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### **Club Vee Dub Sydney Presents**

# Horizontally opposed Day.



Sunday 19th February 2006. Begins @ 8:30am & finishes at approx 12pm at lunch venue. All kids are welcome.

Navigate your way down the coast on the newly re-opened coast road. The rest is going to be a seat of your pants navigational run with clues and objects to be collected along the way.

A chance for a group get together and social, as we wind our way down the south coast past Wollongong. The navigation run will begin at 8:30am at Carss Park Pool. Each car will leave at 2 minute intervals. Points will be awarded along the way for correct answers to questions on the navigation sheet and items collected. Navigational run to finish at BC with lunch. The Jowett Car Club of NSW will also be attendance with their own air cooled vehicles.



Contact person: Leigh & Belinda

9533 3192 or 0419 685 738





## **Editors Report**

Dave is unable to write his presidents report this month as he's at home convalescing from an old shrapnel wound he received while flying a resonance mission over the western front, that's all lies, but if you buy him a beer I'm sure he will tell you all the gory details.

Dave asked me to mention the upcoming club Christmas party at the Greyhound Social Club. If you have any gifts for the Christmas raffle, please wrap them and bring them along. Please come along and say hi and have some Christmas cheer.

Steve

## Canberra Report

G'day from Canberra, hoping you are all getting ready for some holidays with friends and family.

Sunday 20 November saw the annual Marques In The Park event, a large car show held in Belconnen, ACT, where all makes of cars, trucks, etc are invited to display their models to the public. We had a few interested dubbers and attended, was a great day! Pictures attached are of our cars and some other VWs we spotted elsewhere in the park. Definitely time for the sun cream and insect repellent!

One of the interesting cars in the crowd looked to be (from a distance) a type 3 Notch. However something didn't look right and we investigated. Martin found that the car was, in fact, a BMW 700, built in 1964 (made from 1959 apparently). The lines were very close to a Notch and it also has the rear boxer motor! Picture attached.

Not much else happening here in the capital, we're considering a cruise and BBQ on Australia Day.

We'd love to hear from Canberra members

and get your ideas on events. There is an A C T V W f o r u m a t www.smonson.com/vwclub/forum, login and talk dub stuff!

We have a local webpage located at www.classicvw.net/club.

On behalf of the Canberra committee (Steve, Dimitris, Mark and myself), we'd like to wish all a Merry Christmas and please watch the roads if you're travelling.

Thanks to Martin for some of the attached pictures.

Bruce









Martin's 59 Bug Previous page the BMW700 that looks



Notchish from a distance A gorgeous convertible beetle from elsewhere



A Formula V racer from another display



in the display.



Golf - Steve's Golf GTI

### November:



Bruce's 61 Buggy Marks dual cab Kombi

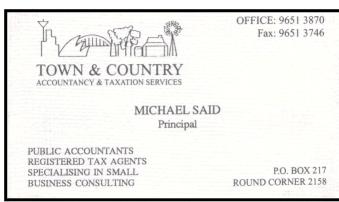
Thursday 17th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.

Club Calendar

**Sunday 20th:- Marques in the Park,** see page 3 for more info.

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





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**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 Christmas 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. This month is the special Christmas meeting. Food and drink will be provided. Come along and join in the festivities! Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.

### January:

Andrew Rankin

MORTGAGE

CHOICE

**Thursday 5th:- Magazine cut-off date** for articles, letters and 4-sales.

Thursday 12th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

Thursday 19th:- CLUB VW XMAS 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.



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Sunday 12th:- Annual 2006 Euro Day at New Lambton park, Newcastle. More info at http://dnvk.tk/

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:- Horizontally opposed Day.** See page 3 for more info.

### March:

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Thursday 16th:- CLUB VW XMAS 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.

### April:

Thursday 6th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, (one week early because of Easter) 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

15th & 16th: - 2006 VW Nationals.

Thursday 20th:- 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.

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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 show quality 14 Willoughby Cct Grassmere NSW 2570.

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My details Richard Scott Auckland, NZ Tel 64-9-486-2497 Cell 021-1885-464



## Trade and services directory For Sale:- Parts for a Golf 1999 Mark 4 GTI

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Call Barry 0414482346 Cell phone.

