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CHAIRMAN'S *Welcome*

I'd firstly like to thank our team for two sell-out Gala Awards and Recognition of Excellence night at Dreamworld in the Brock Garage in 2017

and 2018. Unfortunately, the Brock collection was sold, which left us searching for a new home for our awards night. Having those classic cars, boats and aircraft displayed in the room and on the big screens was tremendous and to have our guests sitting amongst these classics in the room, was something to be believed.

This year, being our fifth year, we are looking to start a new era with a new venue, allowing us to move forward with long-term plans for 2020. We've proven to make the Concours of old not lost to the coast and those trails blazing legacy's bequeathed to us by the Williams family continued. Our Festival has been developed from that legacy left to our Gold Coast, by Keith and Thea Williams from the days when the Gold Coast's owned the Concours and Speed Week. 2018 has been very hard for most, if not all of our CNGC Volunteer Board, all having serious private health issues, which has restricted their involvement leading up to our May 2019 event. Some how we got there and I thank them all for pushing on and I wish my fellow Board member great health in 2019.

On our local events, run by locals, we should not lose sight of the benefits to our city of locals running local events. There needs to be some serious thinking around abandoning the likes of the Broadbeach and Surfer Paradise Alliances, as their successes far out weight the negatives and they service the needs of their business districts on a large scale and vision.

One example of great vision needed is where- Liz and I visited Las Vegas in late 2018, where over 5,000 delegates attended one of the biggest wedding conferences known. They have over 99,000 wedding a year and have more wedding chapels than active casinos. What does that tell you and what is the Gold Coast missing out on, where is the vision with some of our major promotions of this city. We should be bettering the low hanging fruit, lifting our hospitality standards to worlds best status and looking after our precious built environment to provide best practice for the built form with great social infrastructure built in to the planning scheme. Greater vision is needed for this city and the "Spit Master Plan" is one place we can start, as it is a great base to build on and to sharing our needs for this growing city. However more needs to be done to allow the city to deal with the project population growth planned and the true value of super yachts and executive airports. Let's find a new word for the over used "Quintessential" and "Iconic" words used by some, with our own collective of experience for our own GC Lifestyle- May be a Archetypal Advance could be a start.

We were very proud to again present our "Water Wheels Wings" signature event, with a full line-up with the Marine Luxury Sail Trophy this year presented by our new Sister City Ft Lauderdale's Mayor Dean Trantalis via video. Liz and I were very honoured to present this trophy on canvas to the outgoing Mayors office of Jack Seiler, while visiting and hosted by our good friends from the Greater Ft Lauderdale Sister City in November 2017.

The Gold Coast and Ft Lauderdale have so much in common, our lifestyle, our climate and great destination to live, work and play. I will be one that will not want to miss our 40th year celebration, come 2020, whether the Sister City signing is again renewed here on the Gold Coast or in Ft Lauderdale.

This year we will be celebrating our 39th year of trade associations and since 2006, I've had the privilege of being behind several trade missions in 2006, 2007 and 2010 to the Florida Coast, while continuing our association right up until today. It has been here, the names such as Riviera, Super Jetties, Grant Torrens Marine, Powertec and the award winning Aqualuma have been very successful in making their mark international, at the world-renowned Ft Lauderdale Boat Show. This year we again welcome Ft Lauderdale's Mayor, Dean Trantalis to our event presentation and wish him all the very best in his continued term ahead. Many in Australia would not realise in America, you can only hold office for two terms, which does make for some fresh ideas in the change overs. However, one thing stays the same, our working relationship with our good sister city friends in Ft Lauderdale and we've welcomed that for the past 39 years and may it long continue.

This year's events will see something for everyone, as we celebrate our full complement of "Water Wheels Wings" lifestyle, over the two fun filled days of the Festival, May 3-4 2019.

"The Festival of Elegance" is uniquely designed to celebrate the 'Best of the Best' in Classic' and to recognise our high calibre of events in Regional Queensland in 2019. Something that is a first for celebrating those great events and those who made them happen. Our winners this year, will be listed and honoured amongst the region's greats, with nominations this year received from northern NSW.

In closing,

Please enjoy this year's Festival and our magazine celebrating it, on behalf of the Connecting Northern Gold Coast Board and the work we do in our community voluntary as one and in particular, raising funds for youth at risk and youth driver training programs.

Yours in Business

Grant Pforr

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Welcome to the 2019 Festival of Elegance.

This is a golden opportunity to enjoy the Gold Coast at its best over three wonderful days of 'Water Wheels Wings'.

The Festival of Elegance is one of the highlights of the Gold Coast events calendar, attracting exhibitors, enthusiasts, local residents and tourists of all ages to celebrate vintage and classic cars, life on the water and in the air, lifestyle, culture and fashion. From the cars, boats and aircraft to the Recognition of Excellence Awards, the event epitomises elegance in motion. It is also a celebration of the community and the people who help to make it what it is today.

The Gold Coast is a world famous and well-established international tourist destination. This reputation was enhanced when the global spotlight shone brightly on the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games for a few amazing weeks last year, and events like the Festival of Elegance ensure the region remains top-of-mind for travellers.

This annual event is now in its fifth year and it continues to raise funds for the Youth Driver Training and Youth at Risk programs. These initiatives work with the younger members of our communities to bring about positive change and promote sensible driving and good driver behaviour. I commend and thank the organisers and everyone at Connecting Northern Gold Coast for helping to make our roads safer, and for reaching out into our communities.

I hope you enjoy a happy and successful Festival of Elegance.

Annastacia

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
MINISTER FOR TRADE**



EDITOR'S

Elegance, excellence and a commitment to our community

Our great Gold Coast has long been lauded for its glitz and glamour, for being famous for fun ... and for the fact our citizens have a genuine appreciation of the finer things in life.

The above are, of course, just a few of the myriad reasons we choose to live here.

However, if there is one special quality that elevates the Gold Coast beyond greatness: it's an underlying commitment to the pursuit of excellence.

This deeply ingrained spirit, particularly over the past 60 years, has inspired us to many amazing achievements across all pillars of our incredibly diverse, and very discerning, community.

And it deserves to be celebrated in a way in which only the Gold Coast can – through a Festival of Elegance that acknowledges the very best in us.

Our city also has a huge heart – and this is yet another of our very best qualities.

Having called the Gold Coast home for just over 16 years – and having witnessed many great challenges and achievements – it is a great privilege to be part of a community that so readily rallies behind a worthwhile cause.

Our city's youth – our leaders of tomorrow – are indeed a great cause.

Just like our city, they are growing up.

The Festival of Elegance is built upon the drive, determination and dedication of a small band of community leaders who love our Gold Coast and work tirelessly to make it an even greater place to live.

Importantly, it is these noble attributes that inspire the next generation towards excellence in all that they do, too.

On behalf of our community, I offer them our thanks.

Two fun-filled days showcasing beauty on earth, water and in the air – everything from classic cars to beautiful boats and perfection across so many planes!

What a wonderful way to connect our community today ... and tomorrow.

Shane Watson

Festival of Elegance - Volunteer Editor

Welcome



A WORD FROM OUR PATRON

Ron Thorp



Welcome again to the fifth Festival of Elegance and congratulations to Grant Pforr and his dedicated team for organising this unique event. Aqualuma has again come on board as a major sponsor for which we are extremely grateful.

This year we welcome the involvement of the Southport Flying Club which will showcase the aviation side of our "Water Wings and Wheels" event at their Coombabah airstrip.

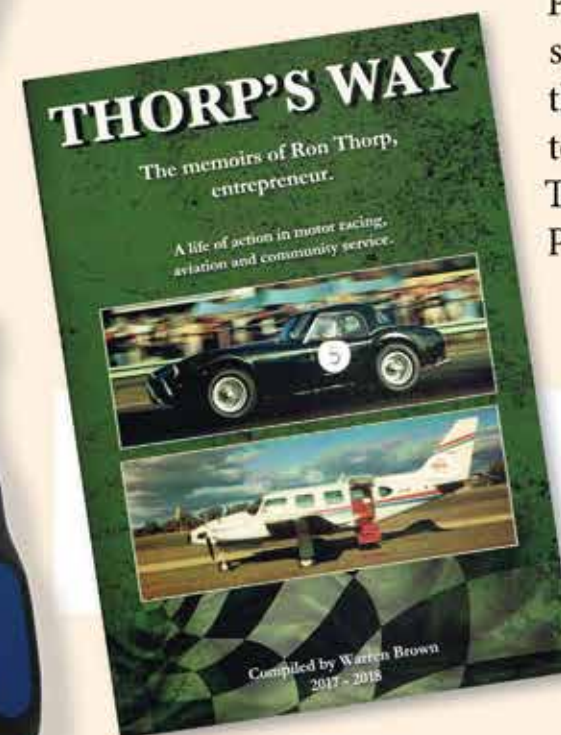
The Saturday trivia event will commence from the airstrip before proceeding to the popular hill climb course. The Nissan Z Car Club will be bringing some of their very special cars to tackle the tricky track.

Participants will have the satisfaction of knowing that funds raised will go to support Youth Driver Training and Youth at Risk Programs.

In this way we again are connecting with the community, to support a very worthy cause and at the same time providing an opportunity for the public to view some of the best vehicles you could possibly wish to see.

I trust that you will again have a most enjoyable time.

Ron Thorp



Look out for Ron's new Book - hot off the press



Mayoral Message for Festival of Elegance

Once again it's my pleasure to welcome the Festival of Elegance to the Scenic Rim, where our spectacular scenery and natural environment provide the ideal backdrop for this dynamic celebration of water, wheels and wings.

In the five years since its inception, this exciting event has continued to gain momentum, showcasing excellence and elegance in motion, while supporting worthy causes such as providing training for young drivers and assisting 'at risk youth' to realise their full potential.

Just like the Festival of Elegance, the Scenic Rim is also powering ahead. With growing recognition and appreciation of our region's environmental values and its smorgasbord of fine food and authentic local produce, the Scenic Rim is increasingly a destination for local, interstate and overseas visitors.

Scenic Rim Regional Council is committed to creating places and spaces that reflect the unique character of a region renowned for its natural beauty and the hospitality of its people. Key projects that will further drive tourism include the Scenic Rim Way, a tourist trail promoting the east-west corridor through our spectacular region.

I am sure that wherever adventure takes you in the Scenic Rim during the Festival of Elegance you will enjoy a warm welcome.

On behalf of Scenic Rim Regional Council, I wish all participants in the Festival of Elegance a safe and successful event. I hope that you will make the most of your Scenic Rim experience and that you will come back and see us during Eat Local Week 2019, from 29 June to 7 July, when we will be celebrating the food, farmers and natural beauty of our region.

Cr Greg Christensen
Scenic Rim Mayor



2019 CHIEF JUDGE

Rick Highman



For many years Rick has been passionately involved in the restoration of some 57 motorcycles and nearly as many cars.

Building and painting exotic machinery has been something he has been associated with since attaining a drivers license some fifty-odd years ago.

It started with an old 1954 Hillman Minx as his 'first drive' car, loaded with surfboards on the roof. Stayed true to it until he got wind of the fabulous Honda CB750 motorcycle and then he was hooked forever. Life was much easier back in the 60's and 70's and Rick could never understand, much as he says he still does do today, why people could have such a low regard for various forms of machinery after they have finished with it.

Seems from very early on, he just had to strip something down and restore it. As a Graphic Designer back in the seventies and after a stint in the RAAF, where he cut his teeth rebuilding a Honda CB750 and then moved on to a Suzuki GT750 modified to 'Cafe Racers' for the local airmen at RAAF base East Sale in Victoria, Rick then went back to his original trade. But couldn't stay away from the grease and the tools so started buying and

importing second-hand Ducati 900 motorcycles and then the spark was well and truly lit.

