

EFCCQ Summer Newsletter 2023 Volume 2



EFCCQ PUBLICATIONS



Welcome



The Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland Summer Newsletter brings together the last three months of club runs, events and meetings, our members and early Ford Falcon vehicles.

This publication also highlights the social aspect of our car club that was formed in 1986 to promote motor sport activities and gatherings where members can enjoy meeting other people with the same interests of owning, restoring, repairing, driving and showing Early Ford Falcons.

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What's New in the EFCCQ

The EFCCQ member survey was conducted recently. The feedback from the survey is being used by the committee to provide a range of services and events highlighted by the member survey.

The survey results are published in this newsletter.

The positions for Events and Suppliers Coordinators have been filled and we welcome Dave Anderson and Mark Ward as the new committee members undertaking these roles.

Although hosting the Early Falcon Nationals will not take place until 2028, we have locked in a major sponsor for the event and we continue to work to host the event.

The new member's website is in development.

Our new 12-month club run calendar has been completed and listed on the EFCCQ website.

More sponsors have been acquired for the club.

Additional member discounts have also been organised.

Member location database to assist with runs and events.

A new master member database has been developed. General meetings are now being streamed live.

To the right is the list of our 2023 committee members. They are here for you and your car club but they will require your assistance and participation to make your club successful, effective and resilient.

2023 - 2024 **EFCCQ Committee Members**

Club President: Jack Shelley Vice President: Peter Stanley Treasurer: Rosalia Norbido

Secretary: Jon Clayton

Merchandise: Noel O'Driscoll Newsletter Editor: Dale Lait

Events Coordinator: Dave Anderson

Suppliers Coordinators: Mark Ward & Dave Anderson

Rockhampton Coordinators: Merv & Annette Furguson

Registration Officers:

South Brisbane - Geoffery Scraggs North Brisbane - Reter Rapkins

Rockhampton - Merv Ferguson

Message from the Editor

Firstly, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For those heading away over the holiday period, please take care on the road, be patient and arrive safely at your destination to share this special time with your family and friends.



Speaking of Christmas, the EFCCQ Christmas party is Saturday 9th December at the Brisbane Motor Museum on Nudgee Road Banyo from 6pm to 9:30pm.

It should be a night of fun, food, friendship and Falcons.

I would like to introduce Craig Rose to the newsletter team.

Craig will be writing a series of Ford Falcon articles highlighting some historical aspects that are less well known.

Welcome aboard Craig.

Also, I received a couple of club run reports from Al and Jon.

Many thanks' gentlemen and if anyone would like to volunteer to review EFCCQ club run and events, I would really appreciate it.

If there are any Falcon or motoring based stories or articles that you want covered in the EFCCQ Newsletter or if you would like to contribute to the club newsletter, please let me know and I will endeavor to make it happen.

Happy reading, Dale







Special Interest Vehicle Registration

Many EFCCQ members join the club to access discounted registration and insurance through the SIV Concession Scheme.

Any Falcon 30 years or older is eligible and the club has registration officers to assist members gain SIV registration.

However, once your vehicle is SIV registered, the owner must comply with all the conditions and restrictions associated with the SIV Concession Scheme.

It is your responsibility to keep abreast of the SIV registration conditions and restrictions and there have been some changes to these over the last 12 months.

Below are some extracts from the Dept. of Transport website.

Change to road testing distance

The distance you can travel to test your special interest vehicle after repairs, restoration or maintenance has increased from a radius of 15km to 30km.

Conditions and Restrictions

You and anyone driving your special interest vehicle must only use the vehicle for:

Participating in rallies or events, including impromptu events organized by an incorporated vehicle club.

Travel in order to have the vehicle repaired is allowed. There is no distance restriction, however, such travel must be reasonable and justifiable by the vehicle operator.

Participating in processions for which a Special Events Permit has been issued under Transport Operations.

Ceremonial purposes (such as weddings, formals, funerals) involving immediate and de facto family members, or as part of a sanctioned incorporated club event, provided this is not done for fee or reward. Immediate and de facto family means parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, adopted children and adopted grandchildren, but not extended family members such as aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

What to Carry in Your Vehicle

We recommend you carry paperwork that supports your reason for travel.

This could include club newsletter and calendar of events.

Penalties

If you use your vehicle outside of the conditions of the SIV Concession Scheme you may face a fine or risk having your concession revoked.

You may also risk serious insurance implications if your vehicle is involved in a crash whilst being used contrary to the conditions of this scheme. If there is damage to your vehicle, yourself or others, your compulsory third party insurance and comprehensive insurance may become null and void.

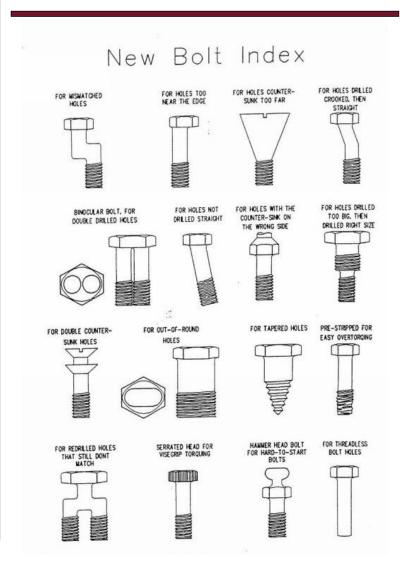
For all information about Special Interest Vehicle Concession Scheme, push and hold Ctrl and click on the hyperlink below; https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest



Seat Belts **Exemptions For Historic Vehicles**



In Queensland, an exemption from seat belt requirements only applies for children 7 years and over for historic vehicles manufactured with no seat belts.



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More winners at EFCCQ club runs and meetings.

All club runs include a raffle for members with all proceeds going to the club.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Brisbane Batteries, Rare Spares, Colourfast and member donations as well.

Spring Club Runs



The club run coordinators provided members with a variety of great runs and events over Spring.

