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Editor's Notes

This month's issue has had some great contributions for the magazine. The cover features Helen's beautiful Beetle which was prominently parked out the front of her house for the 'Mike's Train Room' event.

Her hospitality was amazing with a beautiful selection of food and the train setup was something truly to behold. Such a dedicated passion by Mike and his train enthusiast friends. Tony, alias 'The Roving Reporter' has written a wonderful piece for the occasion.

Then we have the 'Long Morning Tea' story from Chris Parker which has an account from 1974, where Chris' parents and relatives toured Europe in a Kombi van. While on an Autostrada in Italy, they took a break for tea, resulting in a higher toll fee based on time spent on the road.

Chris Fletcher found an advertisement for a 1956 Karmann Ghia Coupe, which was originally delivered to New York and was restored in the UK over 14 years.

Mike's Musings are entertaining as usual which included a story about the New Beetle RSI, powered by a 3.2l V6 VR6 engine with a Remus exhaust system. But there is more!

Another story is from Ian Tooley who is not a club member but is in the Facebook group. It is the story of their 5-day trip through the flooding South Australian Outback in a 1957 VW Beetle named Olga, with a 1960 Car Top Sleeper.

Tony wrote about the ball joint replacement, the Worldwide Day of the Beetle event and Carol and Ian Pascoe provided an interesting piece of memorabilia from 100 years ago.

A very important piece was also written by Mike concerning the up-coming **AGM** (page 21). Please read this as it is very important that we have a quorum and that we have members prepared to take on the roles that need to be filled.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed. Fabulous!

Frank Marten

All articles are welcome and preferred as text (Word document etc.) and photographs (preferably separate with descriptions where applicable).

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Cover Photo: Helen's Beetle



Musings from the Prez

Here we are at the end of another term and heading into an AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work and diligence over the past 12 months. This club can't run without a committee, and their support has made the job look easy!!

As a reminder at the AGM, we do need to get a quorum, so we need as many full-voting members to attend as possible. We will be having an auction of a couple of items that have been donated by members.

All positions will be declared vacant, so please consider joining the committee as the more varied views we get, the better we can ensure that the club stays relevant for all members.

Thanks for your support of me this year, and now that my move is complete, I hope to see you at more events. Keep those pistons banking sideways.

Prez





Events Calendar

Check the Events page on the VECSA website for updates and further information.

<https://www.volksenthusiasts.org.au>

Contact events@vecsa.com.au for any enquiries or suggestions for new events

VECSA General Meetings at the Austrian Club, 11-17 Torrens Rd Ovingham, SA
The meetings currently start at 7:30 PM but this is subject to change

Date	VECSA	Event
06/08/2025	VECSA Event	VECSA AGM General Meeting
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14/09/2025	VECSA Event	Three Valleys Gin Cruise to Riverton
18/09/2025	VECSA Event	VECSA Committee Meeting
20/09/2025		Victor Harbor Rock 'n' Roll Festival
27/09/2025		Coffee 'n Chrome

As mentioned above, check the web site for updated information as new events and further information is made available.

Organising Events

Contact Bec - Events Coordinator with your ideas

The following may assist in coming up with a suggestion/plan for an event:

- Think of a location that may be of interest. This could be just to have lunch, BBQ or some other activity such as mini-golf, bowling etc.
- For a cruise, determine a starting point for the trip
- Plot a course on how to get there such as a scenic drive.
- Determine a date and time. We usually arrange to meet 30 minutes before the departure time. This may be a mid week cruise or perhaps on a weekend, one such as the Barn 1890 cruise. Usually weekend ones may attract more members but the mid-week ones are usually quite well attended as well.
- If necessary, such as when having lunch at a venue or an activity you may want to know numbers by a certain date in order to pre-book.
- Let the committee know and we can advertise it in the magazine, on the Events page and the Calendar on the web. We can also send a notification via email to all the members to ensure as many members as possible are made aware of the event.



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Mike's Train Room

By Your Roving Reporter

Helen Arnold has a passion for her immaculately restored 1968 beetle with its white wall flappers and this was on display on the front lawn of her place on this special day. Mike, her husband, had his own very special passion for HO scale model trains and this was the reason for our visit, to celebrate the opening of his train room on Saturday the 21st June 2025.

When the Arnolds moved to Glandore, Mike had a 17 metre wide shed constructed across the rear of their block to accommodate his hobby. He had a vision to reproduce, in miniature, the Sydney Central Railway Station and to build an elaborate computer-controlled rail network that could be run from a mobile phone or tablet. Quite a task. Unfortunately, just months into the project Mike was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer but not to be deterred he rallied other model enthusiasts to the cause to help bring his dream to fruition. That was four years ago.

At the official opening a video was shown on the progress of the build by the people involved. Mike was also featured on the video just prior to his passing and he was very thankful for the drive that the project gave him and the benefit he got from the mate-ships that were formed over the period of his illness. After a short address Helen cut the yellow ribbon to the entrance of the shed, and we were all able to view what had been achieved. The number of man hours spent on constructing the track, the buildings, the bridges, the rocks and townships in such intricate detail would have been enormous. Did anyone count the number of VW models on the layout? A spectacular display that is still ongoing.

Another unforgettable Club experience. Thank you, Helen.

Afternoon Tea was delicious!!



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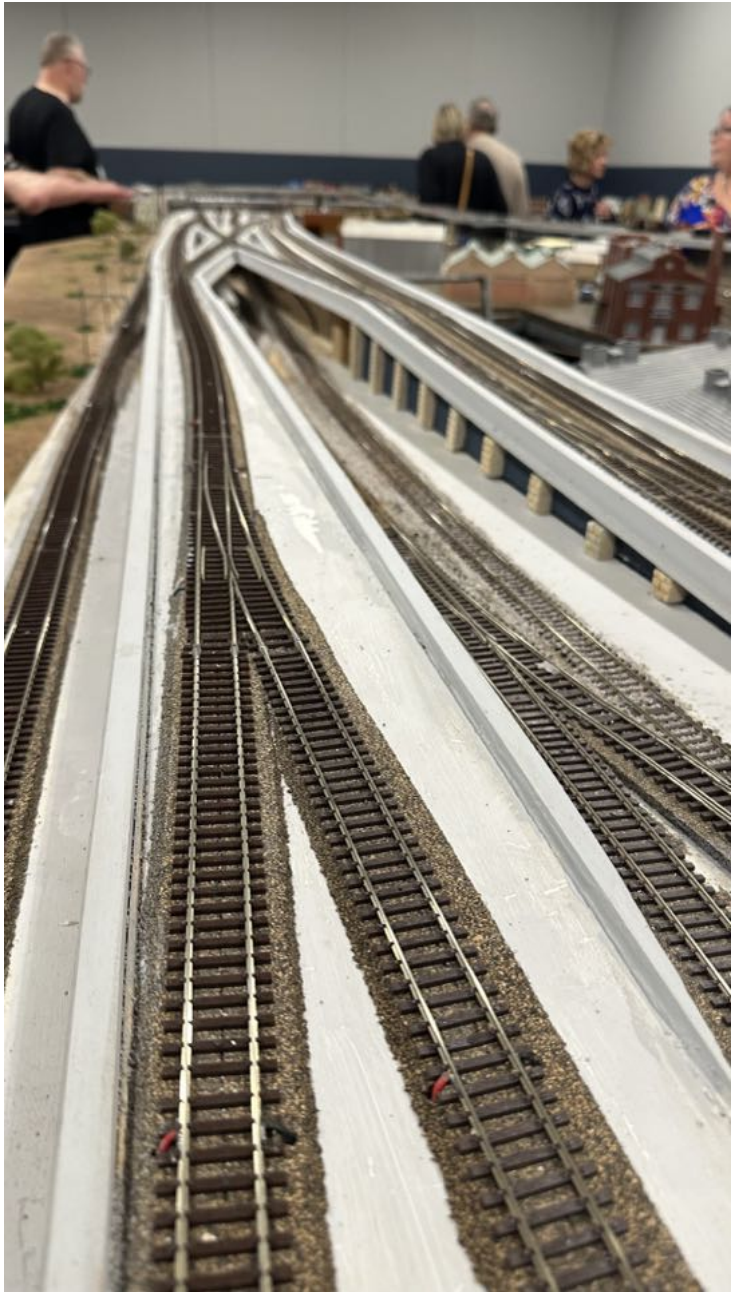
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The Long Morning Tea