In 1985 and 1986, one particular 900SS Ducati cleaned-up the big 'Multi-Makes Show' under the Brisbane Storey Bridge, winning *Best in Show*, *Best European*, *Best Ducati* and *Best Paint*, two years in a row, with over 150 bikes entered in each show. At that stage Rick was running two businesses in Toowoomba and life was very busy, restoring bikes and screen-printing for his growing customer base.

Next came the frequent requests to judge bike and car shows, flowing from his growing reputation in this hobby. Never one to rest on laurels, restoration of imported cars was the logical next step, but he always kept involved with bikes and even started importing more early model Honda CB750 K1's from all over the USA. At the time the exchange rate was great and the profits acceptable, so much so... that he imported a 1931 Model A Ford from the spoils of selling just one bike that found it's way to Victoria (via Ebay) in early 2013.

The rest is history as the Ford turned out to be very rare and one of his best ever restorations. "*The pride in doing all his own restoration work keeps him going*", he says... then, now and probably will for a few more years to come.

Rick's '31 Ford story can be found on Page 35



Community projects are our focus

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Youth Point Connect

In 2004, serious concerns were raised by several senior community leaders regarding the safety of the young people in the northern area of the Gold Coast.

These issues escalated when a young person was killed in the area whilst playing 'chicken' with a bus and when two boys were tragically killed by a motorist whilst walking home. Following this tragedy a steering committee was formed from local community members and they resolved to create a youth facility which provided young people with readily accessible opportunities to engage in positive alternatives to anti-social and unsafe activities. The outcome was the birth of the not-for-profit incorporated community group, Gold Coast North Youth Centre Inc.

Through the generous donation by the developers Stocklands, the youth facility was opened in March 2008. YPC has successfully developed award winning programs for young people, our programs and activities have been purposefully developed to complement each other and in particular the facilities of the Runaway Bay Youth Centre. music, radio and associated activities and programs will further enhance usage of the facilities, providing positive and innovative activities for young people in the North of the City.



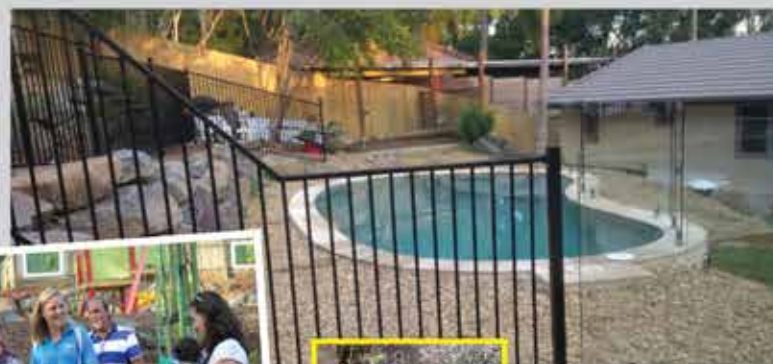
Bennett Family Project

Kane Bennett was tragically killed on the Saturday of the Queensland State Election 2015 when he and his entire family were struck by lightning while sheltering from a severe storm.

Over 160 trades, suppliers and volunteers came together to deliver the Gold Coast's own renovation blitz with over \$350,000 worth of work done for this very worthwhile project.

On behalf of the young Bennett Family, CNGC thanks loyal Hot Tomato listeners, the Gold Coast community, suppliers and volunteers and we wish them and all of you our blessing and sincere best wishes. Your thankless giving is humbling to see - there have been such heart-warming help and amazing efforts towards assisting the family deal with this tragic accident and they are greatly appreciated.

Thank you again everyone and most of all, the generous trades people, suppliers and volunteers who contributed to the Kane Bennett Community Fund.



Where it all began...

Celebrating our 5th year



It only seems like yesterday, back on July 10 2014 was where it all started. Several enthusiastic Car Clubs attended our launch night, as we prepared for the inaugural October 15 -19 event, held in two great locations, which included a spectacular series of free community events held at both the Damian Leeding Park, lake at Coomera and the Links Hope Island Golf Club.

The Coomera Lake Venue nestled around the Coomera Watersports saw over the 4 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. and welcome drinks for the general Show and Shine Entrants. On both Saturday and Sunday there was free music by a range of artists supporter by our good friends David and Sheila from Chatter Box.

The Concourse of Elegance Charity Tour meet at Sirromet Wines for lunch on that Friday October 17th before visiting Mt Tamborine for an overnight celebrations with local cheeses and wine tastings hosted by the Mt Tamborine Chamber of Commerce, the Witches Chase/Long Road Bistro and special welcome by the Scenic Rim Mayor. In our first year 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 Saturday there was the start of the Show and Shine events which followed

on with Sunday's Links Hope Island Golf Club Concours, where the high-end judging of the Concours Show and Shine, Grand Parade and Shannons Memorabilia Auction as held from 10am till 5.30pm.

Following that was the Black Tie Awards Night finishes off the Festival of events with limited seats available for the winners of each category - Several got in early to be part of history and have bragging rights in coming years, in that they were all there to witness our own 'Pebble Beach' right here on the Gold Coast. Entries Close for the Concourse the Monday before on October 13 2014. A special mention must go to the HSV owners Club of Qld President Les and Andrew his right hand man for their support and help in helping us launch the night and the two days of activities during the October event. The event showed even more interest than expected as we still had walk ups on the Saturday, which did make it a little hard to cater for additional categories, but you learn from that.

At the launch we were delighted to announce the Festival of Elegance has its first Patron's in Mr Ron Thorp from Inverell NSW and the William's



*The inaugural evening's hosts
Ian Cousins and Liz Pforr*

Family. It was has a great honour of allowing us to announce the 'Keith Williams Perpetual Trophy (Thea)' by showcasing a Champagne glass, gifted by the Pforr Family and from one of the last Concours events held here on the Gold Coast before the Surfers Paradise Race Track closed.

David Osborne was our first chief judge and his wealth of experience was added to the event ranks along with those other honorary judges that helped out on the day, these included our Patron Ron, Wayne Robson, Peter Hills and last year Gazim Bashi.

Please feel free to submit your written CV for expressions of interest for next years' Judging panel to our Chairman Grant Pforr to email to: lgpforr@bigpond.com or by mail to: 16 Eingana Street, Hope Island for consideration for our 2020 event.

Last year we celebrated the 4th event with clubs joining in from around Australia and congratulations to our Gold Coast Club members for leading the way again at this year's Festival of Elegance.

**Please enjoy this years' event of...
Elegance in Motion.**

CATEGORIES

TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS

(the "Supreme Award")
This category is the supreme award and can come from not only the complete nomination categories from CNGC, but also outside these nomination categories as a standalone nomination in its own right. This diverse category can cover such areas as lifestyle, hospitality, tourism, sporting and recreation events. Conducting not only Business but Voluntary, NFP and Charity run events.

SUSTAINABILITY LIFESTYLE AWARD

Nominees should provide examples of their environmental best practice background, as to why they were nominated or selected, both for new and recycled best practice. Include their motivation to not only work towards sustainable and enhanced practices but how they work towards continuing to work with the community to sustain both the natural, built and social environments in which our world is living. The aim: to improve and reduce our collective impact on the environment, for our children and their children's sake.

ELEGANCE in MOTION EVENT AWARD

Category nominees in this category are expected to highlight how they celebrate any elegant in motion event/festival for a period longer than six years and how community based they have developed their event/festival as a celebration.

BOUTIQUE EVENTS AWARD

Category nominees in this category are expected to highlight how they celebrate any boutique event/festival for a period longer than six years and how broad a base they have developed their community event/festival in celebration of their niche market.

EMERGING FESTIVAL/EVENT AWARD

Category nominees in the emerging Festival/Event Award must have been at least held one month prior to the Festival of Elegance Awards Ceremony, in that year and no more than seven years in the development of their festival/event to qualify.

FINE ARTS of ELEGANCE AWARD

Category nominees can be either individual's private showing and or an event held up to one month prior to the Festival of Elegance Gala Evening, in that year.

Additional weight will be given to any proven charity or community support work the event or individual can substantiate supporting.

COMMUNITY LIFETIME AWARD

This category is open to individual or events that have been working and or in operation for more than 20 years. Some additional weight is given to any voluntary components to the nominee or their organisation, event or work undertaken.

PAST WINNERS

Date	Tourism and Hospitality Supreme award	Fine Arts of Excellence	Boutique Events	Emerging Festival	Sustainable Lifestyle	Elegance in Motion	Community Lifestyle
2016	The Marine Expo (Gold Coast)	Swell (Gold Coast)	Garner Belts & Gasoline (Scenic Rim)	Dancing with Cars Tedder Ave (Gold Coast)	Scruffie Marine (Scenic Rim/Gold Coast)	David Hack Classic (Toowoomba Regional)	Barry Jenkins (Mr Boat Show) Gold Coast
2017	Sanctuary Cove International Marine Expo (Gold Coast) Special Mention Sirromet Winery (Redlands)	Karen Smith (Gold Coast)	Anglehurst Village (Scenic Rim Regional)	Coollabah Downs Private Estate Chinese Lantern Festival (Gold Coast)	Gecko Environmental Council (Gold Coast)	The Bruce Lynton Ball (Gold Coast)	Paul Dostal (Gold Coast) Special Mention Dulux Australia
2018	Magic Millions Carnival (Gold Coast)	Donald James Waters OAM (Gold Coast)	Anglehurst Village (Scenic Rim Regional)	Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton Re-opening (Winton Shire)	Save our Spit (Gold Coast)	Sirromet Winery (Redlands)	Dulux Australia Community Spirit Projects (Australia Wide)



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Bluesfest presents over 200 performances with various stages over 5, 12 hour days, as well as camping for up to 6,000 people, 5 licensed bars, over 100 food and market stalls, undercover food courts, beer gardens, and children's entertainment.

Bluesfest presents the biggest names in music to Australian audiences each year including Bob Dylan, Hozier, Paul Simon, Gary Clark Jr., Angus & Julia Stone, Robert Plant, Alabama Shakes, John Mayer, Jurassic 5, James Brown, Zac Brown Band, Joss Stone, David Gray, Trombone Shorty, Angelique Kidjo, John Legend & BB King, to name but a few.

From a modest crowd of 6,000 when it began in 1990, Bluesfest now attracts an audience of well over 100,000. It is regarded as the foremost destination festival in Australia & renowned for being a safe, fun, family-friendly event.

