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## Special points of interest:

- **2015 NATIONAL MEET**
- **Out n About**
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- **RETROAUTOS**

Well many were out n about in October. This issue features the 2015 National Meet.

A few pix here and in the next few pages. Thanks to Richard for some of the pictures and the committee extend a big thank you to Dave & Bruce for a great weekend.



2016

**Adelaide**

(Tanunda)

21-23 October

2016

2017

**NEWCASTLE**

**NATIONAL MEET 2016 TANUNDA (SA) — 21-23 OCTOBER**

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## 2015 NATIONAL MEET— BALLINA NSW



The fun started when Eureka's with their drivers and followers arriving on Friday late afternoon for the Meet and Greet". The bar was in full swing and food in abundance of king prawns, home made crumbed chicken, pizza and a range of desserts was served. Following an evening of catching up by the pool all headed off to sleep ready for the big day to come.

Early 7am cooked breakfast and ready to cruise by 8am. Astonished drivers attended their beloved vehicles covered in black ash from an early morning cane fire. The hose came out and washing began. On the road by 8.10 headed to the local Ballina Fire Station, where our local resident Bruce volunteers. A line up of Eureka's with 2 fire trucks behind made for great photos enjoyed by a rally of many locals turning up to see what the fuss was about. To add to the excitement of it all, Dave had his golden microphone tuned to all cars so a running commentary of the area was given of the route and areas landmarks.

Soon it was off to Byron Bay lighthouse via the lookout at Lennox Head for a short stop and then some.... small delay with Bruce's eureka leaving a trail of smoke found to be merely some fibreglass burning on the tail pipe. A small hacksaw was produced and the offending piece was removed. Have the picture to prove it.



Where did you lose it?

Anyway off to the lighthouse in convoy with many turning heads down the road watching the colourful exotic cars. Some Cars took the Main Street route while the other half detoured and went straight to the lighthouse. After a brief visit, we headed to the Mullumbimby markets for a show and shine and browse the local goods. But 10 mins out of town saw Phill's spotto yellow eureka come to a stop on the side of the road. After much attention it was decided that all should head to the market leaving Phill with his insistence behind to try and sort the problem.

The market manager had set aside an area for the



many visitors wanting to view the vehicles. Some had travelled far to see the parade and were amazed at the line up of the many coloured vehicles.

A trip back into town in Helens skyline to get supplies from Repco and once again he was on the road. A dead fuel pump we believe.

All met up again at "The Farm" most famous for its fresh produce grown on site and restaurant meals. Some walked around to visit the chooks and pigs wallowing in mud. Some then insisted on a drive out to Eureka, a place they had seen on the map. There was very little there so you couldn't blink but the scenery and drive was something not to miss. Onto the Macadamia Castle for a quick visit and photos.

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Free time for all until dinner.

Arriving back at the motel for a beach scene evening meal and drinks. The costumes were colourful and photos show the same as you can see.

A great fun evening was had by all and very late night for some moving into the early hours of the morning.

**Sunday morning saw the AGM, a pack up and drive to the Felsch residence on the river for a large spread for lunch with a spit rump roast and abundance of meats and salads. Following lunch some went for a jet boat ride off the Felsch's own private beach, some braving the tube while, others tried their hand on the Segway while a few brave ones had a go on the resident go karts.**

**But that's a not all, off to South Ballina Beach where Dave surprised us all by turning up with his John Deer tractor to trailer all cars (those game enough) onto the beach for a picture book to be remembered. Some went for a race up the beach throwing a few doughies for the fun of it.**

**The weather was picture perfect and all had an awesome time.**

Many locals had picked up the tweets and had turned up in droves to see what all the excitement was. Those of us standing on the beach watching

Dave bring the cars down one by one, watched in amazement at many 4wds attempt to get off the beach and becoming stuck in the sand hill. The eureka team pushed a few to the car park and Dave was offered money by some to tow others off the beach with his tractor. Well done to Dave for the rescue.

The day ended unfortunately after a return to the Felsch residence to say goodbye and until, next year a very, very successful and memorable meet.

