

# "CHRYSLER NEWS"

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"CHRYSLER NEWS" is the official Newsletter of 'The Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland Inc'  
Established 1988 – Celebrating 36 Years of the COCQ Inc.

## Lakeside, Victoria Point Cars and Coffee 11<sup>th</sup> August



## Various Club Members

## PRESIDENTS PEN

Presidents message end of August 2024

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

I'm back home again after a rather disrupted past few months travelling to Melbourne, Perth and finally Malaysia. I want to thank our committee members and in particular our Vice President Stephen Lappin for taking control in my absence. Stephen probably writes a better monthly blurb than me too, maybe he's looking to a challenge at this year's upcoming Annual General Meeting?? The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Tingalpa Hotel. A meal will be provided to all who come along from 6.30pm then stay to enjoy the theatre of our AGM which will begin at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining our great management committee team please register your interest with a nomination form which is on our website. Also advise myself or Secretary Dave Sutton if you are coming along so we can advise the hotel of approximate numbers.

The August Multi-Club run was held with those attending enjoying a lunch at the Lions club in Springwood. Numbers were down this year compared to last year but we all had a great time among friends. The QCA, R&S Valiant Club and the Gold Coast Tweed Chrysler clubs were all represented alongside our regular COCQ members. We know a lot of people were away for various reasons this year but all the clubs are very keen to build this event. We will work a little bit harder next year to promote the event and get the numbers back up.

Expo will be done and dusted by the time you read this and it's looking like we will have a bumper crowd of cars, attractions and patrons to enjoy the day. The planning has been rigorous and we hope that everything runs smoothly. The weather looks like it will be perfect. Once this year's event is done we will begin planning for the 2025 event which will include the 2025 Motorfest on 100 years of Chrysler. This would be a huge event for our COCQ as well as the many other Chrysler clubs throughout Brisbane and Queensland/NSW.

We have an exciting run planned for October 20<sup>th</sup> to the Brisbane Motor Museum in Banyo. I had the pleasure of going to this venue some months ago when the theme was Jaguar cars, what a great display. For our visit it is the Holden/Ford vehicles which take the stage in a very tidy and modern purpose-built facility. I hope we get many people and cars attending. Further details will be provided shortly.

Finally to our Christmas celebration to round out the year. We will hold the event on **Saturday** Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at the Windaroo Lakes Gold Club on Brisbane's southside. All are welcome and please let myself or Dave Sutton know that you are coming so we can advise the Windaroo Club of numbers. Please also remember to pay a fully refundable deposit of \$20 per head for members and partners (or payment of \$40 per head for visitors) to our treasurer by 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Enjoy your Chryslers people, cheers for now.

Greg Holburt COCQ Club President.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Officer – Tina Denman  
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## SECRETARY

The Secretary – David Sutton  
Chrysler Owners Club Qld  
P.O. Box 2264, Tingalpa QLD, 4173  
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## PHONE/S:

Club Runs: 0408 980 408 (Luke O'Neil)  
0434 887 445 (David Sutton)

Club Rooms: (07) 3843 0010 (Meeting nights only).

W: [chryslerownersclubqld.com](http://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.

## BANKING DETAILS

BSB 638070 Account 10455892

## 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:** Greg Holburt ..... 0413 147 040  
[president@chryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:president@chryslerownersclubqld.com)

**Vice President:** Stephen Lappin ..... 0431 781 477

**Secretary:** David Sutton ..... 0434 887 445  
[secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com)

**Assistant Secretary:** Jorg Peters ..... 0479 075 299  
[secretary2IC@chryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:secretary2IC@chryslerownersclubqld.com)

**Treasurer:** Mario Sorbello ..... 0417 776 062

**Sergeant at Arms:** Luke O'Neil ..... 0408 980 408

**Chief Steward:** Bruce Robinson ..... 0419 684 370

**Dating Officer (S I V):** Tina Denman ..... (07) 3202 3763

**Dating Officer (S I V):** Graham McLean ..... 0414 809 498

**Newsletter Editor:** Stephen Lappin ..... 0431 781 477  
[newslettereditor@chryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:newslettereditor@chryslerownersclubqld.com)

**Sales/Property Officer:** Current Key Holders ..... N/A

**Membership Officer:** Tina Denman  
[membershipofficer@chryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:membershipofficer@chryslerownersclubqld.com)

