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Monthly Club Veedub Sydney meetings are held at the Greyhound Social Club Ltd., 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona, on the third Thursday of each month, from 7:30 pm. All our members, friends and visitors are most welcome.

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Presidents Report

Welcome to Australia's premier Volkswagen event, the VW Nationals 2015.

For the third year Camden GTI is raffling a VW car with all the proceeds going to Sea Shepherd, please buy a ticket to support this worthwhile cause, see page 14 for more information.

The committee and I hope you and your family have an interesting and entertaining day at our show. This is our twenty seventh year, the VW movement seems to be growing stronger every year We have worked very hard to present the best VW car show in Australia.

It's great to see the influx of water-cooled Volkswagens, covering all types and year models from the 70s to the present day. Hopefully these new recruits to the VW show scene will aspire to a bonding of friends similar to what has happened with the air-cooled generations.

The Super Sprint is on once again but this time at the South Circuit, Sydney Motorsport Park in Western Sydney. So no 2 hour drive between venues this year. This should prove entertaining to the public and spectators alike.

I hope our event appeals to you and your family and you become inspired by the display of vehicles and traders over the weekend.

Once again our major sponsors Volkswagen Group of Australia are supporting our club with sponsorship, and several display vehicles will be on show at Fairfield.

In the centre of this program you will find our event listing for the weekend. We thank Fairfield City for the use of their facilities. The complex is ideal for our show as everything is within easy walking distance. Don't forget to purchase your Nationals regalia from the Club Vee Dub Sydney stand in the car show area. While you're there, enjoy the VW movies on the big TV and purchase some raffle tickets in the Nationals raffle.

This year we will again be using the same judging format for the air cooled VWs that we used last year which is a peer judging system which has been in use by the water cooled cars for sometime. The way this will run is by each entrant receiving one judging form, they can vote for a car in each category. air or water cooled. As a trial were going to have a concourse class this year, for standard vehicles only, more details in the centre section of this magazine.

I hope you have a great time at the VW Nationals 2015.

Steve Carter



Canberra Report

Hi everyone, winter is here and so are the Nationals! We're running a VW convoy to the Nationals, watch your email for details and we'd love to have as many people as possible heading over for the show. If you haven't been before you need to get there to take it in. Details of the show are in the magazine and we will let you know the trip details if you want to come along.

We're working towards the German Auto Display in September, at this stage it will be Sunday 20 Sept but this will be confirmed as we get closer to the event. A reminder that we meet on the last Monday of the month, 7.30pm at the Harmonie German Club in Narrabundah. All members are welcome to come along and assist the club.

Bruce





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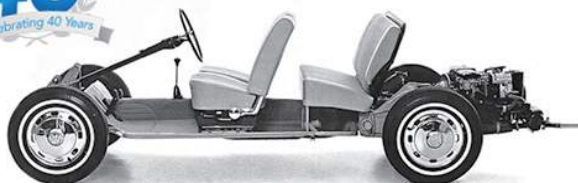
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May.

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Saturday 23rd:- NW Nationals Supersprint at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek (South Circuit). Our first time at this famous track! VW racers wanted, air AND water-cooled. Stock is OK. CAMS licence and helmet required. Phone Rudi Frank on 0418 442 953 for more information.

Sunday 24th:- VW NATIONALS 2015 at Fairfield Showgrounds. Australia's biggest Volkswagen show - 45 show categories, trade stands, swap meet, new VW display, kids' rides, Club shop, German dancing, great food and drink, VW fun all day. Phone David Birchall on (02) 9534 4825 for more info, or see www.clubvw.org.au

Monday 25th:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, at 7:30pm.

June.

Thursday 4th:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

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

Thursday 18st:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING at the Greyhound Social Club, 140

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Saturday 20th:- Bulga Classic Car Show and community fun day at Bulga Recreation Grounds (30 km south of Singleton on the Putty Rd). Classic cars & bikes, market stalls, music, food, wine tasting, art and performance. Club Veedub has been invited to show off our new and classic VWs. Please contact Robert McLaughlin on 0405555901 for more information.

