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Meetings:

General meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Veteran Car Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale 4512 Ph: 07 3843 0010

Subscriptions:

The annual subscription is currently \$60 and renewable on 1st July with a 50% pro-rata for applications after 1st January.

A \$40 joining fee applies for new members.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT MAY 2025

With Autumn now in full swing, we are approaching the best time of the year for driving our cars. Your committee has some great events planned for you to enjoy. See Below.

MAY 17th Saturday National Motoring Heritage Day. Day's activities at Ormiston School, Planes, Trains & Automobiles. If we meet at the Alexandra Hills Hotel at 7.30 am we can drive to and park as a club group display.

18th Sunday The Bayside club is putting on a short run starting from Dundas Street at 9.30 am. BYO Morning tea and lunch.

28th Wednesday Pizza Night at Clubrooms before meeting advise me on 0407 257 440 if you are coming.

JUNE 3rd Tuesday Clubs monthly dinner @ Fielders Club, 35 Bognor St, Tingalpa.

11th Wednesday GOF Lunch @ Brisbane Motor Museum, 959 Nudgee Rd, Banyo.

22nd Sunday Ladies Day tour. A Day in the country starting from Jubille Park, Beaudesert from 8.45am. Tour instructions will be sent out prior. Morning tea provided, please let Wendy know if you are attending 0420 222690

JULY 1st Tuesday Club Dinner @ Tingalpa Hotel, Tingalpa Hotel, 1563 Wynnum Rd, Tingalpa.

13th Sunday Samford Show car display day. Special invite to QVVA Members to bring their vehicles. Driver and passenger free [Normally \$25.00]. Need to advise Michael Ferguson if you will be there. 0407 759634 Tickets needed.

20th Sunday Presidents Run Christmas in July to be organised.

28th Wednesday Clubs Annual and General Meeting @ Club rooms

WHAT IS HAPPENING

MAY 17 This month's event is happening. Yes, that's right on a Saturday.

We will be supporting the QHMC at the National Motoring Heritage Day.

There will be a fee of \$10 per Vehicle "CASH ONLY" Paid on entry.

It is my suggestion that we meet at 7.30 am in the Alexandra Hills Hotel car park, Cnr. Mc Donald Road and Finucane Road, and head down to Ormiston School grounds in convoy. This will keep all QVVA cars displayed together.

Bring a chair, Food and drinks are available. There will be various activities, stalls, static displays, Model Automobiles, Planes and trains.

On May 18th the Bayside Club is putting on a run with all invited. It will start at 9.30 am from Dundas Street Ormiston. BYO everything. 19km to morning tea and 28km to lunch stop.

June 22nd Ladies Day rally starting at Jubille Park Beaudesert with morning Tea supplied, please let Wendy know if you are coming ..0420 222690.

July 20th President's Run, and Christmas in July. To be held in the Laidley region with Lunch at a country hotel.

This was to be a two day run. However, with the Lismore gathering and Wendy's 6 day tour I have designed a one day run to relieve the stress on your pockets. I hope everyone can attend marking the end of my year as president.

AUGUST 14-17th

In years gone by QVVA has attended the Lismore rally and a number of our cars have gone down in convoy. The committee suggests that can go down again this year. Their event is on the 14th-17th August, and is celebrating their 65th anniversary. I have arranged for 6 rooms at the AZA Motel Phone 0491 252 609. Entry forms and details will be at the MAY meeting.

For Gasoline cars, Graham Porter President

Why don't cars have bonnet ornaments anymore?

Submitted by Claudette White

Credit: Kristin Shaw, Popular Science

Bonnet ornaments started as a disguise for homely radiator caps more than a century ago. Once upon time, radiator caps were featured on the outside of the car so drivers could keep an eye on the coolant water vapour temperature. Those caps weren't particularly fetching as a design feature, so automakers started getting creative by adding "car mascots."

Early cars were not equipped with coolant temperature gauges. One enterprising company created the Moto-Meter, a temperature gauge mounted on the radiator. As manufacturers began to incorporate coolant temperature gauges, the Moto-Meter disappeared, but the bonnet ornament remained for some brands.