See you next year at the



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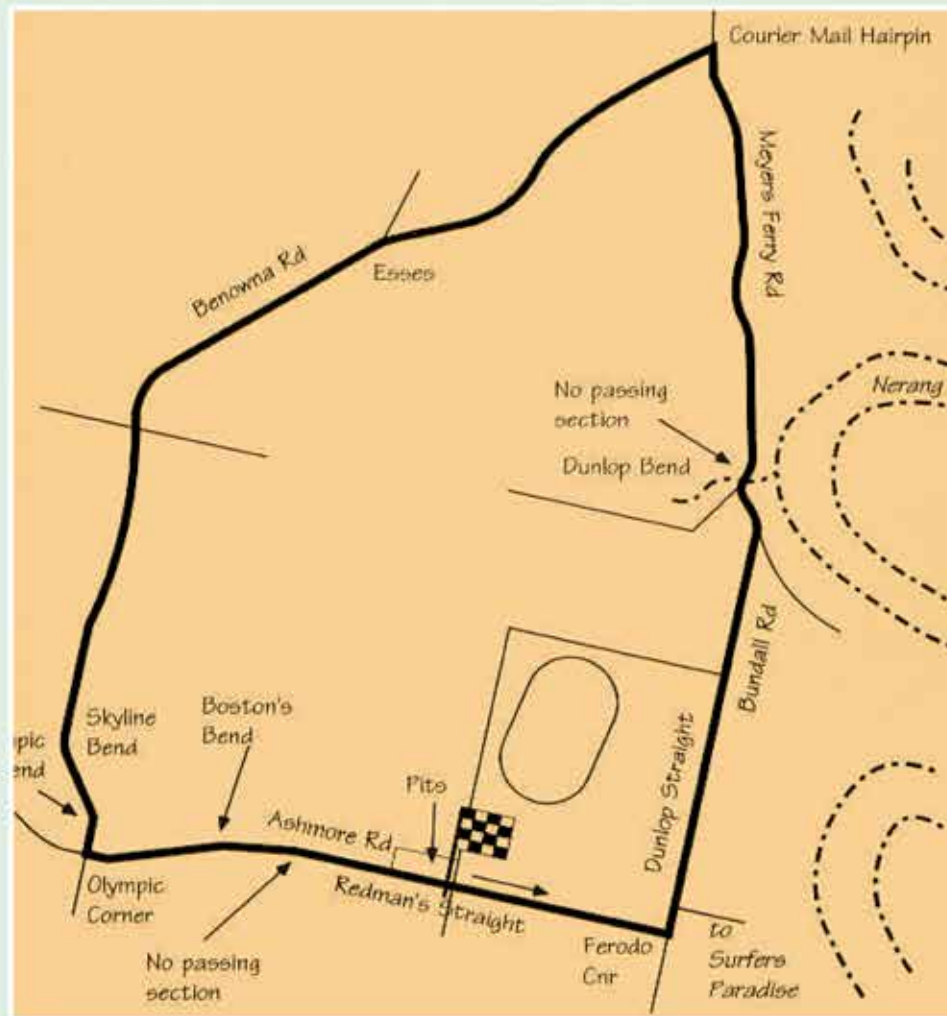
Aussie Grand Prix Southport - Queensland 1954

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.

Take a look at the Channel 7 Flashback.



NOMINEE: 2019 Tamborine Mountain Scarecrow Festival

'Boutique Event' Award



The three-day Mt. Tamborine Mountain Scarecrow Festival, is an annual event, to celebrate the great lifestyle enjoyed on the Mountain and how they want to share it with all visitors, young and old.

The only rule is it's essential for such a Sculpture Show, that the subjects are to be Scarecrow related!

Everyone and anyone are encouraged to make a scarecrow and display it on the 'Spot the Scarecrow Discovery Trail' or in front of their homes or businesses. The Scarecrows on the Discovery Trail can compete in several categories, for great prize money and local fame. Young, old, clever and artistically-challenged all participate and the result is hundreds of scarecrows that have to be seen to be believed. Scarecrow Festival actually started last years on September 11 2018, a few days before the actual start date for showing on the 14th September, by way of a Trivia night at the Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club. The scarecrow trail opened each day to the public and for judging, with all scarecrows having to be out by 10am with their entry number clearly displayed.

What did the people see last year?

- Haystack Hermits performing
- The Inadequates • Lily • Repurcussions a large fun drumming group
- Pig racing • Bubble soccer • Giant slide
- Spinning tea cup ride •



- Triple screamer giant slide • Food trucks • Market stores
- Street performers • Old fashion kids egg and spoon races and sack races • 100s of scarecrows on the 17km trail • Hayden and Hay-lee the mascot scarecrows. The fun then continued on Main Street with a Scarecrow themed lantern parade with:
- 100's of scarecrow themed lanterns
- Three Little Pigs • Mountain Brew
- The Vintage Pickle • Spice of Life



• Tamborine Mt Pizza, where everyone enjoyed a warm coffee, glass of wine, slice of pizza, or a platter to share. While the picnic blankets were spread out, while enjoying the parade and music.

Sunday saw the trail remained open and the awards ceremony was held at Fortitude Brewing at 3pm.

Buskers and street entertainers continued down the Main Street and Gallery Walk, while Scarecrow themed scavenger hunt on Gallery Walk.

So, don't miss this year's Festival on September 12-15 2019. The family will have a wonderful scarecrow experience, see you all there Mountain Time.

Showgrounds - Main Western Road, Saturday 15th September 10am - 4pm



Recognising the very special influences our local creative talent can have on this fabulous City - we continue to acknowledge incredible dedication and application of their craft.

Trophy is sponsored by Joy and Bernie Scobie OAM



'Fine Arts of Excellence' Award

Cathy Gilday



In July, 2010, Cathy Gilday was diagnosed with stage 3 aggressive breast cancer. Comfort came from jotting down words at night when sleep didn't come, sitting for hours drawing whilst having chemo and recuperating in hospital.

By keeping a visual journal of sketches - together they became her major works. Some, very dark and tortured paintings, others filled with colour and the joy of life itself. Cathy's words combined with the images became a book titled "It's Just Another Journey" Exhibiting her paintings and creating many commissions have been a great part of Cathy's journey.

Cathy's exhibitions include:
Being selected to exhibit at the "Outside In" exhibition at Holy Spirit Northside Hospital, Brisbane.

Many group exhibitions with her peers:
- The Yisims, The Gallery in The Corridor,
Helensvale Arts Group and Royal
Queensland Art Society.

A printed copy of Cathy's painting "Purple Cure," expressing the impact of cancer treatment on a patient, hangs in a Breast Cancer Clinic, in a major New York hospital.

Cathy has works in Japan, England, Scotland, Ireland, New York and throughout Australia. She was Artist in Residence at the Varsity College Club & Communities 2d art & painting program, where she worked with large groups of middle-school aged children.

Donating paintings for auction to support the Leukemia Foundation and The Breast Cancer Foundation as well as donating copies of her book "It's Just Another Journey," to doctor's & surgeon's rooms and breast cancer clinics to help people dealing with cancer.



NOMINEE:

'Sustainability Lifestyle' Award

Curumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation



Curumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation supports and funds Curumbin Wildlife Hospital, and its vital work of treating, rehabilitating and releasing sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife.



The Hospital has grown to be one of the busiest wildlife hospitals in the world, admitting over 11,000 animals a year – a service that is provided free of charge to the community. With less than 20% government funding, the Curumbin Wildlife Hospital survives on the generosity of sponsors and donors to fund the incredible work done by the passionate vets, nurses, students and volunteers.

The Curumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation has developed fundraising programs to support the wildlife hospital, including our Behind the Scenes Hospital Tour, Tree to Me, Walkways for Wildlife, Friends of the Hospital, Corporate Partnership programs and of course, many events throughout the year. Tree to Me offers our community the opportunity to purchase a tree in one of our eucalypt plantations, which will feed the sick koalas in our wildlife hospital. Walkways for Wildlife is a program created to raise funds by selling



personally engraved pavers on a path leading up to the wildlife hospital. Our Friends of the Hospital program allows locals the chance to be invited into the hospital for a 'Vet Talk' on a different topic each quarter, run by our Curumbin Wildlife Hospital senior vet.

Curumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation aims to raise \$1 million annually to continue the fight to save Australia's wildlife and find cures for devastating diseases such as koala chlamydia. The Foundation's mission is to save as many native Australian animal patients as possible to preserve our wildlife for future generations to enjoy.

Curumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation

Phone: (07) 5534 0882
27 Millers Drive,
Curumbin, Queensland
www.curumbinwildlifehospital.org.au

All donations gratefully received



NOMINEE:

'Emerging Festival' Award

Pacific Fair's Magic Millions Polo



Pacific Fair's Magic Millions Polo was on Sunday 6 January 2019
Doug Jennings Park, The Spit

This was the third year the polo event was featured on the Magic Millions Carnival calendar. Organisers were immensely excited to have world leading polo players including Nacho Figueras, as well as the Patron of Magic Millions Racing Women, Zara Phillips MBE and her husband Mike Tindall, as part of the day.

Recently retired Rugby League superstar Billy Slater also this year has signed as an Ambassador for the 2019 The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Carnival. Slater, a former track-work jockey for trainer Gai Waterhouse, will play in the Celebrity v Jockeys game ahead of fellow Magic Millions Ambassadors Zara Phillips MBE, international Polo legend Nacho Figueras and former leading Australian player Rob Archibald playing in the feature game at Pacific Fair Magic Millions Polo held on Sunday 6 January 2019.

He also saddled up again on Tuesday 8 January to ride in the thoroughbred beach run ahead of the Barrier Draw for The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Race Day. This is a stunning unique Gold Coast event, that sees Australia's leading jockeys thundering along Surfers Paradise beach from 6am with thousands of people watching on. The Magic Millions Launch Party on the Surfers Paradise foreshore was not only about fun but about business too, with Woodside Park Stud presenting a yearling on behalf of Slater Thoroughbreds at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for the first time.

Slater joined Magic Millions most avid lovers of the horse business, co-owners Katie Page and Gerry Harvey at the official launch of the 2019 Carnival on the Gold Coast today, with Billy becoming an Ambassador this year, following his retirement from Rugby League. Billy's has a history with the thoroughbred industry, but few have seen him ride. Billy and his wife Nicole have been perfect examples of the

fabulous people, this industry attracts. The 2019 Pacific Fair Magic Millions Polo Carnival was Slater's first Carnival ride and he's looking forward to joining the action. Having two great passions in life – Rugby League and horses. Slater was said to be honoured to become an Ambassador for The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Carnival and his whole family couldn't wait to go to this great event.

The Magic Millions in all its glory, is our own Gold Coast Event and Showcases the Gold Coast's stunning beaches and amazing hinterland.

The Pacific Fair Magic Millions Polo plays an important role in the overall Magic Millions experiences helping to growing our Queensland's major events calendar, pumping \$780m into the state's economy in 2019. Continues to enhance our reputation as Australia's best destination for major events.

Billy Slater signs this year has as an Ambassador for the 2019



Zara in action at this years Pacific Fair Magic Millions Polo day at Doug Jennings Park the spit



Blast from the past

2016



The Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomes the Festival of Elegance and all the participants to our beautiful Mountain.

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.

Tamborine Mountain provides a broad range of destinations with Food and Wine trails, restaurants and cafes, North Tamborine precinct, Gallery Walk, speciality shops, antique outlets, wedding venues, wineries, glow-worm caves, rain forest trails and a wide range of B&B's and accommodation.

The Mountain attracts some 25,000 visitors each week.

The TMCC also manages the Visitor Information Centre, the outdoor sign maps at various locations, a local map brochure and telephone directory.

It is our pleasure to welcome you and congratulations on another great event!

Alison Rip
President
Tamborine Mountain
Chamber of Commerce

Mountain Chamber members and official guests enjoy the Festival Official Launch



NOMINEE:

THE STAR GOLD COAST - 'Tourism & Hospitality (Supreme)' Award

Since its inception in 1985, The Star Gold Coast has become the coastal city's most iconic tourism and entertainment destination and has continued to evolve significantly since embarking on an extraordinary transformation in 2014.

The property's transformation to date has featured a refurbishment of The Star Grand's 596 hotel rooms; the opening of a new luxury 56-suite hotel, The Darling; 12 new food and beverage experiences; a new day spa and fitness centre, Azure Spa & Fitness; and additional meeting room space and refreshed conference facilities in the Event Centre.

These changes have enabled The Star Gold Coast to become home to some of Australia's biggest and most sought-after events. In 2018, The Star Gold Coast was one of the major partners for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games where it hosted a wide range of high-profile functions; it also committed to a four-year deal as the official venue and a major partner of Australian television's night of nights, the TV WEEK Logie Awards; and hosted the Country Music Channel (CMC) Music Awards, which it did again in 2019 for a second year running.

Throughout its 30+ year history, The Star's proud and ongoing support of the Gold Coast has reflected the local spirit and diversity of the community through capacity-building initiatives in health and wellbeing, arts and culture, environment, business, and entertainment.

Some of its longest standing partnerships include with Surf Life Saving Queensland and Cancer Council Queensland for more than 20 years respectively, as well as its ongoing partnerships with Broadbeach Alliance (10 years), Gold Coast Mayoress Charity Foundation (six years), Gold Coast Hospital Foundation (five years), Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation (four years), and Ronald McDonald House Charities SEQ (four years). Furthermore, in 2018, The Star Gold Coast committed to a four-year deal as naming rights partner of The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions; and in 2019, it proudly announced a partnership with Blink TV, SBS's production partner, for Eurovision - Australia Decides - Gold Coast 2019.

