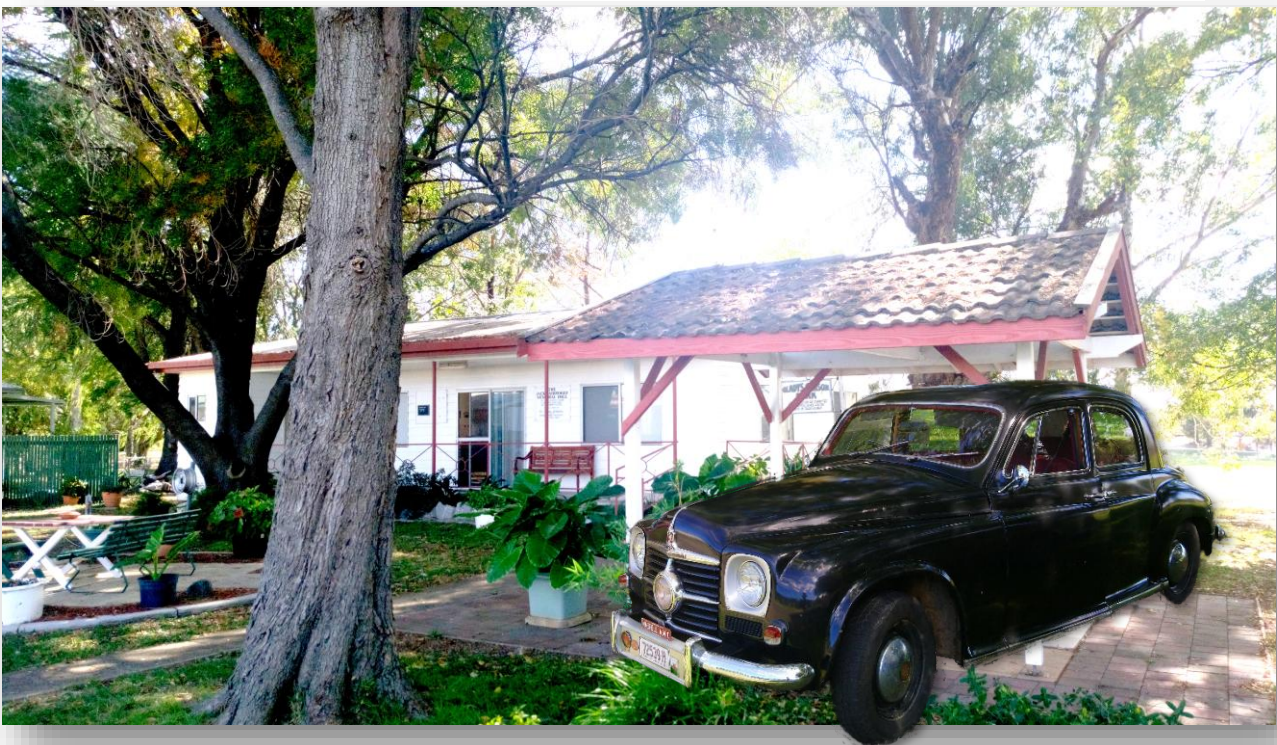


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Club Information: Meetings are to be held on the Second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm. Venue is the IAMC Inc. Club Room "Gaukrogers Memorial Hall" (Homes for the Aged Community Hall), Macintyre Street Inverell. [PDF Map and photos of where to find us.](#) You can also search Google for Inverell AMC and ask for directions

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Maroon Caps with embroidered badge.	\$12.00 each
Bucket Hat with embroidered badge	\$12.00 each
Cloth Badges, embroidered.	\$ 4.00 each
Windscreen Sticker	\$2.00
Enamel Lapel/Hat Pins (make great cuff links)	\$10.00 each
IAMC Car Badges (see for sale items at back of magazine)	\$10.00 each
Stubby Holders	\$10.00 each

Don't forget to carry the required paperwork e.g. Membership receipt, license(s), Rego. Certificates, RTA Certificate of Approved Operation, the Log Book (if on the 60-day option) and a copy of the latest issue of the Club magazine/Events whenever you drive your Historic registered vehicle on a public road.

Please note that the deadline for stories/articles is seven days before the General Meeting.

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

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The time given for outings is departure time not arrival time at the clubhouse.

Changes can happen, so when going on a run, if unable to meet at the clubhouse prior to departure, phone Pam 67232912 or Lyn and Laurie 0427230017.

This applies especially to out of town members!

Please check that Suzanne has your correct email address so you will be notified of changes.



