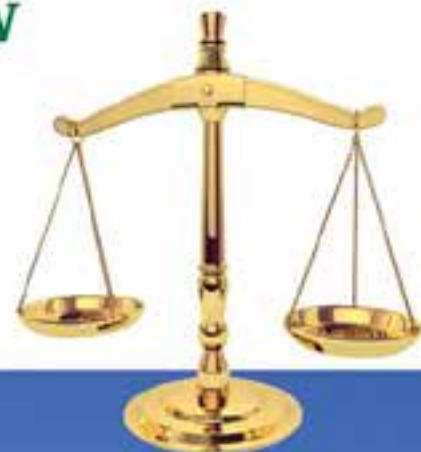




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A NOTE ABOUT OUR CHARITY SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUTH AT RISK

Gold Coast North Youth Centre Inc. was formed from events which transpired in 2004 cultivating in the death of a local youth. Public meetings took place in the Mayor's office organized by the then Division 3 Councillor Grant Pforr. This occurred with five separate organizations creating an incorporated "Not for Profit" body.

After consultation with local youth, a logo and a name Youth Point Connect - YPC was selected by them. YPC fosters a safe and supportive environment for young people who assists their participation in their community through recreational, sporting, cultural and welfare programmes. We provide skate/bike competitions, music festivals, train good eating practices, skill development, counselling and provide a Youth Radio Training Programme using state of the art equipment. We have succeeded in obtaining work and apprenticeship opportunities.

The problems associated with youth at risk, including the homeless and disadvantaged was and remains our priority.

Franklin D Roosevelt wrote "We cannot always build for our youth, but, we can build our youth for the future."

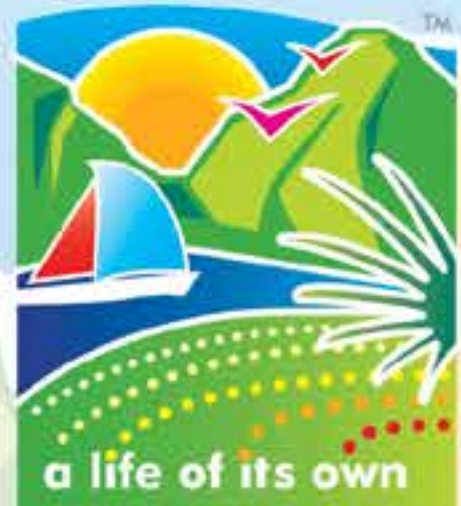
We have a great band of volunteers, but to achieve our goals, we need to raise funds to which we sincerely thank Connecting Northern Gold Coast Inc. "Festival of Elegance" for their support of local youth.

kindest regards

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CHAIRMAN'S *Welcome*

The inaugural Festival of Elegance 'Water Wings Wings' has partnered with the Gold Coast Marine Expo this year to create a precinct of celebration of all things 'Gold Coast and Elegance in Motion'. I invite our readers to enjoy what the team has put together for you and it showcases where the Coast has come from in the early days and how those golden traditions need to be celebrated annually with our finest 'Festival of Elegance'.

Connecting Northern Gold Coast Inc has formed a new northern alliance that has been established to help promote Tourism in the north of the city in a coordinated

fashion and along similar lines to Connecting Southern Gold Coast, Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise Alliances. For some time now there have been calls for the north to have their own Alliance, mirroring the successes of those central and southern partnerships for small business.

We understand these form of entities are currently under Council's review, as is the work of Gold Coast Tourism, to analyse the best way to get a good return on the tourism dollar for those levied areas of the Gold Coast. We support and congratulate Council on such an initiative and review as part of Council's governance.

This new not-for-profit Alliance has been in the incubator stage for some time awaiting clearer guidelines but we've taken the initiative and formalising our not-for-profit entity in February this year. We'll be formalising our list of new and exciting events planned for 2014 and beyond during the Festival's celebrations. We have already brought together some unique partnerships to show the Coast that small business is really open for business in new and refreshing ways that have not been seen since our glory days, while at the same time, supporting events throughout the Gold Coast. At this stage, we are not asking for Council to strike any new levies but hope that Council will judge our work on its merit and creativity while we help to promote our growing city which has been recognised nationally and internationally as best practise.

We look forward to working closely with other Regional Alliances and Council's as we develop and grow together, drawing up Memorandums of Understandings in a timely manner, at the conclusion of our signature event. We are happy to meet with any northern Gold Coast Business to discuss our free website www.connectingnortherngoldcoast.com members list, so please feel free to contact us and we'll make arrangements to meet to discuss our objectives and plans for the future.

Our FREE events can be found in the centre spread of the magazine presented to you with most activities listed and don't forget the premier event venues are Links Hope Island Golf Club Hope Island, Regatta Lake at Oxenford and the Marine Precinct, Coomera.

Yours in Business

Grant Pforr

Chair Connecting Northern Gold Coast

EDITOR'S *Welcome*

The Gold Coast has had a long love affair with all modes of transport. Motor racing, water sports including boating, water skiing and surfing as well as aircraft. 'Water Wings Wheels' is the culmination of Grant Pforr's vision. Historically, there have been previous events that concentrate on these individually but nothing has combined them to provide a unique opportunity for the public to view such a diverse mix to be held over one weekend.

Within these pages can be found many instances of rare and beautiful machinery and more importantly a nostalgic visit into the past to appreciate the people who have contributed not only to motor cars, boats and aircraft but also fashion and the general development of the Gold Coast. Names such as Keith and Thea Williams, Ron Grose, Sir Bruce Small, The Bowden Family, The Gilltrap Family, not to mention our Patron, Ron Thorp.

It has been a privilege for me to interview and research these identities and I have found a new respect for their efforts and foresight. These people, especially Keith and Thea Williams, put their money on the table and, without help from Government, blazed a trail hard to fathom under today's red tape jungle. Their efforts produced such iconic events and venues as The Gold Coast International Motor Circuit, Concours d'Elegance at the Chevron Hotel and Speed Week, The Carrara Ski Gardens, Sea World, Gilltraps Museum and Concours at Royal Pines and the Bowden Collection.