Some were more successful than others with the October run to the bearded Dragon at Tamborine Village. It was an awesome day with 15 cars and over 20 members in attendance for coffee, lunch and general meeting.

The September run to the Gold Coast Car Museum attracted just 3 cars and 4 members.

The November run to the Banana Bender Hotel in Buderim also attracted less than a handful of cars and members.

With more than 70 members living in south east Queensland and club runs being organised across different regions and different venues, event organisers are somewhat perplexed by the lack of support for some runs but not others.

All club runs have dual attendance venues to allow members to participate in the morning and/or afternoon. Runs will normally start with coffee around 9.30am and move on to lunch at about 12.30pm.

Can all members please RSVP by Friday before the event so that we can inform venue management of exact numbers.





Gold Coast Motor Museum



A sunny Sunday morning escaping from our family responsibilities, we caught up with car club members at the old Beenleigh Rum Distillery for a quick cuppa.

We departed in the usual confusion with several laps around the car park trying to find the exit and then venturing south on the M1 exiting on the Oxenford exit through tranquil peaceful countryside to the Gold Coast Motor Museum.

After departing with our hard-earned cash at the door, we were presented with a plethora of memorabilia and vast range of automobiles. The members took a particular liking to one and tried a quick ride.

After a wander through the exhibits, we all met up at the accompanying cafe restaurant next door for lunch. Some members revisited the museum for a second visit. A great day out doing something different.



About the Gold Coast Motor Museum

The Gold Coast Motor Museum is a relatively new tourist attraction that opened its doors in October 2020. The museum was founded by brothers Carl and Grant Amor as a tribute to their parents, who shared a passion for cars and inspired that same passion in their sons. The museum is located in the Gold Coast Hinterland, Queensland, Australia, and is situated on 12 acres of land surrounded by native trees and lush grassland, offering a stunning view of the Coomera Valley. The museum showcases a collection of over 80 cars and bikes from 1900 to 1988, including historic cars, racing cars, and motorbikes. It also has a treasure trove of memorabilia on display, such as telephones, tools, and period fashion for women. The museum is open from Wednesday to Sunday, with varying hours of operation. Admission prices range from \$10 for children aged 13-17 to \$24 for adults. Reservations are strongly recommended for the restaurant, Stanley's Barn Restaurant & Bar, which is located on the same premises as the museum.

Allan Sweeney

Banana Benders - Buderim



I must say I am a bit disappointed at the turnout at today's club run. Both venues went out of their way to accommodate our club by setting aside car parking and tables for us and only 4 cars turned up for the morning tea and only 3 cars for the lunch. What do members want in a club if they are not going to attend club runs? Thank you Jack Shelley for organising the two excellent venues.

Jon Clauton











EFCCO Member Locations

Organising club runs, events and meetings is a pivotal role of the EFCCQ committee and organizing these to encourage maximum member participation is a priority.

Along with the member survey to examine what types of club runs, events and meeting venues members would like organized, the committee has undertaken the development of a member location database to assist in where we organize club runs, events and meeting to ensure maximum participation.

This information has been used to develop the 2024 Club Run Calendar to allow all members to attend at many events throughout the year.

Quick Data Snapshot

88 financial members

26 members live within 30 minutes of Lord Stanley Hotel

28 members live 30 to 60 minutes from Lord Stanley Hotel

12 members live 1 to 3 hours from Lord Stanley Hotel

16 Rockhampton members 7 hours from Brisbane

6 members no address listed

26 Brisbane Members - North 11, South 8, East 3, West 4 28 Outer Bris Members - North 3, South 13, East 3, West 9 12 S/E Qld members - North 3, South 2, East 0, West 7 Total Members - North 17, South 23, East 6, West 20 16 members Fraser Coast

Where bolts go when I drop them.



Directly to the floor, in plain sight and easy to reach.

Teleports to an alternate dimension, never to be seen again.





The Falcon Chronicles



Introduction

Welcome to the first of a series of articles focussed on the compelling history of the Ford Falcon. In each article I will discuss various aspects of a car we each know and love, covering its almost 60-year life. Over several articles I will examine the car through all seven generations and across more than 25 model designations. I will also include a few factoids along the way about the cars, the factories, and the people that both made and used them. As many elements of both Falcon and Ford history are generally well known, I will try and delve a bit deeper to reveal some of the more obscure info from behind the scenes.

Firstly, though let me introduce myself. I have been an avid supporter of Ford in general and the Falcon in particular since my dad brought home a used XR Falcon 500 sedan in 1969. After several years of slow and unreliable British cars (Wolseley 15/16 I am talking about you), the 200 cu in Falcon was a revelation, especially for a car mad 8-year-old. From that point onward my interest in the car and the brand was forever piqued. Sadly, Dad sold it just under a decade later just prior to his death to one of his mates for a song.

Since that first encounter with a Falcon, and for the next 50 odd years I have taken a keen interest in the brand and the car. Whilst I have only been a member of the EFCC for a short period, I am passionate about everything Falcon. I am the proud owner of an FGX Falcon G6E sedan which you will see at meetings and club runs. Even though I own one of the last Falcons ever made, my strong interest in all generations of the car remains.

Anyway, let's get into it. To set the scene for the rest of the series, I wanted to briefly explore the history of Ford in Australia, the key moments up until just before Falcon assembly began in 1960.

Ford in Australia 1904 - 1959

The history of the Ford Motor Company (FoMoCo) in Australia begins with the first car imported into the country in 1904, a Model A (not to be confused with the 1927 to 1931 Model A) to help garner sales. Fully built imports continued in increasing numbers until the beginning of World War 1. At this point the Australian government banned the imports of cars and similar luxuries to allow shipping space for materials needed for the war effort. This ban was changed in 1915 to allow for the import of rolling chassis only, albeit in kit form. This in turn created a cottage industry around Australia building the bodies, a process that continued into the 1920s. It soon became obvious to customers that they got what they paid for, quality wise, when it came to the chosen body builder.