Sunday 28th:- Norm's Fish and Chips Run 2015. Meet at McDonalds M4 Eastern Creek westbound at 9:00am for a 9:30 cruise to historic Valley Heights Railway Museum. See the railway depot, preserved big and model trains, and take a ride on the historic steam tram! Then to Springwood Golf Club for lunch. Trophies for best Air, Water and Commercial VWs, plus raffle and lucky door prizes. A fun family VW day, kids welcome! Phone Norm on 0409 771 822 or email nrobertson46@optusnet.com.au

Monday 29th:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, at 7:30pm.

July.

Thursday 2nd:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

Saturday 4th:- Car Show and Street Party at Bosskraft Resto Shop, 10 Bollard Place Picton. All makes welcome. American-style meals available. From 4pm onwards. Kids movie starts at 6:30pm (don't forget the blankets/chairs/cushions). www.bosskraft.com

Sunday 5th Bugs and Buses by the Bay, see page 32 for more information

Sunday 5th:- Berry Blast From the Past show at Berry Showgrounds. Gates open at 9:00am. \$15 entry, includes an event plaque. Gold coin donation for non-showers for a look around. All funds to Shoalhaven Cancer

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Thursday 9th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

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, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

Monday 29th:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, at 7:30pm.

August.

Thursday 6th:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

Thursday 13th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

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, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th:- VW Winter Break 2015 at Sawtell. Participate in activities or just veg out! Bookings for cabins and campsites need to be made ASAP. Phone the caravan park on 1800-729835 to make your booking - tell them you are with the VW people. All VWs welcome! Phone Steve Carter on 0490 020338 for more info.

Monday 31st:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, at 7:30pm.

September.

Thursday 3rd:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

Thursday 10th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (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, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

Sunday 20th:- German Auto Display in Canberra.

Monday 28th:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, at 7:30pm.

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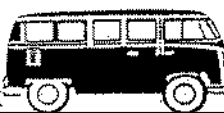
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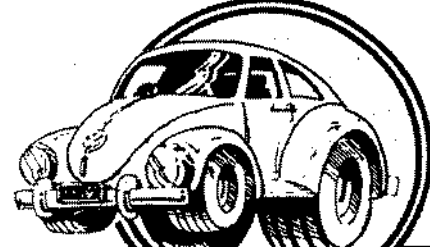



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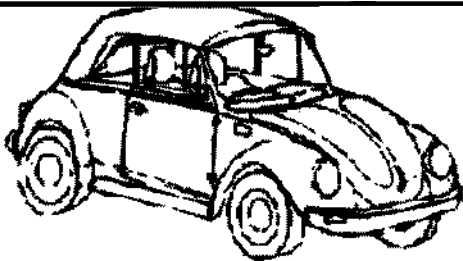


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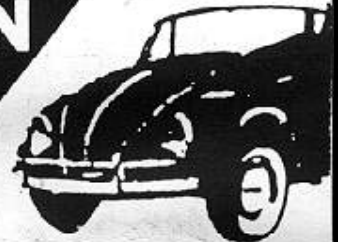
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T6 Transporter sketch

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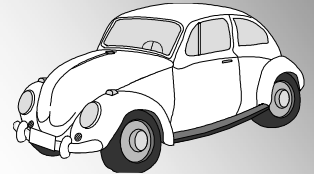


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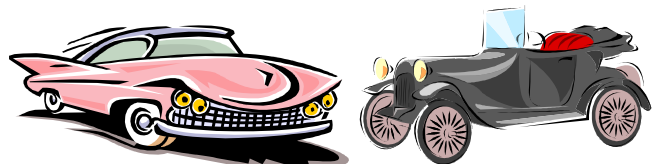
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high roof; van, single or double-cab ute chassis, as well as a multi-row passenger vehicle such as Multivan and Caravelle.

The sketch shows that the production version of the Transporter, and its derivatives, won't stray far from the look established by last year's Tristar off-roading ute concept, and looks to be a smooth evolution of the current T5 rather than a radical redesign.

Under the fresh exterior, the new T6 Transporter is expected to use an updated version of the platform underpinning the current-generation van.

