



# NORTHSIDE NEWS

December 2023

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2023-2024

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**Meetings:** 7:30pm, second Wednesday of the month, at **Kallangur Tavern, 1517 Anzac Ave Kallangur.**

**Next meetings:** Christmas Party at Endeavour Park, Scarborough Saturday 2 December, 14 February 2024

### Editorial

*Hello all,*

*I have received one members' history and picture of their car as published in the November magazine. Can each member please provide (by email to [magazine.bnchc@gmail.com](mailto:magazine.bnchc@gmail.com)) a brief history and picture of their car so that a car can be featured in each month's magazine?*



*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*Cheers*

*Muz*

## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

BRISBANE NORTHSIDE CLASSIC HOLDEN CLUB INC.

Wednesday 8 November 2023

**MEETING OPENED** 7.30pm

**MEMBERS** 17

**APOLOGIES** Steve Collins, Cate Bowdler, Rowan Flaherty, Bonnie Flaherty,  
Jules Knight, Andrew and Val Ladlay.

**VISITORS** NIL

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Two new members have submitted their membership forms and paid their fees – Ken and Lucy Mortensen. Currently they are overseas and hopefully will attend the Christmas Party to be voted in. Correspondence in relation to this even has been emailed to them.

MOVED BY Col Stirling 2<sup>ND</sup> BY Michael Bishop

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (September)**

MOVED BY Col Stirling 2<sup>ND</sup> BY Kevin Dadge

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No mail was received in letterbox this past month.

MOVED BY Col Stirling 2<sup>ND</sup> BY Wilf Skerman

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

I would also like to move that the members approve payment of the following expenses:

Walmar Management Pty Ltd for Club shirts \$207.68

Allan Benvenuti reimbursement for Trophy Engraving \$36.00

Payments have been reimbursed.

MOVED BY Col Stirling due to Cate Bowdler being absent.

2<sup>ND</sup> BY Basil Benvenuti

### **AEHF REPORT**

NIL

### **QHMC REPORT**

NIL

### **CLUB RUNS**

Sunday 26 Nov – All Holdens Day – Holden Out for a Cure – Redlands Showground –After 31 October it is \$30.00 for judging and display only. Entries on the day will be display only – extra adults in the car \$5.00 each. Car set up time 6-8am. Cars are to be on the field for judging by 8am.

Saturday 2 December – Christmas Party - Endeavour Park, 66-72 Oyster Point Esplanade, Scarborough. 4020 (details are below).

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Allan Benvenuti has had the trophies engraved ready for the end of year Christmas Party. Thankyou Allan.

Lucy Ryan has been given the key to access the PO Box. Email addresses for Colin Stirling and Lucy Ryan to be added to the PO Box for notification of any mail received.

Murray Bassett is asking all members to email him at the Magazine editor address [magazine.bnchc@gmail.com](mailto:magazine.bnchc@gmail.com) a story and picture of your car. It would be great to hear about the history and how you came about being involved in the Holden car. Also, if you are willing - to send through your birthday – year not necessary. It's just so we can celebrate you for the month in the newsletters.

Col Stirling spoke about the history of his 1971 Torana – named Gwen, which he originally purchased from Lloyds Auctions. Just recently he received paperwork which was found at Lloyds Auctions about his car which he didn't know existed. What a find!

Allan Benvenuti advised that he has a couple of Club Shirts available for purchase.

Old stock - \$43.00 – sizes XL and 2XL.

New stock - \$52.00 – size L (all shirts from now on will be at this price).

Lucy Ryan is going to research some prices for new stickers, caps, jumpers/jackets, keyrings to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Christmas Party Saturday 2 December 2023**

9.30am onwards

Endeavour Park  
66-72 Oyster Point Esplanade  
Scarborough. 4020

Allan Benvenuti will bring along the gazebos. He will be at the park by 8.00am. If any others members can be present at that time to help put them up it would be much appreciated.

The Committee as noted previously will be organising morning tea, lunch and cold drinks which will be paid for by the club. Lucy Ryan will make cakes and slices which will be donated. It was decided by everyone that you BYO tea and coffee and a chair.

There will be raffles and lucky door prizes. Gift cards and hampers of goodies will be available to win! Secret Santa gifts to the value of \$15.00. Please note that if you are bringing along younger people or friends to the event that you can bring a gift for them (if you wish), so they don't feel left out.

In the event of bad weather the party will be held at Lucy and Darren Ryan's House.