Today, only a few high-end manufacturers still offer these gorgeous bonnet jewelry, like Rolls-Royce and Bentley. What happened to these mobile works of art?

Pushed out for safety and design.

According to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automotive Museum in Auburn, Indiana, safety experts began to scrutinize hood ornaments as a potential hazard in collisions during the 1960s. Hood ornaments were omitted in subsequent designs during the same era; think Mustang, Corvette, Camaro, or a streamlined Plymouth Superbird. As cars got faster, automakers could see that anything that increased the coefficient of drag and affected its fuel efficiency was a liability. Bonnet ornaments like the whimsical Bugatti bear or Rolls-Royce's Spirit of Ecstasy, sadly, can certainly affect a car's aerodynamics.

In Europe, car regulations pushed out bonnet ornaments because of the risk they pose to pedestrians who get hit by cars. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says pedestrian fatalities increased 57 percent from 4,779 to 7,522 between 2013 and 2022. In September of 2024, the organization proposed a new rule that "would establish test procedures simulating a head-to-bonnet impact and performance requirements to minimize the risk of head injury." Protruding sculptures like "Leaper," Jaguar's mascot, could ostensibly act as a spear in a collision with a pedestrian I suppose, although finding statistics on actual injuries by bonnet ornament have been elusive.

Not all car companies erased the mascots from their front ends back in the '60s, however. Cadillac kept its crest on the bonnet on some models even into the early 2000s, following a law that required the piece to bend on impact. Unfortunately, Cadillac and Mercedes-Benz hood ornaments were stolen fairly often, and one prominent rapper wore them as neck ornaments instead. Rolls-Royce and Bentley have all but eliminated the vandalism and safety hazard issues with a cool trick: their mascots electronically disappear into a special compartment in front of the bonnet opening.

Bonnet ornaments of the past, into the future

One of my favourite bonnet ornaments of the past is Chrysler's winged mascot, which looks quite a bit like a golden snitch from Harry Potter's quidditch games. I have a 1956 Buick

Roadmaster hood ornament on my desk, a ridiculously heavy chrome jet. Pierce-Arrow's Archer adorned the bonnets of its pre-war cars, and it's a sculpture worthy of an art museum. You might remember Cadillac's three-dimensional crest, however, the American brand also created two distinctive bonnet ornaments with the iconic flying Goddess and a heron in the 1930s. The Goddess returns in the GM luxury brand's Celestiq as a glass-encased piece inside the cabin and the front fender, and it will be good to see her back. Perhaps more automakers will find ways to bring back their ornaments of the past as an emblem on the side of the car or integrated into the cabin.

Fifty years ago, car bling was also presented as a useful tool before in-car cameras came into play. In the December 5, 1972 issue of the New York Times, writer Jerry M. Flint said that automaker executives in Detroit "believe bonnet ornaments give the driver an aiming point toward the centre of the road, possibly making for easier and safer car handling." Dick Macadam, a chief stylist at the Chrysler Corporation, called the bonnet ornament a "driving tool." William Mitchell, vice president for styling at GM, defended the use of car mascots as a style differentiator.

"I can't stand a hood that looks like a turkey roaster or a bedpan," Mitchell said. I can only imagine what Mr. Mitchell would say about some of the lozenge-shaped cars on the market today. The next time you're wandering along the rows of classic vehicles at a museum or car show, take note of the ornaments throughout history. And join me to mourn their decline. Why don't cars have hood ornaments anymore?



Harry Potter's Golden Snitch



The Motormeter



The Doughnut Deliverer

Can You Have Two Different Brands of Tyres on Your Car

Source: Slash Gear. John Davis.

If you're like many car owners, you probably don't anticipate buying new tires with much excitement. When it comes to routine auto maintenance, purchasing a new set of tires for your car is one of the more expensive items on the list. On average, just one new tire can cost anywhere from around \$80 to well over \$250, meaning even a set of four new tires from the cheapest brand is still a formidable expense.

Luckily, new tires usually last for between three and five years before they wear out and need to be replaced. Tires, especially quality ones, are engineered to stand up against some of the harshest conditions imaginable. However, despite that durability, there's no guarantee that all four of your tires will have the same luck when it comes to avoiding injury and damage. If you do end up with one busted tire, you may wonder if you have to replace it with the same brand as the others on your car. It's a good question, especially if you need to buy tires within the next year or so, and you don't want to spend the cash for only one tire right now.

