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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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Our magazine.

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Presidents Report

Welcome to Australia's premier Volkswagen event, the VW Nationals 2021.

The committee and I hope you and your family have an interesting and entertaining day at our show. This is our thirty third 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.

This year we have a Track Day / Super Sprint at Luddenham Raceway. In the past the club has run events at Wakefield Park and South Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park. These events required an army of volunteers to run the event, we feel this is much easier event for the club to have. If all goes well we will do this again next year. Why not come out and have a look at the racing on Saturday, Spectator \$5.00 Spectators / Visitors must be 16 yrs + to enter, if they are under 16 yrs they will not be allowed in – This may change due to Covid19.

I hope our event appeals to you and your family and you become inspired by the display of vehicles and traders over the weekend, and In sure you will see many fine VWs in the outside car park and wonder why they aren't inside with the rest of the cars, well we wonder the same thing, so short of lassoing the owners and forcing them to enter their cars there is nothing we can do about it.

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, this form of judging has been in place for many other VW shows in Australia and around the world. 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. We again 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 2021

Steve Carter

Report from the Capital

Welcome to May!!



The Canberra Committee has been so caught up with preparing for upcoming events that we almost forgot about our Monthly meeting – Whoops. If anyone is interested in coming along, the meeting will be this Monday, 10 May 2021 at the Harmonie German Club from 7:30pm.

There's also been a few things bubbling away in the background for the Canberra Chapter, including the long-awaited return of the German Auto Day aka GAD (Sunday, 26 September 2021) at a venue to be confirmed.

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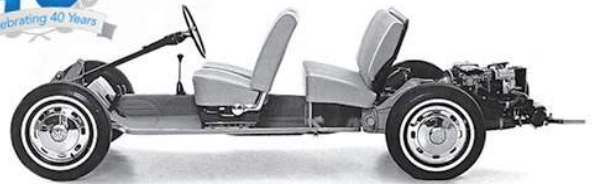
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Also, there is talk of a new event in conjunction with local Oktoberfest celebrations. We will keep you updated on the details as they become available.

Willie and Cookie are also scamming a few club specific events for the coming months, including the return of Cookie's Cycles fish 'n' chips cruise to Batemans Bay – watch this space.

It sounds like there will be a strong contingency from Canberra heading up to Nationals this year (COVID pending), which is wonderful! The Scirocco is booked in for her mandatory pre-event tidy up before we drive up on the Saturday. I'm very much looking forward to seeing everyone on the day and to embrace my first escape from Canberra since.... March last year, I think.

I wish everyone safe travels to Nationals and the best of luck. I'll be lurking around somewhere for most the day. Otherwise, if you venture up into the watercooled, come say hi!

Cheers
Dot

Club Calendar 2021 & 2022

*** All information correct at time of printing but subject to change - events are sometimes altered or cancelled without notice. Check www.clubvw.org.au for the latest information and any changes.

May.

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.

Saturday 22nd:- VW Nationals Track Day at Luddenham Raceway. We're at a reasonably new facility at Luddenham in Western Sydney. VW racers wanted, air or water-cooled. Stock is OK! No CAMS licence is required only photo road licence, normal speed event clothing and helmet are required. Phone Steve Carter on 0490 020 338 (don't text) or email president@clubvw.org.au for information. The club has booked twenty spots only. Other racers will be using the facility on the day.

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Monday 27th:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, at 7:30pm.

June.


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

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


Thursday 13th:- Committee Meeting and magazine pack at the Arena Greyhound Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