**Library Officer:** Neil Sweetman ..... 0430 066 200

**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 pm

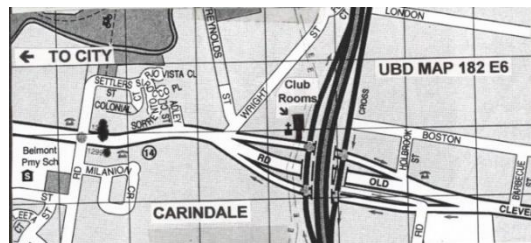
## PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

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 17/07/24

### COCQ Meeting 21 August 2024

Expo meeting opened by Vice President Stephen at 6.34pm. General meeting opened at 7.23pm after a tea break. Attended by 11 members and one visitor Darren Blackburn, and there were 2 apologies. New member Casey Westerdale was welcomed.

Minutes from the July meeting accepted by Jorg and seconded by Bruce R.

#### **Inwards correspondence:**

1. Logan City FM101 to broadcast Expo from mid-August. We are required to make a donation to a local charity after Expo.
2. Correspondence received from food vendors, sponsors and exhibitors re Expo.
3. Correspondence from the Office of Fair Trading regarding the changes effective 1/7/24 (previously discussed and implemented).
4. Miniwebs has cancelled the Secretary "out of office".
5. Jamie ? has a chassis for a 1952 Dodge truck.
6. Garth Tomlinson has a reduction gear starter and 2 alternators to give away.
7. Photos from Jodie (Townsville member) of the Cyclones Car Club event at Kissing Point held on 22 July (attended by David Sutton).
8. Bill from Valiant Infobase has sent a catalogue of Omega Craft coasters, medallions.
9. Marj Ellis has a 1971 historic E37 Charger for sale in Adelaide.
10. Nick Paradise membership query.
11. John Lentini looking for vinyl roof material (1970 RT SE).
12. Letter from ASMF re conditions for judging, and our compliance.
13. Some replies from members regarding volunteering at Expo.
14. Omega Laser Craft sent 2 invoices for medallions and coasters ordered.
15. QHMC minutes and details of forthcoming AGM.
16. Email from Pacific Trophies.
17. Newsletters from East Coast Cruisers, Charger Club of WA, Chrysler Restorers Victoria (Chryco Reporter), Coffs Harbour Vintage & Veteran Club (Coff's Splutter), Austin 7 Club of Qld, Chrysler Restorers of NZ, Pentastar Post (Chrysler Restorers of Tasmania).

**All of the above inwards correspondence has been answered as reqd.**

### **Treasurer's report for July 2024**

NAB balance \$9328.60. Heritage balance \$15742.19. Outlays of \$4371.31. Income of \$585.00. Term deposit is \$32641.30.

### **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. Five Sigma parts books borrowed in July have been returned.

**Internet report:** No report this month.

### **Expo report:**

Meeting opened at 6.34pm.

Email & FB message to volunteers about setting up time (1pm) for Expo on Sat 7 September.

Contact Ram Jeep dealer about Expo to gauge interest.

Pick up line marker from BVRC.

Contact Veev's coffee Childers about raffle prize voucher.

Meet up with HMCC club about concours at Expo.

Print food vouchers for the Expo volunteers.

Drone will not be available at Expo.

Procure STOP/GO signs closer to Expo.

Hire 3 phase DB and equipment.

Vendors requiring power have advised their needs.

Expo signs have been sorted into groups. Stephen has a site plan.

Expo banner to be erected on the showgrounds fence from September 2.

Procure bunting tape, wooden stakes and line marker paint.

Trophies have been delivered.

Have 41 volunteers for Expo.

Contact QCA about their volunteers required at Expo.

Account for the trophies received. Send to the Treasurer for payment.

Greg is to make A3 laminated signs for list of raffle prizes, trophy categories and judging.

Stephen to source books of raffle tickets.

## Run Co-ordinators report:

**August 25:** President's day at the clubhouse. BBQ and boot sale. **POSTPONED.**

**September 8:** Chrysler Expo at the Rocklea showgrounds.

**September 18:** AGM at the Tingalpa Hotel. Meet at 6.30pm for dinner funded by the club. Please come along and support YOUR club. **No general meeting at the clubrooms.**

**September 22:** The Logan City Heritage & Cultural Fair at the Kingston Butter Factory Precinct **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**October 20:** Brisbane Motor Museum at Banyo. \$25 entry fee. Meet at the clubrooms at 11am. Having lunch there at member's expense.

