



Newsletter

July 2023







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CLUB EVENTS

for 2023

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>
Feb-23	Tuesday 21 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
	Saturday 25 Feb	Cruise Route 31 - Aldinga
Mar-23	Sunday 05 Mar	Jim Giovinazzo Memorial Cruise
	Tuesday 21 Mar	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
Apr-23	Tuesday 18 Apr	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
	Saturday 29 Apr	Mount Compass Hotel
May-23	Tuesday 16 May	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
	Sunday 21 May	
Jun-23	Sunday 11 Jun	The Hotel central in Riverton.
	Tuesday 20 Jun	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
Jul-23	Sunday 2 Jul	Yankalilla Run
	Tuesday 18 Jul	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
Aug-23	Sunday 13 Aug	Greenock Run
	Tuesday 15 Aug	Annual General Meeting Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Sep-23	Tuesday 19 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
	22-24 Sep	Renmark Weekend
Oct-23	Tuesday 21 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
	Sunday 29 Oct	All Ford Day
Nov-23	Sat 04 Nov	Palmer Hotel
	Tuesday 21 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
Dec-23	Saturday 16 Dec	Mount Compass Hotel Xmas lunch
	Tuesday 19 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel 7.30 pm
Jan-24	26-Jan	Falcon GT & Monaro Cruise

Event details released within Newsletter.
Club meetings are currently held on the THIRD
Tuesday of each month

at ALBERTON HOTEL
124 Port Road ALBERTON



President's Report

Welcome to All Falcon GT Enthusiasts

Order of Business: With Secretary emails Still down at the moment due to a server problems Hopefully this will be shorted out before the AGM In August. PLEASE send all emails to admin@gtclubsa.com.au care off the secretary and we will do our best to get back to you ASAP.

At the July Meeting Nominations for Committee positions were received for the current committee to remain as they are. At the August Club meeting the AGM will still be held The Returning officer will reinstate the current committee to their current positions.

With the 19th Bathurst GT Nationals done there still is a lot of traffic/posts on the Official Facebook page There are Results and frequently asked question pages for you to check out that will answer 99% of your questions, So "Please" look there first before calling the GT Owners of NSW Club Nationals committee for you questions.

The time seems to be flying past very very quickly with less than 22 few short months left to go left to go to get our beloved beasts ready before the 20th Falcon GT Nationals are upon us, at Shepperton Victoria

Check out The Falcon GT Club of SA Facebook page for upcoming runs from the events committee, Bryan & Karen McMillian regularly post updates of future events and members post great photos showing the great friendship a great turnouts with a on previous runs, if you have not been on a run lately please feel free to join in for a family filled day that caters for everyone, so join in you might be pleasantly surprised.

With the events committee putting forward a great event schedule over the next 5-6 months, Please plan ahead if you can make the time and feel free to join in on the runs, I realise with life these days our schedules are jamb packed with work & family commitments, with more than 6 runs to choose from see if we can fit at least 1 into your schedule and take the family out with some like-minded Family of Falcon GT Enthusiasts.

Check the run flyers as you may want to secure your bookings in one of these great events.

- August 13th Greenock Run
- September 22-23-24 Renmark long weekend
- October 29th All Ford Day Oakbank
- November 4th Palmer Hotel
- December 16th Mount Compass End of year Lunch
- January 26th Australia Day Falcon Gt & Monaro Joint Cruise
- With a few others thrown in as contingencies for inclement weather

Keep your eye on the events pages for the dates on Roll racing as a club event, being held shortly after the Falcon GT Nationals at Bathurst, It will be it was around September/October 2023, which for one I am looking forward too immensely, cruising up to Tailem Bend and getting to open up the Mighty Falcon GT's roar up under full noise down the main straight at The Bend Raceway as a club, those that do not wish to participate, there is a terrific balcony area for viewing the mighty GT's rip up the bitumen and wonderful restaurant there to dine and relax and watch in style.