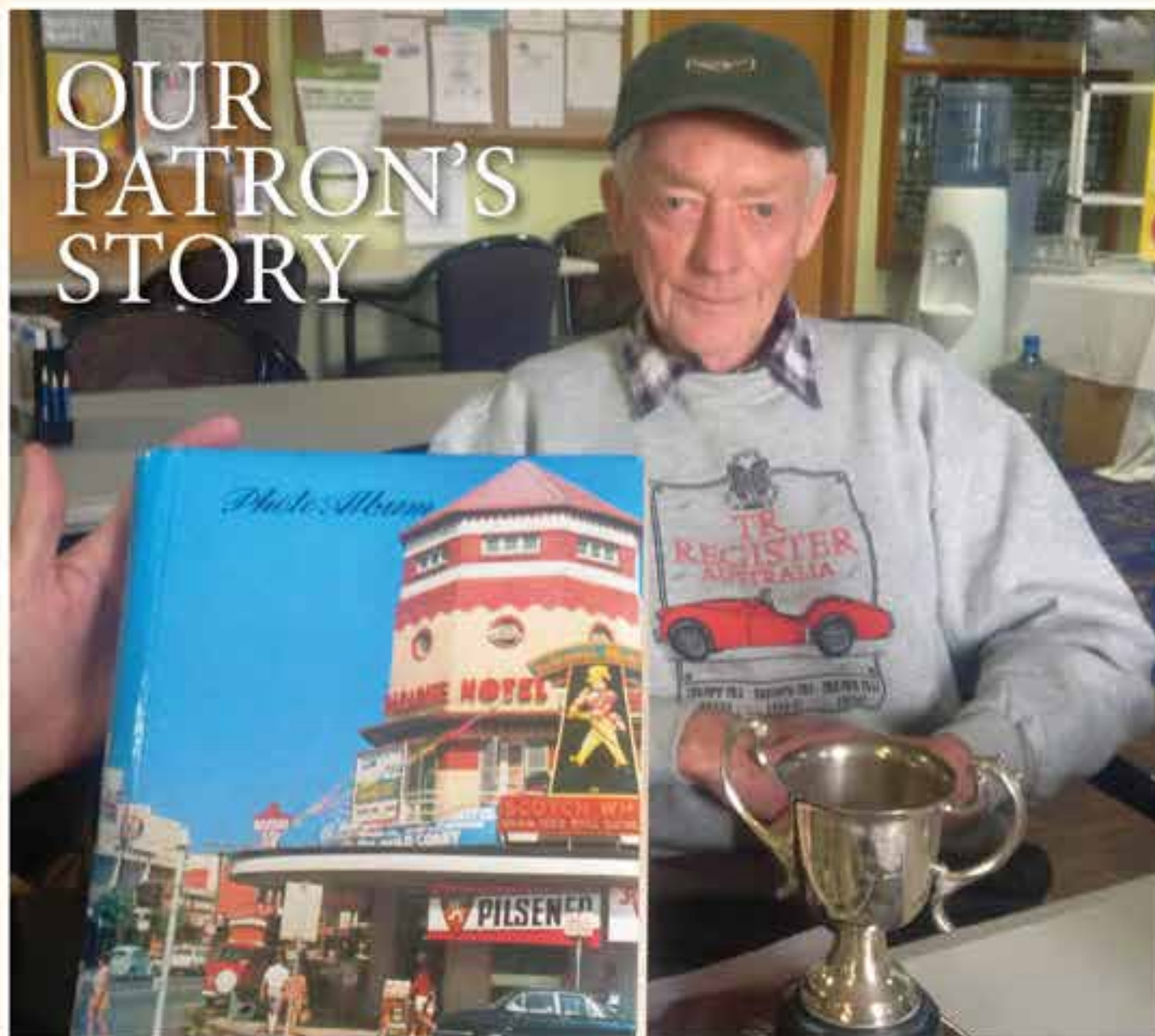
It is now time to remember and honour their legacy bringing together a signature event to the Northern Gold Coast. Timing around the Castrol Edge Gold Coast 600 and also the Gold Coast Marine Expo will ensure that there is an abundance of opportunities for local Gold Coasters and visitors alike, to experience an event that has the potential to rival anything else in the world.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the eponymous 'Water Wings Wheels' Official magazine 'Elegance in Motion'.

Leonardo Torti



OUR PATRON'S STORY



Ron Thorp

Australian motor racing has been blessed with many great drivers including 2 world F1 champions. It is easy to look toward these famous sportsmen with vicarious pride and boast of "our" success as a racing nation. During the 1950's the likes of Jack Brabham emerged from the ashes of World War 2 to apply that, now fading, Australian inventiveness and mental toughness to produce such winning results. This was no chance occurrence. Jack was pushed by those parochial drivers of fame such as Bib Stillwell, Frank Gardner, Stan Jones and a whole host of iconic Australians who were household names and now are only remembered by fanatical racing fans.

Behind all of these illustrious gladiators were the real innovators and "Aussies" who produced results on a shoe string. Men like Warren Pittock who made his own cars (including wheels), Harry Lefoe and Ron Grose. Cars like the WPH and the Nota Din. This brings us to the main character in our story "Ron Thorp" who along with those and their cohorts

previously mentioned, literally wrought a sport from the relics of a previous motoring era with little or no funding.

I had the great pleasure of interviewing Ron during mid-winter in Tenterfield. He had graciously agreed to come to Tenterfield from Inverell and reduce our travelling time. I knew him immediately,

he had arrived in an immaculate 1952 Bristol 401. This seems typical of this quiet spoken knight from that dangerous era of the 50 and 60's where many died while racing. Safety was in its infancy and Ron's stories included having to install a seat belt, making the mandatory roof from a discarded Commer utility, racing with re-tread tyres and watching most of the Hot-rod field fall by the way side in his first race with them and scoring a memorable and precious to him now "3rd place". He was only 18.

Ron regaled us with stories of his innate entrepreneurial ability and racing. As a young apprentice he started a small 2nd hand car sales business and built the business into one of the most successful in the Wollongong area. During this period he was able to go racing and graduate into more exotic machinery. From a 1932 Ford V8 special to the Masling Humber then a Aston Martin DB3S sports racer and most notable the first AC cobra to arrive on

Australian shores. This car is now in the hands of the Bowden family and appeared in the historic races at the Goodwood Revival Historic Car races in 2012. The new custodians invited Ron and he was able to mount the old charger once more.

The famous number 69 has been kept as it was when racing and still garners a smile from Ron when he reminisces.

1958 to 1960- Owned and drove a 1932 Ford Hot Rod at Hume Weir, Tarrawingee, Mount Panorama, Groo Blas, Warwick Farm and Windsor Speedway. Third place in the NSW Hot Rod Championship in 1960.



1960 to 1961- Owned and drove a AER open wheeler otherwise known as the Masling Humber at Warwick Farm, Hume Weir, Tarrawingee, Catalina Park, Mount Panorama and Kembla Grange Speedway. Fifth place in the feature race for racing cars at Catalina Park opening meeting.

1961 to 1964- Owned and drove an Aston Martin DB3S sports car previously owned by Tom Sulman and part of the Kangaroo Team. Venues include Oran Park, Warwick Farm, Lowood, Mount Panorama, Longford and Catalina Park. First Place in Division 1 Sports Racing Car event at the open meeting of Oran Park in 1962.

1965 to 1972- Owned and drove the first AC Cobra to come to Australia in numerous hill climbs and circuit events. Hill climb venues include, Lakeland Park, Huntley, Silverdale, Mount Panorama,

Grafton and King Edward Park. Circuit venues include, Warwick farm, Mount Panorama, Surfers Gardens, Lakeside, Catalina Park, Caversham, Oran Park and Mallala. His major successes include 1965 Australian Hill Climb Championship, entering and winning 3 Classes while setting new class records in each. The 1965 Caversham 6 hour race finishing 2nd outright, 1966 1st outright, 1967 2nd outright. The Surfers Paradise 12 hour races of 1966 & 1967 9th outright, first in Production Sports Car Class on both occasions.

Ron has now accepted the responsibility as Patron of Water Wheels Wings and we welcome him into this new venture. Please make yourself known to Ron when you attend in October.



Our editor Len Torti pictured next to Ron and his fabulous 1952 Bristol at Tenterfield NSW.



Our Launch

The Launch of the Festival of Elegance was held on Thursday July 10 2014 in the beautiful setting of the portico at the Luxury Links Hope Island Golf Club. Pebble Beach has certainly come to the Gold Coast with a 140 elegantly dressed supporters and invited guests witnessing one of the golden traditions of yesteryear return to the Coast.

Several Car Clubs attended the night and we all look forward to this years' October event to be held in two locations, including a spectacular series of free community events to be held at both the lake at Coomera and the Links Hope Island Golf Club. The Coomera Lake Venue will see over the 5 days, a Sculpture Art Walk and Workshops for kids starting on Wednesday October 15th, an Art Show on the Thursday night October 16th and a free movie by the lake on Friday Night October 17th starting at 6.45pm. Welcome drinks for the general Show and Shine Entrants commencing at 5.45pm. Then on Saturday night October 18th the big free community concert lakeside from 5.45pm to 9pm.

The Concourse of Elegance Tour meets at Sirromet Wines for lunch on Friday October 17th

before visiting Mt Tamborine for an overnight welcome with local cheeses and wine tastings hosted by the Mt Tamborine Chamber of Commerce and the Scenic Rim



The evening's hosts
Ian Cousins and Liz Pforr

Mayor. There is an option to continue on the tour to the Sunshine Coast to the Spicers Tamarind Restaurant at Maleny for High Tea, the Bowden's Private Car Collection as well as visiting Palmer Motorama, golf and an Aussie BBQ Cocktail Party.

