial cost which the Committee will consider before the final go-ahead.

My car

My long door TR2 has always felt like it would turn left with less effort than turning right. A previous alignment by a local tyre place found a slight amount of negative caster on the left front. As the car wasn't actually pulling left, I ignored it. On the run to the Menangle lunch I noticed the car has now started noticeably pulling left and the left front tyre is scrubbing on the inside edge. It has become very difficult to find a wheel alignment place in Sydney that can fit our narrow track cars onto their machines so the car is now booked into Doug Heasman, a well-known steering and suspension specialist, to put the car on his manual aligner to hopefully find the cause and a solution.

A subsequent registration inspection by David Clark revealed loose wheel bearings. When I pulled it apart, they were badly scored and needed replacing. I think this contributed to the steering issues.

Our daily driver BRG TR2 just keeps on keeping on. Touch wood!

I am dismantling the TR3 for painting in my garage. The painter will do the fixed body panels in my garage, other panels at his workshop and then help with reassembly again in the garage. This is a convenient approach that allows me to do other jobs while the panels are off. I'll report back on how it turns out.

Upcoming events

We have two important Triumph events coming up.

1. Drive your Triumph Day on 10 February
2. Centenary of Triumph celebrations over the weekend of 17-19 March.

TSOA NSW are organising the NSW Centenary event at Bathurst and I know there are events being organised in Victoria and other states.

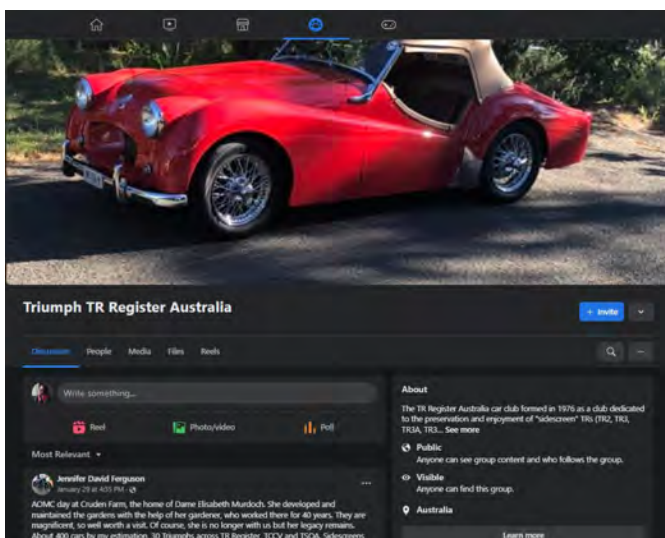
Kerrie Holliday is leading the Register's participation in both these events so please contact her as necessary.

Drive your TR often, and safely.

Cheers

John

President | TR Register Australia



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Did you know there is a *Triumph TR Register Australia* Facebook page?

Follow the group to keep up with activities as they happen.

Add in your activities with the Register.

MEMBERSHIP *Report*



Andrew Pitchford
Tony Knowlson



Hi everyone

Just a reminder that Tony is passing the membership baton to Andrew. With the database access challenges Tony is staying in the picture a bit longer.

Some changes include the postal address for membership correspondence to:

TR Register Australia
Membership Secretary
12A Stanhope Street
Mont Albert VIC 3127

Membership changes

New member	State	Sidescreen
Tony Rahman	Bardon, Qld	TR3
Susie Wall	Cambewarra, NSW	TR3A previously owned by Graham Michelin-Jones
Barrie Young	Upper Kangaroo Valley, NSW	TR3A previously owned and raced by Wes Dayton
Associate member		
Judi Bradford	Fingal Head, NSW	Widow of member Rob Bradford

Regards

Andrew and Tony

NEW SPARE PARTS *price list*

Check out the **new spare parts price list** recently uploaded to the website home page. The list will not be in the mail with the magazine - so make sure you check this before placing any orders.

If you have items to sell, these need to be loaded to the website for listing. Items will not be listed in Sidescreen as they are often sold before the magazine is circulated. Email them to webmaster@tr-register.com.au



Spare Parts News

Posted: 31st January 2023

Important

Bareco is back to normal and orders can be placed with **Ray** by the usual methods.

Please contact John McCormack or Mal Munro for technical enquiries on new spares. Contact Ray directly to place an order or enquire about current availability.

NEW

Spare Parts List Feb 2023



Please look at this carefully as it contains significant changes. There are substantial price changes due to worldwide Covid related supplier increases and shipping problems.

Please consult the [Revised Parts Page](#) for any further information.

[Latest Parts List Feb 2023](#)

TR REGISTER AUSTRALIA 2023



NATIONAL CONCOURS

AUGUST 11TH - 13TH

STANTHORPE, QLD

Bush to Beach

AUGUST 14TH - 17TH

"NEVER TOO FAR IN A TR"



Ian Cuss was the head judge of the Concours d'Elegance 2022. He shares his words of wisdom about judging here. He's judging again in 2023 at Stanthorpe - so perhaps worth considering his advice.

Happy 2023 to you all!

I thought as we are now starting to focus on the Stanthorpe Concours and soon will be preparing our lovely little rides for the journey, I would address the question you are asking yourself: *What category will I enter my car in this year?*

Choosing your class

The choice you make from the classes below will enable you to prepare for it. The one thing I will ask you to do is to read the Guidelines on the forms on the website. You will need to fill in one for the category of your entry. These will be uploaded to the website in coming weeks. Until then, the information below is worth considering.

Bring a copy

When available, I would like to encourage you all to download the sheet and bring it with you to the event. It makes it easier for you to park in the appropriate class. Remembering the members that are volunteering in parking do not know what class **you** have entered, so having a hard copy to present will help.

We had a few issues with this at Merimbula and my apologies if you didn't get judged correctly. Hopefully this process will help us all.

The website will have guidance notes to help you along the way.

The categories*

- Originality
- Display
- Competition
- Restoration
- Excellence in presentation
- Road class
- Derivative

* Details about the categories are listed in the **National Meeting Guidelines** on the website home page.

Here's a brief outline to get you started.

- **Your car's birth certificate**

Always gives weight in judging as we can view how the vehicle came out of the factory all those years ago.

- **Cleanliness**

The judges are instructed to look - is it baked on grime or just travel grime?
The effort at home pays dividends at the Concours.

- **If you encounter an issue on the way**

If you are wondering if you should enter, come and see me or contact me and we can then make that call.

- **Show the judges what you can**

In all classes except *Display* whatever you can show the judges - then show. If the bonnet is down, side curtains are in the boot and/or soft top or tonneau is not displayed - it cannot be judged.