Remember with the 20th GT nationals is less than 22 months away, if you would like to have a country Victorian Holiday in Shepperton Victoria Start planning now, I am hoping to encourage as many Falcon GT Club of SA members to make a journey to Shepperton with a huge contingent of South Australian Members making the Journey together, as time fly's by very quickly before you know it, it will be upon us, so don't be caught thinking, I won't rush it there's plenty of time to plan for the next nationals.....Or is there!

Thank you to our Editor for such kind words in the last newsletter Kari, A falcon GT is a Falcon GT no matter what Year it is, Just like the Shelby A/C cobra from 1963-4 to the Continuation models built in early 2009 Still a AC Cobra, Just like Ford picking up the mantle to continue the great Breed called The Mighty Falcon GT, I am looking for my FG GTP still I know the Colour & options it just hasn't come up yet, but I am working on the owner, Thanks again Kari for those early years I enjoyed them and doing those great cruises with you & yes I remember the first time we meet but the most memorable time was Our Trip to Quorn to Ride the Pich Richi train which on the 22 & 23 of July it celebrated its 50th Anniversary, I think it might be time to make the pilgrimage to Quorn again, for a great country traveler's weekend

For those that would like their Club shirts before you travel to the Nationals or for any Club event Tim Crowther will be at the next meeting to take your orders for personal designed Falcon Club shirts that represents your GT model specific with grille & guard badges embroidered on the sleeves and back and club logo over your heart, please check the newsletter for styles to order. Have them ready wear across on the drive to Bathurst or on future club runs

Stay Safe and we will see you soon

Peter Polson

President

Falcon GT Club of SA.Inc



Hello again,

Unicorn and I have become very much the Formula 1 fans, staying up to unusual hours, waiting to listen to the Dutch and Austrian national anthems play to herald another victory to Max Verstappen and Red Bull (yawn!). This has made me start to think about the comparison between F1 and Supercars, with regard to creating parity amongst brands. Both approach this differently with one being about innovation, the other can best be described as, dumb!

F1 provides a set of rules by which manufacturers then build a race car, hoping that their efforts in research, development and testing results in a championship winning combination. Right now, Red Bull are in a league of their own, replacing the long period winning streak by Mercedes. Either way, F1 wins promotes the brand, even if it is currently an energy drink! Supercars is different.

For Supercars, a control chassis and gearbox is dictated to teams, and engines are either improved (Chevy) or constrained (Ford) to meet a set of equal performance criteria to promote close racing, *where a GM product wins....* This all started when Touring cars moved away from production cars (Group A (innovative)) and slowly began adopting a more NASCAR (dumb) set of rules. So where is the passion associated with the car you could drive?

GM fans will soon see the demise of the Camaro, after losing too much ground in sales to Mustang and even the Dodge Challenger, Chevy will end the Camaro, for the second time in its history! The Camaro NASCAR not promoting sales in the US of A speaks volumes, when Ford continues to see Mustangs galloping away from dealers. The Mustang Supercar, (thankfully) now looks like the horse in the showroom; however, the constrained Coyote under the bonnet, a product of Supercar rules, just goes to show what can happen when you bridle a horse too much.

With the recent, long sought victory achieved by Anton de Pasquale in the DJR #11 Mustang, and the allowance to run a larger throttle body on the Coyotes next time could see more Horses running at the front with the dominant (side assist) Camaros. My point, what if the Camaro and Mustang could compete as production cars, under a GT3 formula, for which Ford already has as an option for Mustang buyers?

I would personally like to see Supercars binned when Camaro is retired and GT3 considered the new formula. There would be more brands on the grid. The likelihood of Ford against Porsche would for me, be as exciting as a Ford v Ferrari scenario. With varying options for engine locations and configurations, GM can even run Corvette, which would ignite the fan banter and create an association between the race car and the road car. It would be like Bathurst 1971 re visited! Win on Sunday, sell on Monday!

Keep on Grand Touring
Ed.



