

# **GTR**

## **T O R A N A**

# **XU-1**

**Car Club of WA Inc**

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**This edition is dedicated to Phil Leroy a valued  
and loved club member who will be sorely  
missed.**

# GTR TORANA XU1 Car Club Inc.

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## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Members and Friends,  
Christmas is again fast approaching  
and the car club is growing with new  
members from strength to strength.

The Midwest show and shine was a  
fantastic event with the club winning  
2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the awards on offer.

We are all still very sad with the  
passing of Phil LeRoy, a much loved  
and respected club member and the  
executive has decided to offer a  
yearly perpetual trophy known as the  
“presidents award” sporting Phil’s  
name.

Bathurst also went our way this year  
and a great day was held with our  
club members enjoying a bbq brekky,  
lunch and soft drinks supplied at  
Governor Stirling School’s Manual  
Arts Complex and “the great race”  
viewed on a large projector screen.

The GM day at Steel Blue oval saw  
the GTR Torana XU-1 Car club take  
first prize for the best display and  
numerous other awards to individuals  
it was a very **successful day**.

The Brock Memorial is still receiving  
strong support although it has only  
been there for a little over a year.  
Damage to the memorial and graffiti  
scrawled across the site isn’t helping  
resolve the issues over the site.

A small group seems bent on  
removing the memorial to Peter Brock  
but if moved the crowds will still visit  
the site.

On many occasions the issue has



been voted down by the full City of  
Swan Council but the Gidgegannup  
Progress Society wont accept the  
umpires **ruling nor the will of the**  
ratepayers and still look for ways around  
the memorial.

We have stated publicly it is a law and  
order issue and traffic calming needs to  
be address by the City of Swan as the  
motor racing fans of Perth will keep  
coming **memorial or not**.

Catch you around the traps.

Regards

Mark W Pitt

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## Editorial

Hi fellow club members I hope you enjoy the summer edition of the GTX newsletter.

This club newsletter has some great articles about the various car shows that have been occurring around Perth and of course the big one The Mid west Show and Shine in Geraldton. The final instalment of interesting reading about the inception of the LC GTR is also included in this edition as well as an update on Warren and Lisa's Cyan Blue LJ XU1

It's great to see club members contributing articles and photos in this edition. Thanks to Warren for the articles and photos and also to Carlo for photos. If you have an article or photos to submit I am quite happy for you to either email them to me or handwrite it or get it to me any way you like. I accept carrier pigeon as well.

Likewise if you are chasing parts or would like to advertise in the club newsletter all you have to do is contact me and remember it's free to advertise.

Don't forget the December run and Christmas party to follow. It will be a great chance to meet fellow club members and if the last Christmas party the club had is anything to go on you are also assured a good time.

See the invite on the back page of this edition for more information and remember, you don't have to have a Torana on the road to participate.

Cheers Dave Scuderi

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Front cover photo courtesy of Carlo Barone

# Calendar of events and On The Road to Geraldton

## December 11th

Club run to be advised ending at club Christmas Party 6.30 pm till late

## On the Road to Geraldton

Here we are half way between nowhere and nowhere , what seems to be the problem , I think the tyre has blown , oh oh , the spare is flat , what do we do now?

Lets phone the help line ,

Has anyone got a spare and a jack please, and a wheel brace ?

Yes , that was lucky , saved by the members of the GTR Torana XU-1 club.

Alright let's get to Geraldton , slow and easy...all good we arrived.

Now let's sell the Torana , make it easy to get home,

Sold , and now she lives in Bathurst NSW...on the main street .

By Warren Hope



## **Update on Warren and Lisa's New Addition Cyan Blue LJ GTR XU1**

Well it's amazing how quickly a year comes around , but that is a good sign as it means things are moving along at a respectable pace. Not over working the talented panel beater and not breaking the bank either.

The body work is almost completed and should be in spray putty by the beginning of the year and is in the queue with the painter,

The running gear has all been removed whilst sitting upside down on the rotisserie, and then the K-frame and Diff were all separated , all bushes removed , off to the sandblasters for the once over then back to the work shop for a coat of POR15, followed by a visit back to Wilkinson's suspension centre with the K-frame and parts.

A couple of weeks later and now we have a fully rebuilt 73 XU-1 front end ready for reassembly, next project will be the diff to be done....