**For Sale:- 1959 Beetle-Original-** No Rust- on Club Plates-36hp- 6 volt- \$4,500.00. Genuine Buyers Only. Phone Caro 0427 311 047

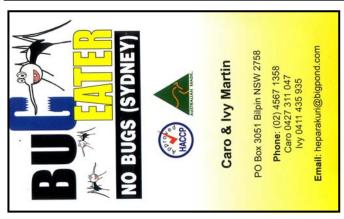
**For Sale:- 1968 Beetle Reg.** till June 2006, BUG68A \$4,200.00 or reasonable offer. Phone Caro 0427 311 047

For Sale:- Mark 2 Golf GT, Rare imported 2 door, with sunroof and air-conditioning, power steering, 8-valve engine on Microtec. Fully adjustable suspension, 15"alloy wheels, new exhaust, CD and MP3 player in excellent condition. Asking \$9000.00 phone Alex on 0403 341 993

For Sale:- 1991 Dual cab VW Transporters, 3.3ltr Subaru 4 cam 24 valve boxer motor.12 months rego 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, rear vinyl cover Removable carry bars. 1st place: 2003 & 2005 best modified T3 Kombi VW Nationals car show. Asking \$19.500 ONO please contact Michael on 02.9949 1176 email millnerm@Bigpond.net.au

For Sale:- Original 04/1971 Superbug. Rego. BUG-71W Honey brown colour with black interior. Always garaged when not in use. Fuel star fitted to run on regular unleaded petrol. Has been run only on premium unleaded. Excellent fuel economy. New original muffler with stainless steel tail pipes. Recently rechromed rear bumper. Body in excellent





condition. Reconditioned engine in excellent condition. Regularly serviced at Klaack Motors. New carburettor. New clutch plate. Good tyres 4 +1 spare. 12 Volt electrics. New halogen headlights. Electric windscreen washer. New retractable front seat belts. Very clean interior. All rubbers in good condition, new rear window rubber. No leaks. Personalised number plate that does not attract an annual fee will be sold with the car. Service history and receipts available. Not much work left to bring it to showroom condition. This old girl is my faithful daily driver and has NEVER skipped a beat. She has carried my pregnant wife all the way to the hospital when our first baby was due. Although it makes me very sad to have to part with her company, it would be comforting to see her go to a good owner who will do her the justice she deserves by restoring her to her former glory. Her registration is due in December 05 and my asking price of \$7,000.00 is negotiable.

Please call Daniel at 0404-089-628. This vehicle is currently garaged at Marayong NSW.

For Sale:- Audi Fox 1975 1600cc 4cyl, 4sp man, 78,000km. Unregistered. A1 mechanics, Good Body. C/w 3 spare panels, 1 rear bumper and many rare extras. Car features include twin barrel Holly carb, re-fibreglassed dash, driving lights, air horn, Sony 80W front splits. Recent radiator re-core and engine tune. Unique history with car permanently

garaged between 1987 to 1997. Panels include colour coded 2 rear doors, boot lid + rear chrome bumper. Extras include rare badges, steering boss kit, taillights, headlights, bumper lights, spare VDO gauge panel plus much more. Retired since December 2003 as I have another car. Driven 2 months ago up my driveway and still going strong. Only needs new battery, temp gauge replacement and new tyre. A real find for Audi/Passat enthusiasts. Asking \$750 ono. Phone Tim on 0428 525 884

or email tbp79@optusnet.com.au. Blackburn, Victoria."

For Sale:- Type 1 1600 TP engine, low mileage, built in '01; very reliable w/ line bore, all new bearings, P&Cs and heads. Temp sender in sump, oil filter pump. Much life left, removed to make way for bigger displacement mill. Just add clutch & muffler of choice. \$500 Contact Chris in Mt Vic on 4787 1213.

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For Sale:- 1961 Karmann Ghia. 36 H.P. original. complete & unrestored. Last registered 1982. garaged ever since. \$11,000 Phone 02 47842401.or 0438478404.

