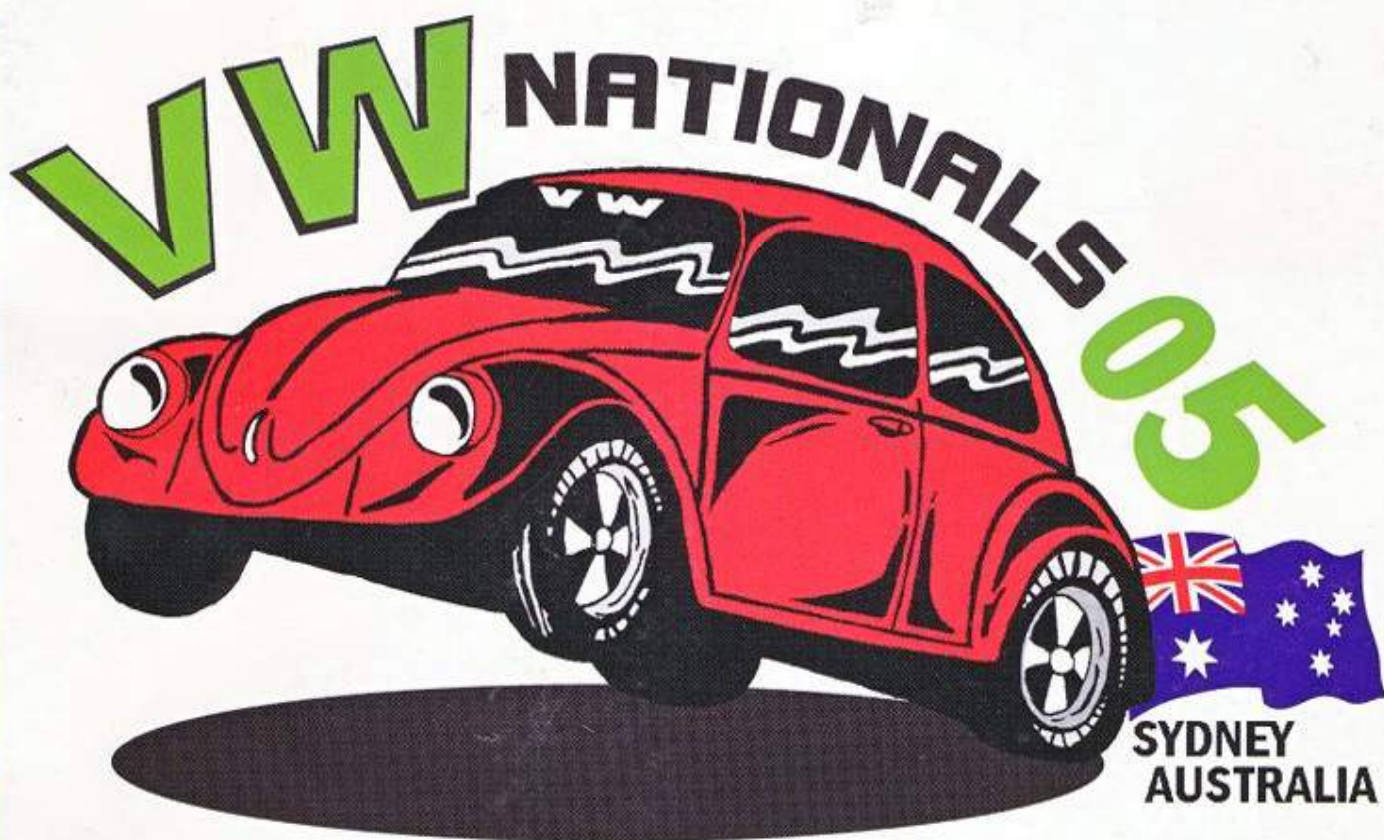


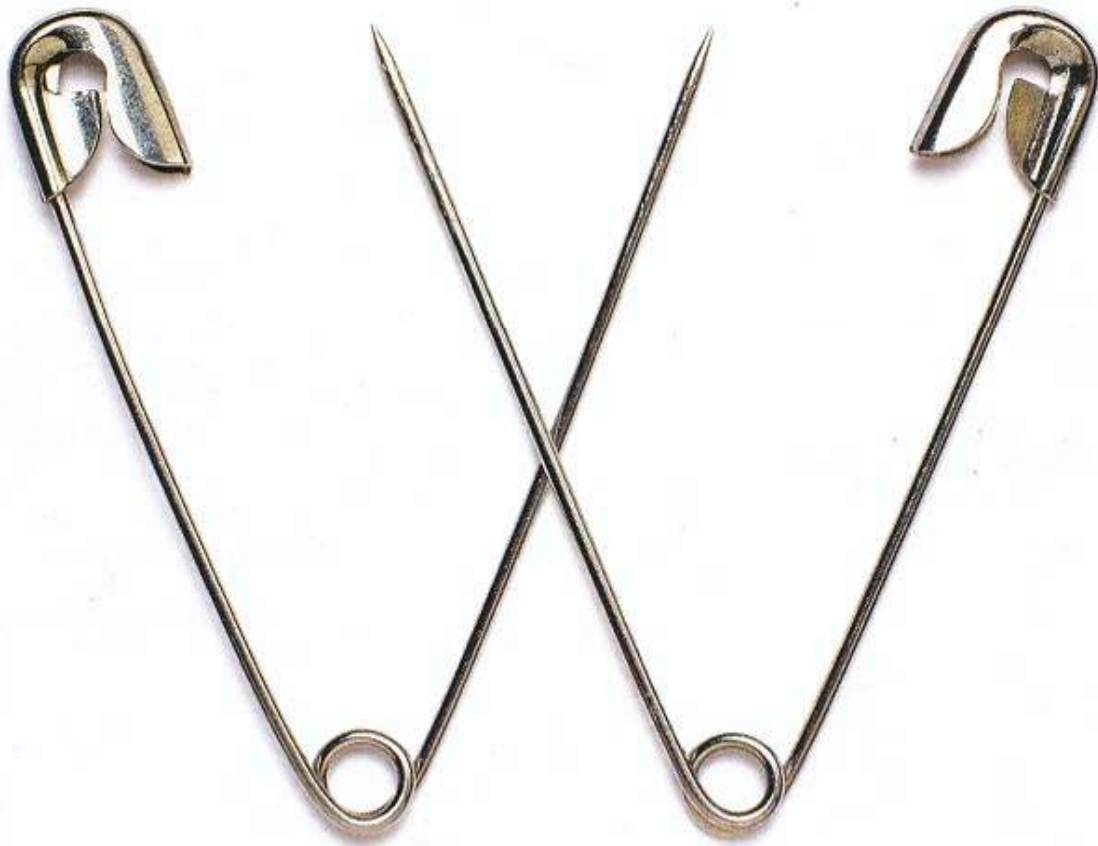
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Presidents Report

Welcome to Australia's premier Volkswagen event, the VW Nationals 2005. This is our eighteenth year and we are still going strong. I hope our event appeals to you and your family and you become inspired by the display of vehicles and traders over the weekend. Most importantly, don't forget to enjoy yourself while you are with us.

We have a dedicated group of Club members who are willing to work their butts off to put it all together, for you to enjoy.

This year we have our Drag racing at Sydney's World class facility, Western Sydney International Dragway. Racing will start around 9.00am on Easter Friday March 25th, come along and see and support Australia's fastest Volkswagens, and racers at the track.

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In the centre of this program you will find our event listing for the weekend. We thank Fairfield City for the use of their facilities. The complex is ideal for our show as everything is within easy walking distance. Don't forget to purchase your Nationals regalia from the Club Vee Dub stand in the car show area. While your there purchase some raffle tickets in the Nationals raffle.