Over the years, the presentation level of our cars has grown. It's a real credit to you all and the club in how we are keeping our Sidescreens on the road.

If you aspire to become a judge - let me know. Later in the year, I will cover what's involved in judging during the National Zoom chats. Keep watching your emails for information.

The next National Zoom will be in March. The topic will be the New Zealand National Meeting. Please drop me an email if you have any questions.

Happy In TR Land

Ian Cuss



General guidelines

In this “elegance/originality” event, a neat, clean and well maintained or restored-to-the-original-standard car should score well.

Eligibility

- To enter, cars must be either “registered” or operated on the “Club Permit Scheme”.
- All vehicles entered must be owned and entered by a TR Register financial club member.

Area of car	What judges look for
• Panels & paint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • car should be clean and polished • panel fit and original and matching colour on all panels will be judged
• Trim, bright-work & glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dents, blemishes and/or scratches on trims and glass will lose points • present everything at its best
• Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • old and clean can score as well as, if not better than, new and dirty • any items left inside the vehicle eg street directories, steering locks, umbrellas may detract from the ‘general presentation’ of the vehicle • soft or hard top must be erected on the vehicle • side curtains may be spread on the adjacent ground for inspection
• Boot & spare wheel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • judges must have access to the boot • all items, including the spare wheel and tools, must be removed and displayed on the vehicle (spare wheel - different tyre size is acceptable) • the spare wheel must be able to be secured
• Engine bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • judges must have access to the engine bay • should look clean and functional • rotten radiator hoses, oil leaks, scruffy wiring looms and loose wiring detract from looks and will lower the overall score
• Underbody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • judges will check for visible oil leaks, chassis condition, steering and suspension items, and under wheel arches • fresh grass is ignored; caked-on mud is not
• Wheels & tyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL wheels & tyres on the car MUST match • tyre condition - tread wear, matching tyres, sizes and tread patterns, paint finish on wheels, the condition of wheel trims, dents etc. will all be considered



Ian checking the rules before the 2022 Concours judging.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

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

Bush to Beach

TR REGISTER NATIONAL CONCOURS

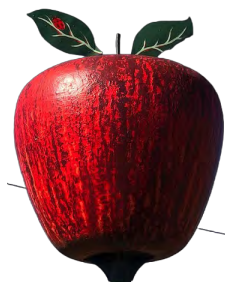
Stanthorpe Queensland 2023 Information

Friday 11 to Sunday 13 August 2023

Stanthorpe is situated in South-East Queensland on the New England Highway near the New South Wales border, 223 kilometres from Brisbane, via Warwick.

The area surrounding the town is known as the Granite Belt and is the apple growing and wine capital of Queensland.

Accommodation venues
for the event are in
4 central locations:



www.foodwinetravel.com.au

The Apple & Grape Motel

63 Maryland Place
Stanthorpe
Tel: 07 4681 1288
www.appleandgrape.com.au/

The Vines Motel & Cottages

2 Wallangarra Road
Stanthorpe
Tel: 07 4681 3844
www.thevinesmotel.com.au/

Boulevard Motel

76 Maryland Street
Stanthorpe
Tel: 07 4381 1777
www.boulevardmotel.com.au/

Stannum Lodge Motor Inn

12 Wallangarra Road
Stanthorpe
Tel: 07 4681 2000
www.stannumlodge.com.au/

Agenda

Friday, 11 August 2023

- 3pm - 6pm

Registration and meet and greet

Stanthorpe RSL
Cash bar

Saturday, 12 August 2023

- 9am cars in place

Car Display and Concours Judging

Rotary Park, Leslie Parade Stanthorpe
• Display and judging finish by 2pm

Bus sightseeing tour

See the local area and what the Granite belt has to offer

Saturday, 12 August 2023

- 6pm

Presentation Dinner - Theme: *Country*

VARIAS - Queensland College of Wine Tourism
• Bus from motels to venue starting at 5pm
• Buses will return after the presentation evening is over
Three course dinner with cash bar





Agenda (continued)

Sunday, 12 August 2023

- 9am - 10.30am

Club Meeting

Stanthorpe RSL

- Lunch

Granit Belt Brewery

- Relaxing lunch and farewell to those not joining the after tour.
- Afterwards ... a casual drive back to motels to pack and get ready for the Magical Mystery Tour tomorrow through the Bush to Beach



Bush to Beach After Tour Information

Monday 14 August to Thursday 17 August 2023

Ballina Motels

- Riverside Apartments & Hotel 02 66819200
- Heritage/Richmond Motel 02 66869100

Monday 14 August

Join one of the two different drives

- through the mountains or
- make your own way to Ballina for a 3 night stay.

Tuesday 15 August:

A Magical Mystery tour in the hinterland and coastal region.
Or maybe you would like to explore the area on your own.

Wednesday 16 August:

If you thought yesterday's drive was superb,
wait for today's drive.
Or you could have a relaxing day at the beach?

Farewell get together

Thursday 17 August:

Depart at your leisure, have a safe journey
and we look forward to catching up at
next year's Concours.



Thanks to Noel Schmidt for his work on the Concours logo.

THE RESTORATION TS1852

Colin Baldock is a new committee member from South Australia. At the Merimbula Concours he was the recipient of the Encouragement Award for his TR2. Here is some background to the restoration that has been keeping him busy for more than ten years.

The long door TR2 was purchased in June 2001. Due to the condition of the car when purchased, and the modifications already made when I bought the car - the cost of making a concours car was unlikely - especially as I did not have the money to pay for professionals. I am pleased to say that I have essentially made this car personally in a suburban garage with effectively no professional help.

The car is a complete nut and bolt restoration with every last bolt being removed and either painted or replaced. The modifications I have made from standard are as follows:

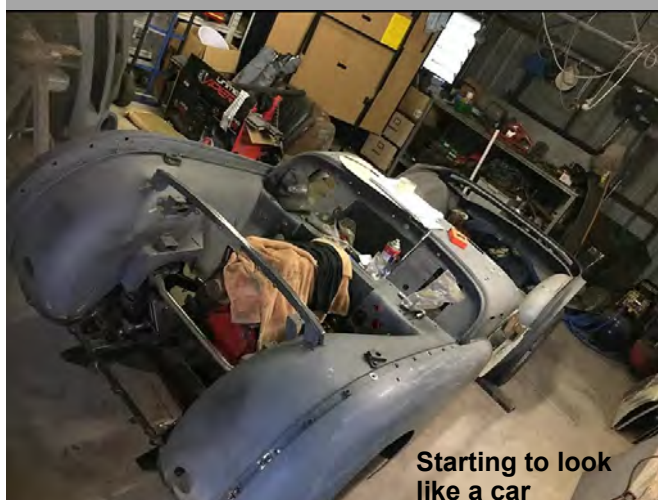
• Rack & pinion steering	• Motalita wood rim steering wheel
• 6" rims installed	• Disc brakes (fitted previously)
• Alternator and narrow fan belt conversion (previously fitted, now improved)	• Softer suspension springs and anti-roll bar to improve ride and handling
• LED lights	• Stereo fitted under battery box
• Fast road cam	• Ported and polished head
• Extractors	• 1.5" H6 SU carburettors (previously fitted, now refurbished)
• 87mm pistons and liners to create 2.1L motor	• Triumph 2500 saloon gearbox and J type overdrive
• Thermostatically controlled electric fan	

The aim was to produce a classic vehicle that had a few modern features to improve the driving experience. My drives to date have proven that this has worked well with the car being a pleasure to drive in traffic as well as on the open road.