Ford of Canada, from where the chassis units were exported, began to receive reports from Australian owners of both variable quality and of poor customer service being provided by the local distributors. The primary local group was the Tarrant Brothers who saw the whole process as a pathway to wealth and fame.

The poor customer feedback prompted Ford of Canada to dispatch two senior officials to Australia in 1923 to investigate. Their report was damning of the local distributors, whose desire for profit at the expense of customer satisfaction was the main contributor to the negative reports and subsequent flagging sales. The final recommendation in the report was to set up on shore assembly and the creation of two entities - the Ford Motor Company of Australia and the Ford Manufacturing Company of Australia.

The first factory was opened in Geelong (Victoria) in 1925 and over the next 6 years, additional assembly plants were setup in Ballarat, Sydney (Homebush), Brisbane (Eagle Farm), Adelaide, Hobart, and Fremantle. Whilst Hobart closed soon after opening (poor local sales), the rest remained open for decades to come.

Post World War 2, vehicle assembly continued at the various factories producing an array of British and American cars from overseas kits with some local content. Ford's submission to the government for a proposal to build a fully locally made car was rejected as too costly, even though it was acknowledged as the best of the three proposals received. Ford decided to continue to do what it was doing (assembling overseas models with increasing local content) and making a reasonable profit.





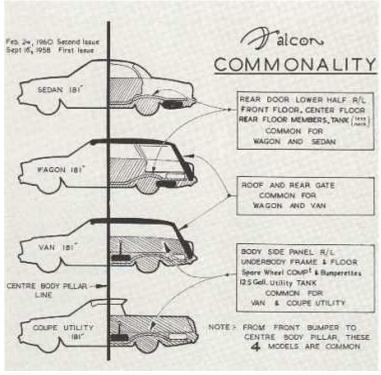
The Holden Factor

The sheer success of the 48-215 Holden and subsequent models surprised Ford in Australia. A visit by the GM-H Managing Director, who described the assembly plant in Geelong as ancient (it still used presses from 1925), rattled key executives in Ford. A subsequent visit by Ford management to the very modern GM-H assembly plant confirmed they needed a dramatic change. One option was to pack up and leave and the other was to invest in local car manufacture. In 1956 Ford management devised a plan (one of four) to create a new vehicle assembly plant in Melbourne. The plan also included closing Ballarat, expanding Geelong to produce mechanical components (engines, transmission, chassis, etc) and upgrading the plants in Sydney and Brisbane. It also chose the upcoming Ford

Zephyr Mark 3 as the car to compete with the Holden.

The Zephyr was being designed in the US for the British and European markets. A site visit in 1957 by Ford Australia management to Detroit (Ford of Canada was being subsumed by the Yanks at that time) to see clay mock-ups confirmed to them the unsuitability of the vehicle. It was projected to weigh considerably more than the Holden and, with similar engine power, would be slower and less economical.

Whilst the executives were in Detroit, they stumbled upon a yet unnamed vehicle also in the clay mock-up stage. Considered a Compact in North America, it would be lighter than the Holden, had futuristic styling, and a powerful six-cylinder engine. It was also roomy and took twenty less hours to build than the Zephyr. The Australian executives decided this was the car they needed and communicated this to their hosts. The Americans were thrilled and offered to assist with developing local manufacture as well as the marketing side.





In August 1959 the Broadmeadows factory in Melbourne was opened for car assembly with the first vehicle produced being a (Tank) Ford Fairlane sedan. Geelong closed its assembly line in October that year (last car produced was a Zephyr Mark 2) with work beginning at a pace to convert it to its new function. Geelong continued to be expanded over the next couple of decades as demand for components such as engines and transmissions increased.

Factoids

- 1. With the advent of Federation, the government applied low tariff status to imports from Commonwealth countries, hence why Ford of Canada became the official export arm for North American vehicles. This policy continued until just after WW2 when tariffs on Commonwealth imports were increased progressively to protect the growing Australian car manufacturing industry.
- 2. The decision to place the Broadmeadows plant 45 miles from engine production at Geelong was seen by many at the time as odd. The American officials who were making the decision, had no idea where Melbourne, let alone Geelong was located. Consequently, many believe that they misread "45 miles" as "4.5 miles" either due to a typo or a speck of fly dirt.









Club Member Profile

Getting to know other members is a major part of the social aspect of our club.

The EFCCQ Spring newsletter profiles Dale Lait.

Five Questions for Dale

What type of early Falcon do you own?

1962 XL Falcon Deluxe Sedan, Kurrajong Green with Merino White roof, Green interior, matching numbers 144cu Pursuit 6 cylinder with a two speed fordomatic transmission.

How did you become the owner of this Falcon?

I bought a 62 XK to restore but before I started the restoration, my wife found a fully restored XL for sale.

Why did you choose this model Falcon?

I have owned many Falcons. I remember I was pretty excited when my dad bought a new XR Falcon to replace the rusty Mark II Consul.

At 17, my first car was an XA Hardtop, followed by XA, XB, XC, EA, Landau, BA, FG and another Landau For my 50th birthday I decided to buy a car from my birth year and ended up with both a 1962 XK Falcon and a 1962 XL Falcon. I kept the XL and sold the XK.

Is your Falcon, original, restored or rebuilt?

Body and interior restored. Restoration work was performed by Gasoline Alley by previous owner.

Mechanicals are almost back to original and ongoing.

Why did you join the Early Falcon Car Club Qld?

Joining the Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland was a no brainer when it comes to restoring and maintaining an early Falcon. After I joined, many members were quick to help with their knowledge, experience and spare parts. Parts they did not have, we would go searching for at swap meets. Finding those elusive parts is half the fun of owning an Early Falcon.

Bonus Question: What is something members may not know about you?

I am an avid collector of Bundaberg Rum, bottles, merchandise and advertising.









