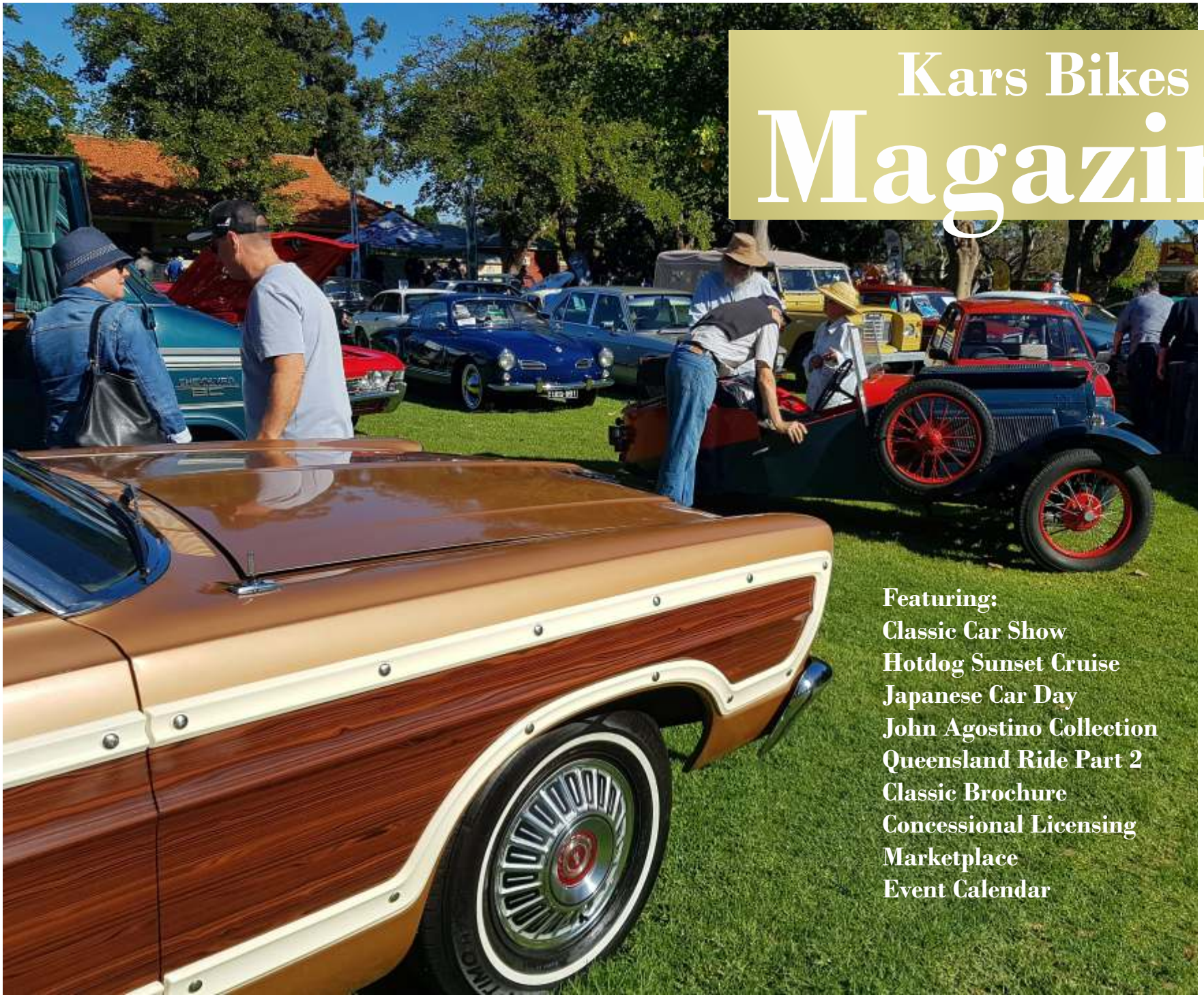

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Welcome

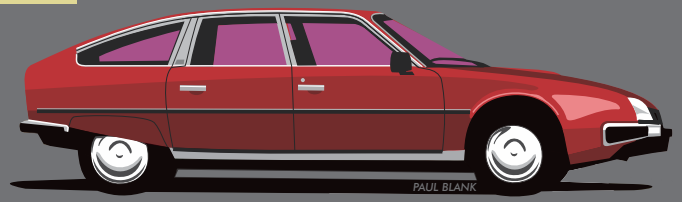
to our new-look club magazine. There's nothing like a make-over to bring new enthusiasm.

