

"CHRYSLER NEWS"

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"CHRYSLER NEWS" is the official Newsletter of 'The Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland Inc'
Established 1988 – Celebrating 35 Years of the COCQ Inc.



Tina & Michael Denmans
VJ Regal

PRESIDENTS PEN

Presidents message at the beginning of September 2023

Hi all, welcome to this month's Presidents message.

In August we had 2 club runs, for the second month in a row, undertaken by a number of members. We had about 65 people in 42 cars go on our combined club run to Springwood Lions Club for a very nice pub meal. What a fantastic turn out and a site to behold taking over a large part of the carpark. All 4 local clubs (our COCQ, the QCA, the R&S club and the Gold Coast/Tweed Valiant club) participated in what will become a more frequent event.

The following weekend a small group of 6 people in 4 cars made the trip to Rock's Garage for lunch. It was a beautiful day for a decent length run and we all enjoyed lunch at Rick's.

In September of course, we have the Chrysler Expo with online advertising for the event reaching fever pitch. We think all the planning is nearing completion and it looks like we have a bumper number of Vendors, Traders, Exhibitors, and vehicles set to make for a very busy day. As always, our volunteers are the backbone of a successful day, many thanks to those who are helping run this premier motoring event.

At this year's Expo we have the support of the ASMF to do the vehicle judging for our club. There are 25 categories. On a special note, we will also hold the inaugural Mick Maxwell Memorial Award in honour of our great friend and club member Mick Maxwell who passed away recently after a brief illness. This award will be judged by Mick's family and will be an annual award with a trophy awarded to the winner each year. There is also a perpetual plaque which will be held by the Maxwell family to which the winner's name will be added each year.

This month's club meeting will be **the Annual General Meeting** to be held on the 20th of September. We have booked for dinner at:

Dinner from 6pm at the Tingalpa Hotel, 1563 Wynnum Road, Tingalpa.

The AGM starts at 7.30pm in the hotel conference room.

Please advise David Sutton on 0434 887 445 or Greg Holburt on 0413 147 040 to book your seat.

As always, we will select the committee for the next year and I ask each and every member to please consider running for a position. It gives great satisfaction and personal reward for those who run the club to benefit so many people with a common interest. The pay may not be great (or even exist for that matter!) but the work involved is not a great impost on your time and many hands make light work.

We have a club run in October planned for a trip to Tamborine Mountain, stay tuned for the details on that one. Enjoy your rides people, look forward to seeing you all real soon, cheers for now.

Greg Holburt COCQ President.

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0434 887 445 (David Sutton)

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W: chryslerownersclubqld.com

MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday of each month (except March, September & December).
Meetings commence at 7.30 pm approx at the Veteran & Vintage Car Club Rooms - 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.

ABOUT THE CLUB

Formed in 1988, the aim of the Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland Inc is to encourage the restoration, preservation, modification* and use of most model Chryslers.

The Club caters for the following vehicles: Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto, Fargo, Imperial, Maxwell, Valiant, Jeep and other Chrysler Related vehicles. (* See the Club constitution for details.)

STEERING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2022- SEPTEMBER 2023



These people have been duly elected to the following positions & VOLUNTEER their time to support running of the Club.

President: Greg Holburt 0413 147 040
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Luke O'Neil 0408 980 408
David Sutton 0434 887 445

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Stephen Lappin 0431 781 477

Expo Committee – All Club Members are welcome.

Meeting Delegates: ASMF: Vacant, QHMC Rep: Vacant
VCCA: Bruce Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS & CLUB EVENTS

All COCQ Club meeting at the club rooms at Carindale starting on the third Wednesday of the month (except September & December) at 7.30 pm

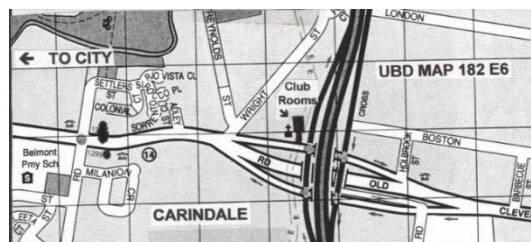
PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

Parking at the clubrooms should be in the lined parking bays ONLY. For safety reasons there should be no parking on the church side of the entry driveway or either side of the driveway in front of the hall.

In an overload situation parking should extend to the grassed areas below the septic transpiration area. On no account should cars park on the grassed areas around the hall.

