

**Purvis Eureka Car  
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**PURVIS EUREKA CAR CLUB**

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## NEW MEMBERS

Wayne Drew VIC

Andrew Markerink NSW

## OUT n ABOUT



Still in SA we saw just the one Eureka clamouring for air amongst a vast assortment of classic cars on the Rock n Roll Rendezvous. An annual event with a cruise from the city to the National Motor Museum in Birdwood



*ROCK*

*n*

*ROLL*

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic took place on Saturday and Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015. This Event began in 2006 and has proved so successful it now commands two days.

**2015**

**Ballina**

16-19 October 2015

**2016**

**Adelaide**

21-24 October 2016

**2017**

**Echuca**



**NATIONAL MEET 2015 BALLINA — 16-18 OCTOBER**

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McLaren Vale is 40 kms south of Adelaide, in the heart of the Southern Vales Wine Region.

Jeremy Burgess , an Australian motorcycle racing chief mechanic, having worked with three world champions (Wayne Gardner, Mick Doohan and Valentino Rossi) was the Special guest speaker at the Charity Dinner, held at Serafinos on Saturday night.

This year there were over 530 vehicles registered to take part in the Sunday Parade. The cars assembled in the paddock in front of Serafinos on Sunday morning. At 11 am the cars proceeded out onto Kangarilla Road and headed for the parade down Main Road, where an

estimated 15,000 spectators gathered, clapping, cheering and waving as the vehicles went by. At the end of the parade the vehicles all headed off to their allocated venue or winery for the afternoon for a "Show and Shine". We were allocated the McLaren Vale Information Centre. This was a top venue, Cellar Door Sales, local markets , live music, kids bouncy castle and art display in the Centre. We were on display with the Volk's Enthusiasts Club, VW Club of SA, Porsche and 356 Porsche Clubs and 'T' Model Fords. During the afternoon hundreds of people came through to visit the markets and view the cars on display.

Another great day out in the Eureka.



## JOHN BLANDENS CLIMB TO THE EAGLE

When SA had the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide (before the Vics pinched it) on the Friday of the Grand Prix, lots of exotic cars and bikes would leave Victoria Park and blast up the Old Mt Barker Road and gather at the Eagle on the Hill Hotel.

Since then they have held the John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle, which still goes up the old Mt Barker Road passed the Old Eagle on the Hill to the Blackwood Country Club for morning tea, and then onto to either the Barossa or Victor Harbour for lunch.

The drive was great fun and the Eureka held its own amongst the many exotic vehicles.





SA still enjoys the regular “catch-up” with those that can make it. So each dinner meet is quite interesting as you never know who will be there. The mini meets are usually posted on the Club Forum, so keep a look out and come along.



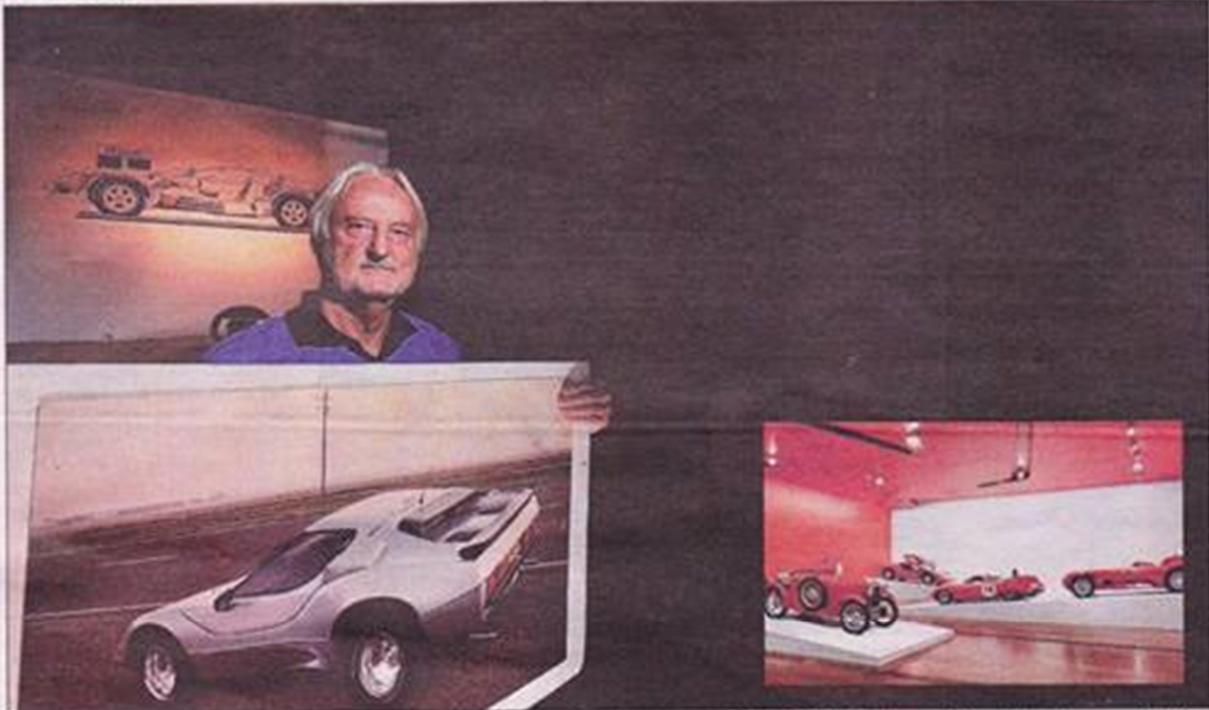
**A** couple of Members had a personal car show. It was quite an achievement to have them posed together.

