



The official Newsletter of the GCTMC Inc.



Outgoing 2016 GCTMC Inc. Club Management

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Proposed 2017 GCTMC Inc. Calendar

Month	Date	Event Name	Venue	Event Status	Event Type	Rd
Feb	26	Khanacross	Pimpama	Club	Khanacross	1
March	18		TBA	Social	Go Karts	
April	9	Khanacross	Pimpama	Club	Khanacross	2
April	22	Sprint Rally	Urbenville	Club	Rally	
May	14	Khanacross	Pimpama	Club	Khanacross	3
June	3		TBA	Social	Go Karts (late afternoon)	
July	2	Khanacross	Pimpama	Club	Khanacross	4
July	15		TBA	Social	Go Karts (late afternoon)	
August	18-20	Border Ranges Rally	Kyogle	State Chp	Rally	4
Sept	3	Khanacross	Pimpama	Club	Khanacross	5
October	21	Sprint Rally	Woodenbong	Club	Rally	
Nov	5	Khanacross	Pimpama	Club	Khanacross	6
Dec	2	Xmas party				

Annual General Meeting

There is room for more
at the wheel

Mudgeeraba
Showgrounds
15th February
Starts 7.00pm

*Whilst there has been interest from
some members in taking up a position on
the Management Committee there are
still vacancies. If you wish to see your
club remain a viable motor sport
organisation then nominate for a position.*



Club Management Positions 2017



President



Vice President



Property Officer



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Secretary



Pitstop Editor



Treasurer



Club Captain



Membership Officer



President's Report

With February half over we are now well into the start of motorsport for the year and that means the club AGM is fast approaching. As in all previous years the AGM is to be held at the Mudgeeraba Showground in our old club meeting hall, on Wednesday 15th February. All executive and committee positions will become vacant. If you wish to guide the direction of the club, then please nominate for a position. But remember you need to be a financial member to nominate or vote on a position.

The club's first event of the year will be a Khanacross at the Pimpama track, on Sunday 26th February. This will be a good opportunity to blow the cobwebs out of the toys and for juniors and novices to get a feel for driving on dirt in a safe and controlled environment. Thank you, Tony Taylor, for offering to run this event and Pete Preston for the use of the track.

Our first rally of the year will be the "Climatrol Air Conditioning Urbenville Sprint Rally" on 22nd April. This event will run under the same format as last year. The club appreciates Matt Sosimenko for putting his hand up to be Clerk of Course. The club especially appreciates the ongoing support of Aaron Brown from *Climatrol*.

I would personally like to thank all the members of the executive committee for their contribution to the successful running of the club over the past year. I especially like to thank John Careless, who has gone over and above our expectations in the roles of club secretary, magazine editor and Border Ranges Rally event (supporting) secretary. These will be big shoes to fill for anyone stepping up to this position but John has offered to provide advice and guidance when he is not tripping off around the world, thank you John.

Catch you all at the AGM.
Stephen Davies

*Before you fly away in your classic on club rego
remember to renew your club membership*



GCTMC Inc. membership remains good value

Membership for the GCTMC Inc. is still only \$60 for an individual and \$80 for a family.

The club has accumulated a great deal of infrastructure that many clubs envy and conducts a range of events.

With discounts for GCTMC Inc. members to our Khanacross and our rallies it pays to belong.



Come along to the AGM and renew your membership on the night.

**GCTMC
KHANACROSS
26th February 2017**

**Tanah Kita Nursery
Yawalpah Rd.,
Pimpama**

**Refer: gctmc.org.au one
week prior to the event for
the sup-regs, entry and
scrutiny forms.**

**Cars registered in
Queensland require a third
party extension. GCTMC
Inc. members receive a
discounted entry**



CLIMATROL
AIR CONDITIONING

Urbenville Sprint Rally

Saturday



22nd April 2017

Refer gctmc.org.au

If you would like to help
or wish to get your CAMS
grading by being on the
organising group please
contact John Truskinger
jptruskinger@gmail.com

0407656044.

The format is one shire road
stage to be completed
multiple times in both
directions and run at one
minute intervals as a short
course rally.

The road to be used is
absolutely fantastic. It is
flowing but technical and will
suit two-wheel drive Classics
perfectly.