Have a great time at the VW Nationals 2004 and enjoy yourself.

David Birchall



Club Calendar

April:

Thursday 14th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). No magazine assembly this month as the VW Nationals issue was the April issue.

Thursday 21st:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park). Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, films, trivia, and plenty of prizes. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm.

May:

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June:

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Thursday 10th:- Committee Meeting at the Greyhound Social Club, 140 Rookwood Rd., Yagoona (right next to Potts Park).

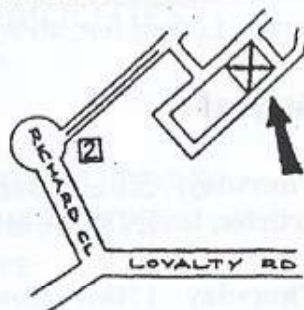
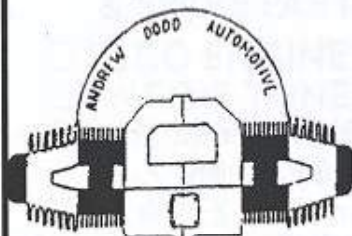
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April:

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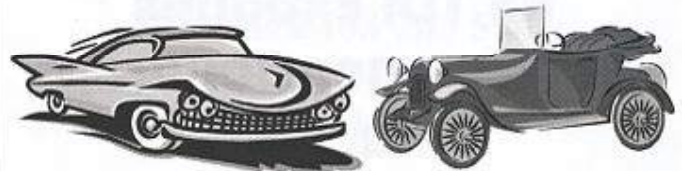
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R5 TDI Expands Volkswagen Touareg Range

Now Entry To Touareg's Diesel Line-up Is Real Value-For-Money

Volkswagen's multi award-winning Touareg SUV line-up has been expanded with the arrival of a new five-cylinder turbo diesel model called the R5 TDI.

