

Flat Four'm

July 2017

Presidents Report

Hi guys

We are well and truly into winter now and those who went to Kangaroo Valley certainly can vouch for that; it certainly was cold at night. It was a great weekend even though I was put off by the rain and didn't go down till Saturday morning. As usual, it was a pretty laid back weekend with everyone kicking back and doing what they felt like doing, from wandering around the markets and relaxing, to taking a drive up to Grandpas shed or to Sussex Inlet, and then kicking back watching the footy. We put together a fairly descent feed on Saturday night, using the recipe from Dan's cook book and although he wasn't there to supervise it turned out not too bad. For dessert Jemma and Scott whipped up a delicious batch of stuffed apples that went down a treat. Thanks to all that gave a hand.

I have been busy helping Dan and Rochelle to get things done around their new home and there is plenty to do, I have been feeling my age by the time I get home at night, but they are getting there.

Last weekend was Kev's coffee run from the Lighthouse in Wollongong to Yalla Woolshed. It was freezing when we left Koshigaya but by the time we parked up at Wollongong it was quite warm and beautifully sunny. The woolshed does a really good coffee and their menu is very impressive. There was no need for anyone to go hungry. It was a great day and there was a descent turn up with some really nice cars and some new people to chat with. Well done Kevin, I think we should keep this one on our calendar.

Keep an eye on the upcoming events

Till next time....happy cruising....Murray

Barb's Bits

Hi all, Well it's been a month already since the last newsletter and boy what a difference that month makes! How cold has it been lately.....cold enough to freeze the balls off a billiard table, right?

I don't have a lot of news for you this month, however, huge congratulations to Shane and Carmen who are expecting their third child later this year. I'm sure the girls can't wait to meet their new little brother or sister. Kangaroo Valley was a bit hit and miss this year, the weather was very unpredictable and a few regulars didn't quite make it, Steve and I included. 😞 It was up to Scott and Jemma to take up the reins and from all accounts they did a marvellous job, well done you two.

Kudos to Kevin too who did an amazing job of organizing the coffee run.

I think we all agree that a long time pet becomes more than a pet as the years go on, they become part of the family. Most of you will remember the Raymonds' lovely old dog Zac from past Christmas get together/meetings, it's with sadness that I have to say that Zac won't be there this year.....

On a lighter note, I hope all the club kids enjoy the school holidays and you mum's and dad's out there don't get too frazzled, If you're going away please stay safe and enjoy.

I have a birthday coming up and for some reason I keep singing that old Beatles song..... 'When I'm 64' Rochelle's birthday is on July 21st but she has a long way to go before she starts singing that song!! Such exciting times ahead Rochelle, enjoy every minute.

Well that's it for this month, until next time, Keep the shiny side up, Barb.

June Long Weekend In Kangaroo Valley Scott France

Another good June long weekend was had by all but it almost never turned out that way...

The weather leading up to the long weekend was downright miserable and when the skies opened up on the Thursday/Friday, it wasn't a trickle that fell from the heavens but a deluge! So bad in fact that when Vicki and

Murray headed down early on Friday they ended up getting there and after waiting patiently for a while in town they headed back home. The thought of setting up camp potentially in scuba gear in mud was not appealing.

Later on Friday, the Critchers, Raymonds and Silvestris headed into Glenmack and thankfully the rain had let up from earlier in the day. Jemma and I arrived around 8pm and I thought I'd head down to see how the campers were doing. I stepped out of the car and looked at the ground and thought I was about to enter in the Tough Mudder again. I looked across at Castle Silvestri complete with moat but seemingly abandoned. At first I thought they may be drowning their sorrows up at the pub but then remembered Friday night footy was on! Jemma and I unpacked and then popped into the pub to say hi and sure enough the smiling Dave and Leanne were at the bar blowing the froth off a couple whilst enjoying the footy.