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**Wanted:- VW original Kombi Campervan Annexe** complete and in good condition.
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For Sale:- My 1964 Bug is reluctantly offered for sale (my wife has just bought a family car!). Originally purchased from Australian Volkswagen Performance centre, it has



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For Sale:- 1968-69 VW Twin Cab Kombi Ute, made in Germany, 1600 twin port engine, 3 month rego Registered in South Australia WBE714 \$3800.00 ono Please contact George on 0417 392 782 Vehicle located in Peterborough South Australia

For Sale:- 1975 1600 L beetle manual, All work done since 2002, bare metal respray, New Beetle Cyber Green, clear tail lights, new exhaust and extractors, new clutch kit, machined flywheel, some chrome accessories, new carpet and headlining, JVC CD Player with 2 x 6 x 9 speakers as well as 2 x 6" speakers, tacho, quick shift, registered until May 2006 with plates ABU-94U reading A bug for U, recently tuned and serviced. In great condition, will be sadly missed asking \$7200.00 ono contact Nicole on 0424 405 402 or email nicole@signaction.com

For Sale:- Beetle 1969-German import for which I have the original birth certificate. Rust free and in excellent condition. Colour is Regatta Blue; fitted with bucket seats, inertia reel seat belts, grey velour interior, Scat door trims. Also features JVC CD player with Pioneer 6x9 speakers custom fitted under rear seats. The car is lowered with adjustable front beam and Z bars at rear, Koni shocks all round. Also fitted with 15x6 front and 15x7 rear "Cookie Cutter" Porsche mags, near new rubber all round and re-chromed bumpers. The car handles very well, originally built as a hill climb car. Gearbox has had synchros replaced and shifts superbly and is mated to a

1600cc twin port motor with extractors. Also features Bosch 009 distributor a new battery and is registered until 6/06. This car is a lot of fun to drive and would make an excellent touring or competition car. Custom number plates, VW-996. Insured with Shannon's for \$7000 will sell for \$6500 ono. Contact Ron on 0402-814-077.

For Sale:- 1973 Volkswagen Doormobile camper, with side hinged extending roof and all other Doormobile unique fittings all in A1 condition, Vehicle is in excellent condition throughout, motor is 1700cc Porsche and runs beautifully. Has travelled approximately 162000 kilometre's since new comes with original receipts. books and manuals. Registration 27 Sep 05, GNY608, \$6500 .00 or ONO Phone 02-4883-9460 Mittagong or Mob 0415-318-544

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For Sale:- New Autolinea aluminium Type 1 case. Brand new still in box. \$750. Phone Rudi on 0418 442953.

## Frankfurt To Wolfsburg In A Golf V TDI



A Day Trip To Autostadt

By: Anthony Garbis

I awoke at 8:00 am on Tuesday, July 24th, 2005 to the sound of my cell phone alarm. I quickly jumped out of bed, as the day when I get to drive the autobahn and see the Volkswagen headquarters had finally arrived!

"Hannah! Get up! We're going to Wolfsburg!" I said with extreme Volkswagendork enthusiasm. She retorted with a subtle, slightly muffled, "Ugghhhh...."

After a morning shower and some overpriced scones and juice at the hotel restaurant, we got down to the parking garage by 9:30 am. The night before, the concierge printed out driving directions for me, albeit in German. "No worries, it's very easy. Take A5 to A7 to A39." The directions indicated a distance of 233 miles from Frankfurt to Wolfsburg, and a driving time of 3 hours and 47 minutes.





While in the garage, we drove around for about 5 minutes trying to find the exit. Once we found the exit, I forgot that I was supposed to have the parking ticket validated first. So I drove around for another 5 minutes trying to find where the booth to pay was, but I couldn't find one. Sure enough, back upstairs right next to the elevator was the payment machine. I must have missed this due to my excitement about finally going to Wolfsburg. After we got out of the garage and onto the road, our trip started at 9:45 am slightly later than I had wanted.



Once on the road, the signs and directions were a bit confusing. I had a bad feeling that we were going to get very, very lost. Our Golf V TDI was equipped with a Blaupunkt TravelPilot, but it said the navigation wasn't installed. Luckily we found a navigation disk in the glove box, flipped down the screen, put it in, and sure enough the navigation started to work. One problem was now solved! The other problem was switching the navigation from Spanish to English. After about 10 minutes of fiddling, we were able to switch to a Blaupunkt indicated "American", and the nice lady on the navigation then spoke in "miles" and "feet" - it was quite nice. We





plugged in "Wolfsburg," it calculated the route, and we were golden.

