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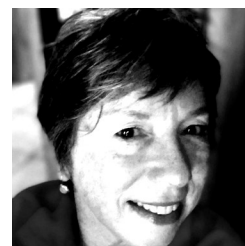
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INSIDE *Issue 124*



From the editor

Sidescreen issue 124 is a report on the Merimbula Concours. The success of this event - a testament to the event management skills and commitment of the organising committee. The enthusiasm of members to reconnect, look under bonnets and talk all things TR, was evident.

If you were not able to be there, I hope you can still get a sense of it through the many photos. Thanks to all who sent them through.

As a Concours first-timer, I enjoyed meeting members and finding out more stories behind the cars and how people became interested in both the cars and the club. Look out for these stories in future issues.

There are also stories of concours travellers who were impacted by weather and road conditions pre and post event.

Hoping that these abate over the festive and holiday season. Happy TR-ing.

Mary 
& Scout

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PRESIDENT'S *message*

What a fantastic couple of months it has been!

Of course the main event was the Merimbula Concours. The organising team did a superb job and a great time was had by all. Although the dreaded COVID 'lergy disrupted the last couple of days, which was a great disappointment, Bob Watters and the team ensured that things ran smoothly with cancellations and supporting the members who needed to leave early.

Again - a very big thank you to the entire Sapphire Coast team. I know there will be a more complete report on Merimbula in this edition so will not say anymore here.



New committee members

I am very pleased to advise that we have two new Committee members: Andrew Pitchford (VIC) and Colin Baldock (SA).

Andrew has volunteered to takeover the Membership Secretary role from Tony Knowlson and has also agreed to join the Committee. The handover has a few complexities in terms of database access and financial permissions so Tony and Andrew will be joint owners of the role for a while yet.

At the Sunday morning meeting in Merimbula Colin Baldock from South Australia made some very pertinent comments re the website upgrade (details further down). After the meeting I unashamedly approached him to ask if he would be willing to assist with the website and 'suggested' he might like to also join the Committee. Colin had a think about it and has volunteered to both the Committee role and to contribute to the website. I believe Colin is our first Committee member from SA.

Thank you Andrew and Colin. I am sure you will both make a great contribution to our club.

When I became President one of my goals was to use the technology now available to broaden the Committee membership. The first new Committee members recruited were Gary Waite (VIC), Peter Clarke (QLD) and David Pearce (TAS).

With a few changes your Committee now is:

NSW	John McCormack	Sydney
	Russell Holliday Mal Munro Chris Olson Ian Cuss Bob Watters	Regional NSW
VIC	Andrew Pitchford	Melbourne
	David Ferguson Tony Knowlson Toni Xerri Ross McLeod	Regional VIC
QLD	Greg Parker	Brisbane
TAS	David Pearce	Regional TAS
SA	Colin Baldock	Adelaide

Although we don't have an ACT or WA member on the Committee (positions are still vacant and volunteers are welcome), I do think it is a team befitting our national club.

New life member

In Merimbula I was delighted to be able to present Bob Watters with a Life Membership award. When presenting the award in Merimbula I briefly summarised Bob's service to the Register. I would like all members to know Bob's long and distinguished history, both at a state and national level.



1998	Purchased a TR2
1999	Joined the TR Register
2003	Organised the QLD TT
2003 - 2009	Committee member
2004	Produced the first Members' Directory
2004 - 2009	Membership Secretary
2005	Member of the organising team for the Brisbane Concours
2010 - 2012	Queensland Coordinator
2015	Lead organiser for the Noosa Concours
2017	Produced the first TR Register calendar (and each year since)
2018	Elected to the Committee
2019 - 2022	Secretary
2019	Produced the two videos filmed at the Ballarat Concours
	Organised the High Country to the Coast TT in NSW and VIC
	Organised the Shoalhaven TT in NSW
2022	Lead organiser for the Merimbula Concours

On behalf of the membership of the TR Register, thank you Bob for your commitment and dedication to the members of this great club.

NSW conditional registration

In my last Sidescreen article I said NSW conditional registration appears to be sorted and put to rest, until the next change is issued by the government. As it turns out it appears there has been a change from the government. In the past it was understood that only full financial members could use club registration in NSW. A review of the online government documents reveals that the only reference is to being a member of a suitable club.

This means Associate members can register a suitable car on club registration through the Register. The Register will retain the right to refuse to approve conditional registration for Associate members to avoid the club being inundated with people joining to gain access to club registration. The primary benefit will be for Associate members who are partners of Full members.

Website upgrade

The Committee have been working through what has proved to be a complex issue with respect to upgrading and operating our website. The current website was created nearly three decades ago and has served the club very well for a long time, primarily due to the effort and commitment of Rick Fletcher. Unfortunately, it is an old platform and is skill and time demanding for the people managing and updating it. It is imperative that we upgrade the website to a modern platform that can be managed and kept up to date by Ross McLeod with the support of a few members.

A small team comprising Greg Parker (QLD), Ross McLeod (VIC) and Neville Turbit (NSW) are putting together the requirements for our website in terms of the information to be presented, functions to be performed online and site layout etc. Once they have completed that work, we will identify the best platform to use. We will then work with a website provider to create our new website. As best we can, we will transfer the information on our existing website to the new one. If we are unable to transfer the existing material over, we may just maintain the existing website as an archive of historical interest and use a new website with links between the two.

We have been fortunate that two members: Ian Wall and Colin Baldock; have stepped up to work with Ross to post stories, adverts, photos etc on the new website. Thank you Ian and Colin.

Member matters

Ian and Susie Wall have had a difficult time of it since they had the accident in their 3A. It is great to see that Shannon's paid out in full and they were able to sell the damaged car to a new owner which will aid the restoration of a Sydney based 3A. To top it off they have acquired two TRs, a TR3 and a 3A, so that they now have a sidescreen each.

A reminder to keep an eye out for the regular Zoom forums that Ian Cuss chairs. All members are welcome to join in and the next one will be on Tuesday 13 December. An emailed invite will be sent in due course.

Back to the cars

At the Concours, my delightful little TR2 developed a starter problem (turned out to be poor connections) and Ian Cuss made a bit of a smart alec announcement at the Sunday lunch about it. Within 20 minutes I had four offers of an original starter and later that day I dropped around to Stuart Baillie's place and picked up an excellent reconditioned starter which he didn't want. How good are the members of this club? Thank you Stuart - very much appreciated. Thanks to Cussy as well.

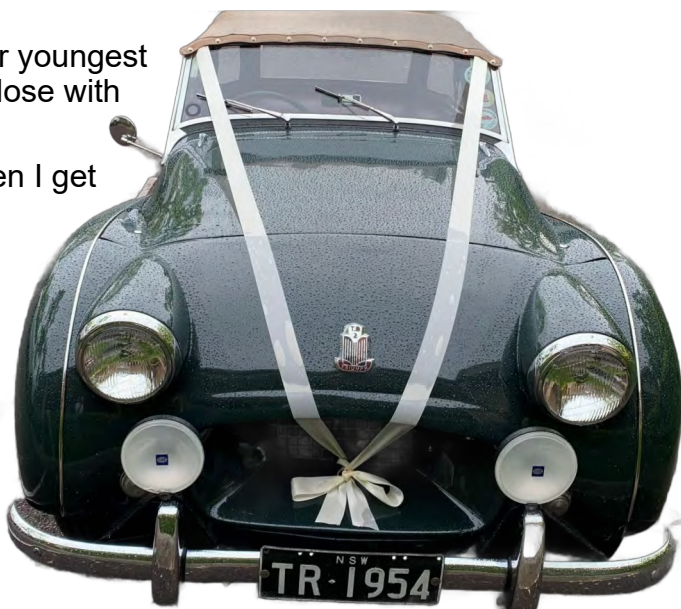
A small personal event for our BRG TR2. Our youngest daughter has a friend (Heidi) she has been close with since they were both eight years old.