The newcomer joins its brother – the tremendous V10 twin-turbo - to give Volkswagen two diesel variants for the luxurious Touareg.

Priced from only \$69,900, the R5 TDI Touareg represents genuine value-for-money when

considered against comparable vehicles from rival German and Japanese manufacturers.

Power for the R5 TDI comes from Volkswagen's 2.5-litre five cylinder turbo-diesel – one of Volkswagen's latest generation diesels – delivering 400Nm of torque (virtually the same as the 4.2-litre V8 petrol Touareg) and 128kW of power.

the R5 TDI's uses unique 5-spoke 'Canyon' 17-inch alloy wheels. There are two R5 TDI models - the standard (R5 TDI) and luxury (R5 TDI L) variants.

Since its launch, Volkswagen's Touareg has garnered a swag of '4WD of the Year' awards including significant 'gongs' in North America (Motor Trend and Car & Driver magazines) plus the Overlander magazine award in Australia. And the British Research and Technology Centre Thatcham named the Touareg as the most 'theft-proof' 4WD.

As Overlander magazine said in its '4WD of the Year' award: "In summary we can only say one thing about the Touareg. It's so clever and so capable, that every 4WD manufacturer should buy one and pull it apart to find out what makes it tick. There are some good lessons to be learnt, that's for sure."

Like all Touareg models, the R5 TDI has a six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission with Dynamic Shift Program (DSP) and transmits its drive to all four wheels via Volkswagen's 4XMOTION system with a transfer gearbox – featuring a switchable off-road low-range gear – front, rear and centre differentials. Centre differential lock is standard and an electronic rear differential lock is optional.

In normal conditions power is split 50/50 front and rear but when the going gets tough, up to 100% drive can be transferred to either front or rear or even to an individual wheel. The driver can also activate the differential locks (up to 100%) manually using the rotary switch in the cockpit.

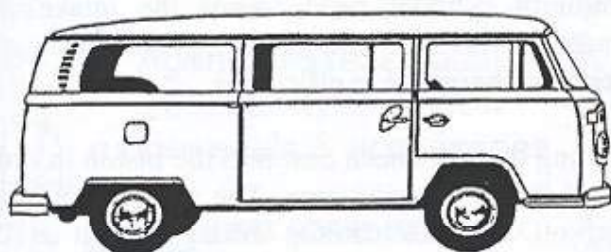
The dual-wishbone front and rear suspensions feature acoustically insulated subframes to simultaneously provide the almost imperceptibly low levels of noise transmitted to the luxury interior



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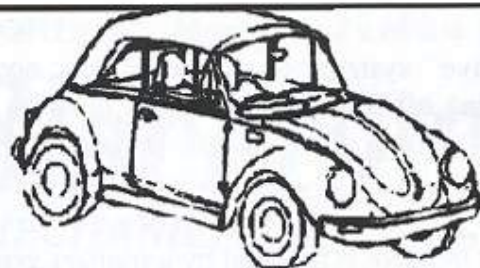
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Away from sealed roads, the Touareg is simply formidable. Ground clearance is 237mm; approach/departure angles are 28 degrees (aided by the short front and rear body overhangs); the ramp-over angle is 22 degrees and the wading depth is 500mm.

It's clear to see the styling cues that are shared between Volkswagen's full-size 4WD, the all-new Golf and the Phaeton luxury sedan – most notably the arrow-shaped transition from the front doors and mudguards to the bonnet.

Similarly, the Touareg also possesses the new 'face' of Volkswagen – distinctive grille/headlight, turn signals integrated into the exterior mirrors and the distinctive rear light design.

Even the details convey an impression of the highest quality and an ideal balance between form and function. Examples: the large dials for the Climatronic air-conditioning system as well as the drive and running gear controls are ergonomic masterpieces, their surfaces of precious, scratch-resistant metal.