Once we got out of the Frankfurt vicinity, the 120 km/h speed limit was removed and the roads opened up. This was my first time ever driving a TDI, and I have to say I was rather impressed. The engine is smooth at speed and has plenty of pull. For the most part, we were cruising around 160 km/h (100 mph), but once, downhill with a slight tailwind, the car showed a speedometer indicated 206 km/h (129 mph). Even at these speeds, in a base model Golf, the car was completely controlled. The change from the Golf IV (of which I've had three) to the Golf V is like driving a completely different car.

In the middle of our trip, we hit a lot of construction traffic. In construction zones, the speed limit drops to 80 km/h (50 mph), and unlike driving in the States, people actually obey the speed limits – wow. The road went down to one lane, and after about a 20-minute hold up, we cleared the construction and continued on our way.

When we were within 80 km of Wolfsburg, the weather gods decided it would be a nice time to rain, just like it had for the past five days we were in Germany. We arrived in Wolfsburg at 1:00 pm and followed the signs to AutoStadt. While driving into the city, you pass the enormous Volkswagen factory on your left. AutoStadt is at the end of the factory, across from the Volkswagen Arena. The sheer size of AutoStadt, and the fact that all the signs were in German, made it hard to figure out where to park. Of course, I ended

up parking in the farthest parking lot away from the entrance. And it was still raining. And the subsequent whining began.

After a 10-minute leisurely stroll in the rain, we arrived at the main building where you get your admissions card. We were hungry, so we decided to eat first, as the admissions building also houses the dining centres. When you walk in, you are given a dining card. The lady who gave us the card then proceeded to speak in German, presumably telling us how to use the card, and of course I had no clue what she was saying. So, I gave her the I have no clue what you're saying but I'll act as if I do because I don't want to be a tourist and ask if you speak English head nod, and we proceeded on our merry way. Essentially, you order your food, they swipe your card, and you pay when you leave; this reminded me of D-Hall in college, but with considerably better food.

After lunch, we proceeded to the admissions desk, and 28 euros later we had our two admission cards. We were given a map and told to go outside and turn left (this time in English!) and start there.

AutoStadt consists of an automotive museum, and then each Volkswagen brand exhibit (Bentley, Lamborghini, SEAT, Skoda, Audi, and Volkswagen). We started at the museum, and when you walk in the museum there is an escalator that goes to the 4th floor, and then next to it there are stairs that stop off at each level. Not knowing what to do, we took the stairs and went to the 2nd floor. When we were walking around, we realized we were always going in the opposite direction of





everyone else. Then we figured out that we were supposed to take the escalator to the top floor and work our way down. But no - we were the two Americans that were constantly walking against the crowd of people.

After spending about an hour in the museum, we had to move on to the brand exhibits. The rental car had to be returned by 8:00 pm, and by this time it was already 2:45. Because of the time constraint, we decided to skip SEAT, Skoda and Bentley, and hit Audi, Lamborghini, and Volkswagen.

I was expecting to see more cars while in the exhibits, but that wasn't the case. The Audi exhibit catered to their image of having "The Technological Edge", as the exhibit tried to be futuristic or ahead of the curve, whatever the curve may be. At the top level, there was a LeMans video with one of their Audi LeMans cars in front of the screen.

The Lamborghini exhibit runs every 30 minutes during normal business hours, and we were lucky enough to just make the next showing. The building is a relatively narrow black rectangle that is three stories tall. You enter on the mid level, and it is fairly dark inside. In front of you when you walk in there is a Murcielago mounted to the wall. Before the show starts, an announcer comes in and says something for about two minutes in German, and then the show starts. It's not much of a show other than some lighting and fog effects and the sound of the engine in the background. Midway through the show, the Lamborghini flips out onto the outside of the building.

