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**Monthly meetings.**  
Monthly Club Veedub Sydney meetings are held at the Greyhound Social Club Ltd., 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona, on the third Thursday of each month, from 7:30 pm. All our members, friends and visitors are most welcome.

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## **Presidents Report**

Welcome to Australia's premier Volkswagen event, the VW Nationals 2012.

The committee and I hope you and your family have an interesting and entertaining day at our show. This is our twenty fifth year, the VW movement seems to be growing stronger every year. We have worked very hard to present the best VW car show in Australia.

It's great to see the influx of water-cooled Volkswagens, covering all types and year models from 1974 to present day. Hopefully these new recruits to the VW show scene will aspire to a bonding of friends similar to what has happened with the air-cooled generations.

The Super Sprint is on once again at Wakefield Park near Goulburn, approximately 2 hours south of Sydney. This should prove entertaining to the public and Volkswagen spectators alike, and now with CAMS affiliation we hope to attract more members, to enjoy the motor racing side of the Club.

I hope our event appeals to you and your family and you become inspired by the display of vehicles and traders over the weekend.

Once again our major sponsors Volkswagen Group of Australia are supporting our club with sponsorship, and several display vehicles will be on show at Fairfield.

In the centre of this program you will find our event listing for the weekend. We thank Fairfield City for the use of their facilities. The complex is ideal for our show as everything is within easy walking distance. Don't forget to purchase your Nationals regalia from the Club Vee Dub Sydney stand in the car show area. While you're there, enjoy the VW movies on the big TV and purchase some raffle tickets in the Nationals raffle.

At the nationals this year we will be using a different judging format for the air cooled VWs; we will be adopting a peer judging system which has been in use by the water cooled cars for sometime. The way this will run is by each entrant receiving one judging form, they can vote for a car in each category.

I hope you have a great time at the VW Nationals 2012.

Steve Carter



## **Canberra Report**

Hi all, the cold winds are here and I'm sure everyone is prepared for winter. In April the chapter had a great cruise to Tarago, specifically the Loaded Dog Hotel, there should be a report in this magazine. If you didn't come you missed a great day, where were you?

The month of May means the Nationals, are you ready to go? Planned the trip, organised accommodation in Sydney, got the car checked out? Saturday 26 May will be the Supersprints at Goulburn, and Sunday 27 May is the show day itself at Fairfield City Showgrounds. The club has emailed the details for the convoy and accommodation, if you don't have them please make contact ASAP so that we can send them to you. If you are into VWs you need to get along to the Nationals. We are particularly interested in getting as many people as possible to the Sprints on Saturday to watch and see how it is done, there will be a few locals participating but it would be great to have heaps of local faces in the crowd. Nationals – a huge VW event, make your arrangements now.

Also coming up in May will be a smaller event on Sunday 20 May, which is National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD). This event is run across Australia by as many car clubs as possible to get the older cars out onto the roads and in the public eye. Being as many locals will be heading to Sydney the following weekend, I am planning only a small event for NMHD so that consecutive weekends are not too busy. At time of writing this event is still being finalised, however watch your email for the details.

That's it from me, be ready for the Nationals, and if any locals can swing an event on the weekend before, come along to National Motoring Heritage Day.

Bruce





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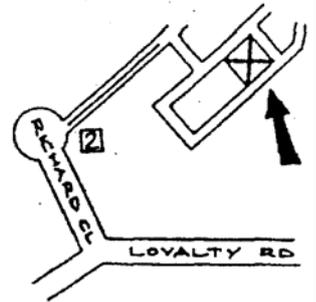
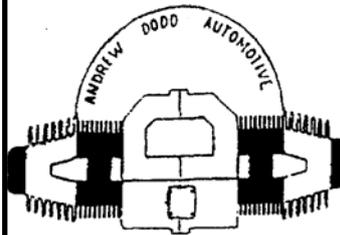
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### **May.**

**Thursday 17th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

**Saturday 26th:- VW NATIONALS Supersprint at Wakefield Park circuit, Goulburn.** VW racers wanted! CAMS licence required. Phone Rudi Frank on 0418 442 953 for more information.

**Sunday 27th:- VW NATIONALS 2012 at Fairfield Showgrounds.** Australia's biggest Volkswagen show - 45 show categories, trade stands, swap meet, new VW display, kids' rides, engine blow, great food and drink, VW fun all day.

**Monday 28th:- Canberra General Meeting** at the Canberra Labor Club, 16 Petrie Plaza, Civic, at 7:30pm.

### **June.**

**Thursday 4th:- Magazine Cut-off Date** for articles, letters and For-Sales.

**Thursday 14th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

**Thursday 21th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

**Sunday 24th:- Norm's Fish n Chips Run 2012.** Relaxing family VW cruise to the Kembla Grange Motor Museum! Starting from Uncle Leo's and a nice cruise on the motorway. Lunch at the delicious Kiama Golf Club bistro. Further details on times and process next month. Contact Norm on (02) 4625 7057.

**Monday 25th:- Canberra General Meeting** at the Canberra Labor Club, 16 Petrie Plaza, Civic, at 7:30pm.

### **July.**

**Thursday 5th:- Magazine Cut-off Date** for articles, letters and For-Sales.

**Sunday 8th:- Bugs and Buses By The Bay,** at Croudace Bay (Belmont) on the sunny shores of Lake Macquarie. All Volkswagens are welcome - Bugs, Buses, Buggies and all other types (modern VWs too). BBQs and shelters. Bring a picnic basket! Kids playground and skate park. Contact Ian and Rose on 0427 550203.

**Thursday 12th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

**Thursday 19th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. Tonight is the AGM - all positions are vacant and are re-nominated / voted on. Why not try your hand at a position? 8:00pm start.