While the Transporter may do without the Tristar concept's off-road-style wheel arches and fancy headlights, it's expected to feature the car-like interior design from the concept ute, although the brown and orange highlights are unlikely to accompany the rest of the dashboard into production.

High-spec models are likely to be offered with Volkswagen's touchscreen entertainment and navigation head units.

The next-generation Transporter will be unveiled at an event in Amsterdam this month, and will head into European showrooms later this year. Australian introduction will follow shortly afterwards, probably in early 2016.

Radical Beetles

Despite its deep unpopularity everywhere else in the world, and threats that it could even be discontinued in the near future (see last months' Zeitschrift), Americans continue to love the current VW Beetle. Which is why Volkswagen brought four concept versions of the Bug to the New York Auto Show this year.

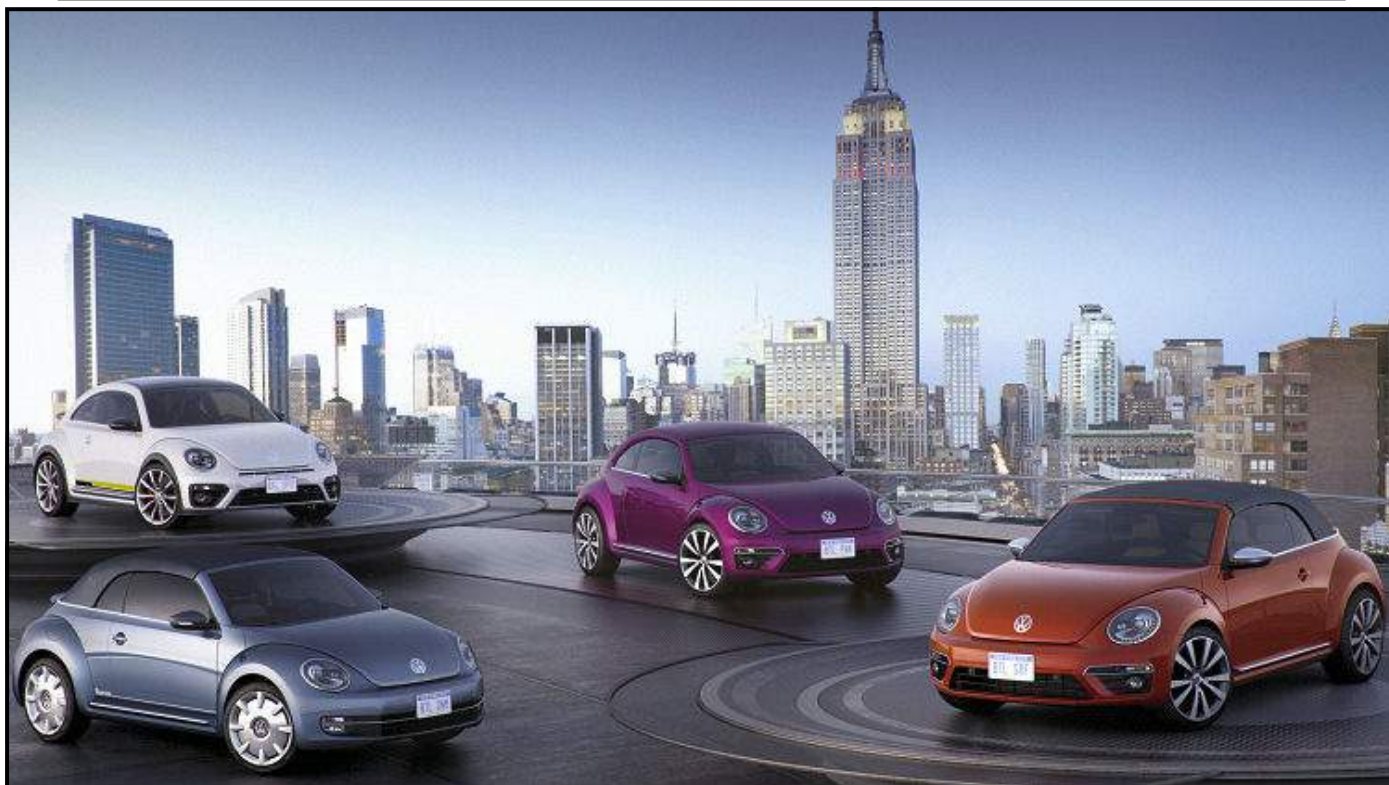
Most intriguing of the quartet – to our eyes at least – is the Beetle R-Line concept, which