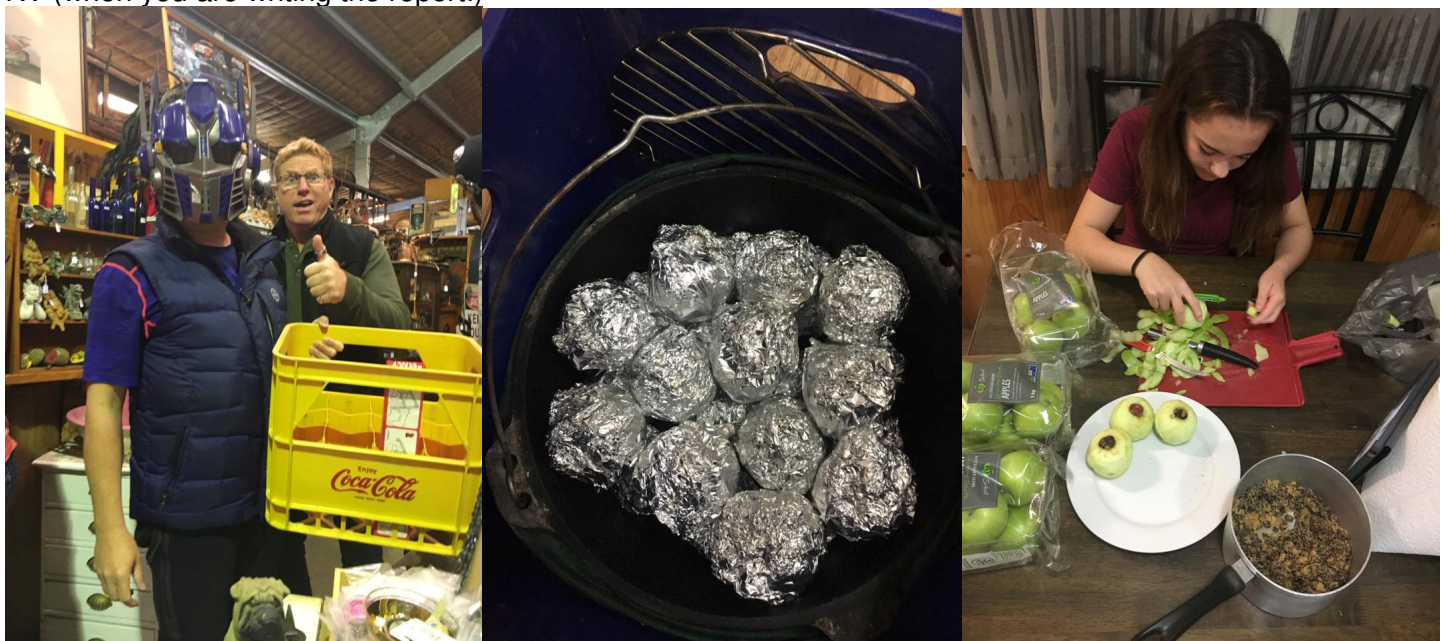
Saturday morning I got the call from El Presidente for a weather update. I gave an honest assessment about the rain that had fallen overnight but was hopeful that it would turn around for the better and thankfully it did turn out that way (and was great for the remainder of the weekend). Murray and Vicki headed down shortly thereafter. The Svrnos' also joined us in force later that afternoon and for dinner. Saturday was pretty cruisy with the obligatory meander into town in the morning followed by too much lunch and the afternoon relax. We started the campfire up early afternoon along with the communal lamb stew which turned out a treat that night!! Complementing the main course, Chef Jemma has prepared Granny Smith apples stuffed with mixed dried fruit and coated in brown sugar which we foil wrapped and cooked over the fire. They were delicious! I seem to recall Rod saying "Yes, yes, yes.." for more and his drawstring pants saying "No, no, no...".