On Sunday 19th at the Links Hope Island Golf Club, there will be a high-end judging of the Concours Show and Shine, Grand Parade and Shannons Memorabilia Auction.

Following that is a Black Tie Awards Night finishes off the Festival of events with limited seats available for the winners of each category - So get in early to be part of history and have bragging rights in years to come that we were all there to witness our own 'Pebble Beach' right here on the Gold Coast. Entries Close for the Concourse on Monday October 13 2014



We are delighted to announce the Festival of Elegance has its first Patron in Mr Ron Thorp from Inverell NSW and the William's Family has given us the great honour of allowing us to announce the 'Keith Williams Perpetual Trophy (Thea)' by showcasing a Champagne glass from one of the last Concours events held here on the Gold Coast before the Surfers Paradise Race Track closed.

Our Chief Judge, David Osborne is another great addition to the event ranks and he will be approaching other honorary judges over the coming months. Please feel free to submit your CV for expressions of interest for this years' panel.



For further information: contact Grant on:

Email office@connectingnortherngoldcoast.com or on mobile 0419 701 942.

You can also go to our website and click onto the 'Water Wheels Wings' Logo on the home page for all entry forms in all categories.

Our website can be found on:

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Jim Richards "Shannons Ambassador"



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wins (TCM) - 2010, 2013 in a 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint

Past - Australian title wins were:

- 1985 Australian Endurance Championship BMW 635 CSI
- 1985 AMSCAR Series BMW 635 CSI
- 1986 Australian Endurance Championship BMW 635 CSI
- 1992 AMSCAR Series Nissan Skyline R32 GT-R
- 1995 Australian GT Production Car Series Porsche 993 RSCS
- 1996 Australian NASCAR Championship
- 1999 Australian GT Production Car Championship in a Porsche 996 GT3
- 2000 Australian Nations Cup Championship in a Porsche 996 GT3
- 2001 Australian Nations Cup Championship in a Porsche 996 GT3
- 2002 Australian Nations Cup Championship in a Porsche 996 GT3
- 2003 Australian Carrera Cup Championship in a Porsche 996 GT3 Cup
- 2006 V8 Super Car Hall of Fame

His 7 x Bathurst wins have been:

- 1978 - Peter Brock / Jim Richards (Holden LX Torana SS A9X Hatchback)
 - 1979 - Peter Brock / Jim Richards (Holden LX Torana SS A9X Hatchback)
 - 1980 - Peter Brock / Jim Richards (Holden VC Commodore)
 - 1991 - Mark Skaife / Jim Richards (Nissan R32 GT-R)
 - 1992 - Mark Skaife / Jim Richards (Nissan Skyline R32 GT-R)
 - 1998 - Rickard Rydell / Jim Richards (Volvo S40)
 - 2002 - Mark Skaife / Jim Richards (Holden VX Commodore - V8 super car)
- He has also won the Sandown 500 in 1985 with Tony Longhurst in a BMW 635 CSI, and again in 1989 with Mark Skaife in a Nissan Skyline HR31 GTS-R.

Recently, Richards has driven in the Targa Tasmania as well as numerous other tarmac rallies in the Australian Targa Championship and other tarmac rallies, driving for Porsche. Partnering Richards as navigator has been motor racing journalist and commentator Barry Oliver. The pairing of Richards and Oliver (affectionately known as Team Grandpa in later

years) has won the Targa Tasmania a record 8 times. Richards and Oliver made their debut in Targa in 1993 in a Porsche 968 CS.[2]

His final victory saw him become only the fourth winner of the event in a two wheel drive car, and is the last person to do so, holding off more fancied four wheel drive rivals over a wet day 5 to win his last Targa Tasmania title.

Targa Tasmania wins:

- 1996 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 993 Turbo)
- 1997 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 993 Turbo)
- 1998 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 993 Turbo)
- 2000 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 996 Turbo)
- 2001 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 996 Turbo)
- 2002 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 996 Turbo)
- 2003 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 996 Turbo)
- 2006 - Jim Richards / Barry Oliver (Porsche 997 GT3)



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1. 2001 Ford 'Bathurst worn' Race Suit, when he teamed up with Dean Canto in the Ford AU for Bathurst and other endurance races like Sandown.
2. 2011-12 Race-Suit he wore in the Touring Car Masters Series



There's a lot happening around the Festival of Elegance with the Concours, Show and Shines, Concours of Elegance Tour and much more over 5 days held at two venues. Simply get onto the website www.connectingnortherngoldcoast.com and click on the 'Water Wheels Wings' logo to get all the entry forms for the Festival or email: office@connectingnortherngoldcoast.com and or Phone Grant 0419 701 942

Shannons, Australia's leading auctioneers in the collector market will also be hosting the 'Festival of Elegance Memorabilia Auction' this year at Links Hope Island Golf Club - Gold Coast. With a variety of collectible items ranging from V8 Racing memorabilia to garagenalia, models, number plates and more. Don't miss this exciting event, 4pm Sunday.

So if you have any items you wish to have included or bid on, in this Shannons Memorabilia Auction Please Contact Shannons National Auction Manager: Christophe Boribon. Christophe_Boribon@shannons.com.au



Mayoral Message for Festival of Elegance

On behalf of Council and the residents of the Scenic Rim, I welcome participants in the Festival of Elegance to Tamborine Mountain and the wider region.

You are among more than one million visitors who enjoy the inviting lifestyle and natural surrounds of the Scenic Rim each year.

Our name, Scenic Rim, was first coined by naturalist and author Arthur Groom in the early 20th Century to describe the chain of mountains, plateaux and peaks to the west and south of Brisbane.

This stunning panorama has served to inspire generations of artists including photographers, painters and sculptors.

We are a vibrant and diverse community offering a fantastic rural lifestyle and, as a bonus, we have more than 30,000 hectares of national parks in our back yard.

I encourage you to explore the wonderful region we call home as part of your involvement in the Festival of Elegance.

I commend the organisers for including the Scenic Rim in the scope of this year's inaugural event which I am confident will lay a strong foundation for future years.

Enjoy your visit we hope to see you again soon in the Scenic Rim.

**Cr John Brent
Mayor**



The Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TMCC) is proud to be a sponsor for the forthcoming Festival of Elegance and welcomes all participants to our Tamborine Mountain, "The Green Behind The Gold". The TMCC is the pre-eminent business organisation on Tamborine Mountain representing local business interests whose members promote and develop all manner of trade, industry, commerce and sustainable tourism deemed to be desirable and appropriate to our area.

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The TMCC also manages the Visitor Information Centre, the outdoor Map Signs, produces the local Map Brochure and Telephone Directory.

Accordingly, it is with great pleasure and pride that we welcome all participants to the inaugural Festival of Elegance and we congratulate the organisers for their foresight in bringing this event to Tamborine Mountain.