By Chris Parker

We were sorting some old photo slides of my parents trip to Europe in 1974.

In those days the way to go was to go to Australia house, London, buy a car and tour Europe, then sell it to someone else to do the same thing.

My parents, along with my Uncle and Aunty, bought a Kombi, complete with annex and Primus for 480 pounds, and away they went.

They had lots of adventures and at this time lots of Autostradas were opening up around Europe.

One trip dad got on to one of these roads in Italy. The kombi was not fast by any means and it seemed the Italian drivers were living up to their reputation of being crazy drivers as Fiats and Alfas whizzed by.

It was decided to get out of the rat race and they pulled off in an emergency stop for a quick cuppa and a break.

30 minutes later they continued the trip and eventually came to a toll gate.

The fee was 400 lire (about 4 pounds) a not insignificant amount in 1974.

A chorus of how come was met with....Well you left at 11am, it is now 1.30 pm.

The toll was based on time on the Autostrada...

The only time they wished they had a Porsche and no liking for tea!



Enid Parker next to Combivan in Austria 1974

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*“The Van” with the gang in Twyford, England
1974*



1956 Karmann Ghia Lowlight

Provided by Chris Fletcher

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This stunning black 1956 Karmann Ghia Coupe was produced on May 16, 1956, and was originally delivered to New York, USA via Charles Weis of Queens Village, NY. It made its way to Ohio, where it was driven regularly before being parked up in a garage for many years. It remained in very original condition before being offered for sale and purchased from thesamba.com 25 years ago and shipped to the UK. The project was started but sadly not completed and subsequently sold to its current custodian in 2012. It has been a labor of love and over the past 14 years has been painstakingly restored with the help and support of several renowned Vintage Volkswagen specialists. The results of their efforts on this early Ghia are clear to see.

The body is in excellent condition, freshly restored in the factory colour of L41 Black, and it looks great. I have several video clips that you can also catch over on our Instagram page, @holygrailgarage , that I can share with seriously interested parties as well. As with most early Ghias the body and pan had suffered and required some metal work, which was carried out to the highest standards by Steve Gilbert and his team at One On One Restorations.

The interior was faithfully restored as well, retaining many original features only found on an early Lowlight Ghia, details such as the early air vent control knobs and rubber bulkhead mat which was sourced from Lowlight Werks. The early steering wheel was refurbished in the correct one year only shade of beige, and finished off with an original Petri Sun Dial horn button. The original early sun visors and rear view mirror assembly have been left untouched as a nod to the cars heritage, it also has the early dome interior light, correct thin backrest seats, and original style door panels in the correct cord and grey vinyl with white piping, and as a finishing touch it retains its original vintage Volkswagen in-dash radio, and a repro Bamboo shelf... the list goes on! Very accurate, and as fresh as they come.

Mechanically this Ghia features a freshly rebuilt 36hp engine by Michael Bruce Engineering with a newly rebuilt Judson Supercharger by George Folchi. The displacement has been increased to 1400cc's and includes an Original Okrasa crankshaft, Judson coil, a Bosch 010 distributor, and a new starter, finished with a Vintage Speed Exhaust. It has done little mileage, pulls remarkably well, keeping up with modern traffic with ease.

Where possible the original parts have been refurbished and used. In addition to the original engine case, there are various parts that weren't good enough to use, but have been kept for completeness and included with the car.

\$62,500 US Dollars

Please note this gorgeous 1956 Ghia is located in Hertford, North of London, in the UK.

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Mike's Musings

By Mike Dillon



In my previous column, I suggested that the New Beetle should be considered as a modern classic and could be a simple, daily and reliable drive (and comparatively cheap, although that depends on the model) way to join the VW community. I also wondered why the New Beetle has not (yet) captured the hearts of VW enthusiasts. The 'circular' aspect of the design certainly lends it a distinctive look - you wouldn't mistake this car for anything else in a shopping centre carpark! But perhaps the performance was (is) considered underwhelming, the New Beetle being powered by a 1800cc Golf motor. If so, here's another New Beetle option that addresses its looks and performance! It's the New Beetle RSI and powered by a 3.2l V6



(VR6) with a Remus exhaust system. The car had 4 wd (-VW's 4 motion all-wheel drive set-up) and a 6-speed gear box. (Interestingly, this is the same 24-valve V-6 engine, which later appeared in the R32 Golf and the Audi TT). There's lots of carbon fibre, aluminium and even a 'whale tail' rear spoiler. The little vase disappeared and was replaced with an L.E.D. gear shift light! The bodywork was about 80mm wider and the front and rear mudguards were taken from the racing versions that were used in Germany's Beetle Cup race series. In the photos you can see the roof mounted rear spoiler as well as the deeper front air dam. Only 250 models were built, all in LHD, so Australia missed out on this particular model. The 250 VW New Beetle RSI only came in silver but one was painted blue for (then) VW boss Ferdinand Piech to add to his collection of blue cars – apparently, he preferred blue cars! But if you'd wanted a Beetle RSI, you'd need to have deep pockets and really be a VW 'true believer'. The cost when new was around US \$80k which roughly equated to \$125k in Australia. If you adjusted this price for inflation to get an idea of its value in today's money, the price becomes around \$232k! So- a base level 911 or a VW? Hmm...

Just another thought – could you buy a body kit and 'enhance' the motor on a New Beetle? People have done this on air-cooled Beetles for years, so why not the New Beetle? Someone, please, make a 'tribute' VW New Beetle RSI... !



