



The Coupe Owners Collective

Winter 2022

Classic Motoring across Australia

Feature story.....

*Howard's award
winning
EXBEE.....*



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Winter has well and truly arrived in the Southern states, the consequence of this being much less Coupe activity once the cold weather arrived at Easter. Our first year out of lockdowns and restrictions resulted in a flurry of classic car events, mostly too many to choose from, and then winter hit, and it was almost like going back into lockdown, but without the Covid threat, although that's not proving to be quite true. Covid is still with us in big numbers, but the Governments determination to restore the economy has won the day, and Covid is now in the back seat. Well that's my story anyway, plus it has been a slow news gathering time, so we are a bit late with this thinner than usual edition.

There is plenty of good news for Coupe Owners, as Covid relaxation has allowed two major Coupe events to come back to life. The Hartop Hustle is the favourite event for Coupe Owners in the Northern State and attracts big numbers for it's weekend event. This year it is back at Toowoomba in August, and Troy says with the support of very generous sponsors, he has been able to plan this event as being a low cost event for all Entrants, with no compromises on the quality of the activities. In the Southern States the Hardtop Anniversary is making a post Covid come-back after an absence of a couple of years. Although the Bathurst HTA will remain a favourite HTA for many, the Mildura HTA in November this year will be hard to beat, with an action packed agenda that has something for everyone. Craig, the boss of the Victorian group says the enrolments are coming in thick and fast, and that is a confirmation that Coupe Owners love a good get together. In pricing terms, Craig is also happy to advise that his Guys have been able to halve the HTA entry cost, plus put on double the activities, again with the assistance of very supportive sponsors

For those that may have been following the "Chicken Coupe" story, in this edition we are able to fill in some of the blanks. Our South Aussie Guys are able to bring us up to date, and Brad Coulter has delivered some words and pictures that will be of interest. Jon Chandler has also been very active as far as making news for Coupe fans, and his story about the Tasmanian "Southern Tour" as published by us earlier in the year, has also made it to the latest Australian Muscle car edition. Not to be outdone, Jon's Tasmanian group has also represented the Ford brand at the Launceston "Big 3" car show, where Jon took home the Trophy for the Ford category.

Craig Barron, from the Victorian group tells us in this edition about the Vic Guys participating in the Australian Gand Prix event at Albert Park, and the assistance they provided in promoting the Murray Carter book. Both Murray and Carol have been out and about showing off the book which was officially launched at the Phillip Island Classic a couple of months ago.

So to those of us who are travelling to either, or both, of the big Coupe Shows, take it easy, and play it safe on the Highways.

In the meantime, enjoy the read.....

Like every section in this Newsletter, contributions from Members is encouraged.....don't holdback.....if you have some technical tips or things that may be of interest to others, we want to hear about them... your editor....a316310@hotmail.com



Clubs and Groups



as at June 2020

Although not every group is registered as an official Club, we have listed here the known groups who have as their passion, the preservation and enjoyment of Coupe's as their main objective. Listings are in no particular order.

South Australian Hardtop Owners Group. Email : sahartopxaxbxc@gmail.com
Contact person is : Group Organiser, Brad Coulter. 300+ members of this group.
Facebook Link : <https://www.facebook.com/groups178291258884666/>

Ford Cobra Club of Australia (Vic) Inc. Email : falconcobraclub@gmail.com
Contact person is : Club President (in 2022) Chris Bell
PO Box 4027 Cranbourne North, Vic, 3977
Club permits available for eligible vehicles to Victorian Owners.

Ford Coupe Club of Australia Inc. Email : fordcoupeclub@gmail.com
Contact person is Club President (in 2022), Craig Barron. 100+ members.
PO Box 480 Mount Waverley, Vic 3149

Western Australia Coupe Owners Group : Email xaxbxccoupeswa@live.com.au
Contact person is : Group organiser, Mark Cooper (aka Coops) 100+Members.
Phone 0408 866 025

Falcon Cobra Club of Australia, Queensland Inc. Organisers of the "Hardtop Hustle", contact person is Club President (In 2022), Troy Postle, 100+ members
Email troy.postle@powerselect.com.au
PO Box 85 Dalby, Qld 4405

Aussie Coupes, email : Contact is admin@aussiecoupes.net.au

Some other address's that may be of interest to Coupe Enthusiast's

Ford Falcon XA, XB, XC, Landau P5 Build Communityvia Facebook.
Ford Falcon XA-XB-XC & Landau Enthusiasts.....via Facebook.
Ford P5 LTD and Landau (Australian).....via Facebook.
XA GT RPO 83 Coupe XB GT coupe XC coupe and XC cobra Landau..Facebook

Cabin Air Filters

They are the only filters that are designed for the passenger, and not the engine.....

From the Mens Shed.....