The Star Gold Coast also features a state-of-the-art theatre where acclaimed performers from all over the world have taken to the stage and given locals and visitors extraordinary entertainment in the form of

In 2018, Committed to a 4 year deal for the TV WEEK Logie Awards.



The celebration lawn at The Star Gold Coast during the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, where The Star Gold Coast was an official partner.



2018, secured naming rights partnership for The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions.

international acts to Australian musicians, bands, and comedians.

To add to the initial transformation, the strong confidence in the tourism growth for Queensland led to The Star Entertainment Group expanding its partnership with its Destination Brisbane Consortium partners to form a joint venture company, Destination Gold Coast Consortium, focused on further development opportunities in the coastal city.

This includes the consortium's purchase of The Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Gold Coast in January 2017 and breaking ground on The Star Gold Coast's first mixed-use 53-storey tower on Broadbeach Island in August 2018. This tower, expected to open in 2022, will feature The Star Residences Gold Coast, and will herald the entry into Australia of the internationally-acclaimed Dorsett hotel brand.

In November 2018, the Qld State Government approved a \$2 billion-plus expanded masterplan of the property, which includes another four towers on the island and associated resort facilities. These include a nightclub to showcase international acts, and enhanced connection between Broadbeach Island and Pacific Fair, the Gold Coast Convention and

Exhibition Centre, and the surrounding Broadbeach precinct.

The aim of the expanded masterplan is to be rolled out in a staged process, with the ability to proceed with each stage based on market and competitor conditions.

In January 2019, The Star Entertainment Group also announced plans to launch an open-air concert venue on Broadbeach Island, which aims to deliver a stunning new entertainment offering capable of attracting frontline local and overseas music acts.

For more information:

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NOMINEE:

'Community Lifetime - Special Mention' Award



Recognising the amazing volunteer efforts of the

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Tamborine Mountain Rural Fire Brigade started in the mid to late 60's, 22nd of January 1972 the brigade was officially registered. Today the brigade consists of approx 50 fire-fighters with about 10 Support Members, 30% of our fire-fighters are ladies.

While our primary role is fighting bushfires, we have many other roles, supplying water in the event of a structure fire to the Auxiliary fire-fighters, traffic control at traffic accidents, clearing up trees that have fallen over roads, responding to severe weather events, just to name a few of our responsibilities.

January 2013 Cyclone Oswald, 29th of March 2017 Cyclone Debbie, the brigade was extremely busy, in fact in both these years we



spent more hours dealing with these incidents than fighting bushfires.

During Cyclone Debbie 29/03/2017 we started at 1.30pm and finished about 11.30pm working under the direction of the local police, with 5 vehicles and 15 personnel, then over the next week we assisted in many other areas for about a week afterwards to help cleanup, mainly with washing out flood affected homes.

As a community we sit in a unique location on top of a mountain with several brigades dotted around the bottom, during Extreme Fire Danger Days we are often patrolling the mountain to monitor the current conditions and to be on hand to respond quickly to the outbreak of fire, during some of these patrols we have discovered deliberately lit fires.



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NOMINEE:

'Community Lifetime' Award

Chief Lifeguard

Warren Young PSM

City of Gold Coast



Warren still beats the young ones home in the annual Lifeguard tests

Warren joined the Miami Beach Surf Life Saving Club in 1968 and was awarded life membership in 1980. He has been in the club for 51 years and still goes there for a surf at times and continues to support club functions. Warren's four children were also surf club members and three of them regularly worked as lifeguards during holiday periods.

Warren married the lovely Louise in 1976 and have four children, now adults ranging in ages from 41 to 32 years, Luke, Daniel, Jessica and Timothy. The Young team continues to grow, as they now have two beautiful grand-children, Jessica's little boy Koa who is 23 months old and Daniel's baby girl Amazon who is five months old.

Living in Miami for 44 years and have recently moved to Koala Park, Burleigh Heads, staying close to the ocean naturally.

In 1973 he commenced work for the Gold Coast City Council as a Beach Inspector at Burleigh. Shortly after was appointed Chief Lifeguard in April 1975 and continue to work in that capacity.

"I am so proud of our great City and I love letting people know what a special place it is".

With great forward vision, Warren was fortunate to be able to initiate the City-wide 'Tower plan' to erect Lifeguard Towers along our entire coastline commencing in 1989. We now have 39 towers which provide interlocking surveillance for beach goers from Rainbow Bay to the Seaway. These towers were designed by Council Engineer Mr Chris Stephens in consultation with senior lifeguard staff. They have become iconic and are often displayed on postcards, advertising the City in beach-front real estate ads and in Art Galleries around the globe.

First on the job - Burleigh Beach



Community Service Council Chamber Bundall



On the Air Surf Reports



Lex Bell, Warren and Chris



Surf education exchange program with Surfers Paradise Lifeguards

Helicopter training for Lifeguards



Early days... Warren with North & South number 2's

Sky's the limit for lifeguards



Chairman of the Gold Coast City Council's health committee, Alderman John Laws, congratulates council lifeguards Warren Young and Grant Pforr who were among the lifeguard team who completed their training as helicopter crewmen. The lifeguards will now be able to take part in State Emergency Service rescues that involve helicopter pickup. The lifeguards had to undergo theory and practical examinations that involved winning patients aboard the helicopter from hazardous situations.

In 1999 Warren Young was awarded the PSM (Public Service Medal) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to beach safety on the Gold Coast. He says 'It was a very proud moment for me'.

Warren is quick to highlight, his career in the lifeguard business has been very personally rewarding, especially as he has such a passion about it and love of the ocean. Warren recalls, often people say, 'how could you do the same job for so long?' To answer, he points out the fact it has not been the same job, as it evolved with the growth of the City and he has always welcomed the new challenges ahead, from the day he started.

The most rewarding part he suggests, was being able to work with like-minded people who were so dedicated and helped him in the growth of the local lifeguard service.

Warren appreciates Grant Pforr's continued efforts, saying he was such a support and inspiration during his term also as a professional lifeguard in the early days. CNGC wishes to acknowledge Warren's fine work and as an Association decided to nominate Warren Young for this award.

Mr Young: 'I am delighted to accept the nomination as I believe Grant is one of the most sincere and hardworking community servants whose ability to get things done and never give up is an example to us all'.

FORT LAUDERDALE and the GOLD COAST

Sisters are *still* doin' it...

...for their communities

"Let me add a word of support for the Sister City relationship between Ft. Lauderdale and the Gold Coast, Australia is proud to have one of its premier cities involved with your great community."

Best wishes, Don Slesnick
Honorary Consul, Consulate of Australia
Miami, Florida, USA

Right: 2010 at the 30-Year Anniversary signing



Sister City Proclamation

Building upon the friendly relations which have existed between our two areas, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the City of Gold Coast wish to further develop a wide range of economic, educational, cultural and personal relations as well as encourage tourism and other areas of mutual benefit to contribute to greater understanding and goodwill between our two cities, at the same time enhancing friendly relations between America and Australia.

It is to this purpose that both cities hereby proclaim the establishment of Twinning City Relations.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1980
City of Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

CONFIRMED BY SIGNATURES 20th SEPTEMBER 1981

Anthony J. Abbate
Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A.
Paul Taylor
Mayor of the Council of the City of Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia



Liz and Grant Pflor having dinner at the Famous Chima Steakhouse Fort Lauderdale with Anthony J. Abbate AIA NCARB Associate Provost for the Broward Campuses Director and Professor, School of Architecture Florida Atlantic University and his lovely wife Jaye, President/CEO Arts Serves Ft Lauderdale Florida



Dean J. Trantalis
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Greetings!

On behalf of my colleagues on the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the citizens of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, we offer our sincere congratulations to our friends in Gold Coast, Australia on the 2019 Festival of Elegance!

Now in its fifth year, this three-day fundraising event features an extraordinary collection of classic cars, magnificent marine vessels, and spectacular aircraft, while showcasing all of the outstanding attributes that make Gold Coast such a special city. It is truly an amazing display of "Elegance in Motion" that raises essential funding to benefit youth driver training programs and initiatives to help at-risk youth.

As Gold Coast's Sister City, Fort Lauderdale is proud to lend our support to the Festival of Elegance. We are delighted that for the third consecutive year the Fort Lauderdale Marine Luxury Sail trophy will be presented to recognize the best in class luxury yacht at the Concours Awards night at Dreamworld. This prestigious honor symbolizes the special bond that exists between our two cities, both of which feature thriving marine industries that fuel our respective economies.

As we mark the 39th Anniversary of our Sister City relationship, Fort Lauderdale and Gold Coast remain committed to sharing best practices and expanding opportunities for exchange in the areas of economic development, education, sports and recreation, arts and culture, tourism and community engagement.

Today, our partnership is stronger than ever as we work to fulfill the Sister Cities mission of promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual and one community at a time.

Again, our heartfelt congratulations on the Festival of Elegance! Enjoy the event and we look forward to seeing everyone in Fort Lauderdale on your next visit!

Sincerely,

Dean J. Trantalis
Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

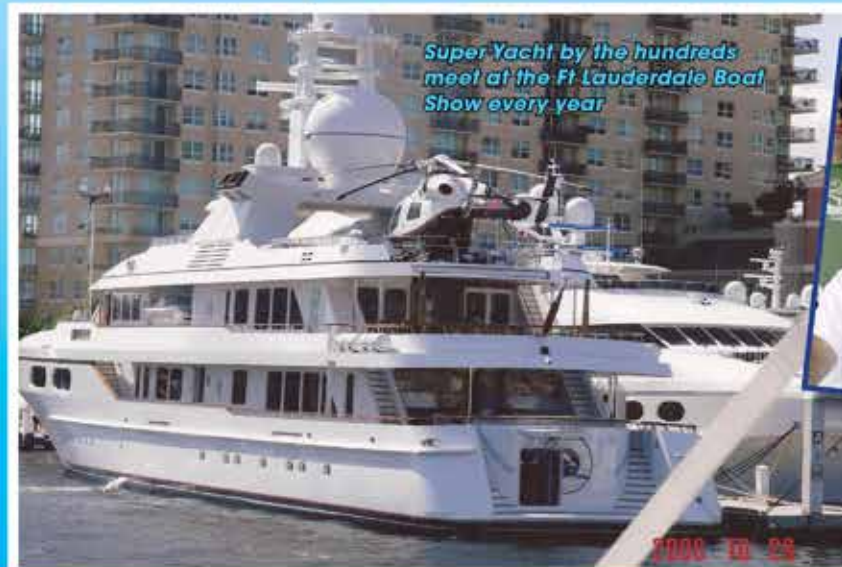


Russell Weaver (right), President Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities and his brother Todd at the Pan Am Games with our gift of Commonwealth Games Volunteer gear sent for our contribution to a local Charity Auction event.

Below 2017 City Commission Meeting with Gold Coast Cllr Paul Taylor, Mayor John "P" Jack Seiler, (to the right of Paul Taylor) Vice Mayor Trantalis, City Commissioners Romney Rogers, Bruce Roberts, Robert McKinzie and Greater Fort Lauderdale Vice President Russell Weaver and Executive Director Marianne Winfield.



Above: Former Mayor Jim Naugle presenting the Keys to the City to former Councillor Grant Pflor and hostess Nuccia McCormick



Above Grant Pflor centre, Duncan Cole Council General Australia from Atlanta, Carlos Munoz from Australia and we have John Hogan from Superior Jetties, Grant Torrens with Di Dickson from Council GC front right.

Spotlight on Barry Jenkins

What shaped your event management career?

Qualified master general engraver - musician - a three year stint in the merchant navy - hospitality management and entertainment promoter.