And the Journey continues,

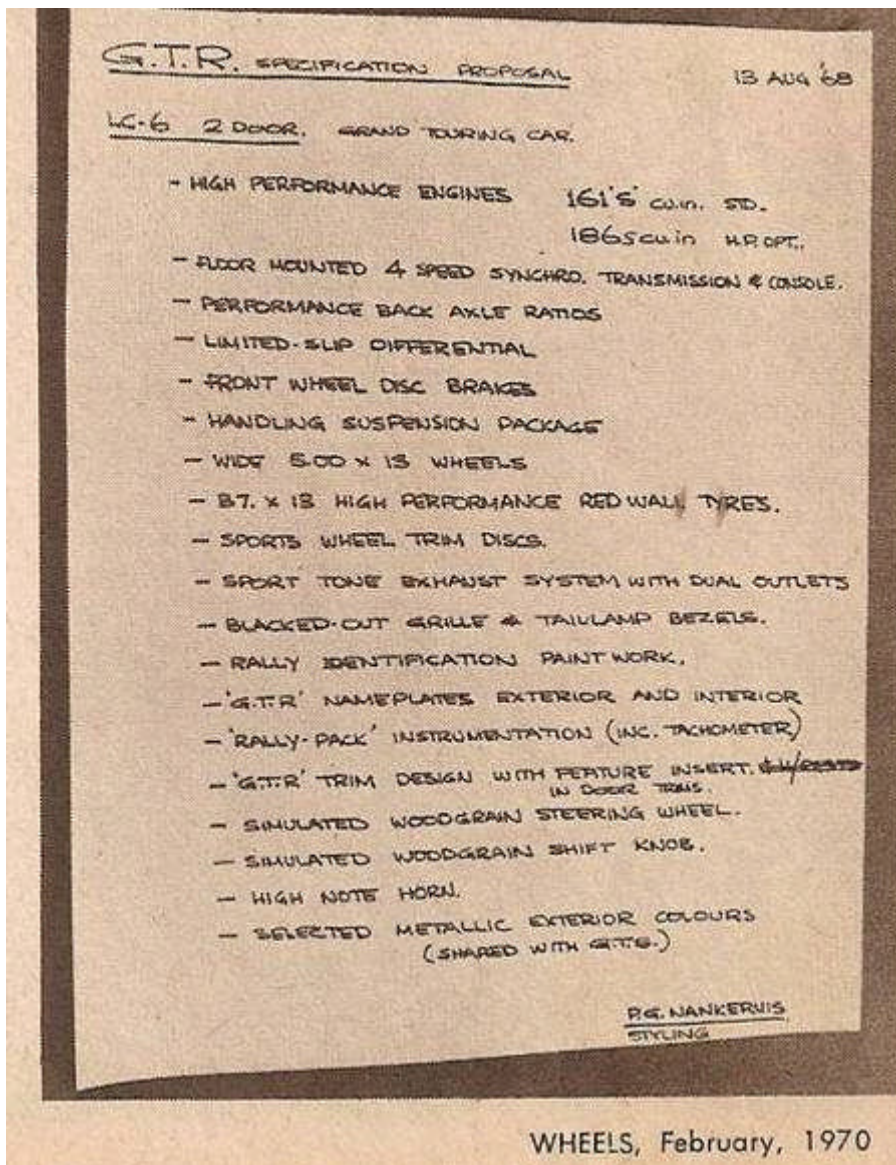
See you Warren and Lisa.





## Interesting Reading Continued From The Last Edition

Page 83, the program outline, as photographed from Peter Nankervis' memo file.



Article from *Wheels* February 1970





Wow what a weekend I can't say I have had such a great weekend for a long time. It started off with the trip up to Geraldton. Al and I his Land-cruiser with 71-XU1 stored safely aboard Allans purpose built covered trailer. My son Luke hitched a ride with Gordon in the Rodeo towing Warrens freshly painted Sunburst Metallic LJ GTR XU1 (the car has now gone to live in Bathurst NSW), Warren and Lisa in their Salamanca red LJ GTR and Blair in his car.

To say the trip up was uneventful would be an understatement. The five hour trip took us seven hours. There is always a bright side though as when we arrived in Geraldton and met up with other club members at Pat and Dougs we found out that it took Steve Harvey 13 hours just to get to Don-gara. All of a sudden 7hrs seemed quite respectful. We were mainly plagued by flat tyres on Warrens hire trailer and springs that decided they would let only one wheel of the trailer make contact with the road.

Saturday night saw us get settled in and get the cars cleaned up and an opportunity to get some amazing photos of club members cars all parked up under one roof. It was sight to behold. It was also an opportunity to take onboard some much needed fluids in which ever poison you chose.

