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Monthly Club meetings are held at Greyhound Social Club Ltd., 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona, on the third Thursday each month at 7:30 PM. All members and visitors are most welcome.

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# Kira's Kangaroo Cruise Sunday 19 June 2005

8:30 Depart Uncle Leos at The Cross Roads and make our way up to Mt Kiera and take in the views and some morning tea if you're feeling peckish. Wind our way back down the mountain through the picturesque country side and have our second stop at Kiama.

Leave Kiama for lunch at the Berry bowling club and to take in some of the local sites.

Make our way through Berry and wind our way to Kangaroo Valley for another stop. Then home via Mittagong. Raymond (sales@clubvw.org.au)

# A reminder from the Vintage Registrar

Just a short but very important reminder members! If you have a vehicle on HCRS / Historic plates, you must inform me of <u>all</u> your vehicles movements for the following reasons:

- The RTA requires that the Club run a day book registering all "H" plated vehicles movements.
- You have agreed to abide with Club VeeDubs requirements on this subject.
- Should you have an incident involving your "H" plated vehicle and you have not informed the Clubs Vintage Registrar, your insurance could be null and void.
- Should the RTA wish to inspect the clubs day book, and can prove that it is not current, or that certain club members are abusing the privilege of the HCRS system, the club can and will be held in breach of the RTA HCRS regulations, and could if they wished, revoke all "H" plates associated with Club VeeDub.
- Note: All events listed within Zeitschrift are sanctioned by the club's committee **BUT you are still required to notify me of the vehicles movements.**

All I ask members, is that you keep me informed of when you are going out to enjoy your Volkswagen. You can do this by contacting me on 0419-016-392, or e-mail, pmacqueen-ad@pnc.com.au

So enjoy your Volkswagen, I know I do. Peter Macqueen, Vintage Registrar



The Flat 4 Vee-Dub Club would like to extend an invitation to Club Vee-Dub members to have a combined social run to the Sydney Model farm, Luddenham. It is planned that this event would be held on Sunday the 26th of June, with us meeting at the site of the old Liverpool Swimming Pool, Memorial Avenue Liverpool at 9:00 for a 9:30 departure and leisurely drive to Luddenham. The Sydney Society of Model Engineers, Model Farm is located at 869 Luddenham Rd, Luddenham NSW 2745, refer map.

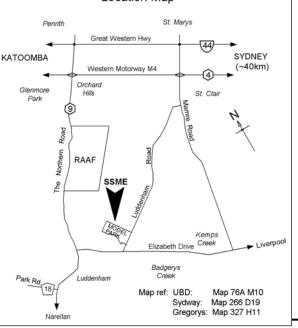
Entry is \$10 per car with the gates opening at 10:00 am, there are the following features at the park:

- LIVE STEAM RAILWAY. There are 2 tracks: a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"/3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"/5" elevated track and a 5"/7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" ground level track.
- GARDEN railway. 45mm gauge.
- HO GAUGE RAILWAY.
- CONTROL LINE AIRCRAFT.
- RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT.
- QUARTER SCALE CARS. These cars use petrol motors and achieve quite high speeds during racing.
- TETHER CARS. Cars with model aircraft type engines which run on a wire cable on a circular track and reach speeds of up to 300kmph!
- SLOT CARS.
- BOAT POND (well a dam actually). Scale boats, yachts etc as well a speed boats use the pond.
  The SYDNEY SOCIETY of MODEL ENGINEERS Location Map

• CLUB HOUSE. A display of models, with a stationary steam section, canteen and gift shop.

If it is raining on the day then we would propose to reschedule to another time.

A Bar-B-Q lunch is planned, our normal practice is to have a \$5:00 per head fee for a sausage sizzle and salad, we would need to know approximate numbers for catering purposes.



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# VW Winter Break 26 — 29 August 2005 Sawtell Beach Caravan Park Lyons Road, Sawtell

02 6653 1379





Plenty of cabins & camping spaces, you make the booking on above phone number directly with the caravan park. Caravan park is walking distance from town centre.

Friday: Evening, Welcome BBQ

Saturday: Morning, Cruise to Lunch destination Afternoon, twilight prawn tasting, \$10 per head BYOD Daytime, Coffs Markets, Beach driving Evening, Dinner in town

Sunday: Car display on Village Green. Beach driving. Swap Meet.

