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# BEACon Newsletter January 2017

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## Berrima Courtyard Cafe

07/12/2016

So, for the last time in 2016, we assembled for a run. But not just any run – a Christmas lunch run. As you can see below, some people got more into the spirit of the occasion than others!



Trust Tom to be seen in all the right places! (In this case, in Carol Humphries' Citroen 2CV).

There was plenty of time to admire cars such as David Clark's MGB, on its first time back after repairs following its accident. It looked to be in tip top condition again.



David Clark's MGB looking back to its best.

There are always delights to be had in looking around the gathering point.



The Rover 2000TC of Allan Edwards.



Len Parker's always immaculate looking Triumph TR4A.



Not a native BEAC car, but Peter Carpenter's 'Stang is a great example of the breed.

Our socialising was suddenly interrupted when there was a full-on nose to tail accident at the intersection right alongside us. A small car driven by an 85 year old gentlemen smashed into the back of a large trailer being towed by a 4WD. The car was extensively damaged, but seat belts and airbag saved the driver. All services and the police were called and the driver was taken to hospital with chest bruising. The accident was a stark reminder to all of us of how easily they can occur!

We drove off in small groups to join other members who had chosen to go directly to Berrima Courtyard Café. Once there we found a 54 seat layout with Christmas decorated tables had been put together in the large room at the end of the place (see photos following). The staff were very attentive (as always), and the (pre-ordered) food choices were soon underway. All we had to do was socialise in the manner to which we have become accustomed.



Both the main course(s) and the desserts were consumed with enthusiasm by the gathering. Everyone that I spoke to considered the food to be of excellent quality and very well presented (see following photo of the Salmon main).



After dessert, Bob Payne and organiser Tom Currie conducted a lucky door prize awards, which saw some very nice wine, chocolates and the like go to good homes. Tom received a vote of thanks for putting the occasion together, and the Courtyard staff were thanked for the quality of the food and service that they provided to us (yet again).

Phil O'

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I remind members that back at the assembly point for the Christmas run, Peter Carpenter asked us to consider what were the runs that we liked best in 2016 and why we thought they were good. This information can help the club with planning outings in 2017 and years to come. Following is a list of the club's runs in 2016:

Fitzroy Lake  
Berrima Courtyard Café  
Jamberoo Hotel  
Bistro One46  
Wollondilly Heritage Centre  
Eling Forest  
Penrose Café  
Gibraltar Hotel  
Shoalhaven Heads Hotel  
Burrawang Café  
Robertson Inn  
McVitty Grove  
Fireside Inn Goulburn  
Berrima Courtyard Café  
Cambewarra Lookout  
Bargo Hotel  
Stones Patisserie Berrima  
Robertson Cheese Factory  
Wallacia Hotel  
Camden Golf Club  
Eling Forest  
Antill Park Golf Club  
Berrima Courtyard Café

(pew, that's a lot)!

Think about it and let Peter know your choices and why. Thank you.

## **Day of the Volkswagen, Yarra Glen Racecourse, 20 November 2016.**

**Ken Davis**

For me owning and driving an old car is youth revisited. My first four cars were VW Beetles and hence my current interest in these cars. I love taking the cars on runs and the longer the better. The journey rather than the destination is often the highlight.

And so on Friday the 18 November, I headed south for an overnight stop in Canberra catching up with sister in law and son. I had intended to visit the Rover Car Auction preview, in Queanbeyan, but a delay in leaving The Oaks cruelled that.

On Saturday, I headed off for Yackandandah for my second overnight stop. For those of you who have never visited Yackandandah you must put it on your bucket list. The nearby Beechworth is an even greater treat and the whole region has a lot to offer. Upon arriving at the motel, the owner fussed over Gromit, my Type 3, (my Beetle is called Wallace). He too was a car enthusiast who had a Cobra round the back and had just sold a Ford GT40 (he showed me the photos). After settling in a pleasant meal was had at the top pub.

Next day it was off to the event, a 3 hour drive. I left at 6 am after a noisy start up from Gromit. I no doubt disturbed my neighbours but I figured that they would be all gone by the time I got back in the evening so no probs.

Yarra Glen Racecourse is a pleasant venue and easily catered for the 500 odd VeeDubs that attended. Parked next to me was a 1964 Type 3 notch back that had been owned by the same lady since 1965. She had purchased the car from her dad who had bought it new. Other cars of interest were an unregistered 64 beetle with just 2000 miles on the clock, a 47 beetle complete with crash gearbox, mechanical brakes and a starting handle and a beautiful 55 Porsche speedster.

I managed to pick up a replacement speedo with a trip meter at the swap meet, my standard speedo being trip meter less.

Mid-afternoon I returned to the motel at Yackandandah. All the guests woken by my early morning departure had indeed departed and I was the only guest for the night. Up early on Monday, I wasn't looking forward to cruising the freeway from Albury to home so I decided to travel via the Hume Weir, Kiandra, Cooma and Tarago joining the freeway at Goulburn. I had never travelled the road between Yackandandah and Kiandra before and what a wonderful drive it was. I arrived home just before 6.00pm just in time for dinner. 1200 miles travelled.