MOVED BY Col Stirling 2<sup>ND</sup> BY Maree Auriti

### **RAFFLE**

A big thankyou to Barbara Benvenuti for running the raffle at the meeting. Lucy Ryan our Secretary won the \$50 gift card. Lucy then kindly donated the \$50 gift card back to the club to go towards a raffle prize at the Christmas Party.

## **TECH TALK**

Kevin Dadge was asking for information on the refurb of an air cleaner for his FJ. The parts he had were incorrect. Michael Bishop and Ennio Auriti helped his out with the correct information he needed. Wilf Skerman advised that he had a spare one. Problem solved!

Kevin Dadge also noted about problems he is having with his carburettor. Once again problem solved with help from Emiel Huizer and Michael Bishop.

## **SWAP AND SELL**

If anyone has a fuel tank they are willing to sell for an FB Holden – Rowan Flaherty is chasing one. Please contact him on 0419777714. Thankyou.

## **MEETING CLOSED**

8.15pm

President:

Colin Stirling

Secretary:

Lucy Ryan

## **President's Report**

Hi all

Well it is that time of the year, Xmas is just around the corner. It has been a busy year for me personally and taking on the role within the club has been just another highlight. Again we need to thank all members of the retiring committee for the hard work and commitment they have provided over many years. As we enter into a new era, we would like to encourage your involvement by being active in our club runs and attending in our monthly meetings.

Our last club run for the year was to the Cleveland Showgrounds for the "Holden out for a cure" not the biggest turn out, however great to see a number of the club members there on the day. I have attached a link to Dadz Garage who covered the event and featured a number of the club member's cars.

[https://youtu.be/6\\_ZcpcugNe0?si=Qi6MSkeWCg1zLZ-H](https://youtu.be/6_ZcpcugNe0?si=Qi6MSkeWCg1zLZ-H)

On a sad note, we have a fund raising event at Bangin Beans last year to support Skin Cancer research, the club kindly made a donation to this cause and a great turn out by our members. The gentleman that was the focus of this fund raising lost his battle last week, a sad time for my brother Mal who was the driving force in making this event a great success.

Our last meeting is fast coming around, a time to meet and celebrate the year together, I would like to personally thank Lucy for massive effort to bring the Xmas party together and the other committee members for their ongoing commitment, you are all legends.

Lastly, as I sign off for this year I would like to wish you and your family a **Merry Xmas** and a Happy New Year.

Be safe and see you all next year

Colin

## Agenda Item

Discussion on establishing a club Facebook page.

The benefits and risks of having a club Facebook page.

### Benefits

- Private Group. Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.
- Administrator/Moderator to approve new members who have to provide their club member number when requesting access.
- Administrator/Moderator are able to delete any posts/comments that are inappropriate and suspend members for any breaches
- Easy to add information, pictures etc to Facebook
- Can provide links to other Facebook groups (such as *Holden Enthusiasts Australia* and *Jive Talking Garage*)
- Easy to find cars or car parts for sale

### Risks

- Possibility that inappropriate posts/comments are made

## All Holden Day – Holden out for a cure 26 November

We had a good turn up of members at the all Holden day.

Colin Stirling, Murray Bassett, Rob Brook, Steve Collins, Steve Robertson and Michael Bishop all had their cars there while Rob Arndt, Darren & Lucy Ryan and Emiel Huizer were there just to check out cars on display.

Congratulations to Rob Brook who was a reluctant winner of the runner-up best modified LH to UC Torana.



More pictures are on our [website](#)



## Club Runs

### Regular runs and events

- Petrie Markets Run - Every Friday night, Dayboro Rd, Petrie
- Mid-week run to Joe's Diner for a coffee catch-up from 0930. This is in conjunction with the HK HT HG club. Joe's Diner is at 1084 Kingsford Smith Drive Eagle Farm. December 13th.