Sanctioned Club Runs, Events, Car Shows and Swap Meets

This section is dedicated to listing the upcoming Club Runs, Events, Car Shows and Swap Meets organized by our club, and other clubs and entities.

This is not a complete list, as other club runs and events will be organized after this newsletter is published but it will give you a great indication of what is on, when and where, and you will have some evidence, which is required under the Special Interest Vehicle Concession Scheme, to attend these rallies.

If you discover an event, car show or swap meet that is not on these calendars, please list it on our website and Facebook page as an impromptu run.

Rare Spares has an open night on the first Thursday of every month with a free BBQ and 10% off storewide for EFCCQ members.

As such, we are organising an Early Falcon night at Rare Spares for the 1st of February next year.

We must support the businesses that support our club so mark it on your calendar and try to make the time to be







2024 Calendar of EFCCQ Club Runs and Events

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Event	BVRC Australia Day Rally
Date & Time	January 26th Friday 6.00am to 11.30am
Location	Ormiston State School Wellington Road
Hosted by	Bayside Restorers Vehicle Club
Event	Toowoomba Swap Meet
Date & Time	February 2nd Friday - 4th Sunday
Location	Toowoomba Showgrounds
Hosted by	
Event	EFCCO Rally
Date & Time	February 18th Sunday, Coffee 9.30am, BBQ Lunch 12 noon
Location	Coffee - Three Wise Monkeys, BBQ Lunch - Bullocky Rest Joiner
Hosted by	Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland
Event	EFCCQ Rally
Date & Time	March 17th Sunday, Coffee 9.30am, BBQ Lunch 12 noon
Location	Madonna's Morning Tea Colleges Crossing, Lunch Qld Transport Museum
Hosted by	Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland
Event	EFCCQ Rally
Date & Time	April 21st Sunday, Coffee 9.30am, BBQ Lunch 12 noon
Location	Coffee - Wellington Point Takeaway, Lunch - Redland Bay Hotel
Hosted bu	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland
Event	May The Fords Be With You
Date & Time	May 4th Saturday - 6th Monday
Location Location	Bundaberg
	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland
Hosted bu	
Event	EFCCQ Rally
Date & Time	May 26th Sunday, All Day Event
Location	Billies Bay Memorial Run - Wivenhoe Dam
Hosted bu	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland
Event	Downunder Beach Fest
Date & Time	May 29th Wednesday - June 2nd Sunday
Location	Caloundra
Hosted by	Australian Street Rod Federation
Event	Cooly Rocks Festival
Date & Time	June 5th Wednesday - 9th Sunday
Location Hosted by	Coolangata Connecting Southern Gold Coast
Event	
Date & Time	Club Car Scavenger Hunt
Location	June 16th Sunday TBA TBA
	Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland
Hosted by Event	All Ford Day - BBQ Breakfast 8.00am, BBQ Lunch 12.00 noon
Date & Time	July 21st Sunday 6.00am - 3.00pm
Location	Willowbank Raceway
Hosted bu	GT Club of Oueensland
Event	TBA Coffee 9.30am, McGavin Veiw Park, BBQ Lunch 12.00 noon
Date & Time	Augaust 18th Sunday
Location Location	McGavin Veiw Park
Hosted bu	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland
Event	EFCCO Rally
Date & Time	August 29st Sunday, Coffee 9.30am, BBQ Lunch 12 noon
Location	Coffee - Darling Downs Zoo, Lunch - Scotty's Garage
Hosted bu	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland
Event	EFCCQ Rally
Date & Time	October 27th Sunday, Coffee 9.30am, BBQ Lunch 12 noon
Location Location	Coffee - Café 63 Yarrabilba, Lunch Bearded Dragon
Hosted by	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland
Event	EFCCQ Rally
Date & Time	November 17st Sunday, Coffee 9.30am, BBQ Lunch 12 noon
Location	
Hosted by	Coffee - The Ole Dairy, Lunch - Brisbane Motor Museum
Event	Early Falcon Car Club of Oueensland EFCCQ Christmas Party
Date & Time	December 8th Saturday TBA
Location	Rods Inc Club House
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CARDIGRAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2023



CARDIGRAS SUMMER SERIES CARS & CANOLLI Botticelli's Italian Kitchen 01/12/23 5.30PM-8PM Anzac Avenue Kallangur QLD 4503 Car Show & Markets

> CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS Breathe Easy Cafe 06/12/23 7AM-9AM 455 Anzac Avenue Redcliffe QLD 4022 Car & Bike Meet

CARDIGRAS RUMBLES INTO CABOOLTURE Supercheap Auto 09/12/23 2PM-4PM 459 Pumicestone Road Caboolture QLD 4510 Car & Bike Meet

CARDIGRAS GOES TO THE MARKETS

'amborine Mountain Showgrounds 10/12/23 9AM-12PM

Normandie Court Tamborine Mountain QLD 4272

Car Show

CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS W'S Up Cafe 13/12/23 8AM-10AM 181-183 Station Road Burpengary QLD 4505 Car Meet

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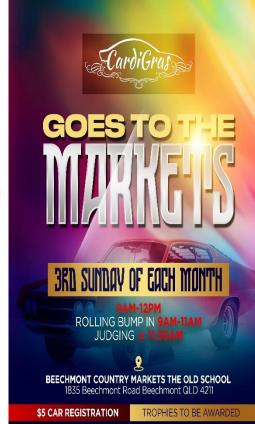
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Redcliffe Community HUB 16/12/23 5PM-7PM
1 Richens Street Redcliffe QLD 4020
Car Show & Markets

CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS
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Market Square Deception Bay Road & Bay Avenue Deception Bay QLD 4508
Car Meet

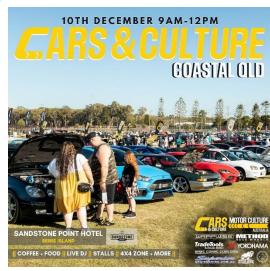
CARDIGRAS RUMBLES INTO CABOOLTURE Supercheap Auto 28/12/23 5PM-7PM 459 Pumicestone Road Caboolture QLD 4510