Crews will transport via a
short tarmac loop with central
servicing at the Urbenville
Showgrounds, with good
facilities, catering and
camping. There will be the
opportunity to celebrate after
the event at the Bowls Club
located right at the
Showgrounds.

This is a great beginner event
or one for the experienced
competitor who wants to dust
off the cobwebs. Open to all
comers so put this one on
your calendar as the entry list
is limited to thirty cars.



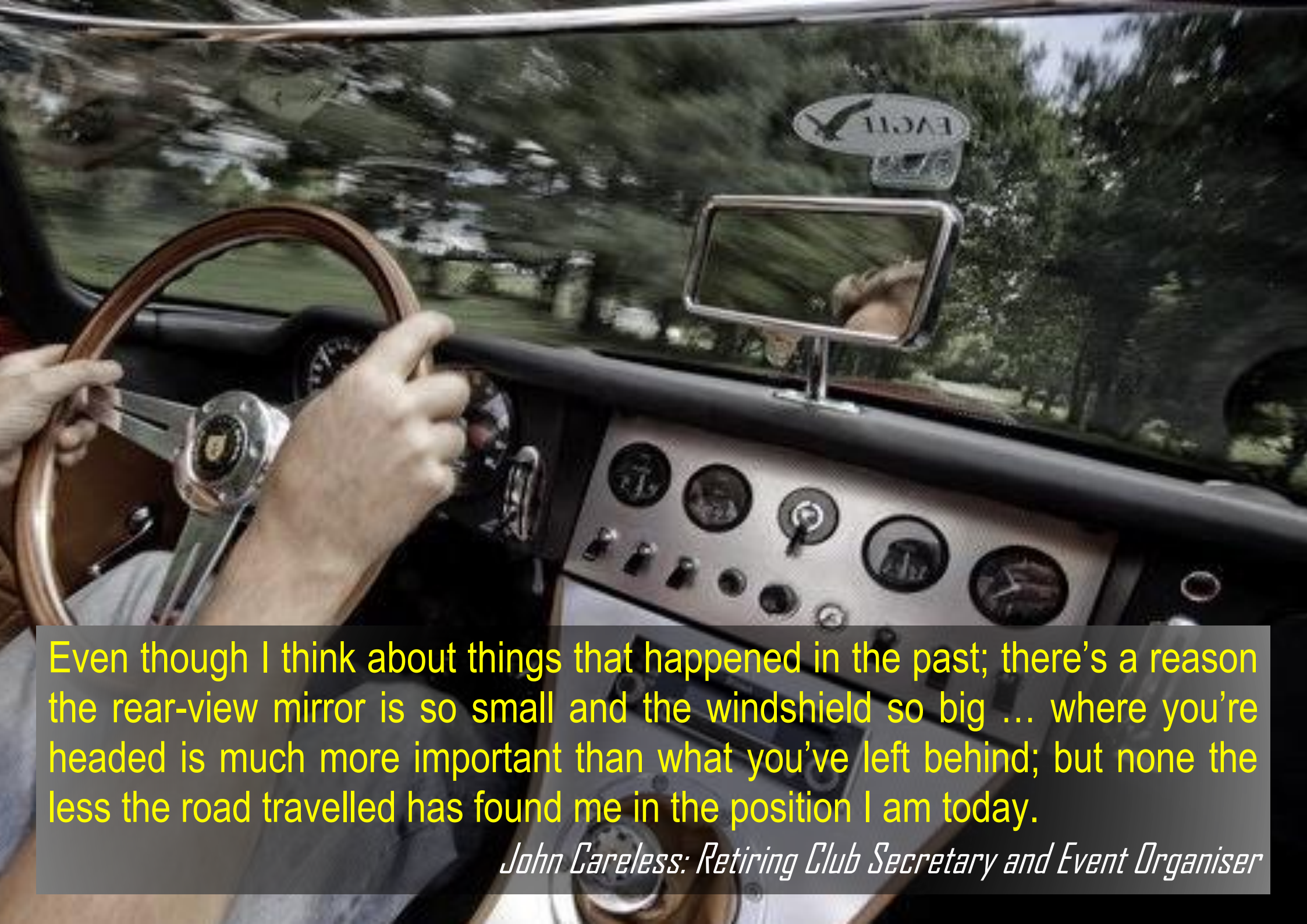
We still seem to be going around in circles trying to get members to help with running events. The club needs people to put their hand up ASAP to assist with the conduct of the first Khanacross and the Urbenville Sprint Rally.