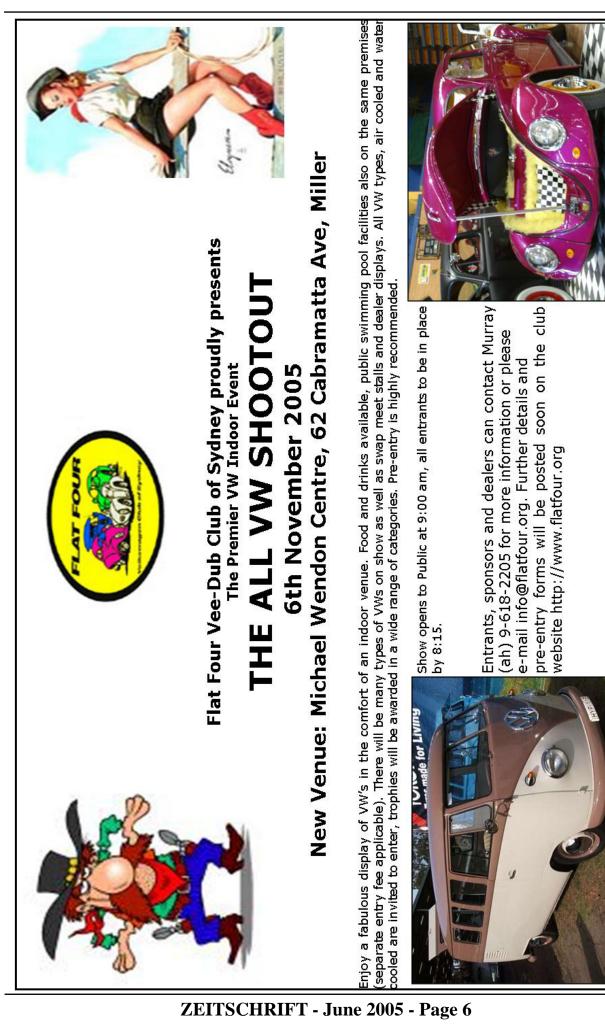
Catch up with your VW friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Participate in activities or just veg out.

Sawtell is on the Mid North Coast, just south of Coffs Harbour. All VW clubs are invited to attend.

Booking Code: ClubVeeDub -

Toll Free number for the park 1800729835 and the web address www.sawtellbeachcaravanpark.com.au



## **Presidents Report**

The July meeting next month, brings us to the AGM once again, where all committee positions will become vacant. Please don't be shy, come along and stand for a position we are always looking for people to help out.

Well I am off to the VW Classic show weekend this coming long weekend, in Los Angeles, and will be back by the time you read this. Leigh & Belinda, Boris & Dorcas, Wayne & Kim are already there, doing the tourist thing for a few weeks as well as taking in ALL the VW shops in and around Los Angeles. We hope to have a full report ready for next month's magazine.

Last months we had our VW Nationals Drag racing event, which had been cancelled over the Easter weekend. Some 35 VW took to the WSID track, making it a pretty good showing for our Club. Several cars had breakages on the day, but we managed to have to 24 odd cars run in the finals, after the lunch break.

This month we have 2 events, full page adverts will advise the start venues and times.

Précis of Committee and General meetings:-VW Nationals Drag Day, Kiras Kangaroo Cruise, Winter Break Sawtell, German Auto Fest Canberra, Club Vee Dub Canberra proposal, Boris Picnic Day, Flat Four Shootout

Please note that all events listed in the Zeitschrift Calendar or on the Club web page are sanctioned by the club and

its Committee.

KeeponKruzin



#### June

**Thursday 16th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. **Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.**  Sunday 19th:- Kira's Kangaroo Cruise 2005. See page 3 for more info.

#### July

**Thursday 7th:-** Magazine cut-off date for articles, letters and 4-sales.

**Thursday 14th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

Thursday 21th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING & AGM at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.

#### August

**Thursday 4th:-** Magazine cut-off date for articles, letters and 4-sales.

**Thursday 11th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

**Thursday 18th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. **Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.** 

**VW Winter Break at Sawtell 26th –30th.** See page 4 for more info

Shannons Eastern Creek Classic. 27th & 28th

#### September:

**Thursday 1st:-** Magazine cut-off date for articles, letters and 4-sales.

**Thursday 8th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

Thursday 15th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY

**MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. **Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.** 

#### 24th and 25th German Auto fest in Canberra

#### **October:**

**Thursday 7th:-** Magazine cut-off date for articles, letters and 4-sales.

**Thursday 14th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

Thursday 21st:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING & AGM at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.