Entrance: Is from Old Cleveland Rd OR via the new entrance from Wright Street. There is a gap in the fence from the Gateway Church carpark.

Exiting the grounds: There is a drive way open through the church carpark. Please ask at meeting to locate. Please keep noise to a bare minimum when entering and exiting the grounds



MINUTES FOR COCQ MEETING WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2023

Meeting opened by Greg at 7.20pm. Minutes from July meeting accepted by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Luke. Attendance : 10 members with apologies from S.Lappin, P. Ingersole, V.Glue, N.Sweetman & J.Peters. New member Len De Heer welcomed.

Expo meeting opened at 6.30pm.

Inwards correspondence:

1. Email from David Arnold – has VC wagon for sale needing restoration.
2. Email from Morten Jorgensen hasn't received COCQ newsletters.
3. Email from Paul Ryan. Has a 1957 Borgward Golliath wants to bring to Expo.
4. Peter & Luana (Vees coffee) has donated a gift certificate for weekend for 4 at Lake Redbrook retreat Childers.
5. Leanne Grosskopf sent an invoice for face painting at Expo (\$300.00).
6. Email from QHMC sent AGM nomination forms.
7. Pacific Trophies sent quote for President's shield.
8. Email from Mercurius Group re Economic Survey AHMF.
9. Email from Jessie from Sugarmill Stables re Expo selling slussies, fairy floss and lollies.
10. Email from Pictures and More re Expo. They sell hats, metal signs, caps etc.
11. Email from QHMC with latest correspondence.
12. Email from Allan Sweeney asking about date of Expo.
13. Keith West has a 360 engine for sale, possibly only good for parts.
14. Email from Trevor Poulsen with an events update to the end of November.
15. Several emails from traders & exhibitors with confirmation or otherwise re Expo.

Outwards correspondence:

All of the above emails have been answered with the necessary comments.

Newsletters received:

Electronic versions: (all have been sent on to all members)

1. Combined Coastal Car Club.
2. DDVVMC (Polisher's Rag),
3. Coffs Harbour Vintage & Veteran club (Coff's Splutter).
4. Chryco Reporter.
5. Victorian Charger Club.
6. Charger Club of WA (weekly).

Posted copy from Chrysler Restorers Club of NSW (The Chrysler Restorer)

Treasurer's report: NAB account balance \$9268.60. Heritage account had income of \$680.00 ,expenditure of \$616.30. Balance of \$18145.58.Term deposit account now \$31082.90.

Librarian's report: A reminder to members that we have a large number of manuals, parts catalogues etc. that can be accessed. You can see what we have on the club web site. There is now a bound hard copy of the library inventory available in the library cupboard. A number of older books have been removed from the library and relocated to the new lockup shed on site.

Internet report:

No report.

Expo report:

Face painter coming to Expo sent their invoice for \$300.00. QCA will provide signs to advise their members where to park. Greg to check R &S and Gold Coast Tweed clubs about their signage. Greg & Steve to print information on A3 paper to make signs about raffles, volunteer registration & judging. Jack has revised the flyer for posting on Facebook. Mario to bank ASMF sponsorship cheque. David to check ASMF about judging times. Greg has sent PlumKrazy Garage a bundle of flyers for them to send out with their customer's orders. There are 16 traders/food vendors and 19 exhibitors confirmed coming to Expo. David to pick up a line marking machine BVRC will loan us for Expo. Tina to print off judging forms. Greg to purchase markers for people wishing to enter the judging to put on their windscreens. Greg to contact Vees Coffee about their offer to donate a gift certificate for a weekend at Lake Redbrook Retreat at Childers which will be the major raffle prize. Greg has been unable to contact Gary Holmes from the Rocklea Showgrounds.

Run Co-ordinators report:

October 22: Club run to Mount Tamborine. Meet at Browns Plains Hungry Jacks at 9.00am for a 9.30 departure. We will stop at Cedar Falls on the way to The Tamborine Diner.

November 26: Christmas party at the Oxley Golf Club from 11am.

General business:

AGM for 2023 will be at the Tingalpa Hotel on Wednesday 20 September. Dinner will be supplied to club members. Notice will be sent to members next week. Mario has selected the photos for the club calendar. Greg to get quotes for printing. David to send Greg the email from Vees Coffee regarding their gift certificate. Greg has a quote from Ausprint for the proposed President's shield.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm. Refreshments provided.

Next meeting is the AGM on 20 September.