**Friday 20th:- Winter Dinner and Movie Night** at the Hubertus Country Club, Luddenham. Dinner at 6pm - ~\$25 adults, \$12 kids. German beer on tap! 7:30pm is cartoons, a coffee and dessert intermission, then Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo (1977) on the big screen. A great family night out! Contact Raymond on 0408 8207228 for more information.

**Monday 30th:- Canberra General Meeting** at the Canberra Labor Club, 16 Petrie Plaza, Civic, at 7:30pm.

### **August.**

**Thursday 2nd:- Magazine Cut-off Date** for articles, letters and For-Sales.

**Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th:- Volkswagen Spectacular 2012 at Valla Park,** northern NSW. Thursday and Friday is racing at Raleigh Raceway for the inaugural Ben Durie Trophy. Saturday is the VW convoy to Nambucca Heads and the swapmeet at Valla. Sunday is the Show n Shine (with Top 10 VWs). Charity auction, live bands and fireworks. Contact Donna on 0427



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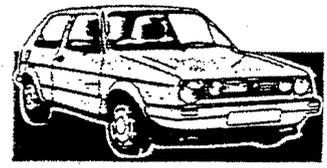
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**Thursday 9th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

**Thursday 16th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

**Sunday 19th:- Shannons Eastern Creek Classic 2012 at Eastern Creek Raceway**, organised by the CMC. The largest gathering of classic cars (1,900+) in NSW. Double-decker bus rides, trade stands, historic race cars, parade lap of the track. Club Veedub will again have a Volkswagen display, and our club has 20 spaces booked this year. It is the 30th anniversary of the T3 Transporter in Australia, so we will feature these in our display. Contact Dave Birchall on 0415 957030 to reserve your spot.

## September.

**Thursday 6th:- Magazine Cut-off Date** for articles, letters and For-Sales.

**Thursday 13th:- Committee Meeting** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (next to Potts Park).

**Thursday 20th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING** at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd. Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. Tonight is the AGM - all positions are vacant and are re-nominated / voted on. Why not try your hand at a position? 8:00pm start.

**Sunday 23rd:- German Auto Display in Canberra (see page 32 for more info)**

**29th - 30th VW Warwick VW drags**

## Important dates for 2013

**26th VW Nationals, 25th & 26th May 2013**

**Winter Break 2nd - 4th August 2013**

**VW Drag Racing at Sydney & Warwick**

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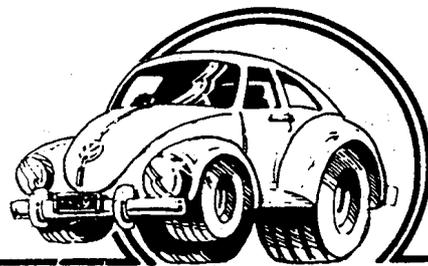
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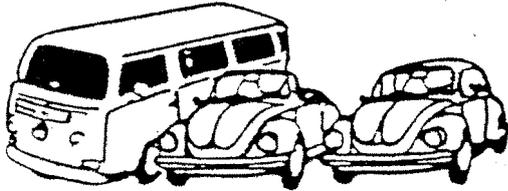
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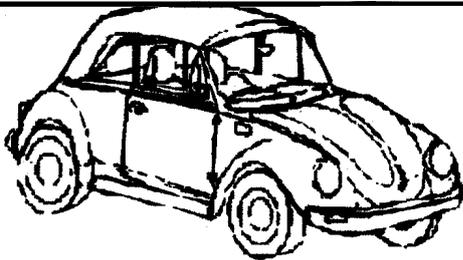
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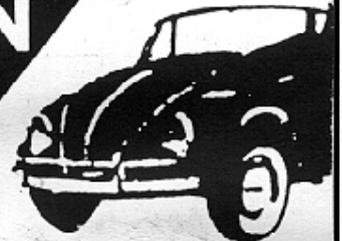
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## VW Nationals History 25 years strong

Welcome to the VW Nationals, proudly supported by Club Vee Dub Sydney Inc. The VW Nats were conceived after I spent a weekend at the VW Spectacular in 1985. I had attended a few VW shows in Sydney, but they were comparatively small and lacking to say the least, so I figured why cant our club do a similar event, with people staying at the show over night and enjoying a full Volkswagen weekend.

All the members of Club Vee Dub Sydney were behind the concept, so the search began for a venue. Hawkesbury Agricultural College proved to have the facilities and room we would require to accommodate our new show, set down for Easter 1988. After we had established the facility and date in 1986, we invited the other Sydney VW Clubs to join in and help out with the running of show events, in 2 years time. The first show was listed as part of the Bicentennial events for 1988. Ray Black began designing a logo and poster for the event. We ran the event at Hawkesbury for the next 3 years, in February 1989 and then back to Easter 1990. In 1991 there was a change at the Hawkesbury Campus, when it became part of Western Sydney University and they could no longer accommodate our event.

The next 8 years from 1991 to 1997, we relocated the event to the NSW Soccer Federation grounds at Parklea, continuing to hold the event over the Easter weekend each year allowing people to travel to and from interstate for the event. The accommodation for guests at the venue was quite reasonable. We looked for a different activity to be held on the Saturday and from 1990 we held Drag Racing at Sydney's Oran Park Raceway, in conjunction with NSW Hot Rod Association. This proved very popular with our best attendance of over 110 cars racing on the day. Drag racing continued as part of the VW Nats for the next 13 years until 2004 when the new WSID track was opened. Unfortunately we only had 2 years at WSID, due to the management not wanting to entertain our small event at the complex.