Come Sunday we were all ready and raring to go to the Mid West Show and Shine. The quality of the cars on display some 205 was impressive as good as if not better than what Perth has to offer in the form of car shows. The club cars on display and the centre display a brainchild of Phil and myself looked absolutely brilliant and stole the show. All club members chipped in if not for that I don't think it would have been such a success.

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## Mid West Show and Shine Continued

Elite Steve Harvey was off by himself in the Elite tent with his V8 LJ (by invitation only). He did visit us from time to time on the day. Apparently Elite tent entrants are privy to free Tea and Coffee made for them or so Steve says I am not so sure.

The day absolutely flew with great cars to look at and club members to chat with. Trophy presentation came around with club members and the club cleaning up at the trophy presentations. (For full results see page 14 and 15).

Once back at Pat and Doug's it was time to relax and rehydrate again. Dinner came around very quickly and what a meal absolutely beautiful. Once dinner was had and everyone was suitably rehydrated again some mad cap antics began to take place. The following items were part of the antics. I will let the readers imagination fill in the blanks. A machete, an Elite number plate, a witches nose, a pair of googly eye glasses, a genuine lambs wool beanie, a dog, a mask or two and a mop. After many a laugh it was time to get some sleep for the long drive back.

Sleep for some people that is the party went on for a little longer in Doug's workshop. In the morning Al's blow up life raft you should have seen the size of this thing. Al called it a blow up mattress. Whatever this thing was it was not up in the mezzanine floor anymore but down below. Apparently some synchronised snoring was going on so Al decided to sleep below.

All loaded up a beautiful breakfast had it was time to hit the road. It was a very enjoyable drive back in Al's Cruiser wow can that thing pull a load.

One thing is for sure even if you don't have your Torana on the road or don't relish the idea of driving 5 hours in a Torana just get up to Geraldton for the show. The show is just a good excuse to head to Geraldton to have a great weekend not to forget.

## Mid West Show and Shine Continued

A big thanks has to go to Trevor and our departed and loved mate Phil for the organisation and the cajoling to get people up to Geraldton. An even bigger thanks has to go to Pat and Doug for rolling out the red carpet for all club members and generously giving up what they do for what I would imagine is a great deal more than the two days we were there.

Everything was organised flawlessly and we were made to feel part of the family. Friendships were made that I am sure will last a lifetime. One last thanks to Al for getting me and my car to Geraldton it's a privilege to be in a club that has club members willing to go the extra mile.

Please enjoy the photos and results over the next couple of pages of what was a memorable weekend away.

Dave Scuderi



Mid West Show and Shine pictures next page

## Mid West Show and Shine Happy Snaps



Photos courtesy of Carlo Barone

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## 2010 Mid West Show and Shine Results

Red Denotes **GTR** Torana **XU1** Club Members

Category	Winner	Runner up
Best Holden	Vince Iaria Gold LH Torana	Don Baker Red Corvette
Best Ford	Anthony Merendino Teal Blue XY	Brett Kielman Blue Compact Fairlane
Best Ute	Ian Costley Green VE SSV ute	Jesse Winch-Buis Grey BA Custom ute
Best Muscle Car	David Scuderi Red XU1 Torana	Paul Newby Red Phase 3
Best Street Machine	Sean Catley Red A9X Torana	Jim Noble Black LH Torana
Best Street Rod	Vince Rosston 34 Ford Roadster	George Bass Red A-Model Tudor
Best Asian Import	Bronte Annick Orange 350Z	Max Nowrajee Silver Aurion
Best Coupe/Convertible	Sue Catley Red 2002 Monaro	Jaqueline Sunjich Pewter Corvette
Best Engine Bay	Sean Catley Red A9X Torana	Jim Noble Black LH Torana
Best Body and Paint	David Scuderi Red XU1 Torana	Vince Iaria Gold LH Torana
Best Mural / Graphics	Ian Costley Green VE SSV Ute	Lee Mortley Red Supra
Best Interior	Vince Iaria Gold LH Torana	Sue Catley Red 2002 Monaro
Best Restored	Bob Porter White Jaguar 420G	Ian Creed Green MGC GT
Best Ladies Car	Tammy Whale Black VZ Crewman	Pat Peutz Green XU1 Torana
Best Sports Car	Ian Creed Green MGC GT	Jaqueline Sunjich Pewter Corvette
Best Vintage / Veteran	Greg Purser White Ford Roadster	Sarah Langford Blue - White Anglia
Best Motorcycle	Guy Joliffe Blue Honda Fury	Brian Mathieson Silver Honda Goldwing
Best Restore in Progress	Phil Leroy Red XU1	Michael Vanderlogt Red Oldsmobile
Best Exhaust Note	Clinton Passmore Blue HG Monaro	Chris Lee White/Blue XC Cobra