My final words on the New Beetle (for now, that is) concern the music that was used to launch this car in the UK. We all know that advertising companies will seek to develop an advert that will suggest and even enhance the car's qualities, be contemporary (the product needs to be up-to date, but not too futuristic) and make an appeal to the target audience or perhaps make you think about the product in a different but positive way i.e. a 'memorable message'. The music chosen plays an integral part of this mix and will need to complement the 'message'.

Now, I don't know what advert was used to launch the New Beetle in Australia, but in the UK, the advertiser used backing music called '*Strange and Beautiful/I'll Put a Spell on You*'. (No, it's a different song from the jazz standard "I'll Put a Spell on You").

The song's composer, Matt Hailes tells the story that he and his wife were living almost hand-to-mouth at that time, when a friend told him he could earn £400 by pitching a song to VW concerning the New Beetle advertisement. VW sent him a VHS recording of the advert which featured an Eels song which was slow and atmospheric to give an idea of what they wanted. However, the date for final entry of songs was the next day! Nevertheless, he worked through the night to compose the music and his wife wrote the first verse of the lyrics while he also wrote the chorus - the *I'll Put a Spell on You* part. The song was sent off in the morning and later he was advised his song would be used for the New Beetle advert. This exposure boosted his profile and was the basis of his music career. I guess he also got to keep the copyright of the song because it appears on his albums. Look, it's a good track – if you wanted to categorise it, I'd put it in the 'chill' genre but I think that if you have a New Beetle, it should be mandatory to have it on your playlist! To find it on YouTube, just put in your search engine 'advert for New Beetle featuring Aqualung' and a clip should come up titled 'Volkswagen Beetle Smile'. It begins with this picture. Interestingly, you only see the New Beetle as a reflection, perhaps in keeping with its 'strange, beautiful and enchanting' appearance - well, it's in the eye of the beholder, innit?



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When I first saw these pictures, I thought it might have been a New Beetle Mark 2 but it is in fact a restomod developed by German VW restorer George Memming, owner of Memminger Feine Cabrios. It's a fine-looking vehicle and the big wings would appear to owe much to the design of the New Beetle. However, looking at photos of the car from different angles, you might think that it has its origins in a 1975 Beetle.

What do you think? It runs a 2.7 litre boxer engine mated to a 5-speed gear box and it's all fitted in the middle of the car and has Porsche 911 disc brakes. Sadly, it's only a concept (and possibly only a rendering) at this stage. To have one built might cost 6 figures. If you had the money, would you buy one? Or just buy a Porsche?



I came across this tin toy while online recently and as collectors say, it appears to be mint, boxed. Apparently, it was manufactured in China, possibly in the late 1970s. It's quite big at 1:25 and is almost 25 cm long. A friction operated model – remember them? Rev them up on the lino and let them go to



crash into whatever was on the other side of the room and get into trouble with your parents for damaging the legs of the furniture? Perhaps use a cardboard ramp to try and get them airborne? (I remember other kids doing this, not me...) Obviously, this one was never used like that and the eBay seller wants just over \$A100 plus postage for this one. Still, an interesting (and big!) model for KG owners, even more so if your car has the same colour scheme.

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Annual General Meeting

6 AUGUST 2025

The Volks Enthusiasts Club of SA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 6 August 2025.

We encourage as many members as possible to attend – the club's constitution indicates that for the club to have an AGM quorum, ***we must have a minimum attendance of 20% of all full financial members.***

For the club to continue to operate, for example to manage the club's finances, organise cruises, process your club registrations, organise Volksfest, even just to hold general meetings, ***we must have a quorum*** and all committee positions must be filled. For these reasons, we encourage as many members as possible to attend this very important meeting.

As occurs in all AGMs, ***all positions will be declared vacant.*** If you have any interest in joining the committee, please contact any of the committee members whose contact details can be found on the inside cover of the club magazine. Do not feel awkward about contacting any of the committee members – we are all committed to looking for new faces and expertise to support the ongoing activities of the Club. For example, if you think you might like to be Secretary, give me a call. I'd be quite happy to explain what's involved and the likely time commitment required to undertake this role. All of the other committee members have the same outlook and would be willing to assist you in settling into the role.

There are also a number of portfolio positions that have a major bearing on the Club's presence and direction. Again, you can find these portfolio areas listed on the inside cover of the magazine.

Finally, if you feel like you might want to consider either a committee or a portfolio role at the 2025 AGM but would like to 'have a taste' of what's involved, then let a committee member know of your interest and it's possible we can arrange for some 'shadowing' activities for you in the next year to assist with building your confidence to undertake the role.

Just think of the contribution you can make by becoming a committee member or portfolio holder where you will be working with others who share the same interest and enthusiasm to create events and activities which can be enjoyed by the many active members of the Volks Enthusiasts Club of SA.

Mike Dillon, Secretary, VECSA



Club Positions

President

In charge of conducting all meetings and organising the smooth running of the Club.

He/She is the head figure that will ultimately make the final decisions should a dead-lock occur. This position also requires a signatory to the account and will usually be second signatory with the Treasurer. The President also is required to give his report for publication in our bi-monthly Club magazine.

Vice President

This person stands in for the President should (s)he be unable to run a meeting. They will also be placed into the Presidency should the President vacate the position

Secretary

- Take the minutes of general meetings and provide these to the committee and to the magazine editor for publication in the club magazine
- Take the minutes of committee meetings and provide these to all committee members
- Check and retrieve post from the club's post box (Kent Town) and distribute to relevant committee members
- Direct email queries to relevant committee members
- Be the first point of contact for correspondence from members and prospective members on matters such as membership and club registration
- Have a good working knowledge of the club's constitution
- In addition to the above, be an active member of the committee by (for example): organising/assisting with events and cruises, assisting with grant applications, liaising with the Federation of Historic Motor Vehicles
- Bring 'matters of note' in relation to the classic car community to the attention of the committee

Treasurer

- Informs the Club's Bankers of any change made to the three Executive Office Bearers of the Club following new nominees being appointed at the Club's Annual General Meeting.
- Acknowledges receipt of all monies paid into the Club Bank Accounts and where possible banks all cash received on the following business day.
- Payment of Club expenses are made by the Treasurer after an invoice or documentary evidence (with the relative BSB and Bank Account number) is supplied by the claimant or provider of the goods or services and after input is made by another executive to authorise the payment.
- Produces a monthly report of the Club's Income and Expenditure at General Meetings and at Committee Meetings.
- At the end of the Club's financial year the Treasurer supplies the nominated Auditor with an Annual Report for all Club Accounts and supplies all the documentary evidence to support the Audit process.
- Ensures the Annual Audit Report (or an abridged version) is published in Volks Enthusiasm.
- Responsible for issuing Club Sponsorship Proposals for the ensuing Club financial year.
- Addresses the Australian Taxation Office reporting requirements as required.
- Maintains a list of the current financial members, including subscriptions made in advance.

Auditor

This position is taken very seriously and should only be recommended for those who have the qualifications. You will be required to make sure the Club has acted in an honest and worthy way, showing all their minutes and correspondence relating to payments.