Thanks to the Vice President and the Secretary

**S**urrounded by Mustangs & Camaros it still attracts attention. A sneaky pic of a photographer



DANDENONG



Allan Purvis designed and manufactured the Purvis Eureka in Dandenong during 1974-91. The car is featuring in an exhibition at the NGV (inset).  
Picture: DERRICK DEN HOLLANDER

## Unique car makes cut

### HOT WHEELS OF PURVIS EUREKA SHOWCASED AT EXHIBITION

Geordie Cowan

A DANDENONG-designed and manufactured sports car is one of the key exhibits at an exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

The Purvis Eureka, made from 1974 to 1991, is on display in the Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car exhibition.

Only 683 of the kit cars

were produced in Australia, after creator Allan Purvis modified it to brand as an Australian car.

Mr Purvis said he and his family were proud to have the car in the exhibition.

"I'm also pretty chuffed it is a car my son rebuilt," MR Purvis said.

Dandenong was the "logical" spot to manufacture the cars, he said. "We had 52

suppliers and two-thirds of them were within a 5km radius," he said.

"It's a great city, it really is. It's come a long way since I was there."

Exhibition curator David Huriston said the car was unique in design.

"It has the appearance of an Italian sports car, but it was unique in terms of design," Huriston said.

"I think what Allan Purvis did in design for the Australian market is a great credit to Australian design and ingenuity."

The exhibition looks at Australia's legacy of motor vehicle production, in the past and ahead to the future.

It's on at the Ian Potter Centre in Federation Square until July 12. Details: [ngv.vic.gov.au/](http://ngv.vic.gov.au/)

The BAT (Jeff Thompson) recently saw the return of his Eureka from the National Gallery of Victoria where it was on display at a special exhibition shown here



# PURVIS EUREKA NEWS



**Motorclassica** would like to thank you for the support over the years and we would like to offer Eureka Car Club a \$5 off ticket by simply entering the promo code 'CARCLUB15079',

when purchasing tickets using the below link:

<http://www.motorclassica.com.au/buy-tickets-2/>

Sometimes I wish we didn't have to remain so secretive about the entrant list for Motorclassica each year. It seems like so much more fun to spill the beans so that you can join us in ooh-ing and ahh-ing at the 2015 collection. This year's collection is arguably our very best yet with something for everyone. For the purists, more than a third of this year's entrants represent the Veteran, Vintage and Pre-WWII eras, and almost half of those are iconic Bugattis. Be sure to check out our first story below for a taste of what our favourite French marque has to offer.

For the younger crowd, we can guarantee what is possibly the most impressive and comprehensive lineup of "modern" supercars Australia has ever seen, with a collection of ear-burners valued at around \$40 million, with highlights including the McLaren F1, Lamborghinis Miura, Diablo and Countach, Ferraris 288 GTO, Daytona and Enzo, and up to 15 more spanning 50 years of history. For muscle fans, read about our Australian preview of the new 2015 Mustang Shelby GT.



