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Alan & Terry James'
1981 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit at Lake Conjola

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From the President

Hi All,



We have had a very busy couple of months full of events starting with a lovely drive to the botanical gardens at Batemans Bay for Valentines Day with 19 members attending & I believe everyone had a great time. Members walked around the gardens & some had the pleasure of seeing a sleeping black snake, which luckily stayed asleep!

Next, there was the day at Tom Taylors Shed. Unfortunately Dawn and I were away for that day, but I understand it was a great day and everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch, together with seeing all of Toms collectables. Thank you, Tom, for your generosity and sharing your wonderful collection.

Milton show was attended by a few members, some of whom were fortunate to have the show girls go for a drive in their cars. Unfortunately, the inclement weather saw a drop in member participation, so let's hope for better weather next year.

"Sussex Inlet Show and Shine" was a great success with 204 entries. I was lucky enough to be asked to judge on the day along with several others – a "First Time" for everything! I believe about 15 -20 members attended which was a great effort.

"Blessing of the Fleet" was a bit different this year as we were asked to drive the princesses from the Dunn Lewis Centre to the lighthouse for a photo shoot and then down to the harbour. The weather was perfect and the girls were very happy. About 25 members took part and I extend my thanks to all the drivers for contributing to a great community day.

Wheel Nuts always attracts great support and members are increasing at the harbour and all our "coffee runs" are well attended! I would just like to say it was great to see our Events Director, Geoff Phillips, up and around and walking quite well.

In closing, I would like to extend a big welcome to all the new members and hope to see you at some of the events and enjoying your cars.

That's all from me until the next time!

Colin

Club Member Special Feature

Terry & Alan share their story of owning the "Spirit of Ecstasy", a 1981 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit



Alan & Terry and their Rolls Royce Silver Spirit

Club Members, Terry & his Dad, Alan have quite the vehicle collection, including an Austin 1800, Holden 5.7L 4x4 V8 Ute, 3 motor bikes, a boat, a 40ft caravan and lastly, a 1981 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit! Previously, Terry was in the Army, worked as a Spray Painter, undertaken various jobs in rural areas and driven trucks! Alan was previously an upholsterer.

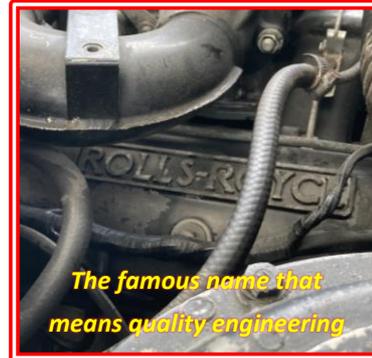
About 5 years ago, whilst trawling the internet, Terry saw the **Rolls** for sale in Leppington (Western Sydney), but the photos suggested that the car was not in a great state. However, upon inspection, Terry felt there was a hidden jewel in the long grass, even though he could not start her. After doing the deal, (which involved swapping a Falcon with a blown diff and some cash), Terry put the Roller on the back on a truck to bring her home. When new, the purchase price was \$240,000 (1981 dollars) – the most expensive production car at the time...and the first major service (at 40,000km) set you back \$38,000. Deep pockets required! Terry understands the "Silver Spirit" was used as a limousine service in Singapore. How it came to Australia is a story yet to be discovered.

With the vehicle at home, the fun started. Terry is quite the *Bush Mechanic* and after doing research...and more research, he was determined to get the Rolls operational again. The first issue related to the electrical system, specifically a 4-way relay. Rolls Royce couldn't help and the "Relay" had to be sourced directly from Bosch Germany. Unsurprisingly, it wasn't cheap - but she was now going!

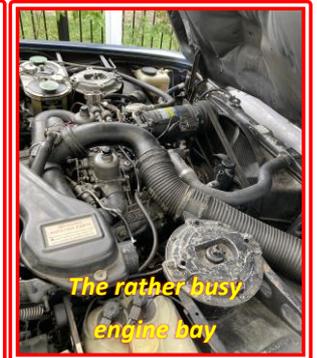
Fellow Club Member, Steve Hedger assisted Terry by letting him put the vehicle on the hoist and providing some direction as Terry was keen to do the work himself.