On a run, do you carry your membership card and a recent Newsletter with you?

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS

All events/Rallies listed below are approved Chrysler Owners Club of Qld Inc outings for CLUB VEHICLES currently on Special Interested Vehicle Registration (SIV) (conditions Apply).

17-09-23 Eliminators Hot Rod, Bike and Car Show, Beenleigh Show Grounds. Swap from 6,00 am

23-09-23 Whitsunday Old Iron Show & Swap Meet, Proserpine Showgrounds, 9.00am to 2.30 pm

30-09 to 01-10-23 Summer of Love Festival, Tambourine Mountain Showgrounds. For more information Email: summeroflovefest@gmail.com

15-10-23 Harrigans Car Show, Harrigans Drift Inn, Jacobs Well

15-10-23 Kalbar Swap Meet, Kalbar Showgrounds, from 6am

19 to 22-10-23 Waterhole Rocks, Nanago Showgrounds, 4 days of live entertainment food, fashion comp., dancing, Car & Caravan displays. Bookings/Info: Sue 0474 266 215 or Car Show'n'Shine: Terry 0409 496167.

21-10-23 Gold Coast Car Show, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds from 11.00 am

21-10-23 Maryborough Swap, Maryborough Show Grounds, from 6.00 am

5-11-23 Classic Car Club of Ipswich, Show, Shine & Swap, Pelican Street North Ipswich. Entry from 6.00 am

5-11-23 Just 8's Car Club, Show & Shine, Maroochydore Swans Leagues Club, West Rd Maroochydore, Entry from 8.00 am

3 & 4-02-24 Toowoomba Swap, Toowoomba Showgrounds, Site bookings at ddvvmc.com.au

Further details for the above can be found on the S.E.Qld Swap Meets Facebook Page

For more events: [CarTorque Find a Car Show near You Website](#) [Unique Cars Events Website](#)

Find below, you should confirm opening hours, events approved by and for the members of the Chrysler Owners Club of Qld inc. sanctioned journeys for club vehicles on special interest vehicle registration to/from include:

- Wynnum, Manly, Lota fore shore parks, BBQ's, cafe's, restaurants on Friday nights and all-day Sat & Sun.
- Woody Point, Redcliffe, Scarborough fore shore parks, BBQ's, cafe's, Friday nights and all-day Sat & Sun.
- Rock'n'Roll Diner & T'away, 1/251 South Station Road Raceview on Friday night, Sat & Sun when open.
- *Emporium Rock n Roll Milk bar, Dayboro Rd. Petrie Any Thursday, Friday Night and all-day Sat & Sun.
- The Retro Diner, 195 Brisbane Street Ipswich on Friday nights and Sat & Sun during opening hours.
- Viney's Place, 3/40 Queen Street, Harrisville on Friday nights and Sat & Sun during opening hours.
- Rock and Roll Diner 21 Goggs Rd Cinnamon Park, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8.00 am – 8.00pm
- Rare Times with Rare Spares at 14 Moss St Slacks Creek , 1st Thursday of each month, free to display.
- Joes Diner, 1084 Kingsford Smith Drive, Eagle Farm. First Saturday of every month 2.00 – 5.00pm
- **Boss Hoggs Steakhouse Mica St Carol Park. Any Opening time 32713715.
- Coffee and cars Turbo Drive Coorparoo from 6am 1st Saturday of each month.
- Coffee and cars 54 Junction Drive, Coolum 4573 from 7am 1st Saturday of each month.
- **Munch Inn Elizabeth Street, Acacia Ridge –Any Friday Night from 6.00pm onwards
- Breakfast with the cars, Tullawong State School 60-94 Smiths Road Caboo, 2nd Saturday of the month
- *Tivoli Drive in – 50 Coal Rd, Chuwar. Visit the web page www.Tivolidrivein.com or Facebook.
- *Yatala Drive in Theatre double feature night on the 1st & 3 rd. Saturday of Each Month. Exit 38 off the M1 - Ph Peter 0413 597 659
- Back to the Bush House, 2nd Friday of every month. Event by BCMC., Inc. 2929 Old Cleveland Rd Chandler 4155 from 5.00 pm
- Cars and Coffee, second Sunday of every month 1 South Street Jimboomba. (Jimboomba Sports Club)