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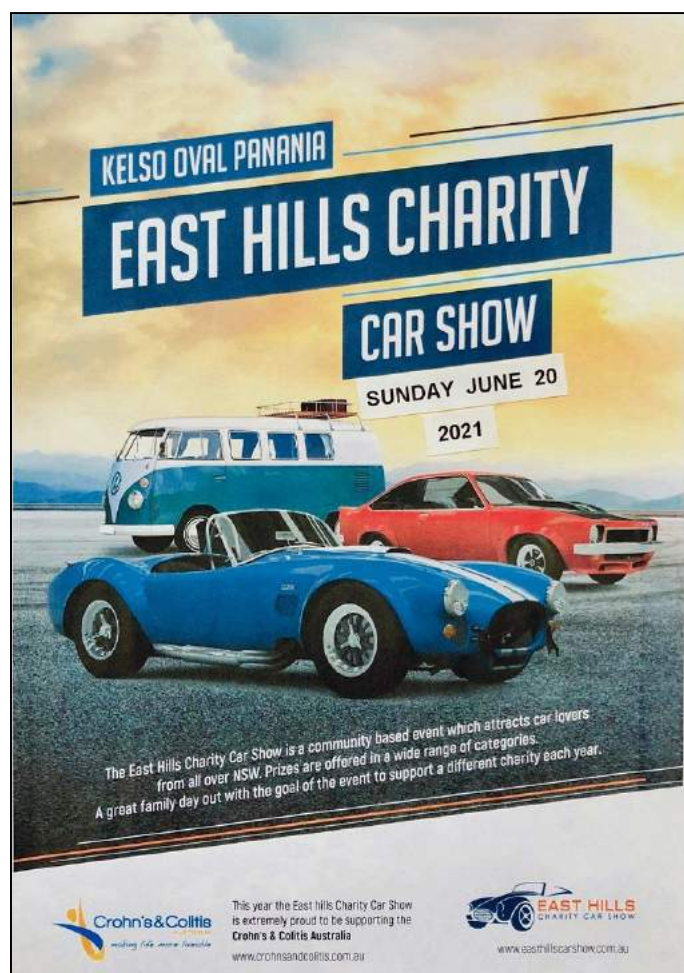



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Thursday 8th:- Committee Meeting and magazine pack at the Arena Greyhound Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona

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

25th July to 2nd August: VW Spectacular 2021 at Macksville. Events are on the whole week before. Local VW sightseeing cruises and activities; movies, markets, go-kart racing. Saturday giant convoy and street parade at Nambucca Heads; Swap meet and markets; fund-raising charity dinner and auction. Sunday car show at Macksville (NOTE NEW VENUE) with Top 10 Shootout, swap meet, traders. Fun VW activities all week! Pre-bookings and deposit are a must. Contact Donna Pell on 0427 695203, or email her at vwspectacular@gmail.com Visit the website www.volkswagenspectacular.com for more info and the essential booking form. See Page 17 for more information

August.

Monday 2nd:- Canberra General Meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, from 7:30pm.

Thursday 5th:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

Thursday 12th:- Committee Meeting and magazine pack at the Arena Greyhound Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

Thursday 19th:- 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.

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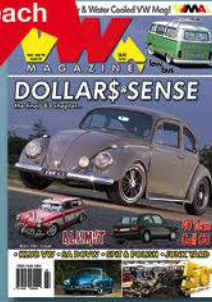
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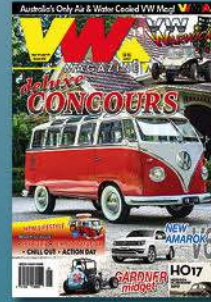
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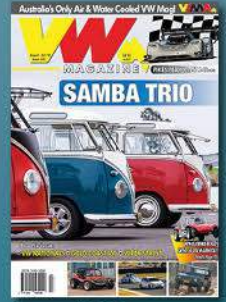
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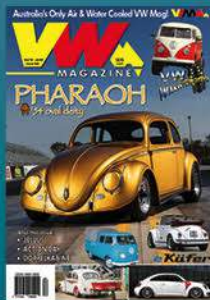
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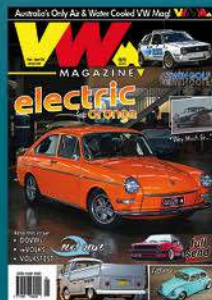
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2022 VW Nationals, 21st & 22nd May