Following are some photos of the restoration stages. Much more detail is available via the Member Gallery on my page including a link to a comprehensive coverage of the project.



Cleaning the sound deadener spray off the engine bay and everywhere else. Amazing what you can hide under that stuff.



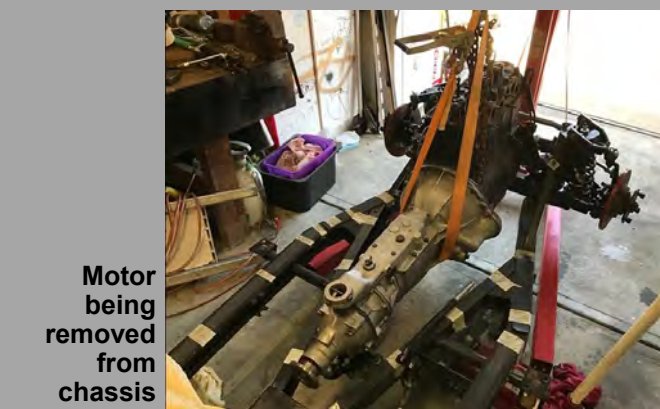
Starting to look like a car



Rear quarter panel in position with vice grips. This was about three months in the making.



Driver's side complete



Motor being removed from chassis



Major panels painted



Motor coming together



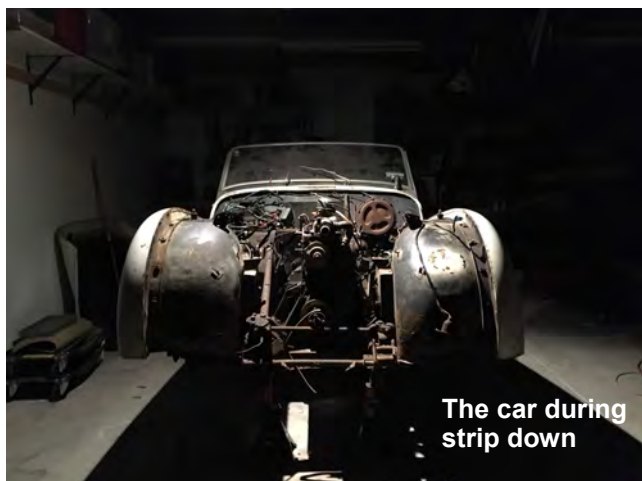
Body on and fit-out progressing



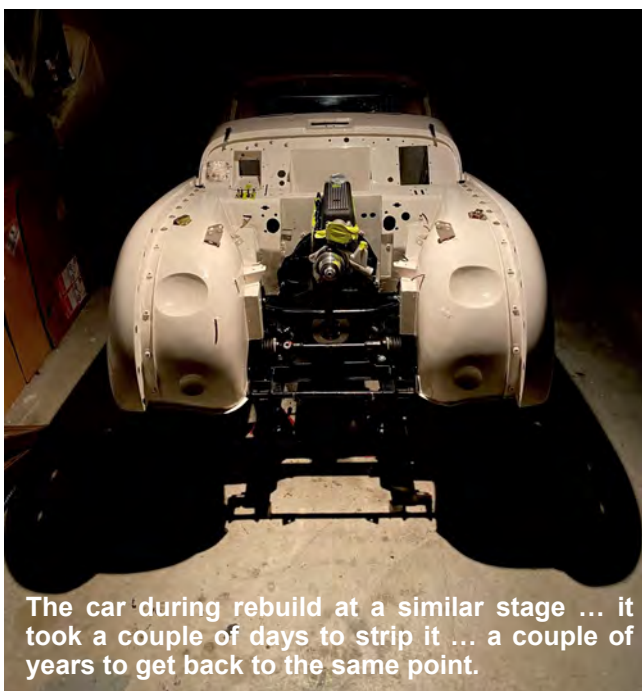
Dashboard and seats in place

RESTORATION *Update!*

Rowan
Burns



The car during
strip down



The car during rebuild at a similar stage ... it took a couple of days to strip it ... a couple of years to get back to the same point.

Here is the latest from Rowan's restoration of his 1955 TR3. He has been busy. Will we see it at an event any time soon? Maybe ...

My TR is progressing slowly but steadily... after a very nice one and a half weeks of getting out and about with my young family over the Christmas period. I gave four full days to the car project and made some good headway.

This included:

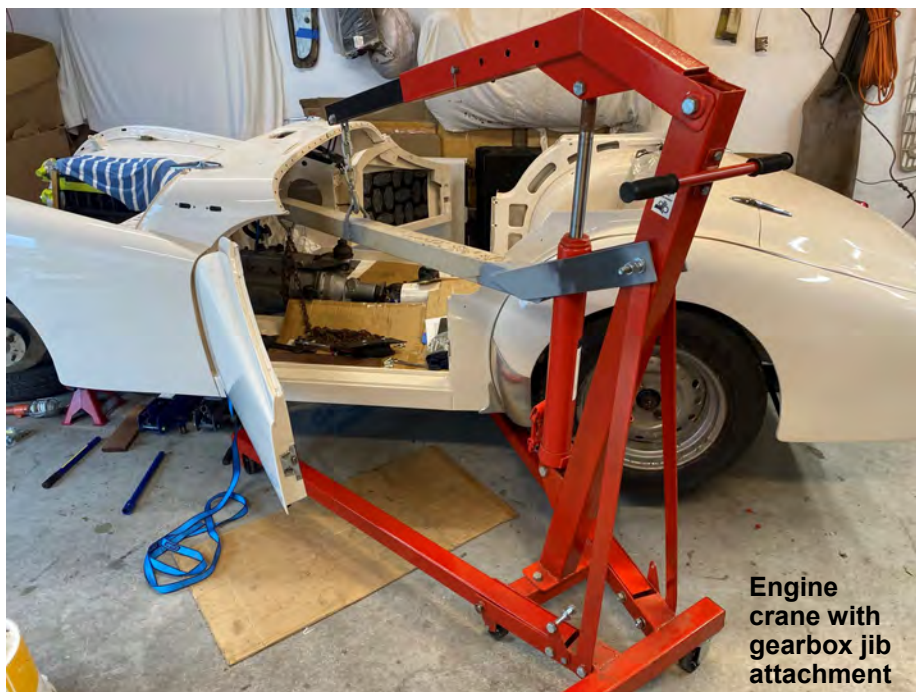
- finishing off the drivetrain assembly by turning down some poly bushes to assist in locating the cross shaft
- then mounting the gearbox in the car (including fabricating a jib to do so more easily),
- completing the handbrake assembly
- getting the clutch slave mounted
- the steering rack in
- mounting the starter motor, and
- getting the manifolds in place.