Committee Members

There are only three people that are able to fill this position as governed by the rules of the Constitution. The committee is to see that all is running smoothly and advise of better ways to run the Club. They are responsible for general ideas regarding events and must generally offer to help the Club wherever possible. These positions will now have specific tasks to reduce the workload on other office bearers, such as writing for the magazine,

collecting articles from members, coordinating events etc

Membership Officer

This person keeps a record of all current members and updates this record when notified of any changes. This list is used for sending out magazines, so must be kept current.

They also send out welcome emails to all new members whose applications have been accepted by the VEC committee. These emails include links to the VEC website which has all the information a new member requires, such as a copy of the constitution, club registration information and process, merchandise information and future club events.

Historic Registration Officer

These people are responsible for enabling members to access the historic/club registration system, by issuing & completing the required MR334 forms and corresponding log books.

One officer is responsible for keeping a Club Registration and Log Book Register and to make sure members with vehicles on the system remain financial at all times.

Merchandise

The role of this position is to promote the Club by way of clothing stickers etc. They will be the "ideas person" and will come up with new items to sell. When you have a new item that you think the Club should sell you will simply get a sample and show the committee for their approval. It's a fun position that has a lot of potential.

The merchandise officer is also responsible for maintaining the inventory, updating the on-line system and be proficient in using the payment system. Regular audits need to be conducted and checked against actual stock and the data.

Magazine Editor

The Editor is responsible for the production of the club magazine. This entails ensuring that all sponsors' advertisements are appropriately represented and that the magazine provides pertinent and engaging information for club members.

The production process encompasses sourcing material, designing and formatting the layout, preparing for print according to the printer's technical specifications, and creating electronic formats for distribution. It necessitates a comprehensive understanding and proficiency in advanced desktop publishing software.

Other activities include printing the postage coversheets that are produced from the membership data and ensuring that sufficient stock is available of the packages. When necessary, order new stock.

Magazine Assistant

The Assistant(s) is responsible for assisting the Editor by soliciting potential material for the magazine and any other tasks deemed necessary by the Editor.

Events Coordinator

The prime function of the Events Coordinator is to ensure that activities relevant to the club's membership are presented to the members and encourage and solicit suggestions for events from the membership.

The coordinator should also be abreast of other activities from external parties that may be of interest to members.

The coordinator may also be required to liaise and organise services relevant to organised events.

Club Postie

The club postie is responsible packaging the magazine and is responsible for all magazine postage. They will ensure they get a monthly payment from the treasurer to pay for any postage and inform the editor if the magazine has not arrived to you in time for your task.

Web Master

The Web Master is responsible for maintaining the website with relevant information for club members through collaboration with other officers, such as the President, Secretary, Membership Officer, and Events Coordinator.

Activities include managing hosting requirements, possessing web development skills, and identifying and developing new technologies and features to ensure that the website meets member requirements.

Perform regular proactive maintenance tasks and perform regular reviews.

Technical Advisor

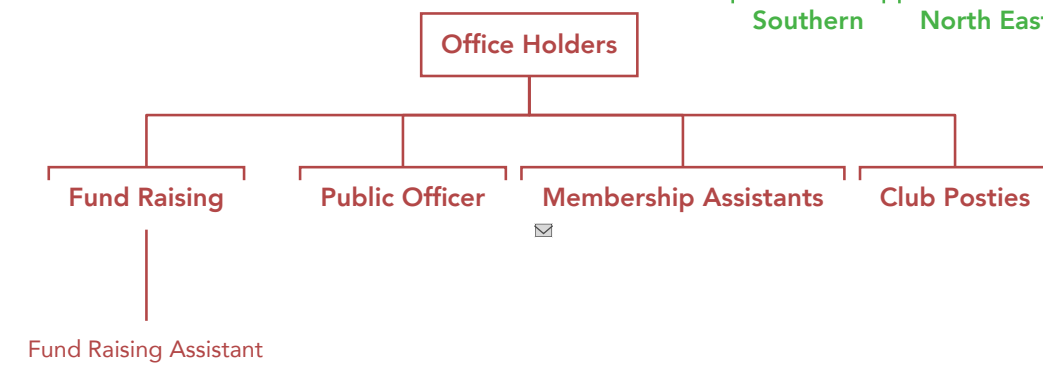
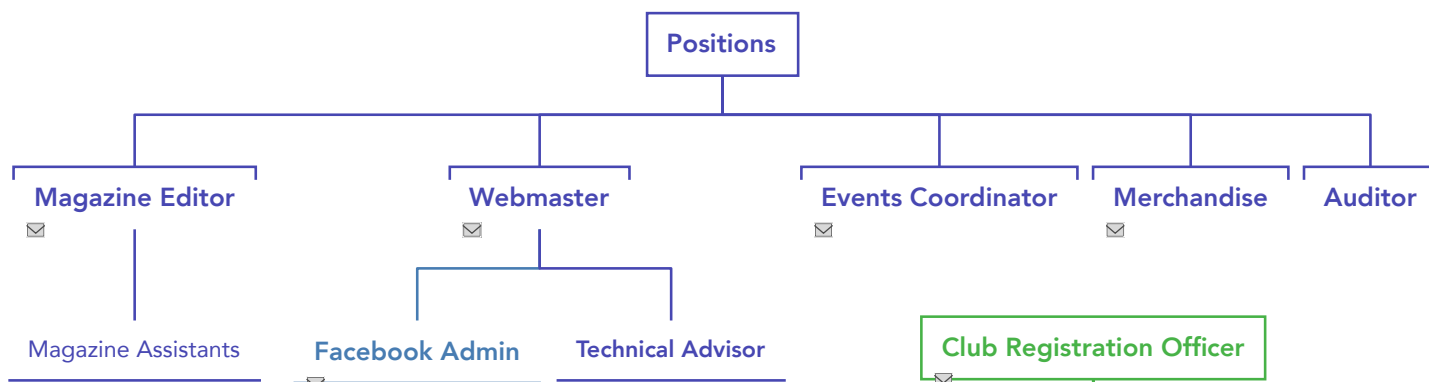
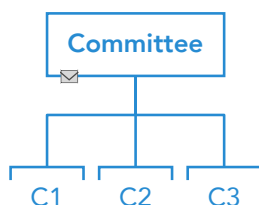
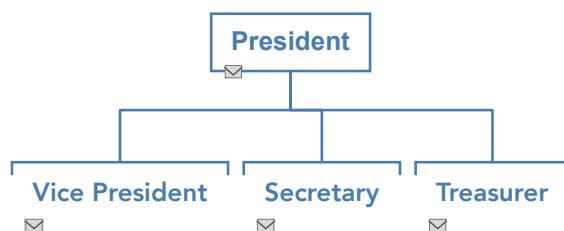
The Technical Advisor's role is to ensure that the technical requirements of the club are met. This includes data management, information dissemination, advising others of issues with the club's data, and addressing any other technical issues or requirements that may arise.

