

TORQUE TUBE

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9 December 2026 | 38 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale

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FROM THE EDITOR

Not sure about you all, but it feels like I'm coming into Christmas HOT! There's so much going on in the great race to the end of the year!

As such, this is quite 'light' by comparison to last month's newsletter, but it's nice to stay connected none the less.

No meeting in January with a break in club activities over the festive period. The next meeting will be next week, followed by the AGM in February. Details about nominations and the meeting to be distributed shortly.

I always love hearing from you, so if you have ideas for future stories please drop me an email TorqueTube@outlook.com by the last weekend of the month!

Happy Christmas!

Ange Henderson
Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 2 December

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 9 December

Ordinary General Meeting 11:00am
Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch and Drinks. Tea and Coffee provided.

Sunday 14 December

Proposed run to Pitstop Café. More details to come.

Tuesday 16 December

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

🎄 BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS 🎄

Tuesday 6 January

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 13 January

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch and Drinks. Tea and Coffee provided.

Tuesday 20 January

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 27 January

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Sunday 8 February 2026

Annual General Meeting



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On a brutally hot day, an enthusiastic group of members squeezed into Sonya's Greek Café for the club Christmas lunch!

In a case of the quick and the dead for the maximum 40 seats, it seemed I was the dead, but I'm assured a great time was had by those who attended!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Reminder that membership runs from 1 January – 31 December each year, meaning renewals are now due.

This is especially important for those with vehicles registered under the Queensland Government Special Interest Vehicle Concession Scheme (SIVS) whereby your club membership must be maintained where your vehicle is registered under this scheme.

Membership costs for 2026 are:

Membership Type	Cost
Annual Membership Fee	\$50
Family Membership Fee	\$75

The best way to renew is online at our [Riley Club Store](https://www.rileymotorclubqld.org.au/store) (<https://www.rileymotorclubqld.org.au/store>) where you can pay by Credit Card, Debit Card, or PayPal.

Alternatively you can also renew online and direct deposit:

Account Name: Riley Motor Club Queensland
BSB: 633 000
Account Number: 156 635 229
Reference: Your Name

DROPHEAD PROGRESS

Ian has finally had some clear air to get cracking on the work on his RMD recently, with the hopes of driving it to Murray Bridge in May.

Suffering suspected piston / ring damage and associated lack of compression in the engine when headed to the run to Scotty's Garage and Qld Transport Museum in August last year, he limped it home where it has largely sat waiting the TLC it deserved. To be fair, there have been other priorities in the meantime... such as buying a unit back in Brisbane, and doing a run across the country in the RMC just to name a couple!

Managing to talk Grey May out of his reasonably recently reconditioned, spare RMB engine post-Busselton, and with plans already to drop in a reconditioned gearbox he had spare from the Roadster, all he needed was the time and a perfectly appointed workshop! Enter Ken Lonie!

Managing to drive the Drophead carefully along the motorway, it arrived at Ken's shed in surprisingly good shape all ready for the fun to begin!

After a few weeks making progress at his own pace, and at times with the assistance of VP Mark, the 'new' engine and gearbox were installed, with a toll of only one smashed finger, some paint off a couple of panels and some greasy carpet along the way!

Nearing completion, the old homemade extractors will soon be reconnected temporarily until some professional units can be installed. Some tuning and maybe, just maybe, it might be ready for the road trip to South Australia!





FROM THE WEBMASTER

Site visits last month was 497, page visits were 783.

Popular pages were the Shop and Cars for sale.

Some minor adjustments were made to the website, a few documents added etc.

A couple of new members added to the Facebook group this month, up to 52 members, welcome.

On the subject of Facebook groups, I notice that there was a comment in the last minutes about changing our group to public (it is currently private). As the group moderator

(along with Ange), we get about 2 random people a week, wanting to join our group even though they have self-eliminated themselves via the group joining questions.

These people just have nothing better to do but join groups with little or no contribution to the group. I think our private group keeps the discussion 'club relevant' and provides a safe place to post your questions/ideas etc.

Our Facebook group probably attracts more potential members because it directs our 'random' enquirers to visit the club website to get an application. Personally I'd be cautious in changing our group to a public one. My 2 cents worth.

CARS FOR SALE VIA RMCQ WEBSITE



1951 Riley RMA Saloon | \$18,000

Very good condition and with full history back to the original owner in 1951.

Restored in 1997 by a Queensland Riley Club member and has done very few miles by subsequent owners. Believed to be very low original mileage on speedo.

It has been professionally detailed recently to bring its external appearance up to equal that of the very sound wood coachwork. Very sporty and well-balanced car to drive.

Currently fully registered in Queensland on personalised plates 'RLY 51'

Please contact Raneet on 0406 900 664.



RMB Project | \$5,000 ONO

Please call Richard on 0407 565 844

Vehicle located in Pearamon Qld (near Atherton)

For more photos, visit the 'Qld Cars for Sale' page of the website: www.rileymotorclubqld.org.au.

SEEN ONLINE

Note: Cars and items available at the time of publishing – vehicles and items listed here may be sold or delisted at any time



carsales
1951 Riley RMB Saloon
↓\$22,500
VIC



carsales
1950 Riley RMA Saloon
\$15,000
WA



carsales
1954 Riley RME Saloon
↓\$16,500
QLD



JUST CARS
1952 Riley RMB Saloon
\$12,500
VIC



JUST CARS
1949 Riley RMA Saloon
\$19,900
NSW



JUST CARS
1951 Riley RMA Saloon
\$14,000
QLD



JUST CARS
1950 Riley RMB Saloon
\$19,500
SA



JUST CARS
1951 Riley RMB Saloon
\$22,500
WA



JUST CARS
1959 Riley 4/68 Series Nine
\$16,000
NSW



JUST CARS
1950 Riley RMA Saloon
Project
\$6,000
VIC



JUST CARS
1950 Riley RMA Saloon
\$15,000
VIC



JUST CARS
2 x 1950 Riley RMB Saloon
Project
\$5,000
QLD



JUST CARS
1967 Riley Elf Project
\$4,500
TAS



Facebook Marketplace
1951 Riley RMA Saloon
\$21,000
QLD









Facebook Marketplace
1951 Riley RMA Saloon
\$14,000
QLD



















Facebook Marketplace
1950 Riley RMA Saloon
Project
\$5,000
QLD



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