I am part way through modifying the clamps to accommodate the different thickness of flanges.

I have upholstery booked in for next month as well as the wiring loom install. It's getting close.

I think getting to 100years of Triumph at Bathurst under its own power will be unlikely. I'm toying with the idea of taking a week off and sending my family away without me to try and get it done. I really like the idea of going away with them!

Read Rowan's earlier update - April-May Sidescreen #120.



Engine
crane with
gearbox jib
attachment

WANTED

Townsville Member Henry Burke is looking to buy a driveable TR that is suitable for a rolling renovation.

**Contact Henry on
0408 779 588**

TRUE COST OF A CLASSIC CAR *Restoration*

Balance Sheet	
Hours on the toilet searching the internet	\$0.00
Purchase of a ton of rust on four wheels	\$5,000.00
Flowers for wife to break the news	\$50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Restoration cost - engine and transmission rebuild	\$8,000.00
Restoration cost - chassis rebuild	\$5,000.00
Parts and endless trips to Swap Meets	\$1,600.00
New lounge suite to balance ledge and keep wife happy	\$3,500.00
Restoration work - bodywork and paint	\$7,000.00
Flowers for wife to save buying new kitchen suite	\$50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Family trip to tropical island to offset 1000 hours spent in the workshop	\$4,000.00
Restoration cost - new upholstery and soft top	\$6,300.00
New outfit for wife to save another argument	\$450.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Inspection, registration and other on-road costs	\$1,200.00
Dinner at restaurant to celebrate completion	\$120.00
Hairdressing costs after wife's first ride in an open top tourer	\$60.00
BBQ to have neighbours over to see the finished product	\$90.00
Paint touch up after neighbour's son drew on car	\$150.00
Settled out of court cost for clobbering neighbour's son	\$600.00
New outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$450.00
New shoes to go with the new outfit for the wife to go out rallying	\$150.00
Dinner at restaurant after asking wife to economise	\$100.00
New clutch after teaching wife to drive classic car	\$120.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife while teaching wife to drive a classic car	\$400.00
Repairs to front guard after wife's second lesson	\$600.00
Candlelight dinner at home (can no longer afford restaurant) after shouting at wife to watch where she is going	\$20.00
Advert online for Classic Car For Sale	\$20.00
Total	\$45,390.00
Proceeds from sale of Classic Car	\$29,500.00
Balance added to mortgage	\$15,890.00

Contributed by David Ferguson, with acknowledgement to Alan Roper via Facebook

AUSTRALIA DAY *Malfunction*

It's finally on again, and again, has been unilaterally moved to a more weather-amenable day ...

What was Capt. Arthur Phillips RN thinking?

EVERYONE knows that OZ is TOO DAMN HOT in January

ANYWAY ... It's to be on **SUNDAY APRIL 16** (details below).

ALSO ...

Last time we had a small Swap-meet so if you have (car-related) items you wish to swap or sell - bring them along. After lunch, we will have some fun wheeling & dealing ...

Yerrinbool is about 100km south of Sydney off the Hume Motorway, before you reach Mittagong/Bowral.

The SECOND-HAND Spares shed will also be open so if you want to look for that Floggle-toggle valve missing from your TR ... bring your gloves ...

Please advise me if you are to attend ... last time I was eating stale bread for 2 weeks.

If you are a new Member or have never been previously...GET HERE & enjoy the day!



Photo by [Pam Menegakis](#) on [Unsplash](#)

When? Sunday, April 16
From 11.30am

Where? 21 Kent Street
YERRINBOOL

What to bring?

- Bring meats etc
- BYO drinks

Provided

- Cutlery & plates
- Ice
- Breads
- Some salads, sauces, soft drinks
- Tea & coffee

RSVP by 2 April
Call Mal - 0416 031 654

MEETING MORE *members*

Meet Andrew Pitchford, the new Membership Secretary on the committee. Andrew is a Victorian member and a long-time TR sidescreen enthusiast.

1. How did you get introduced to Sidescreen Triumphs?

I was introduced to sidescreen TRs whilst studying Civil Engineering at what was then Swinburne College of Technology, now Swinburne University. I had been saving and looking to buy my first car which initially was to be an Austin Healey. That was too expensive for me, so an MGTF 1500 was my next choice ... but ... I couldn't find a good one that I could afford either.

A good friend of mine and one of my student colleagues kept on about how great these TRs were: fast; in all the local and international rallies and motor races; and that I should have a look at one.



Andrew in his TR3A

After missing out on a lovely black MGTF which was withdrawn from sale, I decided to take a look at these TRs. Once I had driven one I was sold. Nice body shape, no timber frame, lots of power and, for a sports car, plenty of internal room and luggage space.

Eventually I found and bought a 1960 BRG TR3A. A bit the worse for wear but nevertheless good for what I needed – everyday transport but something I could tour and compete in, on weekends.

The only thing I added in those early days was an overdrive gearbox which the car didn't have originally. This made a world of difference to its driving pleasure particularly when touring.

2. What is appealing about old cars?

I think most people relate to the cars that were desirable in their youth. Old cars are generally most attractive to old people and that's certainly true for me.

I remember being taken by my Uncle to vintage car events in his Isotta Fraschini as a young boy in the 50s. The thrill of the drive – wind in the hair, burbling exhaust note, hearing the birds and smells of the bush as we sped along country roads or around Albert Park Lake ...

3. What tip would you give a young person about owning a Triumph?

The best tip I would give to a young person asking advice on owning a Triumph TR would be simply go for a drive in one and experience the exhilaration and difference to driving cars of today. To my mind, they lack the character and atmosphere of real driving pleasure you get in a sidescreen.

