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**"ALL STICKERED UP"**

# GTR TORANA XU1 Car Club



Committee 2016/2017

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(Club meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at

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## Why become a member of the GTR Torana XU1

### Car Club of WA Inc?

#### WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER MEMBERS

A club is only as strong as its members. The GTR Torana XU1 Car Club of WA Inc. is no exception to the rule. Its main assets are its members. There is a diverse range of technical knowledge and skills and all members willingly contribute to the club information base and, we are proud to say, willingly help each other.

#### Vehicle Identification

We can give advice to owners and potential owners of either GTR or GTR XU-1 Toranas.

#### Information

We provide information relating to the GTR and XU-1 Toranas. If you need to know something we can in most cases provide an answer, or at least put you in touch with someone who can assist you.

#### Concessional licensing

Club concessional licensing, where upon inspection — if passed - a much lower State licensing fee is charged.

#### Quarterly newsletter

Advertising up and coming events, free for sale section, free wanted section, free advertising for your business, interesting club run articles, club-attended car show articles and technical articles.

#### Club Activities and Runs

Club runs and barbecues are organised throughout the year to bring club members together for some fun. The club also attends many of the larger car shows in WA.

#### Club Meetings

Club meetings are held monthly and are a great source of Information.

#### Club Merchandise

Exclusive GTR Torana XU-1 Club merchandise. Polo shirts, t-shirts, hats, beanies, jackets, stubby holders, decals and key rings.

#### Discounts

We are able to offer club members discounts at participating businesses.

For membership please visit the club web page for an application form

[www.gtrtoranaxu1carclubins.com](http://www.gtrtoranaxu1carclubins.com)

# EDITORIAL

Welcome to another edition of our club newsletter. In this edition we have some great articles written and sent in by club members. I hope you all enjoy reading and catching up on what's been happening in and around the club.

Cheers Ed



# OUTGOING PRESIDENTS REPORT



How cold is it – Global Warming my .... !

My last report and I 've just been reflecting on my time in the chair as Pres. I keep coming back to the same thought – we have some wonderful people in the club and some exciting times coming up when we see in a new Committee.

It 's no secret I have been struggling a bit this year with commencing a new job and taking on additional studies, 14 years on since I graduated. What a shock to the system that 's been. Unfortunately my duties as Pres in the last few months have taken a back seat, which doesn 't make me happy so it 's definitely time to step aside whilst I head down this study path. I 'm truly thankful for all the assistance and support I 've had from friends within the club. I hope all existing and future members will see the benefits of sticking with like-minded people in a club such as Ours.



Since our Autumn edition we have had our cars driven all over the place. We 've had Torana Nationals in QLD, a club gathering in Bridgetown ( I believe was a fantastic weekend and should feature in this edition ), a showing in Brookton and Whiteman Park and a few incidental runs in between – naturally with food involved.

Winter can often be so un-motivating and render us too lazy to move from the warmth of the lounge room. But just listing some of the activities we 've undertaken as a club over the last couple of months shows another great reason to remain a part of it. And if you 're wondering further as to whether to sign up for next year or not, here 's some things to think about: We have a great bunch of people within the club who are willing to share any information or tips they have that may help you with your car.

We also have dedicated members who are happy to volunteer their time, on an annual basis, to inspect our club members cars for concessional licensing purposes. Whilst this is not compulsory, it is a great opportunity to have your car given the once over. The focus is on safety and road worthiness and our "inspectors " are very thorough. Concessional licensing paperwork is also available if you haven 't applied for this already, so you can start enjoying a reduction in those registration bills ( even with the extra 90 bucks on top )!

So as I head off to hit the books again, I wish the incoming Committee all the best and I look forward to continuing to be a part of this awesome club.

# INCOMING PRESIDENTS WELCOME



Hi fellow Club Members

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts over the past year.

The diligent work of Ken Parker who was awarded Club Person of the year and Cat Elvin made an Honorary member reflecting her fundraising deserve special mention.

I know first hand a lot of hard work goes into running a club, especially the executive committee, so extra thanks to them.

And this year a new position was created, that of Vice President, so thanks in advance to Nick Phillips for accepting the role.

With input from the new committee and fellow club members I am confident the club will prosper in the coming year. Any ideas are welcome for discussion. Call me, I might be busy, but I will return the call. Or feel free to raise it in general discussion at a meeting.

Please give our Magazine editor Dave Scuderi stories photos articles tips jokes whatever, remember it's your input is what makes the magazine a success.

Bill is planning some excellent cruises in the months to come, Trevor is already planning ahead for GM Day in November.

It really hasn't been Torrie cruising weather lately, but don't complain. Before you know it a heatwave will have the aircon on (windows open), because time flies as the Torana namesake.