Today's cars come with an extra filter, one that has nothing to do with the mechanics or operations of the engine, but everything to do with passenger and driver comfort. Some of us take the view that this is just another way for the filter manufacturers and the car companies to extract some more revenue from the motorist, so it's worth a look at.

The Cabin filter is designed to help remove harmful pollutants, including pollen and dust, from the air we breathe within the car. It is true, traveling in traffic these days pretty much everyone drives with the windows closed, which implies the climate control and air conditioning is roaring its head off in all of these later model cars. Fortunately these systems require power to manage these systems are catered for in today's cars, whereas the older cars mostly had the horsepower robbing aftermarket a/c systems, so it was easier to just wind the window down a bit, or turn on the heater to cheat the weather.

Cars with cabin filters are welcome news for the people who service our cars, as the labour cost is often higher than the cost of the filter itself. Cabin filters are often placed in awkward places to get to, under or behind the glovebox, which is probably why those of us who service our cars, tend to ignore changing that particular filter. Vehicle manufacturers suggest cabin filter replacement at anywhere, depending on the vehicle make and model, and range from 25,000 km's to 50,000 clicks. These recommendations clearly do not take the driving environments into consideration, which would probably make more sense. A car being driven in a desert like environment or constantly on unmade roads, is sure to suffer from a blocked filter well before one that goes on sealed suburban streets most of the time.

If you are having your car serviced, and the recommendation is made to replace the cabin filter, if at all possible you should have a quick look at the old one first. If it's relatively clean, has not collected any debris, then it's probably good till the next scheduled service. Dealer supplied genuine cabin filters are about twice the price of reputable aftermarket branded filters. Higher end cars will of course have higher priced filters as well, because that's the way it is for all car parts to suit the premium brands.

If you don't have the Owners Manual, or you want to know the signs that your cabin filter needs changing, watch out for the following :

Reduced or weak airflow even when the heater or A/C is set to high.

A whistling sound coming from the cabin air intake ducts.

Musty, unpleasant odours coming through the air within the vehicle.

Excessive noise when the heating or cooling system is working.

One of the traps when replacing a cabin filter is that some of the really cheap filters don't fit snugly in the housing, so as the filter itself gets blocked the incoming air finds ways around the filter and travels into the cabin via the gaps between the filter and the housing. If this is the case, you may as well chuck the filter away altogether, and allow the air to flow freely like it used to do in our older cars. It is of course true, that a clean, well fitting cabin filter will impact the efficiency of the heating and cooling systems of your car. A clogged, dirty air filter can cause other issues for both you and your car. One is a decline in your health, as pollutants can move through the air and cause allergic reactions or breathing problems. A dirty filter can't do its job properly and filter out the contaminants, so it's important to replace the filter on a regular basis. Maybe you should treat it like the fire alarm at home, and change it based on seasonal changes, only in this case the change should occur just before the spring allergy season begins.

Weakened airflow also impacts the systems ability to clear fog or condensation from the cars windows.



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Dirty air can cause condensation to build up on the windshield, making it hard to see the road ahead. By replacing the filter, you should notice that the windows are clearer and visibility is better. Remember the old days, driving in the middle of winter with the window down while you peered through a smudgy clear spot in the misty line of sight through the windscreen ?

So if you decide that is worth treating the Cabin filter seriously, you need to know that there are two flavours of Cabin filters, both with different pricing ranges (of course !)

The Carbon Activated Filter offers finer filtering to remove external odours and exhaust gases, and is most suitable for those who spend a lot of time in traffic jams, or slow moving queues regularly. They are the one which are more expensive.



Carbon activated filter



Particle filter



The particle Filter is a small pleated unit, often made of an engineered material or paper based, multifibre cotton. This is the cheaper option of the two choices. However do not lose sight of the fact that it is the environment in which the car regularly operates in that influences the life of the filter, not the price.

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Tassie Hardtop Club dominates at the "BIG 3", Launceston Car Show



On Sunday 24th April 2022 the Tasmanian Hardtop Owner's Club were invited by Phil Costello, the manager of the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania, to attend "The Big Three" Car Show. This was an event celebrating the BIG 3 manufacturers, Ford, Holden and Chrysler, who all raced at Bathurst.



The event was strongly supported by Shannon's Insurance, who set up their Super-Rig at the event. The Tasmanian Hardtop Owner's Club were parked in the prime location at the museum, lined up in the front row, backing onto the area the Super-Rig was on display. There were 12 hardtops and 3 sedans from the club, Andrew White again showing exceptional dedication, by driving up from Hobart to Launceston the night before, so he was



ready for the 8:45am start. We were blessed with spectacular weather, with literally not a cloud in the sky. All the Big Three manufacturers were strongly represented with the entire Automobile Museum of Tasmania car park filled, as well as three quarters of the Council Car Park next door.