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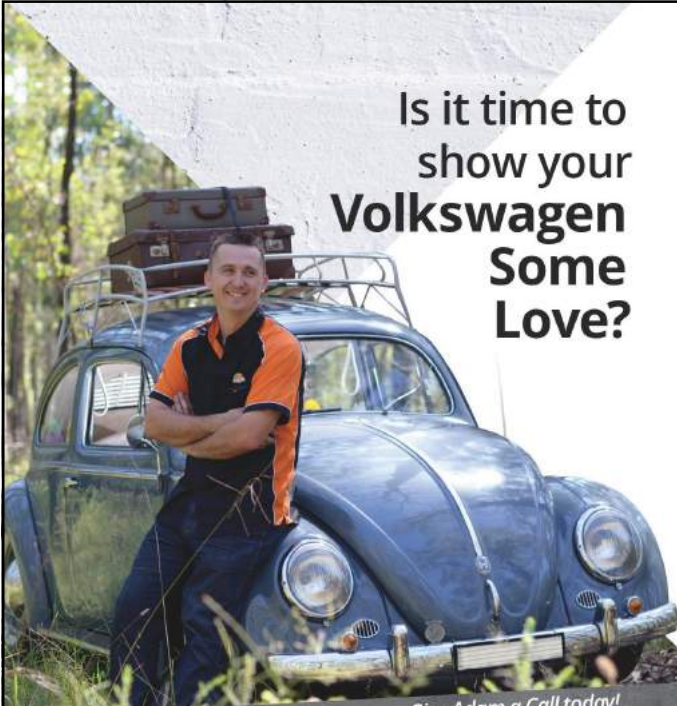
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My prized possession is my grandmother's 1976 Beetle. It will never be for sale, it's priceless to me, and I hope to pass it down through my family.

I know there are a lot of Volkswagen families in Club Veedub Sydney. Did your mum or dad have a Volkswagen? Does your wife or partner drive a Volkswagen? When your kids, or your grandkids, were old enough to get their first car, did you help them get a Volkswagen?

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VW 'sorry' for early April Fool's Day Voltswagen PR stunt



The company moves to explain the reasons for its April Fool's Day stunt on 30 March and apologises for "any confusion".

Business reporter @SkyNewsBiz

The company showed off a new, fake, logo as part of the stunt.

Volkswagen has apologised for "any confusion" as it admitted that an electric car PR stunt on Tuesday 30 March was an attempt at an April Fool's joke.

News outlets globally, including Sky News, faithfully reported then how the company's US operation planned to change its name to 'Voltswagen of America' from May.

It has spent several years trying to restore its reputation in the country through a green future in the wake of the dieselgate scandal.

VW's cheating of world emissions-testing regimes cost it more than \$30bn (£21.7bn) in the US alone and it has since placed itself at the forefront of the global shift from conventionally-powered vehicles to all-electric.

Volkswagen started deliveries of the new all-electric SUV the ID.4 earlier this month. Volkswagen was trying to draw attention to the new ID.4 SUV. Pic: AP

But the company admitted late on Tuesday night, US time, that the name change was an April Fool's joke and PR stunt to draw attention to the launch of its new SUV.

There has previously been frustration expressed by VW officials that its electric vehicle efforts have attracted less media and public attention than Tesla.

A spokesperson for VW later told the Reuters news agency it had intended to raise the profile of the new car in a "fun and interesting way". "At the same time, we realise the announcement rollout upset some people and we are sorry about any confusion this has caused."

The world's second-largest carmaker expects to double electric vehicle deliveries and boost profits for its core brand this year after stepping up its switch to fully electric vehicles.

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Astronomer Fred Hoyle was the first to point out that if you could drive a car upwards at 100 km/h, it would only take about an hour to get into space. NASA awards Astronaut Badges to pilots who have flown over 50 miles (80 km) high in rocket planes and spacecraft, but 100 km up is recognised as the true boundary to space.



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Contact Supersprint manager **Steve Carter** on **0490 020338** for all further information for entry details, bookings and payment details. You must pre-book and pay - you cannot just turn up on the day.

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8:00 am - 3:00 pm - Car Show assembly & Swapmeet

10:30am - Car Show Entry Closes

11.00 am - First Raffle Draw

12:30 pm - Peer Judging Forms CLOSED

1.00pm Final raffle draw

3:00 pm - Trophy Presentation



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All Car Show entrants are automatically entered into Peoples Choice and Volkswagen Group Australia's Car of the Day. In 2021 **Peer Judging** will again determine the Air-cooled & Water-cooled winners. Ballots will be provided to each entrant upon entry.