#### November:

**Thursday 3rd:-** Magazine cut-off date for articles, letters and 4-sales.

**Sunday 6th:-** Flat Four Shootout at Liverpool. See page 6 for more info.

**Thursday 10th:-** Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

**Thursday 17th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. **Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.** 

Sunday 27th:- Day of the Volkswagen 2005. Yarra Valley Racing Club Armstrong Grove Yarra Glen. Trade and swap meet entry at 8am. Gates open at 9am. Entry for Show & Shine closes at 11am sharp. Ring Richard on 0418527862

## For Sales & Wanted

Classifieds are free to Club VeeDub Sydney members and \$10.00 for non club members. Ads will appear for two months, longer if requested.

In addition to appearing in the club magazine all ads will be appear on our club website www.clubvw.org.au Photos can be included on the website but not in Zeitschrift. Photos for ads can be posted to or emailed to webmaster@clubvw.org.au

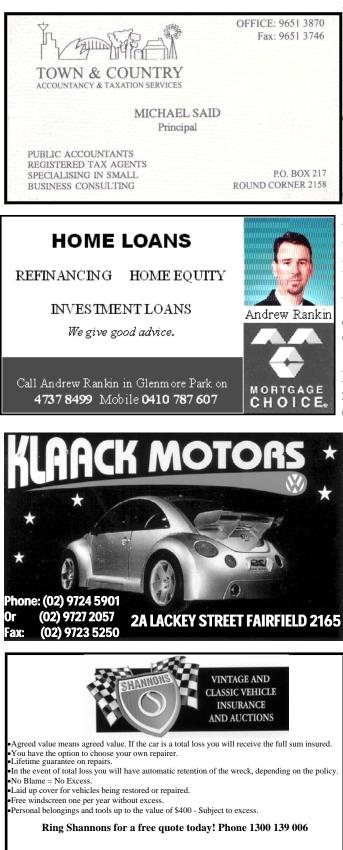
PLEASE NOTE: All classifieds will first appear in our club magazine to give our club members first chance to see them. They will be transferred to the club website on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Non members can post a cheque or money order for \$10.00 to: Club VeeDub Sydney c\- 14 Willoughby Cct Grassmere NSW 2570.

For Sale:- 1973 1600 Beetle. In Tropical Cairns, Far North Queensland, \$6,500 (Negotiable) Immaculate, All Stock Standard, No Modifications, Tinted Windows, New Hood lining and Carpet (Jan 'OS) Roadworthy Certificate, Service Receipts Past 9 Years 6 Months Rego (exp Nov 2005) Contact: Fiona 0428 364 626 or Matt 0409 640 930

**For Sale:- 1997 VW Golf GL,** 2.0 litre, central locking, twin airbags, Automatic, Airconditioning, Power Windows, Immaculate condition, low km's. registered 25/07/05. Regretful sale, first to see will buy, Asking \$9,600.00 ONO contact John on 0408 224 075

For Sale:- I need to sell my prize possession, a 1963 beetle that I have rebuilt from the ground up over a period of 5 years some 6 years ago. This is not an easy thing for me to do. She has been to a few of the V.W national shows and even scored a trophy in 2002. we've done approximately 6000 mile together since she went back to the road in 1999. She has 10 months rego and her trailer has atrox 6 months rego. they must go as a job lot as they were built that way and to split them would not be cool. She must go to a good home that will cherish her as I have. If any of your members can help

# Trade and services directory



me relocate her I will assist in any way I can. I am located in Goulburn and would be happy to travel up to Sydney if any one is genuinely interested. If you can assist me I will send some more piccies to you. At the V.W. nats this year I was asking \$8500 for her but was contacted only by tyre kickers and would-be's-if-could-be's. Price is very negotiable at present due to tightening budgets and a baby due in aproxx 5 and a half months. Call Jeffrey Dine 0419611244 or email d.ennis@optusnet.com.au

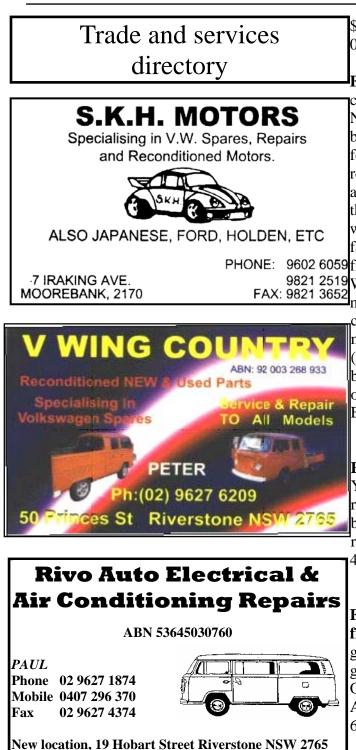
For sale:- 1968 VW Beetle semi auto floor pan as complete rolling chassis (body shell with doors & windows thrown in for free) Completely stripped back for easy inspection \$900.00 ono Will deliver Sydney metro for \$50.00 Contact; Uch Mobile: 0418269834 Work : 02 93163174 Located in Picton NSW area.