The Rolls Royce has a 6.75L motor which has a design lineage that dates back almost 80 years. To reduce weight, many

panels are aluminium, but "very thick aluminium" says Terry! The suspension is hydraulic (& springs). The brakes (like many things) are a unique design, using mineral oil (generally used in aircraft!) Terry rebuilt the braking system and, in the process, learned much of the quality in Rolls Royce engineering. The braking system generates pressure of 2500psi! The braking system has a 7-way valve under the driver's seat called "The Rat Trap!" Suffice to say ...The braking system is VERY complex. Terry indicated that it was an early attempt at ABS before computers!



The famous name that means quality engineering



The rather busy engine bay

The power steering was another example of "Rolls Royce Engineering" and Terry purchased a "Rebuild Kit" from the UK. The seals leaked, so undaunted, he tried alternate kits! After 4 attempts, the problem was solved by a local mechanic. On attempt 4, the seals still leaked, but after driving the vehicle for a bit, the leaks stopped. Terry now wonders if that was all that was required after "Attempt 1"?

Whilst Terry is impressed by the engineering, he has discovered that every job has unique complexity. He summed it up (with a small degree of affection...I think?) as "Everything is a mongrel of a job on it!" Even checking the Auto Transmission Fluid requires removal of parts! But fortunately, parts are generally easy to get, but many are expensive (what a surprise!) but some are not too expensive.



The Flight Deck of the Rolls Royce-Restoration in progress

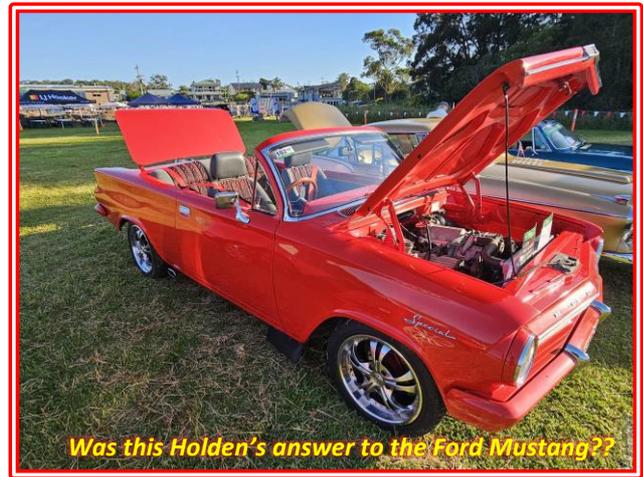
Terry has addressed many issues with the Rolls, but the list goes on. The alternator has issues, upholstery need work and the front dash is also a "work in progress" (Fortunately, Rolls Royce has a spare set of wood stored in Crewe England!! (I wonder how much that would cost to order?)

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Terry was finally able to get his Rolls Royce re-registered in 2023...however, at some point the engine had been changed (the new motor only had 6000km on the clock) and getting the paperwork resolved was a bit of a challenge!!

A Rolls Royce is designed to go 1 million miles, although Terry is not planning to test that theory. However, he & Alan continue to be amazed by the quality of engineering. But what do they truly love? The seemingly endless power from the 6.75L engine and amazing ride quality that is ... ***“Rolls Royce”***.

My thanks to Terry & Alan James for sharing their time & story



Was this Holden's answer to the Ford Mustang??



Yes – the lady can disappear thanks to clever engineering



The Silver Spirit – elegant from every angle



The '53 FJ seems to have been "enhanced"!!

Sussex Inlet Show & Shine

Photos Courtesy of Jane McLennan...and Facebook!

On 24th March, The Sussex Inlet Show & Shine was held with a great attendance by the public. 13 members of the MUVCCC made the trip, but it would have been great to see more. Funds raised were to support the Marine Rescue – so important for all of us on the South Coast!



A VERY committed Off-Roader!