The general answer is yes, you can use two different brands' tires on your car. However, there is some nuance to that statement — just because you can use different tire brands, it doesn't mean you can slap any tire you want on your vehicle. It still needs to meet your car's specifications, and, depending on your vehicle's drive type, it'll need to meet a few other conditions, too. If you're wondering what those conditions are, stick around. Here's everything you need to know about using different brands' tires on your car.

While we've established that it is technically okay to use two different brands' tires on your car, there are some caveats. First of all, it's vital that you use tires that fit your vehicle, as recommended by your car's manufacturer. You can find information about your tires' size in your vehicle owner's manual, by checking the placard in the driver-side door jamb, or by reaching out to a professional. It's important that you use the proper size tires, not only because your car is designed for a specific size of tire, but also because using tires of various sizes at the same time can be disastrous for your vehicle's drivetrain and handling. There are some vehicles that use different size tires on the front and rear axles. However, you should never use different size tires on the same axle.

The tire's size isn't the only factor to consider when installing different brands' tires on your car. It's also important to factor in tread depth/direction, tire application, and your vehicle's drive type. Tread depth is critical to consider because if you install a brand-new tire on the left side of your car while the other side has nearly bald tires, it will create an imbalance.

When installing one new tire, you should put the tires with the best tread together (i.e., on the same and, ideally, the rear axle) and the tires with the worst tread together. Finally, it's also vital that you take your car's drive type into consideration. If your vehicle is all-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive, you should not replace one tire at a time, regardless of the brand, as doing so can lead to severe drivetrain damage.

Even though it's technically okay to use different brands' tires on your car, the best practice is to purchase four new tires at the same time. That also means you probably won't be mixing and matching different brands. However, it does mean that it's a good idea to do some research to figure out which tire manufacturer is right for you and your vehicle. A lot of people may stress over buying tires, especially when trying to decide between cheap and expensive tires and which is best.

Luckily, buying new tires for your car doesn't have to be overly complicated. According to most experts, instead of buying the cheapest or the most expensive tire available, most average drivers should opt for a mid-range product. That's because the cheapest tires are often built with low-quality or outdated materials. They may provide shorter expected lifespans, which leads to buying new tires more frequently, and they may be unable to offer the same level of stability and traction as more expensive brands. On the other hand, some of the most expensive tires are designed for niche driving scenarios, like drag racing or off-road activities. If you're not into these types of driving, you don't need to pay extra for specialized rubber.

That said, there's nothing wrong with buying expensive tires, as long as they meet your car's specifications, that is. Brands like Continental Tires, Michelin, and Goodyear are commonly considered to be some of the best on the market. However, it's worth noting that many of these brands also offer cheaper subsidiaries, which provide similar quality at lower prices. Comparing several brands, their life expectancies, and warranties can go a long way toward getting the right tires at the right price.



The spare's flat too honey, toss me that fruit cake.

Minutes of QVVA Meeting - 23 April 2025

Meeting opened – 7.35 p.m. Welcome: to Meeting 670

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: John & Alison Day, John Knight, Clint Frater, Kathy Day, Susan Porter, Barry Shipway, Christine Stevens.

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of last meeting: Read by Barbara, Seconded, Martin. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Secretary's Report: No new members. The two enquiries from last month, joined. Two SIVS applications

Moved: Ben. Seconded, Col Hinxman, Carried

Treasurer's Report: Profit from sausage sizzle over \$1 000 Moved Wendy , seconded, Don . Carried

Events Coordinator's Report:

6 May – Monthly Dinner – Club Yeronga

17 May – National Motoring Heritage Day – Ormiston school

28 May – General Meeting

3 June – Monthly Dinner – Fielders Club

11 June – GOF Lunch at Brisbane Motor Museum

15 June – RACQ – Motor Fest

22 June – Ladies Day Rally

25 June – General Meeting

1 July – Monthly Dinner – Tingalpa Hotel

19/20 July - President's Run – Christmas in July

28 July – Monthly Meeting and AGM

Editor's Report Nothing to report. Good March edition

Membership Officer's Report 9 new members – now have 93 members

In 2010 - there were 95 members so membership is stable – of these 95 members, 45 are still members – that means we have lost 50 members over 15 years

The Constitution states that the joining date of members should be recorded – research underway to complete this – some information is not available.