Wrecking:- 1963 split window Kombi no seats or motor. Speak to Matt on: BH 9540-7402 AH 9523-1371

For Sale:- My 1964 Bug is reluctantly offered for sale (my wife has just bought a family car!). purchased from Originally Australian Volkswagen Performance centre, it has travelled only 6443 Km since rebuild. It features rose pearl on black duco, full body kit, customised interior (red on grey) with full instrumentation, worked motor, modified suspension, front disc brakes, alarm, front seat belts front and rear, stereo, 12 volt electrics, chrome 2 piece wheels (245 front 265 rear). This bug has great looks, performance and handling and is registered to September 2005 (Victoria ONK 245). I am 2A LACKEY STREET FAIRFIELD 2165 asking \$10,000 (neg.) for my wonderful bug. Please contact Alastair or Rhonda on (03)

97861120 or, 0439 861 120 (me), 0407 054 482 (Rhonda) or via email alastairwood@bigpond.com

For Sale: 1991 Dual cab VW Transporters, 3.3ltr Subaru 4 cam 24 valve boxer motor professionally fitted. Automatic with trans cooler, air and pwr steer, CD radio, rear step bar with tow bar, front nudge bar, driving lights, Caravel dash and seats, 15" rims Pirelli tyres, white in colour, rear vinyl cover Removable carry bars. 1st place: 2003 & 2005 best modified T3 Kombi VW Nationals car show. Asking



# Wanted

Your add in this space. The cost for 11 months is \$110, this does not include the annual

VW Nationals program. Contact Steve on (02) 9153 6782 \$25,500 ONO please contact Michael on 0411.512380 email michaelm@milcom.com.au

**For Sale:- 1972 Type 3 Squareback**, 1600 dual carb engine, runs but rough (carbies need work) New exhaust J-tubes and muffler, Replaced all bushes, ball-joints, tie-rod ends, bump-stops, etc for front suspension (steering box needs replacing) Front beam is in good condition, Have all bushes for rear suspension but have not fitted them, Body is rust free except for grill under windscreen to airbox (leaks into car) Interior in fair condition, have carpets (2nd hand) but not PHONE: 9602 6059 fitted, Cargo rubber mat in good condition,

9821 2519 Weber 34ICH (manual chokes) carbies and extra X: 9821 3652

manifolds (came off working Type 3) Spare cooling fan bellows, 2x spare engine hanging mounts, Spare air box with blower motor (unknown condition) Ideal for restoration due to body condition. Rego till 18th June 2005. \$1000 or offer. Contact Matt at home (02) 9877 6847 or Email: super1302@iprimus.com.au

**For Sale:- 1964 Type 3 Notch Back,** Buttercup Yellow, converted to 12 volt, dash and interior restored, 5 new tyres, paint job 7 years old, 2 bumps on body, 7 months rego, runs well, reluctant sale \$4,500 ono. Call Michelle on (02) 4951-3993."

**For Sale:- Type 1 swing axle gearbox (no axles fitted)** 4.125 final drive, Berg 3.1 Ist gear, 1.93 second, Albins .93 third, and .7 fourth gear. This relates to 110 KPH @ 2850 RPM. Other Berg internals, built by VW Specialist. Asking \$1800.00 ONO Please contact Rod on 03 64 24 4328 Tasmania

**For sale:- Help me clean out my garage,** 1965 VW 1300 floor pan, suspension, steering & brakes overhauled, 6 spare rims painted and ready for tyres (polar white). 1600 reconditioned motor fitted & spare 1300 dismantled for inspection. Straight body ready to do, minimal rust, extra windscreen, glass and body parts asking \$2000.00 ONO please contact bob on 02 49 96 4601