CARDIGRAS NEW YEAR'S EVE Dugandan Hotel 31/12/23 4PM - 01/01/24 1AM 124 Boonah Rathdowney Road Dugandan QLD 4310 Car & Bike Show, Markets & Music

Car & Bike Meet











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CARDIGRAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2024



CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS Breathe Easy Cafe 03/01/24 7AM-9AM 455 Anzac Avenue Redcliffe QLD 4022 Car & Bike Meet

CARDIGRAS SUMMER SERIES CARS & CANOLLI Botticelli's Italian Kitchen 05/01/24 5.30PM-8PM Anzac Avenue Kallangur QLD 4503 Car Show & Markets

CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS W'S Up Cafe 10/01/24 8AM-10AM 181-183 Station Road Burpengary QLD 4505 Car Meet

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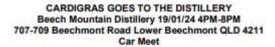
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CARDIGRAS GOES TO THE MARKETS
Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds 14/01/23 9AM-12PM
Normandie Court Tamborine Mountain QLD 4272
Car Show

CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS H Cafe & Bar 17/01/24 7AM-9AM

Market Square Deception Bay Road & Bay Avenue Deception Bay QLD 4508

Car Meet



REDCLIFFE RUMBLES
Redcliffe Community HUB 20/01/23 5PM-7PM
1 Richens Street Redcliffe QLD 4020
Car Show & Markets

CARDIGRAS GOES TO THE MARKETS Beechmont Markets 21/01/24 8AM-12PM 1835 Beechmont Road Beechmont QLD 4211 Car Show

CARDIGRAS MUNCHIES & MUSCLE
H Cafe & Bar 24/01/24 6PM-8PM
Market Square Deception Bay Road & Bay Avenue Deception Bay QLD 4508
Car Meet

CARDIGRAS RUMBLES INTO CABOOLTURE Supercheap Auto 25/01/24 5PM-7PM 459 Pumicestone Road Caboolture QLD 4510 Car & Bike Meet



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CARDIGRAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2024



CARDIGRAS SUMMER SERIES CARS & CANOLLI Botticelli's Italian Kitchen 02/02/24 5.30PM-8PM Anzac Avenue Kallangur QLD 4503 Car Show & Markets

> CARS & COFFEES, BIKES & BREWS Breathe Easy Cafe 07/02/24 7AM-9AM 455 Anzac Avenue Redcliffe QLD 4022 Car & Bike Meet

CARDIGRAS RUMBLES INTO CABOOLTURE Supercheap Auto 10/02/24 2PM-4PM 459 Pumicestone Road Caboolture QLD 4510 Car & Bike Meet

CARDIGRAS GOES TO THE MARKETS Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds 11/02/24 9AM-12PM Normandie Court Tamborine Mountain QLD 4272 Car Show

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CARDIGRAS GOES TO THE DISTILLERY Beech Mountain Distillery 16/02/24 4PM-8PM 707-709 Beechmont Road Lower Beechmont QLD 4211 Car Meet

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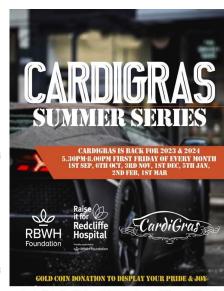
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CARDIGRAS MUNCHIES & MUSCLE H Cafe & Bar 28/02/24 6PM-8PM Market Square Deception Bay Road & Bay Avenue Deception Bay QLD 4508 Car Meet





Botticelli's Italian Kitchen 1378 Anzac Avenue Kallangur OLD 4503



Tamborine ShowGrounds...Entry via Normandie Court Gate Register your vehicle at www.cardigras.com.au





2024 DRAFT CALENDAR



CALENDAR CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING 27/11/2023 - PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES

Jan-24			
DA	TE	EVENT	
6	SAT	TEST N TUNE	
10	WED	JUST SEND IT	
12	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
13	SAT	RACER TEST DAY	
20	SAT	QDRC/STREET FINALS	
27	SAT	TEST N TUNE	

Feb-24			
DA	TE	EVENT	
2	FRI	DIESEL ASSAULT	
3	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 1	
7	WED	JUST SEND IT	
9	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
10	SAT	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS RD 1	
16	FRI	NDRC NFC'S	
17	SAT	NDRC NIC 3	
22	THU	KENDA TEST DAY	
23	FRI	KENDA TEST DAY	
24	SAT	KENDA RADIAL	

Mar-24				
DATE		EVENT		
15	FRI			
16	SAT	CMC ROCKS		
17	SUN			
23	SAT	TEST N TUNE		
27	WED	JUST SEND IT		
29	FRI	TEST N TUNE		

Apr-24			
DA	TE	EVENT	
5	FRI	DIESEL ASSAULT	
6	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 2	
12	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
13	S.A.T	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS RD 2	
18	THU	KENDA TEST DAY	
19	FRI	KENDA TEST DAY	
20	SAT	KENDA RADIAL	

May-24			
DA	TE	EVENT	
4	SAT	EARTH FREQUENCY	
5	SUN	EARTHTREQUENCT	
10	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
11	S.A.T	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS RD3	
15	WED	JUST SEND IT	
17	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
18	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 3	
24	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
25	SAT	TEST N TUNE	

	Jun-24			
D	ATE	EVENT		
1	SAT	WINTERNATIONALS		
2	SUN	WARM UP		
6	THU			
7	FRI	GULF WESTERN OIL		
8	SAT	WINTERNATIONALS		
9	SUN			
21	FRI	TEST N TUNE		
22	SAT	ALL BIKE DAY		
29	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 4		

Jul-24		
DA	TE	EVENT
5	FRI	TEST N TUNE
6	SAT	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS RD 4
12	FRI	TEST N TUNE
13	SAT	TEST N TUNE
14	SUN	OFFICIALS DAY
21	SUN	ALL FORD DAY
26	FRI	TEST N TUNE
27	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 5
28	SUN	MOPAR SUNDAY