2025

AUGUST

- Sunday 3rd - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning, Freckles Coffee Shop 9am to 11am.
- Tuesday 12th - Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 12th - General Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm.
- Thursday 14th - Lunch at the Australia Cafe, Corner of Otho and Evans Streets, 12 for 12.30pm.
- **SUNDAY 17TH - FIVE WAYS MEET, CWA PARK BINGARA. DEPARTING THE CLUBHOUSE AT 8.30AM.** BBQ lunch will be available to purchase.
- Wednesday 27th - Wednesday Wanderers run and lunch at Green Valley Farm, Tingha. Departing the clubhouse at 11am.

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 7th - Ron's Have a Chat and Coffee Morning, Servo, Road House Diner, Warialda Road, Inverell - 9am to 11am.
- Tuesday 9th - Committee Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 9th - General Meeting, Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm.
- Thursday 11th - Lunch at Country Kitchen, Otho Street, Inverell - opposite the Post office 12 for 12.30pm.
- Saturday 13th - Warialda Honey Festival, 10am to 3.00pm.
- Sunday 14th - Shakedown run and afternoon tea at "Deb's Place", Lake Inverell Drive. Departing the clubhouse 2.00pm.
- Wednesday 24th - Wednesday Wanderers run to Ashford and lunch at the Cafe, departing the clubhouse at 11am.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER - VISIT FROM NORTHERN RIVERS VINTAGE AND VETERAN CAR CLUB, LISMORE

OCTOBER - SUNDAY 19TH - PROGRESSIVE LUNCH



EDITOR'S RUMBLINGS AUGUST 2025

After a cold July, the August days should be somewhat warmer as long as the south westerly winds do not come in as is usual in August and September. This month the Five Ways get together at Bingara is on again and the ones we have attended have been enjoyable on warm sunny days. Approximately thirty vehicles of all makes have attended from the five clubs. Once again we can thank our regular contributors because without them we would only have an events page. Do you have something on a motoring experience you would like to share?

Who misses the early days in their motoring life when one could simply unbolt a bumper bar, mudguard or some other part from a parts car, sometimes stored in the back yard to replace a damaged one? When a driveable car could be bought for a hundred or two, and a very good one for four hundred dollars, and would last for years.



Today the young driver has to go into debt and be on the never never to buy a suitable car and be paying off a depreciating "asset" which cannot be worked on by the owner.

With the North West Rally over for this year, I was thinking of the work that goes into such an event. The organizers of events reap their rewards by having a good roll up and seeing the comradery.

The same applies to our local club runs and you can show your appreciation by supporting their efforts. Hopefully attendance will pick up in the warmer months.

We are indebted to Graeme Tampion, Lyn Campbell, Pam mason, Tim Salmon and Ron Thorp for photos and Irene Hill for The Lady Driver (on Edwardian fashions) for their contributions.

Please submit photos of club outings for August runs, particularly the cars and participants.

RON'S HAVE A CHAT & COFFEE MORNING McDonalds Byron Street Sunday 6th July 2025

A few loyal IAMC Club members attended McDonald's for the July Ron's Have a Chat. Much discussion on the run to the Bingara Orange Festival the previous day was had. Those who attended were impressed, and the weather was good with plenty of cars in attendance.

See a separate report on the coverage of the event.

Other discussions included the need for three hands to do certain repair jobs, so if you have a spare one give Gordon a ring.

It was certainly great to see David and Shirley Mould in attendance.

I think everyone enjoyed their snacks, although the size of some seem to be shrinking.

Those in attendance were :

Gordon & Coral Latter	380 Mercedes Benz
Ron Thorp	E Type Jaguar
David & Shirley Mould	Austin Healey 104

Graeme & Beth Tampion	1984 Jaguar XJ6
Laurie & Lyn Campbell	1984 Ford Laser
Richard Farrell & Shaun	Modern
LLewellyn	

Graeme T.



August Birthdays

Rod Johns	Laurie Campbell	Phillip Myhill
Neil McLane	John Irwin	Ann Irwin
Graeme Lathem	Harry McNaughton	Malcolm Page

Hope everyone enjoys their day and have many more. Lyn

DON'T FORGET IF I DON'T HAVE YOUR NAME YOU WON'T GET A BIRTHDAY WISH. so please send it to me on landlcampbell@bigpond.com

Thank you Lyn

BINGARA ORANGE FESTIVAL – Saturday 5th July

What a nice day for a run being not too hot and not cold. We waited at the club for a while but no one else came so we started for Bingara. We made it in good time and picked up Harry and Ann on the way. We were given our parking spots along with the fair number of cars already there so three more made it a bit bigger. We found a few more members as we walked down the street, which was good. So, in the end we had fourteen of us there. Some not in old cars but at least they were there. It was time to have a bit of morning tea at the Roxy. I had my drink when in Bingara which is a Sarsaparilla and a lot of people asked me was I from QLD, because a lot of Qld people drink it. It is the only cafe that has it in Bingara, so as the saying goes while in Bingara have the sarsaparilla at the Roxy. Well with that done it was time to look at all the stalls and a lot more than last year. I ended up at my favourite place, the Op shop. Came away with a picture I lost in the fire. Well then it was time to think of what you wanted for lunch. With many snacks to choose from Ann, Harry and I decided to have Bun filled with cheese and ham, which was very satisfying. Then it was time to head home if you wanted to. When the news was on that night, who was on there, Rod Johns talking about his orange Zephyr. Good on you Rod. Now, who came?