New club phone number: 0432836603 please update your records

Regards

Alan Bajada

Club President

## JENNACUBINE RUN – 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Once again meeting at the Caltex on Toodyay road we were all keen for a big feed. Off to what 's becoming a regular destination now, Jennacubbine Pub.

It 's always surprising how popular this run is, cars and all, rain, hail or shine. And let me tell you, Sunday was looking like it was going to be a bit ominous, weather-wise.

The run itself went very smooth and, I thought, quite quickly. Obviously not quick enough for someone who made a sudden exit off the road onto the gravel, flew open the door and a mad dash to the bush. Boys! I tell ya, the world is their toilet! Unlike us girls for who, lining up at the destination is a fact of life.

Pulling into Jennacubbine we had our pick of parking spaces and were able to get our drinks very comfortably and head to the restaurant to order our meals. And wasn 't our timing perfect. It seemed from no-where, people streamed in. There was a motorcycle club and other general public. The pub was full and buzzing, various TV screens with music and football playing and a nice warm atmosphere throughout. Good choice Bill, to book ahead!

Despite us taking our seats and being very chatty amongst some great company for lunch, it wasn 't too long where it quietened off and the clicking of knives and forks could be heard. Who had time to chat when the food was ready and it was so AWESOME as always. That meat – AMAZING. (I 'm pretty certain it 's not just because it was outside of Darren 's and my Lite 'n ' Easy diet ).

Some decided to take off not long after lunch and as Darren, Grant and I made our way out, the plans for those who had left earlier, failed as they got as far as the log fire and the bar! Once again another great run organised by Bill with the usual good-humoured company which, on this day, included Mike and Lois, Trevor, Simon, Steve and Sally, Terry and Julie, Bill and Val, Gary and Annette, Grant (Nat 's brother ), Darren and Nat. And the rain held off too. An added bonus.

To make the most of the day, we decided to go home via Northam (one of Darren' s old stomping grounds ). We 're glad to report the river height looks like it 's ready for a successful Avon Descent next month. Stopping for coffee and cake at the local café by the river, we were very well looked after by the café staff, making sure Grant had prime position and was warm. The coffee was good too.

Overall, a very pleasant and relaxing day. It was just a challenge keeping out of that lazy cold wind.

Nat.

# WARREN and LISA 'S PRIMER GREY

## SPIDER?

Along came a spider - ah wrong story - along came a girl in primer and said what colour am I, so here we are at Whiteman Park in 2015 for her first club outing and what a lovely day was had by all.

After a little research with the colour it was decided the colour of the day would be as she was dressed when first delivered Lone O'Ranger, a great summer colour and so the journey begins. A work in progress, but will be rewarding down the track.

W&L 😊





# SNEEK PEAK OF PRIMER GREY



# THE ALL AUSTRALIAN CAR DAY AT

**WAROONA** 10 April 2016

The day began with a cool, strong easterly wind blowing, followed by sunshine, a thunderstorm and then a heavy shower of rain occurred. This confirmed the mixed weather that was forecast for the day. The wind dropped causing it to be quite humid, then another shower – the sky was grey. Despite all this, the day finished off with blue skies and sunshine.

The GTR Torana XU1 Car Club of Western Australia had 7 Toranas on display. Nine members represented the club along with, Steve (Trevor's mate), Anthony (Ian's son) plus 6 of Mike Bell's family. The LeRoy family also kept dropping in throughout the day.

This year the cars were displayed around the oval. The oval was largely still under repairs from when it was used as a refuge from the recent bushfires that recently ravaged the area. The oval had been "cut up" with the heavy fire trucks and equipment. We were a bit concerned with general egress around the displays, but the public were out and about all day! It was, and always is about the cars.

Given the weather, there was a good turn out across all makes and models at the show. The vintage speedway club also fronted with an impressive display – not necessarily a show just displaying road registered cars. It was great to see such a diverse display of Australian motoring history.

Brian displayed his Yellow Dolly GTR XU-1 in the historic HDT 1970 Bathurst race livery. The car was still dressed in the stickers from the recent GTR XU-1 Nationals held in Brisbane. It was a surprise but this is what won him the trophy for 'Top Holden' at the show. My favourite car on the day was a black Austin A30 (not very Australian) – it brought back memories of my very first car.

One of the nicest moments, I observed, was during a shower when the group of us were huddled together under a canopy sheltering from the rain. Annette was amongst us with her lovely new hairstyle and not one bit phased by the 'frizzies' returning. There were lots of laughs and it was most enjoyable ( - sorry guys for girl talk ). She is a true GTR-XU1 member!