A great turn out on a perfect day...but we needed more from the MUVCCC!



Now this gent has a sense of style!



The day did some important fund-raising for our dedicated men & woman of Marine Rescue

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Club Event – Milton Show

On the 1st to 3rd March, the annual Milton Show was held and the MUVCCC was invited to participate. On Friday, we had a fairly good response, with members participating in the Parade. Many members were invited to allow “Showgirls” to join them on the parade lap. Strangely, the sole Subaru in the club failed to win the interest of any of the young ladies...ouch!

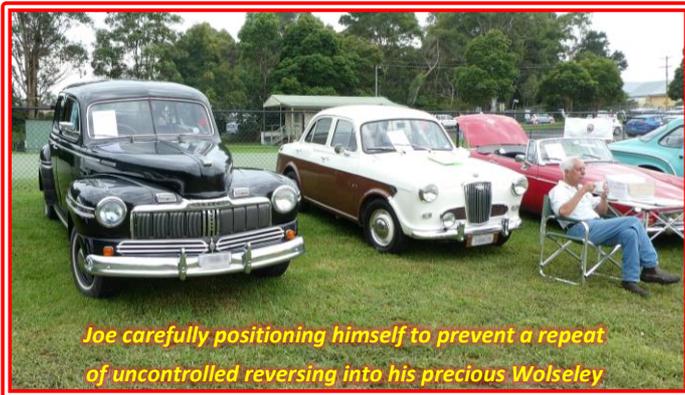
On Saturday, our turnout was a bit less than expected, but the parade brought smiles to both participants and the watching crowd. Sunday saw a fantastic response by club as we shared the Showground with the “Ute Muster”.



The Triumph TR6 looks like it just barely clears the ground



The McLaren Torana looking fantastic!



Joe carefully positioning himself to prevent a repeat of uncontrolled reversing into his precious Wolseley



The Club participation for Saturday



Is there something in the water we haven't been told about?



Geoff's Ford Mercury was very popular with the crowd



Horsepower of a different kind on display



Friday Participation – some of the “reversing uphill on grass” provided a challenge for some...



Kerry & Kevin enjoyed show!



Richard & his wife having a great day!

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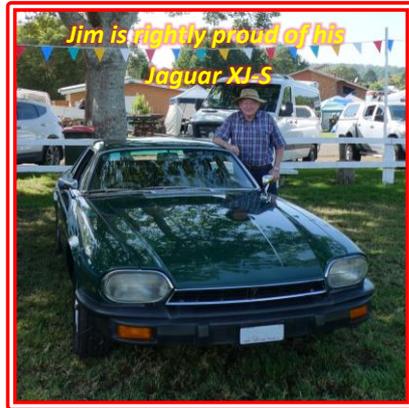
A great turn out by the MUVCCC for Sunday...and well done to Joe for getting us the shady spot!!



Neil & Andrew proudly present their Datsun 200B



Jim is rightly proud of his Jaguar XJ-S



John & Adrian brought out their 73 Torana SL together with 72 Holden HQ Ute



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The Utes have been mustered!! - Look carefully for Ned Kelly



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Looks like someone partied a bit too hard!!



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The Annual Blessing of the Fleet!!

Additional photos courtesy of Joe Bowdler

On the 31st March, the Club was invited to provide transport for the Princesses for the annual "Blessing of the Fleet" in Ulladulla. Club participation was magnificent, with a wide variety of vehicles gathering at the Dunn Lewis Centre at 8am, ready to take each Princess for a "Photo Op" at Warden Head Light House and then to be taken to Ulladulla Harbour for the parade. This is a big day in Ulladulla with the Princesses and the public enjoying every moment...and perhaps the ladies outshone our cars!! Thanks to all involved including Geoff Johns in making this a successful day.



The Princesses were excited at the waiting choice of cars



Jim Casey's Buick certainly got attention from the Princesses!