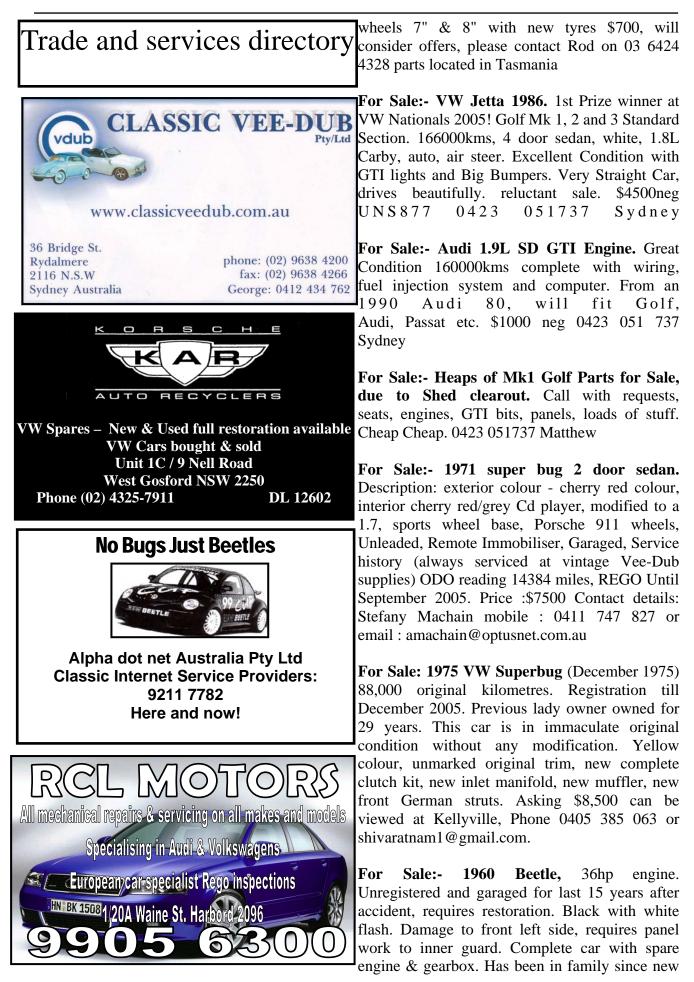
**For Sale:- 1975 VW Superbug,** last registered in 2000, two owners since new, Very little rust, minor panel damage, flipper blue. Asking

\$1000.00 or first realistic offer. Please contact Trade and services directory Pam on 9521 6110 or 0407 509 360

or



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and would like to find enthusiast willing to restore. \$900. Call on Mel 0425 207 682

For Sale:- Audi A3 Turbo, 2005 Nationals trophy winner, only done 55,000 kms, immaculate condition. Alarm, Cruise Control, Remote Central Locking, Climate Control, etc. See photos on the Nationals web site and details on m y web page at; http:// members.ozemail.com.au/~pjlander/carsales.htm Email plander@optusnet.com.au or call. Phill (02) 9774 3298

For Sale:- 1965 VW Beetle, In very good condition and runs well, Pearl White Exterior. Tan brown interior, new carpets. 1500cc Single Port engine. Drums all round with overhauled brake lines. Excellent base for restoration or a daily driver. Very good example for its age. Previously on vintage plates. Asking \$4600 Negotiable. (VW-065, plates included for the right offer) Call Hany on 0412 080 864 or email to saleeb@bigpond.com

For sale:- 1975 Volkswagen Passat Station Wagon, good original interior, second owner. Resprayed in 2 pack Yellow. Good tyres, 15` Mag Wheels ,Lowered Springs and Shocks all round. Manual, Audi SD 1.9L Motor, Tinted Windows, Pioneer Stereo, Central Locking. Front brake discs recently replaced. Excellent condition 12 Months Rego. Great for a first car or VW enthusiast. Asking \$3500. Contact Darren 0404491316 or 0297266809.

**For sale 1971 single cab Kombi,** clean straight body, very original and in good running condition. \$3500 neg. Ph James 0401 077309. To view in Canberra. Email me at james.hope@countryenergy.com.au for detailed electronic photographs.

For Sale:- 1960 Beetle, complete from bumper to bumper. Chassis # 3121102 Engine # 534906 1200cc= 40hp. Faded Light Blue colour with some sunburn to roof. Very solid NSW country vehicle, last registered 1993. Very solid & original, no rust in pan, floor or heater channels. Very little work to get re-registered. Asking \$1,750 ono. Vehicle available mid May. E-mail photo's available. Ph; Peter 0419-016-392. For Sale:- Rare Australian 1963 T2 Single cab high top ute, no motor, no cabin seats otherwise complete. Extremely good project vehicle. Chassis # 1098271 available now asking \$4,500. E-mail photo's available Ph: Peter 0419-016-392

For Sale:- My beloved Splitty bus. 1966 Ex Australian Army Microbus, registered on "H" plates. Fresh 1600cc single port with less than 2000km since being built. Unique vehicle lost of history. Mechanically perfect, needs finishing to panel and paint, and headlining. Can provide missing middle seat if required. Asking \$9,000 ono. E-mail photo's available. Ph: Peter 0419-016-392