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With heaps of cars to peruse as well as Simulator Racing of Bathurst and other circuits drawing a crowd on the Shannon's Super-Rig. We had been able to convince the Shannon's Super-Rig driver to boot up the simulators with XB GT Hardtops as the race car available. With the local Lyons Club holding a BBQ and a few other food trucks, the event was well catered for. Discount entry to the Car Museum also vastly increased the entertainment for the day. The fact there is Launceston's biggest and newest playground directly opposite meant parents were able to enjoy talking cars unencumbered.



The car show wrapped up at about 2pm with trophies being presented for Best Ford, Best Holden and Best Chrysler. The club did well with Jon's John Goss Special, wearing some 1975 Bathurst Race Car livery, winning the trophy for Best Ford. Though we think we overheard that Ian Laing's one owner XC hardtop was initially chosen as the winner, however he had to leave early. Regardless, great results for the Tasmania Coupe Owner's Club!



Howard's *EXBEE* is back....



Contribution by Howard Nessen

Howard has owned this XB since brand new, and after an accident in 1991 decided to embark on a full resto and a mechanical upgrade which resulted in a high performance show car. In 2002 the car was semi retired due to other lifestyle priorities. In it's first life, if this car was exhibited, other Owners used to cringe, as Howard's car was unbeatable, whether it be in a car show, or an a tarmac event. Howard's car now has come out of semi retirement, and has had it's second resto and upgrade, and once again, takes centre stage. This is Howard Nessens story about the new life of his prized XB Falcon Coupe.....

THE CHANGES AND THE NEW 390C

Around 2018, after some 15 years and [only] 8,000 kms of very hard driving, the 351, which was version 5, started to blow a bit of smoke, so it was time to pull the motor. The aim was to build a Stroker – either a 393 or a 408. The engine was pulled and whilst there was nothing majorly wrong with the block, it was suggested that we might use the original block that had been pulled from the car in 1981. It had done a total of 52,000 original miles and was an Australian Cleveland Block so it might have been a good choice having been seasoned for 40 years under a bench!



The 351 we had pulled was a BRAND NEW American Block that was purchased in 1981 for a number of reasons that I won't go into, and whilst it was going to need either a bore or a hone, it had been sonic tested during one of its rebuilds and my Engine Builder – Shane Cable at Cable Burns Race Engines - thought that it may not be the best after a bore. The original Aussie Block was dropped to Shane to test, and he rang with the news that the original block was one of the best he had ever seen with very thick bores!

Shane also decided given its great condition, and that he was able to buy 20 thou pistons by Carillo; that he would only bore the block 20 thou, rather than 30

thou. Therefore with the stroker kit, she would actually be a 390 Cube Cleveland rather than a 393 – I wasn't going to grumble over 3 cubic inches



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Whilst on the subject of paint, some of you might recall the amount of Midnight Blue on the car, with the whole underside already painted blue along with complete front and rear suspension, leaf springs, diff, trim, engine bay accessories such as wiper motor, wipers etc. However, the 351 was always painted black. Not to be outdone, the Workshop Boys decided that the 390 needed colour, so the block and heads were smoothed and painted Midnight Blue along with the scatter shield, new rocker covers, alternator and even the radiator!! Nothing but blue in the engine bay!



The Scat Stroker crank was installed with Scat [shock horror] 350 Chev handmade con rods, along with a monster solid lifter Competition Cam, with the cast iron 4V closed chamber heads. With aspirations of around 550 hp, we were pleasantly surprised when it was dynoed at Adicted Performance on a less than ideal 39C day – and 47C inside the dyno cell - where it pulled 605 hp and 481 lb. torque. Whilst I will not be revving it to this, the 390 was taken up to 7400 rpm in all tests and was not dropping off torque even at those revs! However, we have set the limiter at 6500 and being a manual, I am shifting at around 6000-6200. It is a really nice, strong and torquey engine and very drivable. After dramas with clutches, we had Direct Clutches in Brisbane build a new Cushion Ceramic Clutch which appears to be holding up well.

Just prior to the motor getting built, we had some issues with the Diff turning in the U bolts after years of my savage shifting and finding the saddles on the axle tubes bent. The diff was pulled and new axles tubes shortened 15 mm each side. The Summers Brothers axles were also shortened 15 mm each. The saddles were removed and new plated and boxed mounts were made and the whole diff was solid mounted to ensure no movement. Finding short U bolts was another issue! Having done all that, it was found that the XB sat some 2" higher due to the removal of the saddles and rubbers, so the Midnight Blue leaf springs were taken out, reset 2" lower and then repainted blue again. Addition-

ally, during the motor build, I had removed the grille and satin chrome front bumper. One day in the garage, it was knocked, fell against the brick wall and was scratched. Finding someone to do Chrome Bumpers these days, wasn't easy and to get them satin chromed was even harder. A shop had three shots at chroming before we gave up. The workshop boys decided that body colour was the go BUT with all bolts welded up, all tags removed, and all jacking point cut outs welded up. The result is stunning with smooth Midnight Blue bumpers which change look of the XB.