Many years ago Heidi said to her mum, "When I get married wouldn't it be great if I could go to my wedding in John's sportscar."

Heidi's mum asked me a few weeks back, so I took the TR2 up to the Hunter Valley last weekend and surprised the now 28 year - old Heidi and took her to her wedding in that car.

That is all from me.

John McCormack
President | TR Register Australia



SECRETARY'S *Report*

Bob
Watters



The latest committee meeting was held on Tuesday, 8 November 2022.

The committee has decided that due to a lack of support the Members Q&A, which has preceded committee meetings for the past two years, this will be discontinued. Instead, in its place, an open forum using Zoom will be implemented. A trial version was held in early October and had more members take part than any of the Q&A sessions before the committee meetings. Ian Cuss is the convenor and host of these get togethers and judging by the response to the trial they should prove to be very popular. The next one will be held on Tuesday 13 December 2022. The Zoom link will be emailed to all members in advance.

As required by the constitution the committee also held a "Special Committee Meeting" to appoint Andrew Pitchford and Colin Baldock to the committee. Andrew will take over the Membership Secretary role from Tony Knowlson and Colin will be a committee member without portfolio. Both Andrew and Colin will bring more experience and ideas to the committee. Andrew is from Victoria while Colin is from South Australia and becomes the first committee member from that state. The committee now has members from all states apart from WA and the territories of NT and ACT.

I was honoured to be awarded Life Membership at the Presentation Dinner at the Concours. This was totally unexpected but will be treasured for the rest of my life.

As stated in the last *Sidescreen* I would like to hand over the Secretary's position at the AGM or sooner if someone wishes to step into the role. The role is very rewarding and being part of the dynamic team that manages the club brings great satisfaction. The role is open to a full member from any state and forms part of the club executive along with the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Interested members can contact me to discuss the role. All enquiries will be confidential.

Bob Watters | Secretary

CLUB *Historian*

Bob
Watters



At the Merimbula Concours there was a rare occurrence of three TRs which (as far as is known) are the only cars in their colour in the country.

The cars were:

- David O'Loughlin's Salvador Blue TR3
- David Chapman's Geranium Red TR2 and
- Tony Xerri's Winchester Blue TR3.

All are the original colours that the cars wore when they left the factory. See the photo below.

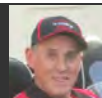
Birth Certificates are available at a cost of \$40. Contact me to place an order.

Bob Watters | Club Historian



MEMBERSHIP *Report*

Tony
Knowlson



Hi Folks

All members who did not renew after the reminder on the last magazine cover have been contacted by email or letter and we have had a good take up with currently 332 members financial.

This will be my last report. It has been a pleasure being Membership Secretary for the last 12 years and with the membership heading towards 350 - we are going well.

All the best

Tony | Membership

Editor's note: Tony is handing over the reins to Andrew Pitchford (pictured at right). There will an introduction to Andrew and other new committee members in early 2023 issues of *Sidescreen*.



TRAVELLING TO THE *Concours*

When travelling across the country to and from the Concours with floods and pot-holey roads in the mix, there were bound to be a few events to contend with.



TRout fishing in Adaminaby?
Photo credit - Noel & Cindy Schmidt

When we moved from Melbourne to Porepunkah in NE Victoria a few years ago, Ross promised me he would catch a trout every day. I was still waiting for the first catch, when we passed through Adaminaby and caught sight of this beauty.

Thanks to Noel and Cindy's intervention, the car was moved into position and they took various shots before catching this one! Editor

A test of friendship?

Ian Cuss can be a larrikin - and a good friend! Having arrived in Cooma on route to Merimbula and settling in for a debrief over a beer, Cussy's mobile rang.

"How good a friend are you?" Peter Malkin asked. And then, "Would you be able to bring me some fuel? I've run dry 45 minutes from town."

Malko later won the MOSS award - but not for this! Perhaps he wants it two years in a row?

Between a rock and a hard place

Paul Bingham collided with a rock as he was coming to the event but still managed a prize!



Cussy & Ray
Mullins check
the exhaust
manifold
gasket



Paul Bingham's
damaged TR3A

TRibes & TRibulations

Paul
Bingham

Paul Bingham - never at a loss for words - reports on the tribes and tribulations of driving to a TR Register Concours from Queensland.

We drove approximately 1,800km on the way to Merimbula - in and out of pot holes. It was great to meet up with Graeme and Tom on their maiden voyage in their newly restored TR3A from the Gold Coast. We then took them on a Magic Mystery Tour to Merimbula. Driving to some interesting places like Ebor Waterfalls in Guy Fawkes National Park and Wollomombi Waterfalls - the first time I have seen water flowing over them!

We visited Armidale for the first night, then Tamworth, Bob's Shed at Quirindi (what a collection!). Stayed a night in Singleton before meeting the rest of the Queensland Tribe. There were eight TRs: from Hervey Bay, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. We met up near Bulga for the run to Merimbula organised by Greg and Judy, starting on the Putty Road all the way to Grassy Hill, Colo Heights, Bilpin, Mount Wilson, and Katoomba for the night. Always a great drive.

On to Canberra not straightforward as the Jenolan Caves' roads were flooded. We found out after crossing a couple of creeks with 100mm of water over them. At the 3rd creek crossing a worker said the water would be up to the doors if we went any further.

So a regroup and reschedule the route - just a bit of back TRacking to Lithgow then on to Bathurst, Oberon, Crookwell, Gunning then to Canberra (more details in Greg's report). We left Canberra on the Monaro Highway via Michelangelo, Bredbo and Cooma with a stop at the Snowy Mountain Hydro Discovery Centre. This was worth a visit to see what is happening with the Hydro System in NSW.

From the Monaro Highway to Nimmitabel, Bemboka, Bega, Wolumla, then Merimbula. What TRip in a TR! I think the ladies need a Medal to do this kind of TRip in these little cars called TRIumph Roadsters! What roadsters these cars are! What champions are these ladies - well done!

Never too far in a TR.