**For Sale:- VW Superbug Convertible,** recently reupholstered, new paint, Fuchs alloys, flared guards, runs well and registered until Dec05, rarely driven in excellent all round condition asking \$5,000.00 ONO please contact Darron Blake on 02 9636 2956

For Sale:- 2000 Volkswagen Polo A03 16V. First Registered May 2001, 51,100kms, 1 lady owner Registered to May 2006. Reg No: AKH93S **4** Speed Automatic 15in Alloy Wheels Adjustable Steering Column Airbags – Driver & Passenger Air Conditioning **Body Colour Bumpers CD** Player Central Locking Front Fog Lamps **Intermittent Wipers** Power Door Mirrors Power Windows (front) **Power Steering** Tacho Window Tinting Winner of Best Daily Driver in its class at '05 VW Nationals. \$14,950

Reason for selling:- no longer needed as just completed total restoration on VW Beetle Cabriolet Phone: Chris on 0409 659 118 **For Sale:- New Autolinea aluminium Type 1 case.** Brand new still in box. \$750. Phone Rudi on 0418 442953.

**For Sale:- 1968 1500 Beetle,** white tinter 2 Pac paint, Saas seats, re-trimmed interior by Rod Penrose, 2165 cc motor (94x78), Kadron carbs, 125 cam, 42x38 valve heads, custom exhaust, chrome moly pushrods, ratio rockers, built by Rod Penrose, super diff, 16 inch 6&7 inch Fuchs wheels, drilled front rotors, new master cylinder and slave cylinders, 12 months rego. Car is located in Sutherland Shire, \$12,000 ONO. Call Michael 0419 460 886

**For Sale:- 2 X Racing Harnesses, ERG brand,** SFI approved, 5 point with 3 inch web. Date stamped January 2003. \$50 each. Contact UCH 02 9316 3174 bh

Wanted:- VW Kombi glovebox Owner's Guide. My Kombi is a 1974, so I would prefer that particular year (August 1973). My current one is the wrong year, and some of the pages are stuck together (don't ask me how). I've been watching EBay but they don't come up very often. If you have one, give me a ring. Phil, 0412 786339.

**For Sale:- House to suit car enthusiast. Picton \$599,000,** in popular Green Hills Estate. Three Bedroom residence located on a superb 7740m2 (1.9 acre) parcel. three way bathroom, s/s heater, single garage under roof, larger truck shed approximately 12m x 20 m with high opening roller doors three phase power, halogen lights, 10 ton hoist, 20m x 40m dressage area provision, steel fencing, horse yard, located in popular Kent Road. This property is ideal for a horse owner, car enthusiast, truck owner or tradesman. Make your appointment to inspect. Call Ray White Picton 02 4677 1302 or email: picton.nsw@raywhite.com

# Give it the flick

Some of your readers may have noticed a picture of a brown & orange Beetle in the May 2005 issue of VW Australia.

The picture was the opening to an article on

"Beetles can Rally " Although a fine picture even if I must say so myself it was taken out of context. By that I mean it was the 2nd shot in a series of 5 taken during the Airport Caltex Starmart Rally, which I competed in October 2004.

The series of shots exemplifies what is termed in rallying as 'The Scandinavian Flick " As the name implies it was first developed as a rally cornering technique by the Scandinavians in the 60's

Rano Altonen in Mini Coopers & Stig Blomquist in Skodas perfected this method of cornering in the muddy & snow filled Scandinavian forest.

These small & nibble front wheel drive cars were ideally suited to being thrown into a corner whilst using the handbrake to unstable the car and to help negotiate the turn.

In the 70's the likes of Ari Vartenen in BDA powered Ford Escorts would set the forests alight with these front engined 250 BHP rear wheel drive cars revving to 13,000RPM being flicked into corners using the same hand brake technique and driven to the exit of the corner fully side ways like a modern day sprint car

So you may ask yourself has does a rear engined Beetle with no where near the horse power of a BDA Escort lend itself to being given the flick. Easy, the things handle like they are out of this world. A stiff suspension set up to the rear and a slightly softer set up to the front, give it the right amount of flick, and the right amount of brake bias on the handbrake and around she will go. You don't even need to have a hydraulic hand brake to get the desired effect.

How do you do it?

Firstly don't try this at home, well not if you live in the burbs.

Find yourself a nice wide dirt road, with only small things to hit if it all goes wrong.

At the end of the road you will need as a minimum a 90-degree bend.

Accelerate to the end of the road and when you are about 70 metres from the corner start weaving the steering wheel from side to side to

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make the car unstable.

By the 30-metre mark you should have decelerated via the gearbox & brakes and be in at least 2nd gear.