1998 saw the VW Nationals move to the current

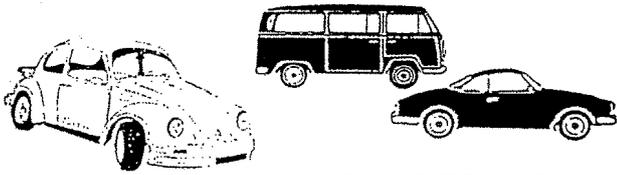
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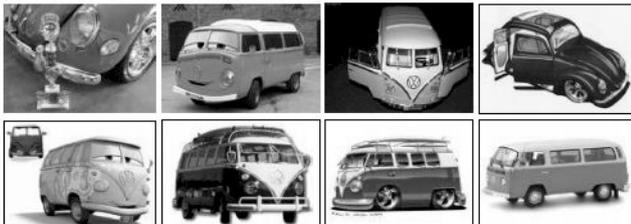


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location of Fairfield City showgrounds at Prairiewood. This venue has proved itself over the past 14 years, with an ideal layout allowing for all to be under cover for the show. In 2008 we moved away from the traditional Easter Weekend. Our club members wanted to enjoy the Easter break weekend with their families and not having to judge cars or organise the car show.

The major part of our show has been the Car Show and Shine. This has been conducted using various show judging methods over the years. Drive through judging has proved the most popular, the only down side being the waiting time for some attendees.

Supersprint was introduced for the 2009 show, at Goulburn's Wakefield Park 2 hours drive south of Sydney. We have had around 70 entries each year with competitors improving their cars each year to improve their times against the clock.

Various overseas guest have attend the show over the years including Gene, Dee and Gary Berg US, Howard Cheese UK, Robyn Wagner UK, Dean Kirsten US, Bill Direckx US, Bruce and Winnie Meyers US and various Kiwis from the East Island

We have had several sponsors continually supporting our event and actively involved with us for the 25 years. These include, Andrew Dodd Automotive, Blacktown Mechanical Repairs, C & S Automotive, H & M Ferman, Klaack Motors, Vintage Vee Dub Supplies and Volksbahn Autos.

Various Magazines have covered the event including VW Trends, VW Motoring, VW Scene, Hot VWs, Dragster Magazine, and of course VMA. Designers of the VW Nationals logo include Ray Black, Sebastian Semos and Michael Birchall

Throughout these past 25 years we have received continuous support from the Volkswagen Company, although it has been from various companies importing the marque. These include Ateco, TKM, Incapge and now Volkswagen Group Australia

The continuous support and enthusiasm of our own Club members has been a major asset of our show. Without our Club members the show would not run each year, so many thanks for this.

You can read stories on all the previous VW Nationals, and see all the previous logos, at [clubvw.org.au](http://clubvw.org.au)

If you would like to help us with the VW Nationals,

or have any ideas or suggestions for making the show even better, please get in touch.

David Birchall  
Club Vee Dub Sydney Inc

## BUG OFF CANCER! DRIVE

Not all of us are affected by cancer, but it is estimated that 115,000 new cases of cancer were diagnosed in Australia in 2010 with an estimated 43,000 deaths and that 1 in 3 Australians will be affected by cancer by the age of 75.

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Since its inception in 2010, Bug Off Cancer! Drive has driven a distance of approximately 7,500km in an unmodified 1965 VW Beetle and raised \$20,000

This year we are driving an estimated distance of approximately 7,200km with a fundraising target of \$20,000

We have been both fortunate and privileged to have Qantas Engineering agreeing to be a major sponsor of our drive in 2012 for the second consecutive year.

Mario Nearchou will be accompanying me on the drive this year, which will commence in Sydney on Sunday July 8 and proceed to Cobar, Broken Hill, Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Uluru, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Mt Isa, Longreach, Charleville, Toowoomba, Tamworth and back to Sydney over a period of 13 to 14 days.



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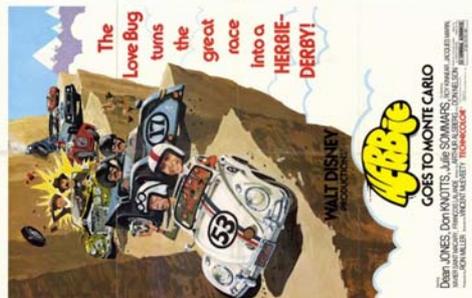
Entry and movies are free!

- 6:00pm ~ Dinner in the Club's 'Lake View' room (VW club only). Quality German food in relaxed and informal surrounds. German beer on tap. Main meals ~ Pork Knuckle or Schnitzel from ~ \$25, Kids' meals ~\$12. Bookings essential for dinner ~ phone Raymond on 040 820 7228 to reserve your space.



- 7:30pm ~ Cartoons on the giant screen in the 'Lake View' room. Entry is free! Tonight we present some Batfink and Karate cartoons from the 1960s. Batfink drives a pink VW called 'The Batillac'. Kids and grown-ups alike will love them!

- Then we'll have an interval for drinks and coffee, followed by a full presentation of the original Walt Disney's Herbie Goes To Monte Carlo (1977).