Award	Winner
People's Choice Award	Tony Xerri TR3 VIC
MOSS Award & Perpetual MOSS Piston Trophy	Peter Malkin VIC
Travelling Triumphs Award	David Pearce, TAS
Editor's Award	Bill Revill VIC
Clubman* of the Year Award 2020	Peter Clarke & Paul Bingham, QLD
Clubman* of the Year Award 2021	Terry & Jenny Hicks NSW
Club Member of the Year Award 2022	Mary Bird, VIC
Encouragement Award	Colin Baldock TR2 SA
Rookie of the Year Award	Graeme & Tom Smith TR3A QLD
Competition Award & Harry Firth Perpetual Trophy	Andrew Gibson TR3A NSW
Derivative Award	Glen Coutinho Doretti NSW
Third Place Road Class	Martin Osborn TR3A TAS
Second Place Road Class	Graham Brohan TR3 ACT
First Place Road Class & Boyce Beeton Perpetual Trophy	Peter Cotter TR3B VIC
Third Place Excellence in Presentation	Marilyn Turner TR3A NSW
Second Place Excellence in Presentation	David Chapman TR2 QLD
First Place Excellence in Presentation, Best TR3A & Murn/Mitchell Perpetual Trophy	Graeme & Tom Smith TR3A QLD
Third Place Originality	Paul Bingham TR3A QLD
Second Place Originality, Best TR3 & Roger Walker Perpetual Trophy	Tony Xerri TR3 VIC
First Place Originality, Best TR2, Concours Winner & Laurie Cousin Perpetual Trophy	John McCormack TR2 NSW

* Award name was changed in 2022



MOSS Award - Peter Malkin presented by John McCormack



Club Member of the Year 2020 - Peter Clarke & Paul Bingham presented by John McCormack



Club Member of the Year 2021 - Terry (& Jenny) Hicks presented by John McCormack



Club Member of the Year 2022 - Mary Bird presented by John McCormack



Derivative Award - Glen Coutinho presented by Sue McLeish



Encouragement Award - Colin Baldock presented by Lesley Xerri



Third Place Excellence in Presentation - Marilyn Turner presented by Alan Mitchell



Second Place Excellence in Presentation - Graham Chapman presented by Alan Mitchell



Third Place Originality - Paul Bingham presented by David Ferguson



Second Place Originality, Best TR3, Roger Walker Perpetual Trophy - Tony Xerri presented by David Ferguson



First Place Originality, Best TR2, Concoits Winner & Laurie Cousin Perpetual Trophy - John & McCormack presented by David Ferguson



First Place Excellence in Presentation, Best TR3A & Murn/Mitchell Perpetual Trophy - Graeme & Tom Smith presented by Alan Mitchell



Competition Award & Harry Firth Perpetual Trophy - Andrew Gibson presented by Brian Richards



Third Place Road Class - Martin Osborn presented by Rick Fletcher (pictured left)

Second Place Road Class - Graham Brohan presented by Rick Fletcher (pictured right)



First Place Road Class & Boyce Beeton Perpetual Trophy - Peter Cotter presented by Rick Fletcher (pictured right)



THE DAY OF THE CONCOURS *Display*



Ian Cuss - preparing for judging



Noel Schmidt doing some quality checks



Jenny Ross, Cherrylle Watters & Rosemary Schaefer



Dean Lewis, Rick Fletcher & Peter McEwan



15 OCTOBER 2022



Robin Adams & Jenny Hicks



Rosey Lewis & Joan



Thanks to all who provided photos from the Concours. Photo credits have not been included due to space constraints



Bob Watters and Mal Munro



LOCAL PRESS *Coverage - before*

Triumphs Tour Valley

Extracted from the article by Denise Dion, Merimbula News Weekly page 4 ,12 October 2022

A group of sports car enthusiasts will be putting an estimated \$200,000 into the local economy when they visit the Bega Valley between October 13 - 20.

About 140 members of the TR-Register Australia will be visiting when they hold their annual get together and that means sports car lovers can expect to see two-door Triumph Roadsters driving around our towns and villages.

The TR (Triumph Roadster) Register Australia is a national club that was founded in 1976 and is dedicated to the preservation and use of the range of Triumph sports cars build from 1953 to 1962.

Since 1978, the club has held an annual concours and car display with the exception of the 2020 and 2021 events.

Merimbula was chosen for the 2022 event and national secretary of TR Register Australia Bob Watters, who lives at Tura Beach, said the response from members had been terrific with three motels fully booked and more rooms reserved in a fourth.

A full program of events will include car display at Ford Park Merimbula on Saturday October 15 from 9am until 2pm where members staying in Merimbula will be joined by Victorian and ACT club members for the day.

"We expect close to 100 cars will be on display on the Saturday," Mr Watters said.

On Sunday the cars will be on display again when visitors head to the Seahorse Inn, Boydtown for lunch.

On Saturday evening the members will hold a gala dinner at Club Sapphire. A raffle will be held where the main item will be a painting of a previous roadster owner by Mr Watters, by Nethercote artist Paul Dion (pictured below left).

"We always donate to a local charity and this year all proceeds from the raffle will be given to Pearl's Place [the social café in Pambula] because it's fully volunteered and runs on donations," Mr Watters said.

The group is also going whale watching while they are in Merimbula as well as taking over the Picture Show Man cinema for an evening.

"From October 17-19 we will do four drives going to different parts of the shire, Eden, Cobargo, Bermagui and Tathra. We're taking people everywhere to show how great it is," Mr Watters said.

He thanked Shannons Insurance for its support.

Below: Michael Jacques - winner of the raffle with Bob Watters.



... and after the event

Vintage car club's Sapphire Coast visit declared a triumph

The Sapphire Coast put on its spring best to welcome Triumph drivers from across the country on Saturday. Around 100 sportscars and their owners from the TR Register Australia car club were at Ford Park, showing off their vintage roadsters to a huge crowd of appreciative onlookers. Their visit was expected to inject about \$200,000 into the local economy.

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A large crowd at Ford Park enjoy the arrival of 100 vintage Triumph roadsters whose owners toured the Valley this week. Picture by Ben Smyth

Merimbula News Weekly, 19 October 2022

Love of vintage Triumphs

Extracted from the article by Ben Smyth, Merimbula News Weekly page 6, 19 October 2022

The Sapphire Coast put on its spring best to welcome Triumph drivers from across the country on Saturday.

Around 100 sportscars and their owners from the Tr Register Australia car club were at Ford Park Merimbula, showing off their vintage roadsters to a huge crown of appreciative onlookers.

Among the owners was John McCormack, president and a founding member of the club that boasts around 370 members.

He had driven from Leichardt Sydney in his glorious TR2 which he has faithfully restored with all original parts.

Mr McCormack said his love of the Triumph marque began in 1976, somewhat serendipitously.

"I'd had a bad surfing accident and almost died, so I thought I'd go out and buy a sports car, like any guy in their 20s would do."

"I put a deposit down on an Austin Healey and when we went into the city to collect it he had withdrawn it from sale."

"My then girlfriend saw across the road in another car yard, a green Triumph. We bought that and I've driven it ever since."

In 2017, Mr McCormack then had the opportunity to purchase "two trailer loads of parts" for a TR2.

He has he invested around two years and \$69,000 getting the rare model back on the road and in the condition admirers enjoyed on the weekend.

Also, taking a close look at the Triumphs on display was Noel Schmidt from South Australia.

He was one of the judges checking out the various vehicles and their restorations, or in some cases their modern additions.

He said the "modified" category included Triumphs that had power brakes, power steering, or electronic ignition installed, among other conveniences not found in the originals from the 1950s.

"I restored mine in 2010 and have won four of these."

"But I didn't bring it this time - I was too scared to bring it with the weather predictions and the state of the NSW roads!"

More important however, was getting together with fellow drivers and members of the TR Register Australia.