This led me to Sanctuary Cove in January 1988 to oversee the owner's food and beverage operations and formulate an event program to attract visitors to the resort who were in Queensland for Expo 88.

Within the proposed event line-up was a boat show which became the first on-water recreational marine exhibition in Queensland and named Queensland International Boat Show, subsequently becoming the Sanctuary Cove International Boating Festival and morphing into the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show

From humble beginnings in 1989, 104 exhibitors - 100 boats on water, new and brokerage - through 2008 with 453 exhibitors - 455 boats on water - 55,000 visitors over four days delivering a \$350 million economic impact to the Gold Coast economy.

On the journey, establishment on the global marine stage required commitment to international promotion and forming relationships with marine industry associations worldwide. 100,000 air miles annually was not uncommon together with showcasing the Australian industry, the Boat Show, the Gold Coast, Queensland and Australia.

The mantra was "Australia's export import showcase where the marine business does business" and this remains firmly entrenched today.

SCIBS was recognised for its efforts and achievements by winning the Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards' Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation category for six consecutive years from 2004 through 2010.

Mr Boat Show



A close working relationship with the Boating Industry Association of Queensland which became Marine Queensland led to a Directorship on the MQ Board and then the Presidency for seven years coinciding with the Presidency of the Australian Marine Industry Federation now the national Boating Industry Association based in Sydney.

Superyachts appeared brightly on the radar around 2000 which led to the establishment

of Super Yacht Base Australia of which Barry Jenkins was the founding Chairman. The scope of SYBA was to promote Australia as an alternative cruising destination for the "white boats" and government advocacy to achieve change in crewing and cruising regulations. SYBA became Superyacht Australia and was absorbed into AIMEX as a division and remains operational and extremely active today with superyacht visitations for cruising and refit increasing steadily. Jenkins remains Chairman of the AIMEX Superyacht Australia Division and also a Director of AIMEX.

Over the past eight years a sister boat show relationship has existed between Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show and Yacht & Boat Korea, a regional boat show held annually in Changwon, South Korea endorsed by the Gyeongsangnam-do Provincial Government.

Stepping out of his permanent Sanctuary Cove role Jenkins became international relations advisor to the Yacht & Boat Korea Secretariat and was responsible for the show becoming a Gold Member of the International Federation of Boat Show Organisers (IFBSO). This brief also included assisting with the establishment of the show on the international scene and also holding annual meetings with Korean marine industry university students discussing history, theory and recreational marine industry trends and regulations.

Would anything change if you were to do it all over again?

There would be some things that could be refined however in the main the status quo would prevail. I have been fortunate and privileged to work with amazing people and privileged to call them colleagues and friends.

TRIBUTE TO OUR FLOTILLA OF PAST CLASS WINNERS

All shapes, all sizes.. If it floats, is unique, classy, interesting or in some ways just a little bit special... you could be in the running!

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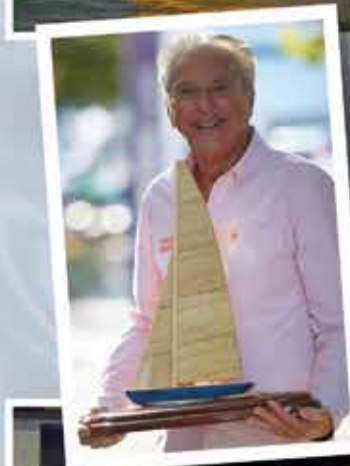
2016 Winner of the Marine Luxury Sail



2018 Winner Marine Luxury Power - Hudson 48



2018 Winner Marine Luxury Sail - Hudson 66-01



2016 Winner of the Marine Luxury Power





SOUTHPORT FLYING CLUB INC

The SFC operated firstly as a social group of pilots since as early as 1970.



The club was established by a few aviation enthusiasts from very modest beginnings, clearing a grass strip on what was then a dairy farm, operating Tiger Moths, Austers, Cessnas, Gliders and the like. The first hangar was built in 1972. A large parcel of land, of which our lease is a very small part, was acquired by the Council in 1978. This total area serves as a buffer to the sewerage treatment works. The original group of aviators commenced the necessary work to form up the airstrip and fill and level the surrounding areas. The Southport Flying Club was formalised as an

incorporated, not for profit, association in 1986. The Club acted as many other sports clubs did at the time. Members paid a

Club has been built over the years around the original intention that it is a club for light aircraft

owners, pilots and aviation enthusiasts in general. In addition the lease provided that the club would not receive any financial support from the Council, and the Club would be responsible for all costs of establishing and maintaining the lease area. After establishment of the lease a permanent clubhouse was built. Initially in 1988 a narrow

bitumen runway was constructed in the centre of the grass strip. The bitumen strip was subsequently widened. Over the years of development the Club has been totally self funded by the members

who have provided the capital for the infrastructure and facilities you see today.

Now known as "Mason Field" (named after the Club's founding President and Patron Keith Mason) the aerodrome amenities currently include 117 hangars, bitumen and concrete taxiways and parking areas, maintenance and fuel facilities and a substantial clubhouse. Other facilities include a resident managers residence, a self contained fire hydrant and water storage facility and perimeter fencing.

Membership now totals in excess of 240 which cover a wide range of interests from young enthusiasts, private recreational pilots, retired commercial and airline pilots and engineers to pensioners, all with a passion for aviation. Directly and indirectly,

the Club provides employment for quite a number of locals. Approximately 110 aircraft of various types are now based at the aerodrome, plus we have a number of country

community groups. For many years we have sponsored our neighbour, Riding for the Disabled. A number of members volunteer their aircraft and their time to Angel Flight, providing free

transport to people from the country for non-emergency medical care. An annual event is sponsoring TACQ by providing joy flights and breakfast to terminally ill and disabled children, plus we have regular visits by the local kindy and schools

The airfield provides an emergency base for Medivac Helicopters, and the airfield and associated fire fighting facilities provides an important buffer zone protection to the surrounding houses and schools.

members who regularly visit the Gold Coast. The Club is very proud of our facilities, and we pride ourselves in supporting



levy to join and this gave them an entitlement to use the facilities and construct a hangar. After lengthy negotiations, the Club established a 50 year lease in 1987. The



For more information about the Southport Flying Club, Call 07 5594 7394 or www.southportflyingclub.com.au

TRIBUTE TO OUR PAST ROTARY WING WINNERS



2017 winner Greg Tottman Helicopter Flights Australia



2018 winner Scott Menzies Gold Coast Heli-Tours.

TRIBUTE TO OUR PAST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CATEGORY WINNER

2018 was our first ever non-combustion engine motorised vehicle entry and winner. We've acknowledge the great work of Scruffie Marine in past years, with their solar and battery powered luxury ferry boats and can see this sustainable power category growing in the years to come. See this years nominee featured on page 55



Concours Electric Car Winner
2018 Festival of Elegance

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PAST WINNER TRIBUTE:

2018 LUXURY AIRCRAFT (FIXED WING)

Gary Spicer



Last year I had the honour of being awarded the Concours Champion Aviation Fixed Wing for my Vans RV-6.

My involvement with aviation started at the age of 13 when I joined the Air Training Corp which was a youth group formed as part of the RAF during WW2 and had my first flight.



At the age of 16 whilst still at high school I started learning to fly and on February 29 1964 went solo.

I started work as a Aeronautical Engineer with an airline called TEAL (which became Air New Zealand) at the beginning of February 1964. After finishing my engineering qualification in 1969 I became an aircrew member.

For the next 35 years I flew on Lockheed Electra 118Cs and Boeing DC-8s as a Flight Engineer, as First Officer on Fokker F27s, Boeing B737, DC-8s, DC10s and B747-200s and as a Captain on Fokker F27s, Boeing B737s, B767s, B747-200s. I retired from the B747-400 after 40 years of service with the airline.

In my spare time I was a flight instructor for 49 years, and worked

as a volunteer as Chief Flying Instructor at the Scout Association flying school at Matamata for 21 years. After retiring from Air New Zealand I moved to Australia and gave my time to the Australian Sport Aircraft Association for 9 years.

I have built 3 aircraft including the RV-6 and have assisted in the building of many others.



Programme of Events



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Friday 3rd May - Black Tie



8.00 am to 4 pm

Exhibiting vehicles 'bump-in' at the InterContinental Sanctuary Cove

7.00 pm Pre-Entry Drinks in Garden and Entry, Displays & Music

7.40 pm Doors Open to the Grand Ballroom

7.45 pm CNGC Video Opening and MC's Welcome to all and recognise VIP's

8.00 pm (Dinner Served) First Three Recognition of Excellence Awards announced- Emerging Festival / Boutique Festival / Fine Arts of Excellence Awards

8.45 pm First Four categories of cars Best Australian / Best British / Best European / Best American Winners

Interval Music & Entertainment

9.40 pm Next Two Recognition of Excellence Awards announced- Sustainable Lifestyle Award / Elegance in Motion Award (Dessert Served)

9.50 pm Second lot of categories of cars Star of Excellence / Best Original / Sports Elegance / Best Bike

10.00 pm Aviation Luxury Rotary Winner / Aviation Luxury Fixed-Wing Winner

10.15 pm Community Lifestyle Award Winner announced by Hot Tomato and any Special Mentions

10.20 pm Supreme Award - The Tourism and Hospitality Award announced

10.00 pm Welcome message from Ft Lauderdale Mayor Dean J Trantalis

10.05 pm Marine Luxury Sail winner announced

10.10 pm Marine Luxury Power winner announced

10.15 pm MC Raffles and Closing with music through till 11.30 pm

11.30 pm Lights up and Music finishes - **guest please drive home safely**

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Super Saturday 4th May - Mixed Events



6.30 am till 7.30 am

'Bump-in' on-site aircraft, coffee van, equipment for the day

7.30 am Exhibiting Cars Marshall at entry gate

8.00 am Gates open for car entry to the airfield photo opportunities taken at the Photo Booth - Allocated time all cars to follow directions by Marshals and coffee served,

8.15 am Judging has started from the time you've arrived and all cars must stay until the Presentation at 11.30 am.

8.30 am Announcements made on the running of the day and raffles

9.00 am Aircraft Orientation - Introduction to displayed Planes & Helicopters

9.15 am Aircraft Orientation - Continues

10.10 am Special talk on flights on all aircraft at the field

10.15 am Judging Continues

11.00 am Last of the Aircraft Orientations

11.30 am Winning Categories and Prizes announced



Noon Visit to Mason Airfield - Coombabah Concludes

12.15 pm Trivia Tour and Hill Climb participants Leave for the Canungra meeting point.

1.30 pm Cars meet at Zones 1 and 2, as allocated beforehand

1.50 pm First 20 cars move to Start-line, rest stay at zone 1 and 2 until called forward by Marshals. Follow all directions and proceed to the Presentation venue directly

2.00 pm First car starts - reliability run and the rest follow one minute apart

2.30 pm Road re-opens at 2.30 pm for 15 mins only

2.45 pm Road Closes again for next group of 20 cars

2.50 pm Second 20 cars start their reliability run again, one minute apart Again, proceed to the Presentation venue

3.20 pm Road re-opens again for 15 minutes

3.35 pm Road Closes again for the last group of cars

3.40 pm Last group of cars start their reliability run one minute apart and continue straight to the Presentation venue

4.15 pm - 5.15 pm

King of the Hill and Trivia Tour results announced (dinner is optional at the venue)



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LOCAL LEGENDS SERIES

Rick Highman's very rare '31 Ford

"Building show winning Ducati & Honda motorcycles is one thing, but restoring vintage cars is quite another"...



This was the response from my eldest son when I told him the object of my obsession was on its way from California USA and that I thought the end result of the two and a half year restoration might just turn out to be okay.

Little did I know how well it would end up and when Shannons put an agreed value insurance policy on the car of \$85,000 plus, my son was absolutely astounded. When it started winning car shows, his belief in what could be done with an eighty year old vintage car, took his pride in his old man to another level.