R5 Has Latest Generation Volkswagen Diesel

The R5 TDI is powered by a 2.5-litre in-line turbo-diesel engine with pump injection that represents Volkswagen's new generation design of 5 cylinder diesel powerplants.

The 5 cylinder engines were developed for both transverse and longitudinal mounting in various

Volkswagen models (Touareg is longitudinal).

For the R5 TDI Touareg, maximum torque is 400Nm at 2000 rpm and peak power is 128kW at 3500 rpm.

The cylinder faces are plasma-coated. This means a coating powder is applied to the cylinder wall with a plasma burner and as a result there is no need for liners in the cylinders of the aluminium block. Plasma-coating helps to reduce weight by dispensing with press-fitted grey cast iron cylinder liners.

Adoption of a cross-flow design with the aluminium cylinder head means the intake and exhaust ports are arranged opposite each for maximum charge cycle efficiency.

a cooling duct has been cast into the piston in order to cool the piston ring area. The oil spray nozzles inject oil into this cooling ducts as soon as the piston is at bottom dead centre.

Touareg Chassis – Perfect propulsion on and off all roads

Touareg features Volkswagen 4XMOTION all-wheel-drive system that guarantees not only outstanding off-road characteristics but also a high degree of safety and dynamic potential on paved roads.

The flow of drive is handled by a transfer gearbox – that unlike some other luxury 4WDs, comes standard with a low-range off-road reduction gear – then to the front and rear differentials (centre electronic differential lock is standard, optional on the rear). The continuously adjustable multi-disc clutch of the centre differential lock is automatically triggered by the drivetrain's electronic system.

When the off-road going gets very tough, the centre differential is simply locked and low-range selected by the centre console-mounted rotary switch. So equipped, the R5 TDI Touareg can overcome even the steepest 45 degree slopes. Touareg also offers standard hill-starting assist and (when the ESP is switched on) downhill assist.

Suspension features an independent dual wishbone



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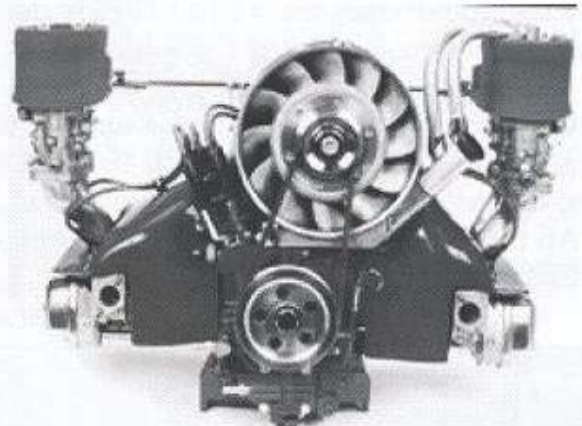


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From VW Australia

Meet Gus, the Jolly old bus Mike Said's 1978 Kombi

Gus was purchased in February 2001 from a guy in Newcastle, who was selling him to purchase a beetle from Ben Durie. Gus had only had two owners, was still wearing his original paint which was important and he had all his logbooks and service records.

As you could expect, the bus showed plenty of signs of age, but no rust. To bring Gus back to his former glory, a lot of work was required, both mechanically and cosmetically.

After discussion with Leigh Harris, we decided to drive Gus for a couple of months, to see what problems would arise, but we had already decided to repair the mechanicals first. So in April 2001, I sent Gus to Boris from Vintage Vee Dub Supplies. He was there for about a month. He had one burnt valve, the suspension was shot, gear linkages were worn, disc rotors and drums were past it, etc, etc, etc. All the things you could expect for a vehicle of 23 years old.



After getting Gus back, I drove him around for another couple of months, and then decided it was time to continue the restoration project. So I went back to Boris and had him rebuild the gearbox and diff. Gus was now completely mechanically sound. Then the task of finding a reliable panel beater was on in earnest.

By the end of September 2001, I found a panel beater who was prepared to repair Gus' panels and paint. So with the help of Belinda Godfrey and Leigh Harris, we dismantled Gus to a rolling shell and had a tilt tray pick him up and deliver him for his makeover. His original paint was stripped back to the metal, and all the dents, scars and stone chips were repaired and Gus was repainted. This process took about six weeks. In this time, I went about collecting all the new bits required to put him back together - all new window rubbers, windscreen, tailgate and sliding door rubbers, front and rear light lenses, front emblem etc. Almost as soon as the new paint was dry, he was off to the motor trimmer for a brand new headliner. At this stage, the only items that hadn't been replaced were the outside rear vision mirrors and the engine!! So you know what came next - the engine!!

