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Monthly Club Veedub Sydney meetings are held at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield, on the third Thursday of each month, from 7:30 pm. All our members, friends and visitors are most welcome.

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Presidents Report

Welcome to Volkswagen Nationals 2023

Club Veedub Sydney will kick off our Nationals weekend with a cruise to Wisemans Ferry on the 27th May and the Show and shine on the 28th May!

We hope we can get plenty of cars on the cruise of all makes and models bridging the gap between air – cooled and water cooled enthusiasts.

The committee and I hope you and your family have an interesting and entertaining day at our show. This is our 36th year, the VW movement seems to be growing stronger every year! We have worked very hard to present one of the best VW car shows in Australia.

It's great to see the influx of water-cooled Volkswagens, covering all types and year models from the 50's to the present day and the enthusiastic owners coming together to celebrate this iconic brand.

Once again, our major sponsors, Volkswagen Group of Australia are supporting our club with sponsorship, and several display vehicles will be on show at Fairfield. You can find a full list of our amazing sponsors in this magazine! The event also features food vendors, live music, and other activities that ensure that everyone has a great time.

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 merchandise from the Club Vee Dub Sydney stand in the car show area. This year we have a new selection and style, so be sure to check it out!

See you at the show!
Lee Woods



Report from the Capital



Well, they say that after ANZAC Day the weather in Canberra turns cold. This year has been no exception to that rule. Not that we really had a summer to speak of, but once ANZAC Day hit this year the weather went from lovely to 'where are my thermals'. Yes, I am that person who doesn't do so well in the cold. My car on the other hand loves it.

On behalf of the Canberra Chapter, we just want to extend a massive thank you to Norm for all his assistance over the years. We wish you the best of luck and hope to see you around the traps, so to speak.

We've got a few things in the pipeline at the moment. VW's come out to play in winter in Canberra.

As usual there will be a number of convoys heading up Nationals from Canberra. Keep an eye out on the FB pages or email for more information on these. I wish all entrants the best of luck on the day. Unfortunately, I have an 80th birthday that weekend in Condobolin, so someone else will have to take out the best Scirocco this year.

The Canberra Chapter AGM is scheduled for Sunday, 18 June 2023 at a location to be determined. If anyone has any suggestions, we're all ears!! Additionally, all position are up for grabs so if you've ever thought about joining Canberra Committee, now is the time to do so!

The first ever German Cars and Coffee is being held on Sunday, 17 July 2023 at the Spanish Australian Club in Narrabundah (from 9:30am till 11:30am). This is open to all German Marques and will be a casual affair with coffee,

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As always, GAD 2023 planning continues to roll along... We are back at Brad Haddin Oval in Queanbeyan, NSW on Sunday, 24 September 2023. Our registration page is already up and operational. Noting that the information on the site at the moment is a bit light on! It'll be updated the closer we get to the day.

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/german-auto-day-2023-clubvw>

Once again, best of luck to everyone heading to VW Nationals! For those of you travelling, drive safely and enjoy the trip.

Stay safe
Cheers Dot

Club Calendar 2023 & 2024

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May.

Thursday 11th:- Committee Meeting and magazine pack at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield, from 7:30pm.

Thursday 18th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield. Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Enjoy the Club's bistro and sports bar too. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

Saturday 20th:- Shannons Auto Caffeine and auction preview at Shannons Auctions, 22 Lambs Rd Artarmon, 8am to 12 midday. Coffee and food van on site, check out the coming auction vehicles and chat all things

insurance with Shannons, our VW Nationals sponsor.

Saturday 27th:- VW Pre-Nationals Cruise, organised by Euro Cruisers Australia. Begins at Prospect Homemaker Centre, 19 Stoddart Rd, at 8am for an 8:30 departure. 9am - Vineyard Hotel. 10am - the Australian Hotel McGraths Hill. 11am - Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club for the finish and lunch. Contact Paul Stewart on 0449 238234 for more info also see page 20.

Sunday 28th:- VW NATIONALS 2023 at Fairfield Showgrounds, Smithfield Rd Prarieewood. Our biggest VW Show of the year is back! 44 peer-judged categories, plus special Concours and perpetual trophies. VW trade stands, new car display, Swapmeet, kids' rides, music and entertainment, great food and drink, VW fun all day. Gates open 7:30am.

June.