4. What is your ideal Triumph outing?

A simple drive along winding country roads for a coffee or lunch at a winery or country pub, with the obvious embargo on alcohol. All preferably with other TR owners.

5. What is the most important thing about owning a Sidescreen?

That is hard to select. For me, I look at mine and get a feeling of pleasure, probably due to the memories. The fact they are such a basic little car in terms of their mechanics, bodies and interior but they perform so well even by today's standards is I believe what makes the old sidescreen TRs stand out.



In 2014, TR Register members were invited to drive Formula 1 drivers around prior to the Grand Prix at the Albert Park Lake circuit.



Happy New Year to all.

The photos attached show our monthly coffee at the Pie in the Sky, which is always well attended; as well as our annual Xmas lunch at the Nepean Rowing Club.

The lunch saw nine cars including Suzie Wall's new white car, aptly named " Pearl ". So if you see a sparkling white car and the driver is wearing a string of pearls then you know who it is. We did the usual drive up the hill and for the first time in a while we were able to see the magnificent view as the weather was great.

The program for 2023 is well underway with the usual smattering of runs which involve both week day & weekend events, so hopefully we might catch more people out there. As the weather has not been hot then driving conditions for our magnificent TRs should see more of us out there.



After a quiet end of year holiday period with the TRs, it's time to really get out and about again starting with our first run of 2023 with *Drive Your Triumph Day*.

Drive Your Triumph Day

Enjoy a countryside run into the Hawkesbury region for this worldwide event on Friday 10 February, arriving for lunch with spectacular views from the Archibald Hotel, Kurrajong Heights. Advise Kerrie of your attendance for either the lunch, or the combined run and lunch.

Triumph Centenary

In March our club will join with TSOA NSW in Bathurst in March to celebrate the centenary of the first Triumph motor car. We have members from NSW and interstate already booked, with many staying on the mountain at Rydges for the Friday and Saturday nights. Numbers are needed for catering purposes for the Friday and Saturday functions and also to book your display space in Bathurst CBD on Saturday morning. Anniversary Regalia of men's and women's signature shirts, polos and windscreen stickers are now available from TSOA with last orders taken by 12 February.

Let me know if you are joining this exciting event. Our club will then have a short stay at Chris Olson's farm at Laffing Waters Bathurst, along with a visit to the historic Abercrombie House.

Mid Year Xmas run

April 1 is the **deadline for discounted accommodation bookings** for the mid year Xmas run to the Southern Highlands. We are staying two nights at the Bundanoon Country Inn Motel on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June. It's not quite Xmas in July, but almost, being mindful of the Stanthorpe national meeting soon after in August. There will be a traditional Xmas dinner Saturday evening and the usual frivolities. We'll likely take in a winery or two, maybe a garden and also a visit to a member's home and garage in the Highlands over the weekend. If you are a newer member especially, please consider joining this run and get to meet other members in a relaxing short stay.

Runs in February & March

10 February
10.30am

Drive Your Triumph Day

- Meet at Maccas Bligh Park, cnr George St & Blacktown Rd, South Windsor
- Depart 11am for local scenic drive into the Hawkesbury
- Lunch at the Archibald Hotel, 1349 Bells Line of Rd, Kurrajong 12.00pm on the deck enjoying scenic views to the city
- Bookings required to Kerrie at kerrieholliday@hotmail.com

17-19 March

Triumph Centenary Celebration, Bathurst, NSW

- Discounted accommodation \$199/night available at Rydges Mt Panorama, with \$20pp breakfast. Book directly with Rydges or at a venue of your own choice.
- **Friday 17 March** - Welcome Drinks 4pm Rydges Mt Panorama
- **Saturday 18 March** - Static Triumph Display Russell St, Bathurst, no cost. Registration needed to secure parking spot in the CBD.
- **Saturday 18 March** \$55pp Dinner in the Panorama Room at Rydges with guest speaker David Berthon. Bookings directly with TSOA
- **Sunday 19 March** 9.30am Mt Panorama circuit drive of Triumphs, no cost. Registration needed for numbers.
- **Sunday 19 March** visit Australian Motor Racing Museum \$13/adult or \$8/concession
- Registration available now at tsoansw.org.au under the Events tab on the website. Use the drop down menu, select TR Register
- Enquiries Nev Bowden TSOA NSW 0419 004 283 & Kerrie

Runs in February & March (cont'd)

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| 19-20 March | Farm Stay Help and Abercrombie House visit Bathurst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm stay and help at Chris Olson's Angora Goat Farm Laffing Waters • Shared catering arrangements • Visit to the historic Abercrombie House Sunday afternoon • Enquiries and confirmation of attendance to Kerrie and Chris |
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Coffee Mornings & Lunch in February & March

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| Every Wednesday 10am | Tathra Pub, 8 Bega St, Tathra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Tea • Enquiries Bob Watters, Sapphire Coast Chapter |
| 1 February 10am | Pie in the Sky, 1296 Pacific Highway, Cowan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Wednesday for morning tea • Enquiries Andrew Ross |
| 5 February 8am | AutoBrunch St Ives Showground, 450 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Cars and Coffee • Enquiries nsscc.com.au or Andrew Ross |
| 15 February 10am | Moses Barnes, 89 Argyle Street, Picton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday for morning tea • Enquiries Jenny Hicks at hicksjenny50@gmail.com |
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Upcoming Events

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| 16 April | Malfunction in Yerrinbool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared BBQ lunch at Mal's place in Yerrinbool • Chance to have a peek into the spare parts shipping container • Enquiries to Mal Munro or Kerrie |
| 24-25 June | Almost Xmas in July, Bundanoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekend stay at Bundanoon Country Inn Motel
2 Anzac Parade, Bundanoon
Discounted price of \$300 for two-night stay
Arriving Saturday 24 June & departing Monday 26 June. • Book by 1 April, directly on 02 4883 6068 to receive the discounted accommodation quoting the TR Register as reference. • Saturday night Traditional Xmas dinner with leg ham, turkey, Junee lamb, roast vegetables and Xmas pudding, at Bundanoon Hotel \$75pp
Enquiries and confirmation of attendance to Kerrie |



Happy New Year to everyone

I thought I would start the year by outlining how the Sapphire Coast Chapter was formed and perhaps encourage other members who live in regional areas to try something similar. I know in Victoria there are already Chapters set up.

The Chapter developed from several Tathra ladies who met every Wednesday for coffee and craft at a local coffee shop. It was soon discovered that several of their husbands owned classic cars and this resulted in the men meeting at the same venue. Beginning with four blokes at the outside "table of ignorance" (the ladies are inside at the table of knowledge) in 2017. There are now regularly eight to ten enthusiasts sharing their experience with everything from car gremlins to wider world problems.