Saving the best for last, we went to the Volkswagen exhibit. When you enter the building, all you see is a dome in the middle, with four walkways into it. We managed to piece together that inside the dome is a screen and they show a video, so we waited outside in the chairs until it was our turn to go inside. Once inside, it's almost like being in a planetarium, but instead of looking at stars you get to see Volkswagens (works for me!). They played four small videos, almost like the

BMW films, each about five minutes long. After the films were over, you leave the dome and when exiting, you pass through a room with a special edition Golf V in it.

Once we left the Volkswagen exhibit it was almost 4:00 pm, about time for us to leave. We spent about another 15 minutes in the New Car Delivery Centre, where they had a new Golf GTI, a Fox, Polo, Golf Plus, and a new Passat in the showroom. I spent some time browsing the parts department where they had a plethora of Volkswagen shirts, but I didn't buy any because I was told I had plenty of Volkswagen shirts already.

We hit the road at about 4:15 pm, and conveniently it started to rain again. The navigation put us into Frankfurt at 7:45, just before the 8:00 rental deadline. Fortunately, we didn't hit any traffic at all on the way back and we were able to keep up a good speed and we got into the Frankfurt vicinity in just under three hours. We stopped before the city to get some gas, as the TDI went over 500 miles on one tank at autobahn speeds – very impressive. After a 56-euro (78 USD) fill up (ouch!), we were back on the road and we returned the car at 7:30 pm, 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

After 69 euros for the rental car, 20 euros for lunch, 28 euros for admission, and 56 euros for gas, I had no regrets about the money I just spent. Driving the Autobahn and visiting AutoStadt was everything I thought it would be. The only thing I would do differently would be to rent a Porsche and make sure I had time to do a Volkswagen factory tour. Oh well, there's always next time.





# THE TOY DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the last Toy Department for 2005, thanks again to all the supporters out there, with out you, and the images that come our way we would have not have made it this far, so far this is the 90th edition of the Toy department!

With the release of the new Herbie movie this year there has been much merchandise that has been selling in the US.





For example this remote control split window kombi, it has to the mother of all kombi models in recent times, and in fact the only one I know of that is this big.

How big do you ask? How does 1/6 scale suite you?... Yeap real big.

You can see this model selling on e bay for around \$200 US. But don't get caught with the cost of freight. Due to its weight, it cost you as much to have it sent to you, so research the alternatives.



This model comes in two tone orange/white or lime green/white. There is also a 1/18 scale version also with remote control....check them out

Finally check out this great 1/43 bay kombi from XMO great two tone colour choice as well!

Merry Christmas Tony Bezzina

# The Flat 4 All VW Shootout

A nice sunny day eventuated for the Flat 4's annual Shootout held in Michael Wendon centre at Miller and as usual all their members turned out to help make the day a success. It seemed every time you turned around there was someone in black & yellow doing their rostered task, congratulations to Murray and members on a great day.

The venue was very good with plenty of room between the cars and room for us to setup our tables and chairs, which ended up being the unofficial Club VW rest area.

There was roughly 57 cars up for judging and







Club VW members did very well in regards to Trophies with David Birchall winning several trophies, other wining club members were Meredith Kay, Heather Pascoe, Ken Davis, Matt Raine, Ray & I. Boris won best trade stand.



The star of the show was Wayne Penrose's Mango Dream which had a superb display and won quiet a few trophies and deservedly so.





The swap meet was very good and once again there was plenty of room for sellers to display their goodies and for you to seek out that vital component you've been looking for.

The only downside was the flies, which I'm sure, are immune to Aeroguard and any other insect repellent.

Some of the cars in the car park looked like they should have been in the show but I guess that happens at all car shows.

Shirley

### Club members in photo on front page

Top row. Matt Raine Middle row. Ray & Shirley Pleydon, Ken Davis & Boris Bottom row. Steve Kay, Chris & Heather Pascoe, Dave Birchall, Meredith Kay & Bob Hickman



## Club merchandise

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Members Striped Polo Shirt Without Pocket \$25 or With Pocket \$27

Members Jacquard Polo Shirt With Pocket (S & M Only) \$20

Members Polar Fleece Jacket Standard (XL & XXL) \$40With Zip Off sleeves (XL) \$45

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Sizes and Colours are LIMITED Was \$45 Now \$40 1 x Nationals 05 Polo Shirt +1 x Pre Nat 05 Polo Shirt. LIMITED Stock Was \$17Now \$12 Nationals 05+Pre Nat 05 Mug.