Thursday 1st:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

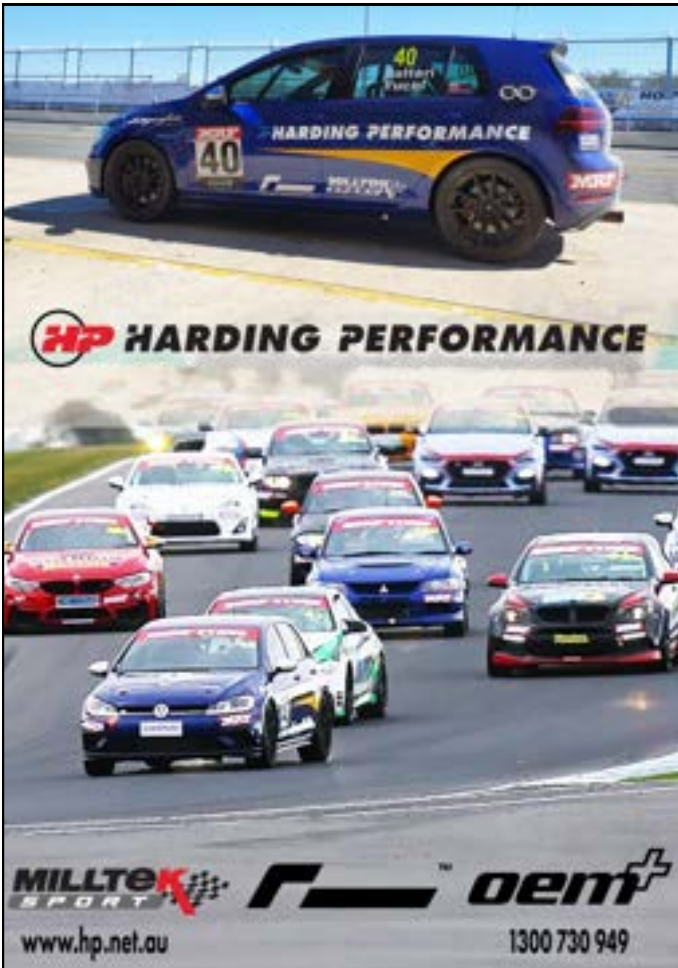
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Sunday 18th:- East Hills Charity Car Show at Kelso Oval, Panania. This family charity event attracts car lovers from all over NSW, this year supporting the fight against multiple sclerosis. All classic makes and models welcome. Trophies to be won in

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August.

Thursday 3rd:- Magazine Cut-off Date for articles, letters and For-Sales.

Tuesday 1st:- Canberra General Meeting at the Spanish Club, 5 Narupai Place, Narrabundah, from 7:30pm.

Thursday 10th:- Committee Meeting and magazine pack at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield, from 7:30pm.

Thursday 17th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield. Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Enjoy the

Club's bistro and sports bar too. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

Sunday 20th:- Shannons Sydney Classic 2023 at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. Organised by the CMC, it's the largest classic car show in Australia. Club displays, double-decker bus rides, trade stands, historic race cars, Concours, and a parade lap of the track for all show entrants. Over 2,000 classic cars! Club Veedub will again have a Volkswagen display, with 20 spaces booked. Cars should arrive by 8:00am. You must book with our Secretary Norm Elias at the monthly meeting to secure your reserved space and display ticket for the day. Please only reserve a ticket if you are SURE you will be attending - don't get a ticket then fail to turn up on the day.

September.

24th September GAD 2023 We are back at Brad Haddin Oval in Queanbeyan, NSW

29th September to 1st October VW Warwick, see 39 page for more information

October.

Sunday 29th:- German Autofest at Tempe, see page 17 for more details.

2024

2024 VW Nationals, 27th and 28th May

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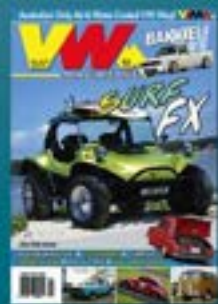
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GSR: the Beetle that paved the way for the GTI

The Beetle GSR that Volkswagen launched during the 2013 edition of the Chicago Auto Show wasn't the first of its kind. The GSR nameplate was introduced in late 1972 on a limited-edition variant of the 1303 S developed at the request of speed aficionados.