"You only see them once or twice a year so it's really good to catch up like this."

CONCOURS *activities*



Coffee stop Candelo



Paul & Rita Bingham



Bob, Claire, Cherryle & Joan getting organised

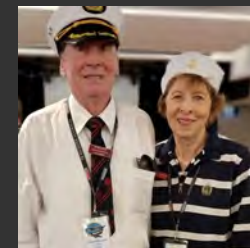
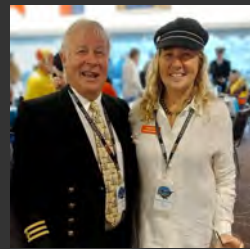


Chris Olson, Cindy & Noel Schmidt, Russell Holliday - whale watching Eden



CONCOURS GALA DINNER

'nautical theme'



CONCOURS *Experience*



My 2022 Concours Experience - Like No Other

We met up on Saturday 8 October after replacing the clutch, pressure plate and throughout bearing, main shaft seal etc - all from the register of course. We packed little Byron with all the necessary tools, Gail's coats hats and shoes. We were meeting up with Lewis, Carol Gray, Ken and Judy Le Mesurier from Hervey Bay, Rob and Lucy Noonan from Doonan. As usual we meet north west of Gympie at Kilkivan for an early morning catch up and coffee.

We pressed on to Tenterfield, NSW and Singleton the next day. After traveling some great back roads, we caught up with the other Queensland contingent the next day on the way to Katoomba. The back roads made for interesting driving, especially the wet/dirt sections mixed with numerous road works, and potholes you could almost lose a front wheel in. Water crossings were interesting ... you can't break these dear little TRs.

Canberra stopover

We were in Canberra for 2 days with Ken organising a most interesting guided tour of the National War Museum. The afternoon was taken up with the flowers of Floriade, then on to Merimbula on Thursday. We checked in, had a few drinks then off to the Welcome dinner which was enjoyed by all especially after three years of COVID.

These first dinners are so special and set the scene for a terrific week of TR-ing festivities. Little did I know what was in store for me. Friday was another terrific day looking over the Eden Whale Museum, lunch with Ian and Sue McLeish, then onto Pambula for the Boys' Shed vehicle display including the guided tour. The day was fabulous.

An evening polishing Byron

We decided to stay in as I hadn't cleaned Byron to be presentable for Saturday's Concours. Takeaway noodles were washed down with a stubby as I was finishing off the wheels. Every one else was out enjoying themselves at dinner and here I was polishing while experiencing what I thought was indigestion from the noodles. Then suddenly things got worse: the chest pain started and felt like an elephant standing on my heart. Gail rang Lewis and Carol - being doctors. They raced up to the motel, diagnosing a heart attack, which I didn't want to hear (only older people have heart attacks and some die). Was this going to happen to me? With my mind running wild - I'm too young to be taken - heaven may be a better place but there won't be any Triumph fun!

The ambulance/paramedics took quite a while and so I appreciated Lewis and Carol's professional consoling treatment while Gail and our son Clinton did their best to love me through pain, keeping me sane.

Emergency services

The Ambulance trip was at 110kmh dodging pot holes, kangaroos and more pot holes. Gail was in the front and the best paramedic in the world was treating me. The interesting part was that after much medication they had this special brew they called Draino. After the explanation of what the side effects could be (bleeding through every orifice in your body!?) I signed off on having it injected. The Elephant jumped off my chest and I felt like I could jump out and run. After visiting Bega and Cooma hospitals at 1am, the Canberra cardiologist wanted me there. The Ambos had been working almost all day and night so we waited a few hours for an ambulance to arrive from Canberra, getting us there at 5.30am Saturday, the day of the Concours. They don't operate radiology machinery on weekends, so I ended up having an angiogram and another stent Monday morning. Feeling almost normal again was a moment for appreciating modern medical technology and medicine.

To my delight Facebook opened up and I saw Byron had made it to the Concours with Tom Smith and his father finishing it off and driving it down to be part of the display.

As I could drive, we were fortunate that we could travel with our son Clinton and his dog Pixel. We could continue with our holiday - virtually as planned - after the five-day hospital experience.

Feeling grateful

Aren't we all just so fortunate to live in this great southern land with all its beauty, around every corner? We've experienced a lot of it during our TR travels with friends.

Lewis and Ian organised the driving of Byron to Canberra where I had organised for it to be transported home. It arrived last week after being through every rain and dust storm. It's all in one piece and after a clean-up grease, it's a pleasure to drive. It still did 1600 miles in spite of missing all the driving events and those special times that one experiences being a member of the TR Register.

We are overwhelmed with the kindness shown from members during and post this adventure. I trust my experience will never be repeated with any of you - especially during a TR event.

Heart health

One thing I've learnt is that no matter how fit you believe you are, living a life in balance, eating the right foods and doing all in moderation is vital. You never know what's around the corner.

To be sure of just how well your heart and its blood supply system is running, the CT angiogram is now the preferred diagnosis of heart and artery disease. *Just a thought.*

We wish you all TRiffic TR-ing.

Warren and Gail Evans

Interesting photo

Image of a TR-uck - sent in by Paul McEwen suggesting it would make a good shopping car. It is from America.



Byron arrives
home at last!



THE JOURNEY *home*

The journey home for some was direct, for others via a TSOA event. For David Ferguson - there was an unexpected turn of events. He is recovering well and hopes to emerge from the experience without a need for surgery!

The other side of the Merimbula Concours!

I am writing this in the hope that self reporting will exclude me from winning the MOSS* award in 2023.

Firstly, thanks to Bob and the organising committee for arranging a very successful concours. Despite our car dramas, we loved it. And then COVID. We'll let you know how that goes!

My story has its origins on a TR run to Gerringong last year between lockdowns. The head gasket blew in our TR3A. We filled the radiator with sealing gunk, kept going and drove home safely without incident.

A couple of months later, I noticed coolant on the bell housing and thought it was time to replace the gasket. I sourced a very expensive, Racetorations gasket and thought that would sort everything. I fitted it and took the car for a run to the Beaumaris Car Show and everything was fine.

A couple days later, I noticed coolant on the bell housing! You can just imagine my pleasure at that sight! Off with the head and replaced the welch plug. All good.

I bought ARP head studs to ensure the job was finally done correctly. A couple of the studs put up a huge fight. One took me three days to remove. Finally, I used one of the cam-type stud tools and my torque wrench. There is a "but ..." at this point. One of the studs had broken in service. Of course, one of the long ones and the break was four inches below the block!! Keith Brown came over and helped me drill out the remaining stud. Then a battle to tap the thread four inches down a hole followed. It was quite stressful torquing down the head at that point but it held at 100 foot pounds. Still good.

I then had trouble getting it to run smoothly and asked Stuart West for help. This was AFL Grand Final morning and we were fiddling about with carbies and timing when the head gasket let go, filling his shed with white smoke. Bugger!

Stuart removed the head and had it machined for me, before calling me on Thursday to say it was all back together.

The following Friday and Saturday, Stuart battled on trying to get it sorted, before discovering the choke partially on. That problem out of the way, it ran well and we took it for a run. Perfect.



A rare moment at the Concours with the bonnet on the TR6 down.