**November 30:** COCQ Christmas Party at Windaroo Lakes Golf Club. Note it will be on a Saturday this year.

**PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS AS WE ARE TRYING TO PLAN OUR CLUB EVENTS WELL IN ADVANCE.**

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm. Refreshments served.

**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY September 28**

**THIS IS THE AGM**

**Dinner will be funded by the club to the members who attend.**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME. BRING YOUR IDEAS!!**

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).

**14-09-24 Kooralbyn Car & Bike Show.** Kooralbyn Community Hall

**14-09-24 Gympie Swap Meet,** Gympie Showgrounds from 6 am,

**29-09-24 Rusty & Dusty.** Versdale Hotel, from 7am

**12-10-24 Glenwood Swap Meet.** Pepper Road, Glenwood

**26-10-24 Torbanlea Swap Meet.** Cant miss it, Torbanlea is a small place...

**9-11-24 Kingaroy Swap Meet.** Kingaroy AirPort Precinct Off Warren Truss Drive, from 6 am.

**10-11-24 Classic & Muscle Car Club Swap and Car Show.** Elican St North Ipswich from 6 am.

**24-11-24 Chinchilla Swap,** State School Grounds Cnr Middle & Colamba St

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 , 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.
- Coffee and cars 54 Junction Drive, Coolum 4573 from 7am 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month
- Tivoli Drive in – 50 Coal Rd, Chuwar. Visit the web page [www.Tivolidrivein.com](http://www.Tivolidrivein.com) or Facebook.
- Yatala Drive in Theatre double feature night on the 1st & 3 rd. Satrday of Each Month. Exit 38 off the M1
- Cars and Coffee, second Sunday of every month 1 South Street Jimboomba. (Jimboomba Sports Club)
- Victoria Point Shopping Centre, behind the Movie Theatre, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, ,
- 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.
- ✓ Travelling to and Returning from any of these events from Accommodation related to attending any of these events 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](mailto:secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com)

### PLACING AN ADVERTISEMENT

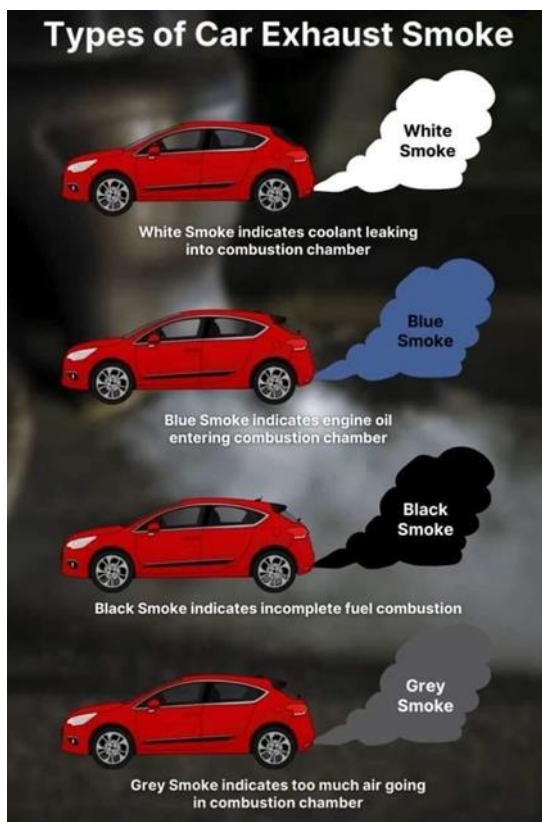
Club Members are welcome to place an ad for free. If you have any parts for sale or wanting any parts please email [secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com) no later than the 4th Friday monthly

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.

**Wanted:** VC bonnet in good straight condition. Prefer SE Qld area. Please phone 0434-887445

**For Sale:** Genuine 1971 VH Charger 770 E37, located in Adelaide. Please make contact through the following link <https://www.australianmusclecarsales.com.au/cars/1971-vh-valiant-charger-e37-ex-head-of-racing-john-ellis-245259>

## ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE #6



## Stop Smoking

Its good for your wealth & everyone's health.

Save the planet one Chrysler at a time.