Then and now, the GSR acronym stands for gelb schwarzer renner, which means yellow black racer in German. Don't let the name fool you, this isn't quite the GTI of the Beetle family and the updates were largely cosmetic. Notably, the GSR stood out from the standard 1303 S (called a Volkswagen L in Australia),

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thanks to a bright yellow paint job (called saturngelb in Volkswagen-speak) accented by flat black paint on the hood, the decklid, both bumpers, and nearly every piece of exterior trim. The sporty look was complemented by a set of 15-inch steel wheels that were noticeably wider than stock.

The track-inspired treatment continued in the cabin, with sport seats for the front passengers and a three-spoke steering wheel. It didn't extend to the engine bay, however, and the GSR was powered by a stock 1.6-liter air-cooled flat-four that made 50 horsepower and 80 pound-feet of torque. The engine was fitted with an oil cooler, which required using a slotted front apron that was identical to the one found on the Super Beetle in the United States. And because it was built for rally fans, every GSR came with a list of tuners approved by Volkswagen to squeeze every last ounce of power out of the flat-four.

Volkswagen built only 3,500 examples of the GSR. Each one cost 7,650 Deutsche Marks, about 800 more than a base 1303 S, and the entire production run sold out quickly. After all, some enthusiasts had waited for a factory-built Beetle that was born to race for decades. Behind the wheel

The GSR is a simple machine: four pistons, eight valves, and a carburettor. A quick turn of the key and the flat-four rumbles to life before quickly settling into a smooth, low idle. The choke is automatic, so there's no need to tinker with it. Slide the long gear lever into first, release the clutch, and you're off. The first impression we got is that the GSR is louder

than other Beetles of the era, the flat-four's clatter is more pronounced.

The curved windshield admittedly doesn't do a whole lot for the Beetle's silhouette, but it makes the 1303 feel much more spacious inside than a standard Beetle, which has a completely flat windshield that even the permissive safety standards of the 1970s didn't allow. And while the seating position isn't what we'd call sporty, the GSR-specific sport seats strike an ideal balance between comfort and firmness while providing the support that's lacking in a standard Super Beetle. All told, the cabin is a pleasant place to travel in.

In Wolfsburg, the GSR gets more attention than a bright red Ferrari LaFerrari would. It commands respect; no one is going to dare cutting you off, no one is going to risk tailgating you, and even merging on the highway is stress-free and straightforward. Everyone there knows that their town was built on the Beetle's success. Had it been a complete flop, Wolfsburg would be little more than a small, insignificant dot on a map. Other motorists stare and wave, almost with envy, because the Beetle isn't all that common in its hometown anymore. For them, seeing a GSR bomb down Dieselstraße is like watching Julius Caesar sit at a bistro on Piazza Navona in Rome, light a cigarette, and casually order an espresso.

Fully stock, the GSR hits 60 MPH from a stop in approximately 18 seconds. That's glacier-like by today's standards, yet it somehow manages to feel much faster than it actually is. A slow-revving Mercedes-Benz 240D logs about the same time, but it feels slower.



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Once those 18 seconds have passed, the GSR is completely at home on the freeway, thanks in part to the four-speed transmission's long gears. It's not an Autobahn stormer by any means, but it'll easily keep up with modern traffic at 80 MPH without destroying the occupants' eardrums. It's relaxing to drive, like all Beetles are when they're well sorted. It's just the driver, the road ahead, and the flat-four buzzing away behind the rear seats. The GSR gives the impression that you could drive it to the end of the world – slowly, but surely.

It's evident that the Beetle is tail-heavy when the pace picks up, but it's also clear that it has a decent amount of potential in the performance department. It's light and a real blast to toss around, especially with sport seats that keep the driver's shoulders relatively aligned with the pedals. We can understand why Volkswagen's flat-four is one of the most frequently modified engines in the history of the automobile. And say what you will about the merits – or faults – of a rear-mounted engine, but a weight distribution heavily skewed towards the rear axle didn't stop scores



of pilots from winning races in Porsche, Abarth - or Gordini-tuned machines.

The floor-hinged clutch pedal is light, and the combination of front discs and rear drums is adequate considering the GSR tips the scale at less than 2,000 pounds. The steering isn't a stellar example of precision, due to the light front end, but it's nicely weighted and it offers plenty of feedback so you can point the Beetle where you want it to go without too many surprises. We do find it interesting that Volkswagen chose a three-spoke wheel that's almost as big as the four-spoke unit found in the standard 1303; a smaller wheel would have felt much sportier. And the list of options included a voltmeter, but it never featured a tach or an oil pressure gauge, which we'd want if we were buying a GSR in the 1970s with the intention of racing it.