Sausage sizzle went well – well attended – thanks to those who volunteered. Likely to be 4 a year.

Storage is needed for the eskys, drink stock etc – currently stored at Don's house but it can't stay there – a solution needs to be found – the garage at the clubhouse is no longer available to the QVVA

A suggestion that a small box trailer could accommodate the eskys etc, but storage for the trailer is still needed.

General Business

Clint wants to relinquish the Events Coordinator role – volunteer needed.

Events are organised up to July – new coordinator needed from the AGM in July forward – no volunteers from the meeting. Not an onerous job – phone calls to book venues etc

Letter received from a member about the possibility of having two delegates to the QHMC.

Graham going to the QHMC meeting tomorrow night – last meeting was not very enlightening.

A recent committee meeting discussed the letter and decided to ask this meeting if the QVVA wants to have two delegates. A discussion ensued

A motion was put to the meeting that there be two delegates from the QVVA to the QHMC from April to the end of the Club year (June). After that the positions would be vacant. The two delegates to be Graham and Christine Stevens.

Moved by Trevor, seconded by Glen. Carried unanimously.

Graham to ask at the QHMC meeting, how many cars are on SIVS and to query the number of members quoted as being in the QHMC.

Correction on the date of Ladies Day – 22 June

Lismore Rally – 14-17 August – 6 to 8 cars likely – members encouraged to attend

Graham to make a bulk booking at a motel or caravan park

Wendy is planning a 5 or 6 day rally in October in northern NSW – 5 or 6 cars likely – again members encouraged to attend

17 May – National Motoring Heritage Day at Ormiston – again members encouraged to attend

Next meeting – start 6.30 p.m. – Club is providing pizzas prior to the meeting – contact Graham with numbers to allow correct number of pizzas to be ordered

Open Forum

John Buchanan gave a very interesting talk on his history of motoring starting with motor bikes as a child, through go carts, and other motorised vehicles up to today with a classic car.

Next month meeting volunteers– Supper – Ruth Knight , Open Forum – Gary Day , Raffle prize – Cyril

Many thanks to the April meeting volunteers: Rod (supper), Graham (raffle) and John (open forum).

Meeting closed: 9.00 pm.

The Bathtub Test *From Chuck Latty*

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

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"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON ... OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?



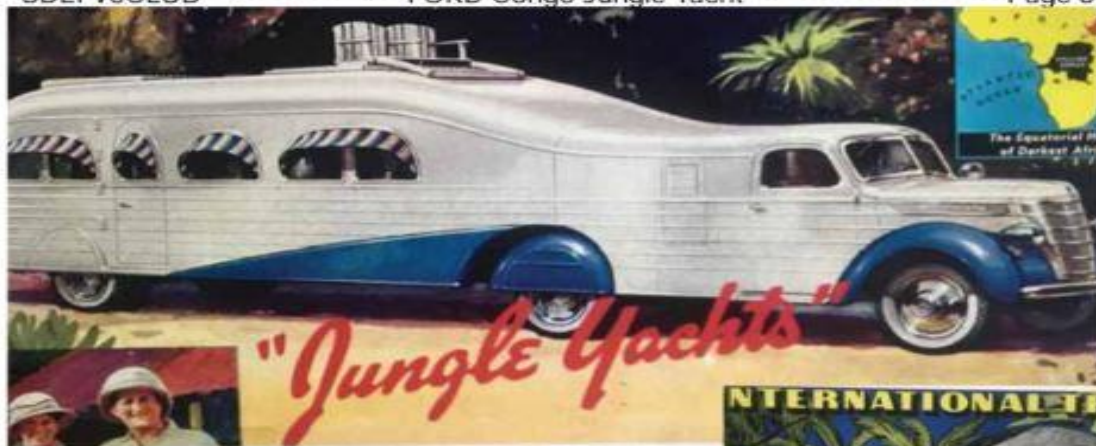
FORD Made In China

Body of the T. Made in China

Almost looks home made. But it's not a great photo. Not even sure how I found this. It's supposed to be an all electric Model T suited to drive less than 30 MPH like a golf cart. No clue on the cost or where to find one.