- Victoria Point Shopping Centre, behind the Movie Theatre, 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month 7-10am 4-7pm.
- 2nd Sunday night of each month from 6 pm Yank Tanks, QLD Pimpama City Shopping, 102 Pimpama Jacobs Well Rd, Pimpama 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- 3rd Thursday each month, 6 pm Hot Cars & Hot Dogs, NAPA Auto Super Store. 60 Moss St, Slacks Creek
- 3rd Friday of each month, 5 pm Burleigh Autobarn Park Up, 197-207 Reedy Creek Road,
- 3rd Saturday of each Month, Dinner in the Bay (Cardigras) Bay Markets 681 Deception Bay Road, Deception Bay,
- **Town Square Redbank Plains, Redbank Plains & Keidges Road, 6-9pm last Saturday monthly.
- Cars and Coffee at Café Elle, last Saturday of every month 67 Robinson Rd Geebung
- Cars and Coffee at Kiwanda Café, last Saturday of every month 124 Distillery Rd Eagleby, 7.30-11am
- Last Sunday each month from 8.00 am, Superformance, 539 Redland Bat Road, Capalaba 4157.
- Breakfast & Cars, The Tin Cup Café Beenleigh Historical Village, last Sunday of every month 7–10.30am

“THE FORWARD LOOK”

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ: Whilst every care has been taken in preparing the list of events and activities listed on/in the “Forward Look”, the Editor and/or the COCQ inc take no responsibility whatsoever for the accuracy of the details listed and maybe subject to change. If in doubt & if possible, it is advised to contact the organisers of the event. If you wish or know of any motoring event that needs to be included in this event list (‘The Forward Look’) or have any details corrected, please phone or e-mail the Editor (listed inside front cover).

TRAVELLING NOTE FOR DAYS PRIOR AND POST ANY EVENT

For the purposes of Special Interest vehicle scheme registered vehicles.

- Travelling to and Returning from any of these events from the place of Vehicle garaging is approved and allowed.
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MOPAR GARAGE - FOR SALE, WANTED & HELP PAGE

If you have any vehicle, or vehicle related parts to sell swap or give away this is the place to advertise. To advertise here email to secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com

PLACING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Club Members are welcome to place an ad for free. If you have any parts for sale or wanting any parts please email secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com no later than the 4th Friday monthly

Please supply item, cost, condition, and contact details. Your advertisement will remain until it is either sold or 4 months after 1st placement date. Subject to space. All advertisements are placed in good faith and the Club takes no responsibility what so ever or the accuracy of the details listed and are subject to change.

For Sale: 2 x 1958 Chrysler 300D's and 1 x 1958 Plymouth Belvidere. All 3 cars have been dismantled. These have been garaged and in dry storage. To arrange to view these cars or to find out more about these vehicles please contact Club President Greg Holburt on 0413 147 040 or Club Secretary David Sutton on 0434 887 445. July 23

Wanted: Good to very good Right Hand non quarter glass Charger door. Please contact Mario 0417 776 062

For Sale: 360 small block engine for sale, suitable for parts or a rebuild but would have to be sleeved. Is from a Chrysler by Chrysler. Missing intake manifold & carburettor. It has been bored to + .060. Heads have had new valves with hardened seats for ULP. Crankshaft is OK. Call Keith West on 0458-707144 if interested. 2

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mark Pritchard	Member No. 509	VJ Charger (rejoined, welcome back)
Julie Pritchard.....	Member No. 510	CL Charger (rejoined, welcome back)
Sarah Ryan	Member No. 100	CM Regal Sedan (new member)
Branko Dermek.....	Member No. 101	1978 Valiant Sedan (new member)

Welcome to our newest members and thanks for choosing Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland. The aim of the club is to encourage the restoration, preservation, modification* and use of most model Chryslers.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your Chrysler at one of our Monthly General Meetings, EXPO Meetings, Club or Impromptu Runs & Chrysler EXPO. We have many resources such as our Library, Friendly and Passionate Members who love to share their acquired knowledge and we have strong links & association to other clubs.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except March 2023 and December) and commence at 7.30 pm at the Veteran & Vintage Car Club Rooms - 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale. This is your opportunity to have a direct say in the running of the club.

Typically from February through to August the organizing committee for the major event on our club calendar (being Chrysler EXPO) also meets on the same day and location as above from 6.30 pm. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend and actively participate.