Meeting Minutes

GT Club of SA

Tuesday 18 July 2023

Venue: Alberton Hotel

Item	Title	Respon	Attach
1.	BACKGROUND		
	Welcome		
1.1	Chairperson: P Polson Secretary: M Stavrides Treasurer: T Parente Vice President's: Joe Pinierrri & Karl Brown		
1.2	Present: Peter Polson, Tony Jordan, Michael Stavrides, John & Di Waters, Hugh & Julie Westphalen, Brian & Karen McMillian, Karl & Leanne Brown, Ron Tebby, Craig Wood, Ian Mcavoy, ,		
1.2	Apologies: Kevin May, Kathleen Mincham, Sean Johnson, Jaime & Lisa McNeil, Lisa Polson, Alan Tenraa, Terry Iokim, Robert Gibbons, James Desalvio, John Paterson, Michael & Alex Stivahtaris Russel Sikorski, Geoff Gilbert, Bill Clarke, Murray Blight, Gabby and Robyn Hayes, Marilyn Harvey and Joe Weigl		
1.3	Meeting Opened: 7:30pm		
1.4	Minutes of previous meeting - Accepted as a true & accurate record Moved: Ron Tebby Seconded: Leanne Brown		
1.5	Business Arising previous Minutes: None		



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2.	STANDING ITEMS		
2.1	New Members: Welcome to Phillip Scurrah and His BA GT.	P Polson	
2.2	Correspondence: The Bend Tailem Bend putting on a All Ford Day event at the bend see details further in the newsletter. Please not this is DIFFERENT to the AFD held at Strathalbyn in October	M Stavrides	
2.3	Newsletters: N/A	M Stavrides	
2.4	Letters/Emails: 18 th November The Bend Motorsport holding its All Ford Day with a Show & Shine event and some Street wise sprint trial. There are still membership renewals trickling in but MOST people have now renewed	M Stavrides	
2.5	Treasurers Report:	T Parente	



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	Moved: Ron Tebby Seconded: Karl Brown		
2.6	Merchandise: See the Flyer Build your shirt to reflect your model GT pride and Joy , and were it proudly on the next run together, get your order in and Ring or arrange a visit to Tim Crowther for a shirt fitting sizing.		
2.7	Historian/Property: John has asked if anyone has any bits and pieces from the recent GT nationals in Bathurst they would be happy to put in the clubs archives. Tony Jordan and Peter Polson will send some photos and videos in	John Waters	
2.8	Website: Ticking over with regular views and Downloads, The email address associated with the Secretary is still not functional so please either ring Michael or email to admin	S Johnson	
2.9	Events:	B & K McMillan	
3.	NEW BUSINESS (GENERAL)		
3.1	Historic Federation Report Log Book signing initials or signature is fine depending on the room available in the book and the signature in question. Ron has been nice enough to supply an official email response from DIT which can be read later in the newsletter	Ron	
3.2	Leanne Brown as the NEW regional pubic officer needs to be made official for the LOG BOOK documents to be lodged. Karl will action this asap	Ron	



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3.3	<p>The XMAS party is a lunch down south earmarked for Mount Compass. Tony also queried whether the aspect of bullying within the club is adequately covered off in our constitution. Although it isn't an issue in the club we should look closely at the constitution and make amendments if necessary, Peter Polson to look at this</p> <p>Next months meeting will also mark the end of the year from an executive point of view and will also involve our annual AGM immediately after. As per the constitution, any nominations need to have been received before the close of tonights meeting . the following nominations have been received</p> <p>President Peter Polson Vice President Karl Brown ,Joe Pinnieri Secretary Michael Stavrides Treasurer Tony Parente</p>	Tony P	
4.0	<p>Meeting Closed: 8:27pm Next Meeting – 15th August</p> <p>Venue –Alberton Hotel</p>		

Dear Sarah,

Trust you had a good weekend and thank you again for your time.