Laurie & Lyn	Ford Laser	Mal Page	Valiant
Harry & Ann	Vauxhall	Rod & Eslyn	Zephyr
Neil & Belinda	Austin 7	Tim & Judy, Carolyn, Dave & Linda - Modern	

Thanks again to those that did come.....

Lyn



Does anyone recognise these former IAMC members who were brave enough to do the VCCA (Qld) Frost Bite Veteran Rally. They are tough in Queensland

NORTH WEST RALLY - Saturday 26th Sunday 27th & Monday 28th 2025

Only 5 of us turned up for the trip. We went to Delungra where Harry and Ann and Ron where ready to head off. It was a bit cool but it is that time of the year. We stopped at Manilla for morning tea where everyone enjoyed a nice hot cuppa and scones with jam and cream. Well then back on the road to Gunnedah and got a phone call from a member of Gunnedah Club to see if we were still coming. It was nice that people thought to check up on us. We arrived in time to have something to eat and a hot cuppa. Then it was time to go to the caravan park to get our vans and unload our bags. In the evening we went to the club for dinner and afterwards back to the vans to relax. Next morning was the start of the rally with a lot of other things of interest. The one I really liked was the old homestead with gardens that were restored by a young man, from a mess when he first was there and now it looks great. I would give him a medal for the work he has done with it. Then it was time to have a look at the old shearing shed and the sleeping quarters. Then off we went on a dirt road to go to the longhorn cattle, and that even better than the homestead. All shapes and colours. I loved the little calf and wanted to take it home but received a big no from the owner. The talk by the man about the cattle was informative about how they had to teach them to put their head on the side so they could go up the race and into a truck. Then we meet Rastis with the biggest pair of horns I have ever seen on a bull. They measured from one tip of the horns to the other, a big 85 inches. I would hate to get on the wrong side of him. Well with that over, it back to town and have a rest until it was time to go back to the club for another big meal. I can't think of anything that was not great. Then with that over back to our van to get things ready for our trip home. Ron had to leave for home early next morning as Christa was very sick. Well the rest of us had a nice trip home. All a bit glad to be home to just relax. Thanks again to those who came. Those who could not attend missed a good weekend. Maybe next time more will come.

Lyn

Harry & Ann McNaughton
Laurie & Lyn Campbell

Vauxhall
Laser

Ron Thorpe

Citroen



SHAKEDOWN MORNING TEA RUN TO WING HING LONG TINGHA – Sunday 13th July 2025

After a frosty start, the day was warm and sunny for the shakedown run to Wing Hing Long in Tingha. Members and visitors met at the Community Hall and the usual catching up was enjoyed before the drive to Tingha.

We had phoned ahead to let the volunteers know how many to cater for. On our arrival the tables were set and in no time, the scones, jam and cream and pots of tea and coffee were brought to the tables. It was cold in the old building and there were several heaters on and some of us were fortunate enough to have a cushion on our chair.

The scones were hot and as always, very tasty.

Once again, the volunteers did a wonderful job looking after everyone- a big thank you to them. Some of our members enjoyed looking around inside, others made the most of the sunshine outside before leaving for home.

Pam

Those who enjoyed the outing -

Laurie & Lyn Campbell	1984 Ford Laser	Ron Thorp & Christa Masson	Citroen D Special
Pam Mason & Sue	1971 VW Beetle	Gordon & Coral Latter & Pru	1984 380SE Mercedes
Bailey (visitor)		McGee	
John, Ann & Jacinta Irwin , Graeme & Beth Tampion, Richard & Shaun, Tim & Judy Salmon, - Modern			



WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

On Wednesday the 30th day of July, 2025, members of Inverell Antique motor Club met at our Clubrooms on a sunny but cool windy day. The purpose of the gathering was to travel west on the Gwydir Highway to the Village of Delungra and enjoy a Lunch at the Hotel.



The convoy was slowed for a while being caught behind slow traffic including a B Double Stock semi. Our group arrived at the Hotel early which gave us extra time for chin wags. Orders were placed so more time to correct the troubling issues of the world. It appears that everyone enjoyed their chosen meal so a bit more chat before departing for home. Thank-you to those who attended from Inverell, Bingara and Delungra.

Those who did attend were :

Rod & Eslyn Johns	1960 Ford Zephyr	Graeme Tampion	1984 Jaguar XJ6
Gordon & Coral Latter with visitors Michael & Rob Jupp	1984 SE Mercedes Benz	Harry & Ann McNaughton	1972 Morris Marina
Laurie & Lyn Campbell	1984 Ford Laser		

Tim & Judy Salmon, Richard Farrell, Shaun Llewellyn, Tony King and Beth Tampion - Modern

Graeme T.