Good weather again on the Sunday and the Critchers and Raymonds had a mini-roadtrip down the coast to meet up with Alison, Phil and the boys. The weather had turned out so nice that a few even ventured for a wade in the shallows. Back at camp, Leanne and Vicki had a nice relax in the sun and some peace and quiet. Now here's where things get a bit hazy, perhaps it was the campfire smoke but my memory is a bit vague. I seem to remember being content to stay at Glenmack but Murray and Dave begged me to go to Grandpa's Shed!!! I relented to the strong arm tactics and the ghostly voice of Marco was also in my head threatening to fine me if I didn't go. So off to the Shed went myself, Murray, Dave and Jemma! There were surprised looks from us when Jemma said she had apparently been through the entire place yet Murray, Dave and I had barely ventured a metre or two from the entrance! Jemma said she hadn't found anything to buy, I quickly reminded her that she hadn't been looking hard enough! So we spent some time up the Shed and there was some good back and forth humorous banter between Jemma and Murray, I'll let them tell that story.

Another relaxing Sunday afternoon back at camp and a second night of the campfire was enjoyed again. Before you knew it, it was Monday morning pack-up and time to head off home until next year. The Raymond's had an unexpected pit stop close to home but that's another story! Rod, my diagnosis invoice is in the mail....

Until next year, signing off from Kangaroo Valley...Scott

P.S. rumours of an additional purchase on the way home are just that, rumours! What happens at KV stays at KV (when you are writing the report!)





Thank you for those club members who contributed to the newsletter this month. If you have anything you would like to contribute, stories of amazing cruising, tales of woe etc please feel free to send them to me (Rochelle.m.fleming@gmail.com) and I will add them in as I know the rest of the club members would love to read them.

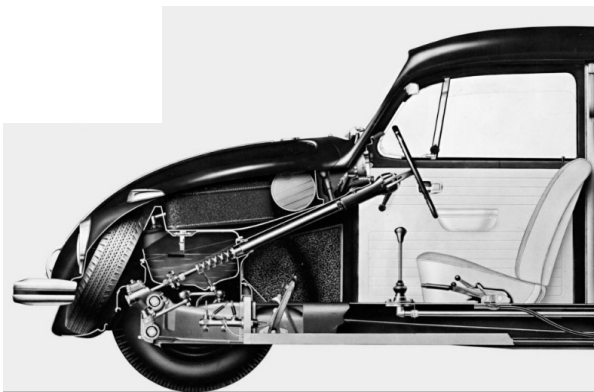
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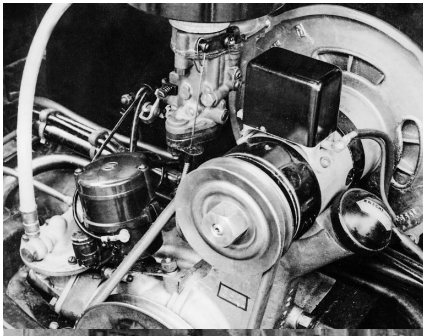
Since its establishment, Volkswagen has been shaping the global automotive industry with pioneering inventions – from spectacular designs to exemplary models of social employment through to the development of revolutionary drive types. We take a look at the most scintillating examples spanning nine decades of automotive history.

1925

THE INVENTION OF THE CRUMPLE ZONE

When Béla Barényi dreamt up the first Beetle concept at the age of 18, he also gave thought to a crumple zone for the first time. This refers to those areas in a car that deform in a collision and absorb energy. At the time it was a legendary concept that contradicted the prevailing opinion that a car body needs to be as rigid as a suit of armour. Today, the crumple zone can be found in almost every car and saves lives on a daily basis.





1938

FIRST BOXER ENGINE IN THE BEETLE

The first car to use the boxer engine was the Beetle – an experiment that initially caused too much soot and noise. Nonetheless, Volkswagen thereby paved the way for more powerful drives. The advantage of the boxer engine – over the in-line engine – comes in the form of the 180-degree opposed, slightly offset cylinders, which better compensate for inertial forces and provide more power.