Please contact below ASAP to offer your assistance
Khanacross: Tony Taylor 0419 787 783
Urbenville Sprint Rally: Matt Sosimenko 0438 957 225



Looking back on the club's 2017 year has seen a continued growth of the membership, of the club's bank balance and of the club's infrastructure. Come to the AGM to hear a full report and support the incoming management committee.



Even though I think about things that happened in the past; there's a reason the rear-view mirror is so small and the windshield so big ... where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind; but none the less the road travelled has found me in the position I am today.

John Careless: Retiring Club Secretary and Event Organiser



Congratulations
Mark Webber
Officer of the Order of Australia

Cars & Coffee ...

somewhere
to take the
'Toy' on
Classic Rego
or just take
your special
drive.

1st Saturday of the month: Turbo

Drive, Coorparoo from 7.30am

1st Sunday of the month: Three Figs

Café Village Way just off Currumbin

Creek Road from 8.00am

2nd Sunday of the month:

The Farm Byron Bay

11 Ewingsdale Road from 8.30am

3rd Saturday of the month: 238

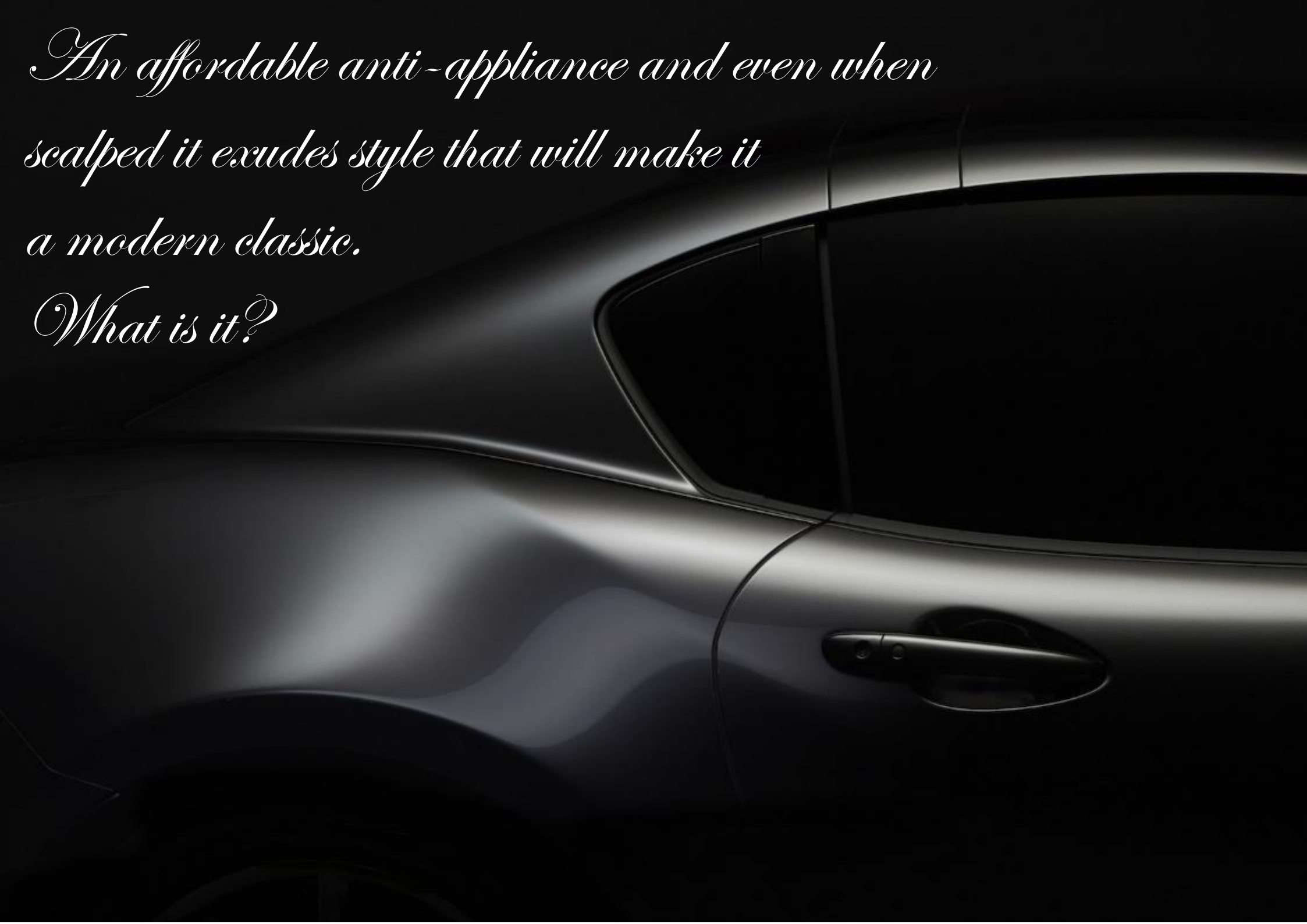
Mudgeeraba Road

Mudgeeraba from 8.00am



*An affordable anti-appliance and even when
scalped it exudes style that will make it
a modern classic.*

What is it?





Natural Order has been restored. Monsters rule the World ... again!

CAMS Observed Licence Tests

Some new competitors applying for a CAMS licence may be required to complete an Observed Licence Test.

An OLT is a test of practical skill, where CAMS approved instructors observe you under modified race conditions.

Successfully completing the OLT is a critical component of receiving your racing licence. It gives you the opportunity to show you have a basic understanding and knowledge of manoeuvring a vehicle at high speeds to ensure the safety of both yourself, and others including drivers, officials and spectators.

Where to get more information:

[http://www.cams.com.au/get-involved/competitors/observed-licence-tests-\(olt\)](http://www.cams.com.au/get-involved/competitors/observed-licence-tests-(olt))





**I'm sick of car manufactures
using steamy, dirty pictures of
women to push their products!**

The following pages has an explanation of the CAMS Assessment and Training Courses. These courses are available 'on-line' through CAMS and there is no charge. The GCTMC is a CAMS Affiliated club and as such runs events under permits supplied by CAMS. This permit activates certain insurances and protection. Only Licensed CAMS Officials should run CAMS events. The GCTMC Inc unfortunately, has a limited number of Licensed Officials. The membership form asks for details of your qualifications. The club would appreciate your informing Tony Taylor, our Membership Officer, (if you agree) of any qualification you hold for his records. The club will conduct a number of events throughout 2017.