While the GSR isn't a Beetle GTI, it's the precursor to the original Golf/Rabbit GTI. It represents Volkswagen's first step towards transforming an economy car into a street-legal model that's faster, more dynamic to drive, and with a muscular look to boot.

Most GSRs were modified for racing, driven into the ground, or both. Volkswagen's archives department estimates that only about 100 examples are left today, which makes it one of the rarest Beetles out there, and one of the most desirable Super Beetles, a model that's still all too quickly brushed aside by collectors.

World's biggest GTI festival is saved

by Antony Ingram

The world's biggest festival for hot hatch fans has been saved from closure. GTI Treffen – GTI Festival – has been held on the shores of Lake Wörthersee, in Austria, since 1982, but the 2023 event faced closure after the local authority of Maria Wörth told organisers that the show, which has attracted up to 200,000 visitors over a period of several weeks, is no longer considered environmentally acceptable and wouldn't be welcome.

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- 11 Transporter T3 - 1981 to 1992 - All
- 12 Type 3 and Type 4 - Standard
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- 18 Non-factory Off-road, Buggies, Trikes - All
- 19 Aussie Kit Cars and Convertibles - All
- 20 Rat class - All Years – All

Water Cooled

- 21 Polo, Up! – All
- 22 Golf 1 - 1976 to 1983
- 23 Golf 2 - 1984 to 1992
- 24 Golf 3 - 1993 to 1997
- 25 Golf 4 - 1998 to 2003
- 26 Golf 5 - 2004 to 2008
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- 28 Golf 7 - 2013 to 2020
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From 2024, the GTI Festival will be moving closer to home, as Volkswagen will host the event in Wolfsburg.

The Festival, often known in the community simply as “Wörthersee”, attracts tens of thousands of visitors from all over Europe every year, many turning up in wildly modified Volkswagens, Audis, and other VW Group products. Volkswagen has officially sponsored the event since 2006, using it to showcase new models and concepts, with previous highlights including the Up GTI hot hatch, and the ID R prototype.

The event has not been held since 2020 however due to the pandemic, and while it brings economic benefits to the area of Maria Wörth, the local authority has decided that its impact on local residents is not longer acceptable and its perceived image is out of touch with the region’s sustainability goals.


A statement on the Wörthersee Treffen website reads “The municipality of Maria Wörth was the venue of the GTI meeting for many years. The history of this major event is inextricably

linked to the district of Reifnitz and has brought many encounters, great fame and, last but not least, economic impulses to our community.

“At the same time, the enormous increase in participants over the years has shown the limits of possible growth and resilience of our community and the entire Wörthersee region. Numerous side effects of the automobile event have led to increasing criticism and decreasing acceptance of the annual meeting.


“The restrictions in the pandemic years have now canceled the GTI meeting three times. The effects of climate change, the responsibility of political decision-makers for the preservation of ecosystems and the need to align actions at all levels according to the principles of sustainability make it necessary to place the future design under new premises.”

While it’s tempting to dismiss the area’s concerns, anyone who has visited a big automotive gathering will be all too familiar with their downsides, from the traffic they cause, to the unfortunate actions of a minority



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who can't behave themselves. Reading between the lines, it appears Maria Wörth has quite enjoyed a few years of relative silence, and is taking the opportunity to make a clean break.

No such troubles in Wolfsburg though, which sprung up around Volkswagen's factory in 1938 and still primarily serves the enormous automotive plant.

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No. 5: Active owners and lifestyle. Worldwide, Kombi owners love talking to other Transporter owners. Owners wave to each other on the road. People will always want to chat and ask about your Kombi.

Okay, so the bad definitely outweighs the good, so why do it, if it's all expensive?

Especially when I love to save money.

If you work hard, why not blow a few dollars on something that brings you joy? Not only



that, I may even get that cash back one day if I ever sell it.

Just remember, when buying a cheap Kombi or Transporter, they are probably cheap for a reason, unfortunately.

Ashley Day.

Pain is such a rush.



I was wrecking a \$200 Porsche 924 years ago and in my haste I ended up hitting my left index finger backwards with the big hammer.

It took two years before it started to feel better and I cringe just thinking about it.

That was the day I decided it's definitely not worth hurting myself doing something that's supposed to be fun.