Other responsibilities include managing the payment system, liaising with the Merchandise Officer to maintain accurate stock levels in the electronic system, and maintaining an accurate membership list for member communications.

Fund Raising Officer

This position will involve organising raffles, club car washes, Dutch Auction Nights and similar events to generate funds for the club. Ideas must be forwarded to the committee for authorisation.

Volks Enthusiasts Club of SA Organisational Structure 2025-2026



Flinders Ranges Trek

by Ian Tooley

Sharing my recent post on Flinders Ranges - Natures Outback Paradise about our recent trip into the flooding SA Outback (28 June - 1 July 2025) in Olga the 1957 Beetle with her 1960 Cartop Sleeper. Hope you enjoy

Olga the Outback Beetle proves once again you don't need an expensive rig to get out and enjoy our magnificent Flinders Ranges.

In Olga our 1957 VW Beetle, with her vintage 1960 Car Top Sleeper, we set off from Gawler for Hawker via Burra, Hallet, Terowie, Peterborough, Orroroo, Carrieton and Cradock.

After refuelling and coffee at Hawker we headed off to overnight at Beltana and to enjoy a drink with Jan and Chris at their newly opened historic Royal Victoria Hotel.

From Beltana off to Marree for the 30th anniversary running of the Camel Cup and overnighing at the Marree race track following the post race festivities and bush dance

From Marree headed up the Oodnadatta Track before turning north up the Lake Eyre track to Muloorina Hot Springs for a soak in the hot springs before overnighing beside the spring fed lagoon on the Frome River.

From Muloorina headed south to Marree (no unleaded at the roadhouse) and then onto Farina for coffee, pastries and dark rye sourdough from the Underground Bakery before overnighing in the Farina Creek campground.

Headed south hoping for fuel at Copley and put 34.4 litres into Olga's 35 litre tank ... 0.6 litre to spare!

From Copley it was onto the Flinders Food Co at Hawker for a magnificent breakfast and coffees

From Hawker back to Gawler via the Jamestown route.

What an absolutely stunning 5 day adventure and Olga didn't miss a beat.





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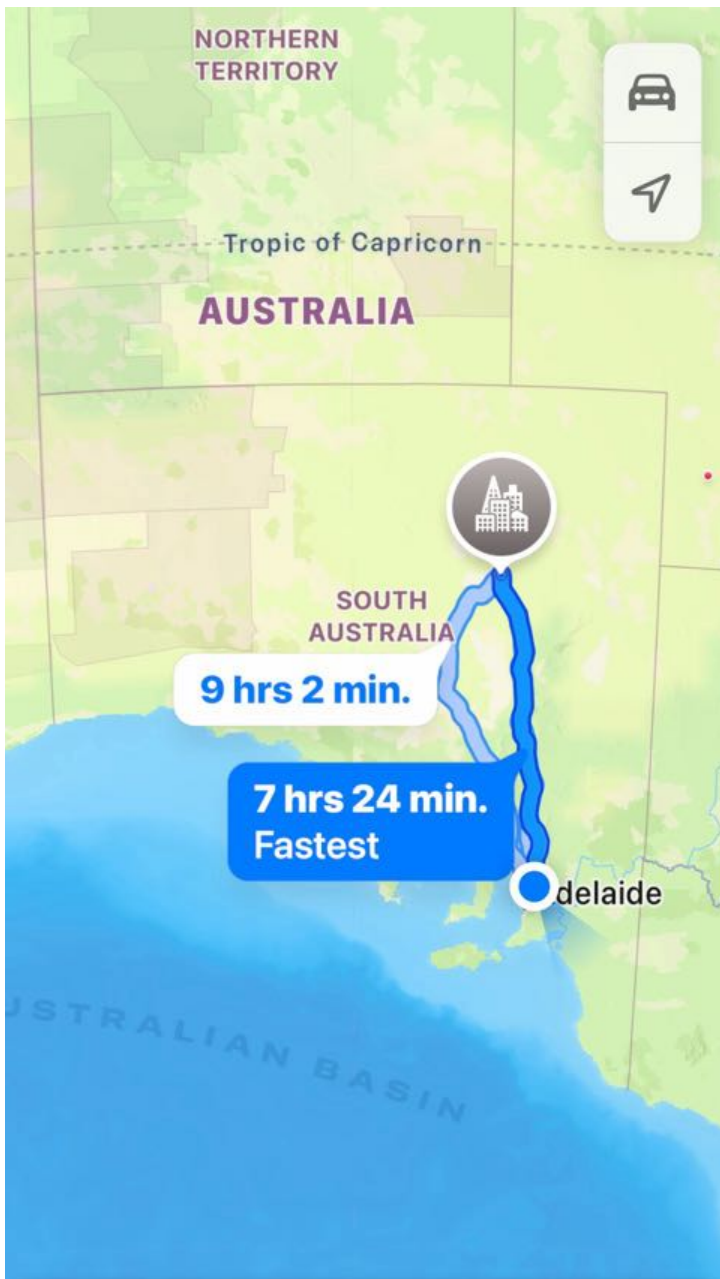
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Ball Joint Replacement

By Your Roving Reporter

I have been concerned for a while that if I hit a large pothole in my 1968 Beetle, the lower ball joint might pop out and my front wheel could collapse unannounced due to the excessive wear of these important items on the front end. (I have already experienced the hairy sensation of losing a wheel at 90km/hr. in my 1989 Transporter when the wheel nuts were not done up tight – not good!).

This is a job that the home mechanic can tackle with a few basic tools such as a 19mm and 17mm ring spanner, an 8 mm Allen key and hammer and punch.

First place a pair of jack stands under the front torsion bar and remove the front wheels. Undo the two bolts securing the brake calliper and support it on an upturned bucket. Remove the brake disc and unscrew the splash shield. The nuts on the upper and lower ball joints can then be removed but keep the washers (the larger one goes on the upper ball joint). Then the tie rod end can be undone and pushed to one side, keeping the thread count in the same place. Remove the clamps on the anti-sway bar using a hammer and punch after lifting the locking tabs and tapping the clamp free. The shock absorber can be easily removed by undoing the top and bottom nut and releasing it from the trailing arm. The trailing arms are attached to the torsion bars by a grub screw and locking nut. It pays to clean out the grub screw to remove years of grease and grime to ensure the Allen key has a firm grip. The trailing arms will then slide off the torsion bars with the upper and lower ball joint still inserted. In my case I took these items to GHR to remove the old ball joints and insert the new ones using their hydraulic press and to ensure the alignment marks were in the right place.

Installation is similar to the removal but pay particular attention to ensure that the large washer goes on the upper ball joint and the mark on the toe in adjustment nut faces the front of the car. It is easy to position the nut correctly by using the VW special tool # 179 which can be borrowed from the Club's Tool Library. Don't forget to grease the front end before you drop the car off the jack stands and take it for a test drive.