	Aug-24		
DA	TE	EVENT	
2	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
3	SAT	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS RD 5	
9	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
10	SAT	NOSTALGIA DRAGS	
16	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
17	SAT	TEST N TUNE	
24	SAT	JAMBOREE	
25	SUN	JAMBOREE	
30	FRI	DIESEL ASSAULT	
31	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 6	

Sep-24			
DA	TE	EVENT	
6	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
7	S.A.T	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS RD6	
14	SAT	TEST N TUNE	
20	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
21	SAT	STREET SERIES RD 7	
26	THU	KENDA TEST DAY	
27	FRI	KENDA TEST DAY	
28	SAT	KENDA RADIAL	

Oct-24			
DA	TE	EVENT	
11	FRI		
12	SAT	CARAVANING QLD	
13	SUN		
25	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
26	SAT	TEST N TUNE	

	Nov-24		
DA	TE	EVENT	
1	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
2	SAT	STREET SERIES FINAL/TNT	
8	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
9	SAT	QLD DRAG RACING CHAMPS FINAL	
15	FRI		
16	SAT	ROAD TRIP	
17	SUN		
23	SAT	TEST N TUNE	
29	FRI	TEST N TUNE	
30	SAT	TEST N TUNE	

		Dec-24
DA		EVENT
6	FRI	DIESEL ASSAULT
7	SAT	TEST N TUNE
14	SAT	TEST N TUNE

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES



FALCON'S THE BUY

— there's more in it for you — including the 12/12 WARRANTY which Ford was FIRST to provide!

In Falcon ownership there's more for you - more that goes far beyond Falcon's obvious leadership in styling. For instance ... more power, 20% more than Falcon's main competitor offers . . . more petrol economy, Mobilgas Economy Run figures were 34.27 m.p.g. with conventional drive and 30.27 m.p.g. with Fordomatic . . . more driving ease in everything from vision to braking power and extra road stability . . . more savings in maintenance through lower servicing costs and parts priced right down with the lowest.

First with greater owner-protection

It is significant that Ford was first to provide a Warranty for 12,000 miles or 12 months. This initiative provided further proof of Falcon's inbuilt quality. It was tangible confirmation of the fact that Falcon is built in a manner that warrants such a warranty.

BE MODERN — DRIVE FALCON — IT PAYS!







EFCCQ Sponsors page

Your EFCCQ committee supports the Rare Spares Loyalty Club, rewarding both you and your club.

Rare Spares Loyalty Club



HOW THE CLUB WORKS

This exclusive club is only available to members of Car Clubs and is designed to reward both you and your club!

Once your club is registered with Rare Spares, members can sign up and begin accumulating points for every dollar spent in store and online. Club cards must be presented (or number entered online) when purchasing to receive points which can be redeemed for some fantastic rewards which are outlined below.

HOW WE WILL REWARD YOUR CLUB

- Exclusive invites to Project Partner nights
- Every dollar spent at Rare Spares by members, your car club will earn one point, which can be traded in for fantastic rewards
- Exclusive promotions available to your club *NEW*
- Exclusive access to Rare Spares sponsored events *NEW*

HOW WE WILL REWARD YOU AS A MEMBER

- Receive 10% off all Rare Spares products at all Rare Spares exclusive distributors (in store only)
- Earn valuable rewards to benefit your club
- Receive information on the latest products and specials for your specific vehicle







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COLOURFAST

The EFCCQ welcomes our latest sponsor to the club. Colourfast are suppliers of automotive paint, industrial paint, marine paint, tools and accessories for spray painters & DIY customers. A family-owned business for 30 years, they stock the best products at great prices, with expert advice.

Located at Yatala, Hillcrest and Lawnton.

Colourfast is one of Queensland's largest distributors of auto paint, industrial paint, marine paint, abrasives and sundry items.

We carry some of the biggest brands on the market, including General Paints, Northstar, Sikkens, Lesonal, Wattyl Industrial and Marine, Septone, U-Pol, Colad and SIA Abrasives. We also offer a world-class colour matching service to ensure the paint on your car, truck or boat will look its absolute best.









Brisbane Batteries

The EFCCQ encourages club members to contact Tony from Brisbane Batteries for all your battery and charger needs. We thank Tony Favious, from Brisbane Batteries for the ongoing support of our club through raffle donations and member discounts







EFCCQ 2023 Survey Results

82 surveys were sent out and 44 were completed, 54% response rate.

Believe it or not, a good survey response rate ranges between 5% and 30% and an excellent response rate is 50% or higher. A great survey result with an enormous variation in member comments and opinions.

Some survey percentages were as expected but some certainly surprised.

An analysis was conducted on the results and this member mandate is being used to move the club forward.

The following six pages of survey information are an interesting and thought provoking read.



Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland

Members Survey 2023 Results



1. Why are you a member of the Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland? (can choose more than one response)	44	100%
I own an early Falcon vehicle	39	89%
I want Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) Registration for my early Falcon vehicle	24	55%
I like to socialise with people	19	43%
To discuss and compare my early Falcon vehicle with other early Falcon owners	23	52%
To seek assistance, technical advice and car parts for the restoration and/or rebuilding of my early Falcon	18	41%
To seek assistance, technical advice and car parts for the preservation and maintenance of my early Falcon	20	45%
I want to take my early Falcon on club runs	24	55%
I want to take my early Falcon vehicle to car shows and car festivals with other early Falcon owners	21	48%
I want to take my early Falcon vehicle to swap meets with other early Falcon owners	21	48%
To get discounts on parts and products from club sponsors	16	36%
Comments	5	11%
I used to own 1978 Ford Falcon XC that is why I joined the club		•
I'm a member for SIV rego and to catch up with other members at swaps and shows	7	
My husband was a member, friendships we made with likeminded people, continuing a family tradition with my children.]	
I no longer own an early falcon, but have other ford vehicle's that I like to take on club runs.		
To do all of the statements above however it should apply to all Falcons regardless of age.	7	



Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland

Members Survey 2023 Results



2. What type of club organised car runs are you interested in? (can choose more than one response	44	100%
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Car museums and garages	36	82%
Retro Diners	25	57%
Ford Racing garages and workshops	31	70%
Barbeque at picnic areas	34	77%
Lunch at Pubs or Clubs	31	70%
Car shows and Festivals	38	86%
Swap meets	37	84%
Cars and coffee	31	70%
All of the above	19	43%
Not interested in attending club organised car runs	0	0%
	-	
Other	3	7%
Only interested in swaps and shows		•
Driving in convoy on the open road, away from city traffic.		
Will be able to attend a lot more when work doesn't get in the way.		





