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Two large cars in Kootingal - Grout's 1959 Chev & Grierson's 1937 Buick



Few of Tamworth Vintage Club cars in Cunningham Park, Bingara
- photos by Gary Grout

Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc.

“Dedicated to the Restoration, Preservation & Use of Antique Motor Vehicles”

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Committee Meetings:	Third Thursday of each month (except January)	7.30 pm at venue to be advised Members welcome to attend
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Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS):

- They **MUST** be as **CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION** as possible, with **NO ALTERATIONS** except for safety features, such as turn indicators & seat belts, and **must be over 30 years old**.
- TDAMC Members are permitted to attend events listed in the ‘**Rusty Relic**’ Events page, but **you will need to carry a copy of the latest magazine or events page with you**.

Logbook 60-day scheme: Members that are on the 60-day Logbook Scheme must fill in the booklet for each day’s use **if it is not listed in Club Events**.

Logbook must be filled out for maintenance (test runs), rego checks & personal use and carried with you. (If not on logbook scheme you must contact the Secretary for maintenance runs and personal use).

See back page for more information

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) (previously RMS) website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/how-to/historic-vehicles>



TDAMC CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

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Sept	4	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	5	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	8	Show & Shine at Bunnings between 9am & 11am - Coffee available to buy - Option for drive/ride after 11.00am - lunch venue to be decided on the day
	11	Mid week lunch meet 12.00noon at Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant, Peel St.
	14-15	Northwest Annual SWAP MEET – Gunnedah Showground – Car & Bike Display on Sunday
	14	Tamworth Show & Shine - 9:00am to 4:00pm at Carter Street Courts - open to all vehicle makes Entry Fees: \$10 per Vehicle. Gold Coin Donation from Spectators. <i>Supporting Headspace Tamworth</i>
	15	Club Run - meet 10.30 for BYO M/T at Attunga Park - BYO BBQ lunch to have at Gary & Karen Turner's place, 'Bimbadgen' 1285 Top Somerton Road, Attunga (at end of tar road 13.4k from park)
	18	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES meet 10.00am at Bakery 306 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for car members – lunch venue to be decided on the day
21	Car, Truck & Bike Show 1pm-4pm – Calrossy School car park, 242 Moore Creek Rd Prizes awarded on the day. Supporting the Moore Creek Rural Fire Brigade – Food, cold drinks, coffee & entertainment. Cost \$10 to register your vehicle with entry being a gold coin donation	
Oct	2	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	3	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	13	Show & Shine at Bunnings between 9&11am - Coffee available to buy - Option for drive/ride after 11.00am
	?	Mid Week evening meal - meet 6.00pm at place to be decided
	16	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES meet 10.00am at Bakery 306 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for car members – lunch venue to be decided on the day
	19	Back to the Bush Auto Festival, Barraba RSL Club - Show & Shine
	25-28	Great Eastland Rally based at Coffs Harbour Showground - hosted by Coffs Harbour Veteran Vintage and Classic Car Club & commemorating their Club's 50 th Anniversary - <i>entry form available - closes 27 Sept</i>
Nov	6&20	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	7	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room
Dec	5	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room

NOTE: When on a Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc event the Club is not liable if you cause a road accident or breach road rules, it is the responsibility of the driver or rider.

OTHER EVENTS 2024 (Use LOGBOOK for these events if using Historic Registered Vehicle/Bike)

Sept	5	Every Thursday - LOGBOOK Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	10&24	Tuesday - LOGBOOK Dirt Bike Rides – meet 10.00am at BP Viaduct Service Station
	15	Port Macquarie SWAP MEET from 7am – Port Macquarie Racecourse
	27-29	National Thunder Motorcycle Rally will be held as part of the Tamworth BBQ Festival at Riverside Sporting Fields. Rally activities will include a show & shine, displays and motorbike games & rides. https://www.tamworthbbqfestival.com.au
	28-30	Parkes Antique Motor Club 46 th Motorcycle Rally – ph 0458 541 133
Oct	3	Every Thursday - LOGBOOK Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	5-6	Yesterday Truck & Machinery Show – Wauchope Showground – ph 0408627550
	13	Maitland SWAP MEET
	23-27	Moke Round Up based at Austin Tourist Park, Tamworth
Nov	1-3	Natureland Classic Bike Rally based at Hat Head - <i>entry form available – entries close 29th September</i>
	2-3	Singleton Classic Motorcycle Club Presidents' O/N Ride to Nundle - ph Kerry Solman 0439 712 008
	10	New England Heritage Festival, Armidale Showground - classic cars, trucks, bikes etc ph 0428751275
	10	Gulgong Swap Meet & Market Day, Gulgong Showground – ph 0491615480
	15-16	Oxley Riders Walcha Motorcycle Rally - Walcha Showground ph 0427007969

TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Held at Salvation Army Meeting Room, Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth – 1st August 2024

Meeting opened 7.30pm by Mike Pett

Present: 24 members

Apologies: Warwick & Allison Hord, Reg Roberts, Bill Hobbins, Rod Asbury. Neil Thornton, Fiona Hemmings, Pat Lawlor, Sue Hoffman, Karen Turner, Brian & Pat Jamieson, Bruce Turner, Wayne Foster, Lindsay Wallace, Peter Baxter, Peter Walton

New Member: Jack Roberts 1986 Harley Davidson which was his Dad's.

Correspondence Out:

- Emailed Annual Summary of Financial Affairs form to Dept. of Fair Trading & payment of \$56 fee.

Correspondence In:

- Email from CHMC with Notice of AGM Meeting and Delegates Meeting to be held in Goulburn on Saturday 26 Oct.
- Reminder information for the Great Eastland Rally based at Coffs Harbour Showground on 25-27 Oct.
- Statement from Regional Australia Bank.
- Magazines from various clubs

Correspondence moved by:

Moved by Allen Carlson seconded by Steve Searl

Minutes of meeting held on 4th July

Moved by Jim Kline seconded by Wayne Magann

Treasurer's Report (from 1st - 31st July)

Moved by Allen Carlson seconded by Dave Smith²

General Business:

- **Bike Rally Report**
 - Mike gave a huge thanks to everyone in the club for their work assisting in the rally. The feedback from participants was good and said they are booking again next year.
 - Allen Carlson stated that it was a great effort by club members.
 - Barry Thomas reported that the rally went well.
 - Greg McLean said all participants had a good time.
 - Dave Smith² reported that the barbecue cooking went well.
 - Val thanked Barry Thomas for the rally report for the magazine and also to those that sent in photos.
 - Allen has spoken to the Paradise Park staff regarding booking for next year. He also said that there was a suggestion for a show and shine during the rally.
 - Mike said that at the next meeting we should nominate locally based charities for donations from the profit made from the bike rally.
- Gary Turner has offered his place for a BBQ lunch for next month's club run 15th Sept. It is the last house at the end of the tar on the Top Somerton Road, Attunga.

Events Report:

Aug	7	Ride for older bikes, including cars,
	11	Club run - meet at Bunnings between 9-11am for show and shine Coffee available to buy then drive/ride after 11am. Lunch place to be decided on the day
	14	Mid week lunch 12noon at Central Chinese Restaurant Ring 0427656149 for booking
	18	Bingara 5-Way Meet – start from Attunga Park at 8am - BYO M/T - meet at Bingara Cunningham Park with Inverell, Moree, Narrabri, Gunnedah & Tamworth Clubs. BYO lunch or buy at shop on the way to the Bingara CWA Park.
	21	Ride for older bikes, including cars, meet 10am at Goonoo Goonoo Rd Bakery
	25	Club Run – 10.30am morning tea at Moonbi Big Chook Park – lunch at Kootingal Café Ring 0427656149 if requiring lunch
Sept	15	Club run to Attunga – M/T at Attunga Park - BYO barbecue to have at Gary & Karen Turner's place, Top Somerton Road, Attunga (last house at end of tar)

Logbook Events

Aug Every Thurs Logbook tar rides - meet 10am at Viaduct Park Servo

13&27 Tues Logbook dirt bike rides - meet 10am at Viaduct Park Servo

Other Events as per events page

Social Committee: Raffle won by Wayne Magan

Sargent at Arms: nil fines

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm

Next Meeting Date: General Meeting to be held 5th September 2024

MEMBERSHIPS DUE 1st JULY 2023: \$25 single, \$50 couple

MEMBERSHIPS can be paid at a meeting.