The interior didn't miss out either, with a full LED conversion to the supplementary gauges and new GPS Speedo and Tacho installed, made by Speedhut in the US. I chose the same font and light up colour so they do not look much different from the original [but you can pick them] but no more speedo cable and in built shift lights and bugger all wiring behind the dash! After all of that, a number of things happened to throw the xBee back into the public spotlight!.....

STREET MACHINE MAGAZINE

Occasionally I run into some of the guys connected to Street Machine magazine and whilst they knew I still owned it [virtually] from new; when they found out that I had put the Stroker in and done some extra detailing, they decided that they wanted to feature it for the fourth time after featuring it previously in 1982, 1991 and 1995. In May 2020, it was featured in Street Machine for the fourth time – which is the first time that a car has been featured so many times.

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The photos were sensational and the article was great due to the fact that the author remembered the car and its unique grille, from when it was featured in 1982 and he was about 10 years old!

Here is the link and I have attached some photos from the article <https://www.whichcar.com.au/features/1974-ford-xb-fairmont-hardtop>

“SHOW ME YOUR RIDE” - AMERICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Around the same time, a Discovery TV show from Las Vegas called “Counts Kustoms” had started a YouTube TV channel and had called for cars from around the world to be featured in their new TV Show. Not really thinking I would get anywhere, I sent in some photos with a short spiel thinking I might get 5 mins on a segment. I was surprised some months later to get an email asking for the story behind the car and some details....still thinking it would be one of 5-10 cars on the episode. To my surprise I was notified the THE COUNT loved the Falcon so much, that it was to be featured in Episode 1 and would get the whole feature!!

It aired in 2020 and got a massive response around the world and the Producers advised that they got great Feedback. The link to the show is here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz06S0QECeA>

“GARAGE DREAMS” – AMERICAN/AUSTRALIAN TV SHOW ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL



Most of you would remember the Eric Bana movie – Love the Beast about his XB Coupe. The Executive Producer was a guy called Brett Hardy who I connected with, became mates and we have remained friends with for some ten years. He produced a car show on US Discovery Channel in 2018, called “Garage Dreams” which finally was aired on Foxtel in 2019 and 7+. It is not just any car show, but more About the car PERSON and the story about him and the car or the passion. It is filmed in both the US and Australia and each

episode is about three people – one US and two Aussies or vice versa.

He was commissioned by Discovery last year to do a second series with some 30 cars. He rang me last year with the news that he wanted my story and my history with the XB and with some 75 Million viewers it seemed to be daunting.



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After 6 hours of static filming in my garage with the car including a 3-hour interview with lights and cameras, we then had two further driving sessions with in-car cameras and drones which took another 6 hours. My episode along with another Aussie and two US people was sent to Discovery and they loved them all, but insisted that my little old eXBee was going into the first Episode due to the Americans love of Aussie Falcons and the fact that they loved the story about me and the car.

I had to keep it under wraps for the past few months, but Episode 1 was aired in the US just recently on **Saturday 9th April at 6 pm** and apparently got an amazing response. Many of the Falcon owners over there and other car friends, were pre-warned [once I could announce it] and they all loved it.

At this stage it has not been bought by Foxtel however Brett is certain that they will buy it, and also hope to have it on Virgin Australia inflight entertainment.



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Have you signed up for this yet !!

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Update report.....

Firstly, our President, Craig is enthusiastic about the number of entry applications received so far, and says we are well on the way to having a very successful weekend away. The organising committee has put together a fantastic program of activities that will appeal to everyone, and the only problem he sees is that people may have to flip a coin, to settle which events are the ones for them. Saturday mornings Display in the City Mall will suit those who are into car shows, and it could be considered as a warm-up for Sunday's big show..... for those that wish to test their driving skills on the track, Tas has organised exclusive access to the Aust-Link circuit for the whole of Saturday, with a number of circuit configurations, just to keep all the drivers on their toes.....

And there will be no relaxing for the track and performance Guys and Gal's, as he has also got exclusive access to the 1/8th Drag Strip for the Saturday evening event, with the track lights shining brightly on our great Coupes as they chase that elusive Personal Best..... For those with the competitive streak, Saturday will be a day to remember.....

For those not quite as competitive, but still want to have fun in their Coupes without burning up the tyres, there is a cruise, where Craig expects, families will get into the competitive mood once they get going. This will be a Saturday afternoon cruise which will be run under the rules of a "Poker Run". This means a bit of competitive fun, with no risks to cars or people, and a bit of fun for the kids as well as the adults.

