

<u>Our Cover</u> Alistair Bennie present his immaculate 1967 Ford Mustang Coupe

Top photo courtesy of Alistair Bennie

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Important Member Information Historic & Conditional Registration

The MUVCCC is part of the Historic & Classic Club Plates Registration Scheme. Registration of such vehicles is available to Club Members with vehicles which qualify for the scheme. Club Members with such vehicles must carry the "Club Event Program" while participating in club events. (Note: You can also download this to your mobile phone or access to the Club website event page.)

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- 1. You must be a financial member of an approved Car Club
- 2. You must also carry the Certificate of Approved Operation whilst using the vehicle.
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Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Taylor (VP & Merchandise Officer) who will be happy to assist you.





Puzzle Solution: Legacy



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Message From the President



Hi Everyone,

On the 18th September a good number of members attended a car run to Cambewarra Lookout and had morning tea. It was certainly a nice view up there, looking over the Shoalhaven. We enjoyed some nice meals & great company (Please keep this one in the program Geoff.)

Wheel Nuts at Ulladulla Harbour continues to attract a great number of members and provides a great chance for members to catch up. We also get a few inquiries about joining the Club at this event, which is great to see.

The Wandandian Woodchop was another great day, with about 8 members in attendance, but overall, I think about 80 cars were there! I recommend this event to all!

We recently had a great afternoon at the Lake Conjola Bowling Club. Barefoot bowls provided a lot of fun, entertainment and dare I say...exercise(!!) for club members. Many stayed for dinner as well. All had a great afternoon and I hope we can do this again.

Thanks to Geoff for doing a great job with the events. I know it takes a lot of organising. A special thank you to Bev as well for her continual support & assistance with Geoff. They make a great team!! As I always say, **don't forget to let Geoff know if you are attending any of our runs** as it helps so much with booking venues and tables.

Ok – the new BBQ Trailer is ready for final fitting i.e. Gas Bottle. I think it will be a great asset to the club and a lot more user friendly, with no "lifting off the top" before using. It also has a "slide out" BBQ and is fully covered with an alloy canopy which opens on all 3 sides for easy access.

Christmas is coming so I would like to wish all members and their family a very happy Christmas and a great new year. I hope to see you all next year at the events. Lastly, I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work and support during the past year.

Thank You!!

President - MUVCCC

Merry Christmas & Hakky New Uear





The annual MUVCCC Christmas lunch was quite the event, with special prizes, lots of laughs and plenty of smiles. We had a great turn-out with approximately 80 members in attendance. It was wonderful seeing members, particularly those who made long journeys to attend and we hope all had an enjoyable time. Geoff & Bev Phillips did amazing work to ensure all was prepared. Bev has an amazing eye and ensured everyone was looked after! Thank you both for all you do! Our President, Colin Spicer took the opportunity to thank members for their participation and the Committee for their work in supporting the Club. To all club members & your family, have a safe & happy Christmas and a healthy 2025. If you are travelling, be careful on the roads and be patient – *it really is a virtue*.























And who doesn't like ice cream?



<u>Member Story: Keeping it in the Family</u> Alistair Bennie & his very special Mustang



Club Member, Alistair Bennie has been with the MUVCCC since 2021, bringing to the club his 1967 Ford Mustang Coupe lovingly restored by his brother, John who owned the vehicle for 30 years before selling it to Alistair, who has now owned this immaculate example for 3 years.

Alistair's family arrived in Australia in 1964 as £10 Poms, although being Scottish, there was an attempt to negotiate a cheaper price! His father originally based the family in Rockdale, but after 18 months the family purchased a home in the western suburb of St Marys where Alistair grew up. Getting married in 1971, the young couple purchased a home in Cambridge Park and stayed there for 24 years. They then purchased a block of land in the new suburb of Glenmore Park and built a new family home 2 years later. Alistair, Susan and their 3 daughters stayed there for 14 years before the family made the decision to move to the south coast in picturesque Basin View after Penrith became too busy.

During his working life, Alistair has been a hands-on chap, working with a variety of earthmoving equipment – and was ALWAYS in demand...and he is still in demand today despite trying to retire! (He tells me it was one of those "Offers you could not refuse" opportunities)

Alistair always enjoyed older cars & had a Ford XT GT Falcon. Sadly this was sold to help pay-off a mortgage – a decision Alistair regrets to this day (I suspect many members have similar historic regrets). Subsequently, he purchased an immaculate XY Fairmont. Alistair recalls the seller also regretted the sale, as much as Alistair did when he sold his XT.