OR BY MAIL to PO Box 5045, South Tamworth 2340

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT to Regional Australia Bank BSB 932000 Account N^o100072873 and you need to **include your name in the details** section.

OR IN PERSON at the Regional Australia Bank, Cnr Peel & Brisbane Sts, and you need to **include your name on the deposit.**

("Historic Vehicle Declaration 1259 Form" for Rego will not be stamped and signed if your membership is not current)



SEPTEMBER: 18th Beth Larkham, 19th Pat Jamieson, 25th Steve Grierson, 30th Guy Schaefer

HISTORIC VEHICLE/BIKE REGISTRATIONS

If your HVS vehicle is **due for registration within the next 2 months**, collect a signed and stamped RMS "Historic Vehicle Declaration 1259 Form" from Val at a meeting or on a club run, or arrange with Val to have it mailed to you. *(It must be original so cannot be emailed).* Gregg McLean can also stamp and sign off on the 1259 Form (but not rego checks).

Phone Peter Walton on 0414669434 for Rego checks on motorcycles and you will be able to get the form stamped and signed then, **as long as your membership is current.**

Wayne Walton is also doing rego checks for bikes ph 0421110634.

(Membership payments due 1st July)

MID WEEK LUNCH – Wednesday 14th August

Attendees were: Gary & Val Grout; Jim Kline & Auriel Smart; Warwick & Allison Hord; Dave & Wendy Smith.

Lunch was at Central Chinese Restaurant, Bridge St. They serve quite large meals with a fair bit of rice making it a reasonably cheap meal. Good place to have a chat as they usually don't have a lot of other diners in the restaurant, most of their meals are take-away.

Jim said he could name many of the business places that were in Bridge Street in the late 50's and 60's as he used to work in Bridge St.

Talked about the 2009 Easter Rally at Dubbo when we went on a 7k dirt track into the property 'Oxley Downs'. The homestead and out-buildings were reconstructed as it was for the 1860's era for an ABC TV program about what life would be like then on a sheep station. Unfortunately it started to rain and the track was extremely muddy even worse on the way out. Good for Dubbo area as it was in the midst of a drought but not for our cars. Lunch was to be at the property, but the log buildings were leaking so Larkham's, Grout's, Jim & Auriel decided to go back to the motel and have lunch and wash the mud off the cars.
- Val Grout

Archive photos from CHMC Dubbo Rally – April 2009



Homestead at Oxley Downs



Muddy drive into property



Geoff washing 48-215 Holden



Jim washing Morrie

BUNNINGS SHOW & SHINE - Sunday 11th August

TDAMC attendees were: Gary & Val Grout – 1959 Chev Belair; David Smith¹ - 1993 Capri; Mark & Michael Jeanes - 1962 Studebaker; Jamie Toole - 1981 Gemini; Gary Fitzsimmons - 1971 Torana; Dave Smith² - 1986 BMW coupe; Pat Lawlor - 1952 MG; Jae Price - 1979 Harley Davidson motorcycle; Steve & Judy Grierson.

Quite a lot of vehicles there from the Road Runners Hot Rod Club and few motorcycles that weren't from our club plus a few other cars including a few Mini's, three Torana's, and a nicely restored Valiant Ute, also Brian & Phillip Orman in Corolla from TVCC.

Plenty of talking over coffee in the café with David¹, Steve & Judy, Gary & Val and Pat Lawlor. Pat can now see clearly after having cataract operation. Pat said he has a 1949 Malvern Star motorised bike he bought from Giltraps Auto Museum which was at the Gold Coast, closed January 1989.

Afterwards Grouts joined Steve & Judy for more chatting over lunch at South Maccas. – *Val Grout*



Grout's 1959 Chev & Jamie Toole's 1981 Gemini



Gary Fitzsimmons 1971 Torana(middle) & 2 other Toranas



Dave Smith² 1986 BMW Coupe



Mark Jeanes 1962 Studebaker



Jae Price on 1979 Harley & Jason Garrett's hot rod



David Smith¹ 1993 Ford Capri

Photos by Gary & Val Grout

LOGBOOK RIDES – August 2024

Thursday 8th August – Tar Ride

Good roll up again today for coffee and chat. Decided on a quick round the block ride before lunch. Headed towards Loomberah with Steve Searle lead rider. All going well until Steve slowed and started turning towards Loomberah Gun Club. Moto Guzzi rider Bill Gore clipped the back of Steve's bike doing a bit of damage to muffler and brackets etc. Nobody fell off so really lucky nobody hurt too much.