Again after speaking with Leigh, we decided to take the engine out and rebuild it, but this time Gus' heart would be converted to fuel injection. It was the best decision made. Leigh put the new engine together including the fuel injection system, and Gus received his new heart in December 2002. Gus was put on the dyno, a day organised by Jack Rizzo and the results of that were that Gus had 61 kilowatts at the wheels. In standard form (carbies) you should have approximately 57 kilowatts at the flywheel.

A new back seat (missing from the original Gus) was found at Valla, 2002, bargained for by Dave Birchall and transported back to Sydney by Boris. New interior replacements were sourced by Leigh from Wollongong, and an original rubber floor mat from Wentworthville. Once the mat was installed, a metal trim found in Queensland finished the edge of the sliding door. Ambulance fans from Queensland are the latest find and are in the process of installation.

Since his makeover, Gus has received cosmetic additions in the way of goal bars, new window



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tinting, mag wheels and seats recovered etc. He has received awards for Best Daily Driven and Best Kombi all years at the 2003 Nationals, which makes me, feel pleased to know that all the effort was worth it.

Touareg sets high altitude world record

From Volkswagen AG

WOLFSBURG - Where others fail, the Volkswagen Touareg just keeps going up and up – to an altitude of exactly 6080 metres (19,947 feet). The Touareg Expedition from Volkswagen Individual is confirmed as holding the "Guinness Book of Records" entry for the highest altitude recorded for a vehicle.

On 29 January 2005, battling against icy winds and a lack of oxygen, the expedition team fought its

way through the lunar landscape of the Ojos del Salado, the world's highest volcano, in a standard Touareg Expedition to achieve the world's altitude record for vehicles. The altimeter and GPS system displayed an altitude of 6080 metres. This is the highest point on the surface of the Earth that a vehicle can reach and safely return from. On the 16th February the confirmation came from London: the record has been officially recognised by the "Guinness Book of Records". The Touareg has thus impressively proven its strengths in extreme




conditions and surpassed the performance of all other off-road vehicles.


The route of the team of eight, headed by expedition leader Rainer Zietlow, first took them through the Atacama Desert, the world's driest area. The base camp is located at 4,400 metres above sea level above the salt lake Laguna Santa Rosa, famous for its pink flamingos. From here the trail continues over stones and pebbles with an 80 % gradient, snowfields and soft volcanic sand. At the wheel of the Volkswagen Touareg was Ronald Bormann, who has won the European Truck Trail



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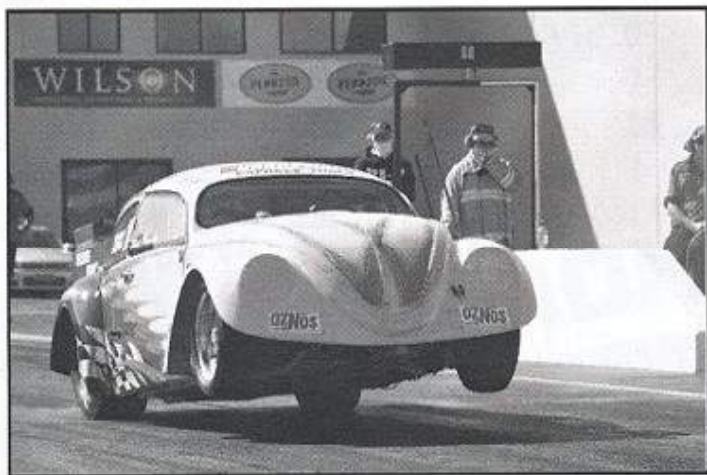


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This includes our event which was to be on Easter Friday.

They apologise for the late cancellation.

The cancellation is due to a conflict with a motor racing event that is to be held at Eastern Creek raceway over the whole Easter weekend.

WSID will hold our event at a late date to be advised.