Club Runs are typically organised to coincide towards the end of the month and are usually conducted just after the monthly general meeting. For suggestions on the destinations for club runs please make contact with one of our Run Co-ordinators either on a run, at a meeting or directly – see the contact details on page 3. It is advised that you carry your membership card and a copy of newsletter on the way to, during and from a Club run.

Impromptu runs can be arranged through the Website: [The Chrysler Owners Club QLD](https://www.chryslerownersclubqld.com.au) and you will need to choose the “Submit an Impromptu Run” link under Quick Links. It is also advised that you should make this run available to other club members by posting the Impromptu Run details on our Facebook page. It is advised that you carry your membership card and a copy of the Impromptu Run document printed from the website.

CM Regal for Sale



265 Auto, registered and in excellent condition. Located at Mount Gravatt, Contact owner 0432 124529

CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

For something different in 2023 we will be celebrating our Christmas party at the Oxley Golf Club on Sunday 26th November from 11.00 am.

There will be a delicious Mains & Desert Drop Menu but please advise if you have special dietary needs.

Supplementing lunch will be complimentary Soft Drinks, Tea & Coffee along with entertainment. **Alcoholic and other beverages at your expense.**

There will be lucky door prizes, raffles, club awards and a special guest Master of Ceremonies! As this is a club event please bring your Chrome Classic Chrysler.

To secure your booking you will need to provide a \$20.00 per person deposit by Saturday 3rd December which will be **refundable on the day**. There will be no exceptions to "no deposit no attendance" as non meals are a cost to the club.

If you are bringing a non member with you there will be an additional cost of \$40.00.

Preference is for you to deposit into club account: BSB 638 070 104 55892 with surname as reference. Cheques or cash will be returned on the day.

Please advise any special dietary requirements and your RSVP to David Sutton by Friday 3rd November 2023. You can mail this page or a copy of it with your name/s & cheque to: The Secretary, Chrysler Owners Club of Qld., P.O Box 2264, Tingalpa 4173.

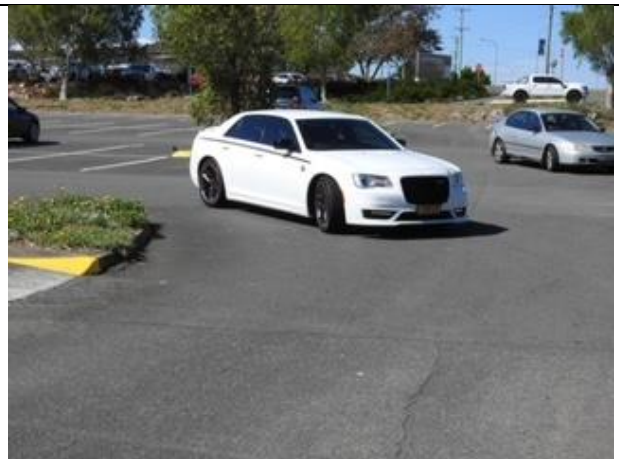


MULTI CLUB RUN

Some pics from the QCA Facebook page of the recent very successful Multi Club run. Thanks to all those who participated and to the organisers.







Thanks to PlumKrazy Garage for their ongoing sponsorship of Chrysler EXPO.



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It's unbelievable but Romsey Quints reckons the Charger is the closest thing to a real cheap Ferrari he has ever driven. He calls it . . .

THE SILVER BULLET

AS I WAS saying, they don't make cars like they used to. I said recently in WHEELS they stopped making cars with the RMF 2.5-litre Riley and the Bristol 400 series and the Lancia Aurelia and one or two others whose names even I forget.

But, precious reader, you are sick unto death of hearing me talk that way. Your gorge rises and your spleen vibrates, as the churlish old curmudgeon babbles on, saliva flecking his trembling lips, nervous, veined hands twitching at the blanket covering his palsied legs . . . Enough!

I found on my return to writing about cars that unless some kind soul would hand me a Porkpuccini or a Whysorevolting to punt around for a month or two the current crop of muscle cars only made me feel insecure.

To cure me of this the kind souls at Chrysler, damn their eyes, buckled me firmly into an RT-E38 Charger the other day and said: "Don't come back until you feel happy with it". Knowing how long this would take, I headed north up the Pacific Highway from Sydney, telling my long-suffering wife I would see her sometime when.

Fred Markone, now terrorising the local police with a Malvern Star chopped and channelled bike with 16 on the bar, five on the bell, foot-wide rims and emergency drag chute, was a bit savage about not coming with me,



but I pointed out that his studies were vital unless he wanted to end up as a motoring journalist.