I attended a F.H.M.C. Delegates meeting on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 2.00pm. A couple of issues came up during general business, that I would appreciate your opinion on, please.

Firstly, regarding the imminent amendment of the existing logbook. I raised the question from the floor about the signature column being too narrow and a delegate from the floor iterated that a police officer said to him that you can use your initials when signing the journey off in the logbook. My understanding is that it has to be a **signature** and not an initial.

Secondly, another delegate from the floor, who was a heavy duty truck driver, related the any truck, that is on Historic Registration (Club Registration) as it is now known, it is illegal for weights and measures to ask for that vehicle to pull over for any safety inspections. I have been told that only SAFPOL and/or D.I.T. inspectors are authorised to perform this duty on Historically Registered trucks.

If possible, a quick response to my questions would be greatly appreciated, as I have club general meetings coming up and would like to relate your findings to them, thanks.

Kind regards,

Ron Tebby

Tinmen Cruzers Club Registrar Coordinator.

To: Ron Tebby
Cc: DIT:SA Car Club Enquiries
Subject: RE: Club Registration

Hi Ron

Thanks for your email.

In relation to the question about signing or initialling of the logbook, clause 3.6 of the Code of Practice for the Scheme requires that the "...driver must also sign the book (next to the particulars of use) before each journey commences". While the clause references signing the logbook, an initial is acceptable if there is not sufficient room for the person's full signature to be provided. The Department will clarify this in the next revision of the Code of Practice.

Regarding heavy vehicles, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has certain regulatory powers alongside SA Police in relation to heavy vehicles that have a gross vehicle mass of more than 4.5 tonnes (regardless of whether or not they are conditionally registered). The Heavy Vehicles Drivers Handbook provides a good summary of the obligations that apply. This is available at [My Licence - Heavy Vehicle Driver's Handbook](#)

Regards

Sarah

Sarah Clark

Director, Road Safety Policy and Reform
Road and Marine Services



Government of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure
and Transport

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We are excited to announce **THE ALL FORD DAY** at The Bend on Saturday the 18th of November 2023.
I am just reaching out to all the Ford Clubs in SA to see if there is an interest to join us on the day.

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Activities on the day:

- Show and Shine
- Track Cruise sessions
- Speed off the street Sessions
- NEW Ford Model Demo rides on Track, Commercial, EV's, SUV's and Performance Fords (*Supported by Stillwell I
- Accessory alley
- Food vendors

I would like to see if this is something your club would like to participate in before we take it online.

Feel free to call / email me to discuss.

Kind regards,

Martien van der Horst
Head of MRC Commercial & Events



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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15 August 2023

Alberton Hotel

Nomination Form

Member name.....

Confirm Full Member: YES/NO *Note-Only Full Members have voting rights*

NOMINATION for:

- **PRESIDENT** (1 position to be filled)

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- **VICE PRESIDENT** (maximum of 2 positions to be filled)

1.

2.

- **SECRETARY**

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- **TREASURER**

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Note: If there are 2 (or more) nominations for a position a vote will occur.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS – proposed:

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Life Membership

Nomination:.....



PROXY VOTING FORM

For the use of the Member of the Association (Club Member) who is unable to attend a meeting of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc.

I _____ Member Number _____ being a Full Financial Member of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. hereby authorise _____ Membership Number _____ who is a Full Financial Member of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. to ACT FOR AND ON MY BEHALF at the Meeting of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. being held on _____.

Signature _____

Name (Printed) _____

This form must be presented to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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 – T&C Custom Clothing, BSB: 015220, Acc: 281855864, Description: Falcon GT Club of SA, your Surname and or Club Mbr number. Email form to secretary@gtclubsaustralia.com.au

Signed Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$

Receipt No:

FALCON GT CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

PO Box 289 Kent Town SA 5071

www.gtclubsaustralia.com.au



New Membership Application OR Existing Member Renewal Form

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 1st July each year or no later than 30 days after Annual General Meeting or membership will lapse.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION *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.*

FGTCSA member less than one year

\$75

\$.....