1950

THE BIRTH OF MODERN CUSTOMER SERVICE

The combination of mass production and the establishment of an overarching network of conscientious customer care was the trump card for Volkswagen on the international market. The company management sensed that the Beetle would be all the more successful with a functioning service and sales network. It wasn't long before there was a dense network of spare parts, special tools, and carefully trained staff. The Beetle thus became an international smash hit.

1960

THE “THINK SMALL” REVOLUTION

The series of “Lemon” advertisements gave the Beetle unexpected sales success in the USA and is today regarded as iconic. With “Lemon”, the small New York agency Doyle Dane Bernbach (DDB) began its rise to becoming one of the world's leading creative agencies.



1967

THE CAMPERVAN FOR HIPPIES

It goes without saying that the T1 was already a cult. But when its successor rolled off the production line in Hanover in 1967, it soon became clear that THE automobile of the hippie generation had just been born. The T2 offered even more comfort and provided large families, friends, or travelling groups with plenty of room. The campervan thus became the darling of the long-haired flower children, who not only drove for ecological reasons to the beach or festivals in their colourful clothes together, but also because it was cheaper and much more fun. And of course these were the days when songs from the Doors, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix or Janis Joplin were heard blaring out of the windows. During this period an unusually large number of T1s and T2s were also cheerfully painted in the colours of the flower power generation.

1973

A QUANTUM LEAP IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

Volkswagen developed standardized teaching models for training centres and workshops established in Wolfsburg, Brazil, and Mexico. New entrants through to managers could thus be offered further training schemes, which were role models for human resource management in major companies around the globe. This strategy is still enabling Volkswagen to secure top-rate employees and the highest product quality today.



1974

THE TRIUMPH OF EDGES AND CORNERS

It was the first successor to the Beetle and its shape deemed revolutionary for the time. Its creator, Giorgio Giugiaro, designed an incredibly angular car that is uniform and mainstream to this day. The Golf appeals to the tastes of many different people – from managers to hippies.



1978

THE BIRTH OF THE CRASH TEST DUMMIES

An increase in the volume of traffic saw vehicle safety aspects come to the fore in the 70s. Volkswagen design engineers started using dummies in crash tests to simulate the effects of accidents on the human body for the very first time. They were thus able to reach vital conclusions in the optimisation of automotive safety systems.



1980

ARVW SETS THE SPEED RECORD

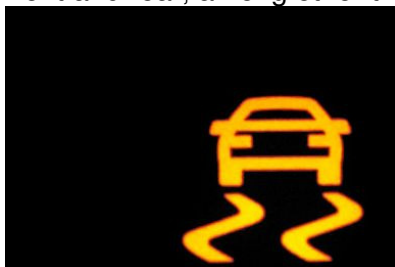
In southern Italy in 1980, Volkswagen set a world record for the fastest speed ever measured with its ARVW test car. Thanks to its streamlined body and 175 hp engine, it reached a speed of more than 300 km/h – all of 35 years ago. The ARVW (Aerodynamic Research Volkswagen) therefore showed very early on what was possible with the diesel technology and known aerodynamic findings available at that time. The ARVW meets the other aspired goal of driving as far as possible with as little fuel as possible. One model can be seen in the Volkswagen Museum today, and another is located in the automobile museum in Riga.



1981

INVENTION OF THE FIRST ECO FORMULA

In the 1980s, Formula E stood for eco technology, which made the Golf, Polo, Jetta, and Santana real money savers. Formula E encompassed a series of fuel-saving measures. Volkswagens with Formula E possessed high-compression engines, a long gear, and aerodynamic improvements due to additional spoiler areas at the front and rear, among other things.



1997

FIRST ANTI-SKID SYSTEM FOR THE COMPACT CLASS

Volkswagen established the anti-skid system in a compact class (the Golf) for the first time. This refers to the all-wheel-standard Electronic Stability Program ESP, whose computer system intervenes in the braking to prevent under or over steering of the car in extreme situations. After the seat belt and airbag, this anti-skid system is considered to be a vehicle's most important safety system.