Found out later Bill had to get stitches in his right knee. Not a lot of sympathy for Bill, great bloke but rides too close. After checking the bikes for damage continued onto Duri and then home. Burgmanns Lane very rough now near Cattleman's Restaurant. Great day out, enjoyed the ride but not the drama so much.

Tuesday 13th August – Dirt Ride

Ten starters today on a perfect day weather wise for riding. Rode out past airport then many lanes and tracks coming into Somerton on the top side. Crossed highway then headed towards Manilla. Managed to find some roadworks again which provided a moment or two for one rider. No falls so that's always good. Came into Manilla on the Keepit Dam side past the old railway viaduct. Lunch at bakery, excellent as always, pies seem to be the most popular. Home via Yarramanbully Road, and whether you ride fast or slow it's always a good track. Country looking green after recent rains and cattle (mainly Angus) fat as mud. 168kml today so not a big ride but very enjoyable with a good bunch of blokes. Canola looking great top side of Somerton towards Breeza.



Photo by Steve Searl

Thursday 15th August – Tar Ride

So lucky to get a ride in on Tuesday. Monday was rain, Wednesday more rain and today yep more rain. Ride cancelled but good roll up for coffee and a yarn.

Tuesday 27th August – Dirt Ride

Fifteen for coffee today so two lots of tables required. Thirteen on bikes, pleasing to see dirt rides so popular. Mulla Creek this time following river to Echo Hills. Regrouped then headed towards Woolomin. One rider with a flat tyre (front) so parked the bike at nearest farmhouse to be picked up later. Ray doubled Frank up over Woolomin Gap to Woolomin Store. No phone service up in the hills so arranged for bike to be picked up once we got to the shop.

Nice lunch usual stuff, did notice Woolomin Whopper off the menu. Probably car mob the only ones that could eat it. After lunch onto West Bank Road then Dungowan. Tongues Lane for a few klms then onto Cameron's Lane. A couple of creek crossings but nothing much to worry about. Camerons Lane onto Marsden Park Road, then regrouped at Agricultural Station. Only 108 klms today so a very short ride indeed. Next ride will probably be a boil the billy ride so expect about 200kml plus. Great ride, pretty easy going today.



Riders at Echo Hills *photo by Barry Thomas*

Dirt Ride to Mulla Creek, Echo Hills & Woolomin



Dirt bikes at Echo Hills - Photos by Barry Thomas & Steve Searl

Thursday 29th August – Tar Ride

Coffee and a yarn then around the block before heading home for lunch. Wallamore Road to Appleby Lane then Davidsons Lane, Bournes Lane and back to town. Nice little ride with good company. Weather perfect today just doesn't get any better. Rode the old '83 Suzuki today great old bike, motor sweet and strong.

I must thank the editor for doing such a wonderful job on 'Rusty Relic' August edition. I'm sure all those great photos just don't magically appear in the right place to compliment the report without a lot of thought and effort. Thank you also to all the people who contributed by sending in all those photos. Best bike rally edition to date.
- Barry Thomas

From the Editor – Thanks Barry for your excellent reports, you are right that it does take a bit of planning to match the photos with the report..

Logbook Dirt Rides 10th & 24th August - meet 10am Viaduct Park Servo

Logbook Tar Rides every Thursday - meet 10am Viaduct Park Servo

Rides for older bikes 1st and 3rd Wednesday - meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd

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**CLARENCE VALLEY HISTORIC & ENTHUSIASTS MOTORCYCLE RALLY - 23 - 24 August**

Back in April Al Carlson asked me if I would like to go Inverell to their Classic Motorcycle Rally. Over the last 45 years I had been to a hundred hard riding hard drinking rallies but never a gentleman's rally. Inverell was neat with over 200 classic motorcycles and very well organised, so when he asked me to go to Grafton, I was in.