### General

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Hand made coat hook with metal hook (Orange Only) \$15

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Coffee Mug \$10

Set of 4 cork backed Coasters in gift case \$25

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Polo Shirt White or Grey Was \$25 Now \$20 Coffee Mug Was \$7 Now \$5

### Nationals 2003

Polo Shirt White or Grey Was \$25 Now \$15 Coffee Mug Was \$7 Now \$5

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# VW Golf GTI wins award



On the back of what has been a very successful period since the launch in May of the Volkswagen Golf GTI, it has been awarded Australia's Best Car in the category of Best Sports Car Under \$57,000.

This is an outstanding achievement especially given the quality of the competition such as the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IX, Subaru Impreza WRX and the recently launched Mazda MX-5. Australia's Best Car Award judges were especially unified in their praise of the GTI's dynamic ride and handling, level of safety, tasteful design and build quality.

The 2005 Australia's Best Car Awards are conducted by the state based motoring organisations of Australia including the NRMA, RACV, RAA, RACQ, RAC, RACT and NTAA.

## German Premiere For New Volkswagen Race Touareg 2

The new Race Touareg 2, with which Volkswagen will compete in the 2006 Dakar Rally, will be unveiled to the public in Germany at the world's largest exhibition for sports cars and tuning specialists, the Essen Motor Show from 25th November – 4th December, 2005.

When compared to its well-proven

predecessor, the suspension, engine power and visibility of the Race Touareg 2 have been improved. In October at the Rally Portalegre, Portugal the newly developed Touareg completed its successful competition debut by claiming second and third places.

Volkswagen enters five examples of the rally prototype with TDI diesel power, producing almost 275 hp, in the African desert classic, which runs from 31st December to 15th January from Lisbon (Portugal) over a distance of almost 9,500 kilometres to Dakar (Senegal). The five driver-duos will be in Essen to give interviews and sign autographs: In addition to Bruno Saby and Michel Périn, the 2005 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup title winners, the Dakar winner Jutta Kleinschmidt and her co-driver Fabrizia Pons (Germany/Italy), the former World Rally Champion Carlos Sainz together with Andreas Schulz (Spain/Germany), and the cross country rally specialist Giniel de Villiers and Tina Thörner (South Africa/Sweden) and Mark Miller and Dirk von Zitzewitz (USA/ Germany) will attend.

In addition to the main project 'cross country rallying', Volkswagen's talent search programme also takes centre stage in Essen: On Saturday, 26th November, the complete ADAC Volkswagen Polo Cup 2006 starting grid will be presented. The one-make touring car cup is aimed at international 'stars of tomorrow' who are given the opportunity to compete in professional racing for reasonable costs. The technically identical Race-Polos, powered by a 150 hp, 2.0 litre FSI four-cylinder engine, are prepared by a single specialist company and are swapped between





drivers from race to race to ensure performance parity.

## Volkswagen Touareg Experience 360° back from a journey around the world



After travelling 76,451 kilometres, through 26 countries and six continents, one of the most exciting automobile adventures of our time has come to a close: the Touareg experience  $360^{\circ}$  – a journey round the world in the Volkswagen off-road vehicle, Touareg, concluded a few weeks ago.

The Touareg experience 360° was initiated by Volkswagen Marketing for all those who dreamt of great adventures and of travelling through the most fascinating, most beautiful and most spectacular landscapes on the planet. A journey which, if organised privately, would not be easy or even necessarily safe. Therefore, professional globetrotters organised a very special trip round the world within the framework of the Volkswagen experience.

In one of the six 128 kW/174 bhp Touaregs R5 TDI, six guests, two journalists and two experts covered one of a total of thirteen stages of the journey. "The experts and the guests", said Jörn Hinrichs, head of marketing at Volkswagen, "started with perfectly normal – and very talented – Touareg standard-production vehicles. The performance of the

Touareg simply provided the basis for this unique 360° journey round the world." The guests and journalists who had checked in on the journey as world travellers for a limited period changed at the end of each stage. A total of ten nations travelled in the vehicle.