A great parade of club vehicles on a beautiful day

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Member Story: Gary Whitwell goes south & visits Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club

Story & Photos courtesy of Gary Whitwell Member #104

On Saturday 2nd March 2024 myself and a mate made a visit to the Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle club workshop and display centre in Greigs Flat, where we were greeted by Sapphire's member Gary.

After introducing ourselves as members of Milton Ulladulla Vintage & Classic Car Club, Gary was kind enough to show us around. Their Club property consists of 4 main buildings on the 5-acre site, with the first building being the workshop, meeting room, library and kitchen. The building to the west is the members' car display shed. Members can leave cars there for display and are periodically changed with other members' cars to vary the display. The building at the south holds more cars and trucks, whilst the western building is their spray painting and panel shop.

The Sapphire Coast Club does a lot to support the local school students, providing "hands-on" courses, teaching the skills of car repair and maintenance. We were shown some examples of the students' handy work in both spray painting and panel beating. Pleasingly, some of the students have gone on to be apprentices in the motor trade. The club also has an old Citroen 2CV which they use for teaching students how to drive - of course, under strict supervision.

The Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club would love to see more members of our club come down and visit - it is really worth taking the opportunity to do so!! The club has members at the Club Rooms most Saturday mornings. If you plan to attend or perhaps need some information, the Club's contact details are displayed below.

Gary Whitwell

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Members' vehicles on display – including a rare "Brock Magnum" Statesman (less than 120 built!)



A Morris converted to electric by students who attend the club



The students also created this replica of the first electric cart



A rather original Indian Motor Bike!



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Club Event – Tom Taylor’s Shed!!

Club Member, Tom Taylor invited the Club to attend his home for a BBQ on 25 Feb. Tom was a wonderful host and took the opportunity to share his fascinating collection of memorabilia, unusual and historic engines and of course, his collectable vehicles including the Willys-Overland 91 “Charlene” who just turned 100!! 37 members made the trip to Morton, but the dirt road meant most kept their precious vehicles at home.

Tom’s shed is a truly magical place for those with a passion for historic motors and related history. His ability to restore old engines is amazing and the motors and his skills provide a window to the past!

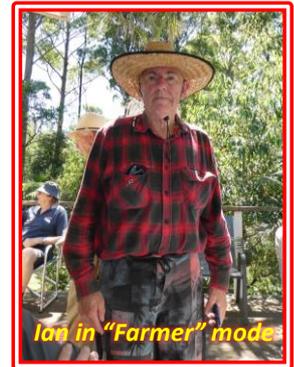
Tom – Thanks for a wonderful day. I know all who attended were fascinated by your collection and appreciated your hospitality. Also, a special thank you to all Club Members who contributed to making this day a success, with special mention to our BBQ & Salad teams.



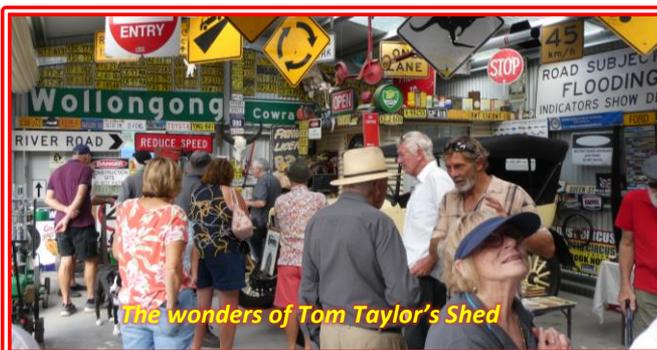
“Charlene – Queen of the Roads!”