Happy crusin'







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World Wide Day of the Beetle

By Your Roving Reporter

The World Wide Day of the VW Beetle celebration is recognised to be on the 22nd of June when, on this day in 1934, a contract with Dr Ferdinand Porsche was signed to instigate the beginning of the development of the VW Beetle. Volkswagen Clubs and enthusiasts internationally have celebrated this occasion since 1995 by conducting events involving their VW Beetles on the weekend closest to this date.

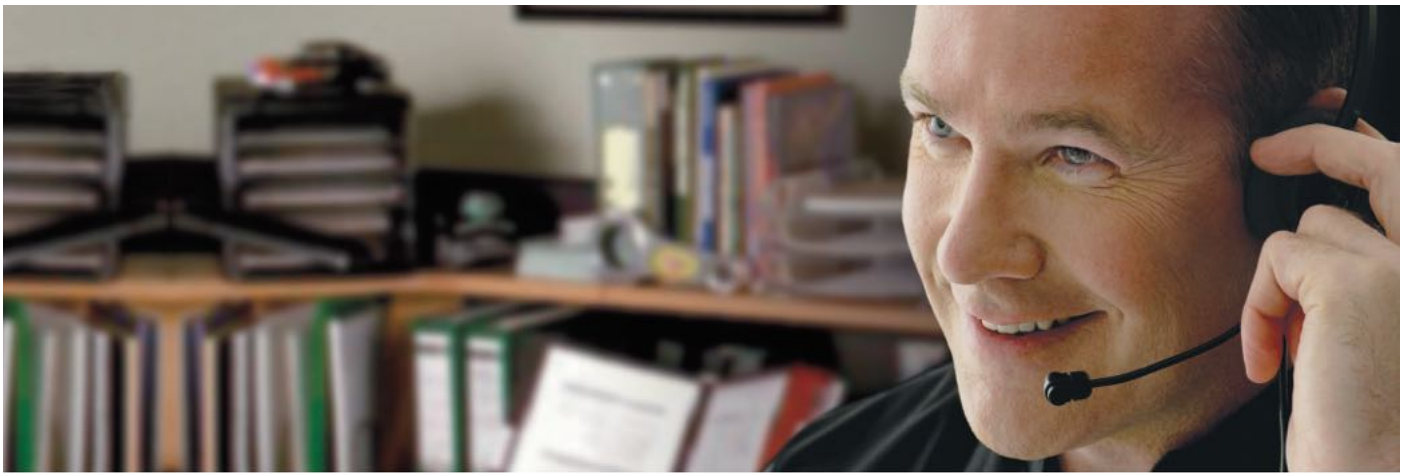
So on Sunday 22nd June 2025, the exact date, we joined the VW Club of SA at Linde Reserve Nelson Street Stepney at 10.30am for an 11.00am departure. The trouble was this year the reserve carpark was half full of SUVs, the occupants from which were attending a nearby church service. None-the-less there was a great roll up which consisted of 17 Beetles, 2 Golfs and one Kombi and somehow, we found a parking spot for all of us. There always seems to be another Beetle that comes out of the woodwork that you have not seen before.

We set out and travelled to the "Sunrise Bakery" up in Truro going via Gepps Cross, Gawler, Bethany (some went through Tanunda and Nuriootpa) and then onto our destination. A bit over a two hour trip by the way!

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General Meeting Minutes

VOLKS ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE AUSTRIAN CLUB ON 04/06/2025 MINUTES

1. MEETING OPENS

Welcome/Invite Apologies: Helen Arnold, Bob Strawbridge, John Harvey, Phil Van Kruyssen, Angelika Eigenwillig, Ben Laube. Thank you to Ken and Roma and the Austrian Club for hosting this meeting. Welcome to all members including new members. Membership Draw - \$25.00-John Carter- not present. Next meeting \$50.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Previous General Meeting held on 7 May 2025 at the Austrian Club. Mov Verena, sec Reg, carried.

Previous Committee Meeting held on 15 May 2025 at Shannon's. No committee meeting was held in April.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Covered under other agenda items.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MD)

- Correspondence: PCCU statements, Auspost invoice. Journals: Volksclub Bendigo.

- New Members: Hunter McWhinney, Wayne Collins.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT (TM)

- Monthly Report - Opening balance (01/05/25) \$6670.37. Income \$1463.35. Expenses \$192.13. Closing Balance (31/05) \$7941.59. Term deposit: \$20,000.00.

- Company tax return lodged 25 March 2025. Waiting for response and return of withholding tax.

6. CLUB EVENTS REPORT

See website and magazine for current list of all events. 15/06 Club Registration Day at Mt Barker. 21/06 Model railway display (Glandore). Members asked to contribute ideas, offer to organise cruises.

8. CLUB SPONSORSHIP

2025/26 letters on invitation sent, with potential of \$4250 in total if all sponsors commit. Some sponsors have already committed including All Air Cooled (WA), Mick Motors (NSW), Bridgestone Select (Mt Barker).

9. RATEX 2025

Reports on successful trip to Flinders Ranges. Bourke trip may need to be deferred until 2027 because of damage to roads.

10. VOLKSFEST 2025

- Proposed date is Saturday 22 November 2025, 3.00-7.00pm.

- SA Govt grant awarded to support venue hire and hire of marquees etc from Aussie Party Hire.

- Further discussion to occur in committee re food trucks.

11. MERCHANDISE

Merchandise will be available at Club Registration Day.

12. CLUB MAGAZINE

Congratulations to Frank on the latest club magazine. Print version posted out, also PDF version available on club web site.

Articles wanted – see recent magazine for helpful information on how to prepare material. Deadline for next magazine is 21 July 2025.

13. WEBSITE

Regular updates continuing, including changes to events and calendar. Reminder to advise Frank when items are sold.

14. CLUB REGISTRATION

Ongoing. Currently 319 vehicles on club reg among 203 financial members.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 75th anniversary of VW Kombi and 70th anniversary of Klub Kombi - for discussion at next committee meeting. Phil and Andrew are organising a Kombi cruise.

- Tony Laube: the need to actively consider installation of seat belts in the Klub Kombi.

- Technical: Jacque: ways of heating a Kombi. Craig re insurance: anyone ever had issues claiming from Shannon's? Are there other classic vehicle insurers? Discussion. Shannon's representatives to be invited to talk to general meeting.

- Jacque: any members interested in undertaking a defensive driving course? Contact Jacque if interested.

16. BUY AND SELL

- Paul K: is contact person for sale of 1500 Beetle parts, and type 3 panels and doors.

- Tony Laube: many Beetle body parts for sale, plus 2@ 6-volt starter motors (reconditioned). Also has original Rowley Park sticker and a kombi middle seat (non-folding) for sale.

- Michael M: wide wheels for sale.

- Craig: bay window spare rims available (free).

17. RAFFLE

10 winners. Thanks to Rob Gilbert for organising and to prize donors.

18. MEETING CLOSES/NEXT

Meeting closed 8.40pm. Next General Meeting Austrian Club Wednesday 2 July 2025, at 7.30 pm. Next Committee meeting 17 July 2025 at 7.00 pm at Shannon's.