It's not even my job, it's a hobby.

Nowadays I take my time and try to make sure everything is as safe as possible.

Sure I still hit or squeeze the odd finger or cut myself now and then with hacksaw but nothing major.

Remember everyone has injured themselves at some time or another playing with Volkswagens. Rod Young wrote years ago about wearing thongs while welding and what happens when hot sparks land on yor feet.

Another time when welding an old fuel tank he set himself on fire.

The worst story of an injury I have ever heard is when I was talking to Barry Lord in South Australia. He told me he drove over his own stomach, with his beetle, when he accidentally shorted out the starter motor with a 13 mm spanner after he left the car in gear and didn't disconnect the battery before starting the job.

He was off work for six months.

I'm positive that there are a million other stories of people hurting themselves, or worse, playing with cars. You probably have your own?

So take your time, make sure you prop everything, use all of your safety equipment and brain, always!

Try not to rush or get frustrated, this is mostly when you'll hurt yourself.

You can never be too careful and nobody's ever going to laugh at you for keeping yourself, everyone and everything safe.

Ashley Day.



Tell us about your Volkswagen(s) !

YEAR	MODEL / TYPE	ENGINE SIZE	REGO NO.	COLOUR

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Do you own a classic air-cooled, or late-model Volkswagen? Would you like to know more about it? Maybe show off your VW at a car show? Do you need help fixing or servicing your VW? Maybe you'd like to restore your classic VW, or what about hotting it up instead? No matter what your VW need might be, Club Veedub Sydney can help you!

Club Veedub was formed in 1985 to cater exclusively for all Volkswagen owners. We're Australia's premier Volkswagen club, with members in every Australian state and some overseas too, but we're based in Sydney. Our logo shows this - the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge combined with Volkswagen's Wolfsburg Crest.

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 learn about their VWs, and to grow and maintain their interest, enthusiasm and love for their VWs, because as we like to say, The Legend Never Dies!

Why join Club Veedub Sydney?

Firstly, as a Club Veedub member, you'll receive substantial discounts on VW parts and service from all recommended VW workshops and parts outlets. Just show your membership card! Your membership fee can often be recovered by the savings on your next service.

You'll receive a monthly copy of our club magazine, *Zeitschrift* (that's German for 'magazine'). It's full of the latest VW news and articles, VW tech tips, adventure stories, VW historical articles, test drives, past and coming VW events and all the juiciest VW for-sales. All sorts of great reading for the VW enthusiast. It's far and away the best VW club magazine in Australia. You can receive it as a printed copy, or more commonly nowadays, a full-colour PDF in your email.

You're not required to attend any meetings, nor participate in any way if you so desire. You can, if you wish, simply accept the benefits we have to offer with no obligation (Historic Plate holders must attend at least 3 club events per year.)

However, for the enthusiast we provide a wide range of other benefits and activities.

You're always welcome at our monthly club meetings, which are informal and good fun. No

boring 'moving to second the motion that the minutes be accepted' stuff! There's raffles, quizzes, films, talks and other cool things. You can chat with other VW owners. Members can borrow VW books, workshop manuals, owners guides and VW DVD movies from our extensive club library - for free. We meet at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield, on the third Thursday each month from 8pm.

You're invited along to attend any of our cruises, show days, swap meets, social events, picnics and other events for the VW fan. We have one event every month - just check the coming events calendar on our website. We are affiliated with CAMS too, so you could race your VW in drag and track racing (extra CAMS fees apply).

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- Club Veedub member card for discounts on authorised VW parts and service.
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- Extensive Club website with heaps of content
- Free VW book, workshop manual and DVD library.
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- Non-boring, entertaining monthly meetings with heaps of fun, prizes and laughs.
- Many enjoyable runs, gatherings and social events throughout the year.
- CAMS affiliation for VW motorsport, if you wish
- Cool club caps, t-shirts, mugs, stickers etc.
- The annual VW Nationals at Fairfield Showgrounds, Australia's biggest Volkswagen show.

Membership Form

New Member: or Renewal:

Are you interested in participating in Club Motorsport with your VW?

YES NO

(if YES, we will post you out a CAMS Member paperwork. Extra CAMS licence fees apply.)

Name:

Address:

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Which of the following activities are you interested in? Please number in order:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Show n Shines, Concours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Meets (VW parts) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Meetings and Tech-talks |
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