Thank you to all

**David And Helen Felsch.**



**Shonko did find his Thongs**

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## From the SECRETARY

**W**ell here we are now looking at the 5th edition of this Newsletter. If you would like to see something in particular just let us know. just send me an e-mail.

Part of the job is to keep accurate records of Members, however since taking on the role, I have found many incorrect addresses, both on the home/ mailing address and on e-mail. So if you have recently (in the last year or two), changed your circumstances, please e-mail me at [secretary@purviseurekacarclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@purviseurekacarclub.com.au) If you have not received your Member Card yet, then this could be the reason why. I have had a few returned due to incorrect address.

The Newsletters are also made available on the Main Website should you have missed a copy. If you receive a copy in the mail, then our information on your e-mail address is incorrect. It would be appreciated if you drop me a line with your updated details. If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter via mail rather than e-mail, please advise & I will put you on the mailing list.

Following the AGM held at BALLINA NSW

The new Committee is as follows.

Congratulations

<b>President</b>	<b>Paul Patton</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Andrew Coulson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Philip Brow</b>
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## THE WWW

**T H E** main **C L U B** site [www.purviseurekacarclub.com.au](http://www.purviseurekacarclub.com.au) has had over 71,898 Visitors as at Feb 2015 . This is the hub of all our WEB activity, hosting the static site, Wiki & Forum . There are now 202 on the [FORUM](#) with 9,564 posts in 1,335 topics.

CYCO still wins the top Poster award this month again.

Currently 234 Members are now on our [FACEBOOK Page](#). This has been quite a positive for the club, having pulled a number of Eureka's from obscurity. There are still a number popping up for sale.

We will be looking at publishing this growing Newsletter in a different and more readable format on-line, but at the moment will continue to e-mail it out to members and those interested. I will also become part of the Website.

## NATIONAL MEET 2016

### TANUNDA South Australia

21, 22, 23 October 2016

BOOKING Forms out early 2016

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Did you see the feature article in the October edition of RETROAUTOS ?The editor put together an excellent ten page spread on the Eureka In his 50th edition. The article covers stories from Paul Patton, Ted Smith and myself, as well as covering some historical aspects. All other editions are also available at no cost. Links are on the Forum to the “on-line”

## RETROAUTOS

magazine, or see the info below to copy and paste the link.



## RETROAUTOS

The **December 2015 edition of Retroautos** is now on line. go through [www.retroautos.com.au](http://www.retroautos.com.au)

We have a wide variety of stories this month.

Back in 1965 Chrysler kicked off the muscle car wars in this country with the release of the V8 Valiant. Ruben Razmoski takes us through the restoration of his award winning V8 Valiant, thought to be one of only 20 still operational in Australia.

We chat with Bill Coon about another of his MGs, this time it's his rare (for Australia) MGC GT.

It is the 50th anniversary of the debut of the Oldsmobile Toronado, one of America's most iconic automobiles. We have rare photos of the Toronado styling proposals which influenced the car's classic lines. And we have also discovered how the Toronado came to get its name.

And speaking of names, how did the horseless carriage end being called a “car” instead of the “self-motor”? Our research department has worked overtime to bring you this engaging story !

There are all of the usual features: RetroAdvertisements, RetroAuctions, RayTookThis and RetroRacing.

We hope you enjoy the issue. Please forward it far and wide. It is published with passion and pride.

The **January 2016 edition of Retroautos** is now on line. go through [www.retroautos.com.au](http://www.retroautos.com.au)

Buick's 1971 Riviera, with its distinctive boat-tail styling, has always been a controversial automobile. We chat with Tony Gentlicore about the adventures he's had driving his Riviera, and he takes us through its restoration.

Our Design to Driveway series showcases the '71 Riviera. We bring you the many styling proposals, and the behind-the-scenes corporate arguments and compromises at GM, which eventually led to the Riviera we know today.

Daryl Coon found a 1978 Falcon Cobra that had been rusting in a paddock. He's restored to as-new condition.

Back in the early 1960s, GM was looking at interchangeability of cars for Opel, Vauxhall and Holden. We have the never-seen-before-photos of what was being planned and the prototype of the Holden version.