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## Sunday 24 June

- 9:00 am meet at Uncle Leo's Caltex servo at Liverpool Crossroads (UBD 288 D6), for 9:15am departure
- To the Australian Motorlife Museum at Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange, home of the Paul Butler Collection. Classic cars, bikes, caravans, gramophones and antique items. \$11 entry adults, \$5 kids
- Then cruise to Kiama Golf Club (Oxley Ave Kiama Downs) for lunch. Pizza from \$9.50; Meals from \$12.50. Kids menu all \$9.50.
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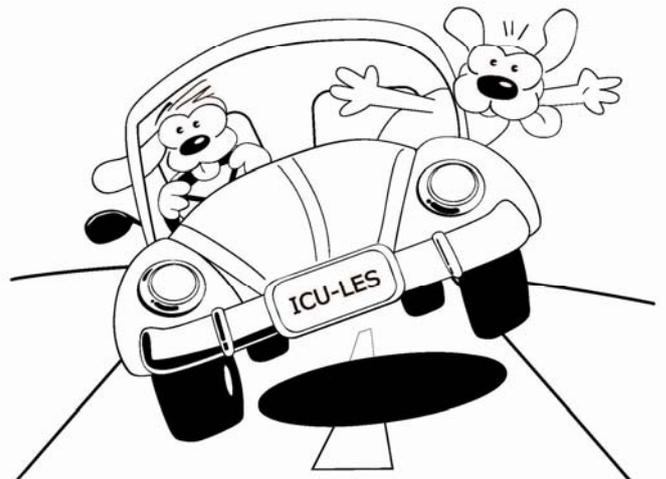
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Norman Elias  
(Bug Off Cancer!  
Event Co-ordinator)



***Club Vee Dub Sydney will again be making a donation to this cause. Norman will be at the VW Nationals on the Sunday with his Beetle. Donations can be made to the BUG OFF CANCER! DRIVE on the day.***



made contact with Schuco direct and will keep you updated.

Now onto 1:1 scale some more cool retro camping accessories to add to your van.

Aftermarket curtains for Westfalia are available but if you're on budget hop down to your local haberdashery (that's fabric shop for some guys) and pick out some look alike tartan fabric for just few bucks.



This picnic suit case I picked up recently at a charity shop for \$20.00 and the royal picnic set I put together from items from various items around the house and from camping and discount shop

## THE TOY DEPARTMENT

Welcome to part 2 of the Toy Department camping edition.

Recently we featured some camper model VW's and some cool retro accessories to go with your Camper/Bus/Van.

This month we continue that theme and feature two more models.

The first is the Premium Classics VW high light camper in merino yellow, this superb model comes in 1/43 scale and the detail is great even down to the green/orange plaid tartan curtains.

Also the long awaited but unfortunately not yet released 1/18 scale low light red T2 camper by Schuco.

I was hopeful that this model would have been released last Christmas but this was not to be and still has the yellow light for pending release. I have

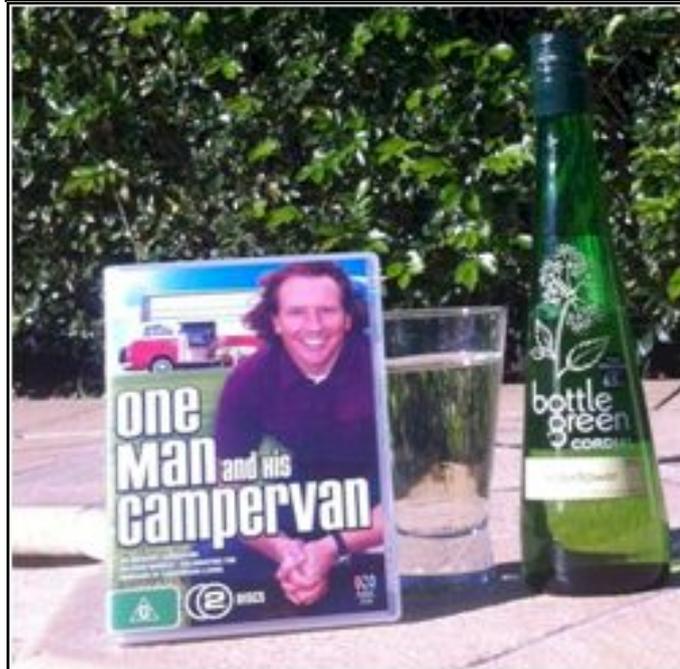


outlets.



These retro Eskies also can be found at charity shops and garage sales, the smaller tin cooler only costing only \$3.00.

Camping or a day out should not be without your retro HMV Radio.



Finally a reminder that the DVD one man and his camper van is available for loan from the Club Library by contacting Joe Buttigieg.

In the final series Martin Dorey is searching for the native elderflower to make a traditional English summer cordial, whilst he does not exactly find what he is looking for, I tell he you can get this refreshing drink down at your local Woolworths super market.

Happy camping!  
Tony Bezzina  
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## Volkswagen up! 2012 World Car of the Year

The nifty little Volkswagen up! has won many fans since it was first announced and it can now add the judges from the World Car Awards after it was named the 2012 World Car of the Year. Volkswagen can proudly place the trophy alongside the WCOTY titles handed to the Golf VI (2009) and Polo V (2010).



There was stiff competition for the up! as well, having to impress the judges ahead of the other two finalists, the F30 BMW 3 Series and 991 Porsche 911. At least the Porsche gained some consolation for being named the 2012 World Performance Car.