Alistair shared the story of the 1967 Ford Mustang Coupe he now owns. His brother purchased a rather "sad looking" Mustang back in 1991 from an importer. The vehicle was originally from California with the prior owner being a lady. It is believed she was the original owner, or possibly the 2nd owner. (And probably only drove it to church on Sundays - but the documentation was verified - so all good!)

The vehicle originally had a vinyl roof, the interior was in poor condition. The floor had some rust from a leaking brake booster... & a list of many other issues, so a full restoration was required.



Alistair's brother John, was very thorough and determined to return the Mustang to a state better than new. Whilst not formally trained, he completed all the work

himself, with the exception of the interior which trim, was undertaken bv his brother-in-law. However, he did complete а spraypainting course with results that suggest he was top of the class!!

Stripping the vehicle to the shell, the body was fully rust proofed. The v8 engine rebuild was another task undertaken by John. The engine is a 289, but was "bored out" to 30 thou oversize. John installed "flat top" pistons, roller rockers. The engine was fully balanced with heads ported out for 351 extractors and Holley Carburettors. In











addition, 4-wheel disc brakes have been installed and a Borg Warner 308 Diff. The Mustang has a C4 Automatic Transmission. Whilst a manual is Alistair's desired option, his wife Sue, preferred the automatic – so the decision was easy when it came time to buy the car from John!!

In addition, John converted the vehicle to right-hand drive. Quite the task – even for a professional, but once again the work was undertaken very carefully to maintain the high standard that John had set himself.



Some adjustments were made to the suspension so the car "sits level". Overall, John's work was a "careful & thorough restoration with sympathetic refinements to the vehicle". Importantly, Alistair reports the Mustang "Goes quite well!!"



The standout feature of Alistair's Mustang is the colour and quality of the paint finish. John's work is truly outstanding. Interestingly, the colour is hard photograph as photos do not actually capture the colour you see with the naked eye. The colour is a 1990 Ford colour described as "Everglaze". This is not a standard Mustang colour, but it suits the vehicle perfectly. When viewing the vehicle it has a deep turquoise appearance, but cameras do not do it justice.

The Mustang also has 14" wheels and an electric fan for the radiator. One aspect that Alistair would have reconsidered is the differential. It was supposed to have a 227 fitted, but a 308 was installed in error. John told Alistair that the effort to return & replace it was a "bridge to far" so the 308 was kept, but in Alistair's opinion, a 227 would have made touring just that bit smoother. Being an American car, chrome is a key feature and again John excelled in ensuring the chrome-work enhanced the vehicle's appearance.



The Mustang was first registered in Australia in 1994, following John's total restoration of the vehicle over the preceding 2 years. Sourcing parts from the US, Alistair has a 4-page engineering report verifying all the work undertaken.



John also included a few extras, such as genuine Mustang mudflaps and period correct alloy wheels. It used to have a 6 stacker CD & radio, but it was later removed.

Alistair had always admired John's work. (Alistair also says many tradesmen have complimented the quality of the restoration.) But one day, John said "I've had enough of old cars. I'm gonna sell it!" Alistair jumped in as quick as he could when he heard this. The brother's discussed prices and did a deal, which included the "family discount" as it kept the car in the family.

However, the sale was subject to an unusual condition - the vehicle should not be *driven in the rain*. This is not because of any weird mechanical or electrical issue, but John is just very fastidious about ensuring the car is perfectly clean. Amusingly, when Alistair was to collect the vehicle, John asked if he could delay doing so...because rain was forecast! So, to this day, Alistair has honoured John's unique sale condition and the Mustang has not seen a drop of rain!

Of course such a vehicle is carefully maintained mechanically, with oil changes each year and brake fluid every 2 years, together with other key maintenance requirements that may not be required for a low kilometre car.

After 3 years of ownership, the vehicle remains in perfect condition and it is a lot of fun to drive. At the recent National Motoring Heritage Day in Berry, a young enthusiast was admiring the Mustang and taking photos. When Alistair asked the young admirer & his mum if he would like to sit in it, the young chap's face lit up like a Christmas tree. This made the day for Alistair as well!!

The vehicle will always be special to Alistair because of the ground up restoration undertaken by his brother, John. The colour always looks great, as does the chrome and most importantly, the car has remained in the family for over 30 years. Whilst Alistair has had "offers", he speculates if he will get "an offer to good to refuse" – hopefully not, as Alistair hopes to keep it in the family!! Each of his 3 daughters love the Mustang and have put their hands up, so he has quite the dilemma. (Perhaps Rock, Paper Scissors may work?)

My thanks to Alistair Bennie for sharing his story & historic photos - DJ



CAR OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2008. times engine speed 24000 rpm driven by a multiplying set of

AUBURN RARITY.