Can you buy a solid classic car for less than \$1000? Yes, according to Peter Sara, who found a mint Mercedes for just \$900.

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We hope you enjoy the 52nd edition of Retroautos. Please forward it far and wide. It is published with passion and pride.

And a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone,

Thanks, David Editor— Retroauto

How are they now. Hoping to keep you up to date with the progress on a new, OLD Eureka coming back to life in Adelaide.

It now belongs to a member who sold his last one, but found they could not live without a Eureka in the Shed.

This will be a Family project.



It was a flying trip to Melbourne a few weeks back, with a side trip to catch-up with another

Club Member to rescue this one. We were so well fed, it was difficult to get going again. What a sandwich. Much appreciated.



Not sure where this one was born, but it was in Qld, NSW and Vic in



recent years. It is now well and truly under complete restoration, with a pending strip down to the bare floor pan and full fit-out.

Here's another NOW & THEN pic.



Some may recognise this one. Seen supporting a rainwater tank beyond the black stump somewhere behind Melbourne. This is back on the Black-Top since the 2014 National Meet

If you have a Now & Then pic to show and would like to show us all, feel free to send it to the secretary. Maybe with a few words.



**ADELAIDE MOTOR SPORT FESTIVAL**

This Festival, held in October 2015, was organised by the Sporting Car Club of South Australia to celebrate our motoring heritage. It comprised of the Classic Adelaide Rally and the Victoria Park Sprint. The Classic Adelaide Rally, a tarmac rally with 141 entrants, ran over the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October through the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula with 15 closed road special stages. Friday's rally ended with a night display of vehicles in Adelaide with the closure of Gouger Street for a street party. Thousands of people gathered in Gouger Street and the cafes and enjoyed the festivities. It was a great night.

The Victoria Park Sprint ran over 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October in the East Parklands at Victoria Park, part of the old Grand Prix and Clipsal 500 race track. It was not a race, but a sprint, involving 14 cars on track at one time. There were over 220 race cars that took part in the sprint.



The range was amazing. There were a number of F1 cars, 1979 Warsteiner Arrows AIB Ex Patres, 1994 Ferrari 412-T1 Ex Berger, 1985 Lotus 97T Ex Senna (Black John Player Special Renault Elf), 1994 Simtec Ex Brabham, 1985 Beatrice Lola Hart Ex Jones and 1986 Benneton B186 BMW Ex Berger. These cars looked and sounded great on the track. There were cars from Historic Early, Heritage Touring Cars, Bathurst V8s, HQs, Sports Sedans, through to current Super Cars. Michael Polljonker, a Eureka owner was there racing his Mercedes Benz in the Euro Coup Class.

There were also a large number of display cars. We took the Magenta Eureka, which created a lot of interest. We caught up with Tom, Allan and Wayne, (also Eureka owners). It was a fantastic weekend of motor sport.



**A great weekend out in the Eureka.** Trevor & Julie

## Volksfest 2015

Organised by the Volks Enthusiasts Club of South Australia and held on 29<sup>th</sup> October at Elder Park by the River Torrens in Adelaide - a top venue. Weatherwise it was a perfect day for a cruise, sunny and crisp as we left home at 7 a.m., each driving our Eureka into the City.

Judging was different this year. Trophies were awarded to the top ten cars voted by the entrants. There were over 180 Volkswagens, of all different types and models, at the Show. The Magenta Eureka was voted one of the Top Ten.



The Adelaide v New Zealand Cricket Test Match was on at the Adelaide Oval, and many cricket fans that walked passed Volksfest wandered among the vehicles, with the other car enthusiasts.

It was good to catch up with Ken, Kaija, Wayne and Lyn. Lyn was celebrating her birthday. We also met another couple from Adelaide who have owned a Eureka for 10 years and are starting to rebuild it.

Eurekas always attract a lot of attention, bringing back memories for older people who remember them back in the 70's, and excite the younger ones.

Another great day out in both Eureka's.

**Trevor & Julie**

Every Day is  
EUREKA Day