2002

THE MOST ECONOMICAL CAR IN THE WORLD

At the beginning of the “noughties”, Volkswagen introduced the 1-litre car as the most economical car in the world. On the Wolfsburg-Hamburg route, the 120 km/h prototype exhibited a sensationally low average consumption of 0.89 litres diesel per 100 kilometres. Just 1.25 metres wide and just over a metre in height, the unpainted technology flagship is made completely of carbon fibre composites. It offers plenty of room for two people and has a 6.5-litre tank.

2012

ONE PLATFORM FOR ALL

The Golf VII is the first Volkswagen to be based on the MQB platform. This modular transverse matrix increases the variability in different types of drives. Future Volkswagen cars thereby have more interior room, improved safety, a lower weight, and more fuel-efficient engines. Alternative drives (natural gas, hybrid, or electric drives) can also be installed in an identical mounting position in the MQB.



2014

VOLKSWAGENS ARE BECOMING DRIVING COMPUTERS

Wi-fi, 3G internet, Bluetooth, 12-inch display, NVIDIA processor – since 2014, the new generation from Volkswagen has been going full throttle with regard to connectivity. Tablets or smartphones can now network with the Polo, Passat, or Golf. This means drivers and passengers can conveniently connect to various infotainment systems. As of late, you can now use in-car audio streaming services, listen to your favourite songs, or retrieve your private phone list. Navigation information is displayed in real-time, so you always have the best guidance in unfamiliar surroundings and are kept informed about traffic jams, the cheapest petrol stations, and free parking spaces at the same time.

Article taken from Volkswagen Australia's Website: <http://magazine.volkswagen.com.au/innovation-is-our-craft.html>

Coming Events

The runs in *cursive* are runs that are on but are not official club runs. If anyone is interested in going, post on FB and other club members may be interested in joining you.

July

Sunday 2nd Bugs and Buses By the Bay Croudace Bay Park from 9am. We have not organised a meeting time/location however if people are keen we can make plans on FB.

Sunday 2nd Club Meeting Woodbine McDonalds 6pm

Friday 7th Harrys Café de Wheels from 7pm Orange Grove Rd Liverpool

Saturday 8th Cars under the Stars at Sydney Dragway. Please note if you wish to park in the show you need to pre-book your spot via the FB group.

Saturday 15th Goulburn Brewery Cruise. Details to be confirmed.

August

Friday 4th Harrys Café de Wheels from 7pm Orange Grove Rd Liverpool

Saturday 5th August Grange Classic Garage- Flat Four will be the Feature Club for the Month. Leaving Narellan McDonalds at 3:30pm.

Sunday 6th Club meeting Woodbine McDonalds 6pm

Saturday 12th Cars under the Stars at Sydney Dragway. Please note if you wish to park in the show you need to pre-book your spot via the FB group.

September

Friday 1st Harrys Café de Wheels from 7pm Orange Grove Rd Liverpool

Sunday 3rd Club meeting Woodbine McDonalds 6pm

Saturday 9th Cars under the Stars at Sydney Dragway. Please note if you wish to park in the show you need to pre-book your spot via the FB group.

Sunday 10th Kiama Market and Show Day Hosted by the Romans Hot Rod Club. Detailed to be confirmed.

Friday 29th September-Monday 2nd October Old Bar Beach Festival

October

Friday 6th Harrys Café de Wheels from 7pm Orange Grove Rd Liverpool

Saturday 14th Cars under the Stars at Sydney Dragway. Please note if you wish to park in the show you need to pre-book your spot via the FB group.

November

Friday 3rd Harrys Café de Wheels from 7pm Orange Grove Rd Liverpool

Sunday 5th Club meeting Woodbine McDonalds 6pm

Saturday 11th Cars under the Stars at Sydney Dragway. Please note if you wish to park in the show you need to pre-book your spot via the FB group.

Sunday 26th Kiama Market and Show Day Hosted by Flat Four-details to be confirmed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

July

21st Rochelle Fleming

26th Barbara Rae