FGTCSA member one year or more (\$20 per vehicle)

\$20 X

..... \$.....

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@gtclubsaustralia.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 (22/23) V2



CLUB REGISTRATION



Club rego logbooks with correctly filled out membership renewal forms can be posted, with a stamped self addressed return envelope for restamping/replacing.

Logbook processing can also be done at club meetings or posted to our club mailbox:

P O Box 289, Kent Town, SA, 5071.

All club rego renewals and logbooks must be processed before
June 30.

In accordance with: SA Gov Gazette, Motor Vehicles (Conditional Registration)
Amendment Regulations 2022

Motor vehicles need to be 25 years old to qualify, effective from 01 Jul 22.



COMING EVENTS

August Cruise is to The Greenock Hotel

Sunday 13th

Meet at OTR Boliver at 10:30am

Leave at 11am

Lunch is 12:30

Car 351 & Car 15c Quiz Night

2nd September 2023

6.30pm at West Adelaide Football Club

A night of fun, laughter, quiz, games and PRIZES

Food and drinks available for purchases, no BYO.

Come dress as your favourite Pop Star or Musician!

Sept is a weekend away to Renmark

Dates Fri 22nd, Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th.

Some members are staying Sunday night also so the option is there if you like.

When booking quote the reference number 552 866

We have allocated 11 cabins being \$192 a night and can sleep 4, queen and bunk bed.

Cabin 40-47 and 51-54

If you would like a cabin on the river front try your luck but it does cost more.

Some members will be travelling up Friday and also a few Saturday morning.

More details will follow on the event.

October is All Ford Day Sunday 29th

Oakbank racecourse.

As a club we are still deciding on entering after last years rain and mud pit.

November 4th will be our postponed Palmer Hotel lunch

Details to follow

December Christmas lunch Saturday 16th

Mount Compass Hotel

12:30 lunch

More details to follow

Thanks Karen and Bryan McMillan



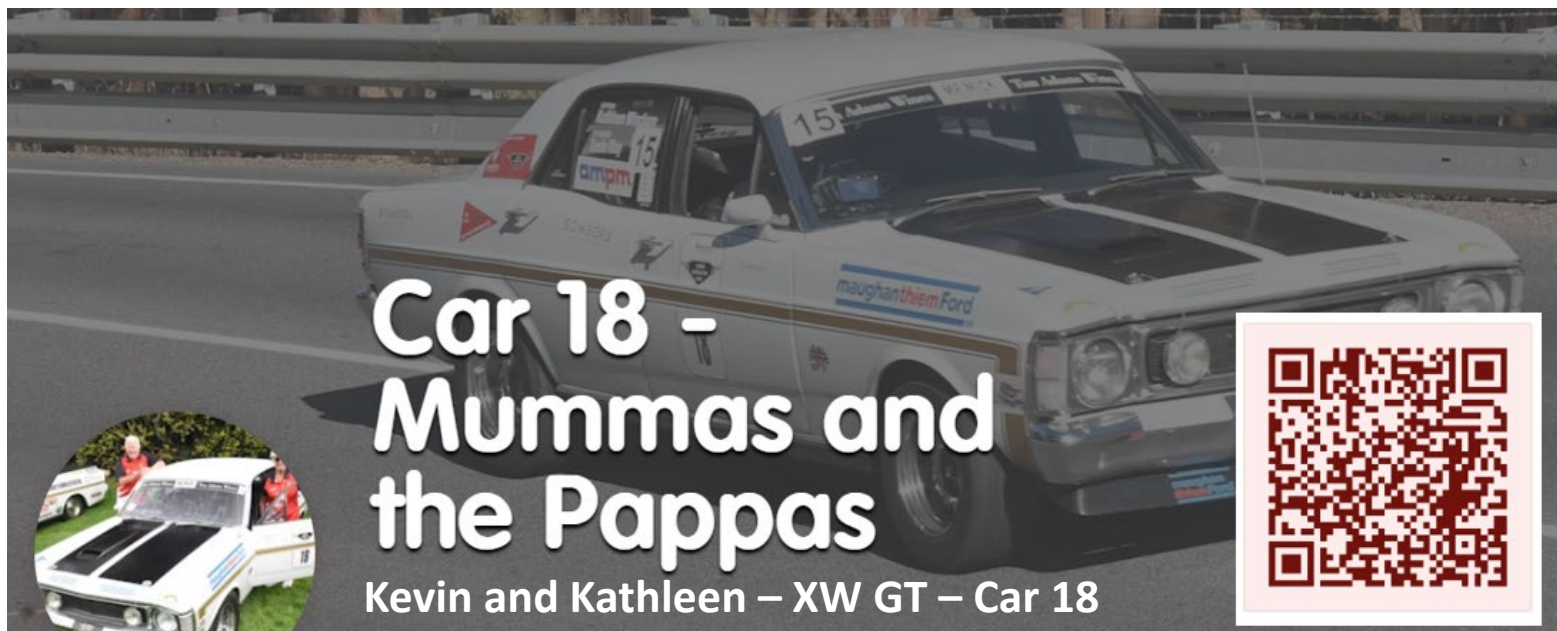
Club Members raising funds for Variety Children's Charities