**Chris Kite
President
Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce & Industry**



Mountain Chamber members and official guests enjoy the Festival Official Launch

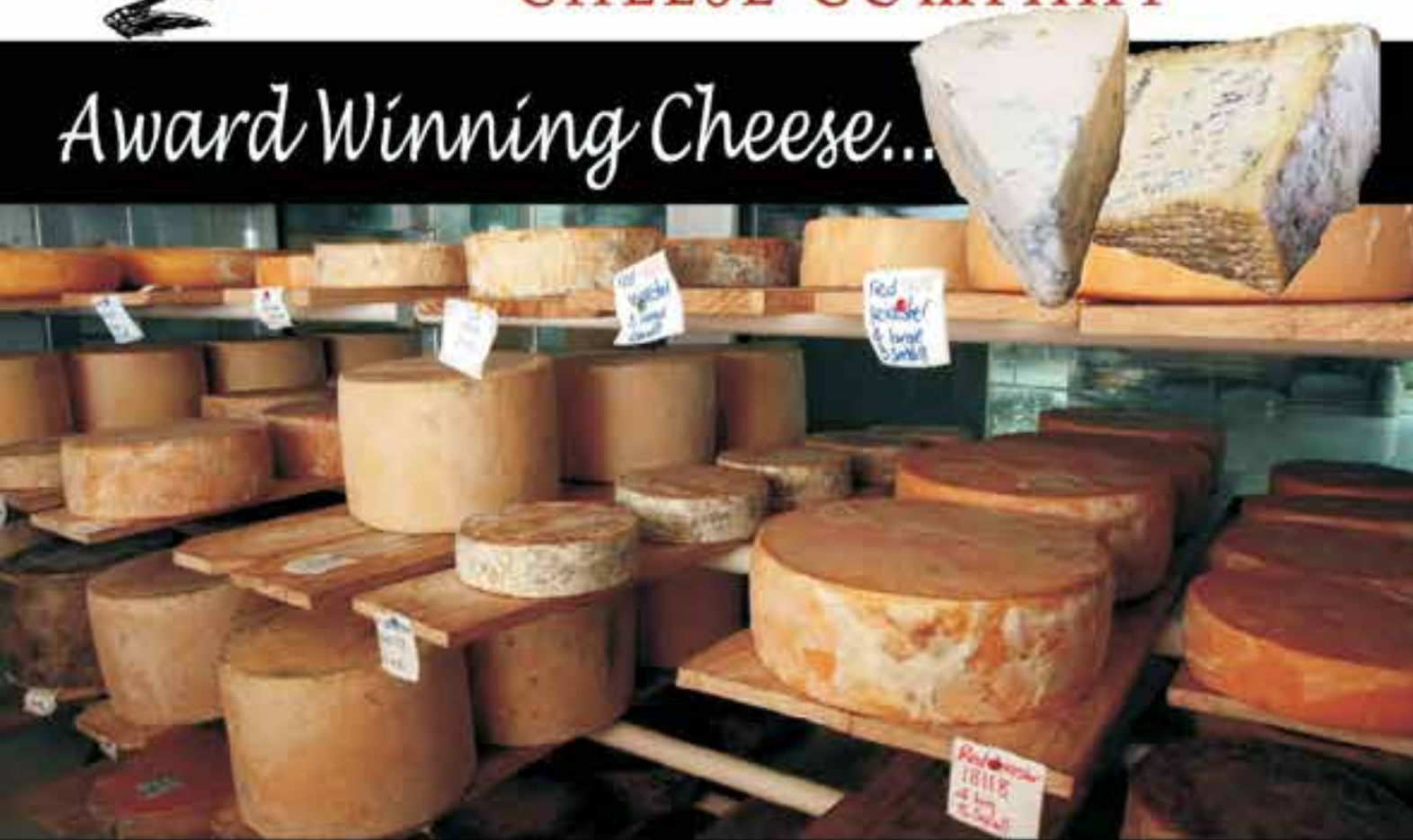




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"No peer" to LANCIA

The famous Top Gear programme took a survey of the English automobile enthusiasts to find out which marque was the best. The Vote came down to FORD. I don't believe any real numbers nominated Lancia. In their inimitable way the Top Gear boys eschewed the public and proclaimed that there was no peer to LANCIA.

Firstly the definition of a "Marque" as stated in the Oxford dictionary is

"Early 20th century: from French, back-formation from marquer 'to brand', of Scandinavian origin"

Aspiring automobile makers would like to be classified as a marque but there are several things that might distinguish a "Marque". The things that determine that ethereal "puro sangue" thoroughbred quality cannot be engineered, pre-thought or injected by advertising. Marque comes from a one minded clear original thought forced into existence when nothing preceded it to show the way. Men wore their mark on their cars and their cars were named after them. It wasn't about a balance sheet. It was about a pursuit of perfection. Charles Rolls and Frederick Royce, Louis, Marcel and Fernand Renault, Andre-Gustave Citroen, Karl Benz, Gottlieb Daimler who named his cars after the beautiful Mercedes his French distributors' daughter, Alfa Romeo (Nicolo Romeo), Enzo Ferrari, Ettore Bugatti, brothers "Carlo, Bindo, Alfieri, Mario, Ettore, Ernesto" Maserati, William Owen Bentley, Louis Chevrolet, E.L. Cord, Ferdinand Porsche and many more long forgotten in popular parlance. Marques - these are the innovators the pure inspiration and perspiration that ushered in the 20th century.

Standing head and shoulders above all these great men is one who not only innovated a whole science but inspired his workers who loved him like no other industrialist of the epoch. There are those who will dispute this for they only revere their cars for certain attributes. Look at any of these makes and you will find Vincenzo Lancia's inspiration permeating them.



Rowen Atkinson, Jay Leno (although I think he owns one of everything), Eddie Irvine, Bernie Ecclestone, Marcello Mastriani, Gregory Peck, Gary Cooper, Malcolm Fraser, Peter Ustinov, Nick Mason and the list is unending. Even Tintin of French comic book fame.

Count Biscaretti di Ruffia 'founder of the Biscaretti Auto Museum, Turin' was given the task of

designing the Lancia Marque (badge) which still exists today.

It is telling that the only F1 car designed by Lancia won the 1956 F1 World Championship. Ferrari had been given the cars after Ascari was killed and Lancia fell on hard times but the greater majority of wins were in the most original cars. Enzo had all the cars destroyed after their use was final. I would hazard a guess he was "not amused" at the Lancia success when his own designs were at best ordinary. Nothing of the period other than the Lancia D50 could compete with the silver arrows of Fangio and Moss.

The Montecarlo Turbo was a Group 5 racer. Fielded by Lancia it won the FIA 1979 World Championship for Makes, 1980 World Championship for Makes and 1981 World Endurance Championship for Makes.

In rallying they have won the World rally Championship more than any other marque. (10 times, with Citroen the nearest at 8).

Lancia, a name not well known in Australia but alas it will probably become extinct because of poor management by the FIAT group who have owned the marque since 1969. If you have a chance to drive a real Lancia, you will probably be surprised at how good these cars are even in modern company.

Innovations and developments from Lancia's ideas have a distilled purity like unitary construction, independent front suspension, V type engines including the world's first V6, transmission tunnels, sub frames incorporating alloy suspension towers from the 1950/60's that were rejuvenated by Porsche three decades later. Surely a testament to Lancia's original thought. His use of innovative developments by other companies. Nothing was off the table. The first car to use radial ply tyres as standard. Front wheel brakes - Trikkappas from 1919 were recalled to install front brakes free of charge. 4 wheel disc brakes from 1959 as standard. 4 wheel drive for road cars.

Not only did he bring to life memorable and distinct cars and design but also he was a pioneer of industrial relations and mentoring of his contemporaries. The likes of Webber, Carello, Pininfarina all owe a debt to Vincenzo. He helped his workers with housing, female work opportunity, physical education and the facilities for employees use.

His products were sought out by discerning and wealthy customers. The Famous Italian author and war hero D'Annunzio, Greta Garbo, Brigitte Bardot, The Aga Khan, Juan Manuel Fangio (when he was driving for other marques), Mike Hawthorn, Stirling Moss,

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The Mercedes-Benz Club of Queensland Inc

The Mercedes-Benz Club of Queensland (Inc) was founded in Brisbane in 1971 by two European ex-patriots, Hans Salterod, a Norwegian and Wolf Grodd, a German.

Hans was a Brisbane commercial photographer and Wolf a graphic designer with his own advertising business. Their mutual interest in cars from the world's oldest car maker and combined professional talents resulted in a club which grew rapidly in numbers, even though the marque in those days only had a meagre presence in Australia. Sadly, the club's first president, Hans Salterod, died only a few years after its formation, but Wolf Grodd went on to establish one of the country's most renowned classic car restoration businesses, 'Sleeping Beauties' in Brisbane. Wolf (pictured) remains an honorary member of the club today and is regularly seen at club events, always promoting his 'favourite car maker'.