Last but not least, for those who just want to relax under the Mildura sun, and enjoy a drink, quiet or otherwise, there will be a free shuttle bus circulating around the main accommodation places, which will take you safely to and from, the Trentham Estate Winery, just across the border in NSW.

So if you are thinking about waiting till the last minute to register, split second timing is going to be required to get your first or second choice. To guarantee your choice of activities will be fulfilled, you should not delay your registration, as there are limits on the numbers of cars that can register for each of the Saturday activities.

Sunday is of course our Show & Shine day, and will start off with a cruise through the City area, and on to the magnificent Nowingi Park on the banks of the mighty Murray. This facility is right next door to a kids playground, has shelter from the sun, and is the perfect place to sit back and enjoy the company of like minded people, whilst the Judges, along with the general public admire our beautiful Coupes. The Show and Shine will conclude in time for those who want to make a quick getaway for the journey home, and for those who have no deadlines, there will be a barbeque buffet in the Soundshell at Nowingi Park.

The organising committee are not making block bookings for participants, and suggest that there is plenty of accommodation in the Mildura area, ranging from secure access lodges, to caravan parks, most of which have been visited by the organisers, and are recommended. The local Tourist Information tell us there are 4,000 available beds in the Mildura area, but even so, maybe an early booking would be a good idea. Rumour has it that there may be another Car Show event happening in Mildura on the same weekend as the HTA.



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For this event weekend, you should pack your usual car show gear, outdoor chairs, sunburn cream, a car duster and possibly a chamois, and clothing for all seasons. In November the sun can be quite warm, and rain is unlikely. Probably a beach umbrella could be useful as well if you can fit it in the boot. You won't need a camping table, as the organisers have hired sufficient numbers of outdoor tables for everyone. A couple of Entrants have indicated that they are going to trailer their coupes to Mildura, and it is recommended that if you wish to do this, trailer parking is available at the Mildura Golf Club. You are advised to confirm this at the time of booking. The City motels are not set up to accept trailers.

A number of people have questions regarding the Poker Run. Firstly, there is a tight bit of timing for those who have chosen to display their car at the Mall on Saturday morning, and to also participate in the afternoon cruise. One concludes at Midday, and the other starts at 12.30. The Poker run will not start until all registered cars are present. This may cause a delayed start, so the Poker Run route has been adjusted, so that the first staging point after departure will be at a venue where a snack type lunch will be available, and the stay will be sufficient to avoid anyone starving to death or suffering from indigestion.

Don't fill up with petrol on the last township before Mildura, as when you attend the Friday afternoon registration you will receive a discount entitlement to fill up at Ampol service stations in Mildura. The Meet & Greet will be done at the Nowingi site, and confirmation or changes to your preferred events can be discussed at the registration desk. A barbeque feed will be available at the meet and greet site for drivers and passengers.

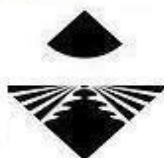
In regards to those attending the circuit event, don't worry if you haven't got a crash helmet. Loan helmets will be available in different sizes, at the track. Although the Khanacross will be conducted under CAMS rules, no-one should be concerned about the strictness of the event. This is planned so as to be a fun event for drivers, it isn't the Grand Prix, but a relaxed day on the track, with low risk and a bit of driver skills testing. There will be no competitive racing, and lap timing will not be a feature, unless you want to do it yourself. There will be sufficient track Marshals on site to guarantee everyone has a safe and good fun day on the bitumen.

Saturday nights Drag session, like the circuit event, will be exclusive to our Coupes, and will be conducted under lights and to the rules of the track Owners. Spectators from our registered members will be most welcome. A food van will be trackside at both motorsport events.

Sunday's Show & Shine... Remember to bring sufficient outdoor chairs for the driver and passengers of your car and sunscreen and hats as well. If you plan to leave early, remember to advise the incoming Gate Keeper of that, and you will be directed to a park-up position that has you within the show display area, but also with easy departure access.

Should you be travelling from interstate, and if you would like to travel in convoy with other coupes from your home state, please let us know, and we will try to assist you in hooking up with the other parties and the respective departure points.

We have been given much assistance from the Victorian Government, Motorsport Australia (CAMS) and the Mildura Council, who have all endorsed this event, and made valuable contributions towards the planning and running for what will be a great weekend event.



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Mildura accommodation.

The Information centre for the Mildura region advises that there are in excess of 4,000 beds available in the region. The HTA organisers have inspected a number of accommodation options in and around the proposed HTA activities. Although the organisers are not making any particular recommendations, they can advise that the sites mentioned below are all suitable in terms of cleanliness and car parking facilities, have been inspected, and are all offering a wide range of overnight stay prices.