The Club is fortunate to have seven of it's financial members participating in this year's AMCR.

It's now 10 years since Kevin May created the concept of a week long motorsport touring event, and this year, the AMCR will conclude with some track time at our 'Mecca', Mount Panorama, Bathurst!

Please, take the time to review each team profile and consider supporting them in their efforts to raise funds towards children that are disadvantaged, and in need.



Car 18 - Mummas and the Pappas

Kevin and Kathleen – XW GT – Car 18



<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/18mummasandthepappas>



Car 351 - Cruzeaiders

Karl and Leanne – XB GT – Car 351



<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/car351cruzeaiders>





Car 70 - RUF70 Racing

Jeff Mckerlie- XW- Car 70



<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/ruf70racing>



Car 79 - Fox On The Run

Jeff and Anna - Capri GT - Car 79



<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/car79foxontherun>

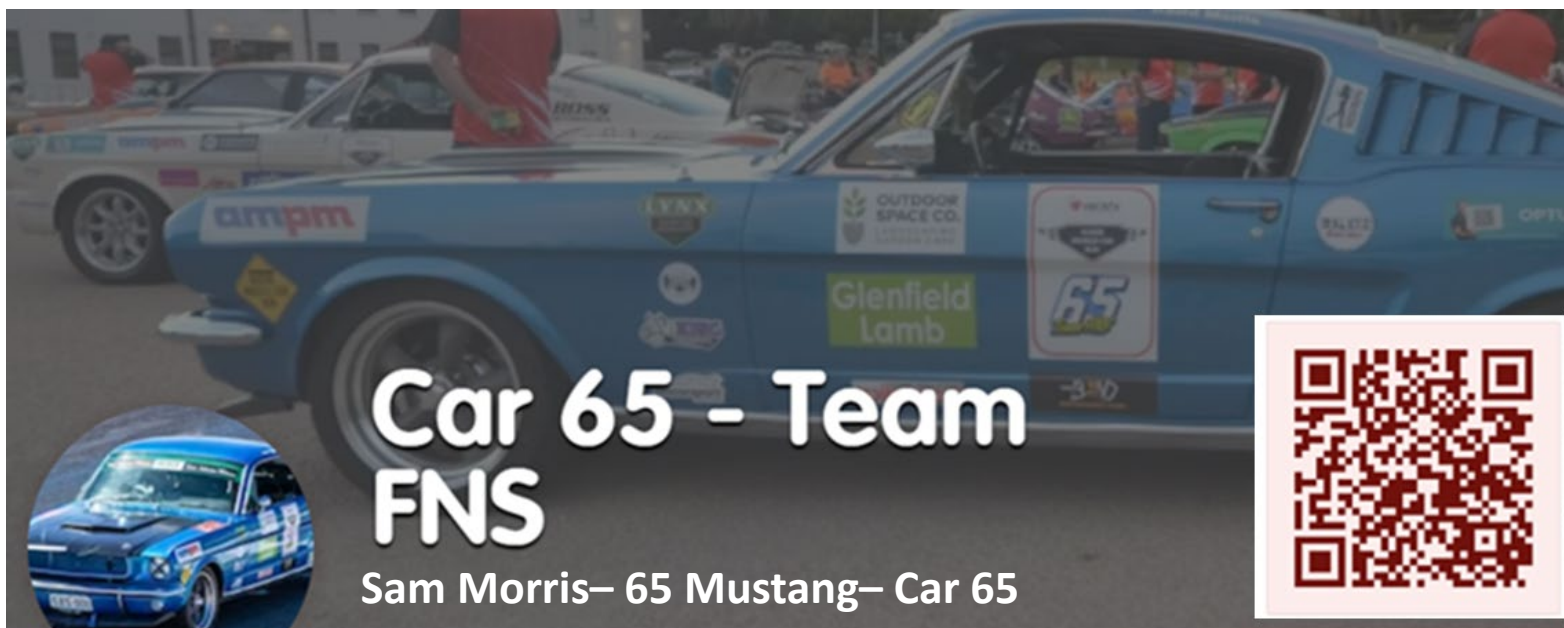


Car 22 - Cruising for Cancer

Jeff Gilbert - XT GT - Car 22




<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/car22cruisingforcancer>



Car 65 - Team FNS

Sam Morris— 65 Mustang— Car 65



<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/car65teamfns>



Car 17 - Happily Ever After

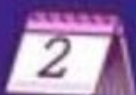
Carol and Kari— EB — Car 17



<https://varietyaamcr23.com.au/car17happilyeverafter>

Car 351 and Car 15c

QUIZ night



2nd September 2023



6.30pm for a 7.00pm start



West Adelaide Football Club

Hisense Stadium, 57 Milner Rd, Richmond SA



Tickets \$20 pp tables of 10

A night of fun, laughter, quiz, games and PRIZES.
Food and drink available for purchase, no BYO.