Just thought it was kind of interesting—Walter





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The Mad 1930s Adventure Bus with Kitchens, Bedrooms, and Bathrooms



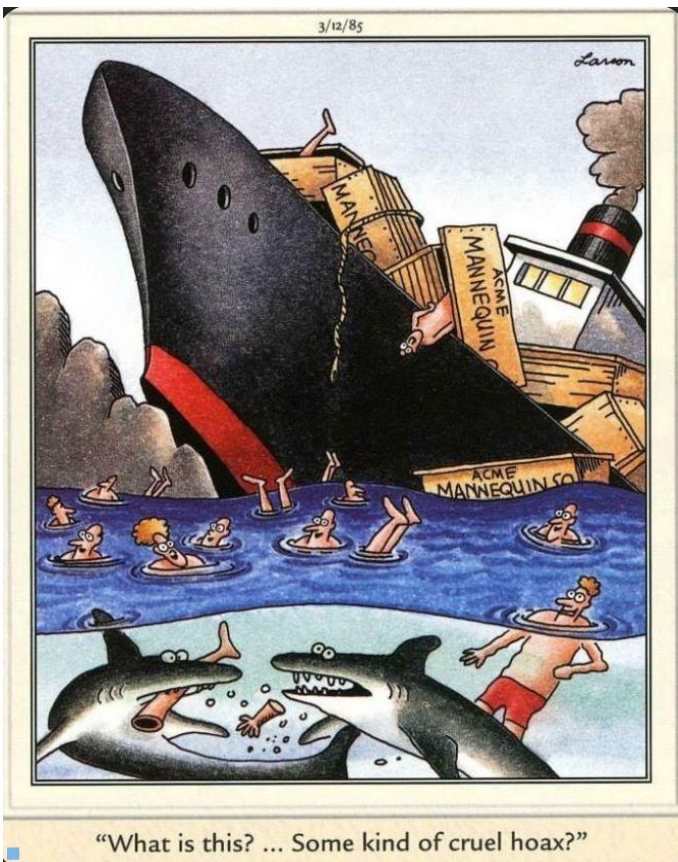
Mad 1930s Adventure Bus with Kitchens, Bedrooms, and Bathrooms



In 1939, a Motor City company named Grico solved the power problem in trucks in a novel way: with a pair of V8 engines stuffed in a Ford cabover tractor. The Ford COE tractor's original V8 engine, drivetrain, and rear axle were retained. A second V8 engine, transmission, and driveline were installed behind the cab, under a sheet metal housing, driving the second axle in the tandem. The two powertrains were configured so that either one could be operated individually to propel the truck, or they could be run in tandem controlled by a single throttle, clutch pedal, and shift lever. Very Clever.



Two engined truck



“What is this? ... Some kind of cruel hoax?”



COMING EVENTS

REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE

This is NOT a complete list. If you know of one that you can recommend let us know so we can add it to our list.

Old Petrie Town, Petrie-Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

7.00 am Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops – 1st Sunday of month

7.00 am Cars and Coffee- Spokes Café, Samford Village- 2nd Sunday of month

7.30 am -Cars and Coffee -Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo -1st Saturday of month

7.30 am- Coffee, Crunch and Chrome -Joes Diner- Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm -2nd Sat of month.