Mark and Allen at the top of the Gibraltar Range

Friday Morning 23 August the sun was shining and the riding gods were smiling. Al was on his 1986 GSXR1100 Suzuki, his mate Carrot was on a modern Yamaha and I rode Bruno, my faithful 1989 Guzzi. We rode to Glen Innes for lunch and down the Gibraltar Range to South Grafton where we stayed at a tourist park in workers dongers, clean and comfortable.

Saturday morning we gathered at Grafton Showground for breakfast and rego. Over 100 classic motorcycles were assembled for the day ride. We left the showground at 9:30 and did about 70km through bushland and out onto macadamia farmland along the Clarence River. We had smoko at Bluff Point at a lovely park. The ladies had tables of homemade cakes and slices and cold drinks.

We left there and rode to the Coaldale Vally in open grazing country with plenty of fat cattle about. Lunch was sandwich platters and tea and coffee. Return to Grafton was at your leisure. We gathered back at our digs for a few beers before getting the courtesy bus to the South Grafton Services Club for tea and awards. We had a lovely baked dinner and cheesecake for tea, and a few drinks and got the bus back to camp.



Next morning we rode home the same way as the Nymboida road was wrecked. A great weekend was had by all.  
- Mark Jeanes

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Sending our get well wishes from TDAMC members to Terry Ryan from Coutts Crossing, in the Clarence Valley Historic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club, Grafton. Terry was seriously injured when his bike fell on him whilst unloading it on returning home from the TDAMC bike rally in July.

- Allen Carlson

CLUB RUN TO MOONBI & KOOTINGAL – 25th August

Attendees were: Steve & Judy Grierson - 1937 Buick; Jim Kline & Auriel Smart - 1958 Morris Minor; Gary & Val Grout - 1959 Chev; Dave & Wendy Smith - 1986 BMW Coupe; David Smith - 1993; Greg Reive - 1985 4WD Toyota; Wayne Foster. Bev Smith met us at Kootingal Pub.

Started with morning tea at Big Chook Park, Moonbi. A shower of rain came across as we were on our way, but it looked clear at Moonbi. Plenty of time for chatting over a cuppa. Greg went to the big monthly auction at Nemingha before joining us a Moonbi.

Left for lunch at Kootingal Hotel travelling via Tanglewood Rd, Limbri Rd into Gate St Kootingal. We were going to the Café but they were closed for painting and gardening. New owners, but we haven't been there since they took over and doing updates to garden and adding undercover verandah.



A variety of meals on the menu but no Sunday roast, special was a seafood meal which David had. Grierson's, Bev and Val weren't very hungry so opted for children's meal of whiting & chips or salad. Mike Pett with three bike riders arrived for lunch after riding to Wave Rock, Moonbi. Mike said they missed the rain. Nice scenic drive home via back Kooty Rd with green river flats, blossoms on trees, wattle in flower, spring has sprung.

– Val Grout

At Moonbi Big Chook Park



David Smith¹ 1993 Ford Capri



Dave & Wendy's 1986 BMW Coupe



Jim & Auriel's 1958 Morris Minor



Grout's 1959 Chev & Griersons 1937 Buick
Puddles of water in the street after the rain

Phots by Gary Grout

BINGARA 5-WAY MEET – 18th August

Gary and I in 1964 EH Holden met up with Tamworth Vintage Car Club members for morning tea in a Barraba Park on the way to Bingara. It was decided to reinstate the 5-Way meet this year after being discontinued during Covid. Gary and I haven't been for many years. In the 80's we went in our 1929 Essex and ended up getting voted best car one year. The voting was rigged as the winner then had to organise the next year's Bingara Meet. So the next year we went to a fish hatchery before having lunch in the park by the river. In the early 2000's we went in our FC Holden and had tasty fresh pies made by a retired baker for lunch in his backyard.

This year there were 27 historic cars and one modern attending in the Bingara Cunningham Park. The clubs participating were Gunnedah Vintage Vehicle Club (3 cars), Tamworth Vintage Car Club (8 +1modern), TDAMC (1), Namoi Valley Antique Vehicle Club, Narrabri (6) and Inverell Antique Motor Club (9). Warwick Gardner's 1907 Clement Talbot from Inverell created a lot of interest, the largest number of cars were later than 1960's, only five pre 1960. Tamworth was about the furthest distance to travel, around 156k (depending on what part of town).

