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CLUB EVENTS for 2022

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>
Jan-22	Tue 11 Jan	Mid Week Cruise
	Wed 26 Jan	Australia Day Cruise
Feb-22	Tuesday 15 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sat 19 Feb	30th Anniversary Dinner
Mar-22	Sunday 6 Mar	Re-live the First GT Club Cruise - Clare Valley
	Tuesday 15 Mar	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Apr-22	Sunday 3 Apr	TBA
	Tuesday 19 Apr	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
May-22	Fri 6- Mon 9 May	Wallaroo weekend getaway
	Tuesday 17 May	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Jun-22	Sunday 5 Jun	TBA
	Tuesday 14 Jun	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Jul-22	Tuesday 19 Jul	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Aug-22	Tuesday 16 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Sep-22	Tuesday 13 Sep	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Oct-22	Tuesday 18 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Nov-22	Tuesday 15 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Dec-22	Tuesday 13 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm

See newsletter flyers for full details.

**Club meetings are currently held on the THIRD Tuesday of each month
at ALBERTON HOTEL
124 Port Road ALBERTON**



Hi Peeps,

I hope everyone has a great Christmas with family and friends. Christmas dinner at the McMillan's was a great success, great food, great company and probably a few sore heads the next day.

Tuesday January 11th, there is a midweek cruise for anyone not working. Details in newsletter.

January 26th is our combined GT/Monaro club run. It's always a great evening. Starting at Hungry Jacks, Parafield. Details to follow.

Final instalment has been paid for the 30th Anniversary dinner. Remember to email Sean at admin@gtclubsa.com.au regarding your attendance.

Peter Polson showed off the new club shirt designs. Look great. Order forms in this newsletter.

Here's to a great summer with lots of GT croozin.

Stay safe out there.

Next meeting Tuesday February 15th 2022.

Call me about anything,

Regards Karl 0408351391

Ps Happy New Year to you all



Hello,

Bathurst has just concluded and a worthy victory and congratulations to Walkinshaw Andretti United for creating a 'rocket ship' out of the Chev powered Peugeot appliance. It will be great to see if 888 Racing conform to past behaviour and question the 5 second margin of pace WAU and Mostert enjoyed over the entire field,....or maybe not. It does allow some opportunity for Holden fans to gloat of the Bathurst win (again) whilst shopping for their next Great Wall pick up!

It was not, however, the 10 second margin Al Turner and Alan Moffat enjoyed with the Phase III and the decimation of the rest of the field that Ford reeked in 1971. With the recent passing of (Big Al) Turner, a tribute to the great man and the innovations he created in motor sport are detailed in this months issue.

As for Ford's performance this year, good to see a valiant effort made by Tickford Racing, Cam Waters and.....James Moffat, to hold off the remaining Peugeots to achieve back to back second place for the Ford Mustang. I reflect on comments I have seen by some GM fans to Ford fans on *Face Plant*, "better luck next year." Speaking of Valiant.....

I did hear, Chrysler again are leaving the Australian Market. It is a shame, as I did not mind the 800 SRT which should have been the third car competing in Supercars. Hopefully the market will turn full circle again, and 'the big three', as most 'Gen X' and 'Baby Boomers' would remember, is realised again, with Chrysler to join with Ford (and the other one), and create a recipe for some exciting racing with robust fan discussion/activity.

As for Supercar fans in SA, seems we miss out completely on having a Supercar event next year.....how does that happen? The Premier is obviously not a fan! Shame the PM shows more enthusiasm at the Federal level during his 'hot lap' with Scaife in the Pace Car Mustang. Perhaps the Shahin's should drag the Premier out his North Terrace office with the lure of a 'hot lap' around The Bend in any one Mr Shahin's exotics, to show what his decisions are depriving of a significant portion of SA community. You only have to see the amount of Coffee and Cars events that occur in SA to know.....waiting for election day.

As summer has finally arrived and warm days are upon us, it is good to perhaps visit a local Coffee and Cars and show all the 'rice burners' what a 'hamburger with the lot' sounds like! Soon the only sound you may hear is a whirring noise and crinkling tyres on bitumen as cars are attached to power boxes like an unloved dog tied to a post. Unicorn and I look forward to stamping the throttle on the AMCR Fairmont or the GT, to just make some noise as a warm up to the Australia Day Cruise, it is Christmas after all.