Commodore Motel, 18 Deakin Avenue, 03 5023 0241. This is the closest motel to the Nowingi Park, and is within a 5 minutes walk. Car parking is relatively good, mostly out of sight from the road. A couple of doors away is a Car Wash. The Commodore Motel has 60 rooms available.

Mildura Grand Hotel, Seventh Street, 03 5023 0511. This Hotel is in the main eatery are of Mildura, probably a ten minute walk from the Show & Shine site. They have 100 rooms available.

Mercure Apartments, 120 Eighth Street, 03 5001 2500. This is a serviced apartment facility with 67 units available. There is good out of sight parking.

Comfort Inn, 413 Deakin Avenue, 03 5023 0218. This motel has 30 rooms, car parking is good, but does require a one week notice for cancellations.

Central Motel, 125 Madden Avenue, 03 5021 1177. They have 26 rooms available, and they require a 50% deposit when making a booking. A cancellation fee of \$25 applies.

Mildura Plaza Motor Inn, 836 Chandler Highway, 03 5021 1155. This site is a 10 minute drive from the Show & Shine site.

Sunraysia Resort, 300 Tenth Street, 03 5021 9600. This site has a security card entrance to the entire site, with car parking at each accommodation unit.

Mildura Golf Resort, 287 Twelfth Street, 03 5023 1147. They have 30 older style motel units, with wide open spaces which would suit for trailer parking. This venue is about a 10 minute drive from the HTA Show & Shine site., and is well away from the main road, quiet and out of sight. Car parking is in front of each unit.

Big 4 Mildura Getaway, 472 Deakin Avenue, 03 5023 0486. This provider offers holiday units, and powered caravan parking sites, and is about 4 klm from the city centre and the Show & Shine site.

Mildura Houseboats Oasis, 57 Caravan Park Road, Buronga, 03 9111 3919
Not inspected by our organisers. There are also AirBnB's in Mildura.

Trip times :

Melbourne to Mildura 6 hours

Adelaide to Mildura 4.5 hours

Sydney to Mildura 10.5 hours

Canberra to Mildura 9 hours



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ENTRY FORM

HTA REUNION
MILDURA 2022

Entrant Information				FCCA Use Only	
Name					
Address				Emergency Contact	
E-mail				Name	
Mobile				Mobile	
Name of Adult Passengers				About your car	
Name of Children (U16 Years)				Car Rego	
Polo Shirt Size:	Entrant	Passenger 1	Passenger 2	Passenger 3	
(Entrant & paying passengers only)					
Event Participation					
Optional events you would like to participate in. Please list number of persons from your vehicle participating.					
Khanacross (\$95pp)	<input type="text"/>	Saturday Car Cruise (Free)	<input type="text"/>	No. of seats required	<input type="text"/>
<i>Please asterisk preferred event.</i>					
Drag Strip (\$96pp)	<input type="text"/>	Saturday Winery Bus Transportation (Free)	<input type="text"/>	Number of persons	<input type="text"/>
Sunday BBQ Buffet (Entrants & Passengers only)	<input type="text"/>				
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Sunday BBQ Buffet (Entrants & Passengers only)	<input type="text"/>				
Would you like to volunteer to display your car in the Mall on Saturday Morning?					
Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>	Max 10 cars will be chosen.			
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The EV revolution is on it's way.....



The WA government has been the last state to introduce a subsidy towards the initial purchase of new Electric powered cars. This has turned out to be the most generous subsidy of all Australian States.

The WA Government will give the first 10,000 buyers a rebate of \$3,500 for their decision to go electric in this WA budget year. In addition they will be introducing a new way of taxing the electrified motorist which will partially offset the States reduced petrol tax revenue. Pure electric cars, and pure hydrogen powered cars will pay a tax based on distances travelled. This will come into affect in 2027, and will be 2.5 cents per kilometre. If the car of your choice is a Hybrid you will pay 2.0 cents per kilometre, in addition to the fuel tax you are already paying through the bowser when you fill up with your favourite blend of petrol. The Government spiel, is that for a full year after your conversion from petrol to electric, you will save at least \$1,400 on your motoring costs.

Across our wide land, electric charging points are starting to pop up, some in the strangest places, like in carparks at Council operated libraries, but not yet at traditional fuel stops, like petrol stations.

Hungry Jacks have recently signed an agreement to trial charging points in their Restaurant car parks, so there is no guessing what you will do whilst filling in 20 minutes when you car is plugged in. This trial is apparently taking place in a dozen or more NSW Hungry Jack sites. It's hard to imagine this trial being a failure, even with today's low number of electric cars.

The Jaguar and Volvo manufacturers have both announced that they will no longer produce petrol driven cars past December 2022, and are well on the way to running out of petrol engines. Volkswagen of course now have factories dedicated to one production line that only builds electric cars for the European market. We probably won't see electric vee-dubs for a couple of years. In China, Tesla has two huge factories building electric cars for the China market, and here in OZ there is a waiting list measured in months for a new Tesla car. In Melbourne, the Tesla Dealership only has two examples in it's great big empty glass showroom. That tells more than one story on it's own.