Now, I owe Chrysler nothing and want nothing from them. In the past I have loathed all Valiants passionately. I thought their styling pedestrian, their engines coarse and their suspension elderly. The current crop (I drove a 770 Regal for a week) is a nice surprise, but it did not prepare me for this silver bullet with black stripes and automatic adrenalin.

In the country town I went through it had the local downy-cheeked wankers walking into telegraph poles and the girls waving their knickers. It just grabs you that way. It didn't grab me that way in a wild rainstorm between Taree and Kempsey the first evening, because it lacked windscreen wipers on the side windows — and that's what I had to look out of as the short wheelbase and choppy rear end failed to cope less than manfully with streaming roads and lousy rubber.

But after about 300 miles I started to get with it, and a Canadian hitch-hiker I picked up sat relaxed and happy and commenting on the nice ride as we blasted through the dusk.

The good things: It is a great overtaking car, using the least possible wrong side of the road; the seats are excellent over any distance; and the steering is nice, heavy enough to give information but still quite accurate. Bad: the brake pedal is not for 60-pound weaklings, although the silver bullet stops well enough it gives you the distinct impression someone has substituted a bag of cement for the pedal and All Is Definitely Lost; the steering wheel is still too high off the seat; and the headlights aren't worth a damn over 80 mph.

But believe it or not, that car is the closest thing to a real cheap Ferrari I have ever driven. In the course of my wanderings I took the Gwydir Highway from Grafton to Glen Innes, and found the most marvellous sporting bit of road in Australia (a pity I mention it, for they will surely ban it now to all but motorised wheelchairs). Halfway along is a stupendous mountain climb, and I went up it like Ascari in a 4.2 Fazzazz, using every inch of bitumen and bouncing gear shifts off rock faces.



Once over the top you find 30 miles of kangaroo warnings, and whistling into the setting sun with a screen smeared by bugs is no way to watch for roos. But that couldn't spoil one of the finest days of my life.

Make no mistake, it is not a Ferrari to drive. There is none of that turbine smoothness of the V12, whence you go seven-change-seven-change-seven-change-seven-change to 140 as fast as you can write it, and none of that screwing the tail firmly down on the road by adding 2000 rpm as the Ferrari is a quarter sideways in third at nearly 100. The Charger walks about a lot and you have to work at it all the time, to niggly away at the steering and power to keep it running where you want. It is not in the least a sophisticated grand touring car, but it has guts and it talks to you and not many cars do that nowadays.

So I think I may have to revise my opinions a little. Mind you, they still don't make them like they used to. But maybe like they used to wasn't the same idea. They made cars for gentlemen then, with lots of available road in which to use them and not too many piffling fools legislating against using them or banning you from scratching your nose with the left hand while exceeding 20 mph (at which speed all brain matter turns to jelly, as any good politician knows). Now they make cars not for gentlemen but for snatched moments of fun, for driving is supposed to be a serious business and not fun any more.

To hell with them all. I will go back to that road in a Ferrari or a Porsche 911 or maybe even a bloody GTHO and blow some kangaroos up grass banks and bounce some marvellous noise off the rock faces. You see, a Riley won't quite go up that hill as quickly as that . . . *

WIN THE CAR OF THE YEAR / ENTRY FORM

The WHEELS/CHARGER contest is based on the trip made by the WHEELS test crew to bring the car from Chrysler's Adelaide headquarters to the closest Chrysler dealer to the WHEELS office in Sydney—Century Motors Pty. Ltd., 112 Broadway, Sydney. Here's what you have to do:

- 1 From the 10 clues given, trace on the Gregory's map with a ballpoint pen the route of the car from Adelaide to Sydney.
- 2 At five towns along the way, we made fuel stops as indicated in the clues. From the list of dealers, write in the name of the dealer in the town where these fuel stops were made.
- 3 Give the total mileage for the trip from the Adelaide factory to Century Motors, Broadway, Sydney—to the nearest mile.
- 4 Give the total petrol consumption for the trip—expressed in gallons to one decimal point.

At every stage along the trip, which covered three States, the WHEELS crew observed all legal speed limits and did not attempt to drive the car beyond its normal cruising speeds.