Entries to all categories close at **10:30 am** sharp.

Ballots MUST be returned to the Club VW judging area no later than 12:30 pm.

Car Show Categories

Air cooled

- 1 Beetle - up to 1957 - Standard
- 2 Beetle - up to 1957 - Modified
- 3 Beetle - 1958 to 1967 - Standard
- 4 Beetle - 1958 to 1967 - Modified
- 5 Beetle - 1968 onwards - Standard
- 6 Beetle - 1968 onwards - Modified
- 7 Kombi T1 - up to 1967 - Standard
- 8 Kombi T1 - up to 1967 - Modified
- 9 Kombi T2 - 1968 to 1979 - Standard
- 10 Kombi T2 - 1968 to 1979 - Modified
- 11 Transporter T3 - 1981 to 1992 - All
- 12 Type 3 and Type 4 - Standard
- 13 Type 3 and Type 4 - Modified
- 14 Karmann Ghia - All Years - Standard
- 15 Karmann Ghia - All Years - Modified
- 16 Factory Karmann Cabriolet - All Years - All
- 17 Factory Off-Road - Air-cooled - All
- 18 VW Factory Exotics (Brasilia, SP, Puma) - All
- 19 Non-factory Off-road, Buggies, Trikes - All
- 20 Aussie Kit Cars and Convertibles - All
- 21 Best Engineered/Race - Air-cooled - All
- 22 Rat class - All Years - All
- 41 Concours d'Elegance

- 42 Peoples Choice Air Cooled
- 44 Ray Pleydon Award
- 45 Brian Walker Award

Water Cooled

- 23 Polo, Up! A All Years
- 24 Golf 1 - 1976 to 1983
- 25 Golf 2 - 1984 to 1992
- 26 Golf 3 - 1993 to 1997
- 27 Golf 4 - 1998 to 2003
- 28 Golf 5 - 2004 to 2008
- 29 Golf 6 - 2009 to 2012
- 30 Golf 7 - 2013 onwards
- 31 VW Convertible - (Golf Cabrio, Eos) - All
- 32 VW Sports (Scirocco, Corrado) - All
- 33 VW Sedan (Vento, Bora, Jetta, Passat, New Beetle) - All
- 34 VW SUV (Tiguan/Touareg/Amarok) - All
- 35 VW Commercial (Transporter/Multivan, Caddy) Crafter) - All Years
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- 43 People Choice Water Cooled

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Satellites can be anything from hundreds to tens of thousands of km up. Geosynchronous satellites, which orbit at the same rate the Earth spins so they remain fixed above one ground location, are 35,780 km up. It would take your car over a fortnight to drive up that high at 100 km/h, 24/7.

To get to the Moon would take a considerably longer though, since it's 400,000 kilometres away – around ten times the circumference of the earth. So it would take as long as driving



around the world ten times- just under six months, non-stop.

Your only problem (apart from the lack of air for your lungs and for burning the petrol) would be finding a garage to refuel - and that has a loo!

So for me it's always a big deal when my work Volkswagen can make it to out to 400,000 kilometres.

Over the years I've driven a few Volkswagens to the Moon but they have normally needed the engine head replaced twice to get there.

This is the first Volkswagen I've ever had that ever made it to 400,000 without ever needing anything major, only the normal things that don't last forever.

In business, if you can get this from your work vehicle, it means you're making money and getting the job done.

It's getting a bit furry now and may need replacing soon but it still loves going to work every day.

It just goes to show how good Volkswagens are for work these days.

In the old days it was cheaper to drive a Ford, Holden or Toyota for work, but not anymore.

They were the boring old days.

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Of course everyone knows my favourite is the 1.6 petrol manual Caddy van. Why not drive one to the Moon, or ten times around the world.

Ashley Day.

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featuring the VW Nationals from earlier that year.