Come dressed as your favourite Pop Star or Musician!

Contact

Karl 0408 351 391 | Leanne 0400 256 317 | Nigel 0418 423 813



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Late in 1992, as I was returning home, I passed a Newsagency which had the latest addition of *Wheels* plastered across the front window. The cover featured the return of the Falcon GT, the EB, in Black Pearl, occupying prime position on the cover of the October edition of *Wheels*. I quickly parked my Father's Warm Grey, XF Falcon S Pack station wagon and raced in to secure my copy.

Prior to this, I had already previewed the coming 25th Anniversary Falcon GT at that year's Melbourne International Motor Show. I can recall standing in front of Ford's newest Grand Tourer, rotating behind a chrome barrier, wanting to find out more and just hoping, I would be able to own and drive such a beast.....which finally occurred in 2005.

The EB and following EL GT (launched as the 30th Anniversary in 1997), the Tickford era, generated overwhelmingly positive reports from motoring journalists at the time of each GTs release. Not so from some Ford enthusiasts, recalling memories of GT-HOs. Descriptions varied from: exceptional handling not experienced in an Australian performance car before, representative of a true Grand Tourer; to disappointment, with power not representative of past GTs and GT-HOs which, let us not forget, were built for the sole purpose of winning Bathurst. So the question of performance is always raised when discussion occurs on the comparison with past and Tickford era GTs. Howard Marsden steered the development of the EB GT, and made a point of mentioning they were not building a race car, but a *Grand Tourer*, in the truest sense, a 'Gentlemen's Express'.