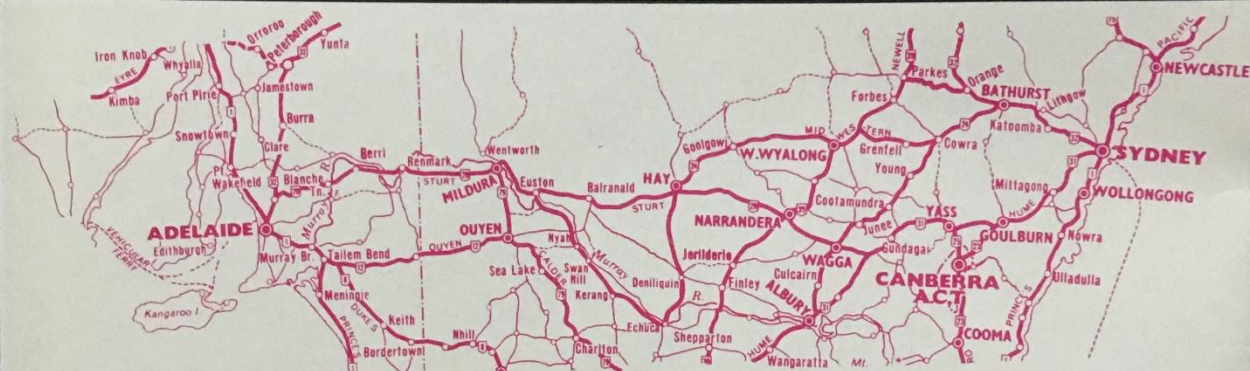
The map in the entry form is based on Gregory's Map of Australia and Gregory's maps were used all the way on the trip.

The car started its journey with a full tank at the factory gate—17.5 gallons. The odometer was masked. The mileage on the odometer was not known to the WHEELS crew. At each of the

fuel stops, the WHEELS crew was blindfolded as the tank was topped up at the dealer's pumps. Only the dealer himself knew exactly how much petrol was put into the tank at each stop. This information was sent by each dealer to the managing director of Chrysler, Mr. David Brown, in Adelaide. On arrival at Century Motors in Sydney a Chrysler representative checked the final fuel consumption. He also removed the mask from the odometer and only he noted the final mileage. These figures also were sent in a sealed envelope to Adelaide. At no stage did the WHEELS crew know the figures.

The entrant which is judged by Mr. Brown and the editor of WHEELS, Mr. Peter Robinson, to have worked out most accurately the route, total mileage and total fuel consumption will have the car delivered to him, fully registered in the State in which he lives.

The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Employees of the K. G. Murray Publishing Company Pty. Ltd., and associated companies and Chrysler Australia Ltd. and associated companies and dealers are ineligible to enter the contest.



Mark on map route from Adelaide to Sydney by following the clues.

THE CLUES

- 1 Head through the valley of wines for the land of oranges and mark up your first stop.
- 2 FUEL STOP (name dealer): You can stop here for a drink at the world's longest bar.
- 3 There's a real Gem in this town, but it's all part of history now.
- 4 FUEL STOP (name dealer): A recent Prime Minister was once president of this town's shire council.
- 5 This town was named after an aboriginal leader, said to be famous for his wrestling exploits.
- 6 FUEL STOP (name dealer): You make it in the sunshine.
- 7 FUEL STOP (name dealer): Pick a point of the compass and ask yourself why.
- 8 They explore the stars not far from here, but you turn off before.
- 9 FUEL STOP (name dealer): You may need one by the time you reach here, but that's only the half of it.
- 10 If you have small arms, you should feel at home here... then continue on to Sydney.

THE DEALERS/BERRI: Lyons Motors; **REMARK:** Holzberg Motors; **MILDURA:** Hutchinson's Motors; **SWAN HILL:** Holt's Auto Service; **KERANG:** Findlay's Transport Motors; **NARRANDERA:** Robinson Motors; **WEST WYALONG:** Grellman's Garage; **FORBES:** John Cruikshank; **COWRA:** Barker Motors; **PARKES:** Stansfield Pty. Ltd.; **ORANGE:** Thomas & Sons; **BATHURST:** West End Motors; **LITHGOW:** Austen & Butta; **KATOOMBA:** Blue Mountains Service Station.

NAME TOWNS AND DEALERS

FUEL STOP 1

FUEL STOP 2

FUEL STOP 3

FUEL STOP 4

FUEL STOP 5

TOTAL MILEAGE

TOTAL FUEL USED

NAME

ADDRESS

STATE

POSTCODE

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