The history of Volkswagen's line of commercial Transporter vans goes all the way back to 1950. This first generation Transporter ('T1') was first sold in Australia in 1954, and was soon assembled, and later completely manufactured, in Australia. The redesigned T2 Transporter appeared in Europe in 1967, and 1968 in Australia, and that model featured double-joint rear axles and later a choice of 1.7, 1.8 and 2.0-litre engines. The T3 Transporter appeared in Germany in 1979 but did not make it to Australia until 1982. It was the last air-cooled VW sold here, and from 1984 had a water-cooled 'wasserboxer' flat four engine, in 1.9 and later 2.1-litre versions. Syncro AWD was also available as an option. From 1982 to 1990 the T3 Transporter was the only Volkswagen vehicle available new in Australia.

1992 saw the first front-engined, front-drive Transporter, the fourth-generation T4, which also offered the choice of a diesel engine for the first time, and choice of wheelbase length. The current T5 Transporter appeared here in 2004, and was facelifted and updated in 2010 when TDI turbo-diesel engines became standard across the range, replacing all petrol engines. Over 11 million VW Transporters have been made since 1950, with 140,000 sold in Australia since 1954.

VW Commercial Vehicles is now teasing the next step in the VW Kombi legacy with this sketch of the upcoming T6.

As with the current T5 model, the van will be available in a variety of cargo carrying forms, such as short or long wheelbase with low or



takes a more performance-oriented approach. It's got 20-inch alloys riding on a wider track, an aero pack including a rear diffuser and spoiler, and black trim that looks great in contrast to the white pearl finish. The interior has been upgraded, as well, with sport buckets, carbon trim and yellow details, and the concept is powered by the 2.0-liter TSI engine with 162 kW.

The R-Line concept won't be taking the stage alone, however, joined as it will be by the magenta-sprayed Pink Colour Edition hatch, the beach-themed Wave and jeans-wearing Denim edition convertibles.

Though all are billed strictly as showcars for the time being, VW of America admits it will be gauging public reaction to all four to determine potentially putting them into production for public consumption.

Should any of these special editions make it to production, it is most unlikely that they would be sold in Australia.

Solid state batteries for US VWs

Volkswagen in the US is about to make a decision about which advanced battery technology will give its electric vehicles more range. VW will decide by July if it will use solid-state batteries made by US-based QuantumScape Corp in future EVs, according to Bloomberg News. Last year, VW bought a five-percent stake in QuantumScape, which was founded by ex-Stanford University researchers.

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Recently, the cordless vacuum cleaner maker Dyson acquired a \$15-million equity stake in Michigan-based battery maker Sakti3 with the idea of using the startup's solid-state batteries



in its products. General Motors also has a minority stake in Sakti3, which was spun off from the University of Michigan.

Radical VW designs

Most American reviews of the US Jetta and Passat are guaranteed to include the word 'boring' in the comments, aimed at its exterior design. VW says that's all about to change, telling a group of journalists during a tour of its design studio in Wolfsburg that designs will be more market specific. Automotive News says that means "more aggressive" designs for the US that "will bare their teeth and flex their muscles." This could be a welcome change, as

the solid-yet-unoffensive look hasn't got VW past its two-percent market share in the US.

Volkswagen and Audi have been promising to pump up the volume on their designs for years now, and the Americans don't see many of the modern Euro VW models such as the Scirocco, Polo or Euro Passat. But VW brand head designer Klaus Bischoff says that the look of the coming midsize SUV crossover, "has to be bold. It has to be a statement." The results of US focus groups have already dictated design changes to the original idea, and will take some cues from the Cross Coupe GTE, with a notched grille, sculpted hood, and deep character lines along the flanks.