Once on the road, the crews were fully independent of each other: there were no special service vehicles with technical equipment which could have helped in a critical situation. They would not have been needed anyway, as the Touareg proved itself to be an extremely reliable companion. This was a priceless advantage when travelling through some of the most remote, but also most beautiful, places on the planet. The Touareg drivers guided their vehicles through regions between China and Mongolia that have never been driven on a private expedition before by a foreigner from the West. In the Amazon region of South America, the Touareg experience 360° drove through extreme jungle trails. In Bolivia, the Touareg went up to heights of 5,600 metres. The temperature reached 45 degrees in the shade in the Sahara as the journey went through Africa. When the country-specific conditions allowed, the vehicles covered up to 1,300 kilometres in one day.

Each individual stage of the Touareg experience 360° had its own fascinating elements. After the journey from Germany to Alaska, the first stage went through the Rocky Mountains. This was followed by a trip through southwest America to Baja California and then further south. The third stage in the Touareg's logbook was the Transamazonica in South America and then the Andes and the





Atacama Desert. The next group then toured Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

The Touareg 360° experience then changed continent and went to Australia. The trek continued from Sydney into the outback and then through West Australia. The first leg in Asia went, as already indicated, through China and Mongolia, on to the legendary Silk Road and the Himalayas, and then India and Central Africa. The next destinations were the Okavango Delta and the Kalahari Desert. The route from Dakar to Wolfsburg marked the finale of the world tour. The team arrived in Wolfsburg with their six Touaregs on the morning of 29th October.

With the outstanding response of all participants - the tour was open to all those who enjoy travelling - and the reliability displayed by the Touareg, Volkswagen declared the journey round the world to be a resounding success. The main point of emphasis for the initiators was, alongside the reliability test of the vehicle, the vision of creating a space for extraordinary freedom. A journey of this kind through Africa, Asia, America and Australia would have remained a dream for many of the participants without the Touareg experience 360°.

The journey still continues although the world tour is finished. The Volkswagen experience will offer globetrotters a fascinating programme in 2006. The Touareg will, for example, travel to Botswana, China, Morocco, South Africa and Canada. Anyone wanting to travel and experience these great adventures should call the hotline, from outside Germany, on +49+5136+972.2262.

## 2006 Volkswagen Kombi Beach

Volkswagen's new Kombi Beach will strike a familiar note with Volkswagen enthusiasts. This four-seat people mover, based on Volkswagen's T5 Multivan chassis, quickly converts to a day-trip or overnight camper.

Once in place, the Kombi Beach provides seats, a table (with legs for indoor or outdoor use), outdoor chairs and an ingenious roll-away cloth bed to comfortably sleep two people – there's even curtains for privacy and shade.

The fully lined interior features a rail system for the attachment of different soft furnishings and pockets. Net pouches provide flexible storage.

And the ingenious floor-mounted rails allow flexible seating/storage arrangements.

Based on the Multivan chassis, the Kombi Beach provides high levels of comfort and handling thanks to its rigid body shell and new suspension.

Front suspension is McPherson strut while the rear axle features a 'Miniblock' design with separate shock absorbers that are load-dependant to maintain even roadholding even with all the gear on-board for a weekend safari.

Standard features include air-conditioning, swivel seats – driver and front passenger, 2 seater bench (converts to sleeper bed), 16" wheels, dark tinted windows in passenger compartment, central locking, power windows and power mirrors, arm rests on front seats and a multifunction indicator on the dash.

The Volkswagen Kombi Beach will go on sale in Australia in early 2006. It will be available with a 2.5 TDI 96 kW Diesel engine and a six-speed manual gearbox as standard. A six-speed Tiptronic transmission and six-speed manual transmission with 4MOTION are optional.











Heater Pascoe recently celebrated a birthday (it was a big one) and had this Chocolate jaffa cake made. If anyone is interested in having one made they can contact Jo ( Heather & Chris's neighbour and good friend) on 9899 4845 at Thea Cubis Something Special Cakes.

Early Beetle air conditioning

Bruce Walker from the Canberra chapter Christmas light display, a '60 beetle being pulled by 2 reindeer





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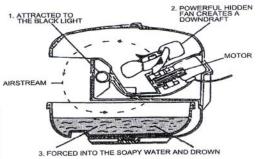
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