Our club is quite unique and special in many ways, so I thought it appropriate to take a whole new look at the layout and design on our publication - in much the same way the engineers and designers who created the interesting machinery we admire and enjoy once did.

The landscape layout will fit screens well and give me more flexibility in layout, so here goes. I hope you like and enjoy it.

My thanks to those who've contributed to this issue - and I look forward to more input from club members, which is the lifeblood of any such publication. You'll especially enjoy Dusan Sorger's great motorcycle ride story, I think.

- Paul Blank, Editor



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Chairman's Briefing

Comrades,

Winter is suddenly upon us with a change in the weather, early mornings and evenings are definitely cooler and the rain has been welcomed by the garden. I only wish I'd thought to check how leaky my Saab was before the floods rained down. I opened my door to discover both footwells like swimming pools, still it was an easy fix with a drill. At first, I thought it would be leaking through the sunroof, often a curse with them, however some detective work with the garden hose revealed that the gutters and drains on the sliding roof were working well. I have surmised that the rain is running down through the doors and filling the footwells. What fun!

My Scimitar had a bit of a birthday with a trip to Paul at the Triumph Centre in Osborne Park. After new plugs and a tune up its running better than it ever has. The Model T project is still moving at a snail's pace with other commitments keeping us busy. We do now have the engine and drive shaft in place though! See the photo below.

It was really great to meet up with some new members at the Hotdog run, a superb event by the way. We met at city beach before heading to a Hotdog café in Fremantle. I took my kids along and even they both remarked how much fun the event was. The hotdogs were good too.

We had good representation at the Curtain car show thanks to Richard Faulkner who organised our presence there. Well done, Richard.

A really big thank you to all the members who helped or brought a vehicle along to the Ascot Classic Car Show, the largest classic car event on the calendar. We had a good turn out as ever showing great diversity with cars and members who had never been along before. Although I was there early, I had to leave fairly sharpish due to other commitments but all I have spoken tell me it was a fantastic event with some real quality displayed.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to member Rohan Milne, who generously donated 9 passes to the Supercars at Wanneroo raceway, all tickets got snapped up very quickly.

New Comrades

A few new members have joined since the last magazine. A hearty welcome to you:

John Lagdon - Vincent EGLI 1000, Vincent Rapide 1000, Norton 850 Commando Mk3

Asha Kampf - Volvo C70

Jack Kampf - Mitsubishi GTO

It's really pleasing to report that our junior members numbers have been growing.

We have the AGM coming up, I hope as many of you can make it along as possible. It is a really good opportunity to catch up with both old and new members alike and is an important date in the club calendar. If you're interested, you can put your hand up for a position on the committee and assist with the running of our great club. More details in the Calendar page.

See you out there….
Solidarity
Jim Green

Events

Shannons Classic Car Show

We were blessed with perfect weather on May 1st for the Classic Car Show, held at Ascot Racecourse. The last of the COVID restrictions had been lifted and our club proudly displayed an excellent variety of vehicles - from a very rare front-wheel-drive 3-wheel BSA and Daihatsu Handivan with just 8000km on the clock to some full-size Americana in the form of a Ford Country Squire, Chevrolet Impala Coupe and Chevrolet Campervan - and a lot in between.

Nowhere else among the almost 1000 vehicles at the show could you see such a mix as our Land Rover, Rover 3.5-litre, Citroen CX, DKW 3=6, Karmann Ghia, BMW 528i and a Messerschmitt sewing machine (plus those mentioned earlier). Like several clubs, our numbers were down a little, but quality was not. We were in a prime location and around us were like-minded clubs. Thanks to those club members who exhibited and those who helped put the display together.

Above: Club member Darren Foster had just completed the three-year restoration of his Perth-delivered Karmann Ghia, which made its debut at the show.

Classic Car Show

Hotdog Sunset Cruise

Japanese Car Day

Club member Paul Blank held a Japanese Car Day in April, and the inaugural event attracted over 500 cars - a huge variety among them. Several of our members showed cars. Tony Wong's van to the left, with period accessories, shown left. Look out for more Japanese Car Days as the year progresses...

Visit to John Agostino's Collection

Our club was invited by the French & Fantastic Automobile Club to a visit and barbeque lunch at the premises of enthusiast John Agostino last month. While only a few of our members attended, the was certainly plenty to see. John's collection is diverse, though centred on small European cars.

The collection includes a Messerschmitt 3-wheeler, a Citroen 2CV, an almost completed restoration of a Fiat Multipla, a Corvair and several Goggomobils. One of these, John has converted to a tiny ute.

