"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.



Brad Forno's 1959 AP2 Royal V8
Bruce Robinson's AT4 Dodge Truck
David Sutton's Much Loved VC V8

PRESIDENTS PEN

Presidents message at the beginning of November 2023

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

Some may have noted my absence from the October club meeting and run, I've been busy with family matters interstate but are now very happy to be back home in Brisbane. Thanks to everyone who took charge of things whilst I was away.

We had a club run on October 22nd with a trip to Tamborine Mountain. Cruising out the car park at Browns Plains Hungry Jack we headed of to Cedar Falls for some morning tea. Unfortunately the car park was full and we managed to find a clearing on the side of the road further up the mountain. We took our time having a cuppa and a chin wag. Angela O'Neil won the "Lucky Door Prize" consisting of a 5L Penrite Classic. Looks like Lukes next oil change is sorted.

Prior to heading off we had a chance encounter with a Club Member who was "Cruising" as part of his occupation. Most of us initially thought..... the worst. Its been a while since we have seen our esteemed member, good to catch you mate!!!

We headed off to the Café and enjoyed the Rock'n'Roll atmosphere and the great food and drinks. After leaving the diner after lunch a few drivers met up at the Hang Glider Launch Area. Well what magnificent views were had out to the West. Another hassle free club run completed as we went home.

In November we have our club Christmas Party which this year will be held at the Oxley Golf Club on November 26th from 11am. (This also constitutes our monthly club run so there is no additional run for November). Promising to be bigger and better than any before, we have lucky door prizes, raffles, a trivia event and other prizes and giveaways to make the day a fun time for all. To secure your seat please pay \$20.00 per head pronto (this covers our catering costs if people don't show) which is fully refunded to you on the day.

A little personal story that I'm sure we can all relate to. I know we all have cars that do require a bit of work to keep them going, usually along with a healthy injection of cash. I decided to look at the cooling system in my CM valiant recently. It usually ran too cold barely making it off the stop, the heater was useless, but then it would get too hot in slow traffic. So I pulled the old radiator, hoses, thermostat housing and water pump off after draining everything. There was virtually no thermostat left, (don't know where this went?), the water pump was down to about 2 vanes out of 6, the hoses were old and bulging and the radiator was a bit clogged. All the above was replaced and the system refilled. It now warms up as expected, the gauge is steady and the heater works, bonus. That should be that for the next 20 odd years I hope!

Enjoy your rides people, look forward to seeing you all real soon, cheers for now.

Greg Holburt COCQ President.

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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 2023- SEPTEMBER 2024



These people have been duly elected to the following positions & VOLUNTEER their time to support running of the Club. president@chryslerownersclubgld.com Vice President: Stephen Lappin 0431 781 477 secretary@chryslerownersclubgld.com secretary2IC@chrslerownersclubgld.com Sergeant at Arms: Luke O'Neill............................... 0408 980 408 Chief Steward: Bruce Robinson 0419 684 370 **Dating Officer (S I V):** Tina Denman(07) 3202 3763 Dating Officer (SIV): Graham McLean 0414 809 498 Newsletter Editor: Stephen Lappin 0431 781 477 newslettereditor@chryslerownersclubgld.com Sales/Property Officer: Current Key HoldersN/A Membership Officer: Tina Denman membershipofficer@chryslerownersclubgld.com Club Run Coordinators: Luke O'Neil 0408 980 408 David Sutton 0434 887 445 Social Committee: David Sutton 0434 887 445 Stephen Lappin......0431 781 477

Expo Committee – All Club Members are welcome.

Meeting Delegates: ASMF: Michael Denman, QHMC Rep:
Greg Holburt & David Sutton. 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 $7.30~\mathrm{pm}$

PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

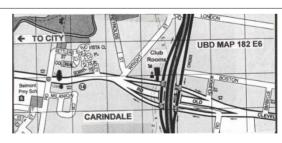
Parking at the clubrooms should be in the lined parking bays ONLY. For

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 GENERAL MEETING 18/10/23

Meeting opened by David at 7.30pm standing in for Greg while in Victoria visiting family. Vice President Stephen was also unable to attend. Meeting attended by 13 members and there were 4 apologies. Club member Iain Carlin was up from Adelaide and attended the meeting with his son David. Minutes from the September AGM meeting accepted by Tina and seconded by Bruce.