From the inaugural meeting in a Brisbane park where seven enthusiasts arrived (including one who arrived on a push-bike), the club now boasts a membership of almost six hundred, but in many ways it is a far cry from the

'hands on' tinkers whose passion for helping each other carry out repairs and restorations of those early days was the reason for membership. Now, there is a nationwide network of Mercedes-Benz dealers and the choice of models on the Australian market is spread across more than thirty different vehicle types.

The Mercedes-Benz Club of Queensland is a member of the affiliated M-B Classic Car Clubs International, managed and sponsored by the parent company in Germany, Daimler AG. The clubs operate within a set of strict rules and guidelines under the banner of the MBCCCI, promoting the brand and its historical values in concert with the principles of its founders, Karl Benz and Gottlieb

Daimler, the inventors of the motor car.

Nowadays the club provides a friendly social platform for its members, with an annual Concours d'Elegance, monthly club runs and technical meetings, which reflect the broad and diverse interests of its participants. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Mercedes-Benz Brisbane's Ann Street showrooms in Fortitude Valley.

From a completely rebuilt 1911 Mercedes to the very latest powerhouse models from Mercedes AMG, the range of different models carrying the famous three pointed star owned by the members is enormous. There is something for everyone in this friendly and extremely active club.



www.qld.mercedes-benz-clubs.com

PROGRAM OF EVENTS - 15 to 19 October 2014

Links Hope Island Golf Club Event Activities			Regatta Lake Oxenford Event Activities 15 - 19 Oct							Concours of Elegance Tour		
	Saturday	Sunday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6.00 am				Bump-in for Sculpture Walk	Bump-in Continues		Bump-in Cars/Bikes/ Planes/Boats	Bump-in Cars/Bikes/ Planes/Boats again				
7.00 am							Car/Bike/Plane/Boat Show Starts	Car/Bike/Plane/Boat Shew Starts				
8.00 am	Spare day for Concours Judging times to be advised	Marshalling for the Days Judging			Sculpture Walk Continues to Sunday	Sculpture Walk Continues to Sunday	Youth Art Workshops	Model Power Boat Classic			Mountain Breakfast	Breakfast
9.00 am		Shannons Auction Programs available					Free Kayaking gold coin for Charity					Marshalling Golf 9 Holes Classic
10.00 am		Judging Commences Categories 1-3					Youth Art Workshops Continue	Youth Art Workshops Continue		Cars/ Bikes Meet @ Sirromet	Tour leaves Mountain for Sunshine Coast (Option 2)	
11.00 am		Categories 7-9					Free Kayaking Continues	On Water Demonstrations		Marshalling and Judging Commences. At Sirromet all categories for Tour		Late Check-out
NOON	Auction viewing by arrangement with Shannons	Categories 4-6					Warbirds Fly-over (subject to approvals)					Tour leaves Sunshine Coast
1.00 pm		Lunch by the Greens					Kayaking Suspended	Conclusion of Boat Classic			Arrival Spicers Tamarind Restaurant for Lunch	
2.00 pm	Shannons Memorabilia on Line viewing	Fashion on the Fields					Sea Plane Demonstration (subject to Approvals)	Water Demonstrations Conclude				
3.00 pm		Grand Parade & Final Judging					Free Kayaking Continues	Conclusion of Festival		Vehicles leave from Sirromet Wines For Mt Tamborine	Leave Spicers for Bowden's private inspection	Return for Grand Parade Links Hope Island Golf Club
4.00 pm		Shannons Memorabilia Auction Starts		Youth Art Workshops	Youth Art Workshops	Youth Art Workshcps	Free Kayaking Conclusion 5pm	Bump-out		Arrival Mt Tamborine	Arrival Bowden's	
5.00 pm		Awards Dinner 5.30		Youth Art Concludes 5.45pm	Youth Art Concludes 5.45pm	Youth Art Concludes 5.45pm	Free Concert by the Lake 5.45pm start				Leave Bowden's for Accommodation book-in	Awards Night commences at Links Hope Island Golf Club at 5.30pm
6.00 pm		Welcome by MC's			Art Show Starts	Welcome Drinks & BBQ Show & Shine Riverside	Twilight Sprint Racing Events			Tour arrives Mt Tamborine Venue for 5.30 welcome by Mayor of the Scenic Rim	Welcome Aussie BBQ/ Cocktail Party Palmer Motorama	
7.00 pm		Awards Category start			Laser Display wall and inside	Free Movie by the Lake	Wall Laser Display					
8.00 pm		Special Auction Items				Wall Laser Display				Mt Tamborine Cocktail Party concludes Free Night		
9.00 pm		Major Awards & presentation			Art Show Concludes		Concert Conclusion Laser Show Commences					
10.00 pm		Show Champion awarded by Thea Williams					Evenings Conclusion 9.30pm				Evenings Conclusion	
11.00 pm		Night Concludes 10.30pm										Evenings Conclusion
Midnight												

Thea Williams

A woman of influence

In October 2014 a phoenix shall rise from the ashes of a legacy bequeathed to the Gold Coast from two dynamic people.

Keith and Thea Williams embarked upon a lust for life that for most is only a distant dream. Keith blazed a white shoe trail that still reverberates through the Gold Coast.

Audacious men of the Williams ilk seldom succeed without the devotion and love of a likeminded life partner. Standing beside this pioneer of development was one such woman "Thea".

In her own right she was accomplished in not only one field but several. This water ski ballerina, fashion model and intrepid developer walked beside Keith where most would retire into the shadows. Hosting events and planning new developments is not for the faint hearted.



Keith Williams, Hinchinbrook Is

Grant Pforr recently spent some time reminiscing with Thea to investigate the gestation and then perpetuation of the original Gold Coast Concours d'Elegance. These were part of speed week which was held at the new Surfers Paradise International Motor Circuit at Carrara. Racing luminaries like Jackie Stewart, Bob Jane, Frank Matich et al populated the guest lists. Mayors Sir Bruce Small and later Robert Newman associated themselves

with the Williams' so as to bask in their self-generated sunshine which was only complimented by the Queensland sunshine flooding over the whole era. The concourse event was hosted in conjunction with a grand ball and fashion extravaganza where the cars were draped in beautiful women and fashion. Possibly politically incorrect today but absolutely de rigueur during the early 1960's. Champagne flowed and this party became the place to be.



Thea Williams and fashion identity of the time, Harvey Graham at a 1960s Concours d'Elegance held at the Chevron Hotel, Surfers Paradise



Below, Laurene Hassard wearing one of her mother's Award Winning creations at a '60 Concourse. Escorted by Bert Swift, Developer.



Above, Keith with Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen taken on Hamilton Island and Keith taking photos of the Ski Show Carrara on the Nerang River

To be one of the "who's who" crowd was impossible without being on the Concours d'Elegance guest list. An original Champagne Glass from one of the original Concours d'Elegance balls will be used as a Perpetual Trophy mounted under a glass dome. I would like to think it will become known as "Thea".

Thea is our inspiration for this event and we would like to acknowledge her contribution to the Gold Coast and thank her for her time.

Concours of Elegance Tour Options



Tour Details **Option 1** (Starts Friday Lunch)

You make your way to **Sirromet Winery**, Mt Cotton for a spectacular and relaxed **5 Star Luncheon**. Then off to the **Mt Tamborine Brewery** for a community viewing on the lawns outside. Entrants are welcomed by the Mayor of Scenic Rim while tasting some of the mountains fine wines and local cheeses. **Accommodation** for 2 Friday night, will be in the best the mountain has to offer **including breakfast**. (All Inclusive).