With a week or so before Merimbula and not a lot of confidence in the TR3A because it had few kilometres on the road, we decided to take the TR6! It had a new clutch, the metering unit was sorted and it was running well ... or so I thought!

The trip to Merimbula was event-free, except for getting 18mpg. The plugs were fouling and it sounded like the choke was on.

You possibly noticed the bonnet up every day, as we chased every clue for a solution. Finally on Tuesday, I had a manifold vacuum test which showed 17 inches of Hg. It should be about seven inches. This would cause too much fuel to be sucked in to the injectors!! The solution was to advance the timing and the car certainly ran much better.

* MOSS Award - **M**ost **O**riginal **S**tupid **S**tuff-up

It ran really well to Bairnsdale at 100kph. Then on start-up, ran rough. By Stratford, there was coolant spraying around the engine bay. More of that sealant gunk and when checked ten minutes later in Sale, there were no leaks.

It still ran rough and we decided to limp along to my parents' house in Moe. From there, we took their car and drove home. It was so relaxing in a Commodore!

Thursday morning, we headed back to Moe with a car trailer. Jenny drove the Commodore while COVID positive but we figured she would not have contact with anyone.

Because the car would not run, I had to winch it onto the trailer. With about one foot to go, I decided to give the car a final push ... and snapped my left Achilles tendon!!

Jenny will attest that I did not swear ... *much*. No really bad words anyway. We finished loading the car and strapping it down, then headed back to Mornington, to drop the car and trailer.

From there, we headed to our house for a shower and a change of clothes and on to the Emergency Department at Peninsula Private. A couple of hours later, I was in plaster, hoping to avoid surgery. We should know in a few weeks.

The funny thing is, 20 October 2022 is nine years to the day I snapped my right Achilles tendon while avoiding a snake at golf!!

Jenny has cold like symptoms and I tested negative again. How does that work, really?!! If you feel inclined to take a run at the MOSS award, I have pity on you. It will not be a nice outcome should you win!



Mystery car

On entry at the park, all cars were photographed by a local photographer - so everyone had a professional image as a memento of the event. When sorting them, Bob came across this one. The car was not listed as an entrant and the owner was unknown. After chasing the TCCV and ACT Triumph clubs, we sent out a note to the TR Register Victorian members. Alas, the car and its owner were known!

Andrew McColl, a TR Register member from Warragul, owns the car. He has owned it for about six years and performed a three-year nut and bolt restoration on it, finishing just before the Ballarat Concours.



Andrew had not registered for the Concours. He set off on Friday prior and drove to Eden for the night. On Saturday morning, he attended the and enjoyed checking out the cars. At 2.00pm on Saturday, he headed home as he had other commitments!

Great effort Andrew. Thank you for making such a great effort (1,000km round trip)!

SAVE THE DATE - DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY 2023

Friday, 10 February 2023

Dear Fellow Triumph Owner,

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, arguably the longest active Triumph Club in the world, founded in 1958. In 2016 I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today. Drive Your Triumph Day has gained momentum every year, and last year I received over 600 photos from all over the world: Scotland, Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and of course all over the USA.

I'm hoping we can increase that number again this year! The concept is straightforward. On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Take a scenic drive on a country road or out to lunch, to the market, to work, wherever. Go for a drive alone or in a big group with your local Triumph Club. Take your spouse, buddy, child, grandchild or your dog; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner or passenger if possible, ideally in front of a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Have fun with it. Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country).

The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>. Please feel free to send this on to other Triumph Owners and Triumph Clubs you may know of, and your club Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Last couple of years some Standard Clubs joined in, which is great. Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your members and friends to Drive their Triumphs on February 10th.

Regards

Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A
Mobile: 530-FIND-RYE
DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com



Hi Everyone

Well, as we all know, the Concours has come and gone. Congratulations to John McCormack for taking out the originality prize and to Tony Xerri for second place and people's choice. There were, of course, a number of beautiful cars on display and the quality of vehicles seems to be getting better every year. Congratulations to all other members who won prizes on the night.

There were only three cars from the ACT that made their way down to Merimbula with others being prevented from attending through work commitments or illness.

The event was well planned, even down to the great weather on the morning of the judging. I expect that there will be many mentions of the event in this Sidescreen so I will just congratulate Bob Watters and his organisers for putting on such a great event. It was a pity that it had to be cut short by a day because of the COVID virus that went through. Bob obviously had no control over that.

Our TR numbers have reduced by one in the last few weeks with Graham Michelin-Jones beautiful little TR3 being sold to Ian and Susie Wall to replace their TR that was written off recently. Whilst we will miss not having it here I am sure that Ian and Susie will get a lot of fun out of it.

Our most recent breakfast gathering (a pre Concours breakfast) was attended by eight people.

Coming events

Christmas drinks

- Saturday 3 December
- 4.00pm at our place in Dunlop.

Terribly British Day

- Sunday 4 December
- From 10am at Queanbeyan Park

I hope everyone one has a safe and happy festive season and I look forward to catching up with you in 2023.

Peter McEwan | ACT Coordinator

Photo credits: Gayle McEwan



John Pike & Elizabeth Ozelins (NSW), Susie Wall (NSW), Claire & Graham Brohan (ACT).



Rosemary Schaefer (SA) & Maureen Wannell (NSW)



Judy Brown (VIC), Lesley Goodall & Cherry Watters (NSW) & Claire Brohan (ACT)



John Pike & Peter McEwan

NSW Events

It was fabulous to be together again once more in Merimbula for the National Meeting. The event team is now busily planning activities for your enjoyment next year. If you have any ideas please contact us with your suggestions.

Our club has been invited by TSOA NSW to join what is hoped will be a huge meeting of Triumphs to celebrate the centenary of the first Triumph motor car. This will be in Bathurst in March next year. It is to be a celebration of the cars without a focus on TSOA or any other club. Nev Bowden from TSOA has worked extremely hard to get this event to come together and I hope many of our members will support it. We already have a number of our members booked and staying on the mountain at Rydges for the Friday and Saturday nights. Please let me know if you are joining this exciting event. Our club will also be having a short stay at Chris Olson's farm at Laffing Waters following this and a visit to the historic Abercrombie House.

A weekend mid year Xmas run has been organised to the Southern Highlands for 24 - 25 June. It's not quite Xmas in July - but almost - being mindful of the Stanthorpe national meeting later in August. Bundanoon is only a short distance from Sydney and surrounds, hopefully avoiding potholes and flood damaged roads along the way. There will be a traditional Xmas dinner Saturday evening and the usual frivolities. We'll likely take in a winery or two, and maybe a garden 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 December

4 December 2022 Sunday 11am	Xmas Celebration lunch at Nepean Rowers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet in the carpark of the club 32 Bruce Neale Drive Penrith• Local scenic drive to Hawkesbury Lookout, returning for 12.30pm lunch on the deck overlooking the Nepean River• Bookings required to Kerrie at kerrieholiday@hotmail.com
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Coffee Mornings and Lunch in December