A lovely couple who were club members turned up as we got to talking his wife encouraged him to tell us about the cars that he had collected, he had few Ovals and English cars and old Mercs but then said I have a split window Beetle, I nearly fell off my chair. The next day he arranged for the club to visit his home in Hartley just down the hill from Mount Victoria.

knocked back over the years make me wish for a time machine. In the early 70s I had 1963 austerity model Beetle that I thought was great, why would I want an old fashioned Oval. I was even offered a Karmann Ghia that had an engine fire very cheaply with all the bits to fix it, I thought the back seat wasn't roomy enough to carry my mates around in.

I used to work for a division of Provincial Motors a VW dealer in Liverpool, it was called Automotive Imports and sold VW parts made by mostly factory suppliers to dealers and private VW workshops which in 1970s were dotted all over suburban Sydney and lots of them were in backyard garages.

For a while I was a sales rep with them and travelled all over Sydney selling parts to these suburban VW workshops. One service station workshop that I particularly remember was in President Ave Sutherland in the lube bay was the holy grail of vintage VWs, a split window Beetle. I pestered the guy to sell it to me but to no avail. I left the sales rep job and started working in VW dealers in the VW parts department. One day I thought I should go and check on the Split Screen Beetle at Sutherland, to my horror the service station was still there but was now a fruit market.

In the late eighties I bought a 54/55 Oval with plans to restore it, it was pretty solid car but was painted that later VW Beetle colour Honey Brown. Sadly we then moved from a house with a four car garage to one with a very small two car garage so in 1992 I had to sell the Oval as I had nowhere to store it.

Fast forward to 1997 when the club had a run up to Mount Victoria where Phil Mass was screening the movie that he had put together


The club members name was Don Carter, no relation and he was policeman in the Shire and Illawarra in the 1970s, you guessed it, the split windscreen Beetle he had was the very same one that I lusted after in Sutherland all those years ago. Don told me that he knew the proprietor of the servo in Sutherland and that he was working at local club, Don arranged to purchase the split screen Beetle from him and I can still remember Don telling me that he bought it on the 7/7/1977, by this time I had told Don of my tenuous link to this car.

More years passed and Don and I kept in contact and when his health started to fail he put his car collection up for sale and offered me the split screen Beetle, I sadly had to decline as I had nowhere to store the car plus my wife would have killed me as I was doing a ground up build on my Orange L Bug/1303.

I often drive along Stoney Creek Road at Bexley and always saw a Beetle up a driveway and under a tarp, one day the tarp was off I and I saw that it was a 1956 Oval, on my way home from Boris' Picnic day in 2018 I stopped outside the house at Bexley and the owner of the Oval was standing in his front yard, I said what are you doing with Beetle, he replied I don't know so I offered to buy it, a few days later he called me and I bought the oval from




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him at what I thought was a reasonable price but have since found it was a bit of a bargain.

The Oval was an ex South Australian car so had no rust and was half stripped with some attempts at restoring it, it was in very thick primer which would need to be stripped, had a 4 stud disc brake conversion, lowered front beam, later 1500 transmission with short Oval axles and upright converted 1500 Type 3 motor with a Holley Bugspray. So it's now had a bare metal respray in a 1958 VW Capri Blue, much nicer than Manley tan that it originally came out in. I'm still putting it back together, and I'm keeping this one and no I'm not fitting a Subaru motor!

I often wonder what modern VW cars will become collectable in the future just like Beetles, Kombis and early Golfs have become.

Steve Carter

Canberra Crew Coffee-Cruise-Coffee

As Canberra had a public holiday for ANZAC Day on the 26th of April, the Canberra Crew decided not to let the opportunity go to waste and organised an event for local VeeDub enthusiasts.

A beautiful crisp Canberra Autumn morning greeted us as we met at the usual spot on the Lake Burley Griffin foreshore; "The Flags". Coffee from the Flags Café was enjoyed and lots of chatter amongst the gathered VeeDubbers ensued. As usual, many of the passing foot traffic stopped to talk and recollect when someone in their family "used to own one of those". As Canberra is quickly becoming known for the high number of Karmann Ghia's per capita, the count was on early to see what model had the most in attendance, with the numbers see-sawing until the cruise departure. The Beetles only just outnumbered the KGs this time; however this is not always the case.

A new (car) addition to the club is Alan's red 1960 original RHD KG cabriolet, to keep his Type 34 KG company in the garage. Everyone took time to thoroughly inspect the new addition, which is a truly beautiful example of this model.