Dr Martin Winterkorn, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG, was unsurprisingly chuffed, "This award shows once again that in the up! our designers and engineers have created a vehicle that has been thought through in minute detail. A vehicle that sets standards in its class for efficient use of space, safety, motoring fun and environmental

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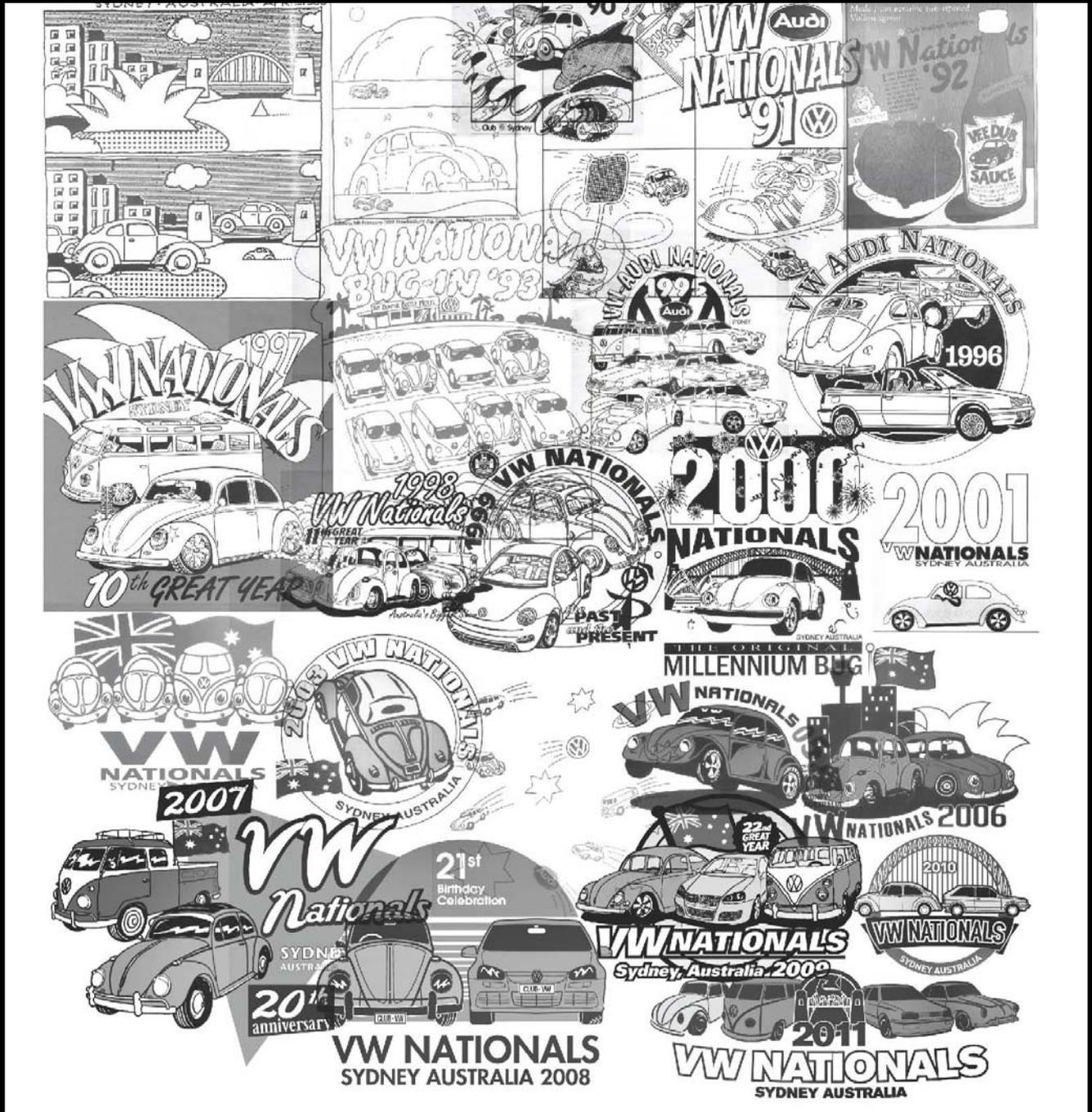
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See VW racers test their cars and skills on this demanding racetrack, VW drivers like Greg Mackie, Rudi Frank, Jak Rizzo, CT Hanson, Rod Penrose, Wayne Penrose, Rose Merritt are some of the entrants so far.

The entry fee will be \$170 for pre entries received on or before May 19th 2012. We will be holding a raffle to refund the entry fee to one lucky person who pre enters before May 19th.



**Sunday 27th May**

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- 10:30am - Car Show Entry Closes
- 12:30 pm - First Raffle Draw
- 12:30 pm - Peer Judging Forms CLOSED
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- 3:00 pm - Final Raffle Draw & Trophy Presentation

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# VW Nationals 2012



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**Ballots MUST be returned to the Club VW judging area no later than 12:30 pm.**

## Car Show Categories

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| 1 Beetle - up to 1957 - Standard               | 23 Polo – All Years  |
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| 3 Beetle - 1958 to 1967 - Standard             | 25 Golf 2 - 1984 to 1992   |
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| 5 Beetle - 1968 onwards - Standard             | 27 Golf 4 - 1998 to 2003   |
| 6 Beetle - 1968 onwards - Modified             | 28 Golf 5 - 2004 to 2008   |
| 7 Kombi T1 - up to 1967 - Standard             | 29 Golf 6 - 2009 onwards   |
| 8 Kombi T1 - up to 1967 - Modified             | 30 New Beetle - All Years  |
| 9 Kombi T2 - 1968 to 1979 - Standard           | 31 VW Convertible - (Golf Cabrio, Eos) – All years                   |
| 10 Kombi T2 - 1968 to 1979 - Modified          | 32 Sports Coupe (Scirocco, Corrado, Audi TT) – All Years             |
| 11 Transporter T3 - 1981 to 1992 - All         | 33 VW Sedan (Bora, Jetta, Passat, Vento) - All                       |
| 12 Type 3 and Type 4 - Standard                | 34 Tiguan/Touareg/Amarok – All Years                                 |
| 13 Type 3 and Type 4 - Modified                | 35 Audi - All Years  |
| 14 Karmann Ghia - All Years - Standard         | 36 SEAT - All Years  |
| 15 Karmann Ghia - All Years - Modified         | 37 Skoda - All Years   |
| 16 Factory Karmann Cabriolet - All Years - All | 38 VW Commercial Vehicles (Transporter/ Multivan, Caddy) – All Years |
| 17 Factory Off-Road - Air-cooled - All         | 39 Best Engineered / Race Water-cooled Vehicle                       |
| 18 Non-factory Off-road and Buggies - All      |  |
| 19 VW-Powered Trike - All                      | <u>Automatic Entry</u>   |
| 20 Aussie Convertibles and Kit Cars - All      | 41 Peoples Choice - Water-cooled                                     |
| 21 Best engineered/race – Air-cooled - All     | 42 Volkswagen Group Australia Car of the Day                         |
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## ***VW Nationals 2012***

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compatibility.”