## Mid West Show and Shine Results 2010 Continued

<b>Individual Awards/runner up where applicable</b>
Best Sound Quality Tammy Whale Black VZ Crewman
Best Db Drag Tim Smith Blue VE Maloo
Best Installation Tammy Whale Black VZ Crewman
Best Individual Display Peter Ellis Silver/Orange HQ Monaro <b>Phil Leroy Red XU1</b>
Best Club Display <b>XU1 Torana Club</b> Pro Utes Club
Encouragement Awards Rommel Delrosario Silver Camry
Vince Fondacaro Blue Chevy C10 Pickup
Longest Distance award Andrew Robb Black Soarer from Marble Bar
Pre-Entrant Prize Brett Kielman
Dwayne Chester Award Phil Brown
Judges Choice Vince Iaria Gold LH Torana
Peter Brock Trophy - Entrants Choice Peter Ellis Silver/Orange HQ Monaro
People's Choice Tony Kean Red 32 Ford Coupe
Roadwise Car of the Show <b>David Scuderi Red XU1 Torana</b>
<b>Elite tent Top 5</b>
Tony Kean Red 32 Ford Coupe
Peter Ellis Silver/Orange HQ Monaro
Tim Smith Blue VE Maloo
<b>Elite Steve Harvey Grey XU1 Torana</b>
Rob Booth Red Custom Chopper

## West Australian Hot Rod and Street Machine Spectacular 2010

I wasn't sure about entering this show after all a Torana isn't a hot rod and they are not really a street machine. I thought I would give it a go anyway and show Perth and the Hot Rod fraternity that XU1s have as much class as any hot rod or street machine.

The level of cars was outstanding as was the level of response towards my XU1. This particular show was also part of the Meguiars Superstars series which is recognised Australia wide it is also the State title. The judges were a combination of local and interstate judges and wow do these guys pour over the cars when they are judging. One judge even had a little torch and was checking inside the door jambs, engine bay and interior. I know the faults but he was looking in the wrong spots.

Thanks to Warren Hope for lending me a nice shiny bumper for the rear of my car, mine was a bit average. Thanks to my mate John for helping with the display and getting the car ready. A special thanks to my wife Tammy for putting up with me and my obsession.

The effort was all worth it, it was three solid days of cars and car people and to top it all off the icing on the cake was taking out Top Muscle car against some stiff competition. A club display would look great there next year. Congratulations also to Gary Tishler for taking out best individual display with his Highway to Hell theme.



Article and photos by  
David Scuderi



# Labour of love for teacher



EMMA BROWN

FOURTEEN years of hard work has paid off for car enthusiast David Scuderi when his beloved Holden Torana took out Top Muscle Car at the West Australian Hot Rod and Street Machine Spectacular 2010 at the Burswood Dome.

Restoring the car from scratch, the mechanical workshop teacher at Governor Stirling High School is reeling after his victory at the premier indoor event.

"It is my pride and joy, I have spent more than 270 hours on the panel

work alone," he said.

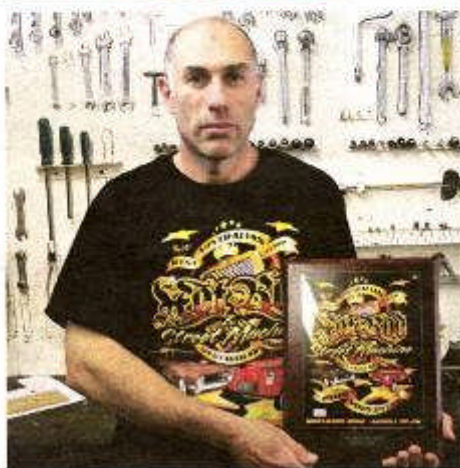
A real kudos for the collector of cars was the fact he had restored the car himself.

"It is really satisfying, a great sense of achievement knowing my work is up to scratch.

"I really didn't expect to win as I was up against American muscle cars," he added.

It is the first car he has shown, however he confesses he is quite the collector.

"I'm a big fan of old Holden Commodores and I hope to show more cars in the future."



David Scuderi's 1971 Holden Torana LC GTR XU-1 took out Top Muscle Car. Photograph by Emma Brown

I don't know where the Commodore bit came from?