Bingara provided two portable toilets in the park, previously the event used to be at the park near the river between the bridges but is now a large skateboard park. It was decided to hold the event next year and hopefully a service club will raise funds by bringing a barbecue trailer for lunch as most of Bingara is closed on Sunday. Fortunately the RSL Club was open, so we joined TVCC members and a few others for a Chinese/Australian meal, some had lunch in the park.

The weather was sunny and nice and warm, and the Bingara venue was fairly central for the clubs attending. The countryside looking green after recent rain and pretty with quite a few yellow canola crops. It was a casual outing and good to meet up with some that we knew from other clubs.

– Val Grout

Photos by Gary & Val Grout from top: Ray Johnson NVAVC - 1958 Chev; Allan Pym NVAVC - 1978 Statesman; Ron Thorpe IAMC - 1952 Bristol; Warwick Gardner IAMC - 1907 Clement Talbot; Grout's EH Holden, Cliff Bird TVCC - 1986 Mercedes, Ian Duprey TVCC - 1992 Ford Capri; Grout's EH Holden with canola crop.



JUST FOR FUN

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the South West of Western Australia.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods of the South West, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologised to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....it's a man thing.

I just received an audit on my tax return for 2023 back from the Australian Tax Office and it puzzles me!!!

They are questioning how many dependents I claimed.

I guess it was because of my response to the question: "List all your dependents?"

I replied: 1million muslim immigrants we provide everything for; 50,000 crack heads in rehab; 1 million unemployed people on the dole and not looking for work, 25,000 people in prison, 26,000 boat people who just arrived for a holiday, 535 persons in the Parliament and Senate!!!!

They told me that this was NOT the correct answer.

So I kept asking myself, who the hell did I miss?

Paddy says to Mick - I'm ready for a holiday, only this year I'm going to do it a bit different.

3 years ago I went to Spain and Mary got pregnant.

2 years ago I went to Italy and Mary got pregnant.

Last year I went to Majorca and Mary got pregnant."

Mick asks - So what are you going to do this year?."

Paddy replies, - I'll take her with me!"

~ ~ NOTICES ~ ~

- Rego checks for HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme) cars to be done with Stuart, Brent or Dion Larkham at Engines 4U, 117 Marius St, Tamworth - Phone 67613636 for booking.
- Cars new to the club are to be inspected for HVS eligibility by David Smith¹ ph 0411351418.
- Rego checks for HVS motorcycles to be done by Peter Walton ph 0414669434, or Wayne Walton ph 0421110634, or at Engines 4U ph 67613636 for booking.

Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme):

- They **MUST** be as **CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION** as possible, with **NO ALTERATIONS** except for safety features and must be **OVER 30 YEARS OLD**.

USE OF LOGBOOK: *(a new Logbook will only be issued by RMS when your registration is due)*

- Logbooks allow up to 60 days use per registration year. They are to be used for maintenance, Rego checks and personal use when out on a public road if it is not listed in TDAMC events.
- The driver's **FULL NAME** and the date must be entered in the Logbook at the start of each day's use. Only one entry per day is required, regardless of how many different drivers or trips taken that day.
- Entries in the Logbook must be in blue or black ink and must be carried in the vehicle when in use.
- Logbooks must be made available on request by a NSW Police Officer or an Authorised Officer and may be subject to audit.
- If the allocated 60 days Logbook use is exhausted, the vehicle can **ONLY** be used for club related events.

IF NOT ON THE LOGBOOK SCHEME maintenance runs need to go in the Day Book held by the secretary, also if attending rallies that are not listed in the magazine a Permit to Move Form is to be filled out.

FOR CLUB EVENTS: you need to carry a copy of the club's magazine or events page.

NOTE: TDAMC members with HVS registered vehicles/bikes **must attend at least 3 events per year.**

When out on the road on a TDAMC event make sure you abide by the road rules – **the driver/rider is responsible if in breach of RMS road rules or in an accident that the driver/rider is at fault.**