The Chapter is strictly a social group. Everyone is a member of one (or both) of the local car clubs as well as marque clubs. There is a core group of Register members and runs are included in NSW Register activities with the cooperation of the NSW Coordinator.

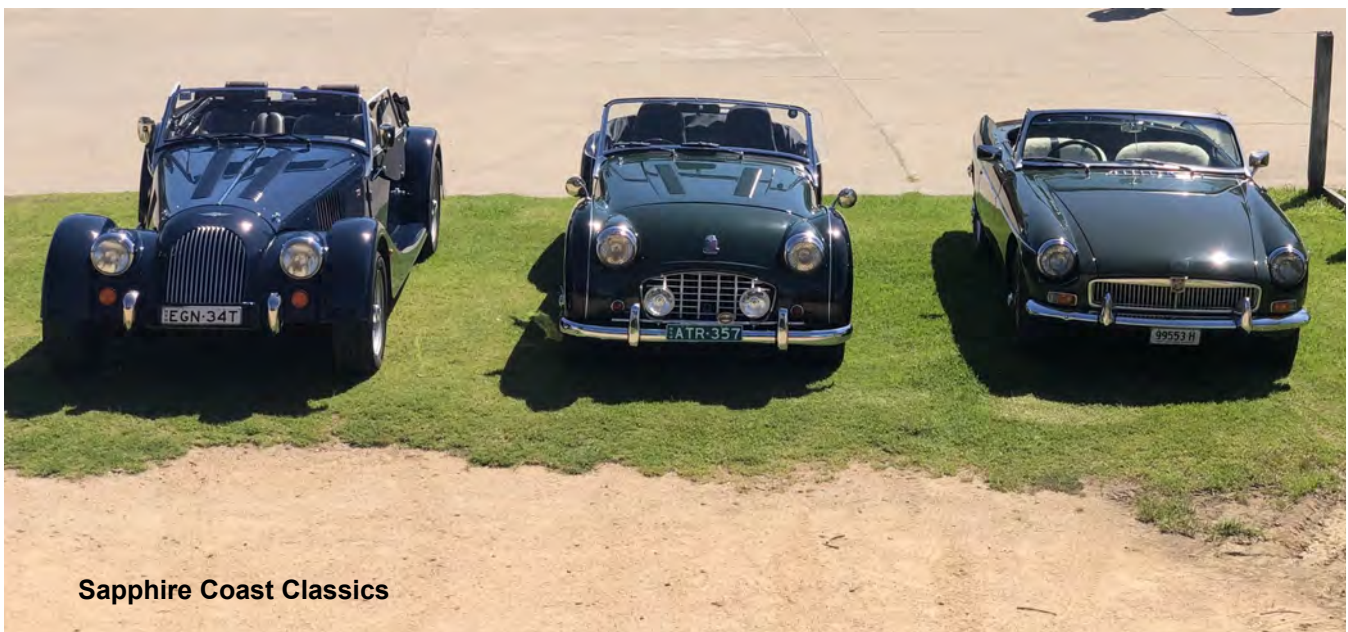
It was quickly recognised by the Register members that bringing other classics into the group was a sensible option and this has proved successful. On any Wednesday there are Sidescreen TRs, MGBs, Mustangs, a Morgan as well as other assorted classics including a majestic Riley. As pressure grows on the classic car movement it is wise to have strength in numbers and cooperation between once fierce rivals - Triumph and MG - being the perfect example, is growing worldwide. This has been a feature of recent TR Register Concours with other Triumph clubs joining the event.

If you live in a regional area give it a try. Stop and talk to the bloke you see regularly driving his MGB. You might find that he is just like you and would love another opportunity to drive his car. Once word gets around you will be surprised how many others will want to join in.

The Chapter had its first event of the year with a brunch at the Harvest Café in Candelo. Most of the members who were at the Merimbula Concours had a visit here. Obviously everyone was ready for a run because there were 21 people there before Ian and Tracey Cuss (on their annual pilgrimage to the area) with their two grandchildren joined the group. A great way to kick off the year!

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

Bob Watters



Sapphire Coast Classics

QUEENSLAND *Report*

Since the Concours, the Queenslanders had their Christmas party on the 27 November at the Barrel Restaurant at Bald Knob.

Attended by 21 members and family, a relaxing and enjoyable day was spent hearing tall yarns on the events of the past year.

A special thanks to all members for their attendance during 2022 and looking forward to 2023.



Christmas party at the Barrel Restaurant, Bald Knob.

Upcoming events for 2023

**26 January
9.30am**

Annual Australia Day cricket match and picnic lunch

- Meet at Arthur Earle Park by the river at Nerang (exit 71 south from M1)
- A short drive to a coffee stop and chat then off on a Magic Mystery Tour to the Old Trafford grounds.

Rules of the Cricket match:

- No running (as we don't want any broken legs etc)
- Hit the ball counts for 1 run
- Underarm bowling is allowed
- All ages welcome

For information contact Paul Bingham on 0419 740 717 or p_r_bingham@hotmail.com

Please note BYO picnic lunch and a chair

**10 February
10.00am coffee
10.
30am depart**

Drive Your Triumph Day

- Meet at Nielsen's native Nursery
51 Beenleigh Redland Bay Road, Loganholme
- 1 hour drive to: Fox & Hounds
Elevation Drive
Wongawallan (Gold Coast Hinterland).

26 February

West Drive to Beaudesert

- Starting out near Ipswich, we head to Aratula for coffee via Rosewood and Mount Mort.
 - Travel to Beaudesert for lunch via Mount Alford & Boonah.
- Full details of the trip to follow.

26 March

Fort Lytton Run

- Details to follow



Upcoming events for 2023 (cont'd)

12-20 April

Ken's Western TT

Ken LeMesurier has organised a trip 'west' in April.

- 11 April - meet at Dalby
- 12 April - St George 290km
- 13 April - Lightning Ridge (two nights) 233km
- 15 April - Moree 289km
- 16 April - Inverell via Warialda Bingara 212km (three nights?)
- 19 April - Warwick via Ashford Mingoola Pikedale 285km
- 20 April - Home

For more details, contact Ken on frenchie55@bigpond.com

30 April

Coffee catch-up (details to follow)

5-7 May

Opera at Jimbour

If there is enough interest, we will plan a weekend away. Let Sue or Greg know if you are interested.