From Unicorn and I, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2022.....in classic Richie Benaud/12 man "Twenty Teewo Teewo" tone and see you at the 30th Anniversary Dinner.....

Cheers to Grand Touring, Mr Ed.



Pearl (30th) ANNIVERSARY Dinner

Perpetuating the Legendary FALCON GT

SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2022 from 6:30pm



On the 11th of February 1992 the inaugural meeting of The Falcon GT Club of South Australia (FGTCSA) was held at the Naval Military Club on Hutt St in the city.

30 years on, the club is still very much active and committed to

'Perpetuating the Legendary Falcon GT'

whilst providing an enjoyable social environment for GT owners & their families.

To mark this milestone achievement, the FGTCSA will host a special

30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

at the Hilton Hotel in the city just after our birth date.

This will be complimentary for all current full and associate members & partners (adults only please) & will include a dinner & drinks package, with a live band & dancing. Accommodation will be available at the Hilton at a special rate for those wishing to make it a complete night.

Dress to Impressdrinks and dinner package from 6:30pm till midnight.

Please RSVP to:
admin@gtclubsa.com.au

Thank you
FGTCSA Committee



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Tuesday 22 Dec 2021

Alberton Hotel

FALCON GT CLUB MEETING - 22/12/21

Attendance Record

Please print your full name clearly!!!

PRESENT	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Michael Stavrides		Sean Johnson
Brian & Karen McMillan		R. Lee
Kerry Xenophon		BEN NICHOLS
Karl Brown		Carol Siljama
David Knight		Lisa Polson
LEANNE BROWN		Jamie McNeil
Julie & Hugh Westphalen		Tony Jordan
ROBIN & GRACE HAYES		Sean Johnson
DI & JOHN WALTERS		
MARILYN HARVEY		
JOSEPH WEIGEL		
Kari Siljama		
Ron TRIBIZY		
Joe Pinneri		
Tony Parente		
Peter Polson		
CHRIS CARROLL		
Murray Blight		
Jan McAroy		
Kellye Bon Boden		



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Tuesday 22 Dec 2021
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FALCON GT CLUB OF SA MEETING 21/12/21

Meeting open 7.43pm

Previous Minutes Moved Marilyn, Seconded Joe

Correspondance: FHMC minutes, National Motor Museum, XTGT for sale see later

Treasurers Report: Tony P. Moved Hugh W, Seconded Gabby

Historian : question was asked as to what would be presented for viewing at the anniversary dinner. John will take pictures and present a power point presentation. Hugh suggested NO memorabilia should be brought to the dinner

Anniversary Dinner: last installment has been paid. An event planner has been assigned and we will need to work through the event with the HILTON. eg audio/visual requirements, menu choices etc there will be a gold package for Beer

wine sft drinks and spirits. At this stage there are 86 people attending and the dress code is DRESS TO IMPRESS

Events: 1 Bow Hill 2 Christmas Dinner at the Mcmillans see details later in newsletter

Next event is Tuesday 11th January, Micks midweek cruise and Jan 26th will be the Falcon GT club/Monaro cruise

WALLAROO may 6 7 and 8th weekend away. yes it is mothers day. see further details on the facebook page

Club Flags: Bali flags were voted in with a 3m height. two flags plus a bag for each will be ordered the club just needs to supply a design

Club Apparell: See order form provided via Peter Polson

General Buisness: Gabby to follow up with a price on the flags

Joe P questioned dietary requirements notification for the anniversary dinner. please let admin know any dietary requirements you may have ONCE invites have been sent out

Meeting Closed: 9pm



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Michael's copy

F.H.M.C. GENERAL MEETING NOTES

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2021 @ 2.10PM.