Members Survey 2023 Results



3. Where should Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland general meetings be held?		100%
In conjunction with club organised car runs	3	7%
At a pub or club which allows members to order dinner	5	11%
Combination of both	33	75%
Not interested in attending general meetings	2	5%
Other: Should alternate between north and south side	1	2%

 Comments
 7
 16%

live to far away to attend meetings

I won't be driving my early falcon to meetings if I can't keep an eye on it during the meeting. I won't bring my car to the lord stanley for that reason. If I can't take my car for a run to our meeting, why go? Do you want my car at 8 meetings and club runs or just me? I thought I joined a car club not a people club.

Lord Stanley and others

I like the northside / southside options we were doing. Understand Carina wasn't ideal due to the noise, but I'm sure there would be other options.

I need to keep an eye on my car during the meeting or I'm not coming

Normally unable to attend gm's in Brisbane

We must be able to see our vehicles from the meeting room







Members Survey 2023 Results



4. Do you agree that all members must attend a minimum of eight (8) club organised car runs and/or meetings	
every year or show cause why their membership should not be cancelled?	

44

100%

Agree	3	7%
Disagree	41	93%
Comments	33	75%

People work different work shifts and people have a family that comes first.

Agree to 3 to 4 only. (This is a club not a business) Just remembering a lot of older members have extended families and would be travelling ex amount of time during the year.

You will have to cancel my membership

Not 8, not even 1. I know some members can't make runs and meeting for a number of reasons. You won't have many members if you bring this stupid rule in.

I would have ZERO chance of attending 8 meetings a year. I would be extremely disappointed if this became a rule.

I think 4 is enough. Tuesdays can be hard to get to due to kids sport

I think 8 is too high. We would love to attend more runs but have a young son who works on weekends and we have to drive him and pick him up. I think 4 would be a fair minimum

People lead busy lives

there are numerous reasons why members may not be able to attend, health, family commitments, work, etc.

That might be too much for all of us to manage 8 events, however if the below virtual option can be done I think that would be amazing! If there is an even balance between north and south and north Brisbane events. I find it difficult to get down to the very south events, but will try to make of an effort where I can. Being a north sider they will be much easier to attend.

I have a life above the club, sometimes I can make it, at times I can't

whilst i agree in principle, it is hard for some at various times. I travel alot for work and also work 6 days a week. I also care for my elderly mother through cancer treatment and live 1.5hrs from the Lord Stanley (Which is the best venue i believe). it would be handy if zoom meetings were available for those that can demonstrate it is genuinely hard to attend.

I am restricted to drive my early falcons at this stage due to back surgery and rehab requirements, hoping to improve over the next 18 months Would make me ineligible for membership (see above)

I work away and the monthly meetings is the day i leave for work. i cannot go to the meetings

I have a contract Working in Mackay for the next year but live in Brisbane and still want to be informed and part of the club.

Don't mandate or intimidate, encourage & promote participation

We just like to attend when something interests us whilst working around other interests

While desirable for members to attend regularly, health, work and family commitments can affect this. There should be no minimum attendance or at most 1 event per year.

The chances of having a free weekend, good weather and my car actually running 8 times a year are not very high. I believe people will join club events if they see value in it (like the people or novelty of events or other reasons listed in question 1), not because of a quota - people will just go to other clubs or just attend events they want to and not financially join the club (as is publically advertised for many runs).

Gatekeeping membership on its own will not drive up attendance if that is the intention. Personally, I may not have joined if such a rule were in place - it is simply too much of a commitment when realistically I might get a weekend a month to even work on my car.

By forcing members to attend meetings we will be losing funds. Aim for 4 runs/or meetings

Change meetings to weekend. No mandatory attendance. We pay for membership.

I'm a shift worker I also work weekends

I have work commitments that don't allow me to attend .

I have other responsibilities outside the club and couldn't meet that requirement.

As long as they pay their membership why worry

4 is a better option

8 is too many, maybe 4 or 5.

as long as a members reason for not attend is justified, e.g illness then no penalties should apply

Suggest 4 might be a better number

1, life style commitment 2, health issues making attendances hard

I am in the process of full restoration of my vehicle and work/travel requirements often impact my availability for formal meetings Ridiculous, it's not a car run club, it's a car club.





Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland Members Survey 2023 Results



5. Do you agree that the Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland should conduct some general meetings via Zoom for members who can't attend a general meeting in person due to work commitments, family obligations, health issues or living outside the Brisbane area?	44	100%
Skipped	2	5%
Agree, 1 - 2 per year	22	50%
Agree, 3 - 4 per year	14	32%
Disagree	6	14%
Comments	14	32%
Or all the time their choice - technology is there, but still attend a few runs as well.		
Good idea for people outside of Brisbane		
Sounds like a great idea for members like myself that live a long way away from Brisbane.		
Not good with internet]	

Do not have zoom available

No opinion

Committee only, 4 -6 per year

what,s zoom?

its not for me, but may suit some.

It would be good to stream the meetings live so everyone can find out what's going on.