Tom sharing his knowledge



Tom in “Farmer” mode



The wonders of Tom Taylor’s Shed



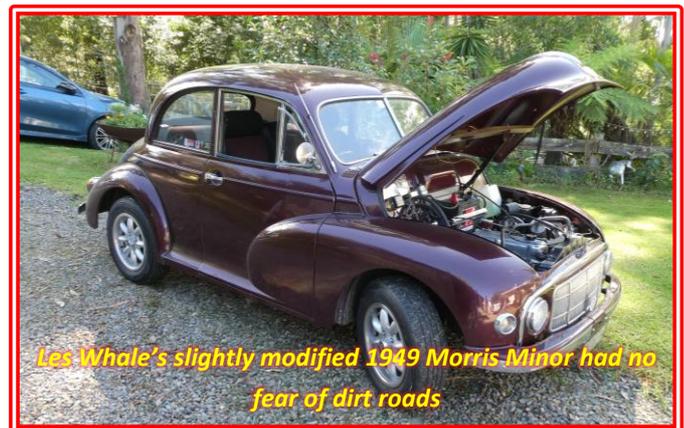
Catherin and Fay having a great day



Roger thanks Tom on our behalf



Fascination abounds in this collection



Lex Whale’s slightly modified 1949 Morris Minor had no fear of dirt roads

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Club Event - Lake Conjola Raft Races

On 17th February, Lake Conjola Raft Races were held in support of the RFS. The MUVCCC were invited to attend this important community event. Unfortunately, only 4 Club vehicles were available to attend (Plus a guest EH Holden) which was a little disappointing. Thanks to those who could make it. It is part of our values to support the community and the RFS are so important to us so if you can attend these events, it really helps the community.



Our rather limited representation at the Lake Conjola Raft Races including a "guest" EH Holden



Coffee Run - Deli Café Cunjurong Point

Photos Courtesy of Jane McLennan & Joe Bowdler

On 20th March, 15 members enjoyed a great morning travelling to the Deli Café. By all accounts, a great time was had by all!



Bev is also a volunteer in the RFS!! She has her team at the ready!



Some serious faces in this photo!!



Steve brought his Vauxhall Velox – a vehicle that has stood the test of time!!



Himm – yet another "back end" view of our president Colin!!!



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Club Event - Wheels Nuts (April)

Whilst the weather looked threatening, the sun kept shining and we had a great member catch-up for the monthly Wheel Nuts event. It was great to see our new members at the event, including Fay & Steve with their Ford Prefect, along with Neil and his EH Holden. We also had a guest, Peter with his standout "Commer"!!



New members Steve & Fay & their 1949 Ford Prefect



Roger's Monaro looks stunning as it glints in the sun



Guest Peter introduced us to his 1965 Commer Autosleeper



*Great motoring examples from 3 different continents.
The Holden is owned by new member Neil!!*



It was great to see so many members out to enjoy our monthly Wheel Nuts meeting



Ross with his 1962 Chrysler Valiant "Slant 6"



*Garry departs - Cue the Music
"Born to be ..ehh...Mild?"*

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Member News

On 13th March 2024, the Club held its bi-monthly General Meeting, with 21 members in attendance. Thank you to all who attended.

Registrar Update

Our Registrar, Joe Bowdler has reported that the MUVCCC has **247 vehicles and 204 members as at April 2024.**

As a friendly reminder, **members should also ensure the appropriate Certificate of Approved Operations is with the vehicle (or a copy) at all times.** We have been advised that many vehicles are being checked by police and they will immediately look for this document.

New Members

The MUVCCC is pleased to welcome 9 new members to the club:

Neil & Linda Mahony **Don Buscall**
Stephen & Fay Mitchell **Luke Marsden**
Robert & Lesley Wheatley **Gavin Rea**

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

Thoughts for members who are unwell

As time progresses, we all may need some support. If you know members who may be unwell, please reach out to our Welfare Officer, Viv Burns so the club can provide some support.

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Membership Renewal Time!!

Your Committee has given careful consideration to this year's membership renewal. We all recognise that inflation has resulted in increasing costs for so many things. However, the Committee wants to support members and families to encourage attendance at more events. Accordingly, the fee structure has been simplified as follows:

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We hope the simplified membership fee structure will encourage greater family participation at club events. This is what our club strives to achieve – having fun and bringing families to our events.

See the updated renewal form enclosed in this issue of Torque Talk & attached to our email distribution. The renewal form can also be downloaded from the club website at the following link:

[http://www.muvccc.org.au/files/RENEWAL%20FORM\(2024-2025\).pdf](http://www.muvccc.org.au/files/RENEWAL%20FORM(2024-2025).pdf)

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Note: Horizon Bank no longer accepts cheques. However, payment can be made in cash to our Treasurer.