It sounds like baby steps for other models, though. The US Passat will soon get a brand new design forward of the A-pillar, and new taillights. The coming second-generation Tiguan will have a shorter front overhang and a longer rear overhang, rounded wheel arches, and will be 56 mm longer. There'll also be a long-wheelbase version of the Tiguan that grows by 20 cm, which should give it livable room for four passengers in front and back.

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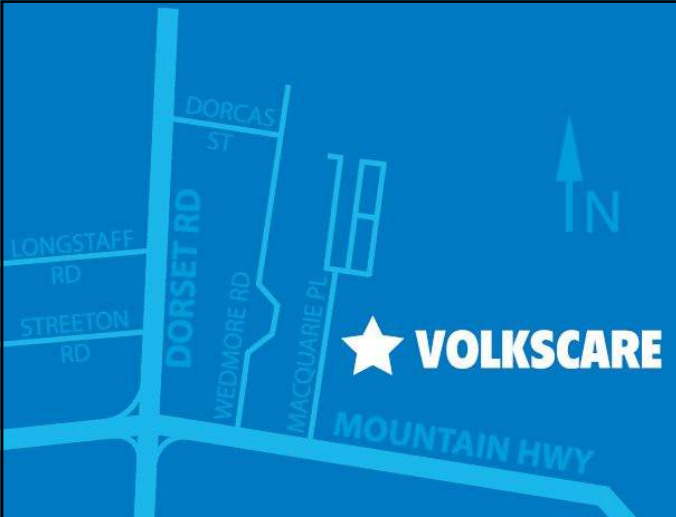
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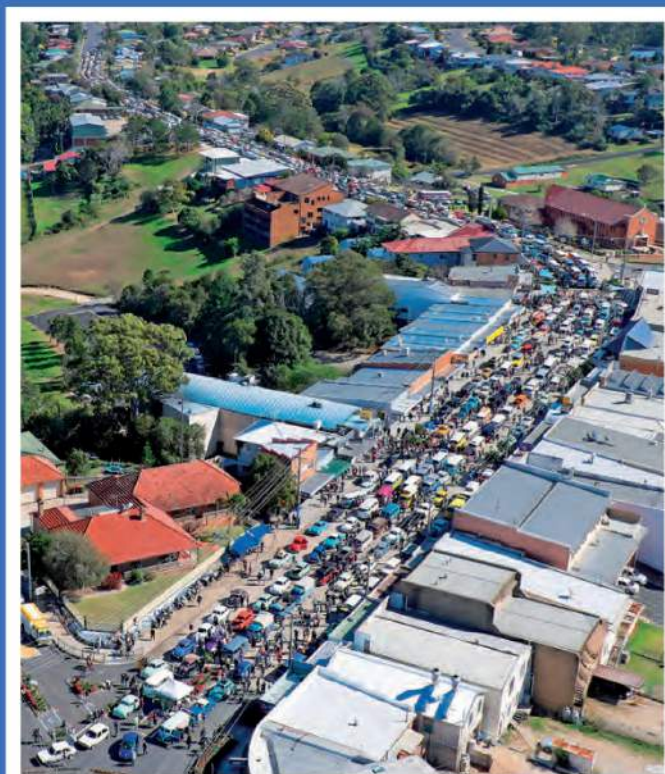
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Googong Report

In April we cruised off to Googong for a lunch catch-up, it was a great day and it was interesting to see how far Googong has advanced. In June and July we'll be running



more local cruises, watch your email for information.

What is a Supersprint?

A SuperSprint or lap dash is a one-day event conducted by a CAMS-affiliated Club under CAMS rules and approvals. It consists of a number of timed laps for each participant, usually two or three laps. Cars are allowed onto

the circuit two at a time, with a maximum of two pairs on the circuit at any one time. Each pair is separated by approximately half a lap.

Participants may drive at their own pace, as this is not a 'race'. The key objective of the day is to improve a driver's confidence, their ability to understand their vehicle's dynamics and their driving capabilities - all under controlled conditions. The secondary objective is to improve lap times by achieving the primary objectives.