And so the build began in late 2013 when the old matt black Ford arrived in Toowoomba and my daughter and I took the 'Henry' for her first drive on an Australian road. The neighbours went nuts and when the chicken wire room flew off at 30mph in front of our acreage property here in Toowoomba, my daughter thought it was 'coolest' car she had ever been in. Over Christmas that year the tear down began and over the next few months, plans were made on how far we would part the car out. As it turned out, all the way to the bare chassis was the eventual target, if only to find the chassis number on top of the frame rail next to the clutch pedal. And what a chassis number it turned out to be. I emailed the Ford Garage in the US, who told me the car was a very rare late 1931

Ford Slant Window Town Sedan 160B - the very same model as the 20 millionth car Henry Ford had built in his massive factory in Dearborn, Michigan and of which only 577 were made out of 4.8 million Model A's between 1928 and 1931. Shannons also agreed how rare this car was and that it was the only one they had heard of in recent history.

During the length of the resto, many new and original parts were imported from the US with the prized interior purchased from the original LeBaron Bonney Co. in Amesbury, Massachusetts. The car had it's original running gear restored, a new engine and radiator, wheels and white wall tyres and over \$20,000 in new paint, finished in the original colors, completed before the interior arrived in late 2015. Many hours were spent stripping old paint to bare metal, realigning ill-fitting doors and fenders rubbing back and blasting components, including the chassis and fitting new laminated glass to the windscreen and rear window. A new timber roof was installed as well as sound deadening and by Easter 2016 the car was finished, just in time for

my daughters birthday and the list of quality car shows of that year.

In May 2016, the gleaming '31 was entered in the David Hack Memorial, where it won Best Restoration and Peoples Choice awards, then onto Mt. Tamborine for the Gold Coast Aqualuma in June of that year. It won 'The Thea Award' for Best in Show and by July was entered in the RACQ Motorfest at Eagle Farm in Brisbane and managed to secure Best Post Vintage against twenty other cars. Finally in 2018, I entered the car, in May that year, with the intention of merely showing the car in the company of a plethora of superb, exotic & rare machinery, at the Peter Brock Museum on the Gold Coast for the 3 day Aqualuma event & ended the award ceremony on the Friday night, which was a fabulous night of elegant cars and lovely people, by taking out the Chairmans' Award - something I was absolutely stunned in receiving. As many people have told me since seeing the finished '31 A Model, there's nothing like a restored original vintage car from a bygone era.

ENTHUSIASM PLUS - PRIVATE COLLECTION

The Yellow Ghost
previously owned by
(Former PM) Malcolm
Fraser's family

Neville Vassallo Coasting with a Roller obsession...

and some people collect stamps!

Neville Vassallo was born in Egypt and at the young age of 10 emigrated to Australia with his family. He didn't exactly enjoy school and literally jumped at the chance to leave at the tender age of 15 to become an apprentice mechanic. His life literally changed overnight and it's been a career choice that has taken him all over the world, thanks to the compulsory training of this 'trade', a love of cars and his family that has been his life.

"wrecked it"

He worked in the very first workshop in Australia to service automatic transmissions and he passed on that knowledge by training others 4 nights a week at TAFE college. Having raised two sons and a daughter with his late wife Rhonda, he admits the work was a team-effort and they loved life in the largest town in the southern highlands of NSW - Bowral. His very first car was a Sunbeam-Talbot and in his own words, he regrettably "wrecked it" as back in the day he didn't even have a drivers license! This however started his enduring love of cars that were manufactured in Britain. As an avid collector he currently owns several immaculate British vehicles, one gracing the front cover of this magazine 'Elegance in Motion', the rare 1904 Speedwell.

Accommodating such a passion requires a substantial garage with room for another 3 Rolls Royce vehicles in his collection, one a Ghost, a Phantom and a Silver Spirit are carefully positioned alongside a Mercedes Benz in the immaculately presented garage. Each have their own story to tell and all find a special place in his heart and he admits.

"Owning them has certainly opened doors to places I could only have dreamed of in my younger days".

Neville moved on from his well-respected family business and officially retired five years ago, moving to the Gold Coast after having spent many holidays here in Surfers Paradise. An entrepreneur with keen interests in many fields, mechanics has always been the cornerstone of his success.

When you meet Neville, he is quietly unassuming, humble in his manner and you can quickly tell he treats everyone the same, a trait that is much admired amongst his peers and those who truly know him.

The first ever chairman of the MTA transmission section. He has been a distinguished member of the Rolls Royce Club for 50 years and proud member of the 20 - Ghost Club, Rolls Royce's oldest car club in the world.

His pride and joy(s) don't sit idle in the garage as he's enjoyed them as they should be - driven regularly. The 1904 Speedwell for example, in all her glory, joined in on the famous London to Brighton car rally, turned out with its immaculate leather seats, deep burgundy paint work with original brass trimmings and right down to the gold leaf pinstripe paintwork.

Right at home in what is widely

considered the most beautiful retro-vehicle car rally in the world. The Speedwell certainly held its own with her other distinguished records as being the longest running car-run in the world as it originally came off the starting line in 1896.

His canary yellow RR Ghost has travelled to car rally's in New Zealand and even to Uluru, trekking over 6000 miles along the Great Ocean Road to Alice Springs. Earning her own frequent flyer points she has also participated in re-enacting the Glasgow Royal Escort in Scotland.

Probing the reserved Neville a little deeper, you find his charity work is something he is also very proud of and he's supported many deserving charities, and with a particular focus on cystic fibrosis.

Neville certainly is as impressive and respected as the cars he owns.

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Speedwell participating in the London to Brighton
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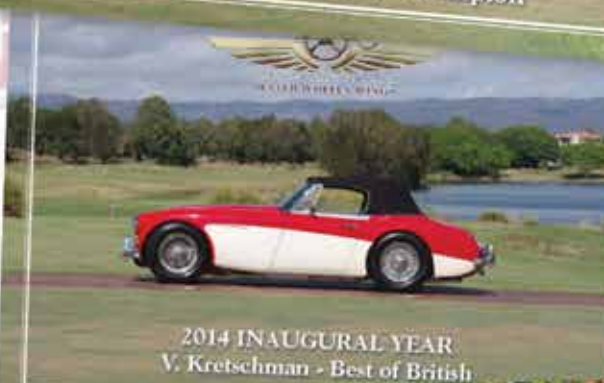
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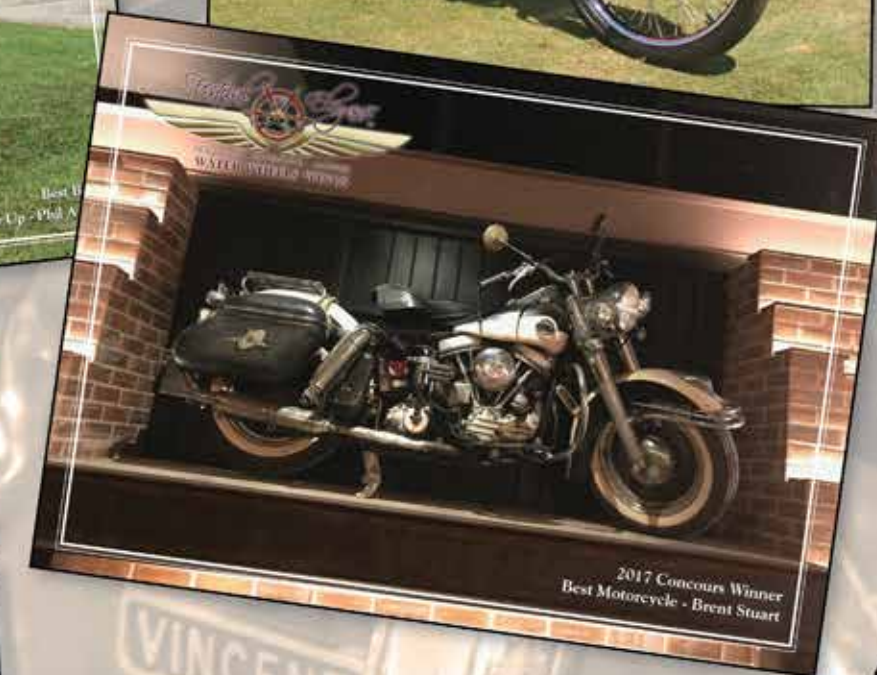
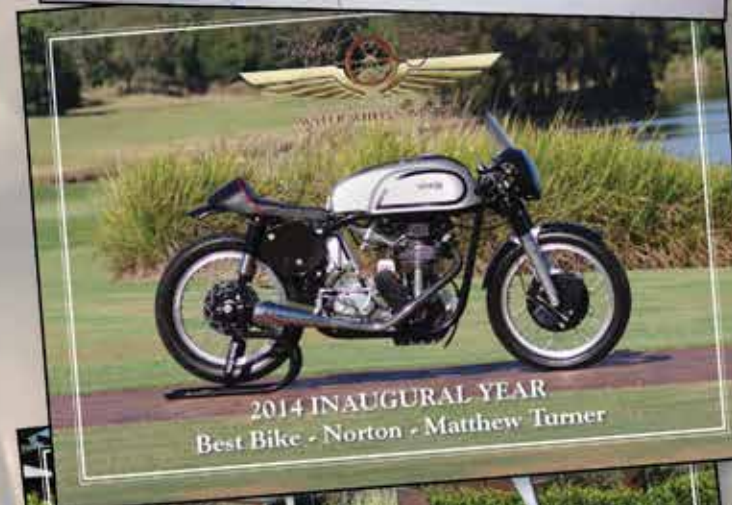
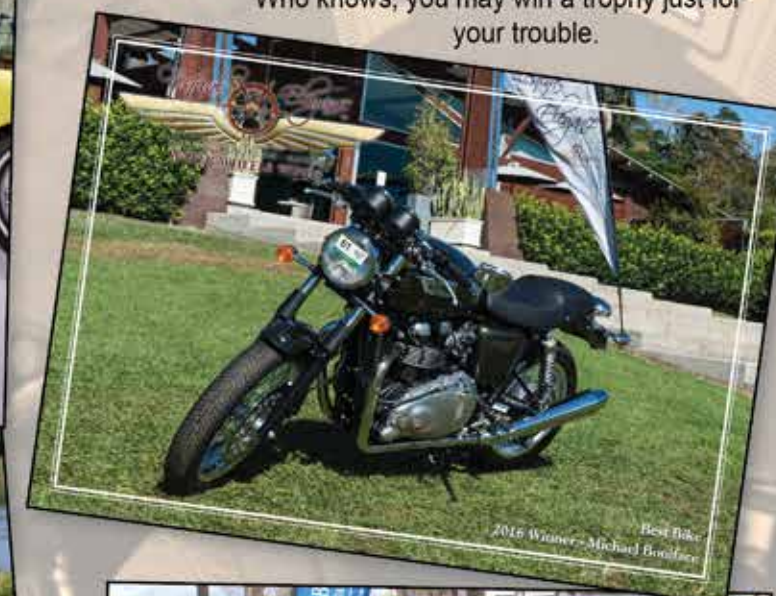
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A quick snap-shot of some of our well deserved winners and place getters in the motorcycle category

Every year this section has grown and with it brought some fantastic examples of classic and modern bikes. If you have a distinctive motorcycle you are proud of and would like to exhibit and share, we'd love to see it next year.

Who knows, you may win a trophy just for your trouble.