For their part, the judges didn't hold back in their praise, “The little Volkswagen up! has altered what we have come to expect from the citycar segment. Of note are the responsive steering, sophisticated suspension setup, new efficient engines and the quality of materials and finish. Never before in this economy segment have owners felt so premium. Look for every builder of citycars to up its game just to compete with the new VW.”

### Tarago Cruise



On 22 April, the Canberra Chapter cruised to the country town of Tarago NSW, for a catch-up and a great meal at the local pub 'The Loaded Dog'. The cruise went well, we encountered a bit of traffic due to a detour off another highway but arrived in good time. The town has some history if you do some research and is full of charm and charisma. Our meals were huge and very tasty and the old hotel served as a great backdrop for a chat with friends.



The day was fun and relaxing, thanks to all of the attendees, I hope you all enjoyed your trip.



We had three Kombi's, 2 Beetles, and a Polo, Golf, and Jetta along. Lurking in the background was a Subaru just for good measure. A couple of dubbars also saw us off from Russell in the morning. Two thumbs up to all!

Bruce

### Ducaudi deal officially announced

As expected, Audi has announced they had completed a takeover of premium motorcycle manufacturer Ducati. The buyout figure hasn't been confirmed by Audi on record, but it's believed the sum was around €860m (AU\$1.08b).

In a company statement Audi Chairman,



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"It has great expertise in high-performance engines and lightweight construction, and is one of the world's most profitable motorcycle manufacturers. That makes Ducati an excellent fit for Audi."

Meanwhile, Reuters reports these comments from Stefan Bratzel, director of the Center of Automotive at the University of Applied Sciences in Bergisch-Gladbach: "I can't think of a concrete reason for Audi to warrant a business case for buying Ducati. Ducati doesn't enhance Audi's business model in any way, it's just a trophy in the wall cabinet."

Audi's official statement justifies the purchase:

"The progressive control systems and special combustion chamber process of Ducati engines, their resulting sporty character, and Ducati's extensive know-how in lightweight construction thus offer great potential for AUDI AG and the Volkswagen Group."

Ducati becomes the twelfth trophy in the Volkswagen Group cabinet, joining other performance brands such as Bugatti, Lamborghini and Porsche.

The iconic Italian bike maker started life in 1926 making parts for radios, before producing its first motorcycle in 1949.

## Golf 7 spy shots



Volkswagen's Golf 7 will officially be shown at the Paris Auto Show in September, so final mules and test vehicles are out and about. Spy photographers are snapping up pictures and while we still can't tell an awful lot from these shots, we know based on the MQB platform we viewed that the wheelbase is slightly longer, the width is up a bit and the front overhangs have been reduced. People inside VW that have seen the Golf 7 say that it looks great, particularly the GTI.



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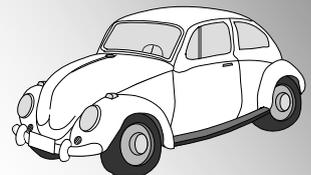
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## Old Volkswagen racing photos

While searching on the web for something else I stumbled across an archive of car racing photos and of course I went to the VW photo section. These photos and more can be viewed and ordered at [www.autopics.com.au](http://www.autopics.com.au). As we like to include a little bit old & little bit new in our magazine, here are a few examples included with the kind permission of Autopics



B. Ford / B. Ferguson VW - Bathurst 1963



Above: Eddie Perkins (father of Larry) / George Reynolds (who recently passed away) Volkswagen - Armstrong 500 Phillip Island 1960

Right top to bottom: Wheel standing A.P.E. Kombi at Castlereagh 1968

Brian Thomson V8 VW Type 3, Sandown 1974, used most of the mechanicals from a McLaren M10Bh.

Greg Mackie in his very successful Beetle sports sedan, Oran Park 1980

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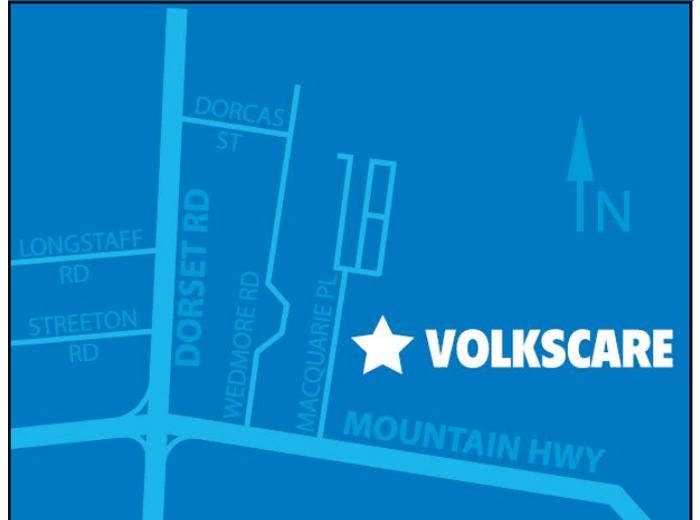
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## **VW Nationals 1988**

By Natalie Driscoll  
April 1988

If you went to the VW Nationals '88, held at Hawkesbury Agricultural College over the Easter weekend, and someone happened to ask you what it was like, the first thing that probably sprang to mind was a nasty little four-letter word – RAIN.