General Meeting Minutes

VOLKS ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE AUSTRIAN CLUB ON 02/07/2025 MINUTES

1. MEETING OPENS

Welcome/Invite Apologies: Andrew Taylor, Ursula Poynter, Roma Rowlands, Trevor and Julie Bodinar, Phil Van Kruyssen, Paul Kennedy, Phil Holmes, Darryl Poole. Thank you to Ken and Rob G and the Austrian Club for hosting this meeting. Welcome to all members including new members. Membership Draw - \$50.00- No draw. Next meeting \$50.00

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Previous General Meeting held on 4 June 2025 at the Austrian Club. Mov Reg, sec Helen, carried.
Previous Committee Meeting held on 15 May 2025 at Shannon's.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Covered under other agenda items.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Correspondence: PCCU statements, Auspost invoice. Journals: Volksclub Bendigo. Information received on next (final) round of SA Government Grants.
- New Members: Stephen Bottroff, Justin Draper, Joanne Higginbotham Jessica Wetherall, Wayne Collins, Peter Bazalicki.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Monthly Report - Opening balance (01/06/25) \$7941.59. Income \$11,959.77. Expenses \$2458.65. Closing Balance (30/06) \$17,442.71. Includes Government grant (\$4400.00) Term deposit: \$20,000.00.
- For the financial year: Began \$44,320.77, end: \$37,442.71. Decrease due to repairs on Klub Kombi (brakes/tyres/fire system etc)
- Company tax return lodged 25 March 2025. Withholding tax now returned.

6. CLUB EVENTS REPORT

See website and magazine for current list of all events. 21/06 Model railway display (Glandore) – thank you to Helen. 19/7 Cruise to Murray Bridge; 1/9 Drive It Old Car Day (Bethany); 19-21/09 Rock 'n' Roll Festival Victor Harbor; 10/08 Kombi Cruise to Lyndoch then to Stockwell. Members asked to contribute ideas, offer to organise cruises.

8. CLUB SPONSORSHIP

- Some sponsors have already committed including All Air Cooled (WA), Mick Motors (NSW), Bridgestone Select (Mt Barker), Cartek, GHR, Paint Supplies, V&T Motors. Still waiting for 6 more, including Solitaire.

9. RATEX 2026

No report.

10. VOLKSFEST 2025

- Proposed date is Saturday 22 November 2025, 3.00-7.00pm.
- SA Govt grant awarded to support venue hire and hire of marquees etc from Aussie Party Hire.

11. MERCHANDISE

Discounts available on Volksfest tee shirts.

12. CLUB MAGAZINE

Articles wanted – see recent magazine for helpful information on how to prepare material. Deadline for next magazine is 20 July 2025.

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Regular updates continuing, including changes to events and calendar. Reminder to advise Frank when items are sold.

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15. GENERAL BUSINESS

Technical: Tony L: how to improve headlights on Type 3. Perry will assist.

16. BUY AND SELL

- Perry: wants rear number plate light for Superbug.
- L/h exterior mirror for Kombi wanted.
- Helen: wide wheels for sale.
- Phil VK: aluminium curtain rods suit Kombi available (free).

17. RAFFLE

10 winners. Thanks to Rob Gilbert for organising and to prize donors.

18. MEETING CLOSSES/NEXT

Meeting closed 8.20pm. Next General Meeting and Annual General Meeting Austrian Club Wednesday 6 August 2025, at 7.30 pm. Next Committee meeting 17 July 2025 at 7.00 pm at Shannon's.

Coffee 'n Chrome

By Frank Marten

I attended the last Coffee 'n Chrome session on the 28 June and there were some amazing vehicles to be seen. There was only one Volkswagen which was a bit sad but then, perhaps there had been more as I had arrived a little late.

We have started to advertise the event on our web site on the Events page and the Calendar. So, if you were thinking of showing off your prized possession, you should go. Perhaps organise a group to attend and show off the Volkswagen marque.