THE LADY DRIVER

DINNER IS SERVED — EDWARDIAN STYLE

Nothing preoccupied the mind of an Edwardian hostess so much as the planning of a dinner party. From matters of food and drink, table service, the guest list, and matters of precedence in seating, every detail was of the utmost importance. A dinner of tepid or cold food, of dull guests, and of seating arrangements that did not take the rank of each guest into account could doom a lady's social aspirations in one evening.

Since dinner- giving was the most important of all social observances, gentlemen and their wives hosted them much more frequently than balls or other social occasions; a dinner was considered more intimate, and invitations were sent to those that one was intimate with or with whom the host and hostess hoped to become *intimé*. In the greater scheme of the inner workings of society, a dinner party was both a test of the hostess's position and the direct road to obtaining a recognised place in society.

The dinner hour was approximately eight to nine, and guests were expected to appear at least fifteen minutes prior to the time designated on the invitation. The long, slow, and heavy meals of the mid-nineteenth century had disappeared by the Edwardian era - now hostesses preferred their dinner parties swift and satisfying, most likely to make time for partaking in evening entertainments.



On arrival, ladies and gentlemen would divest themselves of cloaks or coats in the cloakroom or leave them in the hall with the servant before entering the drawing-room, where the host and hostess awaited them. While the host and hostess greeted each guest, the ladies sat and the men stood, chatting lightly until the last guest had arrived. If any parties were unacquainted, the hostess would introduce the guests of the highest rank to one another. At very large dinner parties, however, the butler was stationed on the staircase and announced the guests as they arrived, and no introductions were required.

The host would escort the lady of the highest rank present in to the dinner, and the gentleman of the highest rank accompanied the hostess. This rule was absolute.

The host remained standing until the guests had taken their seats. Place cards with the name of each guest were used at large dinner parties. The menus themselves were displayed in silver menu holders along the table. These menus could be simple or elaborate in design, depending on the hostess's tastes, and the dishes in each course were written in French.

The basic table setting was a mixture of high and low centre- pieces, and trails of creepers and flowers laid on the tablecloth. The fruit to be eaten after dessert was usually arranged down the centre of the table,

amidst the flowers, on silver comports. Lighting was an important feature, and though electric lights were in vogue, it was not uncommon to dine by old-fashioned lamps and wax candles. Dinner-table etiquette was strict - an uneducated or uncouth person who appeared innocuous enough, would reveal his or her inexperience in a finer milieu by displaying such shocking customs as eating off a knife, or tucking a napkin into the collar of his shirt. When a lady took her seat at the dinner table, she removed her gloves at once, and some long gloves were made to allow the glove to be unbuttoned and peeled back from the wrists. Both ladies and gentlemen would unfold their serviettes and place them in their laps.



Soups were, of course, eaten with a soup spoon, though one spooned away from themselves and never ever slurped. Fish was eaten with the fish knife and fork, and all entree dishes (quenelles, rissoles, patties, etc) were eaten with a fork only. Poultry and game were eaten with a knife and fork, as was asparagus and salads. Peas, the test of true breeding, were eaten with a fork. In eating game or poultry, the bone of either wing or leg was not touched with the fingers; the meat was cut from the bone with the knife. Jellies, blancmanges, ice puddings, and any substantial sweet, were eaten with a fork. Cheese was eaten daintily, with small portions placed with the knife on morsels of crisp bread, and the two conveyed to the mouth with the thumb and finger. When eating grapes, cherries, or other pitted fruits, they were brought to the mouth, whereupon the pits and skins were spat discreetly into the hand to be placed on the side of the plate.

When the servants had vacated the dining room, the host would hand the decanters around the table, starting with the gentleman nearest him. If a lady required a glass, the gentleman seated beside her would fill the glass - she would definitely not help herself to the wine. The hostess gave a signal for the ladies to leave the dining room by bowing to the lady of the highest rank present. The gentlemen rose when the ladies did, and the women quit the dining room in the order of their rank, the hostess following behind. The gentlemen were left to their port and claret, while the ladies retired to the drawing room for coffee. This custom, however, shortened by 1910 or so, and at times, the practice of ladies and gentlemen separating after dinner was abandoned by the smarter hostesses. Dinner ended in town about a half hour after the gentlemen joined the ladies in the drawing room. In the country it was common practice to play games or cards into the small hours. There was no etiquette for leave-taking, and after the host and hostess had seen each guest into his or her respective conveyance their duties were done for the night.

Irene Hill -VCCA(Q)



With many thanks to Irene for taking the time to create these excellent Lady Driver Articles



She who must be obeyed

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