(Well at least pretend the red car on the right is a Chrysler)



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ben England .....	Member No. 123	AP5 & AP6 Sedan
Mark McInerney .....	Member No. 124	1969 Valiant Regal Sedan
Rudi Prudon .....	Member No. 125	1956 Desoto Diplomat Regent

Welcome Ben, Mark & Rudi, thanks for choosing Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland. The aim of the club is to encourage the restoration, preservation, modification\* and use of most 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 and December) and commence at 7.30 pm at the Veteran & Vintage Car Club Rooms - 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale. This is your opportunity for 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](#) 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.

## AUSTRALIA TRIVIA #3



Reminder that the answers for the 2024 Xmas Party Trivia have been published throughout the various newsletters this year.

## CHRYSLER HELP LINE



Feeling down after making a Life Long Mistake?

Don't despair, call the Chrysler Help Line and get back on track.

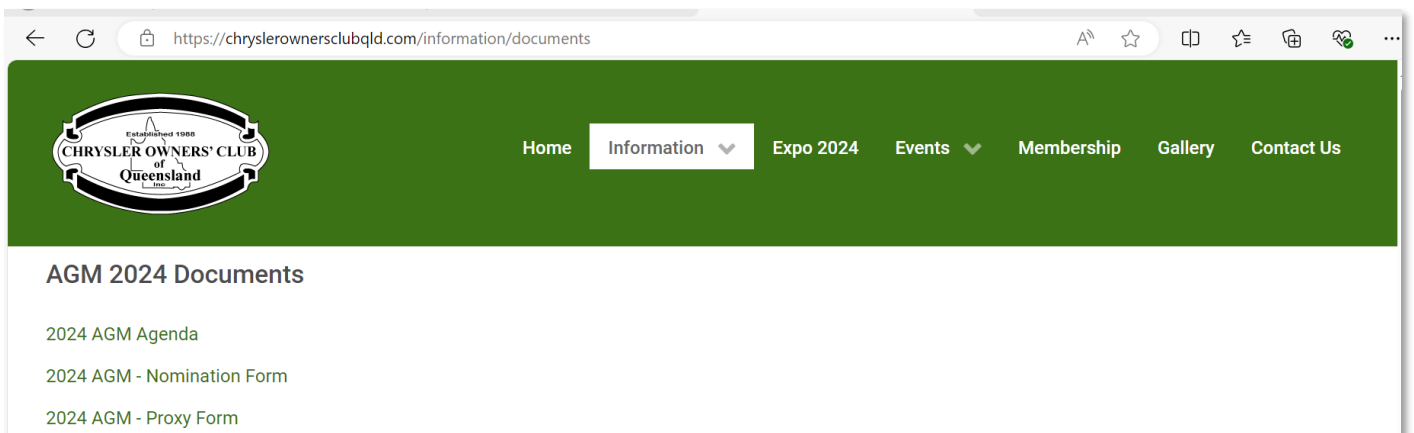
Everyone is welcome to attend a club event, there is always room for one more on a club run.

## 2024 CLUB AGM

AGM at the Tingalpa Hotel, 1563 Wynnum Road Tingalpa. We are meeting at 6.30pm for dinner funded by the club.

Your help is needed to run the club, all positions are made vacant so come and make a difference. Note: No general meeting at the clubrooms.

Go to the Club Website <https://chryslerownersclubqld.com> for the meeting Agenda, Nomination and Proxy Forms.