28 May

Northern Run - Lunch at Rick's Garage. Details to follow

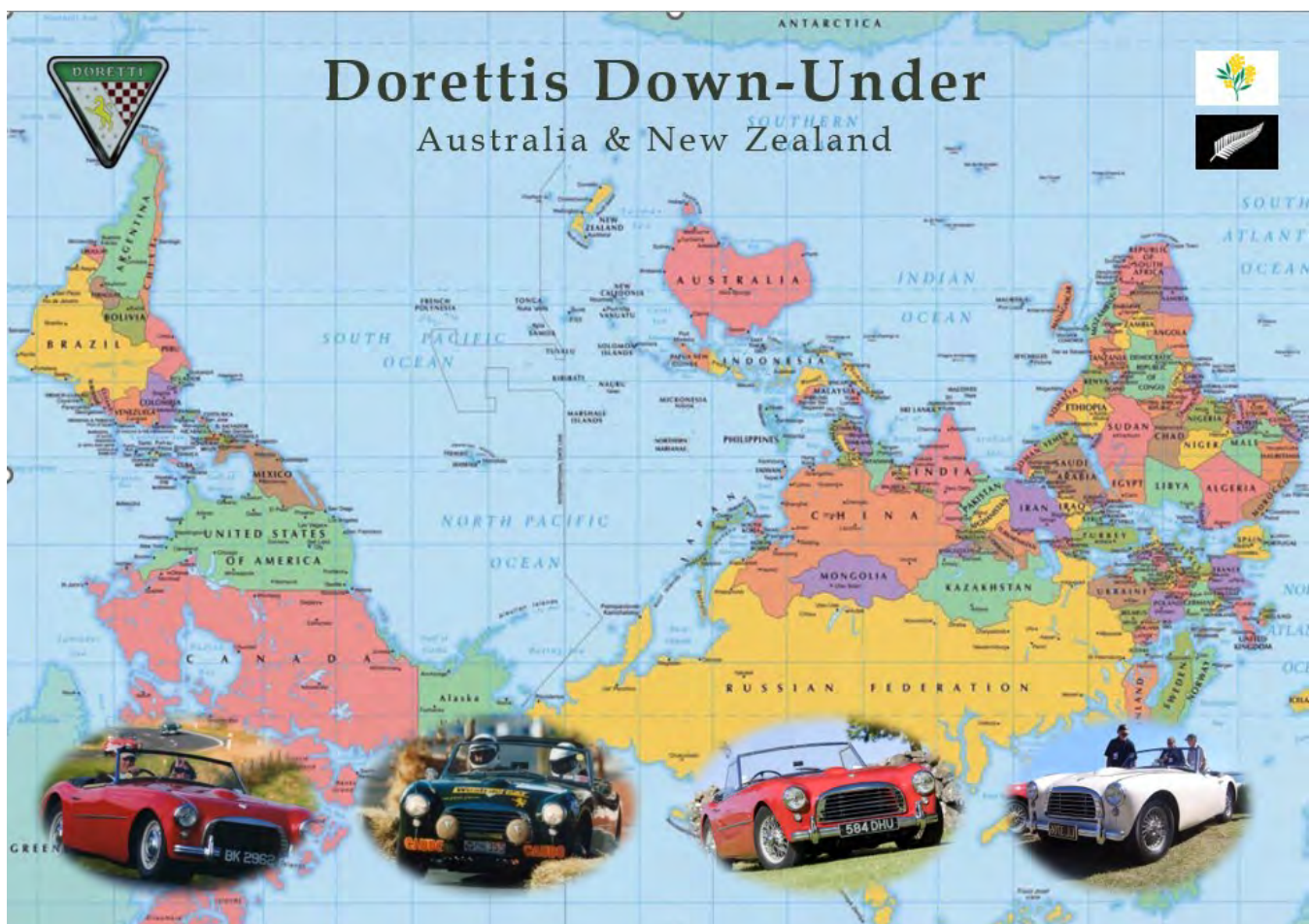


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TASMANIAN *Report*

It's mid-January and summer is well and truly with us with sunny days and temperatures consistently either side of the mid twenties, occasionally even higher. With the heavy spring rains the moisture created a lot of ongoing growth of grass and weeds to be dealt with. I have come to the conclusion that in these days there seems to be more things to get done, half the time available to get them done and they take twice the time! So ... the cars miss out on a run.

The Merimbula trip seemed to sate the appetite for TR driving as it was a month or so before the TR3A made a trip. A run to Bicheno with Hugh and Jude Maslin (in the Stag), overnighting and catching up with the Rochesters. That was a 200-mile return trip. However, it was to be another five weeks before I was behind the TR wheel again.

These days there seems to be any number of cars shows and displays being held all over the state with some well established and some specific fund raising events. One such event held on Sunday 15 January was the "Day Out For Don" Car Show at Campbell Town Showgrounds. This fund raiser for Speak Up Stay ChatTY and Lifeline was to promote mental health awareness.

I gave the TR3A a run to Campbell Town in company with Mick Sullivan and Jenny in the Sullivan Special, which has now been on the road nearly 15 years. A sunny day at around 23°C encouraged a good attendance. I estimated 250 plus vehicles present, covering a wide range of types and origin.



TR3A and Sullivan Special at Campbell Town

There was a sprinkling of British sports cars but only one Triumph, various Holdens and a range of Fords out of Australia, England and USA and some Valiants. There were quite a few thirties Fords which had been modified and some Chevrolets.

There was a bus owners group present which had about six buses present, mainly from the seventies onwards and now retired. So no SB3 Bedfords or Flxible Clippers on show. Some of the cars that caught my eye included:

- a late model 2 door Bentley in red
- a Broadspeed GT Mini Cooper (first I have seen outside a magazine)
- a two-door Wolseley in yellow and black from about 1928 (reminded me of the Triumph Super 7 and Morris Minor of that era)
- a candy red Studebaker Golden Hawk Grand Turismo (another standout).



Broadspeed GT Mini Cooper



Wolseley



Our cars

Following Stephen and Ginetta Rochester's decision to retire from motor sport and with the TR3A regulated out of competition, it was with some reluctance that the long time rally car was placed in an online auction and sold late last year to an interstate buyer. However, there will be another TR3A in the garage eventually when the restoration of the blue car is finished. In the meantime the brakes on the TR3B have been sorted with the replacement of a perished rubber in the brake master cylinder. Readers might recall from the last issue that the TR3B only got about five miles from home on the way to Merimbula before returning to replace it with Ginetta's MX-5.

Hugh Maslin's TR2 has received a new windscreen and at the same time he replaced the bottom windscreen rubber, giving it an excellent seal across the scuttle. The Stag has had some work done on the steering. The disassembled TR4 that Hugh acquired after Merimbula is receiving plenty of attention with work on the chassis being done - ie welding and alignment. The gearbox and overdrive have gone interstate for attention and the diff is being checked out locally. Back at home the TR3A has had the exhaust system replaced. I supplied the engine pipe and flange gasket. Berklee Mufflers in Launceston does excellent work at a reasonable price and has done quite a few of our cars over the years.