Every Wednesday 10am	Tathra Pub, 8 Bega St, Tathra <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning tea• Enquiries Bob Watters, Sapphire Coast Chapter
4 December 2022 Sunday 8am	AutoBrunch St Ives Showground, 450 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cars and Coffee• Enquiries nsscc.com.au or Andrew Ross
7 December 2022 Wednesday 10am	Pie in the Sky, 1296 Pacific Highway, Cowan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning tea• Enquiries to Andrew Ross
21 December 2022 Wednesday 10am	Moses Barnes, 89 Argyle Street, Picton <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning tea• Enquiries Jenny Hicks at hicksjenny50@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings and Lunch in January

1 January 2023 Sunday 8am	AutoBrunch St Ives Showground, 450 Mona Vale Road, St Ives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cars and coffee Enquiries nsscc.com.au or Andrew Ross
4 January 2023 Wednesday 10am	Pie in the Sky, 1296 Pacific Highway, Cowan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning tea Enquiries Andrew Ross
18 January 2023 Wednesday Midday	Menangle Country Club, 170 Menangle Road, Menangle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Bookings & enquiries Jenny Hicks at hicksjenny50@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

10 February 2023 Friday 10.30am	Drive Your Triumph Day, a world-wide event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet for coffee at MacDonalds Bligh Park Rural drive through Hawkesbury region to lunch Exact route and luncheon location TBA dependent on road conditions at the time Enquires and confirmation of attendance to Kerrie kerrieholliday@hotmail.com
17 - 19 March 2023	Triumph Centenary Celebration, Bathurst NSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 17 March - Welcome drinks Rydges, Mt Panorama Saturday 18 March - Static Triumph Display, Russell Street, Bathurst Saturday 18 March - Dinner in the Panorama Room, Rydges with guest speaker David Berthon Sunday 19 March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Panorama circuit drive of Triumphs Visit Australian Motor Racing Museum Registration available now at tsoansw.org.au under Events tab on the website [use the drop-down menu to select the TR Register] Enquiries Nev Bowden TSOA and Kerrie kerrieholliday@hotmail.com
19 - 20 March	Farm Stay Help and Abercrombie House visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm stay at Chris Olson's Angora Goat Farm, Laffing Waters Shared catering arrangements Visit to the historic Abercrombie House Enquiries and confirmation of attendance to Kerrie and Chris

24 - 25 June

Almost Xmas in July, Bundanoon

- Weekend stay at Bundanoon Country Motor Inn
2 Anzac Parade, Bundanoon [\$300 for the two nights]
- Book directly by 1 April, directly with Andrew Compton,
Manager 02 4883 6068
- 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
kerrieholliday@hotmail.com



Registration opens 21/10/22

at tsoansw.org.au

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th March 2023

2023 Marks the Centenary of the first Triumph motor car. To celebrate this significant event, a weekend in the iconic city of Bathurst has been organised. All Triumph owners and enthusiasts are invited and encouraged to attend. Your accommodation venue is up to you, however Rydges at Mt Panorama will have a discounted room and breakfast rate for attendees. Room \$199 night \$20.00 PP for Breakfast.

There will be welcome drinks, a static Triumph display, a celebration dinner with guest speaker, a convoy of Triumphs around Mt Panorama and a visit to the National Motor Racing Museum.

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Your early registration for this event will assist organisers greatly.



- **Friday 17th March 2023 4.00 pm**

Welcome Drinks at Rydges Mt Panorama (at own cost)

- **Saturday 18th March 2023 9.30 am to 3.30 pm**

Static Triumph Display in Russell Street Bathurst (no cost)

- **Saturday 18th March 2023 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm**

Celebration Dinner in the Panorama Room at Rydges

Mt Panorama with Guest Speaker David Berthon

(Classic Buffet at own cost \$55.00 PP)

- **Sunday 19th March 2023 9.30 am**

Meet for a Convoy of Triumphs around the
Mt Panorama race circuit (no cost)

- **Sunday 19th March 10.30 am**

A visit to the Australian Motor Racing Museum (\$13.00 adult
\$8.00 concession at own cost)

Registration opens 21/10/22 at tsoansw.org.au

Or for further information contact

Nev Bowden 0419004283



John McCormack & Russell Holliday



More bonnets up



We came, we saw, we concoursed

With a lot of help with the weather the 43rd National Concours was completed, albeit with a whimper due to a couple of COVID positive tests causing the event to end a day early.

To see members from across the country back together and enjoying themselves was a fitting reward for the organising team for all of their work leading up to the event.

Events like the Concours Display are successful through the efforts of, not only the organising team, but all the members who pitch in to make things happen. To name them all is guaranteed to forget somebody, so rather than risk missing someone please accept the thanks of the organising team to everyone who helped. It was appreciated and contributed greatly to the success of the day.



The two raffles at the Concours raised \$1,400 which was donated to the selected charity, Pearls Place at Pambula. Pearls Place is a community-based social café that offers a free two-course healthy, nutritious and tasty meal, every Wednesday from 12:00 - 1:00 pm.

Pearls Place is secular, non-denominational and everyone is welcome. Their purpose is to provide free healthy meals and opportunities for social interaction to members of the community who may be disadvantaged by low income, social isolation or mental ill-health.

Pearls Place is staffed entirely by volunteers, and operates entirely through donations. Often, community members provide fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs from their gardens and hen houses as well as other perishable and non-perishable items.

Read more here: <http://www.pearlsplace.info/>

Members who enjoyed lunch at the Tathra Hotel got a glimpse of why the Sapphire Coast Chapter enjoy their Wednesday morning get togethers - the perfect setting for coffee and a chat.

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

Bob Watters





Concours Drive

The Queensland contingent for this year National Concours left over several days, but all meeting up at the start of the Putty Road for a wet and bumpy drive to Merimbula.

The Parkers and McLeishes left first traveling down via Kyogle, Grafton, Walcha then to Pokolbin where they were joined by the Clarkes and David Chapman.

At the start of the Putty Road, the Grays, Le Mesuriers, Bingham, Evanses and the Smiths who were on their first Concours, joined the group.

Given the recent flood, the roads were full of potholes - or was it the pot holes were surrounded by small amounts of bitumen? That night stop was Katoomba.

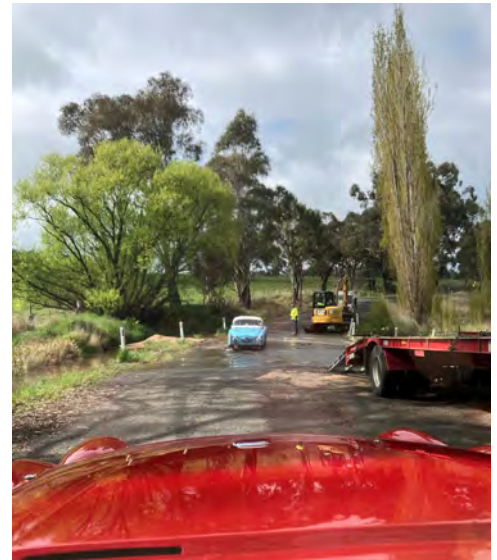
The next night was Canberra. However, the trip down had to be rerouted given landslides on the planned itinerary. Plan B was to cross to Oberon just before Bathurst. Well that was before we came across flooded roads, so a U turn then plan C: onto Bathurst then Oberon.

An extra day was spent in Canberra. Ken Le Mesurier had organized a guided tour of the war memorial and the Floriade was happening.

The final day's drive to Merimbula was via Cooma where we stopped at the Snowy Hydro Centre before making the final descent to the coast.