- • F.H.M.C. is celebrating its 50th Anniversary acknowledged
- Meeting opened at 2.10pm with approximately 40 Delegates present.
- General housekeeping explained and Covid-19 requirements presented by Brian Davey.
- • The new F.H.M.C. Secretary, Shirley Tokin, was introduced to the meeting members.
- Several new clubs have been accepted into the F.H.M.C.
- • After some discussion, the new meeting time of 2.00pm was decided on by the majority of delegates present.
- The previous Treasurers Report had to be amended, due to a typing error and still showed a healthy balance of \$72K. The Treasurer said that he preferred that the purchase of Logbooks is done by EFT or cheque and not cash, as this has caused some problems, which the F.H.M.C. wants to eliminate.
- • Logbooks. Logbook Return sheets must be in numerical order with no gaps in numbers. New Logbook Return sheet at the start of a new batch of numbers. No Logbook Return sheet then no Logbooks will be issued to that club. 60,000 Logbooks have now been issued up to 27th November 2021.
- • Arthur Clisby memorial event to Wirrina now changed to 25th September 2022.
- Motorfest. 10 Delegates from 10 clubs. More information later.
- Website. Now up to date. 5-6 clubs submitting events for 2022, big improvement.
- Amando Vozzo is still conducting F.H.M.C. information sessions at the request of the club Secretaries.
- • Any club(s) are not allowed to deny any financial member from "Club Registration" based on not attending general meeting(s) and/or events, unless it is specifically outlined in the club's constitution, that they attend a certain number of general meetings and/or events.
- Commercial vehicles over 25 years old are not allowed to carry passengers. When 30 years old, there is no "club registration" if the vehicle is over 4.5 tonnes. There are generally huge problems surrounding registration of Commercial vehicles.
- • There are now 162 registered clubs. The Bay to Birdwood rally was firstly instigated at the F.H.M.C. clubrooms. Arthur Döecke was the first to introduce and help start the "Club Registration" scheme at the Federation of Historic Motoring Club Inc.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Next meeting is on Saturday 12th February 2022 at 2.00pm.

Report presented by Ron Tebby.

F.H.M.C. Club Delegate.




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Ron Matthews : 0418 793 710





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**DELUXE
ACCHS REPORT**



2 January 2015

Certificate No: 014681168FD

Mr. R Matthews
 Address
 Withheld
 South Australia 5608

Model Code: 18838 – Falcon XT GT Sedan
 SIDO Number: 188968
 Engine Code: W - 302W CID V8 4V
 Trans Code: L - 4sp Manual Floor Shift
 Paint Code: T - G.T. Gold
 Trim Code: B - Black Vinyl
 Scheduled Ship Month: 9/68

Ford Motor Company of Australia Limited					
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION PLATE					
PREFIX	SERIAL NO.	SIDO NO.	MODEL		
JG33HL	62783	188968	18838		
ENGINE	TRANS	SEAT	PAINT	TRIM	
W	L	2	B	B	
BREKTS	GLV SW	REF H.P.	RPM	S.V.O.	

Ford Falcon XT GT Sedan

This vehicle was ordered with the following options:

- 02 - Seat Belts
- 11 - Laminated Tinted Windscreen


This car serial number JG33HL62783 was manufactured by the Ford Motor Company of Australia at the Broadmeadows Assembly Plant, Victoria

It was sold new by:
 Forbes Cummings Autos, Whyalla SA
 Dealer Code: 4366
 Sales Date: Friday, 4 October 1968

This is 1 of 4 of this model sold by this dealer

Statistics:
 This car was approx. the 873rd scheduled to be built in this model

Your car was:
 1 of 1415 of this model built
 Of these, 1 of 1107 with this engine and transmission combination
 Of these, 1 of 398 with this paint colour
 Of these, 1 of 398 with this paint and trim combination
 Of these, it is just 1 of 55 with the same build specification




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T & C Custom Clothing

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Email: tim.car@bigpond.com

20-10-2021

Peter
Falcon GT Club of South Australia
PO Box 289
KENT TOWN S.A. 5071

Dear Peter

Thank you for this opportunity, please find below the details on the garments as selected. Please note shirts and polos only come in short sleeve

POLO:

P10122 Ladies, P10112 Men's Biz collection Nitro Short Sleeve Polo Royal Black White
Club logo, Personal Name, Grill logo: Price each: \$53.35
Club Logo, Personal Name, Grill logo, Super Roo logo and Large Fender logo: Price each: \$88.55

SHIRT:

S10122 Ladies, S10112 Men's, Biz collection Nitro Short Sleeve Shirt Royal Black White
Club logo, Personal Name, Grill logo: Price each: \$67.10
Club logo, Personal Name, Grill logo, Super Roo logo and Large Fender logo: Price each: \$102.30

JACKET:

J10110 Unisex, Biz collection Nitro Jacket Royal Black White
Club Logo, Personal Name, Grill logo: Price each: \$111.65
Club logo, Personal Name, Grill logo, Super Roo logo and Large Fender logo: Price each: \$146.85

SET UP Charges Once only to digitise logo's per GT model
Large Fender logo to go on Back: \$66.00 each model
Small Grill logo to go on sleeve: \$33.00 each model

The above prices include GST

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Regards

Tim CROWTHER

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The National Motor Museum team wishes you and your loved ones a happy festive season during the Christmas and New Year period.



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If you're hitting the road over the holiday season and giving your historic vehicle a well-earned run please travel safely. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

Welcome back to South Australia!

With state borders open and the great Aussie tradition of a summer road trip back on the cards, there hasn't been a better time to bring your vehicle club to the National Motor Museum!

As we move into Summer and the new year, the museum has limited weekend spaces available to host your club event.

It's now easier than ever to book a club visit to the museum with the [Vehicle Club Online Booking Portal](#). This online portal contains all the information you require for organising your club's next function quickly and easily - check it out and make a booking today!

Thanks to the generous support of [Shannons](#) - share the passion - and [The Bay to Birdwood](#) - one of the world's great historic motoring events - all club members and passengers attending a pre-booked vehicle club event receive FREE entry to the museum.

Our eastern-state visitors will also have one of their first opportunities to view the highly acclaimed exhibition [Holden Heroes: a retrospective 1948-2017](#) and reflect on the treasured memories of former GMH workers in [Holden & Me](#).

Book now as weekend spaces are filling fast. Use our [online booking portal](#) or call the museum on 08 8568 4000 or email motor@history.sa.gov.au.



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Missed a club event? Check out photos and tags on our *Instagram* and *Facebook* accounts now!



→ **VISIT THE NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM**
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 CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
 SHANNON STREET, BIRDWOOD



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Shannon Street, Birdwood SA 5234

You are receiving this email as the nominated contact for an Australian motoring club. If your club's contact details have changed, [please advise us here](#).

Falcon GT Club Shirts

Polo tops and shirts have the Club logo and your name (*optional*) on the chest and Super Roo logo on sleeve.

You have the option to add “your” falcon GT badges to the r/h sleeve and back.

Example shows XBGT badges







Club Shirt Order Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME.....MEMBERSHIP No:

ADDRESS

SUBURB/TOWN..... POSTCODE.....

PHONE:.....EMAIL:.....

Falcon GT Club shirts are available as a **Polo** shirt or **Dress** shirt in both ladies and mens sizing.
Basic shirts are black and blue with club logo on the front lhs and personalised with your name/nickname on the front rhs and Super Roo logo on the left sleeve.
Optional addition to your shirt is Falcon GT badge decals, your choice of model on rhs sleeve and rear of shirt.

Ladies Basic Polo - Size.....**Name on front of shirt**..... \$55ea x Qty.....=.....
 Add Falcon GT Decals on sleeve and back **MODEL** additional \$35 x Qty.....=.....

Mens Basic Polo - Size.....**Name on front of shirt**..... \$55ea x Qty.....=.....
 Add Falcon GT Decals on sleeve and back **MODEL** additional \$35 x Qty.....=.....

Ladies Basic Shirt - Size.....**Name on front of shirt**..... \$70ea x Qty.....=.....
 Add Falcon GT Decals on sleeve and back **MODEL** additional \$35 x Qty.....=.....

Mens Basic Shirt - Size.....**Name on front of shirt**..... \$70ea x Qty.....=.....
 Add Falcon GT Decals on sleeve and back **MODEL** additional \$35 x Qty.....=.....