About 90 minutes after first meeting, we took off in convoy for a trip north to the small hamlet of Sutton. The meeting spot at Sutton was once again the Sutton Bakery, where more coffee, pies and pastries were consumed and more small talk with each other. Of course, much of the conversation centred around our Volkswagens and upcoming events.

After the food and coffee was had, the crowd started dispersing and members departing to





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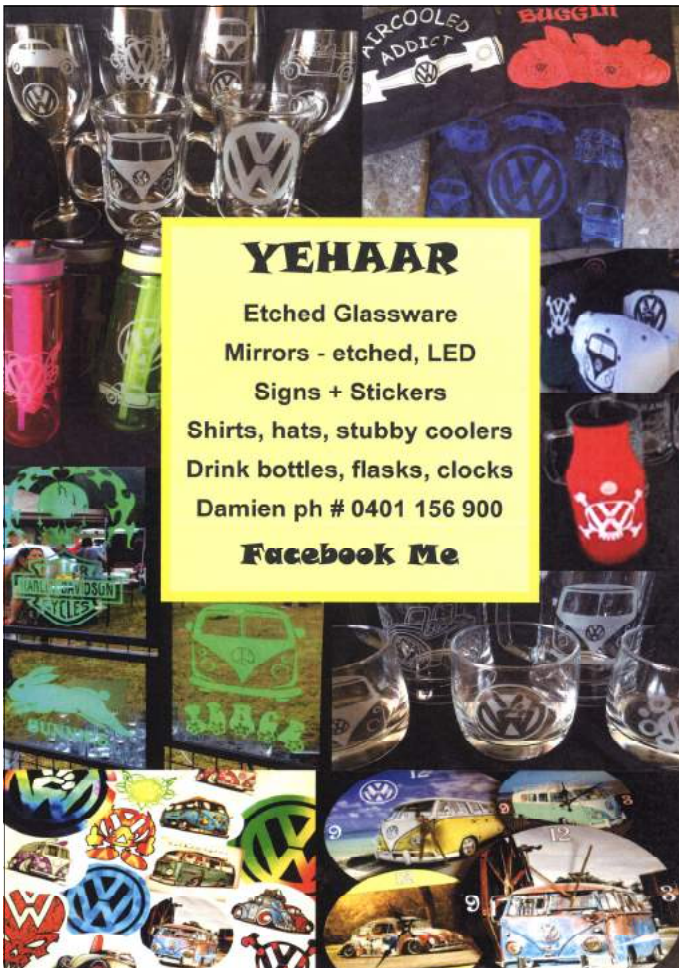
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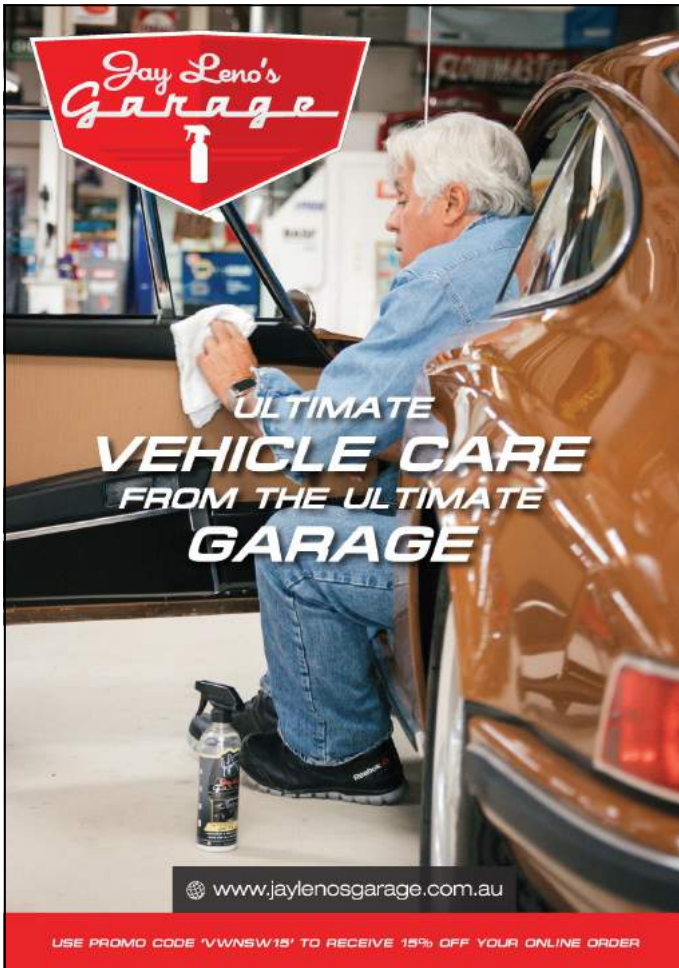