Saturday is then 'free', to enjoy the festivities on the Gold Coast and either the 'Concours Show & Shine' at **Links Hope Island** or for the General 'Show & Shine' at the **Coomera Lake** depending on entrants' preferences. Option 2 cuts in Saturday morning, where the tour continues North onto the Sunshine Coast.

Tour Details **Option 2**

Includes everything in Option 1 PLUS- The Tour leaves after earlier judging of those entrants who wish to be part of either the 'Concours Show & Shine' or the General 'Show & Shine' (on Friday by mobile judges). The Concours of Elegance referred to as the 'Tour' will be a trivia question event on their way to 'Spicers' Restaurant Maleny by lunch time. After lunch, visit the **Bowden's Private Collection** by 4pm. Arrival at 5 star accommodation for 2 on Saturday night, then join us for our **Cocktail Party & Aussie style BBQ** and inspect **Palmer Motorama** by 7.30pm for 8pm (All inclusive) Optional Tour 9 hole championship golf trophy on Sunday, at **Palmer Coolum Resort** 'shot gun' start 10 am.*

Leave the Resort to return to the Gold Coast to the 'finish line' and joining others at the prestigious **Awards Night at Links Hope Island** (this is optional and limited tables are available, so please book early if you want more than 2 seats! Category winners however are required to attend with limited VIP seats held for them).

Full pricing and tour route details available on our website.



* Connecting Northern Gold Coast reserves the right to change or cancel any part of the tour, subject to the numbers of entrants or cancellation by suppliers. CNGC will make comparison arrangement where required.

Entry Fees

(Forms can be found on-line www.connectingnortherngoldcoast.com by clicking on the  Logo)

Entries Close: **Monday 13 October 5 pm**

'Awards Night', **Links Hope Is. Sunday 5.30pm**: \$175.00 per Seat or \$1600.00 for table of 10 (limited to 30)

'Shannons Memorabilia Auction' **Links Hope Is. Sunday 4.00pm**:

Contact Christophe_Boribon@shannons.com.au

'Show Champion': \$50.00 per Entrant (Trophy & Cash First Place)

'Champion Car Club Display': Prize for the Winning Car/Bike Club Display \$500.00

'Concours', **Links Hope Is. Sunday 8.00 am**: \$100.00 per Entrant (Trophies First and Runner-Up)

Comes with picnic platter for 2 and a glass of Champaign each

'Concours Show & Shine' **Links Hope Is. Sunday 8.00 am**

\$50.00 per Entrant (Trophies First and Runner-Up)

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'Concours of Elegance Tour': Option 1 (a) \$550.00 or (b) \$500.00

Option 2 - \$1,500.00

Commences at Sirromet Winery on Friday 17 October for Lunch @ Noon

(See full details on-line)

'Show & Shine' (General) **Saturday & Sunday**: \$10.00 per Entrant (must be registered by 9am)

Free BBQ and 2 Drinks for Entrants (Friday 6pm) at the Riverside Regatta Lake Oxenford Venue- live music

'Hot Rod/Classic' Category: \$10.00 (covers two [2] days)

'Fine Arts of Elegance and Art Show' **15th - 19th**: As shown on the on-line forms

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The object of the Club is to promote friendship and goodwill among people who have a common interest in HDT & HSV vehicles. The Club has bi-monthly meetings on the last Friday of the month and these are usually held at a HSV Dealership. Our Club has (at least) an event each month, and you are always be able to bring your family and friends.

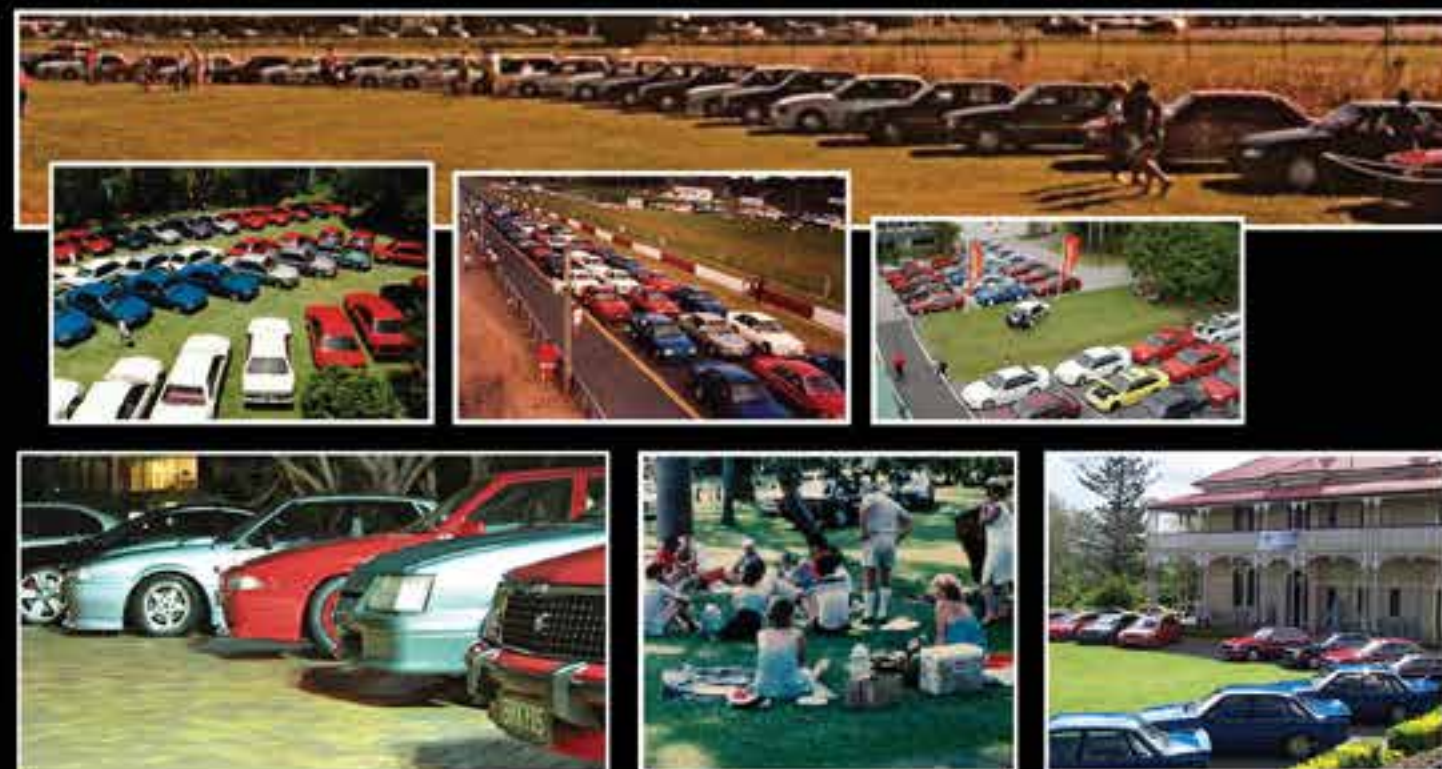
As a Club we participate in Motorsport Days and Motoikhanas, hone our owners' driving skills at Advanced Driving Schools, compete at numerous car shows, have convoy runs to interesting destinations, sausage sizzles, weekends away, evenings out and attendance at the Queensland Round of the V8 Supercars. The Club also has a general meeting every second month at a HSV Dealership in Brisbane. Members also receive an informative magazine each month and have access to the Member features of our website.

In 2012, The HSV Nationals were hosted and run by the HSV Owners Club of Qld. Held over three days from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th July, the weekend included the main Show 'n Shine event with Gala Dinner at the RNA Showgrounds in Brisbane. The event concluded on Sunday 15th with a day of full throttle fun at Willowbank Raceway. The entire event was a huge success and has become the benchmark for future HSV Nationals events.

The Club also celebrated its 30th Anniversary in November 2012.