And rain it did, dampening everything except for the enthusiasm, with people travelling from all states and territories of Australia, even from Tasmania. We also had patrons from around the world, including Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. Not bad for a little 'ol Aussie VW show!

Many events had been organised to keep the VW nuts entertained. With raffles, food stalls, brightly coloured sponsor and club stalls, the college was miraculously transformed into a circus-like atmosphere. Well, sort-of. Those in the organising committee were less than excited about the weather conditions as they watched 20 months of planning sort of bobbing around unpredictably in the mud puddles. But what could we do but grin and bear it? Despite the rain, all but a handful of people (and maybe the committee) thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Nationals got its fair share of media coverage, with 2WS advertising before the event and news releases in various newspapers. But the real bonus was having representatives from 'Hot VWs', 'VW Trends' and 'VW Motoring' down here to cover the show. On the local scene, we had 'OZVW', 'Fast Fours and Rotaries' and 'Open Road' magazines out for a report.

Saturday dawned a fine drizzle, nothing you couldn't put up with. However, it must have put off quite a few people who would otherwise have had their wares on display or swap or sell. In the dealer display area, on the other hand, it was standing room only.

The Bush Dance on Saturday night was a real fun time, and must have been an education for our overseas guests. When five huge VW cakes were brought out, there was much oohing and ahing and then the devourment started. Probably the most dramatic episode of the whole weekend was when three teenage would-be car thieves were caught in the act by the security guard who we had hired. The miscreants (or substitute your own more descriptive names) had chosen a Golf on which to perform their dirty deed. On being caught they were dragged over to the crowd in Karmann Square, where they were surrounded by what could have passed for a lynch mob until the police arrived. Serves them right!

Both the plans for the show and judging and the Wet Weather Plan A were becoming obsolete as we watched the rain bucketing down. Wet Weather Plan B involved the crew having to shack up in an old hay shed – but no one complained. At least it was dry!

Once judging was underway, the rain didn't seem to stop people from entering their cars in the show, though they were a little less inclined to constantly jumping out and wiping off the splashes of mud. Mud or no mud, the cars looked great, even from under the edge

of a dripping fringe or umbrella. The best thing about it all was all the new and interesting cars whose owners made the effort to come out.

The car show was very well attended, even by American standards. Rod Montoya from VW Trends commented that there were more cars than at a typical well-attended Californian event, but that over there they wouldn't have showed up at all if it had rained!

After asking around our overseas visitors for comparisons between the cars that showed up to our events and to theirs, it seemed a unanimous decision – the standard of our cars equalled or bettered those you would see at overseas VW shows. For example, Rod Farrell's immaculate blue split-window Beetle earned plenty of attention. On the other hand, none of the international visitors were particularly impressed by the Australian version of the 'chop-top convertible.'

Of the fun events organised, the Bug Balance, the Pit Stop and the Engine Pull were the only ones cancelled due to the rain. Saturday stayed relatively dry, and such events as the Go-Slow race and the Bug Push generated quite a crowd, with many willing entrants giving it a go.

The Engine Blow was perhaps the most popular event, with people queuing up to pay for guesses. The guesses ranged from thirty seconds to an hour and a half! Most of us had no idea, but guessed anyway. The old clapped-out 40-hp resisted its fate to the end, taking a long time to spring to life but even longer to die. It lasted a surprising 16 minutes. The trophy presentation and raffle draws were held afterwards, with hundreds of patient, expectant people waiting in the rain. The 160 or so trophies looked extremely impressive, and many people commented on the display. The winner of the reconditioned Cal-look Beetle is certain to be the subject of much envy.

After many months (approaching years) of planning for VW Nationals '88, the organising committee was more than exhausted and ready to finish before the weekend even began. Most people have no idea of the amount of organisation needed to pull off such an event, and unfortunately the committee was grossly understaffed, with members doubling and tripling up on jobs in an effort to get things done. Committee members were disappointed in the fact that they never got to see much of the show for themselves, as they were always occupied in doing things for others. Some never even had time to go and get lunch for themselves, like Rod Young who sat in a little room in front of a computer all day!

One good thing that came from all this is the cooperation started and friends made between the clubs. That probably counts for more than any money made during the weekend.

Will there be a VW Nationals next year? Don't even mention the subject near any of the committee at the moment, if you value your safety, but there may be another event some time in the future, on a smaller scale. Right at the moment though, the committee is being reunited with family, friends, lovers and car projects.

If you were there, thanks for helping to make it a great weekend. If you weren't, you missed a big one!