First Published Sept 2008 – Author & Photo: Nick Granville-Smith

The Milton Ulladulla Vintage and Classic Car Club are lucky to have an extremely rare and unusual Auburn belonging to our immediate past president, Kevin (Gibson).

The Auburn company has long since disappeared along with many other American manufacturers of the 1920s and 1930s. However quite a number of these cars have survived the test of time and are now in the hands of enthusiasts who care for them properly.

This Auburn is a 1935 model 851 with a straight eightcylinder supercharged engine. It has a Phaeton four door convertible body with full four-seater layout and a hood which folds back neatly into a recess behind the rear seats.

There are several features on the Auburn which are uncommon on other vehicles. There is a two-speed rear axle, which was made by the Columbia Axle Company and is operated by a dashboard lever controlling a vacuum cylinder activating a rod system to select the alternative sun wheel sets in the differential housing. A powerful return spring disengages the mechanism.

This dual ratio axle in effect acted like an overdrive on all three forward gears making highway cruising very economical by raising the standard axle ratio from 4.3:1 to just over 3.0:1

Auburn was part of Errett L Cord's industrial empire which included Cord Car Co, Duesenberg Cars, Lycoming Engine Co. and Columbia Axle Co. Cord had bought Auburn in 1924 and peak production was reached in 1931 of 28,103 cars.

The Auburn Eight engine was made by Lycoming and this name is more widely known for its aircraft engines. Cord also made small aircraft. With the development of aircraft engines Cord entered an association with Cummins Engine Co to develop the Schwitzer Supercharger for use on his Auburns and Duesenbergs. In its day this design was remarkable as it gave a 5.5 psi boost increasing the HP of the engine from 100 to 150 at 4000 rpm. The impeller ran at six

times engine speed 24000 rpm driven by a multiplying set of gears from a shaft mounted on the timing gear.

The engine size had increased to 4827 cc or near enough five litres. A twin point distributor was standard equipment and a six-volt positive earth completed the electrics. There is a twelve-foot-long speedo cable running from the vast differential housing which must be something of a record.

This Auburn was the first supercharged car ever registered in Victoria on 10/9/1935 and the rego cost nine pounds, fifteen shillings and three pence. The original owner was a Mr. Carl Junkers. From there the car was stored for many years before the previous owner before Kevin acquired it over forty years ago.

The Auburn has been with Kevin now for about twelve months and the maroon coachwork and salt and pepper grey interior are still in very good condition after a respray was done in 1968.

For two years in 1935 and 1936 Auburn sold 5,163 and 1848 model 851 with an additional 146 cars later sold off. However only 30 supercharged cars were made in 1935 and sadly with the downturn in sales during the depression the Auburn Company folded in 1936. The same fate overtook both Cord and Duesenberg. It is pleasing to see such an interesting piece of automotive history being put into use instead of remaining in storage somewhere.



My thanks to Nick Granville-Smith for sharing his wonderful archive of articles and photos. Stay tuned for more "Rear Vision". DJ

<u>Member Story: Motors & Masterpieces -</u> <u>Richard & Alison Broinowski travel to</u> Melbourne!

Story & Photos by Richard Broinowski

As sole representatives of the MUVCCC, Alison and I visited the Motors and Masterpieces show at the Melbourne Showgrounds in Ascot Vale adjacent to Flemington Race Course on Friday 22 November.

The day was blisteringly hot, but the eye candy was worth the excursion. The show had ten themes, including La Dolce Vita, California Dreaming, Tokyo Lights, Swinging London, Great Southern Land, High Society, Continental Classics, Monaco Glitz and Chequered Flag.

We went in through the air-conditioned Rolls Royce/Bentley pavilion, a marvel of glittering machines, most of which when on the road, would drink maybe 20 litres per hundred kilometres. The president of the Rollers Club of Victoria gave me some back copies of *Praeclarvm*, the magazine of Rolls Royce Owners of Australia. Trust them to entitle their mag with an esoteric and self-aggrandising Latin name.



Then on to a vast hall containing 200 more cars grouped by country of origin. The vintage section had some extravagant carriages from the 1910s sporting enormous polished brass headlamps, thickly upholstered dickey seats, leather trunks, and elaborate brass horns operated by rubber squeeze-bulbs. A Willys Overlander Model 40 especially caught my eye.

The Monaco section had a clutch of Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Maseratis, McLarens and Porsches. California Dreaming sported



a selection of vast Yank tanks including a Camaro SS RS Transformer styled after the Bumblebee Autobot. On a small screen were images of the Pontiac Trans Am replica from *Knight Rider* as driven by David Hasselhoff, and the 1968 Ford Mustang driven by Steve McQueen in *Bullitt*.