More than 100 cars and 40 motorcycles make up this year's Motorclassica along with new models from a dozen of the World's biggest prestige and performance brands. The annual collector car auction will be presented by Theodore Bruce Auctions, over 350 machines from Friday to Sunday at Club Sandwich, presented by Lorbek Luxury Cars.

Is there really anywhere else you would rather be in October?

See you then. *The Motorclassica team.*

Please note the new PO Box (mailing address) for the Club



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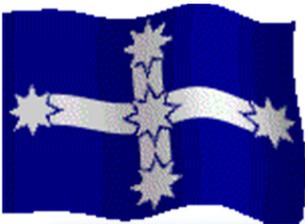


**Ballina** is the main coastal town on the far north coast of New South Wales, Australia, situated on the stretch of coast between Byron Bay to the north and Evans Head to the south.

Ballina is around 750 kms north of Sydney, 200 kms south of Brisbane, 11 kms north of Wardell and 100 kms south of Coolangatta.

Located 5 minutes from the Central Business District is the Ballina/ Byron Gateway Airport.

## NATIONAL MEET



BOOKING  
Forms out soon



## RETROAUTOS

Lookout for the special feature on the Purvis Eureka in the coming months.

The September 2015 edition of Retroautos is now online. Click on this link: <http://issuu.com/retroautos> (or go to [www.retroautos.com.au](http://www.retroautos.com.au)).

This month we talk to Gary Poole who has built a replica of the FX Holden driven by Tony Gaze, Lex Davidson and Stan Jones in the 1953 Monte Carlo Rally. Gary then formed a team with Richard Davidson and Craig Lowndes and they drove the replica in the 2013 Monte Carlo Classic Rallye.

Richard Rowe takes on a tour of the 1968 Ford Mustang convertible he bought on eBay.

Ray Green, whose wonderful images grace our pages, discusses his digital car collection and how he finds and photographs his subjects.

It's 50 years since Ralph Nader's book *Unsafe at Any Speed* was published. It's chapters on the Chevrolet Corvair and other American automobiles still have ramifications today. We also take a look at the development of the Corvair.

The 1959 Mercedes "fintail" sedan is an icon of the 60s. But it might have looked very different, and very ugly (!), had the first group of design proposals won approval. Go to page 54 in the magazine to judge for yourself. And there's lots to see in the RetroRacing section, too.

If you are new to Retroautos, welcome to Australia's only, free, online magazine celebrating classic vehicles and their owners.

We hope you enjoy what we have compiled for you this month, and thanks for reading Retroautos and passing it on to others.

Regards,

David

Editor— Retroauto

AUSTRALIA

Brisbane  
Ballina  
Northern Rivers NSW  
Sydney

# THE WWW

THE main CLUB site [www.purviseurekacarclub.com.au](http://www.purviseurekacarclub.com.au) has had over 71,898 Visitors as at Feb 2015 . This is the hub of all our WEB activity, hosting the static site, Wiki & Forum . There are now 202 on the [FORUM](#) with 9,564 posts in 1,335 topics. CYCO still wins the top Poster award this month again.

Currently 234 Members are now on our [FACEBOOK Page](#). This has been quite a positive for the club, having pulled a number of Eureka's from obscurity. There are still a number popping up for sale.

Every Day is  
EUREKA Day

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It's that time of year again when membership subscription fees for the Purvis Eureka Car Club of Australia Inc. are due. Just in case you did not receive this notice I am sending it again. We look forward to receiving your membership renewal and hopefully catching up with you at the next National Meet, on line, or at a State Mini-Meet and you can now stay in touch with our new Newsletter.

Membership is only \$40 per year and became due from the 1st July 2015, Membership fees can be paid via cheque, Australia Post Money Order or by Electronic Funds Transfer as per the details below.

If paying by cheque or money order then please fill out and sign and date the renewal slip below

and return it with your membership fees to the address at the top of this page. Please make all cheques and money orders out to Purvis Eureka Car Club of Australia Inc.

Alternatively, payment can be made by EFT as follows:

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| Bank:           | Bendigo Bank                             |
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Please put your name in the description so that we can identify your payment and don't forget to email the secretary at the email address below to let us know that you have paid via EFT.

## 2015 - 2016 Membership Renewal Form

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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