Entrants are usually grouped according to previous or anticipated lap times so that cars and drivers of similar lap times run together.

The minimum safety requirements to enter are:

- A protective helmet that complies with AS1698;
- A secondary bonnet-locking device for front opening bonnets;
- A fire extinguisher of not less than 0.9kg capacity, firmly fixed within reach of the driver;
- A blue triangle of 120mm height marking the position of the battery;
- A set of numbers approximately 200mm high and contrasting to the background (your club membership number may be your competition number).

Recommended for the event, but not compulsory, are :

- Full harness seat belt assembly,
- Roll cage.

The day is for you to have some fun and improve your skills. Once you get the hang of driving a car quickly, but safely, it is very satisfying.

After pre-entering the event, start preparing yourself and your vehicle. You should start at least the weekend before just in case you need to have some maintenance work carried out, such as changing the brake fluid, or replacing the brake pads.

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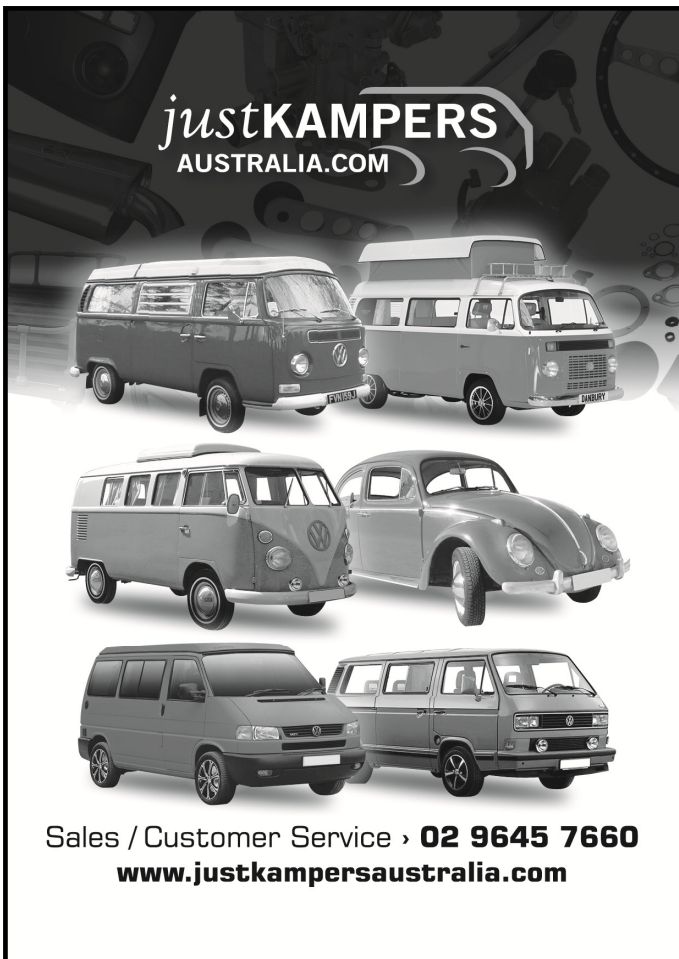
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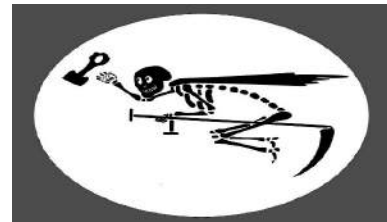


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2. Have your wheels balanced unless this has been done in the last 5000 km.

3. Change your engine oil and filter, unless this has also been done in the last 5000km.

4. Check the oil levels in the gearbox and diff. Make sure that you don't over fill them if they need to be topped up.

5. The brakes are the major problem on any car, including Volkswagens. It is how you set them up, and the type and condition of the brake fluid that makes them work or fade badly under hard use. If you have not replaced the fluid and bled the system recently then this is a must in preparing your car. If unsure of how to do it correctly, have it done by a qualified mechanic in a VW workshop.