France was represented by a small salon of 1960s Citroens Goddesses riding on their pneumatic suspensions, including a beautifully elongated two-door version rarely seen in Australia.



In the celebrity section was an Aston Martin DB5 identical with the car driven by James Bond in the 1964 film *Goldfinger*, the Volvo P1800 driven by Roger Moore in the 1960s crime series *The Saint*, and a Mark 2 3.8 litre Jaguar as driven by John Thaw in *Inspector Morse*. To my delight there were also some other Jags, including a squadron of E-types and a meticulously restored Mark Ten. Alas, no 'S' type.

Mid-sixties Japan had a retrospective of beauties from Mazda, Nissan and Toyota, including the inappropriately named Cedric, a popular taxi in Tokyo at the time, and the iconic Toyopet. Also a Skyline Prince GT, a beautifully built sports sedan with triple carburettors the same as the one I swapped my Hillman Imp for when it literally fell apart in Tokyo traffic in 1964.

In the Australian section was a lovingly maintained Holden EK Special and a couple of green Goggomobiles.

Altogether an interesting morning, and a meticulously organised event. The entry price, an eye-watering \$59, and the weather just short of 40 degrees in the shade, didn't deter Melbourne car-lovers. Nor us, as we made our way by tram back to the city, and then train out to Box Hill.

My thanks to Richard Broinowski for sharing this great story! - DJ



Club Event: Wheel Nuts - November 2024

The November edition of Wheels Nuts saw 45 members attend and catch up. A comfortable day for all, with the local coffee shop doing a roaring trade. It is always good to see members use the opportunity to bring out their vehicles, with Kevin Gibson making a real impact with his Ford Thunderbird. This vehicle looks perfect and the stunning aqua paint work looks amazing!



















Club Event: Wheel Nuts - December 2024

December 1 was the official beginning of Summer. We had great participation with 39 members (including Molly & Alice) in attendance, together with quite a few visitors. Julie had her prized possession, the Ford XB on display, so she contracted a couple of security guards to ensure it was safe. (See photos)

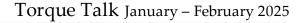
Initially, the clouds kept attendees comfortable, but as the humidity rose and the clouds disappeared, so did members as the car park become an oven!























<u>Club Event: Barefoot in the Park</u> Lake Conjola Barefoot Bowls - 24 Nov 2024

Our Events Director, Geoff Phillips reckoned members needed more exercise, so Geoff & Bev arranged for "Barefoot Bowls" at the Lake Conjola Bowling Club to see the level of athleticism in the MUVCCC. 24 members took up the opportunity and the results speak for themselves. We saw some numerous attempts to get close to the "Jack" (mainly by luck), as Geoff & Bev tried numerous coaching methods in the art of Bowls. Club President, Colin Spicer figured it out, until we found out he had magnetic balls (Not sure what to say about that!)

Afterwards many members enjoyed a delightful dinner at the club with everyone leaving with a big smile after a fun afternoon. A **Big Thank You (!!)** to Geoff & Bev for arranging this great event and...bravely coaching us!!

















Club Event: Tour to Nelligan



On Thursday 7th November, 16 members enjoyed a trip to beautiful Nelligan. Event Manager, Geoff took the lead in his MX5. As he carved out the corners, he then came upon a truck that had entered the highway. Geoff had plenty of space to slow down, but he didn't bargan on all the dust that was emitted from the back of the truck. We almost lost sight of our Tour Leader, but eventually the dust cleared. On arrival, we spent 30 mins shovelling fine dust out of the little Mazda, but no one had a "Dust Buster" to clean Geoff. Members enjoyed an early lunch at the River Cafe with the great meals, entertaining conversation & the great scenery made it a relaxing day out!



Other Events - Kings Lake Mustang Show Photos by Jane McLennan

On Sunday, 13 October the locals of Kings Point had a mini car show dedicated to Ford Mustangs. The hosts opened their homes to visitors and had the Big Screen TV for the annual Bathurst 1000!! What Wonderful hosts indeed!!



Member News

On 13 November 2024, the Club held its General Meeting, with 29 members in attendance.

New Members

The MUVCCC is pleased to welcome new members to the club:

Ken & Jen Tyquin

We hope you enjoy the camaraderie and become a regular participant at club events. *It's all about "Having Fun!!"*

Thoughts for members who are unwell

If you know members who may be unwell, please reach out to our Welfare Officer, Viv Burns so the club can provide some support. Her contact details are on Page 3.