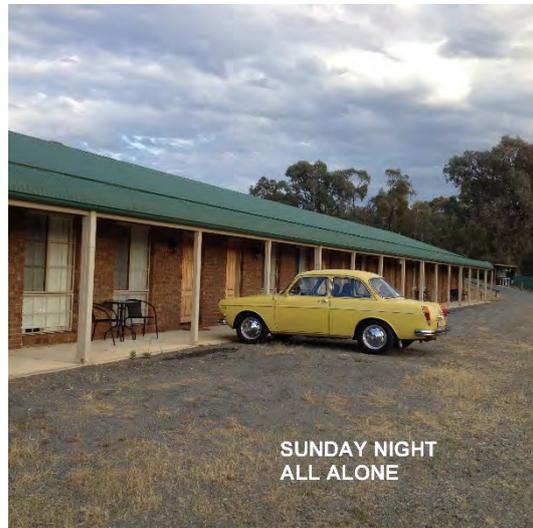
1947 Beetle



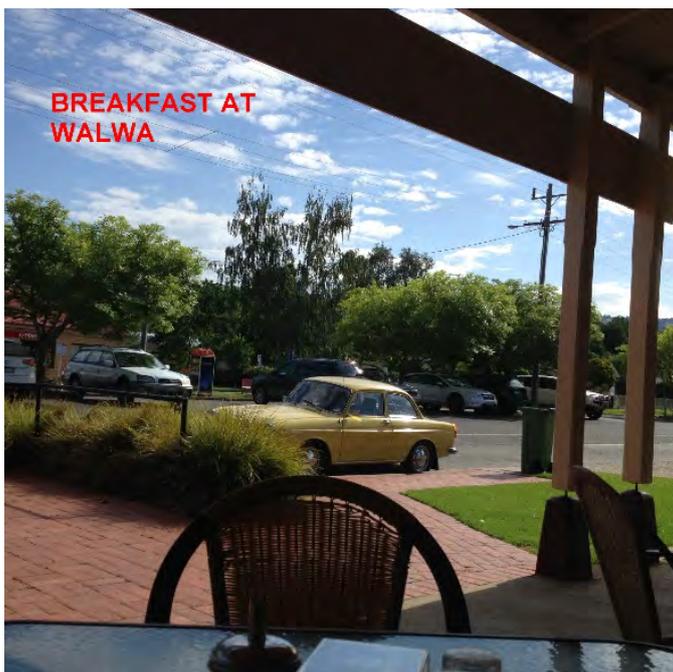
SUPERCHARGED  
BEETLE



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SUNDAY NIGHT  
ALL ALONE



BREAKFAST AT  
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**CLUB CALENDAR –January 2017 and February 2017**

- **Runs start at 10 am at Cnr. Osborne Road & Moss Vale Road, Burradoo unless otherwise noted.**
- **Please Note: all PDF files and links are available on the club's Events Web Page**

**JANUARY 2017**

**Wednesday 18 January 2017 | Picnic Run to Fitzroy Falls Dam Picnic Area**

- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- **Venue Address** | Fitzroy Falls Dam Picnic Area, Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls
- **Download Run Sheet** | [Fitzroy Falls Dam Picnic Area PDF](#)
- **Organiser** | Bob Payne | Mobile | 0417 043 940



**Thursday 26 January 2017 | Invitation Event | Australia Day  
2017 CARNIVALE In The Park**

- **Venue** | Parramatta Park
- **Registration essential, cut-off date is Friday 18 November 2016**
- To display your veteran, vintage or classic vehicle, it must be over 30 years old and built before 31 December 1986 or be an identical model run-on.
- **Download full information & Registration Form:**  
[2017 Carnivale Information & Registration Form PDF](#)

**FEBRUARY 2017**

**Wednesday 1 February 2017 | Lunch Run**

- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo

**Wednesday 15 February 2017 | Lunch Run**

- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo

**Saturday 18 February 2017 | Invitation Event | Gerringong Motor Fest**

- **Venue** | Michael Cronin Oval, Blackwood Street, Gerringong
- **Organisers** | Gerringong Lions Club
- Please advise BEAC President Bob Payne if you are interested in attending, email | [president@beac.org.au](mailto:president@beac.org.au)
- **Download information flyer** | [Gerringong Motorfest 2017 PDF](#)

**Saturday 18 February & Sunday 19 February 2017 | Invitation Event | Berrima Rally**

- **Organising Club** | Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club
- **Bookings essential**
- **Download Rally Programme & Entry Form:**  
[BDHVC Berrima Rally 2017 PDF](#)

• **CATERING PROTOCOL**

To assist with catering notification, if you are proceeding direct to a venue, please advise the Events Co-ordinator beforehand, email [events@beac.org.au](mailto:events@beac.org.au) .

**RUN HOSTS NEEDED**

It's a new year and almost all of our lunch runs have not been organised yet. The run sheets (and all relevant instructions) are located on the BEAC website at <http://beac.org.au/events/run-sheets/> Just agree a date with the venue and provide them with numbers on the morning of the event. **Give Peter Carpenter a call to schedule it – he's getting desperate (and that's not a pretty sight)!**

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**HISTORIC VEHICLE SCHEME**

- For members with BEAC Primary Historic Vehicle Registration, please notify the Historic Plates Registrar, email [historicplatesregistrar@beac.org.au](mailto:historicplatesregistrar@beac.org.au) or text message to mobile 0404 463 489 to record club runs in the BEAC Conditional Registration Movements Register.
  - You must keep either a Club BEACon Newsletter or BEAC Events Web Page print-out in the car to justify the use.
  - Additional information covering the Historic Vehicle Registration 60 Day Log Book Trial can be found on the BEAC website <http://beac.org.au/historic-vehicle-scheme/historic-vehicle-scheme-60-day-log-book-trial/>
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Photos of BEAC runs now appear on the new BEAC Flickr Photostream:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/beacshns/>.

**Thank you to all contributors to this edition.**

## MOTORING MIRTH

### A REAL monster truck!



If you have ever been tailgated by a big semi (think 'Duel' movie), then I'm sure you would begin to think that your tormentor looked just like this.....

Actually, this is a real truck. I first saw pictures of it years ago, when it was tastefully modified in Russia. Perhaps its creators had been hitting the vodka a little too hard, or perhaps they had seen 'Mad Max' too many times!

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**And on behalf of the Committee, we look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.**

**Phil O'**