But it's how John has done-up his industrial unit in Carlisle which stood out the most. There's a Parisian Café look to some of it, large wall paintings of a butchers shop and a boulangerie, and most strikingly, at the back, a 2-storey high jungle scene with working waterfall and bird sounds. Must make working on his cars a much more pleasant occupation than in a bland grey concrete unit...

- Paul Blank

Dusan's Great Queensland Bike Ride - part 2

With most of the ride behind us we had time to explore Far North Queensland. Kuranda - the village in the rainforest was the first place on the list. Although there are other ways how to get there - Skyrail Rainforest Cableway or Kuranda Scenic Railway, we opted for the ride on winding Kuranda Range road. It has about 260 corners and climbs 372 metres in 9 km, or at least that is what Google says. We had to keep eyes on the road even so we were riding through a beautiful lush rainforest.

Kuranda is famous for it's market and we enjoyed its food and atmosphere. Riding on the tablelands through Mareeba and Atherton was super relaxing. Somehow we had missed on visiting Herberton Historic Village that has amongst other things a display of historic vehicles.

If you are into waterfalls then there is a whole lot of them past Atherton on Waterfall Circuit around Millaa Millaa.

We have descended the tablelands on Gillies Highway, another twisty road full of corners. We had no rules about not staying in the same place twice and on a whim turned to Mission Beach and it's laidback charm again.

It turned out to be the only place where we encountered an elusive Cassowary and it was not somewhere quiet and secluded, but in the middle of the town, crossing the roundabout!

While in Cairns I had the opportunity to visit the Great Barrier Reef and it truly was a remarkable experience. It was very sunny and the ocean was calm - the perfect conditions for the snorkelling. Onwards to Port Douglas on another scenic road, the Captain Cook Highway, with the water on one side and the mountains and rainforest on the other. Beautiful beaches and long views abound. Our accommodation in Dougies Backpackers Resort was the best backpackers we ever stayed in. It is located opposite to Sheraton Mirage but costs about $30 a night. It has lovely pool and gardens and provides very decent meals at excellent prices.

We met some interesting people, swapped stories and even dressed up for a costume party. The last leg of our journey to Cape Tribulation required crossing of the Daintree River on the vehicle ferry. The World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest starts there.

Daintree is the oldest surviving rainforest in the world, more than a 100 million years older than the more famous Amazon. Here you can experience jungle unchanged since dinosaurs roamed the earth, and several of them are still here; the crocodile and the cassowary.

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We kept a sharp eye out for cassowaries, it would not be good to meet one of them on the road riding a motorcycle. But there was certainly no need to hurry on these picturesque jungle roads. If you ever come here do not miss the Thornton's. This five star location and eatery will stun you with the beauty of the beach and their scrumptious inexpensive menu.

Crossing the Daintree River also means leaving behind such modern world necessities such as mains power supply, mobile phone reception and free Wi-Fi Calling home meant using a phone booth in front of the local shop. Cape Tribulation has the backpackers with the pool, restaurant and lively pub. It started to rain very softly one day, the first rain during the whole trip. It is not called the rainforest for nothing.

We headed back to Cairns and were planning to do the Atherton tablelands again, but my Harley has developed a bad oil leak and it was the end of our bike touring. Luckily it has happened in our final destination. We were staying in Palm Cove, just outside of Cairns and were walking or catching public transport. It was not a hardship after 3000km on the bike it was time for a break from riding.

We got to know Cairns much better and visited their amazing Botanical Gardens, discovered the Beach Shack bar at Kewarra Beach and all things troppo. I would go back in a flash and maybe I will, I still want to see these old cars and bikes in Herberton!

Classic Brochure

Ford Country Squire

Ford Country Sedan

Country Squire Interior

1967 WAGONS BY FORD

Here they are—the wagons with all the better ideas—13 new wagons by Ford, the station wagon specialist! Five big, luxury-packed Fords, three sporty Fairlanes, two economical Falcons, three extra-duty Falcon Club Wagons.

The Ford wagon idea provides finer, richer comfort-styled interiors, exemplified in the Country Squire shown above, and bragging-size loadspace (up to 103 cu. ft.). Country Squire and Country Sedan wagons offer seating for a family of 10, with exclusive dual-facing rear seats. Power doorgate window is standard.