With this in mind, it was great to see **Garry King** at Wheel Nuts (December) as he recovers from some medical intervention and looking much better. In fact, he is happy to show off his scars!

We also offer our best wishes to **Stephen Mitchell** who will soon have some "panel work" done and will soon be able to stand straight again!

We wish both members a successful & speedy recovery!

Registrar Update

Our Registrar, Joe Bowdler has reported that the MUVCCC has **244 vehicles & 194 members as at the Dec. 2024**. In addition, NSW Services have increased historic Registration from \$49 to \$50!!

Don't forget, members should also ensure the appropriate <u>Certificate of Approved Operations</u> is with the vehicle (or a copy) at all times. We have been advised that many vehicles are being checked by police and they will immediately look for this document.

The New BBQ Trailer

Following the purchase of the new trailer, President Colin Spicer has been very busy modifying the trailer to meet the specific requirements of the Club. Features include:-

- A New 4 burner Slide-Out BBQ
- Solar Panels for 240v Power
- Fully enclosed canopy for secure storage and opens to provide shelter for the cooking crew
- Water supply
- 2 x bottle Gas supply

- Storage cabinet
- Ease of use

This is a real asset for the Club and we expect it will see many years of service in the future. We are working with our printers to include MUVCCC signage to complete the BBQ.

This has been a great initiative led by Colin and we extend our thanks for his hard work in making this happen!





Auction!! Do you want a piece of MUVCCC History?



On the 12 January 2025, the Club will hold its General Meeting at the "Leaning Oak" at Lake Conjola. During the meeting, we will auction the Club's old BBQ trailer (unregistered). If you cannot attend but wish to make a bid, please send your bid by email to: - <u>secretary@muvccc.org.au</u> by 8am 12th January 2025.

If you object to this method or timing of the proposed disposal of the trailer, can you please advise the treasurer or secretary immediately.

Good luck to all bidders!!

Coffee Break Time!

When considering the skills of motorsport drivers, for me, it is the rally driver who sits at the pinnacle. The ability to deal with the unpredictable & to commit to the co-driver's instructions without question is amazing. And if you ever see the footwell as they drive, it is just unbelievable! So, enjoy this collection of words related to rallying (sorry - some big names didn't fit!)

Find the words listed below to reveal the solution from the remaining letters after all other letters are crossed off. (See page 2 for the solution)

Rallying – The skill of the unpredictable

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Solution Hint: Something totally unexpected!

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Carlos Sainz	Juha Kankkunen	Subaru
Celt	Lancer	Taylor
Colin McRae	Loeb	Toyota
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Didier	Mouton	WRX
Dirt	Ogier	Xsara
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Fiat		

Hold the Presses!! Exciting News just in from Andrew & Neil. Both the Datsun 180B & 200B-SX are operational again and ready for 2025 events!!

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I hope everyone has had a safe & happy Christmas. All the best in 2025 and I look forward to seeing you at events.



And...if you have a story or photos you would like to share (or any other feedback) please write to me at:

editor@muvccc.org.au - Thanks Df





Please consider our event organisers. If you wish to attend an event, please advise the Event

Director of your participation as soon as possible, so as we can cater for all attendees - Thank You

Month	Event					
January 2025						
	Annual Picnic Day and General Meeting					
Sunday 12 th January 11am	Leaning Oak Lake Conjola 485 Lake Conjola Entrance Rd Lake Conjola					
	MUVCCC provide BBQ meat - BYO chairs, salad, plates, cutlery, drinks and chairs					
Sunday 26 th January 8am	Australia Day Mollymook - Static Display. BYO Chairs					
February						
Sunday 2 nd February	Wheel Nuts, Ulladulla Harbour					
10am – 12noon						
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Combined Car Clubs BBQ Lunch – Narrawallee Reserve 11.30am					
11.30am	BYO lunch, plates, cutlery, drinks and chairs					
Friday 14 th February	Valentines Day Lunch – Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens					
Leaving 10.30am	Depart Ulladulla					
Wednesday 19 th Feb	Coffee Run - Salt Wood Café Kioloa					
Leaving 9.30am	Depart Ulladulla					
March						
Sunday 2 nd	Wheel Nuts, Ulladulla Harbour					
10am – 12noon						
Friday 7 th , Saturday 8 th ,	Milton Show – Static Display – Time TBA					
Sunday 9 th						
Wednesday 12 th 7.30pm	General Meeting - Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club					
Wednesday 19 th	Coffee Run Big Red Bus Tomerong					
Depart 9.30am	Leaving Milton					
Sunday 23 rd	Sussex Inlet Classic Show and Shine – details TBA					

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