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enjoy the rest of their public holiday. Another successful event with no reported breakdowns or minor issues for any of the cars – always a good thing....

The VW Nationals in Sydney are the next official event our chapter will be partaking in, with plans put in place for travelling to Sydney for the weekend of the event. The other topic that was spoken about at length was the Volkswagen Spectacular (aka McValla) and the length of time each of us were considering attending for. Both events look to be well supported by Canberra members as we are able

to start attending mass gatherings again after the terrible year (for car shows) we experience last year.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information on upcoming events, impromptu get togethers and our monthly meetings at the Homonie German Club.

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Get in early, Club VeeDub Sydney's 2022 VW Nationals is coming!

Saturday 21st May 2022
Sunday 22nd May 2022



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About Club VeeDub Sydney

Do you own a Volkswagen or Audi? Have you had trouble fixing it, or finding a decent VW mechanic who can? Maybe you'd like to restore your classic VW, or what about hotting it up instead? No matter what your VW need is, Club V e e D u b Sydney can help you!



Club VeeDub was formed in 1985 to cater exclusively for VW and Audi owners. We're Australia's largest VW/Audi club with members in every state and overseas, but we're based in Sydney. Our logo shows this - the Sydney Harbour Bridge combined with VW's Wolfsburg Crest.

Club VeeDub is dedicated to keeping as many Volkswagens on Australia's roads for as long as possible. We aim to do this by helping owners maintain their enthusiasm and love for their VWs, because as we say, The Legend Never Dies!

Why join Club VeeDub Sydney?

Firstly, as a Club VeeDub member, you'll receive discounts on parts and service from all recommended workshops and parts outlets. Just show your club card! Your membership fee can often be recovered by the savings on your next service.

You'll receive a monthly copy of our club magazine, *Zeitschrift* (that's German for 'magazine'). It's full of the latest VW news, tech tips, how-to articles, history, humour and all sorts of good stuff for the VW fan. It's the most readable VW magazine in Australia.

You're not required to attend meetings, nor participate in any way if you so desire. You can, if you wish, simply accept the benefits we have to offer with no obligation.

However, for the enthusiast we provide a wide range of other benefits and activities.

If you have a VW older than 30 years and you don't drive it much, we can offer you Vintage Registration to save you an enormous amount on your annual rego bill. Your VW will also look great on its Vintage Rego plates.

You're welcome at our monthly meetings, which are informal and good fun. No 'moving the motion that the minutes be seconded' stuff! There's raffles, quizzes, films, talks and other cool things. Members can borrow VW books, videos, manuals, brochures and magazines from our extensive club library - for free.

Need that special tool to fix your VW? We have an large range of VW factory tools and special fittings you won't find anywhere else, all free to members. We also have many contacts in the VW trade who are happy to offer you free technical advice on restoration, modification and any other VW matter you could think of.

You'll also be welcome to any of our cruises, show days, swap meets, social events, drag days and other events for the VW nut. We also host the VW/Audi Nationals, Australia's premier VW/Audi event, every Easter.

Benefits for Club VeeDub Members

- Club VeeDub member card for discounts on VW parts and service
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- Professional advice on VW restoration, modification and service
- Free book, magazine and video library
- Free VW tool lending library
- Vintage Registration for 30 year-old VWs
- Non-boring, entertaining meetings with heaps of prizes and laughs
- Enjoyable social events throughout the year
- The VW/Audi Nationals

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