The Ford idea provides added convenience with Ford's exclusive Magic Doorgate that serves as a conventional tailgate for extra loadspace . . . and as a door that swings wide for people (standard on Ford and Fairlane, optional on Falcon wagons except Club Wagons).

Marketplace

Club members are welcome to advertise their cars, bikes and automobilia here at no cost. Simply email the Editor with details and photos - paulb@classicrally.com.au

1965 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia

Australian Delivered, factory RHD. Rust free car - never been welded. This car sits on its original rust free floor pans. We were fortunate to start this full, intensive restoration with a rust free car, which had been dry stored for 40 years. The car was parked up in 1982 and has just been recently licensed following a 3 year restoration. Only the highest quality parts have been used for this restoration.

After hand stripping the body back to bare metal, it was preserved in epoxy 2k primer, before being treated to a period correct Porsche Bali blue. The paintwork has been polished to the highest standard to enhance the beautiful elegant lines of this Italian styled, hand built body.

The hand crafted Porsche 356 'inspired' bespoke interior has been finished to the highest standard, in genuine Italian aniline leather. We opted for a contrasting tan to complement the colour scheme.

The car retains its original 1200cc engine and transmission, which runs flawlessly and quietly - making a smooth, quiet and enjoyable driving experience. Driving this car is such a pleasurable experience.

We are open to expressions of interest from genuine people, who are wanting to invest in something which can only appreciate in value into the future. The car attracts positive attention and turns heads everywhere we go.

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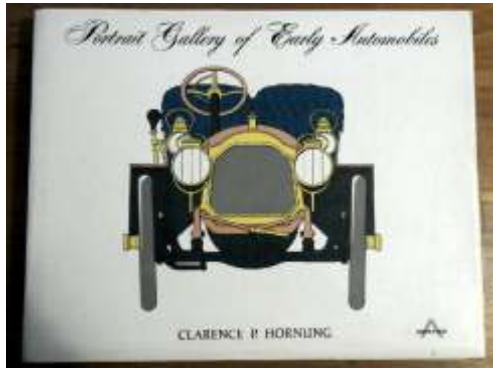
Books for sale, excess to my collection.
Paul Blank 0407 097 911

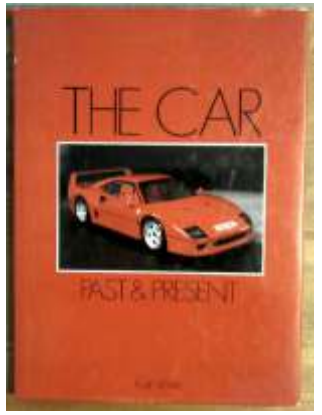
Right:
Portrait Gallery of Early Automobiles, A hefty book by Clarence Hornung, published in New York in 1968. 250p. Large format 275x350mm. Superb illustrations and quality text on 100 early American cars. An impressive book. $65



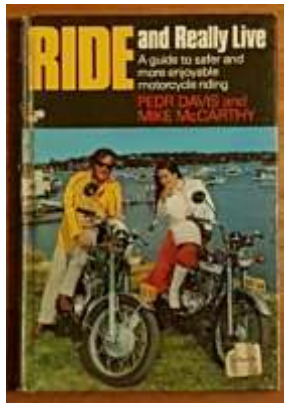
Vintage Motoring in New Zealand, Euan Sarginson, 1972, 96p, large format. Beautiful photography of 96 veteran and vintage cars in NZ. Quality. $60

Power Behind the Wheel, Walter J Boyne, 1988.
A detailed look into the evolution of car design and technology. Excellent photography supports insightful text. 240 pages, soft cover. A nice production with interesting content. $20

Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2011 Motorcycle catalogue. A luxuriously produced 104 page catalogue with beautiful paintings and descriptions of dozens of important bikes as displayed. $15



The Car Past & Present, Ken Vose, 1989, 192p, large format. Lots of photos. Covers many marques comprehensively, eg: 24 pages on Porsche, 15 pages Ferrari, etc $20



Ride & Really Live "A guide to safer and more enjoyable motorcycle riding" by Pedr Davis & Mike McCarthy, 1972. Australian. 104 pages, small hardback book. $5

Marketplace Interstate

A DKW friend of Paul Markham's has decided it's time to sell his motorcycle collection. For sale is a 1955 DKW RT250 motorcycle and 1956 DKW Hobby scooter. Priced at $5000 each. Located in South Australia. Contact Paul Weidebach on 0408 859 872. Email jillpaul01@bigpond.com

Wanderer W25K Roadster

In 1936, Auto-Union released a stylish new roadster in their Wanderer range - the Wanderer W25K. The car featured a 2-litre inline 6-cylinder engine designed by Ferdinand Porsche. Only 250 of these cars were built before the Second World War commenced and very few survive today, mostly in museums. One roadster escaped to Australia in the hands of a Dutch family in the 1950s. When the engine failed in the 1960s, they swapped out its Wanderer engine for a Vauxhall motor.