Inwards correspondence:

- 1. Email from David Windle keen to come to next Expo (he is in Cairns).
- 2. Email from Paul Wallis wanting a LHR electric door regulator for CH CxC.
- 3. Email from Kym Ryder wanting a member with a Valiant to go to Redcliffe in November for her father's 70th.
- 4. Email from Eric Giles (Gold Coast Tweed Club) re sending their newsletter to us.
- 5. Email from QHMC regarding affiliated club's opinion on SIV log book system.
- 6. Email from Ric Crump looking for a past member (Bob Pritchard).
- 7. Email from QHMC with agenda for next meeting on 28 October.
- 8. Email from David Smith ordering a club polo shirt.
- 9. Email from Barry Elsdon looking for a 1968 Dodge Charger. Also, who does RHD conversions.
- **All of these have been sent a reply, where necessary **

Newsletters received from other clubs (via email)

Charger Club of WA (sent weekly), Combined Coastal Car Club, Chrysler Narrator, Gold Coast Tweed Chrysler Club, Victorian Charger Club, Coffs Harbour Veteran & Vintage Car Club, Chrysler Restorers Club of Victoria.

All of these have been sent on to COCQ financial members

Motormouth magazine received from ASMF.

Treasurer's report: NAB account balance \$9268.60. Heritage account had income of \$1644.51 expenditure of \$5223.53 Balance of \$29852.58. 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. Some parts catalogues (Centura KB & KC, Magna TP, TM & TN, Sigma GK, Dodge truck 1958-59 & fast mover catalogue) donated to the club by Nundah Mitsubishi (Norris Group).

Internet Report:

Tina advised she is having issues with emails from her PC but OK from the mobile.

Expo report: No report presented.

Run Co-ordinators report:

October 22: Luke confirmed the run to Tamborine Diner is on Sunday October 22. We will meet at Hungry Jacks at Browns Plains at 9am for a 9.30am departure.

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

January 26: Australia Day event at Ormiston School presented by BVRC.

General business:

There is an error with the menu advertised for the Christmas party. It will be a buffet lunch & not a drop menu.

Members who wish to attend the party must pay their deposit by November 3 (as in the newsletter).

QHMC has asked affiliated clubs to canvass opinions from their members regarding the log book scheme as used in some other states for vehicles on SIV registration. A consensus at the meeting was not in favour of any change to the present system we have in Queensland. The issue will be discussed further at the November meeting.

A number of Expo badges supplied by Rose for any member who want any.

We will be asking for volunteers to help BVRC on Australia Day.

Michael Denman advised the meeting that long term club member Kerry Digney is unwell & in hospital. We send him our best wishes. Anyone who wishes to contact Kerry can do so through Mick Denman.

Tina has received quotes for 1000 membership cards and will order them from Ipswich printing company Gawdy Green.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Refreshments served.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 15 November.

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).

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

11-11-23 Burleigh Park Up, 197-207 Reedy Creek Road, 4.30 to 7.30.

11-11-23 Kitsch on the Swich Show & Shine, 1940's, 50's & 60's. Ipswich Showgrounds.

11-11-23 Kingaroy Swap Meet, Geoff Ralph Drive (Airport Precinct) Must pre register to show. www.cardigras.com.au

16-12-23 Mega Event at Café Elle. 67 Robertson Rd East Geebung from 7.30 am

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

08-03-24 Dalby Swap Meet, Dalby Showgrounds Nicholson St Dalby from 10am till 6pm

22-03-24 Adelaide Chrysler Festival, Lunch Cruise, Meet & Greet. More details to follow

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@chryslerownersclubgld.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. Both 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.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Angela O'Neil Member No. 104 Her Husbands AP6 Wagon

Welcome to our newest member 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: <u>The Chrysler Owners Club QLD</u> 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.

CHRYSLER HELP LINE



If you need help or advice with your Chrysler consider attending the support group at the Club Room on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

NOVEMBER CLUB RUN TO MT TAMBORINE

















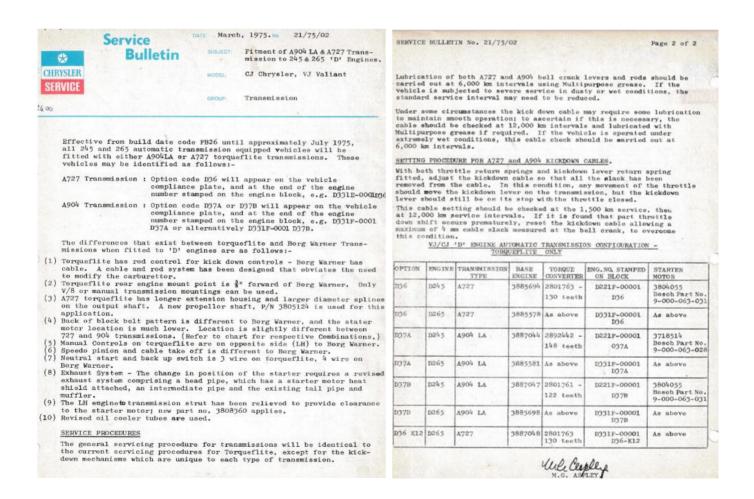
TORQUE FLITE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS

Chrysler Australia used imported torqueflite automatic model A904 transmissions on all model Valiants up to VE series in 1968. The Australian government had set a 95% local content requirement on locally manufactured cars by the end of the decade. The VE had more local content than previous models, and with the introduction of locally manufactured Borg Warner model 35 automatic transmissions (initially only with the 145HP engines) and the assembly of engines at the new Lonsdale engine manufacturing complex meant Chrysler was on the way to achieve it.