Here in Australia, Polestar, another dedicated electric car maker has just lifted the selling price on it's "Polestar 2" from \$60,000 to \$64,000 due to post pandemic and inflationary conditions, just a month after it entered our market. According to the Polestar people, this has not dented their list of potential buyers. The same message is coming out of Tesla Australia which has also announced a \$4k price increase.

Polestar, a company ultimately owned by Chinese car maker Geely, say they have an order for several hundred cars which will go into Hertz depots and agents, and a committed list of buyers that will take until November to satisfy.

All we need now, is few more charging stations, and a couple of electric powered SUV's available, all priced under the luxury car tax threshold of \$70k, and possibly some more Government handouts to switch our motivation, and we will be past the first rung on the stepladder to electrification. But we have made a start.....

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Murray's 70 years in Motorsport

Cuppa Tea Motors - Murray Carter Racing

This book covers Murray Carters Motorsport career in photographs from Motor Bikes just after World War Two to his last C6 Corvette in 2016.

Lots of never before published photo's and some forwards from people that were closely involved in his racing career. There are some great magazine articles on Murray from different era's which capture the sport of the time. The cars tell the story from the Jaguar to the home built Carter Corvette, the Falcons, the Mazda RX7, the Nissan Skyline and Ford Sierra, and of course the production cars.

The Murray Carter book "Cuppa Tea Motors" is available in soft cover for \$60 or hard cover for \$80 and in both cases, plus postage within Australia at \$20. To purchase Murray's book, an order form is on Murray's Facebook page, or alternatively, you can email your order to Carol Carter on :

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South Aussie Guys go visiting.....

The SA Hardtop Group had another gathering again recently to celebrate both Brad Coulter's and Stuart Davey's reaching the "over the hill club" in achieving their 50th milestones.

Starting just out of the Adelaide city at the Eagle on the Hill, the cruise led us to have a look at something quite special that is being lovingly restored by a leading vehicle restoration company that was established in 1965 in the Adelaide hills known as Finch Restorations in Mount Barker.



This particular car had quite a following and with many stories of people trying to purchase the Queensland based car over many years. Finally, following on from the passing of the original owner, the "Chicken Coupe", one of only two XA GT RPO83's ever made in the beautiful MacRobertson's Old Gold colour (Y157), was auctioned off with a massive marketing campaign aimed to build the hype and gain exceptional interest from the collective car enthusiast market globally.



The Chicken Coupe, while received in quite poor condition, is in extremely good hands and the team have documented the original car in detail before and during the strip down process. Questions relating as to how it should be restored was asked, like do we replace the body stripes as the way they were at the dealer, or how they should have been applied at the factory were asked and it was interesting that most of the group said the way it was, even with the imperfections of exactly mirror imaging both sides. No stones are being left unturned during this restoration and the journey and extent that this process is taking, is quite extraordinary.



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The SA Hardtop Group would like to thank Peter Roberts, the owner of Finch Restorations for providing an exceptional fully guided tour of the workshops. The quality of the work that we saw, across a range of classic and specialised vehicles is outstanding.

After the tour, where clearly the Chicken Coupe was where our major interest was, the group cruised through the picturesque Adelaide hills and stopped for lunch at the lovely Macclesfield Hotel where Cobra #012 proceeded to lock his keys in the car. Luckily, Cobra #351 knew just how to solve that problem easily with no damage. Fellow member Benny Jetski also filmed the day, and you can watch this on his YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZGIFkOmLvl&t=9s>



Words and
Pictures
contributed by
Brad Coulter....



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Ford Coupe Club at the Australian Grand Prix 7th to 10th April 2022. Albert Park, Viictoria



It was with a great deal of excitement that the Australian Grand Prix organizers invited us as one of a select few car clubs to set up a display at the Albert Park Grand Prix. This is huge for us having the opportunity to be a part of an international event so naturally we jumped at the chance.

The logistics involved bumping in on Wednesday afternoon and having the cars stay put until Sunday night. We had a great display of Coupes with the highlight being Tom's genuine XC touring car. This is the ex-Rusty French Coupe and is presented in its 1977 livery. Dave R also had his John Goss XA tribute in its 1973 Shell Yellow colours. There were 10 of us there along with a ring in.

We were in a great position just behind Brocky's Hill which is a prime trackside viewing spot. The display attracted a lot of interest over the course of the event, and we received a lot of positive comment.

We also had Tom and Tracey in attendance to promote Murray Carter's book "Cuppa Tea Racing" which is a pictorial book of Murray's racing career authored by Tom. It is a great read and a must for any motor racing fan.