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Entries close at 11 am Sunday. One entry per car in categories listed 1–19 (maximum of 3 entries per car). Judges decision will be final

Car Show Categories

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| 1. Beetle / Cabrio up to 1957 | Standard | 25. Non Factory Off Road Beach buggy / Baja etc | All |
| 2. Beetle / Cabrio 1957to 1967 | Standard | 26. Vintage VW on Club Plates | All |
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| 4. Beetle / Cabrio up to 1957 | Modified | 28. Best Engine Bay | Standard |
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| 9. Kombi Split Screen | All | 33. Best Interior | Modified |
| 10. Kombi (1968-1979) | All | 34. Daily Driven up to 1960 | All |
| 11. Kombi T3 | All | 35. Daily Driven 1961 to 1970 | All |
| 12. Kombi T4 | All | 36. Daily Driven 1971 to 1980 | All |
| 13. Type3 & 4 (All Years) | Standard | 37. Daily Driven 1981 to 1990 | All |
| 14. Type3 & 4 (All Years) | Modified | 38. Daily Driven up to 1991to 2000 upwards | All |
| 15. Karmann Ghia / Cabrio | Standard | 39. Daily Driven 2001 Upwards | All |
| 16. Karmann Ghia / Cabrio | Modified | 40. Best Engineered | All |
| 17. Aussie Convertibles & Component Cars | All | 41. Best Unfinished Project | All |
| 18. Golf/ Cabrio (Mk1-Mk3) | Standard | 42. Best Displayed Vehicle* | |
| 19. Golf / Cabrio(Mk1-Mk3) | Modified | 43. Peoples Choice* | |
| 20. Golf / Cabrio(Mk4-Mk5) | Standard | 44. Highest Point Scoring Vehicle (Overall)* | |
| 21. Golf / Cabrio (Mk4-Mk5) | Modified | 45. Volkswagen Group Australia Car Of The Day * | |
| 22. Scirocco & Passat All Years | All | | |
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competition several times. In sections where rocks as large as a man blocked the path, the winch, fitted as standard to the Touareg Expedition, helped the team on its way.

The additional spotlights, also part of the standard equipment package, fitted to the roof rack containing spare wheels and rescue equipment, lit the way through the night to the rock-strewn summit. As the air became thinner at 5,000 metres above sea level, the crew was given additional oxygen by altitude specialist Dr Rainald Fischer. In this way the chairman of the Association for Mountain and High Altitude Medicine (BExMED) was able to ward off the potentially life-threatening altitude sickness.

The Institute for Cartography at the University of Dresden helped to select the route to the summit following a recent four-week survey of the summit region for the purpose of making new maps. The knowledge gained by the expedition will help the scientists verify their work.

However, the most important scientific aspect of the expedition to a region endangered by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions was the installation of a seismographic station, managed by the Geological Research Centre in Potsdam. This station makes it possible to register eruptions directly above possible earthquake focus sites, thus advancing global earthquake research.

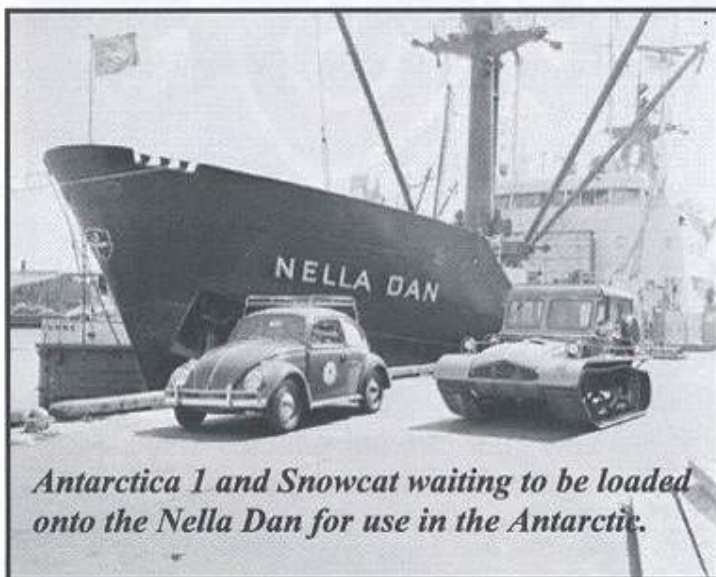
In town, on country roads and on the motorway, as a service vehicle at the Dakar rally, as a globetrotter in the Touareg "experience 360°" circumnavigation of the world, or as an expedition vehicle used for scientific purposes - the Volkswagen Touareg has once again impressively shown that it is equipped ex factory for a wide range of situations.

VW strikes icy deal

VOLKSWAGEN AUSTRALIA will loan two Touareg four wheel drives to the Australian Antarctic research base at Mawson. The vehicles, which will be used around the base by Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition crew, will be specially prepared to cope with Antarctic weather conditions. Volkswagen must have the cars prepared by January to make the one ship a year that travels Down Under. Once on the icy continent, the Touaregs will be unable to go home until the ship returns the following year.