Making sure you are pointing the car in the direction of the apex of the corner pull on the hand brake & de clutch.

Once you make the apex of the corner release the handbrake (best done if you tape the release button in) engage the clutch and now apply full throttle until you have reached the exist point of the corner.

Why do it?

Done right it's the quickest way through a corner It's the quickest way to turn a car around Keeps the momentum of the car up The spectators love it, It makes for great pics!

If you would like to see more my next event is on the 25th June in Canberra. Its starts at the Uriarra Settlement located of Brindabella Road west of Canberra. The event is the "Snap on Tools Total Traction Services Rally " it's an all daylight event with 120 klm of competitive stages details can be found on www.bmsc.com.au

Come and cheer the Beetle on, I'm sure you wont be embarrassed to wave the white & blue

Doin' it sideways

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# TE DY DEPARTMENT

By now those of you who know me well would also know that while I am out of town on business or pleasure, there is no stopping me visiting the odd hobby or toy shop, in fact there is no town, city or country that I have ventured in the past 20 years and not sourced out the local











#### hobby shop.

Usually there is a hidden agenda in the lead up, but the rest of the family are pretty much on to it a lot sooner these days.

Recently while on business on the central coast I came across a unique diecast model shop. So if you are ever in the area look up Past & Present Model Cars.

Owner Terry Quinlan would will be most obliging in assisting you source out any diecast model car you may be after.

Past & Present Model Cars can be contacted on 02 43891501 or ppmc@kooee.com.au They are situated at 7 Cara St Killarney Vale NSW; trust me you will have look them up in the street

#### directory.

This month I would like to report on two new Matchbox releases the first being the No 41 yellow beetle taxi and the other a new beetle convertible in white.

Also this month I will leave you with some images of some Majorette kombis. These kombis are 1/60 scale which is a little larger that the tomica or Matchbox series.

The down side to these models was the poor suspension, you would be very lucky to find any in as good condition these.

You will notice slight variations in some models such as different wheels, different colored windows, or even the police beacon being a different colour.

Tony Bezzina

## **Beauty, Narelle**

Life in the Kombi, by Kaz...

#### "DEAD CLUTCH & OTHER STUFF"

I'd love to tell you all about my fantastic, brand new, second-hand Kombi... but she died.

I had waited my whole life for one of those "live in it if you want to because they look so cool" kind of cars, and finally got around to buying one, just a couple of months ago. Money hard earned, but very lovingly spent.

I was infected with the VW bug by relatives who visited from Holland when I was a child. They went on an around-Australia tour in their sparkly, new orange Kombi camper, which they'd brought around to show the family first. It was love at first sight for me. Sadly, that was over 20 years ago, but I did finally get around to purchasing my own camper's-dream car, and I lovingly christened her "Beauty, Narelle!" (Narelle for short. Long story) A lifetime dream was realised.... So I visited the 'Nationals' on Easter long weekend '05, joined Club VeeDub and decided to become totally immersed in the daily happenings of being a real VW driver at long last. Just what I'd always dreamed of. Even the guys at Klaack's said I'd bought a fantastic specimen – I was so proud of my purchase!

I wanted to submit stories to Zeitschrift of wonderful short weekends away; the funny things about my car I was sure others could relate to ("where's the tarp" & "oh, here it is" & "where the hell are the poles for it?" etc); swap stories, camping tips, funnies, fun stuff and the rest.

But Narelle just died.

So I'm not sure where I stand right now.

Actually, I'm standing on the street, looking at my beautiful bus that smells of burnt clutch and seems totally helpless.

I guess life is just 'like that' with an older VeeDub...Sometimes.

Narelle's parked outside my friend's house at the moment. She's been there since Sunday afternoon (today's Thursday). She's not going anywhere anytime soon, although I find solace in the fact that she has a friend in the neighbourhood!

Just a few doors down from where Narelle decided to permanently park herself, there's another Kombi, which has been there since Monday. We're calling him Barry. He's orange. He's still there for no apparent reason. Maybe he died too?

I'm hoping my insurance agency will be 'nice' to me about towing Narelle from south-west Sydney to Klaack's, but just in case, I'm very thankful to have a very good & quite forgiving towing company on my client database!

Stories about my newly discovered Life-with-Narelle-the-Kombi will be written up, for general amusement for all, soon. In the meantime, she's not going anywhere. Except to the mechanics' place on Tuesday.

I love my Kombi. I even love her with no clutch! There's never a dull moment with an old VeeDub, is there?