We would love to do this again. Tip for next time – take plenty of water to clean the car. Dust and morning dew = mud!!

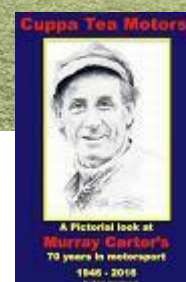
A huge thanks goes out to Tas and Sophi for doing all the organising and legwork with the Grand Prix organisers via Motorsport Australia, it was a big undertaking.

See you on the road,

Craig.



The Murray Carter promotion team...



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Our Guys leaving Autohaus.....



and some arriving from home....



All lined up at the circuit.....



except one.....not quite ready yet....



That's us, over near the Toilets.....



Pick the loose wheel ...?



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The race is over, the fireworks have come to an end, and most of the crowd have gone home...

It's time for us to pack up as well, not quite that easy in the dark, but with headlights on and a few of our Guys giving a hand, last to leave were Tracey, Tom, and Thomas. The Coupe club thanks the Vondrasek family for loaning their special car, and the efforts required to get it to the Grand Prix and home again. many thanks.....



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News & Views from Queensland

Troy advises that the last few months have been very quiet as far as coupe activities are concerned, in the main this has been attributed to the exceptionally wet weather that has been a constant, along with flooding in Southern Queensland and Northern NSW.

The good news is that Troy has the Hardtop Hustle well in hand, and with bookings now closed, can say that this event will be another huge event for the Hardtop Owners.

Toowoomba will be rumbling to the tune of a continuous stream of Hardtops.

Troy has managed to send us some pictures of Hardtops that turned up at Joe's Diner earlier this month, many of which could not get a parking spot except for out on the street. This is no doubt the first serious gathering since the rain stopped. **Here are some of Queensland's finest Hardtops on Display at Joe's Diner.....**



More news from Queensland....

Cooly Rocks On 2022 at Coolangatta, on the QLD / NSW Border was held between the 8th June and the 12th June, with hundreds, if not thousands of pre-1979 cars on display of all shapes, sizes, and manufacturer's. The Falcon Cobra Club of Australia, Queensland Inc. & All Ford Enthusiasts put on a display of ten-Hardtops for the Show 'n' Shine component of the event on the Saturday and Sunday, and received quite a lot of attention. Here are some pics of our Hardtops at Cooly...



All roads lead to Toowoomba...See you there ! ...



Tassie Coupes April cruise.....



On Sunday 4th April the Tasmanian Hardtop Falcon Owners Club met in Launceston's CBD prior to their cruise to the Lake Barrington International Rowing Course, via Westbury and Sheffield. The night before the cruise the forecast was for a 30% chance of 0 to 0.2mm of rain. What it must have meant was HEAPS of rain with only a 30% chance of it being light... Regardless, 6 cars turned up and set off for our first destination in Westbury; the Western

Tiers Distillery where we met up with another 5 hardtops.



The weather had started to improve and by the time we had indulged in delicious coffees and cakes the rain had stopped. The children and a few adults then did a brief detour to WestSyde Miniture Donkeys, where they met and interacted with these friendly creatures. They even got to meet a new baby miniature donkey! After a bit of cuteness overload, we then all met back up and cruised on the scenic drive through Sheffield, the town of murals, and down to Lake Barrington.

The day was still cold, but it didn't stop some of the kids from going for a swim in the lake while the BBQs were cooking lunch. Lake Barrington is an International Rowing Race-course and featured the World Rowing Championships in 1990. We all enjoyed a

BBQ lunch and chat. It was great to have the opportunity to catch up, especially as we were the only people there, having the entire lake and BBQ area to ourselves!



Lake Barrington is also known for the steep and winding road that leads down to the shore. The day before saw the annual running of the Lake Barrington Hill Climb. Master photographer Dean Weeks set up and took some video footage of the hardtops as they thundered up the steep winding road up out of the valley.

Dean then took us to his pre-organised photo location. He led us to Carinya Farm-stay & The Barn Mt Roland. The sun was now well and truly shining, with clear blue skies. To say this location was spectacular would be an understatement! Dean worked his magic behind the lense and the results were amazing! Tasmania truly is a little slice of heaven! We toured through the Barn, the kids fed the rabbits and looked at the pigs and turkeys.

We had to drag ourselves away and cruise home, with a few stopping at Ashgrove Cheese on the way home for coffees, cheese and ice creams. Whilst the day started out with miserable weather, it soon transformed into lovely conditions and a very enjoyable and successful event.

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Narelle's stunning XB at "The Barn"



Lakeside at Lake Barrington

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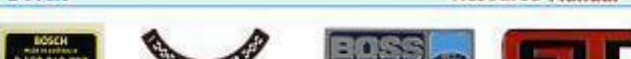
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