In 1963 Volkswagen Australasia shipped a ruby red Beetle named Antarctica 1 to Antarctica with minimal modifications and a crate-load of spares and supplies. VW also included a Bolex cine camera with a generous stock of movie film to capture daily life of the vehicle proclaimed at the time as "the first passenger car in Antarctica"

Unfortunately VW were a few years too late, that accolade went to a vehicle that accompanied Ernest Shackleton's expedition in 1907, a 12-15hp Arrol Johnston four cylinder, two seater. Antarctica 1 did return from the icebound continent, later winning the 1964 BP Rally over 3000km of Australian dirt roads.



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Rear number plate light pod modified. This was done by shortening the width, but to be more accurate, it should also be a little deeper. (1963 spec)

Engine lid handle changed to "T" shape (this was taken from a Mini Minor kit!) (1963 spec)

Wheel ventilation slots filled to give solid wheels (1963 spec)

Valve stems added to wheels – a little detail touch that can look quite effective and is obvious with the white wheels

Engine detailed – distributor wired, vac-advance and fuel line added. Unfortunately, this work is difficult to see on the finished model, and equally difficult to photograph!

Wire headlight guards built from scratch and added

In the January edition of the Toy Department we featured some model kits and the some basics tips on putting these kits together.

The TD recently received details of a high standard beetle kit which include serious conversions, such as a left to right hand dash conversion, which started out as 1/24 Tamiya kit that was transformed by Peter Roberts into a 1963 Bathurst winner.

In the mean time looking forward to seeing you at the Nationals, I also hope to have some of my models on display again, and the theme this year being "Bay windows"

Peter Roberts writes;

The basic kit for this model is the Tamiya 1/24 Scale 1966 Model Volkswagen 1300 Beetle. Unfortunately, there were several subtle changes between the 1963 and 1966 VWs. I have tried to incorporate most of the more obvious differences in building this model of the 1963 Ferguson/Ford car. Barry Ferguson kindly helped with the interpretation of some of the "sign writing" on the car, as the photo references were not too clear on these points. The following list covers most of the changes to the basic kit.

Converted to right hand drive, using a dash board from a Hasegawa kit (also '66!)



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All chrome items stripped, cleaned up and repainted with a chrome finish

Rego label decal reduced from original 1963 item (by chance, the correct month too!)

Decals made from own artwork using photos as a guide

Unfortunately, this model was rushed a bit in order to have it ready for a club competition, and in doing so, some of the green stripe (Castrol Green?) "bled" under the clear finish. I did not have time to correct this, so it is a slight blemish on the finished model. I also did not have time to "rubber" all the windows, but these points are not overly obvious and do not seem to detract too much from the appearance of the finished model. As well as the information kindly offered by Barry Ferguson, I used the following references in making this model. "Original VW Beetle" by L. Meredith, Bay View Books Ltd, 1994

"Australia's Greatest Motor Race 1960-1999" by Greenhalgh, Floyd and Tuckey, Chevron Publishing Group, 2000

"Australia's Greatest Motor Race - The Complete History" by Tuckey, Lansdowne Press, 1981

Peter Roberts

Victoria, Australia

Volkswagen California set for Australia

Luxury German-built motor home heading 'Downunder'

Volkswagen is set to enter Australia's booming recreational vehicle market with the California, a five-seat luxury motor home based on the T5 van model.

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More examples: clever details create space so when not in use, the multi-purpose table is stored in the interior cladding of the sliding side door and the fold-up outdoor seats store in the rear door. To save weight, another high-tech solution: the furniture is made of aluminium with corrugated core which is extremely strong, light in weight and blends-in with the California's cosy style and timber finishes.

The format for the internal fit out is the kitchen block and wardrobe on one side and on the other side is a double bench seat which folds into a bed and - in conjunction with the rotating driver and passenger seats - forms the seating group arrangement. The 'upper floor' - the roof-bed - provides a huge comfortable sleeping surface of 1.2 metres x 2.0 metres.