In the 1970s the car was parked up under a tree and fell into disrepair. It changed hands several times before it was purchased by my friend, Peter Thorogood in Victoria who began a heroic restoration over many years. This included hunting down an engine in Germany. After more than a decade of work, the car has finally been finished and is on the road. Sadly though, Peter's health means he is not able to drive it, so he has come to the hard decision he will need to sell it. This is an extremely rare and valuable vehicle and he's open to offers. He can be contacted on
M: 0414 384 945
E: wandererw25@iinet.net.au

Concessional Licensing - Code 404

The Council of Motoring Clubs has requested clubs publish this:

SUMMARY OF THE CODE 404 LICENSING SCHEME TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The objectives of the Veteran/Vintage/Post Vintage/Invitation Class Vehicle Licence Concession ('Code 404') scheme are:

to encourage the restoration and preservation of historic vehicles, being vehicles no less than 25 years old; and

to maintain the manufacturer's original specification of historic vehicles.

The key principle of the Code 404 scheme is that the vehicle is not used for general transport or commuting, with use of the vehicle being restricted to:

any recorded event organised by an approved Club;
an impromptu event involving one or more vehicles over a one day period which is recorded in the approved Club's 'Run Log';
rallies organised by approved historic motoring clubs;
closed road processions;
being exhibited in displays, fetes and similar functions for religious, charitable or educational purposes;
ceremonial purposes involving immediate family members, subject to Club approval and recording;
preparing for, proceeding to, and returning from these activities;
travel in order to have the vehicle repaired; and
road testing within a 30km radius of the place of garaging or repair.

Owners of vehicles licensed with a 404 concession code are solely responsible for maintaining their vehicle in an original unmodified condition and remaining a financial member of a Department of Transport (DoT) approved motoring club in order to be eligible for the concession.

The above is a summary of the requirements and not a detailed comprehensive list. Detailed information on the Code 404 scheme can be found in the Information Handbook available for downloading on the Council of Motoring Clubs of WA website.

CODE 404 'DOT POINT' REMINDERS

Provide any new licence vehicle details to the Club Registrar, particularly where the licence plate has been changed (eg. to an optional personalised or district plate).

Advise the Club Registrar if you have disposed of a concessionally licensed vehicle.

Advise the Club Registrar if your concessionally licensed vehicle is registered in your partner's name instead of your name.

Advise the Club Registrar of your proper name as recorded on the concessionally licensed vehicle's registration papers.

Ensure that you remain a current financial member of your approved motoring club. There is no 'grace period' allowed by the Department of Transport; if you do not pay your club membership subscription by the due date, your concessional license will be deemed invalid until the difference in fees between the concessional licence and a full licence is paid.

A concessionally licensed vehicle may be driven for road testing or maintenance related trips within a 30-kilometre radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged or repaired. The purpose of the travel must be to road test the vehicle for repair, restoration or maintenance purposes and not for any other purpose. Where a longer journey outside the 30km radius is expected the owner should record an Impromptu Run.

Note the Department of Transport has begun a process of auditing clubs, their records and their members for both Code 404 and C4C (Code 350).

Calendar

Here's what's coming up in motoring events:

22 May Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. Still time to register. See next page for full details.

5th June Classic Cars and Coffee, UWA 9.00-11.00am (winter hours)

18th June KBG Dinner at Empire Village Centre, City Beach. Lots of choices of food types to select from. Meet on site at 6.00pm

3rd July Classic Cars and Coffee, UWA 9.00-11.00am

16th July KBG Annual General Meeting at Herdsman Tavern. Dinner available first. 6.30pm for dinner, 7.30pm for the meeting. This is your big chance to have your say about the club and even consider joining the committee...

Local History

Above: Mr Haag in his hazmat suit, readying the car by adding a few drops of oil to the fuel tank.