We would like all renewals to be paid by 30/6/2024. Remember, if your vehicle is on historic/classic plates, it is a requirement that you are a financial member of an approved car club, so you need to complete your renewal & payment by 30/6/2024 to ensure your vehicle meets registration requirements.

Thank you for your support in 2023/24 and we look forward to another great year.

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Coffee Break Time!

Here is this month's "Find the Word" puzzle. Volkswagen has an amazing history and is the largest manufacturer by Revenue in 2023 and the 2nd largest by sales (Toyota is number 1). So, let's see what words contribute to "The Peoples Car"!

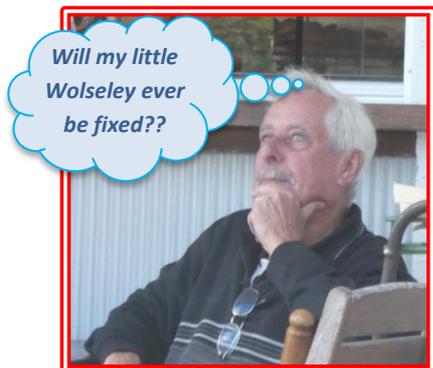
Find the words listed below to reveal the solution from the remaining letters after all other letters are crossed off. (See page 2 for the solution)

The People's Car!

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Solution Hint: A wolf in sheep's clothing...perhaps?

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Ian Glenn has quite the collection!!



Ian Glenn's amazing collection detailing history, mechanical solutions and so much other information, together with wonderful photos in his magazine collection from 1994-1997(T-Bird News) & recent magazines "La Cad"

Recently, I was very fortunate as Club Member Ian Glenn knows that I have a soft spot for some of the cars from the US, including the Ford Thunderbird.

Ian took the time to gather together his magazines from the 1990s (T-Bird News) along with recent editions of "La Cad". There is so much information and I doubt I will retain everything, but I love looking back at history and this collection is quite impressive.

My thanks to Ian for his kindness in sharing this collection!!

Don't forget, if you have a story or photos you would like to share (or any other feedback like) please write to me at: editor@muvccc.org.au

Thanks *DJ*

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Upcoming Events

Please consider our event organisers – If you wish to attend an event, please advise the Event Director of your participation as soon as possible, so as we can cater for all attendees - Thank You

Month	Event
May 2024	
Sunday 5 th May Time 10am – 2pm	Wheel Nuts & Mother’s Day lunch , Ulladulla Harbour BBQ lunch provided by MUVCCC - BYO plates, cutlery, drinks and chairs VEHICLE REGISTRATION - The Registrar will be available on this day
Wed 8 th May Time: 7.30pm	General Meeting - Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club
Friday 10 th May Time: 9am	Coffee Run – Leaving Milton 9am. Venue to be confirmed
Sunday 19 th May Time: TBA	National Motoring Heritage Day Berry - Arrangements TBA
June	
Sunday 2 nd June 10am – 12pm	Wheel Nuts , Ulladulla Harbour
Wednesday 12 th June Time: 10am (Meet)	Coffee Run – Breakers Café Mollymook
Sunday 23 rd June 10.30am	BBQ Lunch - Sussex Inlet Lions Park - Cars on Display –Lunch provided by MUVCCC – BYO chairs, plates, cutlery drinks. MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE - The Treasurer will be available on this day
July	
Sunday 7 th July 10am – 12pm	Wheel Nuts , Ulladulla Harbour
Wednesday 10 th July Leaving 9.30am	Coffee Run – Luci’s Bawley Point – Leaving Ulladulla 9.30am
Sunday July 28 th	Christmas in July and 2024 AGM - Holiday Haven Lake Tabourie Lunch provided by MUVCCC – BYO Drinks Cost \$10.00 money raised to go to the Cancer Council VEHICLE REGISTRATION – The Registrar will be available on this day

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