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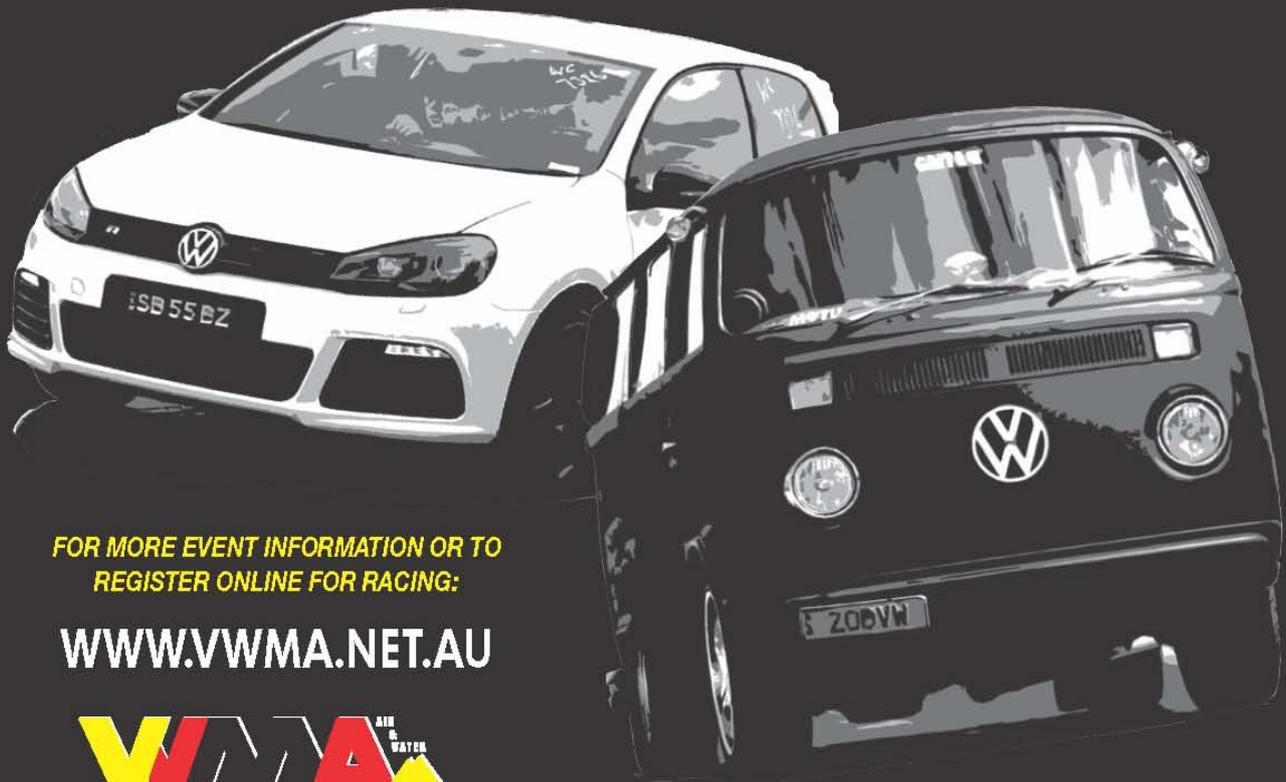
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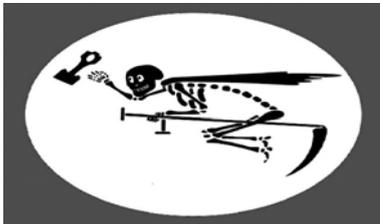
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Club VeeDub was formed in 1985 to cater exclusively for VW and Audi owners. We're Australia's largest VW/Audi club with members in every state and overseas, but we're based in Sydney. Our logo shows this - the Sydney Harbour Bridge combined with VW's Wolfsburg Crest.

Club VeeDub is dedicated to keeping as many Volkswagens on Australia's roads for as long as possible. We aim to do this by helping owners maintain their enthusiasm and love for their VWs, because as we say, The Legend Never Dies!

### Why join Club VeeDub Sydney?

Firstly, as a Club VeeDub member, you'll receive discounts on parts and service from all recommended workshops and parts outlets. Just show your club card! Your membership fee can often be recovered by the savings on your next service.

You'll receive a monthly copy of our club magazine, *Zeitschrift* (that's German for 'magazine'). It's full of the latest VW news, tech tips, how-to articles, history, humour and all sorts of good stuff for the VW fan. It's the most readable VW magazine in Australia.

You're not required to attend meetings, nor participate in any way if you so desire. You can, if you wish, simply accept the benefits we have to offer with no obligation.

However, for the enthusiast we provide a wide range of other benefits and activities.

If you have a VW older than 30 years and you don't drive it much, we can offer you Vintage Registration to save you an enormous amount on your annual rego bill. Your VW will also look great on its Vintage Rego plates.

You're welcome at our monthly meetings, which are informal and good fun. No 'moving the motion that the minutes be seconded' stuff! There's raffles, quizzes, films, talks and other cool things. Members can borrow VW books, videos, manuals, brochures and magazines from our extensive club library - for free.

Need that special tool to fix your VW? We have an large range of VW factory tools and special fittings you won't find anywhere else, all free to members. We also have many contacts in the VW trade who are happy to offer you free technical advice on restoration, modification and any other VW matter you could think of.

You'll also be welcome to any of our cruises, show days, swap meets, social events, drag days and other events for the VW nut. We also host the VW/Audi Nationals, Australia's premier VW/Audi event, every Easter.

### Benefits for Club VeeDub Members

- Club VeeDub member card for discounts on VW parts and service
- Free monthly issue of *Zeitschrift*
- Professional advice on VW restoration, modification and service
- Free book, magazine and video library
- Free VW tool lending library
- Vintage Registration for 30 year-old VWs
- Non-boring, entertaining meetings with heaps of prizes and laughs
- Enjoyable social events throughout the year
- The VW/Audi Nationals

Membership Form

New Member:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewal:		(tick one)	
Name:		<input type="text"/>	
Address:		<input type="text"/>	
State:		<input type="text"/>	Postcode: <input type="text"/>
Phone:		<input type="text"/>	BH AH
Occupation:		<input type="text"/>	
Are you a licensed mechanic, either active or retired?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes No
How much of your own mechanical work do you do?		<input type="text"/>	%
Which of the following activities are you interested in?			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Cruises and Observation Runs	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Show n Shines, Concours	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Social days and/or nights out	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Swap Meets	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Drag or track racing	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Meetings and tech talks	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Other: (you tell us !)	
Email address		<input type="text"/>	

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