Below: This photo shows Mr Fred Haag of WA about to leave Perth, in August 1953, heading to the start of the Redex Round Australia Reliability Trial in his Goliath. Photos - SLWA

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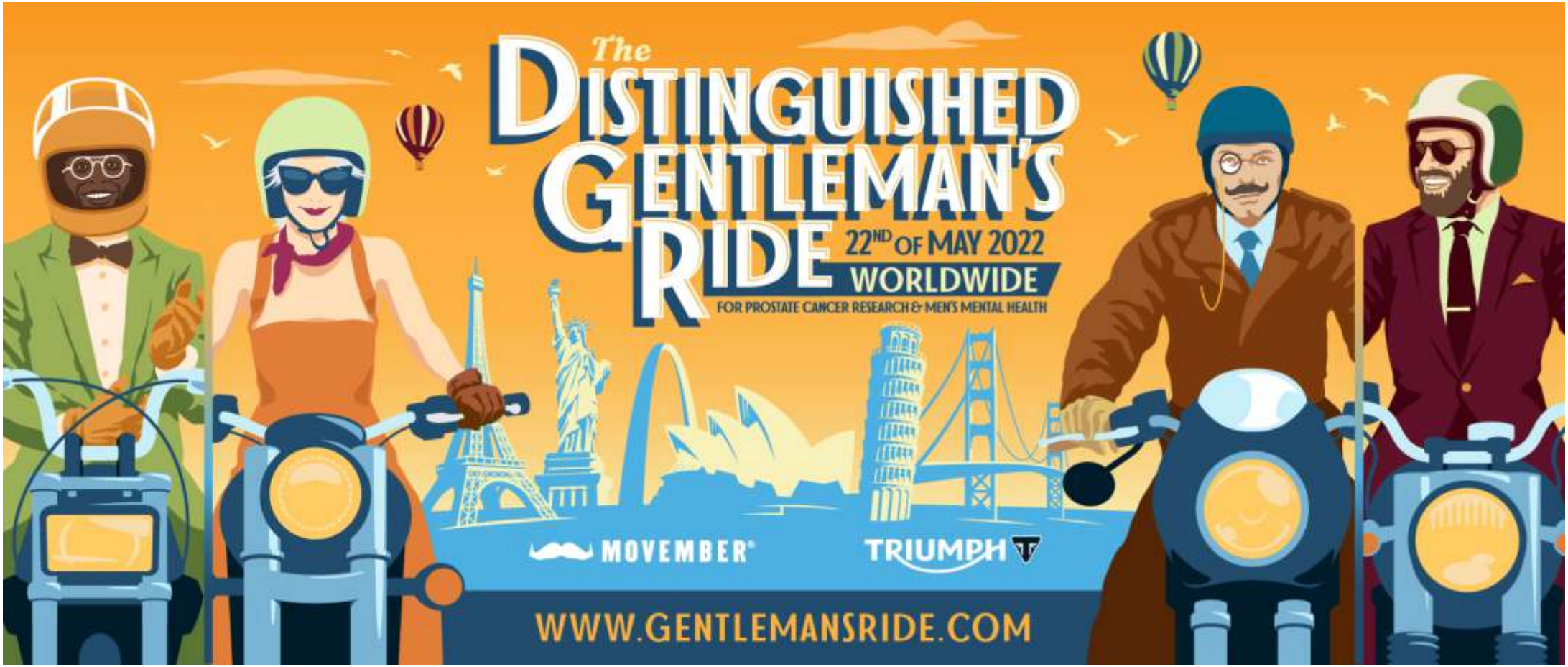

2022 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

If you've never heard of the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) then I could tell you that it all originated here in Perth, or, I could tell you that it started in Sydney, or, I could tell you that the idea started in Perth and then officially started in Sydney as the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride before going international to what it has become.

Either way it's a great idea with a great cause. It's also a great excuse to check out all the wonderful bikes with previous Perth rides involving over 600 bikes and riders.

It has been difficult to organise any mass gatherings during the past couple of years but now the DGR is back with a vengeance.

The following is the offical blurb:

RIDING TOGETHER

2022 is the year for connecting with your fellow gentlefolk. On Sunday May 22nd around the world, the global DGR community will come together and celebrate in trademark dapper fashion.

In 2022, We Ride Together.

Perth is officially taking part in the world's largest and most stylish charitable motorcycle event on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022.

This year's Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is all about returning to group riding where ever possible, with hundreds of thousands of dapper gentlefolk riding stunning motorcycles on the same day around the world for men's health.

The goal for 2022 is to raise awareness and $6m USD for prostate cancer research and men's mental health on behalf of charity partner, Movember.

All riders must be registered at The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride website to view local ride details, with details are to remain confidential.

Fundraise and be rewarded.

Here's the link to register and join the ride.

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