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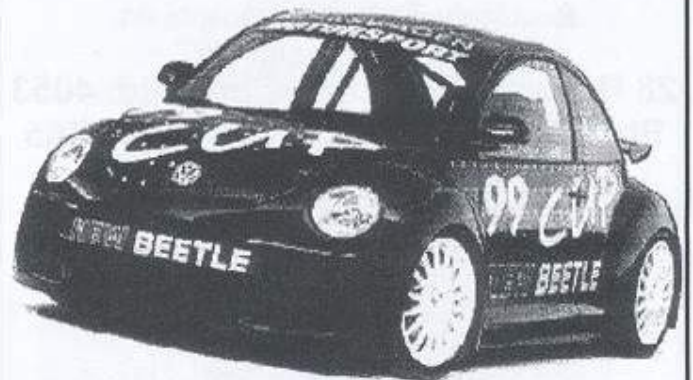
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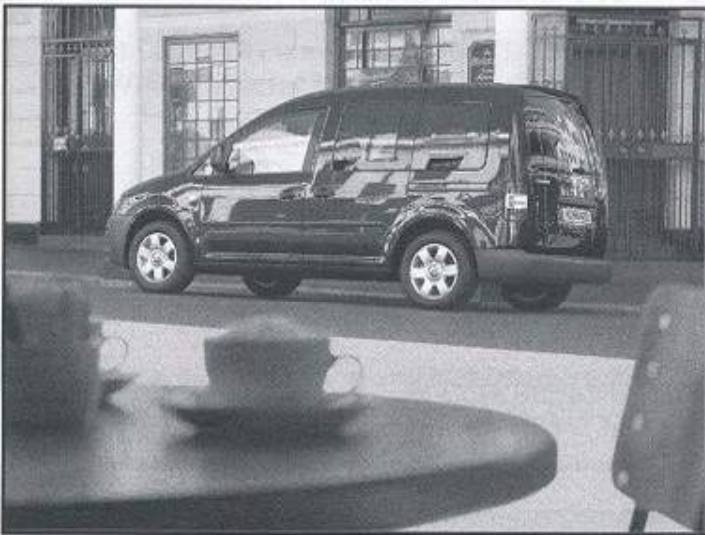
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With up to seven seats and two 700mm sliding doors, the Caddy Life suits well, just about everyone and every event.

In fact you could say the Caddy Life is a kind of Bauhaus model on wheels – pure reason in an attractive form.

According to Volkswagen Group Australia's General Manager of Commercial vehicles, Mr Phil Clark, the Caddy Life is designed to be part of today's lifestyle for the new-age automotive consumer...people who live life to the full and expect their cars adapt accordingly.

"The Caddy Life offers space for everything which forms part of life and makes it worth living: picking-up the children from school; loading the groceries at the shopping mall; accompanying a

football or cricket team to an away game, heading off for a vacation with a bicycle in the back and surfboard on the roof...or just commuting to the airport," Mr Clark said.

Those youngsters or party animals who perennially occupy the back seats will be pleased each row has a higher seating level than the one in front – an aspect that provides a pleasant ambience wherever you sit.

Caddy Life offers a payload up to 608 kgs and to accommodate varying loads, the rear seat can be partially folded, fully folded and folded/tipped...with this stylish new Volkswagen, versatility comes with a capital 'V'.

Caddy is based on the platform of the new Golf so comfort and ride/handling are the best in class. Inside, the drivers' seat is vertically adjustable and the steering wheel height and inclination can be adjusted to find the perfect driving position. As well there are numerous storage locations including the front doors, which boast integrated storage for one-litre drink bottles.

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Caddy Life will appear in the showrooms of Australian Volkswagen Commercial vehicles dealers in the second half of 2005.

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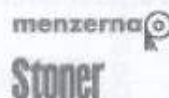
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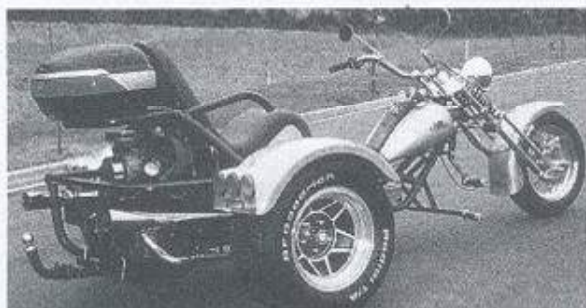


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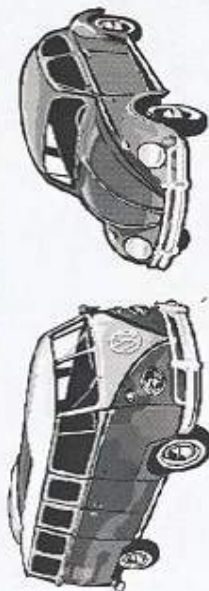
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Club VeeDub is dedicated to keeping as many Volkswagens on Australia's roads for as long as possible. We aim to do this by helping owners maintain their enthusiasm and love for their VWs, because as we say, The Legend Never Dies!

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