7.30-10 am, 2nd Saturday of the month, Repco Morayfield

8.00 am Cars and Coffee- Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd. – last Saturday of month

8.00 am Breakfast and Cars, Beenleigh Historic Village, -last Sunday of month

10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel -Berrima St Wynnum- 2nd Sunday of month

5-8pm Wednesdays; Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East

3pm ,2nd Saturday of the month– Yank Tanks, Espresso 25, Boat Works Coomera

Swap Meets

May						
May	Sat	3/05/2025	06:00	Warwick Swap Meet	Morgan Park Raceway	
May	Sun	4/05/2025	06:30	Laidley/Lockyer Swap	Laidley Showgrounds	
May	Sun	18/05/2025	06:00	Fine Iron Show and Swap	Ebbw Vale Memorial Park 11A Brisbane Road, Ebbw Vale	Third Sunday in May
May	Sun	18/05/2025		Gold Coast Dub Club Show and Swap	193 Rifle Range Road Pimpama	
May	Sat	24/05/2025		Dalby Swap	Dalby Showgrounds Nicholson St, Dalby, Queensland 4405	
May	Sat	24/05/2025	06:00	Curra Swap	10 David St Curra	
May	Sat	24/05/2025	08:00	Classic Bike Show abd Swap	Cannungra Show Grounds	
June						
Jun	Sat	14/06/2025	06:00	Bundaberg Swap	8e Quay Street Bundaberg East	
Jun	Sat	28/06/2025	06:00	Caboolture Swap Meet and Show & Shine	Caboolture Showgrounds Beerburum Rd Caboolture	
Jun	Sun	29/06/2025	06:00	Ipswich ASMF Swap	North Ipswich State School Downs St North Ipswich	
July						
Jul	Sat	12/07/2025	06:00	Bundy Swap	Bundaberg Recreational Precinct	
Jul	Sun	20/07/2025	06:00	All Ford Day	Willowbank Raceway	Need to book tickets on-line to
Jul	Sat	20/07/2024	06:00	Original Gold Coast Swap	Mudgeeraba Showgrounds enter from Worongary Rd	3rd Sunday in July Set up from 2:00pm Saturday
Jul	Sat	26/07/2025	06:00	Nambour Swap Meet	Nambour Showground, Coronation Ave, Nambour, Qld	

August

Aug	Sat	2/08/2025	06:00	Rocky Swap	Rockhampton Showgrounds	
Aug	Sat	9/08/2025	06:00	Shifting N Gears Show and Swap	Crows Nest Showground 7301 New England highway Crows Nest	
Aug	Sat	16/08/2025	06:00	Glenwood Swap Meet	Torbanlea race course, Glenwood	
Aug	Sun	17/08/2025	06:00	Lismore Swap Meet	Lismore Showgrounds	
Aug	Sat	23/08/2025	06:00	Millmeran Swap Meet	Millmeran Showgrounds Old Cecil Rd Millmeran	
Aug	Sun	24/08/2025	07:00	Rusty and Dusty	Yatala Drive In 100 Stapylton-Jacobs Well Rd, Stapylton	

September

Other Events

May

May	Fri	2/05/2025		Labour Day Bucket Rumble	Brisbane Holiday Village Eight Mile Plains	2/5 to 5/525
May	Sat	3/05/2025	12:00	Ipswich Planes, Trains and Autos Cars and Coffee	Cars and Coffee at Woodland Marburg	
May	Sun	4/05/2025	06:30	Laidley/Lockyer Swap	Laidley Showgrounds	
May	Sun	4/05/2025	06:00	Panel Van and Custom Car Show	Redcliffe Showgrounds	
May	Sun	4/05/2025	12:00	Ipswich Planes, Trains and Autos Cars and Coffee		
May	Sun	4/05/2025	07:00	May in The Bay	Woods Road Nikenbah	
May	Mon	5/05/2025	12:00	Ipswich Planes, Trains and Autos Cars and Coffee		
May	Mon	5/05/2025	14:00	Goodna Retro Picnic	Evan Marginson Park 49 Woogaroo St Goodna	
May	Sat	10/05/2025	06:30	Dalby Car and Bike Spectacular	Dalby Showgrounds Nicholson St, Dalby, Queensland 4405	Defered to 2026
May	Sat	10/05/2025	06:30	Crows Nest Show n Shine	Crows Nest Showground 7301 New England highway Crows Nest	
May	Sat	10/05/2025	16:00	Harrisville Car Show	HAYES OVAL, 15 Pollock St, Harrisville	
May	Sat	10/05/2025	17:00	Bad Ideas at Shannons	105 Fison Ave W, Eagle Farm	
May	Sat	17/05/2025		Bundaberg Heritage Car, Truck and Machinery Show	Bundaberg Recreational Precinct	