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Members Survey 2023 Results



6. To promote and raise awareness of our club, do you agree that the Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland should		1000/
provide promotional products to members for free, every year? (e.g. yearly member stickers, pens, keyrings, grill badges, hats, etc.)	44	100%
Skipped	4	9%
Agree	28	64%
Disagree	12	27%
Comments	22	50%
Good idea to promote through members		

What is the point of having so much money in the bank if you don't look after members

landy but not expected. Fees would have to go up to cover costs

Another club I'm In holds all meetings in a hall and on Zoom If you must, then fine, but I can't see it working well

My husband can't attend on Tuesday nights but I could attend by zoom

Even if membership needs to increase this cost. I think a sticker or somethina would be good

not every year, perhaps with new membership.

Never received anything for free from the club, all take, no give

can be valuable

Undecided

Undecided as to their value in attracting members

Im neutral. Happy either way

Happy to buy some ford merch as well like tee shirts and can be just ford realtered.

One small item each year when membership is paid

Only new members an item when they join

Stickers and or membership info cards

It doesn't really influence my involvement in the club

Very costly exercise, we are a not for profit organization.

maybe stickers I dont mind buying grill badges and hats

1 nis woula be an unnecessary aram on club Jinances. Im nappy to pay Jor these things if I can Jina where they are locatea.

only once on joining

don't mind making a small financial contribution to assist.

Yes, all I received was a membership card that I had to ask for.

Bumper sticker and key ring all I require





Members Survey 2023 Results



7. To promote and raise awareness of our club and to contribute to our communities, do you agree that the Early		
Falcon Car Club of Queensland should select a charity or organisation to support each year with money raising club		100%
activities?		
Skipped	2	5%
Agree and I will assist in the money raising club activities	18	41%
Agree but I will not be able to assist in the money raising club activities	15	34%
Disagree	9	20%
Comments	10	23%
We (Rocky associate members) have done this as ner Rockhampton All Ford Day 2019 and End of an Fra 2016 money was		

We (Rocky associate members) have done this as per Rockhampton All Ford Day 2019 and End of an Era 2016 money was donated to Base Hospital for a special childrens bed

Let's look after others

Very much agree that we should give back to our communities.

Any extra money spent on members

Members first, charity second

I think we used to support Variety via Nathan's yearly bash entry

Perhaps quarterly. Four different in a year.

NO not in my opinion.

As a Not for profit club with a specific purpose, we should not be involved in charity as I believe this is something for individuals to consider personally.

Only if it is not forced onto people to volunteer as it seemed in last meeting



Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland

Members Survey 2023 Results



8. The Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland should;	44	100%
Skipped	1	2%
Only allow owners of XK – XP Falcon vehicles to be full members of the club	1	2%
Only allow owners of XK – XY Falcon vehicles to be full members of the club	0	0%
Only allow owners of XK – XC Falcon vehicles to be full members of the club	11	25%
Only allow owners of Falcon vehicles, 30 years or older, to be full members of the club	14	32%
Allow owners of any Falcon vehicles, XK to FGX, to be full members of the club	6	14%
Allow owners of any Ford vehicles to be full members of the club	10	23%
Allow owners of any make of vehicle (not just Fords) to be full members of the club	1	2%
Comments	16	36%

All Fords and Falcons will end up as classics anyway eventually

Early falcon car club for early falcons otherwise change the name.

Early Falcon. So 30 years plus seems fine.

As the early models get older, they are getting harder to maintain/jind parts, and keep on the road, if we restrict to these very early models

Early Falcon Club or change the name

in order to be consistent with the name "EARLY FALCON", we should look at the older models only as full members

For "early", maybe restrict to 1960-1990 of the 56 years of Aus Falcons

is the Early Falcon Car Club after all

Anyone who's interested in modern Falcons probably has an interest in old Falcons - the more the merrier

All others to be associate members

when Ijoined the club it was xk to xp

It is an EARLY Falcon Club, after all. Cannot change rules or we alienate people

maube up to x

Falcon vehicles can include close relatives such as the Fairland/LTD

If we want to make it all Ford encompassing, then we need to change club name and risk annoying other clubs





Members Survey 2023 Results



9. Which of the following vehicles do you believe the Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland should allow to be full members of our club? (can choose more than one response)	44	100%
Futura	44	100%
Fairmont	44	100%
Fairlane	39	89%
Landau	38	86%
LTD	37	84%
Sprint	36	82%
Falcons built in other countries	39	89%
All of the above	33	75%
None of the above	0	0%

Comments
Happy for all of the vehicles above to part of the club providing they were built before 1978.
Except landau
Should a "Falcon" club be restricted only to Falcons and derivatives?
All Ford cars 30 years or older
As long as 30 years or over, & Vehicles to be Australian registered



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Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland Members Survey 2023 Results



10. Do you agree that the Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland should host the 2026 Early Falcon Nationals?	44	100%
Skipped	8	18%
Agree and I am willing to assist other members organize and run the 2026 Early Falcon Nationals event	16	36%
Agree, but I will not be able to help organise and run the 2026 Early Falcon Nationals event	13	30%
Disagree, the club should not host the 2026 Early Falcon Nationals event	7	16%
Comments	16	36%

We need the people who are willing to work, organise runs, raffles to raise money, sponsorship, require numbers of people, to run the event. How long is the event for, where is it being held, accomodation, another separate committee to do all of the decisions, minutes

As per answer in comments in Question 7

Is the club big enough or will everything be done by just a few

Club is not big enough and it will get smaller if we cancel membership for those that don't attend runs and meetings.

Don't see it as a requirement

not sure how to answer this question, 2026 is a long way off, unsure

A lot of work for a small club

Recommend of spare parts suppliers ,repairers,registered engine builders etc

Agreeable, but would like to see criteria re logistics, location, accom, &c

I should be back in Brisbane to help out.

Probably not big enough????

i helped organise the nat's at Beaudesert

Only if the club is in a financial position to host it.

I don't care as long as people are not forced into it or made feel guilty like what seems to be the new agenda

will be 80 by the time the nationals are held

i dont know enough about it.