Total

Ladies Polo

P10122 MODERN FIT	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	62	65	68

Mens polo

P10112 MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	52	55	58	62	65	71	79

Ladies Shirt

S10122 SEMI FITTED	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	48	50	52.5	54.5	57	60	63	66	68

Mens Shirt

S10112 CLASSIC FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	54.5	57.5	61	64.5	68	72.5	80.5

Direct Deposit to BSB **325185** Account **03227159** Falcon GT Club of SA. Enter your Member Number in description if an existing Member or Surname for New Members. Then email signed form to secretary@gtclubsa.com.au

Signed Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$

Receipt No:



New Membership Application OR Existing Member Renewal Form for 2021/22

PERSONAL DETAILS (Tick appropriate box) **NEW MEMBER** **MEMBER RENEWAL**

(Single Member) SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME (S) _____
 (Joint Member) SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME (S) _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ OCCUPATION _____
 ADDRESS _____
 SUBURB/TOWN _____ POSTCODE _____
 PHONE AH: _____ WK: _____ MOB: _____
 FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

VEHICLE DETAILS

Genuine GT Owners **MUST** complete **EVERY** section of their application (new member OR renewal)
 The Falcon GT Club of SA Inc reserves the right to inspect genuine GT's for authenticity before granting membership.
 Tribute, Replica and other vehicle owners only required to provide general vehicle details as indicated by asterisk *

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL * _____ MONTH/YEAR BUILT * _____
 REG NO:* _____ COLOUR * _____ PAINT CODE _____
 PREFIX NO: _____ MODEL NO: _____ ENGINE NO: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Tick appropriate box) **Note: Only Full Members have voting rights**

- FULL MEMBER** (Genuine GT/South African GT owners only)
 ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Any other Ford manufactured vehicle)

JOINING FEE	\$20	\$ _____
Applies to all new members for first year only and previous members re-applying after membership lapse.		
MEMBERSHIP FEE		
Single	\$65 (OR)	_____
Joint	\$85	\$ _____
Annual payment due by 1 st July each year or no later than 30 days after Annual General Meeting or membership will lapse.		
HISTORIC REGISTRATION <i>Membership must be maintained during the duration of vehicles conditional registration. Log book will not be renewed if there is any lapse in FGTCSA membership.</i>		
FGTCSA member less than one year	\$75	\$ _____
FGTCSA member one year or more (\$20 per vehicle)	\$20 X <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
All vehicle owners must be current financial members.		
Joint owners must also be current financial members.		
TOTAL		\$ _____

Direct Deposit to BSB 325185 Account 03227159 Falcon GT Club of SA. Enter your Member Number in description if an existing Member or Surname for New Members. Then mail signed form to address below, or email to secretary@gtclubsa.com.au

Please make Cheques/Money Orders (no cash) payable to: **Falcon GT Club of SA Inc**
 Post this form with appropriate fees to: The Secretary Falcon GT Club of SA Inc. PO Box 289 Kent Town SA 5071

INDEMNITY
I agree to abide by the constitution of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. and release the FGTCSA Inc. from any liability, either personal or property.

Signed _____ Date _____ Membership No _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$ _____ Receipt No: _____ Membership No: _____ Ben (21/22) V1



Ford legend,
'Big Al' Turner
has passed away at the age of 89.

Turner's contributions to motor racing history include his role as the father to both the modern funny car and the Ford Falcon GT-HO.

The 'Father' of the iconic Falcon GT-HO, 'Big Al' Turner, arrived at Ford Australia midway through 1968, charged with the task of putting Ford back into the winner's circle. It was an initiative of then President of the Ford Motor Company, Bunkie Knudsen, who told Ford Australia's Managing Director, Bill Bourke, it was time to get into the muscle car business. Knudsen selected the best man for the job, Al Turner, a man with a 'Degree' in speed.

Turner started racing as a young man in the US Army Engineering Corps, when a group of guys from his platoon ran a '37 Ford coupe at local dirt track events. Turner and his soldiers had built a completely stock engine, but had changed diff ratio to gain an edge. The car won five races in a row and was an early sign of how cunning Big Al could be.