I also must apologize to Annette as I have become a Bowden's cleaning product expert and fanatic (self claimed!). I think I brain washed her. I looked hard to find some dirty Toranas for a demonstration. It was lucky that Ian and Trev's windows needed a clean. Sorry Annette and Garry - I do think our Silver Mist was nearly as shiny as your torana (Ha ha ha!). Bowdens products are excellent!

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# THE ALL AUSTRALIAN CAR DAY

## AT WAROONA 10 April 2016 Continued

Thanks Cat for your help with lunch. Also thank you for the members who rang, to say they wouldn't be coming due to the weather. The day reminded me of a trip, a few years back. It was a trip to York - freezing cold wind and only 3 Toranas turned up Bill's, Steve G's and the Taylors'. Turned out to be one of the nicest outings where we ended up at Ray Fogarty's farm. A great day. Well this Sunday was just like that. Despite the weather, there was still a few Toranas, great people, and it is was a great day all round.

Thank you for coming to our part of the world. One day the country hospitality will definitely 'cough up' with the BBQ crayfish again! So keep driving the Toranas down to Waroona.

We look forward to seeing you all at Whiteman Park next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Kathie T ( alias Kathryn )



# TORANA NATIONALS 2016



## CALOUNDRA QLD ( SUNSHINE COAST)

A Woman's Take By Kathie Taylor

Thursday March 24th to Monday March 28th 2016

Brian and I left Waroona at 3am on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 .We had just reached Pinjarra ( 15 mins from home ) when the left, front steerer on the truck had a 'blow out ' A great start to the trip!! Nothing was open.We were able, at 8.30am, to purchase a tyre at Merredin, but couldn 't have it fitted as the annual show was taking place and the garage was part of the street parade. So we drove on to Southern Cross and had the tyre fitted onto the rim. This is where we caught up with the two "Iarikins" Trev and Steve. It was good to see them.

Brian 's outlook is to take the shortest and safest route to the destination. Drive until tired and arrive there, as soon as you can! Get the Toranas off the truck and trailer, clean cars, then relax for duration of the event.

Trevor, on the other hand, loves to unwind, enjoy the trip, pull over around 5ish, set up camp, light the camp fire, 's smell the roses ', enjoy a drink and... I almost forgot, talk to everyone he meets along the way.

I thought, 'How are we going to gel?!' Well, it wasn 't too bad at all .We did ok. Some nights we even slept together. Ha ha!

The Nullarbor was, as always interesting. This trip we noticed more eagles and emus, kangaroos, camels and wild pigs. There is always someone crossing 'strangely ' This year it was a young guy with a shopping trolley ( full to the top, even had a chair ). It must be becoming the 'in thing ', as we passed an older chap doing the same thing on our return. Way to go!

The roads in SA, NSW and Qld are really poor, compared to our WA roads. They are narrower and very bumpy. We had to check the Toranas, regularly (vibration a worry ). Our next 'hic-cup' was in Qld. Toowoomba ( the hill. ) What a place to pull over. One of the steel planks on the truck underlying our 'Yellow Dolly ' had migrated backwards due to the vibrations. Luckily for us, a driver noticed and indicated for us to pull up. Silver Mist, on the rear trailer could have been damaged badly. Thank you whoever you are.

The scenery was really lovely. Each State having something different to see. We had lost Trevor and Steve. We kept in touch but took different routes.

We arrived at the Oasis Resort, Caloundra, on Wednesday afternoon .A fabulous resort. Gardens were amazing, swimming pool, super accommodation, very pleasant staff and nice food.

We had never seen Silver Mist look soooo dirty. Yellow Dolly wasn 't too bad. We went to purchase cleaning gear and ended up at The Detailing Centre. John and Dean, a father and son team sold us Bowden 's Products and were most impressed to see Sliver Mist had already a Bowden 's sticker on the windscreen. They told me wash the S/Mist twice and gave us tips on how to use the products.

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# TORANA NATIONALS



## A Woman's Take Continued

Todd had set about to 'sticker up' our Yellow Dolly, into Colin Bond's 39C, 1970 racing car. He had already prepared his Yellow Dolly into Brock/Morris 40C. Todd had also organized a Lina Mint Torana but at the last minute the owner couldn't get there. (That was also going to be turned into a race car too). The three Toranas of Bathurst 500, 1970.