# MULTI CLUB RUN TO LIONS SPRINGWOOD



# COTM FUEL RUN SHEET

## 2024 Chryslers On The Murray - Fuel Expenses

Date	Time	Petrol	Town	Miles	Kilometres	Brand	Litres	Cost	Total
13/03/2024	8.26	Ampol	Goodna	8947.8	0	98	35.20	\$2.539	\$89.38
"	1.03	Metro	Texas	9118.7	170.9	98	36.31	\$2.099	\$76.21
14/03/2024	8.15	BSS	Blingara	9224.4	105.7	98	26.30	\$2.189	\$57.60
"	10.36	Ampol	Gunnedah	9330.1	105.7	98	23.59	\$2.139	\$57.60
"	12.43	Coles	Coonabarabran	9395.7	65.6	95	13.83	\$2.049	\$28.34
"	2.27	Liberty	Brocklehurst	9479.5	83.8	95	17.68	\$2.089	\$36.95
15/03/2024	8.26	NPD	Parkes	9556.6	77.1	95	21.69	\$2.099	\$45.55
"	10.30	Metro	W-Wyalong	0	187.5	98	15.85	\$2.119	\$33.59
"	1.27	SFS	WaggaWagga	9744.1		98	25.39	\$2.075	\$52.70
16/03/2024	7.11	Mobil	Albury	9820	75.9	98	19.63	\$2.099	\$41.20
17/03/2024	7.19	Mobil	Albury	9843.5	23.5	98	7.02	\$2.099	\$14.73
"	2.31	EG	Temora	9978.4	134.9	95	28.26	\$2.069	\$58.45
18/03/2024	8.05	Shell	Peak Hill	10128.9	150.5	98	33.32	\$2.199	\$73.27
"	10.52	Coles	Coonabarabran	10261	132.1	95	33.46	\$2.029	\$67.90
"	12.15	EG	Gunnedah	10326.7	65.7	95	13.87	\$2.039	\$28.30
19/03/2024	7.31	Mobil	Wariata	10458.5	131.8	91	32.30	\$1.969	\$63.60
"	8.16	Metro	Texas	10537.8	79.3	98	17.03	\$2.099	\$35.75
"	10.24	Mobil	Warwick	10636.9	99.1	95	21.16	\$2.005	\$42.43
"	11.37	Shell	Aratula	10668.4	31.5	98	9.04	\$2.099	\$18.95
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Jorg's Valiant AP6 225 Sedan

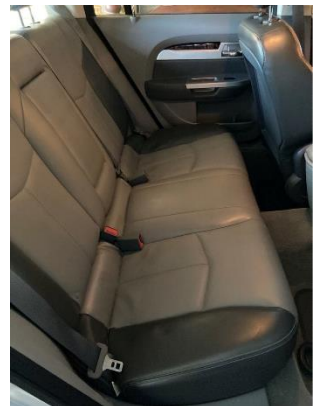
Kilometres 1,376.48 Eachway

Actual Distance	1802 Miles
	2883.2 Kilometres
Fuel used	94.6 Gallons
	430 Litres
Consumption	19 MPG
	14.9 L/100k

Thanks to Jorg Peters for providing the above table that details the Time Table, Fuel Cost and Fuel Consumption for the 2024 Chryslers On The Murray run. Thanks Jorg for the share!!!

## CHRYSLER SEBRING FOR SALE

Chrysler Sebring 2007 Plated, 98,900 km on clock, Recently had brakes fully replaced and window motor. Well kept in a garage. It does have a minor mark near the left hand front wheel and near the boot. Contact Julie 0409458543 Sandstone Point.



## FROM THE TIME MACHINE

Just the car for a Sunday drive at Sandown

# HEMI PACER: FAMILY RACER?



Against Holden's Torana three-carb special, the Pacer Hemi 245 could provide the Battle of Bathurst for 1970 and leave Ford's HO on a limb. Whether Bathurst or Bondi, the new Pacer has all the handling, brakes and go to match its pose-value.

FIVE GRAND, 112 mph and still accelerating hard. The 400 marker comes up, three and a half, dare I try for three...? With a whoosh of spray, the tyres bite... smooth line for Shell... accelerate hard, dump under heakes up the short hill to Peters... oooooops, who put that puddle right on line? One turn correction right, oops, correction left, then go. Up the back straight and lots of heart with wipers lifting

off and 112 again as the Pacer sweeps over the hump and down into the fast esses. Hard brakes and second for Dandenong Corner, "leave" oversteer acceleration down to the Causeway, more smooth bravery under the bridge and go-oh-oh down the straight and it's on again.

Five Sandown Park laps later, the bravery, brakes and black clouds spelt Mighty Machine for

Chrysler's new Pacer 245 Hemi. Two years before I had a Valiant at Sandown Park for the International race meeting. It had been transport for myself to run the long and tiring 12 hours from Sydney.

For Chrysler, the Pacer's release at Sandown Park was a Pyrrhic, victory. The conditions were atrocious, most of the gathered ventilated discs, they use the swinging caliper from their attempt





on the three-hour endurance record they already held and even the fires of enthusiasm from Chrysler men seemed doused by the torrential rain. But despite the conditions, few who had gathered to see the Hemi Pacer's all-conquering entry to the Australian market went away unimpressed by the new car's strong race-track appeal.