In 1955 Turner joined the Ford Motor Company as a research engineering technician and spent time working with the fuel and lubricant boffins. In the lab and on the track, he played with fuels and blended his own brews, an art he never forgot. Turner fast-tracked through Ford, changing jobs every 18 months to learn each production phase of automobile manufacture. Fran Hernandez, who headed motorsport at Lincoln/Mercury recruited Turner to lead his new drag racing program.

The Comet 427 race cars were already underway when Turner arrived. *"We came out with the '64 AF/X Comet and cleaned house at the 1964 NHRA Winter Nationals at Pomona, Turner remembers."* For its time, it was an innovative car that drove straight and fast. During this time, Ford's Special Vehicles Activities group had built several stretched nose, steel bodied '66 Mustang fastbacks. These early funny cars featured the fabled injected 427 SOHC (Cammer) engines set back in the firewall, with the front axle mounted way ahead of the engine. The most famous of these was the Holman and Moody-built Ford 'Mystery 9' Mustang. It turned 9.73-seconds at 140mph.



When Hernandez asked Turner how Mercury could compete, Big Al suggested they break out of the mould. At his drawing table, with slide rule in hand and 15 years racing experience to draw on, Turner conceived the first tube-framed funny car.

Hernandez gave the go-ahead to build five tube-chassis, fiberglass-bodied Mercury funny cars in late '65. Turner dictated the chassis design, with the suspension layout and torsional rigidity factors he wanted built into the cars. These cars were to become the first generation of the modern flip-top funny car. Fitted with one-piece Mercury Comet bodies, three cars were built as fuel injected coupes, while a fourth car appeared as a topless, supercharged nitro-powered roadster.

When it became apparent that four-speed manual transmissions were not optimal, Turner had the Comets fitted with automatics and worked with Ron Logghe to develop the now-ubiquitous ratchet shifter. Within eight months, the cars improved by two-seconds and hit speeds of 200mph.

The Comets and their Ford derivatives dominated Unlimited Stock Eliminator for more than two years. At the '67 Manufacturers Funny Car Championship, 'Fast Eddie' Schartman took the title in a Comet to the tune of 7.86-seconds.



Turner worked on other Mercury and Ford motorsports programs in mid-1967 through 1968. These included Trans Am and muscle car projects like the 428 Cobra Jet, Cougar GTE 428, Cyclone Spoiler, XR-7 Cougar Eliminator and the Cobra Jet Torino.

Aero tricks that Turner had learned on the funny cars were transferred to Trans Am road racing and then to production cars like the Boss 302 and Mach 1 Mustang. This work included his design of the iconic 'Shaker' scoop that made it onto both Ford and Mercury products and was ultimately fitted to XY GT Falcons, through first appearing in Australia on the 1968 Falcon GT coupe concept (as well as the rear wing and XW 'Super Roo' stripes) based on the XT.





Bunkie Knudsen
Managing Director
Ford Motor Company



Bill Burke
Managing Director
Ford Australia

Turner was working in the Lincoln-Mercury Drag Racing Program when he got the call from Bunkie Knudsen to set up a new Division in Australia, a Special Vehicles Operation (SVO). When Turner arrived at Broadmeadows HQ, Bourke literally gave Turner free rein to do whatever was needed to develop a car that could take the chequered flag at Bathurst and generate traffic in dealerships, 'Win on Sunday,...Sell on Monday!'

Bourke challenged the 36-year-old Turner to conquer Mount Panorama at Bathurst in a year. Turner went on to identify and recruit a crew of ex-Brabham Formula 1 engineers and specialists, and he set up his own workshop, at Lot 6 Mahoneys Road Thomastown, not too far from the Broadmeadows HQ. This workshop was a secret building with no corporate Ford signage visible and open to 'outsiders' by invitation only. It was at Lot 6 the Falcon GT-HO was conceived and developed.

Turner's time in Australia is well documented for the success he brought to the race track and certainly by the legacy he left in creating the fastest four door production car Australia had ever seen with the GT-HO, and the world in 1971 with the Phase III.