To note: Warren Evens is making good recovery from his heart attack that he had at Merimbula.

Coming up we have the Queensland Christmas get together which is being held on Sunday 27 November at the Barrel Restaurant in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.





We had an outing on Thursday 29 September. A small group of four cars participated:

- Dennis Hawkins' long door TR2
- Ivan Powell's TR3
- Trevor Lindsay's Daimler SP250 , and
- Geoff Bills' TR4A.

We met at Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills and headed to Tanunda in The Barossa Valley via Mount Torrens, Mount Pleasant, Eden Valley, Keyneton, Angaston and Nuriootpa.

We were looking forward to lunch in Tanunda but it turned out the main street was very busy with no good parking so we elected to drive on to Lyndoch, another 15km further on. A lovely meal was had at a little Italian eatery thanks to Dennis Hawkins' suggestion.

We regrouped on Sunday 2 October for a similar expedition to The Collingrove Hillclimb, meeting again at Lobethal travelling via Mount Torrens, Mount Pleasant, Eden Valley on to Collingrove. There we witnessed an interesting day hosted by the Sporting Car Club of SA for older cars and motor bikes having a crack at the hill.

The day was superb, if not almost too warm and was attended by the regulars Dennis Hawkins, Ivan Powell, Geoff Bills, Trevor Lindsay and Noel Schmidt. Scott (a friend) also joined us in his beautiful McLaren which was just able to keep up with the TRs!!

For future outings, I am sending an email to all SA members of the Register so keep your eyes peeled for them. Please respond with either YES or NO so that we know who to expect and wait for if necessary. The weather has to be on the improve now, let's wait and see.



An outing on Thursday 17 November started at The Bridgewater Inn for coffee and a chat. Six starters arrived on time:

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| • Dennis Hawkins in TR3A racer | • Trevor Lindsay Daimler Dart |
| • David O'Loughlin TR3, | • Ivan Powell TR3 |
| • Colin Baldock TR2 | • Geoff Bills TR3B |

We departed at 10.30 as advertised and took in a scenic route again in the Adelaide Hills (where else can we go?) We passed through Macclesfield, Meadows, Range Road McLaren Vale to Willunga Hill, Myponga Reservoir dam wall to Carrickalinga. We lunched at The Forktree Brewing facility which came about from a suggestion by Trevor. Great suggestion I have to say - we will return another day.

On the way home we travelled to Carrickalinga foreshore where we had a photo opportunity and to the lookout at Myponga reservoir for another. Trevor flew his drone and took several photos from above.

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Geoff
Bills



The next outing planned for **WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER**. The plan is to head North and East so that those residing north of Adelaide can join in. Full details will be emailed as is the norm now two weeks prior. Should you not be receiving emails from me please contact me to be added to the list. gbills@internode.on.net





Merimbula Concours

After a three year COVID - induced hiatus it was terrific to meet up again with our like-minded Sidescreen TR enthusiasts.

Merimbula on the picturesque Sapphire Coast of southern NSW was an excellent location for our National Meeting with great touring roads both on the coast and inland connecting with other towns within reasonable distance and time.

It was a successful meeting and the organising committee led by Bob and Cherry Watters comprised Rick and Joan Fletcher, Stuart and Liz Baillie and Paul and Claire Middleton. They deserve a big thank you for a comprehensive program which filled in the week. Bob has shouldered a big load in addition to his duties as Secretary of the TR Register Committee. His elevation to Life Member has been well earned.

Weather events prior and subsequent to the Concours have revealed how fortunate we were to have a week of sunshine at Merimbula. For the Tassie TRavellers, we struck rain straight off the ferry in Melbourne for an hour or so just after 7 am. Didn't that bring out the "crazies"? Drivers that is - as they zig-zagged through our little convoy. The other lot of rain came on the Friday afternoon returning to Melbourne from Sale onwards, continuing through the night.

After having five members plus partners attending the Ballarat Concours in 2019, it was pleasing to have the same number again this year and if I count John and Pauline Kay in, then there were six Tasmanian plated cars in attendance - over half of our state membership were there.

Attendees

Hugh & Jude Maslin TR2	Jeff Mount TR3A	Martin & Daphne Osborn TR3A
David Pearce TR3A	Stephen & Ginetta Rochester Mazda MX-5	

It was a great effort and a determined one at that for Martin to drive to Merimbula in the TR3A given that he was laid up in hospital mid January for about 4 weeks with a smashed pelvis and it was late in the day before he got back behind the wheel of his TR.

On the Saturday the sun shone and Ford Park was in sound condition for the concours and display of 60+ TRs and visiting sports cars. There was quite a lot of local interest generated by some promotion through posters and media.

Our concours classes originality and excellence in presentation, have diminished in numbers in recent years whilst road class has grown as has the standard. There seems to have been a crossover of some eligible excellence in presentation cars to road class.

Congratulations to President John on his outright win in the Originality class with his red TR2. These red TR2s seem to have their winning ways with David Stephens SA the previous winner. Tony Xerri's eye catching blue TR3 must have gone close and was the People's Choice with Paul Bingham's TR3 in 3rd place.

The Excellence in Presentation was keenly contested with five entries. The debut entry of Graham and Tom Smith's TR3A was the standout in class. Congratulations on the Rookie Award!

There was a large entry for the Road Class cars which necessitated a "cut" in order to facilitate completion of judging on time. This is not a good situation and requires a better resolution. From time of entry some months before and lining up on the ground people put a lot of effort into preparing their cars and anticipate having them judged. There is sure to be a lot of disappointment when there is a cursory look over and the vehicle is eliminated from the

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group to be judged. So here is a plea for more volunteer judges to remedy this situation, please!

Congratulations to Peter Cotter with the red TR3B followed by Graham Brohan TR3 and Martin Osborn's TR3A (one for TAS).

It was good to see at least one Derivative on the ground with the Glen Coutinho Swallow Doretti present. Recently restored in a gleaming white it looked a whole lot better than when previously seen at Barossa Valley and Adelaide and maintains the standard set by Chris Olson and the McEwen brothers.

The organizing committee provided a varied and interesting program for the week. The Thursday night and the Saturday night Presentation dinners at the Sapphire Club were both well catered for as was the Sunday lunch at the Seahorse Inn at Boydtown. Most of us would have tried out a number of other eating establishments on and out of the town as well.

The visit to the Sapphire Coast Historic Car Club complex was an interesting one. Their facilities were to be envied. Still, if you have enough similarly interested people living in the same area then these things are possible. Although the exhibits were mainly of American origin it was interesting to learn of the developments that Chrysler was responsible for. Whilst there, Hugh Maslin learnt from one of the vehicle owners of the existence of a TR4 in pieces in southern Tasmania which could be for sale. Since returning home those pieces have found a new home .

The whale watching trip and the Monday Movies were a couple of other diversions, I had seen Ford versus Ferrari on the television but on the big screen it really came to life.

The four daily runs over the Sapphire Coast roads were an opportunity to explore some of the coast line, some of the older and smaller towns and give the cars a squirt over some good touring roads. The runs were a good balance of distance and time. It was a good run to the Bega Cheese Heritage Centre to pick up a small block of Bega Heritage Reserve Vintage Cheddar. It lasted a couple of weeks and then it was all gone - alas!