### QHMC runs and events

**26th January 2024** Australia Day Bayside Vehicle Restorers Show at Ormiston State School.

**4-5 February 2024** Toowoomba Swap Meet Toowoomba Showgrounds

## December

Christmas Party



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BYO tea, coffee and chair

## Birthdays

Rowan Flaherty – 2 January

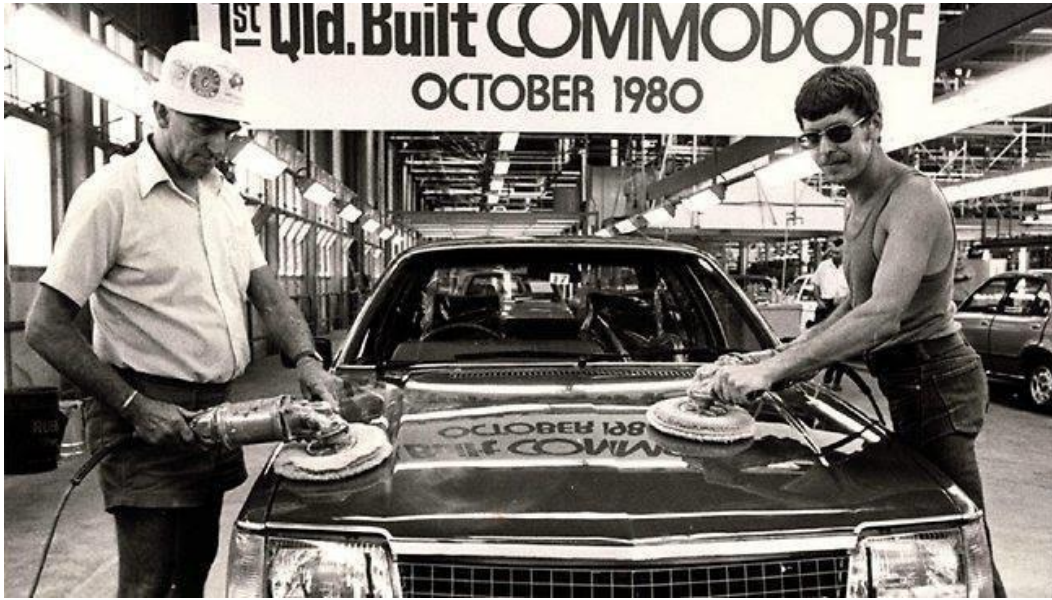
Murray Bassett – 29 January

If your birthday has not been published, please advise the editor by email to [magazine.bnchc@gmail.com](mailto:magazine.bnchc@gmail.com)

## Trivia

- The FJ was available in 12 colours.
- The FJ was produced from 1953 to 1957.
- Holden's first concept car was the Hurricane.





## Member's Cars

### Murray Bassett's 1977 LX Torana

I bought my LX Torana in 1999 for around \$3000. It was a 253 V8 with a Trimatic, although the tags show that it was a factory 4 speed manual. It had rust in both front floors, doors and boot. We were living at Banyo at the time and an auto wreckers at Northgate had a complete UC Sunbird SLE. I bought the doors, boot lid, rear screen, seats and the steering column & wheel (probably would have been cheaper to have bought the whole car, but the other half vetoed that).

Franks Body Works at Northgate repaired the rust, fitted the replacement panels and painted the car in the original Antelope colour. The Torana was my daily drive for a number of years including being parked at the train station each work day.

By 2007, rust was starting to reappear in some of the repairs, so I had Gasoline Alley at Brendale restore and paint the body. It was then that the Torana was no longer a daily drive.

In 2009 I purchased a VQ Statesman with an injected 5.0 litre and turbo 700 4 speed auto from the abandoned vehicles auctions in Brisbane. I again used Gasoline Alley to complete the upgrade. They stripped the donor car of its mechanicals. The engine and transmission had only a few oil leaks that were repaired along with some new accessories etc to prior to installation in the Torana. It was also discovered that the auto has a stage III shift kit, which makes for a fairly firm change from first to second. As the Statesman diff was not worth repairing, I kept the good old Banjo diff. Unfortunately, the Banjo was not up to the task and after a couple of replacement centres I bought a Borg Warner disc brake diff from a 1991 Nissan Skyline and had it modified with Torana mounts. This has been in the car for a few years now.

The last part of the ongoing project was to have air conditioning fitted which happened during September/October of 2022. Much nicer to drive in summer now!



## Club Merchandise



### Club polo shirt

Old stock - \$43.00 – sizes XL and 2XL

New stock - \$52.00 – size L

## Classifieds

### Bright work refurbishment



### For sale:

- 2 original "Jiffy" Annexes. \$100 each  
Made to use with Holden Commodores. Original from Gold Coast "Jiffy" Manufacturers. Both have poles and ropes.
- Original EH or EK Holden Utility tonneau cover in good order. \$100  
Located Gayndah. Phone Wendy 0428 988 108 or email [wendykirk55@gmail.com](mailto:wendykirk55@gmail.com)