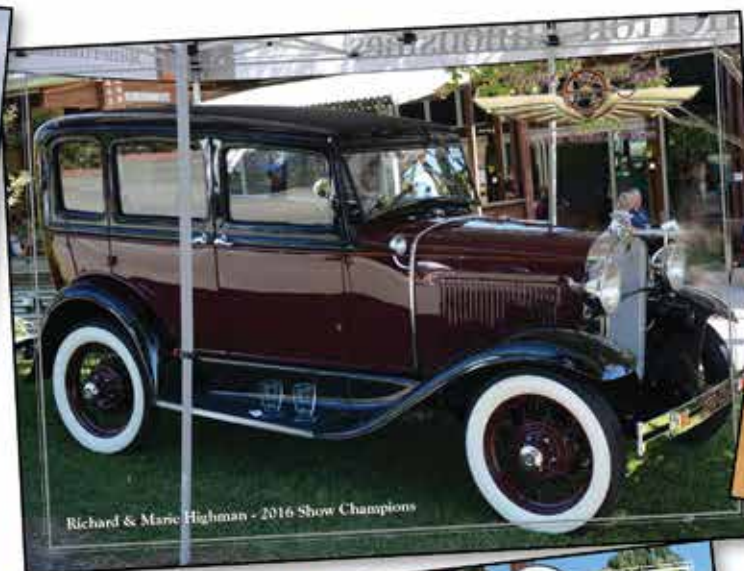
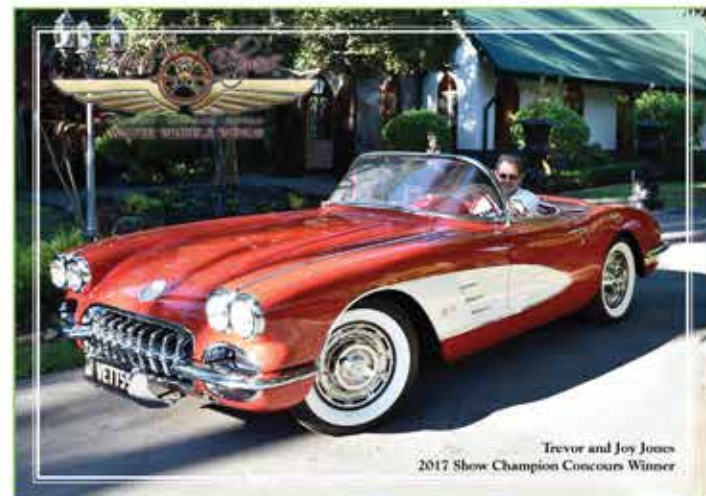
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From humble beginnings we have expanded our categories to allow for a great range of historical, classic, vintage and modern vehicles to enter and be celebrated.

If you have something unique, original or just different and would like to participate in either our White Glove Concours, Cars & Coffee, Hill Climb Time-Trial or Show & Shine events next year, don't be shy.



Concours 2018 Prize Winners

Hall of Fame	Winner	Trevor and Joy Jones	Corvette '59
Thea Show Champion	Winner	Michael Polito	Fiat 124
Chairman's Trophy	Winner	Rick Highman	931 Ford A Model 160B
Concours Champion	Winner	Karen McPherson	Ferrari 328
Best Original	Winner	Carl Armor	1971 E Type Jaguar
	Runner-Up	Neville Josman	Morris
Sports Excellence	Winner	Bevan Carrick	Ferrari F40
	Runner-Up	Gary Johns	Lotus
Best Bike	Winner	Grant Armor	Suzuki RE 5 Rotary
	Runner-Up	Sue Bloom	Triumph
Best Muscle	Winner	Lindsay Brydon	Mustang
	Runner-Up	Bernie and Joy Scobie	Mustang
Best European	Winner	Mark Jansen	Monteverdi
Best American	Winner	Carl Armor	1958 Buick
Best British	Winner	Owen Seamons	Daimler SP 250
	Runner-Up	Sean Edge	1955 MG
The Best Custom	Winner	Grant and Carl Armor	Custom 8 Buick

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The World of Classic Cars Market Update

Oldtimer Australia is a boutique business focussed on matching buyers and sellers of high end or unique sports, racing and classic cars. The business is owned by Mark & Michelle Jansen and it specialises in high end European cars of the fifties through to the eighties (generally) or anything 'a little bit different'. The business continues to go from strength to strength with a number of very significant car sales achieved covering marques such as AC, Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin, Bentley, Bizzarrini, De Tomaso, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Lancia, Lotus, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Rolls-Royce and more.

According to Mark "... in addition to openly selling cars there are many deals that are done very discretely by matching a buyer and a seller. There are always a number of cars quietly available that are never advertised and when sold they are not even listed on our website."

The business is now set up in a world class private show room facility less than ten minutes from Brisbane airport. If you are looking to buy or sell then please contact Mark for a confidential chat.



The Festival of Elegance talks to Mark Jansen, the owner and Managing Director of Oldtimer Australia about the world that is classic cars.

EIM: What is the state of the classic car market?

MJ: The classic car market has risen strongly over the last ten or so years, peaking in 2014/2015. Since then the market has declined somewhat on most classics (maybe 10 - 20%), though there are exceptions and over the last 12 - 18 months we have seen the market consolidate and plateau out. Oldtimer Australia has had a very busy start to 2019 with many classics finding new homes. That said the market on a 'car by car basis' is quite unpredictable. We have struggled with a few cars that we thought we would sell easily and the flip side to that is we have sold a few cars quickly that we thought may be a challenge!

EIM: So are we in a buyers or a sellers market?

MJ: Today the market presents good opportunities for both buyers and sellers, though it is fair to say the high end has softened. Some key take aways from the market:

1. Good quality cars that are fairly priced are in demand.
2. Determining fair price in today's market can be challenging, particularly for the more bespoke cars.
3. Whilst condition is important, history and provenance are more important than ever before.
4. Original unrestored cars are in high demand and command a premium over a restored car.
5. Most of the major auction houses are

selling more and more cars at no reserve, hence, the market will decide what a particular car is worth on the day and it will be sold.

6. Cars with a 'story' are difficult to sell and are penalised on price.

7. Internationally, 'hero cars' are in very strong demand with record prices paid for cars that are 'the best of the best'.

EIM: Is the classic car scene still a growing hobby?

MJ: Yes absolutely ... I like to say that cycling was the new golf and classic cars is the new cycling! Everyone is getting into it. And what makes it unique is that it doesn't matter whether your passion is BMW, Bolwell, Bristol or Bentley each marque has its loyal band of enthusiasts. The internet has made our world a very small place and it has drawn the classic car community together like glue. Whether you are looking to buy a new car, some parts or memorabilia, you can find just about anything you want from your keyboard and get it delivered to your door. As we know with social media, the power of the virtual world is incredibly strong and even more so when its users are passionate people. Car people are very passionate people!

EIM: We hear people are buying cars purely as investments. Is this true?

MJ: Yes for sure. There are people at the higher end of the market investing money in cars as they would in a share portfolio or in property. In many cases they will never drive or even see their cars. To me that's a sad thing as I believe that cars are for the people. They are to be used and enjoyed. That can be in many different ways too. Some people drive

their cars every weekend, others take them out twice a year and some people just have them on display in their lounge room. But they are generally owned by passionate people. I do get many phone calls from people that go something like this ... "Hi ... my best mate is into cars and I understand that classic cars are now a good investment. I have some disposable income and would like to put some money into a car(s). What should I buy?" How do you answer that ...? I say if you want to buy a car solely as an investment then don't. Buy a car because you want to enjoy it and if you buy wisely then there's a good chance it will be a reasonable medium to long term investment ... but no guarantees! Like all markets the classic car market has cycles, it goes up and down over the journey of time.

EIM: A few closing comments?

MJ: In summary I think that the classic car market is healthy and there is as much interest as ever in our hobby. The good news is that you can still acquire a classic car at just about any price point. For example you could buy a classic Bentley or Rolls-Royce from just about any era for well under \$100,000. At the other end of the spectrum you can purchase 'something special' that would be welcome at Pebble Beach. The choice is yours!

Take car and safe motoring!



(Funds raised supports Youth Driver Training to the local Mt Tamborine Students)



STOP THE CLOCK...

This year our Trivia Tour and Hill Climb event, is on Saturday. The timed Hill Climb benefits our local schools on the Mountain and allows us to help provide youth driver training certificates to worthy Mt Tamborine Students, selected by our community leaders annually.

We once again must thank all the emergency services and the community at large for supporting this annually event and as the years go on, we'd like to expand this event, so we can return more to these programs to more students, with everyone's help.

Great prizes are presented each year for the Trivia Tour and Hill Climb, thanks to all our sponsors found on the supporters page in this year's magazine.

2018 Student Driver Training Award Winners



The Emergency Services helping out - Anthony Fishburn on the Police Bike and Greg Lincoln for our Mt Tamborine Rural Fire Brigade

Trivia Tour/Hill Climb. Thank you to the volunteer Rural Fire Brigade



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Kaitlin Martin and Ashleigh Swadling from The Tamborine Mountain College and Clancy Grealish and Samara White from the Tamborine Mountain High School are our 2018 recipients that will be presented their winning certificates at this years Super Saturday May 4th event.

2018 Youth Driver Training Course winners were presented their gift certificates from the 'Aqualuma Festival of Elegance'.

CNGC Chairman Grant Pforr says, "we will continue to help provide local youth with driver training skills to handle all conditions on our roads by hosting these events".

Following the Festival's Trivia Tour and Hill Climb each year, Connecting

Northern Gold Coast presents youth driver training certificates to community nominated and worth individuals.

Fundraising for the important community projects like this has been Connecting Northern Gold Coast Inc's main focus since 2014.

Last years winners were presented their certificates at Witches Chase Cheese Factory and Fortitude Brewing Company on Mt Tamborine.

It's our belief that the best way to equip todays young adults behind the wheel is with the knowledge and handling skills needed on todays busy roads. By placing them in real-life situations in a vehicle, preparing them to react appropriately if they may come across similar challenges whilst driving.

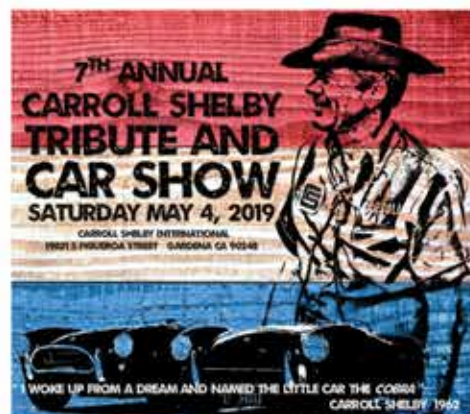
We feel this 'hands-on' approach will better equip them for real life, and giving them greater opportunities to pass on their experiences to other young drivers by encouraging them to complete similar driver training course.



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Recently Liz and I made a trip to the USA and fortunately for us we managed to fit in a fabulous visit to the Carroll Shelby Museum in California. Grant P

Carroll Shelby founded Shelby American™, a division of Carroll Shelby International, Inc., to build high performance cars in 1962. Since then, Shelby American has become one of the most revered performance automotive companies in the world.

"Carroll Shelby was truly a visionary," said Joe Conway, Co-CEO of Carroll Shelby International, CEO of Shelby American and Board member of the Carroll Shelby Foundation. "He is internationally famous for winning races and founding Shelby American. He created communities through his dynamic car clubs and started a charitable foundation that has impacted the lives of thousands of young people. He also pioneered the development of branding partnerships that helped sustain

these communities with products and events worldwide.

Shelby is a true American success story. Forced to retire from racing due to a heart ailment, Le Mans winning driver Carroll Shelby turned to car manufacturing. His intent was to build an affordable sports car for serious enthusiasts.

Renting space in a Los Angeles-area garage, Carroll forged a relationship with Ford Motor Company to create the legendary Cobra roadster. Once he pulled the silk off the car at the 1962 New York Auto Show, the performance world would never be the same.

Fast forward 55 years and Shelby American is still building powerful vehicles and



offering an exclusive line of high-performance parts from its manufacturing facility in Las Vegas. Today's Shelby lineup includes the mighty continuation Cobras and Daytona Coupe, as well as the Ford Mustang-based Shelby GT, Shelby Super Snake, and Super Snake Wide Body. The company also offers the Shelby Raptor, Shelby F-150, Shelby F-150 Super Snake, and Shelby Diesel trucks. In addition, the Shelby Performance Parts division offers official merchandise and equipment for 2005+ Shelby and Ford Mustangs.