Brian and I went back to The Detailing Centre to show the boys what S/Mist looked like with the two washes. John insisted we leave the car and they would give it a car bath and polish. We called back at 5pm and wow! They told us the car would look like new. That was true! They insisted we pick car up in the morning as they didn't want the dew to spoil the finish. As S/Mist was first to be judged next morning, they had to open up at 7am for us on Good Friday. We certainly couldn't complain about the service. John and Dean gave us there groovy ute to use as well, so I took off to The Little Quilt Shop, at Coolum. They weren't going to charge us, as they had offered the service for free, but we couldn't, in good conscience, allow that, so we left them an envelope with some \$\$ to show our appreciation. It was a great way to start off the Nationals –Silver Mist has never, ever looked so good. I have now become a Bowden's cleaning expert. Love the cleaning cloths. Naked Mist is a must.

It was great to see that Trev and Steve had arrived safely. Also great to see Ian, Mark, Kim and Sharon.

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March- day 1 Points and compulsory scrutiny day
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March- day 2 Judging and official opening
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March – GTR and National Concourse to Eumundi showgrounds. Judges to finalize their process with vehicles and final overview. Eumundi Markets- Were the best. Say no more!
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March-GTR XU1-Shannons Sunny Coast Tour. Breakfast at Gary Marriot's. Fantastic property and very tasty breakfast. Then off to the Road Craft at Gympie. The parade was very impressive. Todd and Ian led the way in the two Yellow Dollys, followed by (6) Strike Me Pink, (5) Lone O Rangers, (4) Glacier White and so on. Todd had the Toranas placed in colours. Different and most effective. 41 Toranas altogether. see Trev's photos)

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# TORANA NATIONALS



## A Woman's Take Continued

The Gympie Road Craft was a lot of fun. Drivers were able to drive their torries on the wet tarmac and let their hair down. Ian was first to have a go, in our Yellow Dolly. I went along for the joy ride. Ian weaved in and out of witches hats and exercised other driving skills. Ian was so good! He changed gears very smoothly and quickly--- he reminded me of Brockie. Trev did well too. Although I think the large tyres weren't an advantage. When Steve had a drive, in the Lone O Ranger, they should have played the Vienna Waltz for him. He actually drove as if he was waltzing (7 1/2 circles) Very cool. Mel in Purple and Sharon (?) had turns at different skills too. Go ladies. (see Trev's photos) We all wondered if Natalie had come, would she have had a go? I think Nat would have.

Dinner and Presentation at the Oats Oasis venue. We were asked to attend the evening in 70 surf gear. In our free time, couples were seen shopping at Vinnies and Opp shops. Jewellery, shoes, hats, sun glasses, shirts, sarongs and flairs were bought, all for a very minimal price. This was great fun. Lucille and Teresa asked me to do their hair (70's of course). Lots of fun looking on internet for hairstyles. Lucille chose Farrah Fawcett and Teresa an up do. quite old fashion but she was happy) Sorry guys -a bit of girl talk. Our guys looked cool in their Hawaiiin shirts. Everyone joined in with the theme. Even Brian! (he hates fancy dress) Trevor received a Silver award for his Lone O Ranger and Brian a Bronze for Yellow Dolly. Taylors received an award for Futherest travelled. It was a great friendly night with nice food and good company.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March- Bowden's Museum. What a collection of cars. A 3 storey, huge shed. A most interesting morning. More products were purchased.

The afternoon was free. It was all over. We really enjoyed the 2016 Nationals. The Toranas were all of a high standard, it was nice to be apart of it. We met a lot of lovely people and made new friendships.

For the trip home, Brian decided to relax and take it slower. We left Tuesday morning, following Trevor and Steve. The return trip was safe and no hic-ups for both parties. We stopped at Sawyers Valley to have a toast to Phil and then went our separate ways. Brian drove and drove and drove. Thanks Brian. Perhaps I should get a truck driving licence?

I believe, the 2018 Torana Nationals will be held in Phillip Island. We will be there! Hope you will too!

Kathie Taylor

# SPEEDO GEAR CHART



## SPEEDO GEAR CHART

AUSSIE 4 SPEED, 3 SPEED ALL SYNCHRO & TRIMATIC

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Part No.	Diff Ratio	Wheel Size	Colour	Teeth
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7430968	2.78:1	13"	White	20
7430969	3.08:1	13"	Green	21
	Low Profile			
7430970	3.08:1	13"	Dark Blue	22
7430971	3.36:1	13"	Red	23
7430972	3.55:1	13"	Yellow	24
7448810	3.90:1	13"	Light Blue	25
7430967	2.78:1	14"	Pink	19
7430968	3.08:1	14"	White	20
7430969	3.36:1	14"	Green	21
7430970	3.36:1	14"	Dark Blue	22
	Low Profile			
7430971	3.55:1	14"	Red	23
7430972	3.55:1	14"	Yellow	24
	Low Profile			
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  - 1 Cap or Beanie
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  - 1 Patch
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