We had a good run back to Melbourne overnighting at Lakes Entrance. Driving down the Princes Highway towards the border and onwards we really got an appreciation of the extent of the bush fires that had raged through there. We dropped into Gipsy Point and then went around to Mallacoota for lunch on the way.

Returning to Devonport on the Spirits, Stephen and Ginetta sailed out Saturday night on the last voyage leaving Station Pier. Hugh, Jude and David were on the inaugural voyage out of the Geelong terminal on Sunday night, Spirit of Tasmania 1.

Keeping Track of TRs

With the small number of sidescreen TRs on the island, cars are either sold to the mainland or are bought and brought into Tasmania. Sometimes it is known where they end up and sometimes they are lost.

Peter Clarke (QLD) asked me if I knew his TR3A which had been in Tasmania. The colour looked familiar but the alloy wheels and driving lights didn't. I recalled going to Devonport at the turn of the century with John Baker to look at a similar TR3A which was for sale. It had a gaping gap in the bottom right hand corner of the boot lid. Peter confirmed this. He had rectified the fault. Peter purchased the car in Newcastle more recently. In the April/May 1999 *Sidescreen* issue, Chris Auty had a for sale advertisement for the car with a price tag of \$14,000. The following issue indicated it had been sold.





Peerless Para's

Whilst passing through Melbourne on the way home I took the opportunity to catch up with two other Peerless GT owners:

- Jeff Leech a TR Register member and
- Trevor Burke who owns the ex Bob Cutting car which is on the TR Register website Gallery page

Jeff's original car has had an ongoing restoration for a number of years and is almost complete save for a small amount of interior trim. It has had a remarkable transformation from its yellow paint to its silver livery highlighted with 72 spoke chrome wires and front calipers and rear drums painted yellow. Additionally the bumperettes have been chromed to good effect whereas originally aluminium oxide was added to the fiberglass from which the bumperettes were moulded: a bit like silverfrost.

Jeff also has a second Peerless GT undergoing a rebuild being the ex Laurie/Richard King car out of WA. I reported on this after the Ballarat Concours

My own Peerless GT has now returned home after the engine rebuild. There was a few weeks delay in getting the head back after having larger valves and new guides fitted. I need to paint the floor before refitting the carpet and seats. We also took the opportunity to rebuild the steering box.



L→R Jeff Leech, Trevor Burke, David Pearce



1958 Peerless GT - owned by Jeff Leech

Our cars

All the cars that left Tasmania got to Merimbula and back. I say left Tasmania because Stephen and Ginetta Rochester left home in the black TR3B. They got as far as Moonah, just north of Hobart when Stephen decided he couldn't keep pumping the brakes all the way and so it was a quick turn around back home to get Ginetta's Mazda MX-5 out for the trip and making it to Devonport on time.

It was a fairly long time in the queue at the ferry terminal which Martin's TR3A didn't like and was close to a boil. Hugh's TR2 was the first of our cars on board and he was directed to park on a sloping ramp. He wasn't sure that the handbrake would hold so asked the controller if he could be moved to a level area because his handbrake didn't work. The controller could see the next 3 TRs and said "And, I suppose the handbrakes are no good on these other Triumphs too" to which I said "that's right, and why they call them "fly-off handbrakes". So we all parked on the level.

Straight off the ferry, Martin had to top up his car with coolant resulting from the overheating the night before. After that we all had a trouble free run to Merimbula. The primrose TR3A was having a bit of pinking going on so Bob Anderson retarded it a bit and suggested that I add some octane booster which seemed to have stopped the problem.

TASMANIA Report

Then Martin had another problem with his original type battery giving up the ghost and having to obtain a new one. Again he struck problems on his way to SA and around Sale the generator was causing problems. He found an old Lucas man to sort it for him. However a couple of days later a fail to proceed situation arose. The Xerri's very kindly were able to come to the rescue and recover their car and accommodate them. Thanks Tony and Lesley.

Just before Sale, John Kay was having issue with his overdrive switch which wouldn't come out of overdrive. Meanwhile back at home Winston Quaile has been to see my TR3A to check on the placement of some of the ancillaries under the bonnet. I hope that this summer his car will hit the road.

Coming events

**10 February 2023
Friday**

Drive Your Triumph Day

11-12 March 2023

Longford Grand Prix Expo

- www.longfordgrandprix.com

Lost and Found

Found - 1 aerosol can of tyre shine, 1 bottle of car wash and wax, 1 scrub brush.

On my doorstep Room 18 at the Pelican. I don't know whether it was a gift - thank you if so - or whether it was left there by mistake. Can return it next Concours at Stanthorpe.

Best wishes to all for the Festive Season and Safe Travelling.

David Pearce



Skink above Blue Pool,
Bermagui



Camel head rock, north of
Bermagui



Roadside Park Genoa - where
are we going?

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

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

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



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.

VICTORIAN News



Christmas Party

- Tuesday 6 December, 6pm
- Wheeler's Hill Hotel

Drive Your Triumph Day

- Friday 10 February 2023

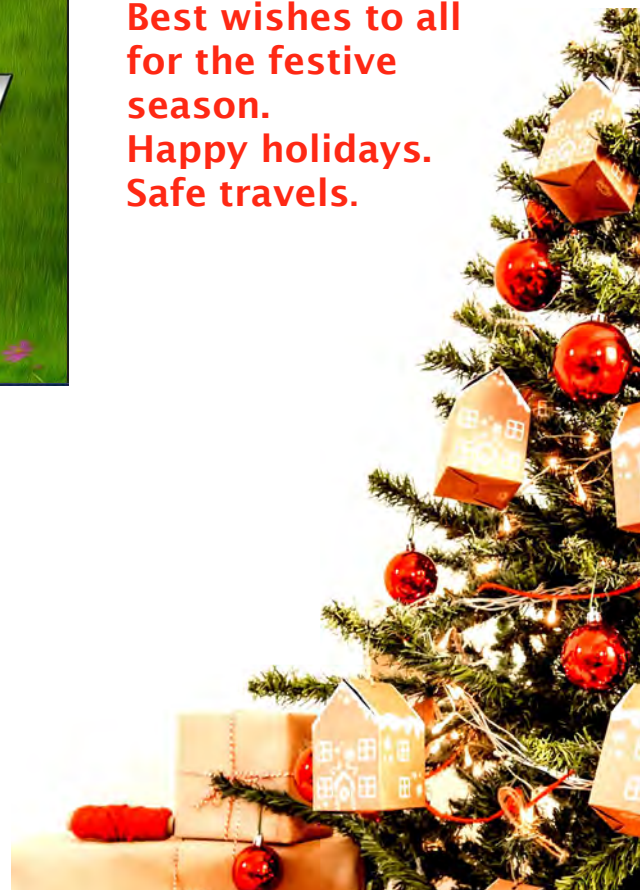
Triumph Centenary

- 26 February 2023
- Caribbean Park, Ferntree Gully Road

Autumn Run

- Proposed for March

**Best wishes to all
for the festive
season.
Happy holidays.
Safe travels.**





Peter Cotter (VIC) TR3A - First in Road Class - more details page 10



Tony Xerri (VIC) TR3 - People's Choice Winner - more details page 10