(Echo News September 4th 2010)

**Sunday Times Newspaper Article**

# **Police Blitz 'Bog' Laps**

**By ANTHONY DECEGLIE**

POLICE are clamping down on a Fremantle tradition — “bog laps” on the cappuccino strip.

They will stop and search cars cruising South Tee in the heart of the port city on Friday and Saturday nights.

Holden Car Club of WA president Jim Fitzgerald said he would be disappointed if the “rolling museum of cars” along the cap-

puccino strip was brought to an end by police because of a few idiots.

But Sen-Sgt Roy Newland, of the South Metropolitan Traffic Office, said bog laps put pedestrians and cafe patrons at risk.

Also, many of the cars had illegal modifications that contributed to noise pollution.

He said police would stop and search the cars at either end of the strip.

In the past financial year, south metropolitan police issued about

## Sunday Times Newspaper Article

2000 compliance orders for car defects. And in April, an operation targeting vehicle standards in the area resulted in nearly 100 defect notices being handed out.

Fremantle Mayor Brad Pettitt said he hoped police would use their discretion to ensure the crackdown did not kill a Fremantle tradition.

Mr Pettitt said he hadn't noticed a spike in hoon behaviour on the strip.

"As long as I've been in Fremantle, and long before that,

people driving in their highly-tuned cars has been a big part of the culture of the cappuccino strip," he said.

"I have a romantic attachment to it myself."

Mr Fitzgerald said the strip was a unique location where WA car enthusiasts could show off their vehicles.

"People on the strip appreciate the cars idling through the town," he said.

"It's a shame that it can be spoiled by a small number of people

who want to do more than idle through town. People who don't act responsibly are taking away something that really characterises Fremantle."

Sen-Sgt Newland said local police were attending about 400 car crashes a year.

"If people drive like idiots they can expect that we will bring to bear the appropriate response from the South Metro Traffic Office," he said.



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## For Sale and Wanted

**For Sale** LJ Torana 4door bucket seats to suit recovering \$50, headlight, wiper, heater, choke, panel \$70, walnut GTR door trims inc GTR badges speaker holes cut out in rear trims \$260. Ask for Dave 95783494

**Wanted** LC /LJ banjo diff centre 3.36, 2.78 or 3.08 and axles.  
ask for Glenn 0405643105

**Wanted** parts to suit XY Falcon ask for Trevor Tel 0403333691

For the parts below please contact Alan on 0407 302 200



## Automotive Funnies

A mechanic is working on brakes on a car when bleeding the brakes he gets some brake fluid in his mouth and thinks Hmm that's not bad

He gets home from work that night and tells his wife about getting the brake fluid in his mouth. She immediately tells him that that stuff will kill him.

The next day at work the mechanic is doing another brake job and gets more in his mouth this occurs several times throughout the day he starts thinking this stuff is really good.

Later that night at home the mechanic tells his wife about getting more brake fluid in his mouth. His wife replies by saying " I think you have a problem" The mechanic replies by saying "No I don't I can stop anytime"

Please feel free to forward jokes to editor or put up with mine.



## Club preferred businesses

These are businesses that have supported our club

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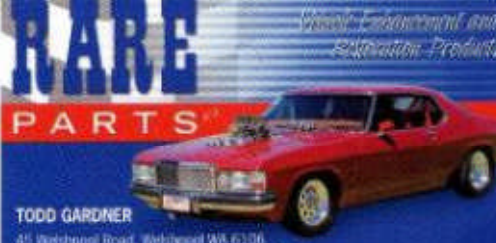


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When Raylene requires mechanical service or tyres I always send her to John Eade

***If you know of any other businesses that have supported our club please let me know so they can be included.***

## Club Merchandise

Club merchandise available to club members

- Stubby holders
- T-shirts
- Polo shirts
- Jackets
- Beanies
- Hats
- Key rings
- Assorted Stickers

For purchasing please see our club merchandise officer Gary Tishler.  
*Note club merchandise is generally available at each club meeting*



Photo courtesy of Chris Day



**GTR**  
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# Christmas



# Party

**Come and join fellow club members to celebrate  
Christmas 2010**

**When:** Saturday 11 December

**Where:** Ring for details

**Time:** 6.30pm till late

**Entertainment:** Outdoor movie, music,  
swimming pool, Christmas raffle.

**Soft drinks and food supplied BYO alcohol**

*There will be a club run ending at the Christmas party details to follow  
through the run organisers Steve and Bill.*

**RSVP Dave or Tammy on 95783494 by Wednesday the  
8<sup>th</sup> of December for catering purposes.**

**Secure parking**