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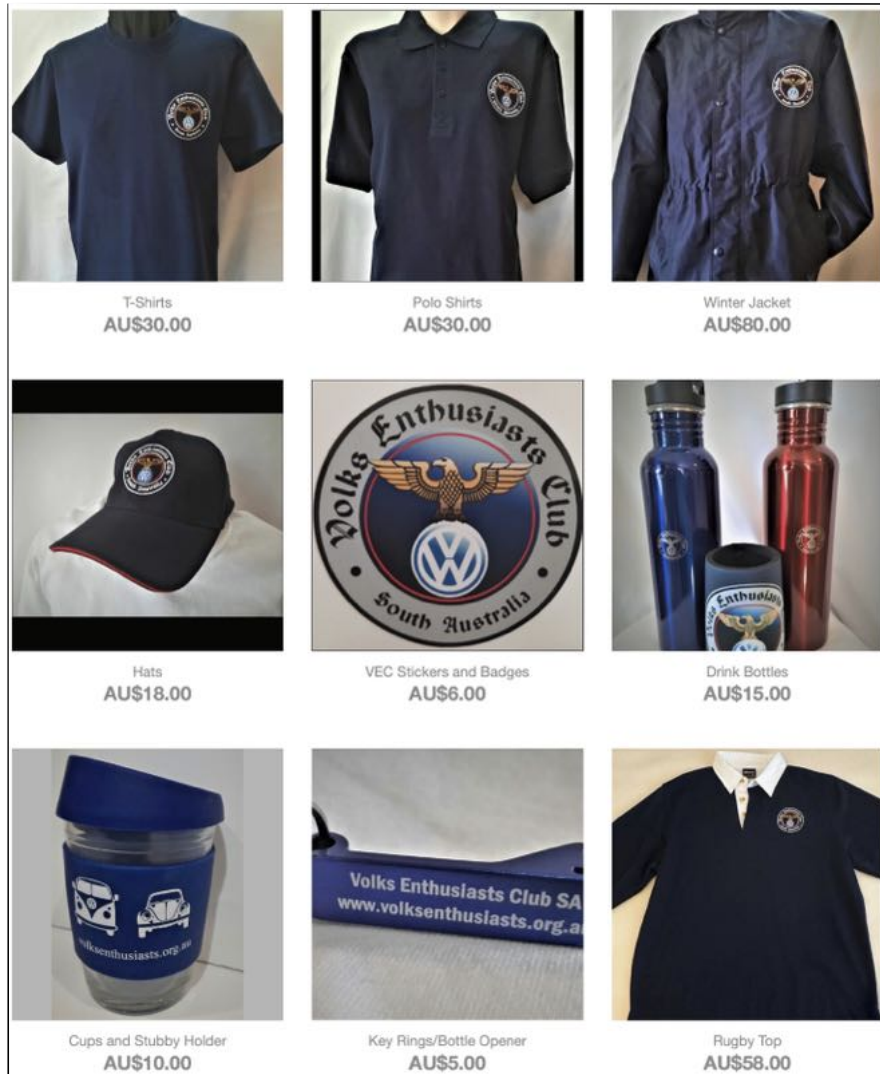
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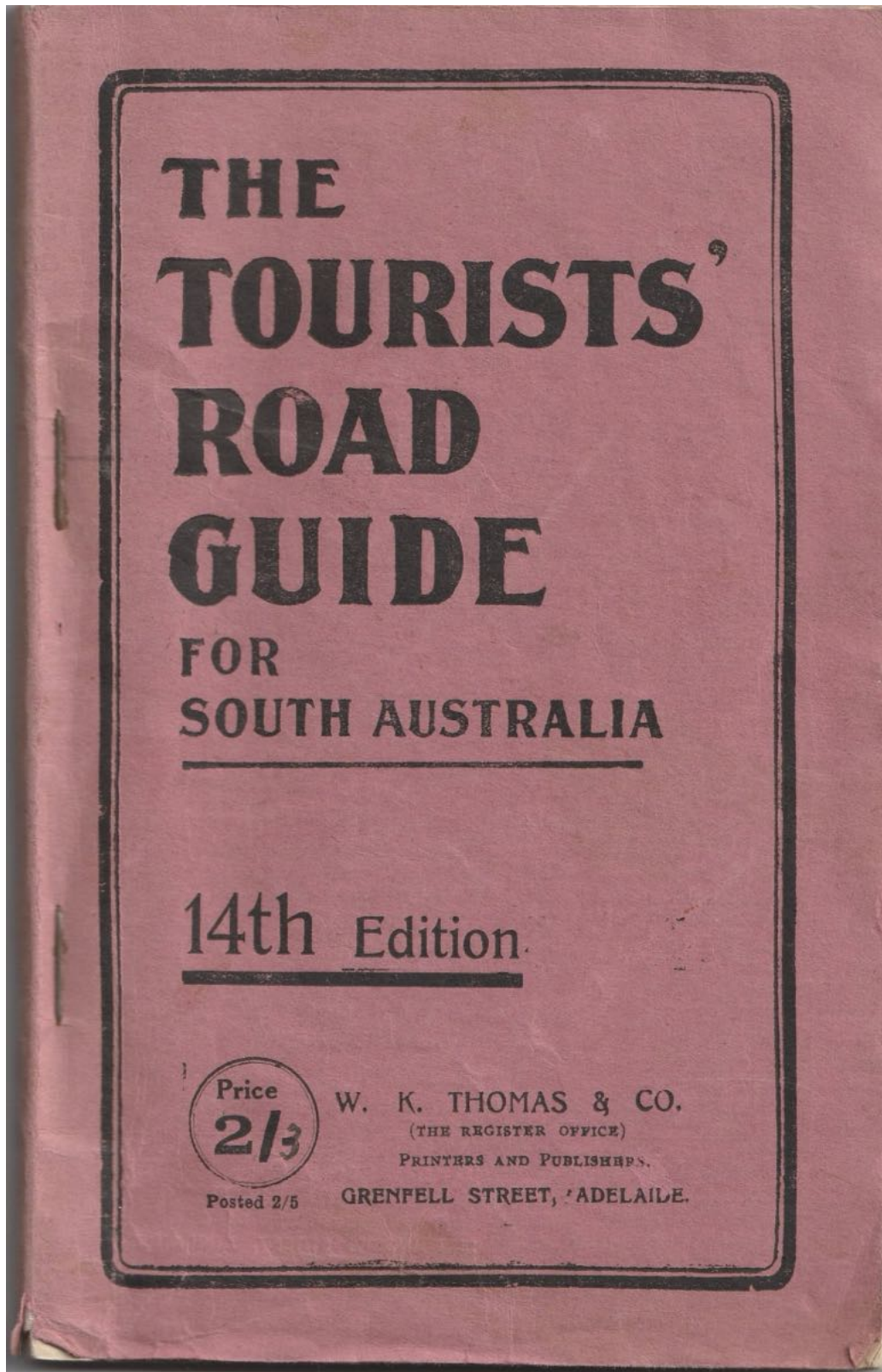
Does Anyone Remember

By Carol and Ian Pascoe

In the early 70's we bought an old property in Whitwarta (just past Balaklava on the Snowtown Road) to use as a holiday place.

Out the back in the outside wash house we found an old Tourists' Road Guide for SA, 14th Edition, 1924. It has many interesting adverts, maps, road rules and signals.

We did some quick repairs and sold the house 2 years later and bought our first brand new Beetle with the proceeds (\$2,300).



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3	Trent Cilento
5	Chris Fletcher
10	Reg Van Buuren
11	Wayne Collins
11	Jarrold Shields
12	Trevor Jenkins
12	Tony Laube
13	Catherine Heath
13	Cynthia Koch
19	Peter Bazalicki
20	Christopher Taras
21	Paul Huddy
29	Michael Arnold
30	AnnaSofia Hamilton

September

3	Stuart Duisberg
4	Keith Poole
7	Cate Morton
7	Craig William Opie
9	Tom Gilbert
11	Mitchell F Wood
12	Daryl Poole
16	Amy Fitzgerald
20	Angelika Eigenwillig
20	Pamela Mudge
21	Trevor Petrus
22	Bruce Dawson
23	Norman Schulze
24	Otto Muller
26	Perry Toynton
28	Jesse Jai Zilm
29	Ricardo Reynold
30	Craig Marshall



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Members' Section

VECSA Word Puzzle



AIRCOOLED BEETLE BUG BUS CAMPER CORRADO EUROVAN
GOLF HIPPIE IDBUZZ JETTA KARMANN MICROBUS PASSAT
RABBIT SCIROCCO SPLITTY THING TRANSPORTER VANAGON

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



Membership Information

If you are an Enthusiast of the Volkswagen marque and you have been looking for those of us who are rare and keen, then you need to join the Volks Enthusiasts.

We cater for Enthusiasts of all persuasions with social events, cruises, observation runs as well as our world renowned 'Volks Fest' (our annual show and shine) and much, much more.

We also provide the outstanding club Magazine, posted to full club members. It is also available electronically on the site.

VECSA general meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Austrian Club, Torrens Road, Ovingham (refer to the Events Page for times). Members usually arrive at around 30 minutes before the start of the meeting to enjoy a drink and chat prior to the meeting. Please check the web page for meeting times.

Applications for membership are considered by the VECSA committee which meets two weeks after a general meeting. Payment of the membership fee is required with your application. This can be done via direct credit and the club's banking details are provided below.

You should also be aware that should you be seeking club registration, then this is organised either at a general meeting (once your membership has been approved) or by attending our club registration day (generally held during June).

Payment Details: EFT Details: BSB No: 805 050 Acc No: 2359539 Acc Name: Volks Enthusiasts Club

Enquiries & applications: The Secretary, PO Box 306, Kent Town, SA 5071 Email: info@vecsa.com.au

Check the club's website for further information at: <https://www.volkseenthusiasts.org.au>



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