Prospective members will find that joining the Club is another avenue to explore and to further enjoy the ownership of your HDT or HSV improved vehicle.

The HSV Owners Club of Qld is proud to be an inaugural year partner with the Festival Of Elegance. This event promises to be spectacular and is something the region has been missing for some years. We urge all car clubs and enthusiasts to get involved, and what better place to hold such an event than the beautiful Gold Coast.



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Logan City PCYC's 8th annual Logan Car Show on 1st March 2015, and it's going to be bigger and better! With rides, entertainment, dancers, bands, trade stands, food, drinks plus of course, cars, bikes and ute! With over 20 trophy categories and CASH prizes, it's going to be a great day! Come along and view the best of the best from single entries to clubs and appreciate the time, effort and cash involved in bringing these cars, bikes and ute to life! Meet the Triple M Street Team, Great raffles, Sound Off Competition and much more! Jump on our facebook page "Logan City PCYC"



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The local sculptors are truly excited to take part in the inaugural 2014

Art of Elegance Festival at the Regatta Lake Parkland

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This years' inaugural show will see the best local sculptors exhibiting interesting monumental sculptures around the stunning Regatta Lake at Oxenford, with some of the best sculptors from this northern Gold Coast Region. Such names as Antone Brusma, Christopher Trotter, Mike Taylor, Jacques Van der Merwe and many more live within the region. The five day long exhibition will delight local families and Arts Connoisseurs of all ages. With an indoor exhibition planned for paintings and art lovers on Thursday 16th October hosted in the Coomera Watersports Clubhouse in Watersports Lane commencing at 5.30 pm until 9.30 pm.

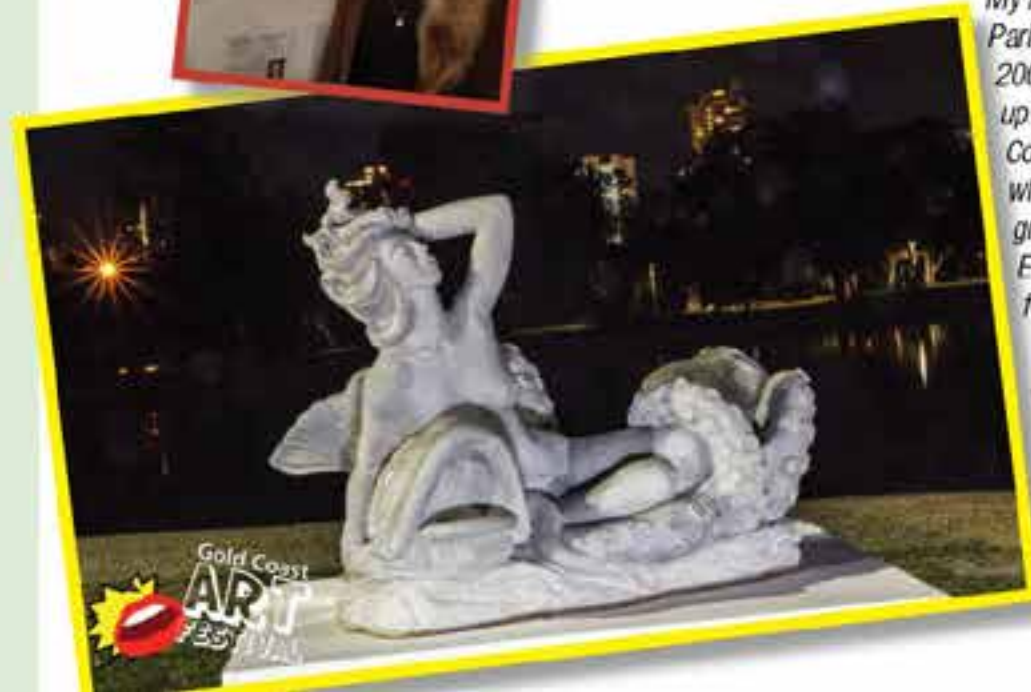
Feature Kids workshops will also be held after school on 15th and 16th October and over the weekend of 18th and 19th October 2014 with classes, drawing competitions and plaster face painting to be part of the elements to be explored during the five days of the Fine Art of Elegance here in our beautiful northern sector of our city.

As the Festival Director and head of this years' Gold Coast Art Festival, Stone, Song Sculpture Symposium, opening the community's first Urban Paradise Gallery in Surfers Paradise and a member of the Coomera Watersports Club, I welcome everyone to experience something new and visionary celebrating the Festival of style and elegance.

My love of the arts started as an apprentice in Paris in 1984 when I moved to the Gold Coast in 2002 for a better lifestyle for my family to grow up here on the Coast. Since been on the Gold Coast, I've helped shape a fairer Arts Industry, where respect of artists work is enforced. It is a great pleasure to be involved in the Fine Art of Elegance to showcase some of our local talent for the pleasure of all.

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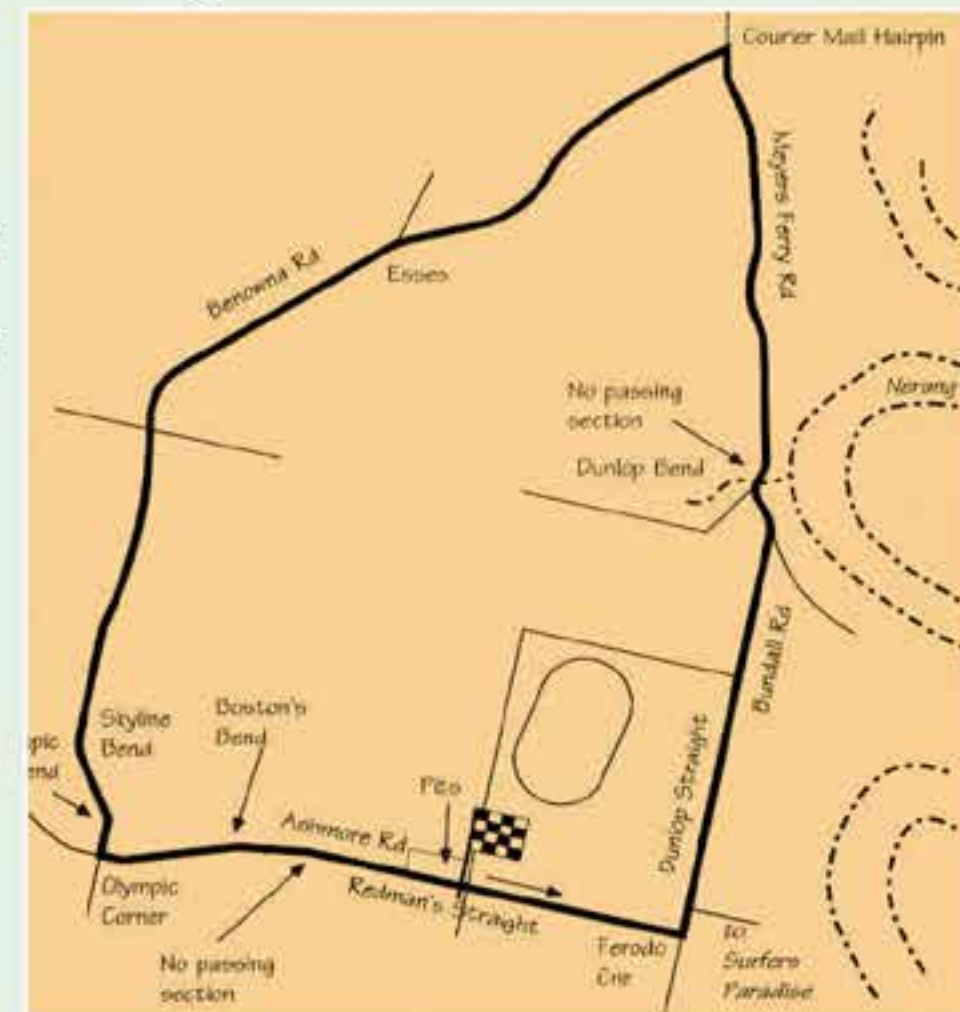
Aussie Grand Prix Southport - Queensland 1954

The Date 7th November 1954, the place Southport Queensland., the event The Australian Grand Prix. I have looked carefully at the record but I can find no convincing reason as to why the Grand Prix was held at Southport more than half a century ago.

