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## MARQUE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2026 Edition



### Event Recaps

#### Club Dinner/Meeting - 13 Jan

My Favourite Thai Annandale - can't recommend this place enough. Bron wanted Thai and we delivered. A fantastic turnout. The food was great and the service on point! Everyone had a wonderful evening - thanks to all that turned up.

#### Mid-Week Drive - 14 Jan

Cruised around town, then relaxed at War Heroes Café for morning tea. Probably due to the time of the year (holidays) we only had a couple of cars turn up which made for a cosy chat. Great vibes all around.

#### Mid-Week Drive - 28 Jan

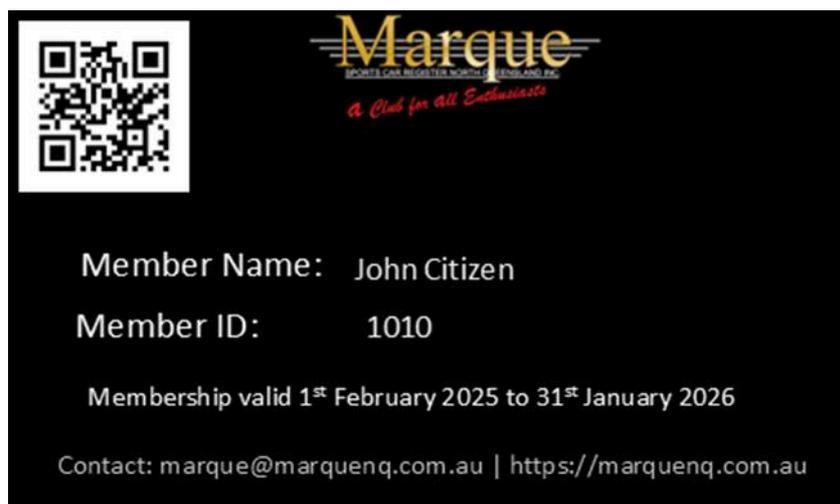
Cruised around town, then had morning tea at Michel's at the Civic Theatre. Great morning had by all.

### Club Announcements

**Membership Due by 1.2.26!**

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phone as a photo, in your card file (Kiarna) or in your Samsung wallet. Unfortunately, it's not able to be saved into an Apple Wallet. You will need to send in a completed membership form (<https://marquenq.com.au/membership>) or complete our online membership form: [Membership Form for the Marque Sports Car Register Nth Qld Inc. - Fill out form along with your payment.](#)



This is important as we need your CURRENT information for our database and to email membership cards.

Direct Deposit details are below:

Direct deposit membership fee into Bank of Qld account:

Marque Sports Car Register North Queensland Inc

BSB 124055 Account No. 20369426

Bank Reference: NAME

Past and present, new and old members welcome.

As per our website:

The MSCR is an active car club, that covers all car enthusiasts from racers, show and shiners, and even those who just enjoy driving their special car. To put your car on Club Registration, you must be an ACTIVE member of an affiliated car club.

For SIV registrations the club has been notified of the following:

Q.H.M.C. have been advised that Qld Police Service is checking Special Interest Vehicle drivers, for membership card or receipts of a membership club. Advise to carry event ratification with you when on a club event. Please be aware that you can be stopped, and you must be able to prove current membership of a car club that issues Dating Certificates, or risk losing your right to SIV registration.

For Racing members: as per AASA rules and your sub-reg docs:

Competitors must produce a valid and current AASA Competition Licence and a Club Membership Card.

The above will be enforced in 2026 and we will need to sight a current membership card.

Racing commences next month (March) - I know that everyone is waiting with baited breath. Sealed road into the track - whoopie!

## February 2026 Events

- . 10 Feb: Club Meeting - Rodders Clubhouse
- . 11 Feb: Mid-Week Drive - 9:00 AM @ WildCatz Indoor Sports Arena
- . 18 Feb: Monthly Dinner - Townsville Pizzeria Bar & Grill - Palmer St
- . 25 Feb: Mid-Week Drive - 9:00 AM @ WildCatz Indoor Sports Arena
- . 28 Feb: Monthly Drive - BYO Brekkie @ Fifth Ave Park, Sth T'ville

**FNQ Chapter:** Weekly drives every Wednesday, 9:00 AM @ Tolga Pub.

**Sunday Drives:** Meet at 9:00 AM @ Sk8way—destination decided on the day. All SIV drivers welcome!

## Article from Warren Skimmings

At our recent Annual General Meeting among many other things discussed was a general feeling that we should have a club Car Show. It would be a good promotional event just to make more people aware how big we are and the many different facets of motoring we cover. There are members who own some beautiful old classic cars, others who have a very nicely presented newer rare car and then there are the racers amongst us that have put a lot towards their cars they get a lot of fun out of at differing motorsport events.

Photo below is a show I did some years ago in Strand Park - early for this club. It was terrific to show the vast difference in makes within this club. Unfortunately dealing with the council over the use of their parkland can be difficult and expensive to meet their requirements.



I have a lot of experience in organizing car shows. The three things I think are imperative at these events that are out in open for up three hours to succeed.

1. We need a captive audience ie. Lots of people on site who love looking at our "pride and joy" cars.
2. In Townsville we need shade especially in Summer.
3. The event does not cost us a lot money to run.



This photo is some of our participation at the 2015 All British Day at the Cathedral School. This type of event only covers some of the British cars being a segment of our large club membership.



This show in the Charters Towers Show Grounds is one of the larger events some of us have been to. However, its distance away and no shade has seen only a small number of our club members annually who have been able to attend at this great show.

The photo below is one of two shows we have done in what is now known as the Cotters Market on Flinders Street in the City. They have been quietly successful but in future we do need to do more in promoting that our show is on as well as helping to grow the Market numbers. I have been in discussion with Angela who runs these markets and is keen to have us there. Let's see if we can get a show together on a date that suits them and us. I believe we can get nearly 50 cars to fill the show down the Eastern end of Flinders Street. Here are some Cotters Market regulations we need to comply to. The entrance is to be via Stanley Street end - must be in by 7.30am and no exit before 1.30pm onto Denham Street.

I am happy to talk to our group to get some ideas of numbers to participate and ideas to promote this



## 😄 Jokes of the Month

Q: Where does a mountain climber keep his plane?

A: **In a cliff-hangar.** 😊

A businessman was having a tough time lugging his lumpy, oversized travel bag onto the plane. Helped by a flight attendant, he finally managed to stuff it in the overhead bin. "Do you always carry such heavy luggage?" she sighed. "No more," the man said. "Next time, I'm riding in the bag, and my partner can buy the ticket!"

Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?

A: **Because they use honeycombs.** 😊

Q: What did the buffalo say to his son when he left home?

A: **Bison.** 😊

## 🚗 Fun Fact

Planes have bright orange "black boxes," can glide without engines (due to aerodynamics), and are lightning proof, with lightning safely routed around the fuselage.

Pilots eat different meals to prevent food poisoning, taste buds change at altitude and tiny holes in windows help with pressure. The world's oldest airline is KLM, and the longest flights today are nearly 19 hours, while the shortest commercial flight is just 80 seconds.

## ☀️ Member Spotlight

We want to feature your stories! Share your car journey, favorite road trip, or a member bio. Send your stories and photos to Michele at [social@marqueng.com.au](mailto:social@marqueng.com.au). Don't be shy—let's get to know each other!

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