Another key aspect is Team Shelby, the official club for enthusiasts worldwide. Carroll Shelby founded it in 2008 to give people an opportunity to enjoy their cars through events with fellow enthusiasts. Ownership of a Shelby is not required, only a passion for the brand and lifestyle.

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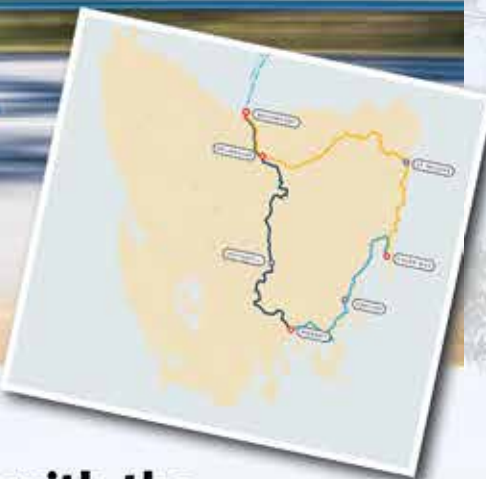
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TASSY TURNS IT ON... again



Ultimate Driving Tours was formed from a passion for pairing incredible automotive feats with the roads and circuits for which they were built.

For over a decade Ultimate Driving Tours have been at the creating iconic and unforgettable driving experiences the world over. In the 2019 issue of Elegance in Motion, we follow the team on their incredible lap of Australia's picturesque island state – Tasmania, ticking off the best driving roads, and most luxurious accommodation and dining experiences on offer.

Their first BYO car offering – now an annual extravaganza, commences in Melbourne. Here guests from around Australia, New Zealand and the world converge for the overnight passage to Tasmania aboard the Spirit of Tasmania. This year's crossing was not the smoothest despite the waves, the group remained in high spirits. The first day of the drive commenced with an early run from Devonport to Launceston, watching the sun rise over Cradle Mountain.



After a gourmet breakfast at Josef Chromy, the group continued on a series of the East Coast's renowned road sections, including a number of stages covered in Targa Tasmania. Later that afternoon, car keys were traded for champagne, coupled with a private oyster shucking experience, arranged as part of

the group's exclusive use of Saffire Freycinet – one of Australia's premier boutique hotels. What was an incredible day was made complete that evening with the



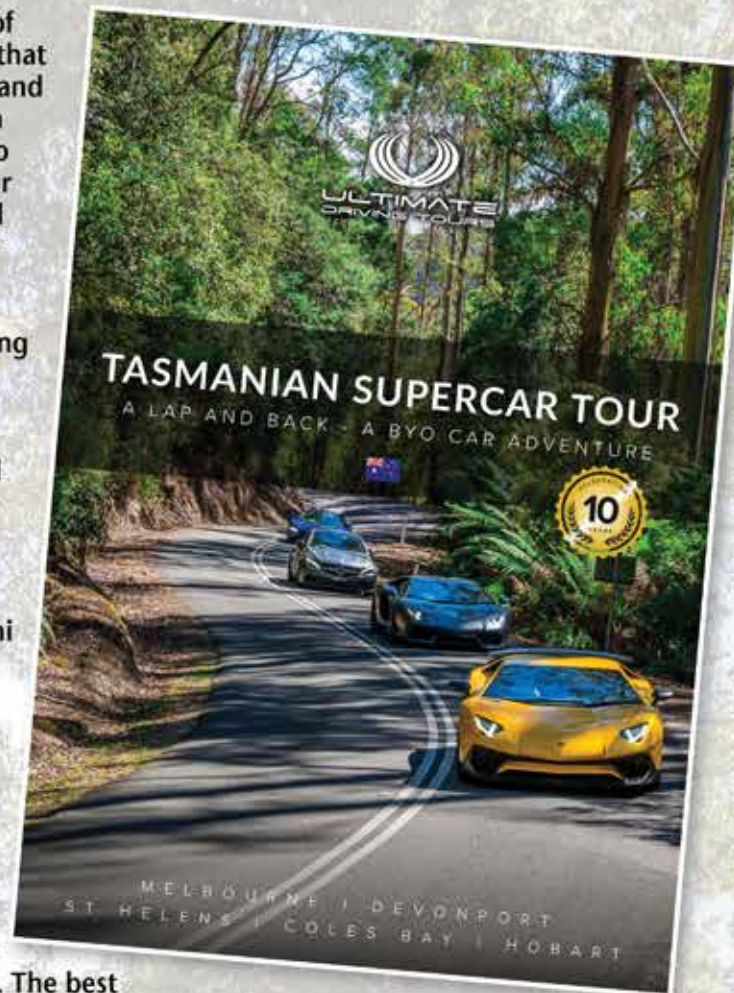
chef's signature degustation menu, accompanied by a selection of premium Tasmanian wines and great company.

Following a leisurely start, the second day of the tour continued the East Coast run down towards Hobart. After enjoying the twists and turns of the forest run back up Freycinet, the colourful convoy enjoyed green pastures to the right, and the azure ocean to their left, stopping only for a private lunch at the picturesque Twamley Farm. Here they were met by a contrasting convoy of classic cars for the run up to the farm, before enjoying a selection of epicurean delights. In the early afternoon the group arrived into Hobart's newest luxury hotel – MACq01. From here the enjoyed VIP transfers to MONA for a quick explore of the Museum, followed by a private dinner at the Precinct's award winning restaurant – The Source.

The third and final day of the tour began with a stunning lunch at Frogmore Creek Estate. From here the convoy cut through the centre of Tassie, via the Great Lakes Conservation Area, enjoying

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Building on their technological advantage, Aqualuma started



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NOMINEE: Greg McGarvie of ACE-EV Group

'Electric Vehicles' Category

Greg McGarvie, the co-founder of ACE-EV Group and GetGreen, is one of the optimists, that fully believe there are solid reasons why electric vehicle manufacture in Australia is a real possibility.

"We're using a very strong German developed technology, proven, inexpensive and it's not a labour-intensive thing".

ACE-EV began when McGarvie and partners were dealing with Chinese investors in a solar farm project. The possibilities of EV manufacture came up and the farm investors suggested the GetGreen duo meet the inventor Dr Charles Kung. Dr Kung had recently developed a device for vehicles to travel at high speed in fog and also had an idea that might be introduced to Australia and allow, best case scenario, for the eventual manufacture of electric cars here.

According to ACE-EV, the approach uses a carbon fibre composite "skeleton" (common to each of the three models) and involves only 19 parts in total. Panels are made of ABS plastic. The design allows for easy customization. The company has already won an Innovation Award from MTA Queensland last year.

The expectation in the not too distant future is, that the owner can say 'I don't want a van anymore, I want a ute,' and it's just a skin change and some basic modifications to deliver that, says McGarvie.

Kits are flat-packed and shipped, with the first 100 vehicles to be made in China, and then assembled by Fraser Coast-based ACE. Parts are glued together, with a similar adhesive bonding used in the Boeing Dreamliners.

The company says profitability can be achieved with low volumes and few staff. To tool and train up for Australian assembly is very affordable, with only 20 staff needed to produce the first 100 vehicles, and an extra five employees per each extra 500 vehicles made annually.

"Our focus for Australia is a minimum of 3,000 vehicles a year; we think that's pretty achievable, but our real interest is the overseas market and being able to push out 15,000 units a year at the early stages."

ACE-EV has the rights to build right-handed versions of Kung's invention, and sees opportunities to sell cars in flat-packed kits to markets including ANZ, Japan, South Africa and India.

The four vehicle models have a range of about 350 kms and a 40 kilowatt hour battery at a cost roughly \$40,000 on road.

Along with other EV enthusiasts, McGarvie says there's an urgency for Australia to play a part in the fast-growing global market. Forecasts from Markets and Markets are unit sales growing by 32.6 per cent annually to reach 10.8 million by 2025.

ACE EV goal is to manufacture in Australia with greater than 50% local content that will make it more Australian than Holden South Australia.



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Spotlight on Grant Pforr

What shaped your drive for public service?

I have always been drawn to the service of others. Even my construction business is centered around solving problems and helping people achieve the best outcomes.

I wanted to give-back to the community from a very early age, joining the Southport SLSC in 1966 as a 9 year old Nipper, I enjoyed everything the Coast and lifestyle provided and was the first Nipper Club Captain. My involvement in the SLSC took me to President of the Club in 1999 to 2002 and then I retired from active service in 2016 and continues to remain a strong supporter of the Southport Club.

Coomera Watersports Club (CWC)
Oxenford Lake - Damien Leeding Park
Founded in 1999

I approached the Council in 1998 and after lengthy discussions the CWC became ultimately part of the City Project with a development agreement.

The main building started construction in 2003 but was not completed until August 2009. Delays from Council slowed progress and it was only after the water was connect to mains, was it possible to make the building occupy-able.

The project was stymied by an ongoing and general lack of support from several levels of government. The slow beginning did not stop us, and when Council finally acknowledged this was going to be a reality eventually got somewhat behind the Club and the building to help finish it.

If not for the family business (Permacrete) this building would not have become the reality it is today.

Kane Bennet Project
After Kane Bennett was tragically killed on the Queensland State Election day 2015 when he and his entire family were

struck by lightning while sheltering from a severe storm. I decided to start the Kane Bennett Community Fund and lobby local trades, suppliers and volunteers to come together to deliver the Gold Coast's own "renovation blitz" with over \$350,000 worth of work done to the widow's family home.

Thanks to loyal Hot Tomato listeners, the Gold Coast community, suppliers and volunteers and I wish them and all of you our blessing and sincere best wishes. Your thankless giving is humbling to see.

Youth Point Connect - Runaway Bay
Founded in 2008

In 2004, serious concerns were raised by several senior community leaders regarding the safety of the young people in the northern area of the Gold Coast. These issues escalated when a young person was killed in the area whilst playing 'chicken' with a bus and when two boys were tragically killed by a motorist whilst walking home. Following this tragedy I organised a steering committee formed from local community members and they resolved to create a youth facility which provided young people with readily accessible opportunities to engage in positive alternatives to anti-social and unsafe activities. The outcome was the birth of the not-for-profit incorporated community group, Gold Coast North Youth Centre Inc.

Through the generous donation by the developers Stocklands, the youth facility was opened in March 2008. YPC has successfully developed award winning programs for young people, our programs and activities have been purposefully developed to complement each other and in particular the facilities of the Runaway Bay Youth Centre. music, radio and associated activities and programs will further enhance usage of the facilities, providing positive and innovative activities for young people in the North of the City.

Gold Coast City Councillor - Elected Representative Division 3
Served 2004 to 2012

Stepping away from my stock and trade and frustrated by what appeared to be a City without direction, I stood for Council to actively fighting hard for reforms in sustainable design and living for the Gold Coast. Having grown up in the City my whole life I had a fair understanding of the issues so I sat on various oversight committees like: City Planning, Sustainable Cities (as Chairman), Deputy Chairman of Water, Community Services Committee, Engineering Services and Events Advisory.

I am very proud to have served my community in such a direct way and look back in fondness of all that has been achieved in just a few decades.

I was also proactive and served on other advisory boards connected to GCCC - Gold Coast Water Futures Advisory Committee, Sth. Stradbroke Island Advisory Panels, Coombabah Water Futures. I was also invited to attend the Sister City Trade Mission, providing an in-depth International Marine Presentation and Urban Waterfront International Presentations.

Wanting to stay active and relevant, I worked with local business and other semi-retired area councillors and community representatives to develop the Connecting Northern Gold Coast group, a not for profit incorporated organisation to continue to drive change and awareness in the North. I continue to sit on several Youth Advisory Panels across the City.



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