Turner left Australia midway through 1974 for a new position under Bill Bourke. Bourke was made President of Ford of Europe and asked Turner to join him. During Turner's four-year stint in the UK, he was in Product Planning and among his credits was the John Player Black and Gold Capri. In late 1983, Turner jumped ship from Ford to Chrysler into its Product Planning Department remaining there until his retirement.

Al Turner leaves a remarkable legacy as not only the father of the modern Funny Car but also Australia's most iconic muscle car. The Falcon GT-HO was central to a brief but spectacular era of raw power, speed and excitement that showcased the can-do attitude and unique brilliance of the Australian automotive industry. RIP (Big) Al Turner.





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Making grown men.....cry!!!

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Now... at your Ford Dealer's great new value. An 'Allan Moffat Falcon Special' is a strictly limited edition. Specially priced for savings. And just look at what you get...

- Big 4.3 litre V8 engine
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CLUB EVENT

Christmas Dinner *2021*

Here we are again another GT Christmas Dinner at the McMillans. Covid unfortunately was still with us and restricted the numbers yet again to a limit.

25 club members turned up on the night and by the looks of it, thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Leanne, Karls mum Gill and I catered the night and we put on an arrangement of roast meats, salads, roast spuds and to top of the night deserts and GT cupcakes and fruit/cheese platters.

The night was full of fun, laughter and good company. Many bottles of Wine, Port, coldies were enjoyed and im sure the bus ride home for the Southerners was one to remember.

Thanks again for making it another Christmas Dinner at the McMillans.

Happy New year for 2022
Karen and Bryan Mac



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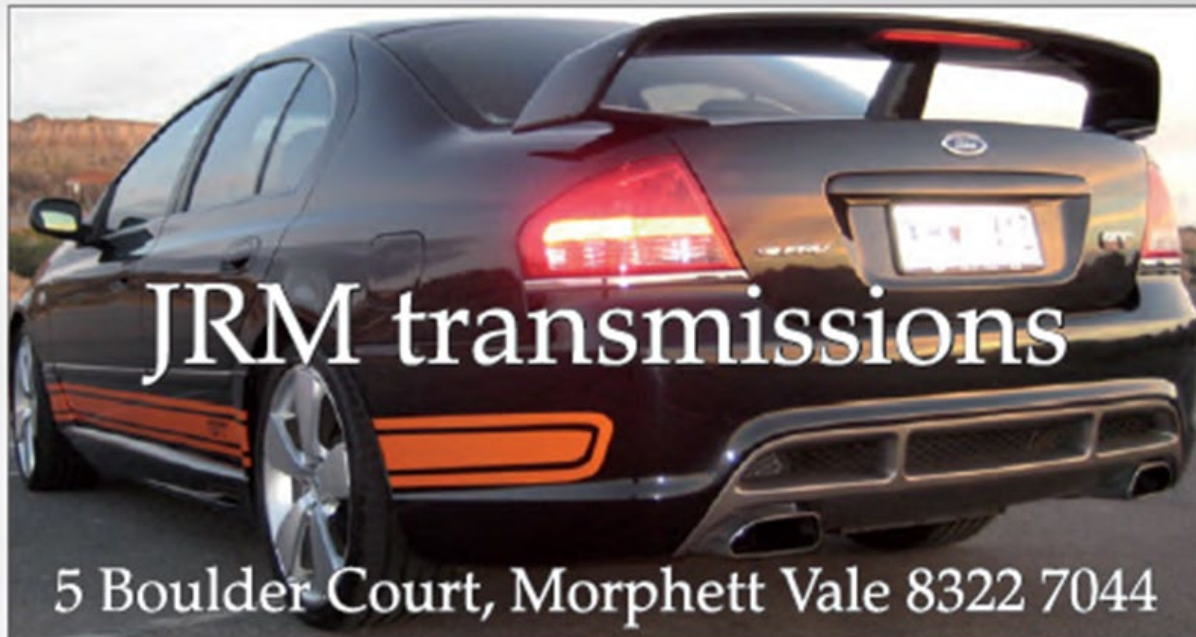
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