These events will not proceed unless there are licensed officials to run them. It is not the role of the Executive to conduct events but the club membership itself. Please seriously consider putting your hand up to conduct or assist with the running of events and obtaining your CAMS Licence.



The GCTMC needs CAMS Licenced officials

CAMS Training and Assessment

Training Courses

HOW DO I BECOME A CAMS ACCREDITED OFFICIAL?

All new officials start off as a CAMS Trainee Official which requires them to work under direct supervision. Trainees are teamed with experienced officials and learn how to do most things on the job. As officials gain more experience they are given the opportunity to upgrade to a CAMS General Official. A CAMS General Official is the minimum level to enable the official to branch out into other areas and disciplines of officiating.

BECOME A CAMS TRAINEE OFFICIAL

Once you've decided what type of event you would like to officiate at, or which categories of officiating you would like to attempt first, there are several options you may take. The best way of getting involved is to become a member of a CAMS affiliated car club. You can use the 'club search function' on this website to help you locate a club near you that runs motor sport interests in keeping with your own.

It is then up to you to contact the club and make enquiries regarding the possibility of officiating at their club events. There are also 'specialist' officiating clubs which have opportunities for new officials to join.

If you have a particular event in mind that you wish to participate in as an official, you may contact the organiser of that event directly and arrange to be a Trainee official at that event or contact your CAMS Sport and Club Development Officer in your state on 1300 883 959 to help arrange an event for you to attend.

Step 1: Trainee Officials Licence

Download your CAMS Trainee Officials Licence before you attend your chosen event and take it with you. Make sure at the conclusion of your event you get your Trainee Officials Licence signed by your supervisor or senior official. You will then be required to lodge this form with CAMS Customer Service. Upon receipt of this form you will be allocated with your CAMS Member number and be contacted regarding Step 2 of the process to becoming a General Official.