The Peerless GT hit the road at the beginning of January for the first time in 14 months following the engine rebuild and steering box overhaul. It is currently running in on Penrite Running In Oil 15W-40 for up to 500 kms. The motor is performing well but oil pressure readings are a bit erratic. There was a similar issue before the motor came out so will be visiting the oil pressure relief valve again. The steering is a bit disappointing so there are a few more things to look at.

David Lake was in touch recently as he and Sheila Hargreaves have decided to send the TR4 to Pickles Auctions in February. A pity really as a lot of effort has gone into the car making it more original as well as having it mechanically overhauled. But it has had one too many electrical issues out on the road and a loss of confidence in the car.

I eventually found out from John Kay why my TR3A overdrive switch (Prologic) became inoperative around Sale on the way back from Merimbula. Apparently there was a leak from the heater finding its way to the switch and causing a short. Once the leak was fixed and switch dried out, overdrive worked fine.

Drive Your Triumph Day, Friday 10 February 2023

This event will probably have been run by the time Sidescreen is in the post. We are planning a run to Miena for lunch.

Miena is situated at the southern end of Great Lake on the Central Highlands.

- **From the north:** Cars will travel via Longford and Cressy then up and over the Poatina, zig zag onto the Western Tiers. Then south along the eastern side of Great Lake to the T-junction with the Highland Lakes Road turning right for Miena.
- **From the south:** Cars will come up the Midland Highway to Melton Mowbray turning left there for Bothwell and continuing on to Miena on the Highland Lakes Road.

After lunch the plan is to continue on down through Golden Valley and into Deloraine before heading eastwards to Launceston. Those who were on last years Triumph Tasmania Tour would be familiar with some of the route.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, 19 February 10am-3pm	Deloraine Street Car Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emu Bay Road and riverside park • Entry \$10
Saturday - Sunday, 11-12 March	Longford Grand Prix Expo - CANCELLED -
Sunday, 26 March	Searoad Devonport Motor Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near mouth of Mersey River • Register online: www.devonportmotorshow.com
Monday - Saturday, 17-22 April	Targa Tasmania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 April - Leg 1 Start and overnight Hobart • 18 April - Leg 2 and overnight Strahan • 19 April - Leg 3 and overnight Launceston • 20 April - Leg 4 and overnight Launceston • 21 April - Leg 5 and overnight Strahan • 22 April - Leg 6 and overnight Hobart

Gremlins

In the last issue there was a repeat of an item titled Member News which appeared in the February/March 2022 issue of Sidescreen and was about Martin Osborn's fall and stay in hospital. I am very pleased to report that he has not fallen over again and as they say in the TV ads I hope this hasn't raised any unnecessary concerns.

The Travelling Triumph Trophy

The Travelling Triumph "Come and Get It" trophy was originally presented by the late Mychael Carr. The objective was for a member to "challenge" the current trophy holder its possession by advising the holder and then driving at least 100 kilometres to the holder's residence to collect it. Since Mychael's passing the original intent seems to have been lost.

At the Merimbula Presentation Dinner Bob Adams passed the trophy on to me having had it inscribed "For Countless Crossings across the Strait BC 1 to 2022."

Gee Bob - I'm not *that* old!

So I sat down and worked out how many trips there had been across Bass Strait to attend TR Register Concours or other Triumph events. Between 1998 and 2022 there were 21 return trips with two on the Devil Cat in 1998 and 2000 (to attend TSOA Concours at Como), three on Spirit of Tasmania, and 16 on Spirit of Tasmania 1 and 2:

- the TR3A has done 13 trips
- the Peerless - three trips and
- one trip each in the Hilux, Getz and Outback.

The distance to Station Pier from Devonport is about 390km, so 780km return. 21 trips x 780km = 16,380km and the cars have not moved a metre!

I recently found in Sidescreen # 24 Feb / Mar 2006, Mychael's instructions or Rules of Play and have attached same. It is over 16 years now since the rules were written and times have changed. We have too and so has the price of fuel.

Almost ten years had elapsed between Bob receiving the trophy and passing it on to me. There was no "challenge". Mychael had stipulated that should the competition cease then the trophy should be returned to him but that is not now possible. I am of the view that maybe the trophy should be awarded to the member who has travelled the longest distance to the annual Concours by odometer reading. Such an annual handover of the trophy would be a reminder of Mychael's contribution to the Register.



In late November, 30 of our members gathered at “Penny for Pound” bakery in Moorabbin. It is located in an industrial area with onsite baking and great coffee.

There is a Triumph link to it as well, since the major shareholder’s father and mother own a Stag! He also owns a coffee business called Axel Coffee Roasters and if you have really been paying attention, one of their baristas was just awarded “Best Barista in the World”.

Of course, Penny for Pound use Axel coffee and it is a good drop if you get the chance. Due to the carpark being closed for a function, we had to park in the street, so could not get any group photos of the cars. I forgot to take any group photos of our members eating breakfast as well, so a big fail on my part.

The Mornington Peninsula group had another coffee morning a couple of weeks later in Mt Martha where the highlight was Stuart West’s newly restored MGA. Stuart has done a great job fitting an MGB engine and Toyota Celica gearbox into the MGA, making it a very driveable modern classic. Several of us took turns trying to get into the drivers seat and let me say, big people need not apply! Fantastic job Stuart. It is a credit to you.

Upcoming events

We have a number of events coming up in the next few weeks which will allow many members to get out in their cars for a run.

Upcoming Events

29 January AOMC Event at Cruden Farm

- 700 cars registered
- 30 Triumphs expected

10 February Drive Your Triumph Day

- Starting at York on Lilydale, driving to the Cardinia Hotel for lunch
- We usually set the record for attendees so we would love you to come along

12 February All British & European Show at Caribbean Park

- Part of the show is to celebrate 100 years of Triumph cars
- A Show and Shine will be included.

March Autumn Run - details to follow

If anyone has suggestions for a drive, an event or just a coffee, please put your hand up. Any ideas or suggestions are gratefully accepted.



These photos from the Cruden Farm event were provided by David Ferguson

AOMC day at Cruden Farm - the home of the late Dame Elizabeth Murdoch. She developed and maintained the gardens with the help of her gardener of 40 years. The magnificent gardens are well worth a visit.

About 400 cars by my estimation, including 30 Triumphs across TR Register, TCCV and TSOA. Sidescreens might just have out-numbered Stags which is quite unusual! Well done Sidescreen owners for getting out.



BEFORE



AFTER