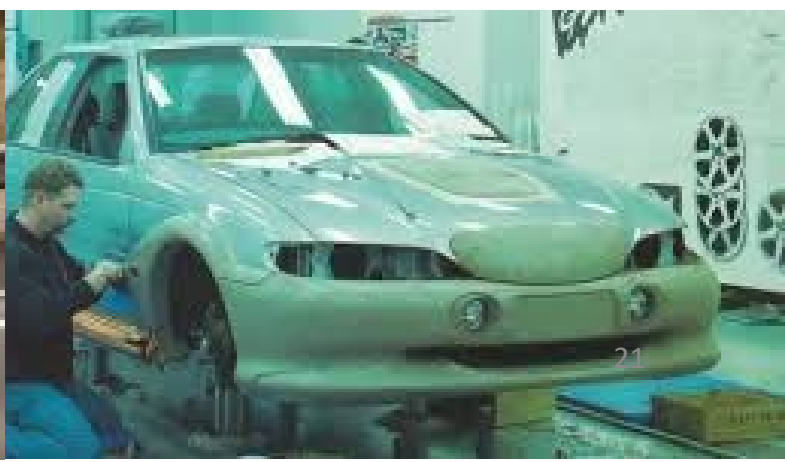


Howard Marsden, the same guy that managed the Phase III racing program, oversaw Moffat's crushing victory at Bathurst in 1971 and headed the Phase IV program, (that is him with a winged sump) envisioned a refined, modern, luxury GT, fit for the 90's performance car enthusiast. Ford's newly reintroduced 5.0L Windsor V8 powering the EB II was the start point.

The EB II Falcon GT featured the 5.0L Windsor sourced from the Mustang Cobra R. Advertised at 200kw (270 bhp), it was the first time since the XB GT a Ford had developed that type of power and, for comparison, the BMW M5 (*the fastest 4 door production car in 1992*) developed (*only*) 250 kw and cost considerably more at \$153,000, over twice as much as the GT at \$62,500 (adjusted to inflation, the EB GT would have cost \$121,189.98 in today's coin). 400m times recorded by *Wheels* had the EB GT (manual) covering the distance in 15.2 sec.....the last recorded time for a (standard) XB GT was 16.5sec (ignoring the GT-HO). The very last 5.8L XE ESP in 1982 was slower again.

As the times suggest, progress from the XB GT was evident; however, as the EB and EL (which was quicker again, 14.9 sec -400m and further refined) failed to eclipse the Phase III, or were too far refined in the modern sense of performance delivery, that left the Tickford GTs open to criticism.

Performance in the 90's and today, cost money. If Howard Marsden chose to build a GT-HO (which he very well could have), the performance gain would have contributed to a very expensive retail.....comparing to the M5's new car price, which was delivering HO levels of acceleration. The critical gain in performance with the Tickford GTs was not so much under the bonnet, but "*from the Wheels Up!*" (if I may quote an old piece of Falcon advertising for the XW....or was it XY??). Handling had become the key Option!!



Ford poured a significant amount of the GT development budget onto something that was a suggestion on past GTs,....handling, and started with the best performance tyres at the time, Pirelli's P Zero Assimetricos. These were 'original equipment' on Ferrari's F-40 and featured on the EB GT.

EB GT



EL GT



Luxury is what you get when you enter an EB or EL GT. Leather featured in both and strips of walnut (real walnut, that's wood,...from a tree by the way... in the EB) adorned both. MOMO steering wheels (everything had to be MOMO back then) and all the 'bells and whistles' Ford had at the time, makes for a very comfortable driving experience and the best interiors Ford has created,.....in my opinion.

As a proud owner, I can never see myself selling GT 0223. It is still a capable driving machine (*maybe not the Ultimate driving machine.....BM...something...Unicorn*) and delivers satisfaction on any twisty road. Modern hatch backs today may be able to out accelerate it (that would apply for the chrome bumper GTs as well); however, as it is a GT, (because the badge Ford put on the back says it is!) that is all that matters to me.







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