If your brakes are set up correctly, and you have fluid that will not boil with severe use, you will certainly enjoy your day on the track a lot better. It takes only 3 hard laps of a typical tight circuit to get standard fluid overheated, with a subsequent loss of pedal pressure and braking effectiveness.

None of this means anything unless you have adequate friction material on your brake pads. Using pads with less than 4.0 mm of friction material may be okay on the road, but they will overheat, get brittle and could start to disintegrate with hard use on the track. Keep them as spares and make sure you check all pads on all four brake assemblies. Purchase a new set of pads and have your discs machined if necessary, then run them in during the week before the event.

6. Check your front wheel bearings and repack them with grease if this hasn't been done for a while. They will be loaded up a lot more on the track, and you will need to ensure they are adjusted to the correct specifications.

7. Check hoses, clamps and drive belts for wear, and adjust to the correct tension.

8. Make sure you check the wheel nuts and tighten them to the correct tension. DO NOT over-tighten.

9. On the day you should inflate your tyres to approximately the manufacturer's maximum pressure specifications. You should experiment with tyre pressures to find a setting that best suits your car and driving style.

Now you're ready to run at the event. It is a good idea to also carry some spares in case the inevitable happens on the day. It is better to be prepared than to spend the rest of the day on the sideline. Remember, Murphy's law states that any problems will occur on the day of the Supersprint, not in the 10,000 km you have travelled prior, and that these problems will occur early rather than later in the day. I can assure you it's true.

Over the many years I have been participating in Supersprints and rallies, I have learnt the hard way what tools and spares you need to have on hand. You may not want to go to some of the extremes I have, but if you are going to regularly take part in these types of events, you should be reasonably well prepared. You don't want to be sidelined because of a minor problem that could be easily fixed, if only you had the right tools or spare part.

It never ceases to amaze me how poorly prepared some people are - like not having a jack or wheel brace, a spare wheel and tyre or a set of spare drive belts! And, if your car is modified you will probably need more rather than less of what I shall now detail.

Firstly, you need some basic items, as follows:

A spare wheel and tyre in good condition

After-market trolley jack (get a good one as you only have one head!)

4-way wheel brace

12-volt mini air compressor (not all circuits have air)

Good quality tyre gauge

Clean rag and hand cleaner

Nylon cable ties

Set of jack stands (a safety necessity)

Set of engine accessory drive belts

Roll of race tape and electrical insulation tape,

A couple of blocks of 4x2 hardwood, say, 20 cm

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and 40 cm long

Secondly, you need a basic toolkit made up of all or some of the following:

Set of metric open-ended spanners 6mm-22mm

Set of metric ring spanners 10mm-17mm

Set of metric sockets 13mm-22mm and wrench, with extension bar/s,

8" and 12" adjustable spanners

One each of the following -

Multigrips, Vice grips, Bull-nose pliers, Long nose pliers, Engineers hammer, Spark plug spanner, Feeler gauge, Stanley knife, Set of screwdrivers including a large & small Phillips head screwdriver, Set of alien keys, Small & large flat files, Small & large round files, A 3/16" and 1/8" punch

Thirdly, you should carry some spare lubricants: engine oil, brake fluid, power steering fluid, wheel bearing grease and coolant (for water-cooled VWs)

Fourthly, it would be a good idea to buy and carry a spare set of front and rear brake pads that you have previously 'run in' i.e. have completed say 500 km or a set 'run in' sequence.

That will cover you should you experience any minor difficulties, and it's amazing how these happen once you start to push the car a bit.

You then don't have to walk around the pits begging bits and pieces from the few people who happen to be there (most are lined up waiting to run or have gone off to buy food and drinks or are spectating). It's very frustrating when you know what to fix but haven't got any equipment, and your group is being called for its next session.

Should you 'get the bug' and start attending events or other dub events, or you decide to carry out some modifications to go quicker, than you will find more things are likely to happen. You need to be even more prepared, especially if you are out of Sydney at Wakefield Park, or Winton in Victoria (nudge nudge, wink wink).

Don't forget those winter woollies, and (heaven forbid), a raincoat or spray jacket just in case.

So there you have it. Good luck, have fun and enjoy the day.

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