It's an enigma but it is one thing that Gold Coasters can claim as "History". This sleepy little seaside dairy farming, timber getting and beach side town really was asleep at that time. The roar of engines and smell of Castrol R must have been like Martians landing.

Here a really poor road was converted into a race circuit. One can still travel the circuit if you know where to go. Starting near TSS you can drive along Benowa Road to Ashmore Road. Take a left turn along Ashmore Road all the way to Bundall Road and another left to return to the Benowa Road intersection. Considering they are "Roads" it must have been a real road circuit. There is scant evidence to suggest that along the Ashmore Road stretch at the then creek crossing was a small bridge which boasted a speed limit. Hard to believe a speed limit existed during a race but apparently it was dangerous. It is unlikely but one should never let the truth get in the way of a good yarn.

They were all present. Soon to be crowned World F1 champion "Black" Jack Brabham who spent his last year's less than 2 kilometers from the Olympic



Corner turn. Stan Jones, Lex Davidson, "Gelignite" Jack Murray, Doug Whiteford etc. This was Australian racing royalty. They all fell by the wayside with mechanical convulsions or the veritable "bingle" (Stan Jones) with the exception of that wily Lex Davidson. First past the chequered flag for him. (first of a record breaking 4 wins in AGP)

This was the beginning of a love affair with racing the Gold Coast has

found hard to shake. Surfers Paradise International Motor Circuit had its time in the sun and then was thrown out like dirty laundry to make way for yet another housing development by a foreign investor. We thought "That's it we're done for." but no hot on its heels comes Indy and now V8s. Even the "retired from lifers" who try to expel the event haven't been able to succeed.

It seems you can take the motor racing circuit out of the Gold Coast but you can't take the Gold Coast out of Motor racing.

Let's enjoy the ride including the aroma of hot engines, the cacophony and the excitement as long as we can. Pretty soon we may have to watch the "yellow land submarines" race.


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Our membership base covers South East Queensland and Northern NSW. Our major sponsor is Bruce Lynton BMW at 84 Nerang St, Southport and Bruce Lynton Premium Selection at 80 High Street, Southport.

The strength of our Club lies in its Membership and their support for the Club's Activities. We welcome new members to become part of that camaraderie and share in our enjoyment of the BMW marque.

For those people who are interested in the 2002's and older BMW'S, a past President of our Club Dave Burnett has web page; www.02motorsport.com

Coast Torque Magazine

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Ron Grose

An early pioneer of motor sport on the Gold Coast

After both Ron and Kay Grose from Victoria won the Australian Go Kart Championships in Sydney in 1960, Ron then packed up his family (3 kids under the age of 5) and moved to London, England to be one of the very first Australians to follow their dreams in motor racing overseas.

Ron purchased one of the very first Mini Cooper S's ever produced and raced at Brands Hatch and Silverstone before returning home to Victoria 18 months later. He soon became one of the very best touring car drivers within Australia in the golden age of racing with such greats as Beechy, McKeon, Manton, Jane and Geoghegan. He went on to win the Australian Hill Climb Championships and the Victorian Touring Car Championship.



At one point during a hill climb in Victoria Alan Jones similar car broke down and Ron being friendly with Alan's father Stan Jones, lent his prized Cooper S to Alan Jones who went on to win the event from Ron. Alan also drove Ron's Go Kart prior to him leaving for England.

Alan went on to win the World Formula 1 Championship in 1980.

Eventually Ron & Kay had had enough of the Victorian weather and again they moved the entire family (now 4 kids) north to the Gold Coast. Ron soon became aware that there was a speedway track not far from his house in Rio Vista and again he put the helmet on to race FJ's at the track owned by the dairy farmers, the Rudd brothers.

Keith William's Surfers Paradise International Raceway soon opened and Ron then raced at the circuit in his Ford Anglia Sports Sedan, fitted with a 302 Cobra V8 engine and also at the newly formed speedway on the inside of the track. He won Speedweek in 1970 and also went on to win the Queensland Saloon Car Championship and the Surfers Paradise 400.



Three generations of racing

Ron then moved onto driving and training trotters at both the Gold Coast Paceway and Brisbane's Albion Park and again he was quickly in the Winner's Circle, averaging at least one win per week and winning some major events. At one stage Ron trained up to eight horses and still operated his very successful real estate agency, Ron Grose Real Estate at Mermaid Beach.

In 1983 both Ron and his youngest son David raced in the James Hardie 1000 Group C Touring Car Classic at Bathurst and although a blown engine caused a very early demise, David returned the following year for a top 20 finish. The father son combination made history at Bathurst being one of only six father son combinations to race in the same car at the coveted event with such greats as Brabhams, Johnsons, Setons and Richards.

Ron, now a father of five, finished his racing career in the ever popular Gemini Series raced at Surfers Paradise and Lakeside.

Ron's son David went on to win the Queensland Speedcar Championship and his granddaughter Brittney, David's daughter went on to win the Brisbane Cup in Modlites.



Ron retired on the Gold Coast in the late eighties and passed away in 2003.

Brittney is still racing speedway today. (below #49)



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CHIEF JUDGE

David Osborne

I have been involved in motor cars since the early 60's when I purchased my first Holden, immediately modifying it with twin carbs, extractors and wide wheels.

I progressed with GM and bought, modified and sold various Holden's of the 60's vintage. In the early 70's, I purchased my first 30's Chev and completely stripped it to bare rails and replaced it with late suspension, rack and pinion and rebuilt myself a 283 V8 that I completed only days before I was married which was used for my honeymoon from Tasmania to Brisbane and back to Adelaide. My first hot rod! I joined my first Rod Club in Adelaide and then moving to Brisbane I was one of the inaugural

members of the Northern District Rodders. In the 80's, I was curtailed by a growing family and school fees. I still followed rodding and enjoyed drag racing.

As we moved into the new millennium, I was in a position to purchase a '38 Buick then a '63 Chev then a '93 Camaro. I also bought a '67 Camaro that I used for drag racing and still own at the time of writing. The car has 468 cu in with race prepped Hughs transmission and 9" rear with Strange gears etc. The car runs high 9 sec at 134 mph for the quarter & stops with a parachute, great fun. Yes, I have owned and driven new BMWs and a new WM Caprice for towing my drag car, but

the enjoyment of driving them is only good for a couple of months then when you see hundreds of them on the road, it's time to change.

As I am getting older, my passion is changing and next in line is a '89 Bentley Turbo that I am sure will be 'updated' to my standard. I am sorry to the purists, but I like to be able to put my own personality into any car I own, as that to me is the joy of the hobby. I have very little time for the late model cars with their drab paint colours and all black interiors - so bland.

I admire the guys who strip down classics whether they are English, European, American or Australian and restore or rebuild to every nut and bolt. Having done it myself, I take my hat off to you, what dedication.

I have been to the USA to car shows, visited Petersen's Museum and followed the drags. On my bucket list is to attend Goodwood, Pebble Beach and the Ridler Show. I look forward to the strong competition in this, the inaugural year and please give the fellow judges the respect they deserve.

Remember, it comes back to individual opinion.

Regards David Osborne.



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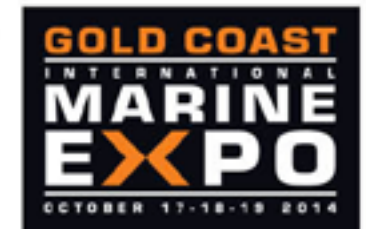
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