Remember that you need to officiate for 1 day before applying to become a CAMS General Official. Instructions on your next steps are also provided on the CAMS Trainee Officials Licence application form.

Step 2: Introductory Theory Module

To ensure that you are duly informed and aware of the potential dangers of motor sports, you are required to undertake a short training module. This can be done on-line or alternatively instructor-led by an accredited CAMS course presenter.

To complete the course online please email us at memberservices@cams.com.au so that we can set you up with a profile on the CAMS Training Portal. Alternatively, visit our [training page](#) to enroll in a face-to-face course.

Step 3: Apply for a General Officials Licence

Once you have completed the Introductory Theory Module and attended 1 day at an event your General Official licence will be forwarded to you.

You can download your CAMS Trainee Official Licence Forms.

CAMS Training Modules for 2017

Most modules are able to be completed on-line

18 March 2017	Bronze Fire and Rescue	CAMS Office, Brisbane
22, 23 & 26 March 2017	Bronze Scrutineer	CAMS Office, Brisbane and Manumbar Rally
22 & 23 March 2017	Scrutineer Upskilling	CAMS Office, Brisbane
13 May 2017	Bronze Steward	CAMS Office, Brisbane
27 May 2017	Club Chief	CAMS Office, Brisbane
27 August 2017	Bronze Timing & Scoring	CAMS Office, Brisbane
9-10 September 2017	Bronze Scrutineer	CAMS Office, Brisbane

To register for one of these modules please go to:

<https://www.cams.com.au/get-involved/officials/training>

When traffic comes to a complete stop in Germany, the drivers, by law, have to move towards the edge of each side of the road creating an open lane for emergency vehicles ... maybe Australia should adopt this law.



Facts, Alternative Facts or just Falsehood

People used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot. Once a day it was taken and sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive, you were “piss poor.” But worse than that were the really poor folks who couldn’t even afford to buy a pot. They “didn’t have a pot to piss in” and were considered the lowest of the low.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, “Don’t throw the baby out with the bath water!”

Houses had thatched roofs with thick straw-piled high and no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained, it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, “It’s raining cats and dogs.” There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That’s how canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the term, “dirt poor.” The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence, “a thresh hold.”

Sometimes a family could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could “bring home the bacon.” They would cut off a little to share with guests, and would all sit around and “chew the fat.”

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the “upper crust.”

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a “wake.”

In old, small villages, local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (“the graveyard shift”) to listen for the bell. Thus, someone could be “saved by the bell,” or was considered a “dead ringer.”

CAMS affiliated

Please print clearly

Name:			
Address:			
		State:	Post code:
Phone:		Mobile:	
Email:		Repeat email:	
CAMS Officials Licence number: (if held)		Type/s:	
CAMS Competition Licence number: (if held)		Type/s:	
Particular motorsport interest:			
			Tick
This is an Individual membership (\$60) (tick one only)			<input type="checkbox"/>
OR Family Membership (\$80) (tick one only)			<input type="checkbox"/>
<small>Note: A family membership caters for 2 adults and 2 children up to 18 yo, additional under 18's \$10.00 per membership. All family members must complete and sign an individual and separate membership application form. Please attach each membership application form to the document that states the amount being paid.</small>			
I/We grant permission for the GCTMC inc. to forward the club's magazine to my email address			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Print Name	Signature	Date
Proposed by:			
<small>New memberships should be proposed and seconded by an existing member. However, this can be done upon receipt by the Club Secretary and/or the Membership Officer and presented a club meeting.</small>			
Seconded by:			

I / We hereby apply for membership of Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc. I/We agree to be abide by a spirit of fair play and good humor and by the Constitution of the Club and any amendments thereto.

***Signed:** *** Date:**

Either post this application to the club's PO Box or email it to the club's membership officer.

**EFT details are: Bank: NAB, BSB: 084-569, Account: 01-544-4501, Name: GCTMC Inc.
Reference: Please add your full name as the deposit reference when applying for EFT.**

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Payment amount received \$:	Payment made by:	Date application received:	Member number
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