Look at the Pacer in two ways. First as a race-track flag-waver to recover some of the lost "power-lader" image which gave Valiants a marketing edge back in 1963 when they were introduced or secondly, as a volume production sports sedan. It was the success of the first with the 225 which gave the Pacer an 11 percent of all Valiants market-hold to produce the second in the 245 Pacer.

But the compromise has produced a strong-engined and good-handling car which has captured the enthusiasm of many young Australians. The road car Pacer is a fair step from the initial release Press cars fitted with Track Packs for the Sandown Park record but the same competent engineer is behind both.

We have covered the Valiant VG range in the August issue and Chrysler's development of the Hemi engine as an answer to GM's lightweight V8. It is a tremendously strong and torquey engine although noisier and rougher than the old

long-stroke 225 slant six which made Valiant's name in Australia.

The \$120 Track Pack which made the Sandown record attempt cars exceptionally stable includes gearing and suspension mods — the engine remains untouched from the stock road cars which are reputed to turn 195-198 hhp although Chrysler doesn't claim an exact figure.

The Track Pack neatly hurdles one of the strongest criticisms of the Pacer as a track car — the three speed gearbox. The road gears have ratios of 2.9 and 1.55 for first and second with a 2.92:1 diff ratio. Chrysler extends these to 2.1 and 1.4 to make the Track Pack box a fully, a 3.5 diff for strong acceleration is used but taking off in first needs heavy clutch slipping. Even in the road car, first is very high and dropping the clutch for Track Pack also includes lowered stiffer shocks, six-inch wide rims and the semi-close ratio gears. A limited slip differential is also available for the VG Pacer.

Chrysler could not release the new four speed box with the VG local content requirements and hasn't even made it available on the two-door Pacer or the version developed for the Bathurst 500.

*New instrumentation is neat and clear but we'd like to see a red sector for the tach and not just red figures. Pedal placement is poor, dipswitch is awkward.*

*Pacer for pose, Pacer for punch. Blatened grille and ape-tape speck pose, negative camber wheels and roll bar spell punch and how to handle it.*

Linkages for the 245 Pacer are an improvement on the 225 shift but still need above-average effort and can jar badly on quick changes. For around-town work they are annoyingly heavy and women drivers will find the Pacer uncomfortable for all but short trips. The big, torquey six is the most forgiving feature as it lets you dribble around without changing gear.

In contrast the steering, clutch and brake are light. Even with negative camber set on the front wheels, the optional wide rims and baggy Michelin XVR tyres, the steering commands direct, light action despite 3.5 turns between lock. For track work, the wheel tends to be too high and wide but drivers who like to sit in close will find it OK. A touch of one-upmanship is the half horn ring deleted from the Track Pack car which relies on wheel-spoke mount tabs to shatter the air with an authoritative blast from the shell RVB airhorns.

## COCQ 2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

Notification that our club Christmas party has been confirmed at the Windaroo Lakes Golf Club on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11am.

Address: Anna Louise Terrace, Windaroo 4207. [www.windaroolakes.com.au](http://www.windaroolakes.com.au)

There will be a Delicious Buffet on offer but please advise if you have special dietary needs. This year we will provide a limited drinks package to the value of (\$20) consisting of Soft Drinks, Bisto Coffee, Beer & Wine.

**Chrysler Trivia will return with clues from the 2024 newsletters.**

Come dressed in the Xmas spirit as there will be a Christmas themed best & worst dressed award for couples or individuals.

There will be a Lucky Door Prize, Furthest Travel & Club Attendance Award, Various Raffles and a Special Ladies Complimentary Raffle.

**Returning by popular demand this year will be our own Master of Ceremonies, the Maestro of Radio & the Big Screen, the one and only Mr Luke O'Neill !!**

As this is a club event please bring your Chrome Classic Chrysler to be automatically entered into the "Chrome Bar Award"

To secure your booking you will need to provide a \$20 per member deposit by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November which will be **refundable on the day**. As always there will be no exceptions to "no deposit no attendance"

If you are bringing a non member there will be an additional cost of \$40

Preference is for you to deposit into club account:

BSB 638 070      Account 104 55892 with surname / member#: as reference.

Cheques or cash will be returned on the day.

Please advise any special dietary requirements to David Sutton by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



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