# 100 Millionth Volkswagen Leaves The Assembly Line

Wolfsburg, 24. May 2005 - The 100 millionth vehicle bearing the VW badge, a 1.91 TDI Touran in reflex silver metallic, came off the assembly line in Wolfsburg today.

"Our past success is above all the achievement of our employees, combined with the diversity of our production plants. With their experience, we can master current start-ups and their creative ideas shape our future innovative products and processes," commented a delighted Reinhard Jung, Member of the Volkswagen Brand Board of Management responsible for production.

Volkswagen's success began with the now legendary Beetle. 1,800 Beetles were produced in 1945. Production steadily increased, and only five years later the 100,000th Volkswagen in the Beetle and Transporter T1 series had already left the assembly line.

The model range continued to grow. Seven Beetle models and a total of five Golf generations are milestones in this development. 21.5 million Beetles, 23 million Golfs and 13 million Passats, as well as 9 million Polos, are further confirmation of success. In 2002, Golf production overtook Beetle production figures and set a new record for the Volkswagen brand.

Production in Wolfsburg began in 1945 with the



Beetle. New Volkswagen plants were built to meet the expanding range: Volkswagen do Brazil was established in 1953, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles in Hanover in 1955, Volkswagen of South Africa in 1956 and the Kassel plant was founded in 1957. Volkswagen de Mexico and the Emden plant were added in 1964.

Six years later, the Salzgitter plant was built, followed a decade later by the Volkswagen Argentina production facility. The mid-1980s saw the first joint venture in China, Shanghai Volkswagen (1985), with the second, FAW in Changchun, following in 1991. In Europe, Volkswagen set up production plants in the 1990s in Poland (Poznan 1993, Polkowice 1998), Slovakia (Bratislava 1991, Martin 2000) and Saxony (Mosel 1990, Dresden 1998 and Stollberg 2003).

Volkswagen now builds vehicles all over the world at plants in Wolfsburg, Emden, Hanover, Mosel, Brussels, Pamplona, Bratislava, Palmela, Poznan, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, South Africa and China.

Model components and engines are delivered by Volkswagen plants in Braunschweig, Salzgitter,



Chemnitz, Polkowice and Martin. 270 petrol and diesel engine variants are built at the Salzgitter plant.

Customers can now choose from a range of 41 models spanning the Lupo to busses and trucks.

In 2004, Volkswagen delivered 3.064 million vehicles to customers in more than 150 countries around the world (2003: 3.075 million). The Volkswagen brand has a global workforce of over 133,000.

Volkswagen vehicles offer customers leadingedge technology, discerning design and the highest quality in almost every segment of the automobile market. The range includes models such as the Golf, the Passat, the Lupo and Polo compact cars and the Phaeton and Touareg top class vehicles.

# 2006 Face lifted New Beetle - First Photos

Volkswagen of America, Inc. revealed its "new" New Beetle and New Beetle convertible which has a subtle but stylish new look that fashionably updates, yet maintains, the core emotional appeal of the iconic New Beetle design, first launched in 1998.

The 2006 New Beetle and the convertible will be launched in September of this year and will come standard with a more powerful new 2.5 litre, five-cylinder engine that creates 150 horsepower (versus the four-cylinder, 2.0 litre that created 115 hp). Another significant technical update is standard traction control with Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP).

Styling changes for the 2006 New Beetle include bolder, slightly sharper bodylines, especially at the wheel wells and bumpers that are tailored for a more modern overall impression. New details include a larger, more oval headlight treatment, new taillights, and new bumper designs; inside, the freshening involves a new instrument cluster design with chrome applications to the instruments and also the air vents.



Volkswagen said it will release more details on the 2006 models later this summer. The automaker showed the 2006 New Beetle in conjunction with its 50th anniversary as a subsidiary in the U.S.

# VW diesel engine 'too torquey' say environmentalists

Environmental agencies have issued a warning to Volkswagen this week following news of an experimental diesel engine, which is alleged to be 'too torquey'. Some bloke from Greenpeace was just one of those adding blather to the whinge pile: "If reports are true, this new engine could have dire global implications." he said, "We understand that this latest development has so much torque that any car it's fitted to will remain static and the entire earth will be rotated underneath it. That could be disastrous, especially if two cars so equipped want to drive in different directions or something."

A VW person was quick to rebuff these claims: "It is true that we have a development of our Some torque, yesterday new V10 twin-turbo PD TDi but this is purely experimental. Frankly we can't shift out of first yet without knackering the gearbox. Mind you, we might just leave it in sixth and let the torque do the work." If the engine were to enter production it's sure to be popular with economy fiends, offering a potential 593mpg on the combined cycle. "Bugger" said a spokesman for OPEC.

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