All 1967 build VEs (released in November 1967) used the imported transmission. These "C" series engines can be identified by having only three welsh plugs in the block as did earlier models, and engine numbers on the 145hp powered vehicles were prefixed with VE4 or LVE4. (Note that all VEs with the high performance two barrel 160hp engine continued to use the imported A904 transmission, as did all V8 models).

The "D" series slant six engines were introduced in early 1968 (identified by having five welsh plugs in the block and engine numbers prefixed LVE4D. The introduction of the Borg Warner 35 transmissions on 145hp powered vehicles during the VE model was staggered, as follows:

Base model sedan VE4M41 used the A904 torqueflite up to serial number 2272, then from serial 3364 to 4234. Borg Warner 35s were fitted from serial number 2273 to 3363, and from serial 4235 to 4956. Torqueflites were used again from serial number 4957 up to 5790. From serial 5791, only Borg Warner 35s were used.



Regal model sedan VE4H41 up to serial number 955 used A904 torqueflites, then BW35 onwards.

Base model wagons VE4M45 up to serial number 759 used A904 torqueflites, then BW35 onwards.

Regal model wagons VE4H45 up to serial number 202 used A904s, then BW35 onwards.

All VE utes models VE4L20 and VE4M20 used BW35s.

(A total of 5891 VEs with 145hp engines were fitted with A904 torqueflites).

Borg Warner automatic transmissions were used on all VF, VG, VH, VJ (except with option codes D36 & D37), VK,CL & CM models with 6 cylinder engines (V8 powered vehicles only ever used the imported torqueflite transmissions).

An exception to the use of Borg Warner transmissions is that during the latter part of VJ /CJ model production in 1975, a significant number (totalling 3588) of vehicles with the "D" series hemi six engines were fitted with either A904 or A727 imported transmissions from 26 February 1975 until July 1975. A unique block had to be manufactured to accommodate these transmissions because of the different bolt pattern. Additionally, many unique parts suitable to torqueflites. Vehicles fitted with these transmissions can be identified with either option code D36 (A727 type) or D37 (A904 type) on the compliance plate. The engine numbers on these vehicles also included these codes as part of the engine number. From July 1975, the fitment of Borg Warner type 35 transmissions recommenced for hemi powered vehicles.

In total, 2109 vehicles were fitted with the larger A727s and 1479 with the A904...

References: Valiant parts catalogue RV1-VG, Chrysler Australia Service Bulletin 21/75/02 (March 1975) & Gavin Farmer's publication "Great Ideas in Motion" – a history of Chrysler in Australia 1946-1981.

Written by D. Sutton May 2022

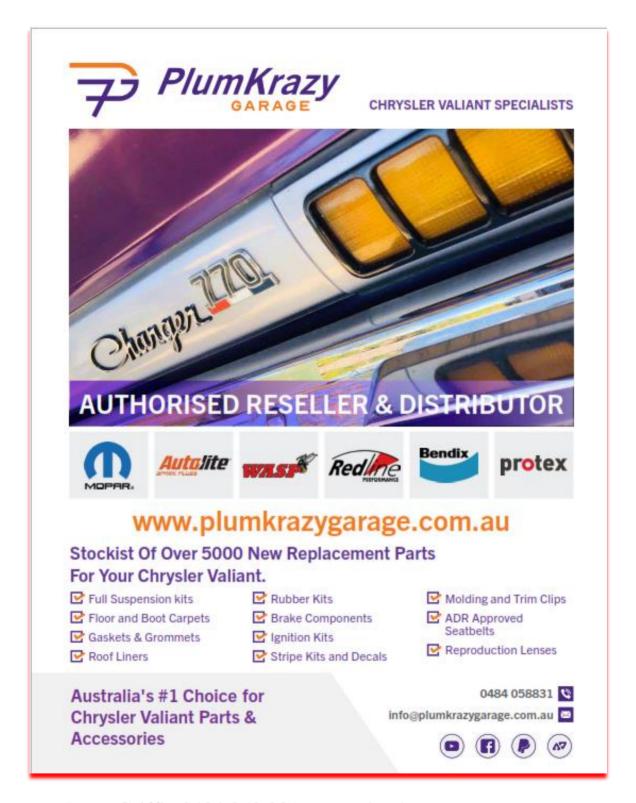
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